

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Wisconsin Dells

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

There is something very important that takes place in our church building each and every Sunday. It takes place in the church, in the lounge, in the classroom. It also takes place very often during the week. What takes place is that we tell stories to one another...the stories of our faith...the stories of God's actions. We do this when we read the scripture and when we teach our children and we do it when we talk to each other about what God is doing in our lives.

I bring up this idea of telling the stories of our faith because of something that I read a while ago. A psychiatrist and author named Robert Cole told the story of a little girl whose name was Ruby Bridges. He met Ruby in the early days of the civil rights movement. She was 7 years old then and had to be escorted to school by federal marshals. She would get out of the car and be met by jeering mobs who shouted curses and racial epithets at her. She would pause, bow her head for a moment, and then walk into the school, staring straight ahead. He got to know Ruby's family and finally felt comfortable asking Ruby why she always paused before she went into class. She said, "I'm saying a little prayer. I'm saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The little girl knew the stories of her faith and it gave her the strength that she needed.

That's why I'm glad that we tell each other the stories of God's actions in our world. That's why I am very thankful for our Sunday school teachers. That's why I am thankful for parents who tell their children God's stories, with words and with actions. Think about the stories that are in the paper, and on the TV and in social media. Think about the way that some of our elected leaders talk about one another or others in our society. Think about the stories that our children are exposed to in print and film and music. Those stories will not give them the strength that they will need in life. Those stories will drag them down instead of lifting them up.

That's why I am thankful that when we gather in church for meetings or for coffee, for work, for play, or for worship that we tell the stories of our faith. We are blessed when we tell of God's actions in our lives. May we continue to tell of the mighty works of God.

In Christ's Love

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Albert W. Majkrzak+
Pastor and Priest in Charge

Behind the Scenes..... ...*Lovingly Submitted by Clista McCallister*

I am blessed to be a member of Holy Cross. It is a family of loving, caring people. There is a Priest, a Deacon, an Organist, a Vestry, a Church school, a Corporation Board, Treasurers, and a Planned Giving and Receiving Committee. We all pretty much, know who these people are, but do we know what happens behind the scenes.

There are bulletins and music every Sunday, who prepares them? (Father Al, Lucille, Holly & Les). Banners rotate with the seasons, who changes them? (Les & Holly). Recently we updated some vestments and frontals that required some hand sewing, by whom? (Holly P). We have fresh white linens, who washes and presses them? We have fresh baked Communion Bread, who bakes it? (Lois and Bill). Who updates the web site? (Suzette). Who takes care of ordering Altar Flowers? (Vicki). Who keeps track of Readers, Ushers, Acolytes and Greeters? (Bud). Who organizes the Panera Bread donation? (Linda), and there are so many more. I give thanks for the many hands that live their ministries and I pray I never take them for granted.

Coming June 4th !!

SINGING ROOSTER COFFEE

*from Haiti will be on sale in the Gathering Room at just \$10.00 per bag!
Proceeds of sale go to support the Haiti Project !!*

Thank You...Gail Heiting

HOLY CROSS ENDOWMENT BUILDERS' RECOGNITION DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

Sunday June 11, 2017 will be a day of recognition and thanks for those who have provided endowments for Holy Cross and their sponsors. The recognition will begin at 9:00 AM with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist during which prayers of thanksgiving will be offered for the gifts.

Following the service all are invited to a breakfast in the multi-purpose room. At this time a short update on how our funds have performed over the last year and a presentation featuring performance of all TFE funds and future plans by Margaret Schumaker, president of the Trustee of Funds and Endowments. We will also be presenting a certificate for the latest endowment by the church school children.

-Submitted by Tom Reeder

There are no Wedding Anniversaries on our list for June! Here are the *June Birthdays*:

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| Tricia Jones | June 6 |
| Tammy Seufzer | June 12 |
| Bud Seufzer | June 20 |
| Tenley Scott | June 24 |
| Gail Heiting | June 29 |

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| <p><i>O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></p> |
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*Please check Holy Cross Episcopal Church Wisconsin Dells Facebook Page
.....for photos of some of our May anniversary couples!*

**Reminder for June donations to Community Action.....
Adult protective Underwear
As always...thank you for your generosity!**



Kilbourn Bookworms

- Submitted by Holy Pennington

We do not have a selection for June. We have a couple of months during the year in which we discuss other selections we have read/listened to and June is one of those months. We will meet on **Thursday, June 22, 2017** in the church lounge at 6:30 to discuss books, other than the year's selections, that we are reading, have read or intend to read. All are welcome.

Here is the July selection.... (I enjoyed the book, very interesting. Read by the author!)

July 27, 2017 : Year of Wonders: A novel of the Plague by Gerladine Brooks

When an infected bolt of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated village, a housemaid named Anna Frith emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna's eyes we follow the story of the fateful year of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition. As death reaches into every household and villagers turn from prayers to murderous witch-hunting, Anna must find the strength to confront the disintegration of her community and the lure of illicit love. As she struggles to survive and grow, a year of catastrophe becomes instead *annus mirabilis*, a "year of wonders."

"Spirit of the Living God"

by C. Michael Hawn

*Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me,
fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.*

AMEN!

