



The Eagle

July 2019

What's

Happening this Summer...

July 7

*Holy Eucharist
8am & 10am*

*Kool Kids Church
School begins
Summer Breakfast*

July 14

*Holy Eucharist
8am & 10am*

*Kool Kids
Summer Breakfast*

July 21

*Holy Eucharist
8am*

*Family Service with
Children's Choir at 10am
Summer Breakfast*

July 28

*Morning Prayers
8am & 10am*

*Kool Kids
Summer Breakfast*

Dear friends in Christ,

Here we are at the start of official summer, marked by the solstice and longest day, graduations, 4th of July celebrations and gatherings, and for many some summer travel. Summer is often a time many of us do new things. Our graduates will soon begin new adventures in work and education endeavors. Our newest confirmands are personally exploring new ways to live into their commitment to follow Jesus' example and live out The Way of Love. "New" is true for me, too. I was recently a first-time staff member for a Training of Trainers with Education for Ministry. I was invited to share my leadership experience with EfM and the Kaleidoscope Institute as we seek to help EfM be more inclusive and interculturally competent.

The season of Pentecost, or Ordinary Time as it is also known, is the longest season of the church's liturgical calendar. This time lends itself to slower, and lengthier explorations of mission and ministry. Instead of a quick dip in the pool, we have time to take a long swim. The lectionary cycle will take us on journeys with the people of the Bible, affording us opportunity to travel and experience with them as they encounter God, learn and grow in their understanding of God's love. As pilgrims on our own journeys, we too, will have opportunities to understand and deepen our own relationship with God, following Jesus and listening to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

At St. John's, we will try something new with our liturgy and the clergy. Many of you know that I am part-time here, and also work with the Kaleidoscope Institute and Education for Ministry, and travel extensively for that part of my vocation and ministry. My husband and I also spend summers working from our old cabin in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. So I won't be physically present with you most of the time, and like a good penny, I will turn up from time to time. My former bishop once counseled me that I'm a bit like Jesus in that I travel to where people are and engage in ministry with them. Like the disciple Paul as he traveled and wrote to the budding Christian communities, I'll still be connected by phone, email and prayers, always keeping a finger on the pulse of our living and vibrant parish. In this way, we are exploring new ways for me, you and the church, to live into our several callings in a time when the church and society is in transition and transformation. We're trying a new model of following Jesus, that might have ancient roots.

I've invited several parishioners to assist in this opportunity for the parish by serving as worship leaders and pastoral visitors as they share their currency of Gracious Leadership. We've also secured the help of familiar faces, particularly on Sundays: The Rev. Dick Andersen and The Rev. Susan Schink. Some new faces will also join our worship



PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

The Rev. William Cruse

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as they use the sermon time in our liturgy to focus our attention on a particular missional ministry that shares the currency of Wellness. Together we're sharing and developing our currencies of Gracious Leadership and Relationship, as we offer our ministries in new ways. Included in this issue of the Eagle is our Summer Sunday Worship Schedule so you'll know what's happening and when.

Will you be traveling this summer? If so, try to include time to attend worship at a church, or even another faith tradition's worship. This is a great opportunity to deepen and understand your own faith and traditions as you experience the differences and similarities in another community. It's also a time to develop your currency of Relationship, with new and old friends and exchange with them the currency of Truth as you share stories and talk with folks.

If you're confused by my talk of currencies, I invite you to listen to my sermon from June 23rd, where I introduced the Holy Currencies: Cycle of Blessings model as a new way to explore and enhance our life in ministry together. John Woods is very helpful in posting my sermons on the St. John's website ... when I send them to him! You can also visit <https://www.kscopeinstitute.org/holy-currencies-1> for more information. Six of us have read the book and completed a workshop, too!

As we encounter God's creation this summer, and discover the abundance of God's love as we travel, rest, refresh, and engage in worship and ministry, let's remember that we need to flow all our currencies, particularly Relationship, Truth, and Leadership so that we can co-create with God the Wellness we and the world need.

"I'm headed for Spain, and expect to stop off on the way to enjoy a good visit with you, and eventually have you send me off with God's blessing." *Romans 15:24 – The Message*

Peace - Bill+



Honoring Canon Jacobs

The sounds of a joyous celebration shook the rafters of St. Paul's in Englewood on Sunday, June 23rd. Bishop Carlye Hughes led a Gospel and Jazz Evensong service in honor of Canon Greg Jacobs. The service included a jazz band, gospel choir, and liturgical dance troupe along with heartfelt words of appreciation for Greg's wonderful ministry among us as he transitions to his retirement life in Durham, NC. The entire congregation, including retired Bishop Mark Beckwith, blessed Greg during the bittersweet service. St. John's own Martha Anderson, Bill Deegan, Amy Lynch, Chuck Hardy, and Janice Hardy sang in the diocesan gospel choir. (*pictured on next page*)



Stained Glass News

Our resident stained glass artist Sabrina Persaud has been extremely productive this spring and early summer. Besides the St. John arched window on which she is working, Sabrina has designed and is creating three large rectangular stained glass windows for the parish hall. And, as you can see from the below photo, one of them is already finished! We are so thankful for Sabrina's willingness to use her prodigious talent to enhance our building and for the generous donations to the stained glass fund for the cost of the materials.



Church School

St. John's Church School

July 2019

The month of July finds the children and youth in St. John's Church School participating in *Kool Kids outreach lessons and projects on July 7, 14, and 28. All children will meet Mrs. Hammond in the Grades 3-4-5 classroom for the sessions.*

Outreach projects include *Project Linus, Soles for Souls, RBARI "Caring for Animals", Project Literacy for Kids, and Crafts for St. John's Holiday Fair. The sessions will begin at 10:00 AM, with the children joining their parents at the Peace Exchange.*

If any parishioner is interested in joining or leading a session, please contact Lynda Hammond at lyndaham@optonline.net OR 201-788-0433.

Welcome to our 7th Annual

"Making A Difference for Christ" Summer Mission Trip!!

For All Youth entering 6th through 12th Grade in September 2019 (and graduates). This is a week where we spend making a difference in the world for others in need and serving in Christ's name while also gathering together daily to reflect on how this impacts us in our daily lives and what it means to be people of faith. Each day we travel to a different site where we participate in various missions to help those in need. This year projects are planned with River's Edge Horse Rescue and Sanctuary, North Porch, Haven of Hope, Crossroads Clean Up and Manna House Soup Kitchen in Newton NJ! In the evening, we have a "reflection time" when we read passages from the bible which relate to the particular mission we participated in that day so that we can discuss how these passages relate to our lives today. We will be staying at the Crossroads Retreat Center in Port Murray, NJ where we have daily access to all the camp activities such as the pool, rock climbing, archery, low ropes and plenty of fields for group games and nightly manhunt! Our Youth Missioners are Reagan Quast, Gretchen Quast, Julia Farrar and Ava Farrar, and, of course, I couldn't do it without the help of Tom Tarbutton who gives his Time and TALENT! Please keep us in your prayers and thank you for your support!

This week is ALWAYS my favorite experience with this wonderful group!! Thank you for the opportunity to get to know them even better and share special memories, enlightening conversations and FUN!!

~Megan Kendall, Youth Minister

Did You Know?

Sunday Worship Readings: Which Scripture and When?

Did you ever wonder how we know which scripture texts will be read on a Sunday morning? Wonder no longer! It's not a secret nor is it something to assume someone else "knows better." We all have access to find the readings for the coming Sunday. Fr. Bill has been encouraging us to read ahead with him, and here is how to join him.

Our readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) that was created in 1992 and is based on The Common Lectionary (1983) and The Lectionary (1969). The RCL was created after review of critiques by biblical scholars, and had, as one goal, the inclusion of women's voices and experience in the Bible. The practice of assigning particular texts to certain days began in the 4th century. The RCL is an ecumenical table of readings from Scripture, intended for public worship on Sundays and major feasts of the Church. (We also have a Daily Lectionary for each day of the week.) For more information, see this article: <https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/in-service/nov15/UnderstandingtheLectionary.pdf>

The RCL is a 3-year cycle that allows us to hear from many books of the Bible, and share that experience throughout the whole Church. Some churches don't follow the RCL, however most Christian denominations do. This means our neighbors at the Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches are most likely hearing the same passages we do.

You can look ahead to upcoming readings, or look back when you'd like to refresh your memory about something that sparked your interest by visiting one of the several websites with the information. We like to use <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>.

If you access this site, you may notice that sometimes there are choices for readings, either shortened versions, or an alternate choice. Sometimes the RCL provides for Track 1 and Track 2. At the moment, we are following the readings in Track 1.

Now you know how to find the readings for a given Sunday. Perhaps next time Fr. Bill asks us if anyone read the passages before coming for Sunday worship, we can say "yes!"

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Services

Holy Eucharist
8 AM & 10 AM

Church School

9:45AM Infant & Child Care

Celtic Prayer

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



The Rev. William Cruse
Priest in Residence

The Rev. Richard Louis
Rector Emeritus

Drew Kreisler
Organist/Choirmaster

Meg Acer
Interim Parish Administrator

Megan Kendall
Youth Missioner

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

Services at 8am (spoken) and 10am (with music)

June 30 – Morning Prayer – Rev. William Cruse

July 7 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. William Cruse

July 14 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. Richard Andersen

July 21 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. William Cruse (10am is Family Service)

July 28 – Morning Prayer – Lay Officiant. Guest preacher: Ryan Pitt,
Seamen's Church Institute

Aug 4 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. Richard Andersen at 8am,
Rev. Susan Schink at 10am

Aug 11 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. Richard Andersen

Aug 18 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. William Cruse (10am is Family Service)

Aug 25 – Morning Prayer – Lay Officiant.

Guest preacher: Kathy Lathrop,
Helping Hands

*Summer Breakfasts take place between 8 & 10 services.
All are welcome come and share food and fellowship.
Proceeds go to Outreach.*