



HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Wisconsin Dells

June 2016 Newsletter

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Vacation is a word that has taken on new meaning for me, since becoming your pastor. In the past when I heard that word I had thoughts of quiet, peaceful destinations like the rocky coast of Maine or the beauty of Door County. I still think of those places but now the word vacation also brings to mind the crowds and traffic of the “Waterpark Capitol of the World” that is Wisconsin Dells. I’m not complaining because it is the crowds and traffic that are a vital part of the economy of this place in which we worship and minister to God’s people.

As the population of the Dells, Delton area swells with people coming from other places, I want to share some thoughts on this thing called vacation. St. Mark tells us “The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.” [Mark 6: 30-32] Jesus knew the importance of vacation.

It is a good thing to take time away from the routine of everyday life, and I hope that you all get the opportunity to take some time away. It doesn’t matter where you go, or for how long. What does matter is that you understand that you are made in such a way that there are set times for rest built into you. The Scriptures tell us that God, the Creator of all that is, **rested** after the work of creation. You and I are made in God’s image and we too need to rest. That’s what Sunday [the Sabbath] is all about. It is designed by God as a day to worship God and then to rest. To put it another way it is a day to just be and not do, a day to be a creature of God; a human being not a human doing!

Vacation time should be a time for re-creation. It is a time to allow God to renew you in body mind and spirit. I encourage you to take some time away and do something good for your body, something that will enrich your mind, and something that will allow you to establish a stronger connection with God and those you love and those who love you.

You will be in my prayers during this season of vacation and my prayer will be that you take the time to allow God to re-create and refresh you, in body, mind and spirit.

In Christ’s Love,

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Albert W. Majkrzak
Pastor

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Blessings and Joys to:

Tricia Jones	June 3
Tammy Seufzer	June 12
Bud Seufzer	June 20
Tenley Scott	June 24
Gail Heiting	June 29

[There were no June weddings listed.]

A special request from Bud Seufzer!

We are in need of several new **ushers, readers** and **greeters** for our Sunday services for the second half of the 2016 schedule! Please prayerfully consider helping on occasion... Bud is working on the schedule **now**.... please contact him for more information on which opportunity you would like to help with... he can give you more information and answer any questions you may have!

Please contact Bud at church or call him at 608-212-9373 or e-mail: hseufzer@frontier.com

Invitation to Farewell Luncheon.....

We have received an invitation from the Methodist Church to members of Holy Cross to attend Pastor Wesley's Farewell Luncheon on Sunday, June 26th at noon. This came from Julie at the Methodist Church.

Congratulations to Kate Griffin !



Congratulations to Kate Griffin! Kate and her family travelled to Louisville for the National Archery Tournament last month. Kate participated with 14,000 other archers in the annual tournament. Her team qualified to go to the National Tournament in Myrtle Beach, but Kate declined. It's the same week as Camp Webb and she doesn't want to miss it.



Camp Webb is coming up June 19th - 25th and Holy Cross is sending 7 kids! Lou, Glen and Peter Waterman, Lydia and Bo Zapuchlak, and Kate and Josie Griffin! They are all excited and for Bo, Josie and Peter it will be their first time at camp. Good luck, Campers!

- Thanks to Rachel Griffin for this information!

Thanks to Holly Pennington for this information on the June 23rd meeting of The Kilbourn Bookworms



This June selection is a book is written by **Diana Ryn**. Ryn is the pen name used by Diana Spargo Reichers whose family is a member of the United Methodist church here in the Dells, Kathy and Bob Spargo. Diana will be a **guest speaker** at our June book club meeting. We don't often get a chance to meet and discuss books with the authors so this will be a real treat for the Kilbourn Book Worms. This is the first in a four book series planned by Ms. Ryn. *Everyone is invited.*

June 23, 2016 – The Carriers by Diana Ryan – Leaders Sue White/Diana Ryan

The story takes place in Wisconsin Dells, the water park capitol of America, but with a twist. Many people have visited, but does anyone ever wonder what their lifeguards or tour guides do when they are off duty? This story has a fantastic spin on life outside of all of the tourist attractions.

-Thanks to Vickie Edgington for this update on the Salad Luncheon held by the Methodist women on May 5th!

I won a patriotic quilt at the Wo-Zha-Wa fall festival last September. I decided to donate it for a joint quilt raffle with the Methodist women during their salad luncheon on May 5th. The raffle netted \$160.00 (\$80.00 for each church). Our \$80.00 will be used for the Heifer Project.

In addition we received another \$50.00 after Holly Pennington won the quilt. My Uncle Todd Nelson (a Methodist church member) announced at the luncheon he would pay whoever won the quilt \$100.00 if they would sell it to him. When I mentioned this to Holly she said I should give the quilt to him. I told my uncle Holly said he could have the quilt. He said he would give the \$100.00 to our two churches, so our church received \$50.00 from him. It was entered as a donation to the church.

Vickie also found this cute story. ...but please note, this is **not** from our church school children 😊

On the Lighter Side. . .

How to get to heaven.....Leave it to the children.

I was testing the children in my Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. I asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again the answer was, "NO!"

By now I was starting to smile. Hey, this was fun!

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and I loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?"

I asked them again. Again they all answered, "NO!"

I was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," I continued, "then, how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!"

*Source of life and blessing, of
garden, orchard, field:
Root us in obedience to you and
nourish us by your ever-flowing
Spirit that, perceiving only the
good we might do, our lives
may be fruitful, our labor
productive, and our service
useful, in communion with
Jesus, our brother. Amen.*

*- Daily Prayer for all Seasons
Episcopal Church Publishing*

