

CHRIST CHURCH *Messenger*

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Connecting Generations through the Eucharist

A few scattered seeds...

Every week, we gather as a Christian community around the altar to receive the body and blood of Christ. When we share the body and blood of Christ we, in turn, become the Body of Christ. Sharing the Eucharist is what continues to unite us week in and week out with those gathered both here and around the world.

Each week, lay Eucharistic Visitors bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound as a way of uniting them with our local community as well as making sure they are included in the wider Body of Christ. Eucharistic Visitors visit a wide range of people; some who live in nursing facilities or assisted living and who are unable to be present on Sunday mornings, and some who suffer from temporary illness or are recovering from surgery and who desire to receive the Eucharist while they are recovering.

Several of our homebound parishioners have been members of Christ Church for many decades. Parishioners like Beth Olson can remember the original church building where the Sendik's parking lot is currently. Mimo Birkhead can recall many of our past clergy and share stories of the growth of Christ Church over the years. Edith Caird continues to fold bulletins at St. John's on



the Lake and speaks often of how she misses being able to be present at Christ Church. These are just some of the people visited on a regular basis.

In January, Eucharistic Visitors **Judy Moburg** and **Cheryl Dunn** taught three high school youth, **August Eurich**, **Tommy Mueller**, and **Peter Mueller** how to lead an in-home Eucharist service, and introduced them to our homebound members. Watching three generations of Christ Church members become the Body of Christ together by receiving the Eucharist was a wondrous sight. Let us

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give thanks for Christ Church parishioners past and present who are united together by God's gift of his body and blood and for those parishioners who pass on that gift to future generations.

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Joan of Arc– Maid of Orleans

Who was **Joan of Arc**, and why was she able to capture the heart of 15th century France? A simple peasant girl, Joan of Arc (in French, Jeanne D'Arc), was born in 1412 and lived in the village of Domremy in the north-eastern part of France. From the age of 13, Joan believed that she heard voices that were messages from God, who was giving her a mission—to save her country by defeating the enemy, England, and installing **Crown Prince Charles** as the rightful king of France.

Girls in medieval times were not taught to read and write, but Joan's devoted mother instilled in her a deep love of the church. By the age of 16, Joan had acquired a small band of followers who believed her claims to be *The Virgin who would save France*. Soon Joan cropped her hair and dressed in rough men's clothing to make an 11-day journey to visit Prince Charles. After hearing about her messages from God and her promise to see Charles crowned king at Reims, the prince was persuaded to give her an army to save the city of Orleans. Joan soon rode off astride a white horse leading her army while proudly wearing gleaming white armor. With her slender body and short hair, Joan must have looked very much like a boy-soldier.

Joan and her army achieved victory at Orleans, and she made good on her promise to escort Prince Charles to Reims to see him crowned as **King Charles VII** of France. Soon Joan's fame spread throughout the land, and she was inspired to attempt another battle---to retake Paris. But her mission led to failure, and an aide to King Charles warned him that Joan was becoming too powerful and a very real threat to the king. Once again France was losing this long war with England and was thus forced to negotiate a peace treaty which made **King Henry V** of England ruler of *both* England and France. England and its Burgundian allies now occupied much of northern France including Joan's hometown of Domremy, causing its residents to abandon their homes for fear of invasion.

Despite the peace treaty of 1420, the war continued to rage on with Joan still in the thick of it. Her attempt at taking Paris had failed, and this defeat proved to be the beginning of Joan's downfall. Attempting to take another town, she fell from her horse and was taken captive by the enemy. Tried by the courts, Joan was ordered to answer 70 charges against her, including witchcraft, heresy and dressing like a man. At her trial Joan was asked many questions. When asked about her mission she said, "I was born for this." Joan showed great courage when asked if she were afraid. She answered, "I fear nothing for God is with me," and she added, "I am sent here by God, my creator. I love Him with all my heart."

In May of 1431, after a year in captivity, Joan relented under threat of death and signed a confession denying that she had ever received messages from God. But her confession did not save her life. On the morning of May 30, 1431, at the age of 19, Joan was taken to the old market place in Rouen and burned at the stake. After all that Joan had done for him, King Charles must have felt guilty about Joan's fate, but it took him twenty years to order a new trial which cleared her name. It was not until 1920 that **Pope Benedict XV** canonized Joan making her *Saint Joan*. What a remarkable story it is that this courageous and committed teenage girl had such a huge impact on French history and culture. As a Christian martyr, Joan of Arc has inspired numerous works of art and literature, and eventually she became *The Patron Saint of France*.

Jeanne Birch



We Celebrate

Musings of a Parishioner...

I saw my whole life flash before my eyes while driving in the Superbowl Snowmagedden 2015. Yes, I planted my SUV into a snowbank turning from Prospect onto the Lincoln Memorial Drive bridge. I tend to drive faster than conditions warrant, so it may not come as a surprise to some. I was very stuck. I thought about it, and realized I had God with me. The Mercedes SUV God. I was told that this vehicle was different. Remember to push some buttons, the ones with pictures of Liesl going up and down hills, or through snow or sand, and Voila! Liesl rose up two inches and drove me slowly out of the snowbank without even so much as rolling down the window. It took some minutes, and slow intentional rocking, but Liesl marched out of the snowbank and I was on my way to Whitefish Bay without even breaking a sweat. Liesl is my aptly named Mercedes SUV. Named by my friends after the middle VonTrapp daughter; the one who never got her own song. Atta girl. Atta GOD.

Since this is an article for a church newsletter, I find writing about God to be acceptable material here. While the Superbowl Snowmageddon was starting to ramp up, Christ Church Whitefish Bay was trying to establish enough in attendance for a quorum at the 2015 Annual Meeting. A day when traditional church attendance is high, Mother Nature took a swing and hit one out of the park. Many people know that I adore snow. I get downright giddy. I will actually lose sleep until the predicted snow falls. Maybe it's my impression of what Christmas morning should be, so I equate it to Christmas morning. I just love snow. For me to NOT drive because it happens to be a blizzard is absurd. Not everyone thinks like me, and so while we DID have a quorum that day, it was the brave and bold parishioners voting. The real presence of God was at that meeting.

The daffodils that adorned the altar that day were an amazing splash of springtime color on a crazy winter morning. The Reckmeyers had commissioned a spectacular cloth altar frontal piece a while ago which was on the altar, and **Jane Reckmeyer** arranged for daffodils. Lots of them! It was as if there was a prairie with the golden fringe of waiving grasses on the green frontal serving as a stage for the daffodils. It was in memory of **Rick Donner's** sister **Tracy**, who loved daffodils. Tracy was married to Jane's son, and **Bill Reckmeyer**, Jane's husband, also was remembered. I hope to call it daffodil Sunday for years to come. Imagery is God at work in one of my favorite ways.



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our sup-

same time,
a bake sale for
port of **Jesline**,

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who depends on the scholarship from the proceeds to keep her in school in Haiti. **Martha Morse** had made giant cupcakes, **Sonya Pavlik** donated amazing tomatoes and jams which she puts up from her gardens, and there were enough cookies and brownies to keep us alive if we got stuck there that day! God provides.

There has been a rash of some very peculiar events which went unexplained last fall in the choir room. I know it's practically springtime, but there has been enough events that many of us are convinced that there is a choir ghost. The choir ghost wears many choir members' robes at different times, and seems to hide them. Music goes missing, and mysteriously reappears, but the choir ghost seems to like robes more than music. **Scott Riedel** has regaled us with some vivid dreams starring choir members as characters of his subconscious, but the choir ghost has yet to appear. There are those who believe the choir ghost is peaceful, but very sneaky indeed. I thought **Chris Binder** was going to need sedation if we had another incident so, with Easter looming, be on the lookout for anything suspicious wearing a choir robe~ God has a plan for this too.

Christ Church Whitefish Bay has produced many events that are pure coincidence. I had both **Chris Field** and **Adam Aceto** in middle school youth group while I was working with **Marcia Brooks**, **Eric Christensen**, and **Mike Pratscher** as leaders during **Barbara Williamson's** tenure with us. Unknown to both families, each of the two young gentlemen were scheduled to be married on the same date this past November. **Chris Field**, son of **Brent and Ranee Field**, was married in Florida, while **Adam Aceto** in San Diego. Adam's mother, **Maureen McCabe**, along with Adam's stepfather, **Mike McCabe**, have become friends with the Fields, and discovered the coincidence with their growing friendship and during times together far after their youth were in the group.

Coincidence, tradition, memories, daffodils, baked goods, and even a choir ghost are events that cause our life to flash before our eyes. Whether it's driving into a snow bank, or kids from Christ Church showing their families that love prevails at their own weddings, these kind of events prove time after time that our church family is amazing. Springtime is coming and, while we hear stories from the bible paving our way, we have our own stories among us. Embrace these times and know that God is there when you least expect it, and thankfully when you expect it the most.



Andy Stillman

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Have you visited our website lately? If not, take a look. The website is regularly updated.

You can keep up with all of our news, in our **News and Publications** section—that's where you will find the color version of the *Messenger* as well as where you can sign-up for our weekly e-newsletter, the **Broadcast**. The Broadcast has the most timely detailed information concerning upcoming events.

Our website is a great source of information for everyone!

Our Life in Pictures...



The flower guild celebrating their ministry with a winter luncheon.



Youth & chaperones from All People's Church and Christ Church enjoying the Winter Youth Retreat!



All People's Church

All People's Church

Christ church met up with parishioners of All People's church twice this week; once for the viewing of the civil rights based movie, Selma, and again the following day for a discussion. The discussion was open and telling of the emotion involved. All People's members recalled the era in the south - relatives being tarred and feathered, thrown in the river to die. Others had distinct memories of the civil rights movement in Milwaukee with Father James Groppi, as well as the beginnings of ecumenical fellowship with All People's even during those years.

It was a productive sharing and educational session with all ages involved. We are fortunate to have a partnership between our churches. It is a reminder that we are continually called to stand up with, and for, our neighbors.

Sally Smaida



Newcomers

Welcome Newcomers to Christ Church!

Eric Van Oeveren

I grew up near Grand Rapids, Michigan. When I was little, my family attended a small Reformed church, and when I was about 11, we started attending Mars Hill Bible Church, a large nondenominational church founded by Rob Bell. I attended Mars Hill until I graduated from college almost three years ago.

After my undergraduate studies, I came to Milwaukee to study physics at the graduate level at UWM. After attending other churches for a couple of years, I came to my first service at Christ Church last summer and was drawn in by the welcoming members as well as the theological diversity of the Episcopal tradition as a whole.



David and Emma Low and Izzy, Beatrice and Sebastian

David and I moved with our three children, Izzy (18), Beatrice (13) and Sebastian (9) to Fox Point from Ipswich, England. David and I first met when he was in the US Air Force, stationed in England and he attended a service at the church where my father was the Anglican priest. David is originally from Massachusetts but moved to Wisconsin as a boy when his father attended Seminary at Nashota House to study to be an Episcopalian priest.

We spent the first years of our married life in Oshkosh and then Appleton, but moved back to the UK when Izzy was three to be closer to my parents. Fourteen years later we decided to embark on another adventure and return to the States so that our children could experience life in both countries. Izzy has always been keen to study at university here too. We are all still adjusting to life here; especially to the cold and the snow!



David and I are both Mental Health Therapists, specializing in working with children and families. We really enjoy coming to Christ Church and consider that it has so much to offer us as a family as well as the wider community. We look forward to getting to know you.

Tom Content, Susan Campbell Content, Adelle and Vivienne

Newcomers



Tom Content and Susan Campbell Content have been attending Christ Church with their daughters Adelie, (13) and Vivienne, (9) since late 2013.

Tom is the wayward grandson of a Presbyterian minister, who grew up attending Congregational and Presbyterian churches in Washington, D.C. Susan grew up in Minneapolis attending St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, where she and Tom were later married and their daughters were baptized.

Tom and Susan met in journalism class at Boston University, and worked for newspapers in the Boston, Philadelphia and Green Bay areas before coming to Milwaukee in 2000 and settling in Glendale. Tom covers energy and sustainable business as a reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and Susan promotes sustainable Great Lakes in her work as communications manager for the Chicago-based nonprofit Alliance for the Great Lakes. Adelie is an eighth grader at Bay-

side Middle School and a reader at Christ Church. Vivienne is in third grade at Stormouth Elementary School in Fox Point and a torchbearer at the church. When not bemoaning the current state of the newspaper industry, the family enjoys tennis, the outdoors and a good laugh.

Sarah Streed and Roger Luhn



After raising our five children in Stoughton, Wisconsin, Roger and Sarah responded to their empty nest by moving to the big city and taking new jobs.

Roger is Medical Director of Rogers Memorial Hospital in Brown Deer and Sarah is an interior designer at Design Within Reach in the Third Ward.

Their children live far and wide (Russia, D.C., California, Minnesota and--fortunately--one nearby in "Tosa") so they enjoy when they visit and bring their friends and significant others.

Roger and Sarah were Episcopalians the first ten years of our marriage but when they moved to Stoughton there wasn't an Episcopal Church so they had to make do with being Methodists. They ove

being back in the Episcopal Church and feel thoroughly welcomed by the Christ Church community!

Young Adult Update

Hello from Chapel Hill, North Carolina!

After coming home to Whitefish Bay and attending our lovely holiday worship services, I am excited to share how my experience in the Johnson Service Project has been going thus far. The experience itself is a difficult thing to condense into a brief summary appropriate for a short conversational interaction after church so I was happy to be invited to write a little more about the program for our “Messenger.” As I’m typing this, our group is getting ready to leave on our mid-year retreat for a time of reflection and relaxation. Therefore, this seems to be a perfect opportunity to really think about what I have learned and experienced since moving to Chapel Hill in mid-August.



The Johnson Service Corps is one of close to 30 Episcopal Service Corps programs in the country. The foundation for JSC is very strong in Chapel Hill, and is celebrating its 15th anniversary. It receives support from a number of churches in the community including The Church of the Advocate and The Chapel of the Cross, as well as community individuals who serve as mentors. The program has three main components: intentional community living, a work/service placement, and faith practice and development. Without any one of these three parts, the program as a whole would not be making as much of an impact on my life as it is.

Initially, I was a little wary of what “intentional community living” might entail. Coming into a situation where you are asked to live with seven other people whom you do not know is daunting all on its own. But then to be asked to do chores together, have three community meals a week together on a shared food budget, and participate in faith practices together is a lot to ask of people who have just met each other. Looking back, I am in awe of how our group met the challenge of assigning different roles to each house member. Now, we operate like a well-oiled machine and are able to step up when others are not able to perform their household duty. Although community living is not without its disagreements and stressful times as people’s schedules understandably change throughout the week and household relationships ebb and flow, our group as a whole is learning how to reach out to others when we all go through our own struggles. The beautiful thing about living with several people is that there is always someone you can count on to be able to lift your spirits, and in turn, you then can be there for someone else when they need a helping hand.

My worksite placement has changed my view on my own professional and personal growth. I am working at the Robert and Pearl Seymour Center, which is a recreational day facility for seniors. There we hold different events including wellness and educational services. The building itself is very modern. Big windows allowing natural light to stream inside add to the positive energy that is seen everywhere you look from people playing ping-pong, pool, and dominoes to people attending flower arranging and craft classes. I have been able to help with our email newsletter and with programming for the center. On Wednesdays, I help with a dementia support group called Caregivers Day Out. We provide a positive, upbeat environment for women with dementia. They have a change of scenery and activity during the day while their caregivers are able to take some time for themselves. This group of

Episcopal Service Corps

women and student/staff volunteers has been so enriching. I really have enjoyed being able to be a part of this vibrant community.

My spiritual development has also been a great part of this journey for me. On Fridays during the first half of this year, we participated in a Servant Leadership class that encompassed many different centering practices. I also learned how my everyday personal and professional interactions improved with the use of these “tools.” It was a great space to talk with my group members as well as other individuals from the community in a very powerful way. We were able to draw upon our collective knowledge of past experiences to help each other see these how these new practices can be a beneficial part of our everyday life.

Through the components of living in community, of working to serve others, and of developing our spiritual practices, the Johnson Service Corps is teaching me to better myself personally and professionally. I have had many new experiences and gained many new friendships through this program. Halfway through this program, I already know that I will be forever changed in the way I approach obstacles in my life and how to put my best foot forward as I meet new people and approach new situations in my life. I thank everyone from the Christ Church community who has been a part of my growth, and I look forward to sharing the rest of my story in June when my JSC year comes to a close.



For more information about the Episcopal Service Corps and the Johnson Service Corps visit:

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Anne Eversfield

Choir

60 Years in the Christ Church Choir

Jack and I met through Christ Church music. I had been singing at All-Saints, Appleton, since I was 13. **Dudley McGraw** (a woman despite her name) moved to Appleton from Christ Church. When I was leaving for Milwaukee to work, she said I would have a lot in common with **Jack Prince**, an organist who had come to Christ Church in 1949. A lot in common turned out to be true.

In the fall of 1954, Jack and I were engaged and I joined the Christ Church choir as an alto. **Gertie Dorr** (later Beckwith) was choir director and Jack was one of two organists. Gertie, who was short, stood in the middle of the soprano section and directed with a couple of fingers, since it was not considered appropriate to see a director waving her arms. In rehearsal she stomped her foot.

I was embarrassed my first Sunday when the choir genuflected deeply at “born of the Virgin Mary” in the creed, and I didn’t. Someone asked if I objected and I said no, it caught me off guard. We wore black cassocks with white cottas and little beanies which the ladies pinned on to their hair. Women were supposed to have their heads covered whenever they were in the church.

All the money for music was raised by the Choir Guild – robes, music, and a small annual check which was all the director and organists received. One of the guild fund raisers was 16-bean soup. They would throw the beans in a sheet to mix them, and then package them with a recipe. They put on an annual spaghetti dinner for the choir before Christmas.

The choir sang at 11 a.m. Twice a month we sung Morning Prayer rather than Communion. I was used to that and enjoyed the Canticles, which I had mostly memorized, although I don’t know them in the present translations. As the years went on, more and more people preferred the family service at 9:15 a.m. The choir eventually moved to that service, with a soloist at 11 a.m. for awhile for a few people in the chapel.

By 1958, Jack was choir director and organist, and we went to an inspiring choir conference in Evergreen, Colorado. When our daughter was born the next year, I gave up most outside activities but stayed in the choir. During this period, Jack wrote the vestry and suggested it was time to pay a salary to the organist-choir director, and they agreed.

We have a silver plate engraved to thank Jack Prince for years of musical service – in 1962! That was when Jack decided he didn’t have enough time to devote to the church job, and **Trudy Stillman** came in as organist-choir director. We enjoyed Trudy as a friend and a musician – her son Andy and our John were the same age. Trudy had a junior choir which often sang with the adults. She encouraged young singers, especially in our first production of Britten’s “Noye’s Fludde” in 1968. That event was a great all-parish production, with our children as the animals. I played cello alongside **Fr. Bolle**, the rector.

I have had generations of choir friends. As a teenager, I felt more grownup being included in the adult choir at home. And now I’m grateful still to be allowed to sing in my senior years. In the 1950s, Gertie Dorr and “**Doc**” **Ritchie** were like parental figures. Trudy, **Martha and Dan Sabin**, and **Roger Senn** were contemporary friends. (The Sabin’s were our daughter Sarah’s godparents.) The **Vogel girls**, who were in my Girl Scout troop when they were young, grew up to be choir friends. When the roles were reversed and **Jenny (Gettel)** was my choir director, I had to persuade them not to call me Mrs. Prince.

In the 1970’s when Sarah was studying voice, I also decided to take some lessons; not to be a soloist but a better choir singer. The teacher said I was really a soprano, and helped me develop a higher range. I sang soprano for about twenty years, but then felt that as an older person my high notes might get screechy and I became an alto again. Now that the choir is larger than it has been for years, I enjoy sitting on the organ side again.

As the rules became less strict in the 1960s, we stopped wearing hats. Trudy also thought it was childish to wear medals with different colored ribbons – purple for one year in choir, red for five, etc., and gave that up. Being a Girl Scout who likes badges, I had been looking forward to the next color. In the 1970s we got our first red cassocks. Luckily they are close to the color of our new ones, because some of them are being brought back into service.

During **Noel Rousey's** years as choirmaster we did a lot of ambitious music and big oratorios at special concerts. When Jenny Vogel Gettel was director we worked very hard on vocal production and making lovely sounds. She also put on another "Noye's Fludde" and several other productions which introduced us to musical theater.

When we got our new organ in 1998 **Scott Reidel** was our organ consultant, and then he became our present organist-choirmaster in 2003. I feel fortunate to have sung in a good choir throughout the years and appreciate that now it has also grown again in numbers.

Having sung in choir for so many years, my head is full of songs, and I love to hear them again as the church year goes around. When in procession I like something I can sing mostly by heart. I might come out with 'Rise up ye MEN of God' instead of "Saints", or "our lives will be all sunshine" instead of-- is it "thanksgiving?" As the psalms and readings come around again I often think of an old anthem about that subject. Recently we sang "Sing to the Lord a New Song" as the psalm and two anthems, in three languages. I enjoy all sorts of church music, including those at the garden service, but especially those with inspiring words. (All "Alleluia" is only all right if it is Mozart.) If asked why I prefer a service with music, I would say my worship is through the music.



Martha Prince

Choir

Choir

The Christ Church Choir is delighted to have two talented teenagers continue to expand their participation in our music ministry. We welcome **Billy Manger** who is a junior at Nicolet High School. Billy is a member of the “Symphonic Band and the Big Band” at Nicolet. He has played brass instruments for seven years and enjoys playing the trumpet and French horn. In addition to music, Billy plays soccer and recently achieved the status of an Eagle Scout! He continues to be active in our Christ Church Youth Group and has participated in ASP as well. Billy enjoys the music of John Philip Sousa and participates in the marching band too. When asked why we are so fortunate to have him in our bass section, Billy replied, “It’s better than sitting in the pew and I like music and lately my voice, so why not?”

Danny Manger, eighth grader at Glen Hills Middle School, is also in the bass section because of his “good looks”! Seriously though, this talented trumpet, piano, and guitar player is also active in his school band, track, volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams. Like his brother, Danny is also active in Boy Scouts and has participated in ASP as well. Danny enjoys jazz and the 1970-90s rock. Hats off to **Chris and Eileen Manger** for encouraging their sons to be active members of our church as well as our community!

Finally, the last Sunday of Epiphany is Mardi-Gras! Once again, Christ Church will host the Dixieland Band who will also play at our Pancake Breakfast that morning! Party on with our music activities!

Willette Knopp



Holiday Giving Tree a Success; Second Christmas Ministry Offered

This past Christmas season the Outreach Committee continued its Giving Tree ministry and added a second giving ministry.

My Outreach co-chair, **Sarah Butterfield**, kindly agreed to oversee the Christmas ministries, as I gave myself a “maternity leave” after giving birth to my second child.

As in years’ past, the Outreach Committee adopted students from Our Next Generation’s Homework Club for the Giving Tree. Graciously headed by **Maggie Dietrich** and **Hilary McCown**, sixty children were chosen. Parishioners selected a child from the Giving Tree, purchased a gift, then returned it to church. The children who received gifts are from one of Milwaukee’s poorest neighborhoods, and the gifts were no doubt significantly brightened their holiday.

This year, **Melissa Santa-Cruz** suggested and executed a second Christmas ministry. The second ministry benefitted Journey House, an organization that assists underprivileged Milwaukee families. Five families from Journey House were adopted. The families provided lists of things they would like for Christmas, as well as their clothing and shoe sizes. Parishioners were able to sign up online to purchase items for individual family members. Instead of simply dropping off the gifts at church, Melissa hosted a wonderful Christmas party in the Great Hall and invited folks to deliver their gifts during the party. Melissa and her children beautifully decorated the Great Hall with hanging lights. The party was great fun for the children, including cookie decorating and karaoke. Parishioners who purchased gifts and other items for the Journey House families were exceptionally generous. Not only did the adopted families receive gifts for Christmas, they also received items they needed. The Outreach Committee hopes to build a greater bond with Journey House in the future.

Also of note, after two years as a co-chair of the Outreach Committee, I will be stepping down this spring in order to better keep up with my growing (and increasingly active) family. However, I will still be an enthusiastic and active participant in Outreach Activities, but I will play a supportive role. It has been my honor to serve Christ Church as an Outreach co-chair.

Joan King



Outreach: Haiti

Snowy Bake Sale

How would you explain a snowstorm to a fourth grader in Haiti? That would be difficult for someone who has never experienced winter to understand. But... a snow storm is what everyone dealt with on February 1 when the bake sale was held at the second part of the Annual Meeting when the church school raised funds to continue partnering with **Jesline Zephir** and her parents to keep Jesline in school.

Tori Kobussen, Emma Smith, and Genevieve Gottlieb arrived at church early to organize the donated goodies and offered them to the hardy group who made it to church through the snow. It was close to a sell out as their efforts inspired the generous offering of \$410.

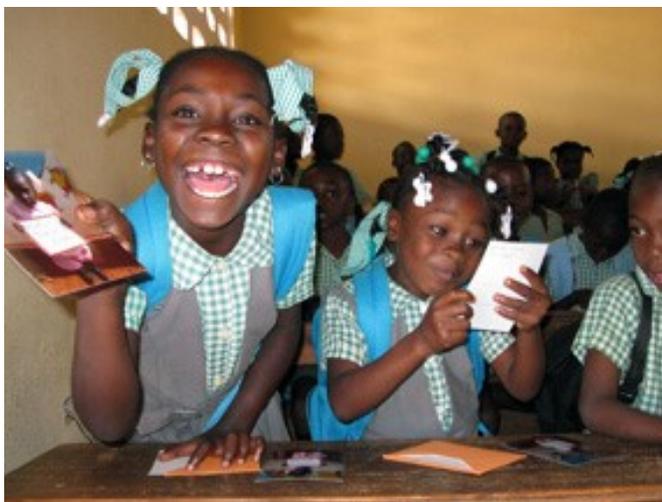
Jesline continues to be a good student and we are looking forward to getting an updated photo of her this year.

This year we will also be joining the entire Milwaukee Diocese to participate in a major fundraiser to build a new cistern at **St. Marc's, Jeannette**. Christ Church has helped Jeannette repair cisterns that were damaged in the 2010 earthquake, but the school does not yet have a sustainable water storage system. The cost of a new cistern is over \$20,000, well above what one congregation can do, so the Bishop is asking every congregation in the diocese to join in a special collection this Lent.

Christ Church is sharing our 2014 Water Meditations with the entire diocese this year and we will offer them again during our Weekly Broadcast. Look for the Living Water Haiti envelopes in your pew during Lent and consider helping Jeannette gain water self-sufficiency.

If you would like to learn more, check out the diocesan web page www.diomil.org/ and subscribe to their regular posts and 'like' the Haiti Project on Facebook. www.haitiproject.org/ to view their news.

Ira Pauline Leidel



Our Programs

Sunday Morning Formation for Children and Adults

Children's Formation during the 9:30am service

Nursery care is provided every Sunday during church and adult formation, for children from 0-3 years old. Worship Center (K4-K5) and Children's Chapel (1st through 3rd grade) meet downstairs every Sunday from 9:30 am until communion.

Children's and Adult Formation after the 9:30am service

The following events are scheduled on Sundays, after the 9:30am service, from 10:45-11:45am.

3/1/2015 Sunday School and Adult Forum

3/8/2015 Sunday School and Adult Forum

3/15/2015 All-Parish Coffee Hour

3/22/2015 Sunday School and Adult Forum

3/29/2015 Intergenerational Formation with Provided Lunch (Interactive Stations of the Cross)

4/5/2015 EASTER SUNDAY – Christ is Risen! No Sunday Formation

4/12/2015 All-Parish Coffee Hour

4/19/2015 Intergenerational Formation w/ Potluck Lunch (Resurrection Stories: Bible & our own)

4/26/2015 Sunday School and Adult Forum

5/3/2015 Sunday School and Adult Forum

5/10/2015 Mother's Day – NO Formation after church

5/17/2015 All-Parish Coffee Hour

5/24/2015 Sunday School and Adult Forum

5/31/2015 Intergenerational Formation with Provided Lunch (Ecology and the Natural World)



For the Record...

Baptisms and Confirmations in the last year at Christ Church

Baptisms at Christ Church: April 2014- January 2015

April 19, 2014

Torin Robert Pope, son of Jennifer Jackson and Neil Pope. His sponsors are Sarah and Frank Pitsoulakis.

Charles Cruse. His sponsors are Greg and Sybil Bell and Penny Cruse.

May 4, 2014

Madeleine Eloise Chmelar, daughter of Michael Chmelar and Mary Elizabeth Ammerman. Her sponsor is Mark Ammerman.

Elodie Lailah Heffernan, daughter and son of Jean and Justin Heffernan. Her sponsors are Lindsey Hubbell and Nathan Deleon.

Ronan Gabriel Heffernan, son of Jean and Justin Heffernan. His sponsors are April Sessoms and Eric Sossong.

Frances Cole Harmon, daughter of Anna and Drew Harmon. Her sponsors are Pattie and Andy Glassick, and Frances Shaw McDowell.

June 8, 2014

Ann Dalton Wroblewski, daughter of Daniel and Andrea Wroblewski. Her sponsors are Timothy Crain and Danielle Etheridge.

Ana Elizabeth Gustafson, daughter of Adam and Sara Elizabeth Gustafson. Her sponsors are Christopher Field and Erin Bisbee.

Logan Stephen Maio, son of Stephen and Erin Maio. His sponsors are Julie Weinfurt and Matthew Maio.

June 29, 2014

Audrey Claire Jenkins, daughter of Christopher and Rebecca Jenkins. Her sponsors are Jessica and Barry Dubin, and Mark and Julie Wilhjelm.

August 24, 2014

Cameron Michael Ruetz, son of Michael and Katie Ruetz. His sponsors are Julie and Ryan Walsh.

November 2, 2014

Nicholas Miller Ferguson, son of Bradley and Catherine Ferguson. His sponsors are Lisa Hurth and Nicholas Knoll.

Leo Andrew Van Caster, son of Andrew and Rochelle Van Caster. His sponsors are Jill Van Caster and Michel Jacques.

January 11, 2015

James Peter Chira, son of Nicholas Chira and





Amanda Workman. His sponsors are James Chira, Jr., Donna Nowlin, and John Risley.
Charlotte Maxine Matzen, daughter of Chad Matzen and Katherine Morgan. Her sponsors are Kurt and Jodi Smeiska, and Molly Morgan.
Suzanne Joyce Dargle, daughter of John and Maureen Dargle. Her sponsors are Jeanette and Robert Cancellieri.

Confir-



mations on October 5, 2014

- Meredith Short**, presented by Seth Raymond and Sandy Johansen
- William Hagen**, presented by Seth Raymond and Tom Scrivner
- William Manger**, presented by Seth Raymond and Charlie Drake
- Sophie Kowaliczko**, presented by Seth Raymond and Maggie Dietrich
- Danielle Santa Cruz**, presented by Seth Raymond and Pamela Eversfield
- Logan Crizer**, presented by Seth Raymond and Christine Mueller
- Benjamin Murphy**, presented by Seth Raymond and Steve Bruemmer
- Samuel Beem**, presented by Seth Raymond and Chip Morris
- Jean Heffernan**, presented by Seth Raymond and Julia Mueller
- Denise Kobussen**, presented by Seth Raymond and Larry and Judy Moburg
- Seth Johnson**, presented by Seth Raymond and John Haydon
- Marianna Harmon**, received by Seth Dietrich
- Andrew Harmon**, received by Seth Dietrich



Upcoming Events:

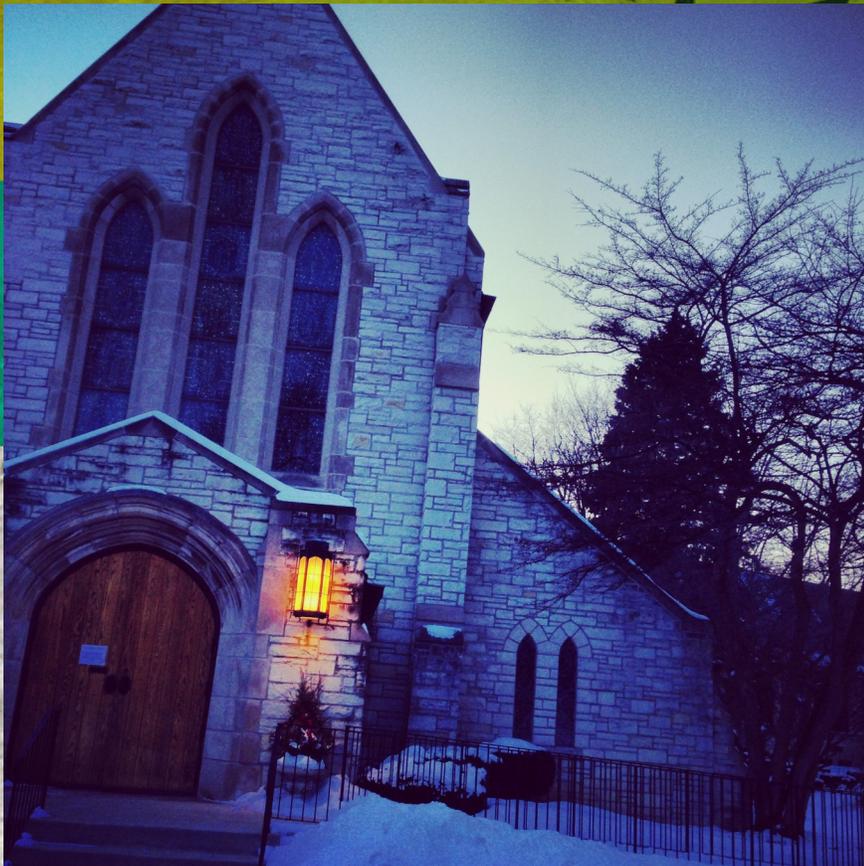
March 1 & 8: Sunday School & Adult Forum

March 15: All-Parish Coffee Hour

March 22: Sunday School & Adult Forum

*March 29: Intergenerational Forum—
Stations of the Cross*

April 2-5: Holy Week Services



Weekly offerings of the
Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. (chapel)

Evening Prayer
Wednesday and Thursday
5:30 p.m. (chapel)

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