

Holy Cross
Episcopal Church
July/August 2017
Newsletter



Brothers and Sisters,

It seems that summer has indeed arrived! The sun is shining and the temperature is rising and there are thoughts of vacation and recreation stirring among us. Karen and I will be in Door County for the last two weeks of July and in the UP for a week in late September. One thing that both of those places have in common is water. Lake Michigan, Green Bay and Lake Superior is a lot of water and God willing we'll spend some time on them giving thanks for God's creation.

As I thought of the water this week, I remembered something which occurred a number of years ago on another body of water. Karen and I were visiting our friends John and Kathleen, who had just retired to Virginia. John is a long-time friend that I met when we were both freshmen in college. He and his wife, Kathleen have spent all of their lives in a densely populated area of northern New Jersey and so I was very surprised when they moved to this rural area of Virginia.

At the time they lived on a beautiful lake and were the proud owners of a pontoon boat, a vessel that we used to tour the lake on a sunny Sunday afternoon. It was a beautiful day, and the lake was calm. The clouds in the sky were fluffy and white against the blue sky. We were enjoying each other's company and the beauty of God's creation when something went wrong and the motor sputtered and coughed and eventually stopped which left us stranded on the water.

John tried to start the motor with no success and it was then that I learned a valuable lesson about what I'll describe as the boating community. The lesson was that they help one another without being asked. Again and again people came to our assistance towing us to a place where we might find mechanical help and then eventually towing us back to our friend's home. A man in a speedboat, and one on a jet ski, and a family in a pontoon boat cheerfully towed us on varying parts of our journey.

Sometime during this adventure it occurred to me that this was a wonderful illustration of God's purpose and intention for the church. We are all in the same water, called life and when something happens to one of us God wants the others to pitch in and help. Saint Paul puts it like this: ***"If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance."*** 1 Cor. 12:26 (MsgB) My prayer for you during this time of summer is that you remember, experience and live that vision.

In Christ's Love,

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Albert W. Majkrzak
Pastor and Priest in Charge



The Kilbourn Book Worms

~ Submitted by Holly Pennington

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."

August 24, 2017 – Uncommon Grounds by Sandra Balzo

Maggy Thorsen, former PR executive, and current coffeehouse owner finds the blonde, beautiful and bodacious queen of the wealthy city of Brookhills dead...dead in a pool of decidedly unfrothed milk in front of her espresso machine. In a town where high heels are appropriate attire for a trip to the hardware store, why would any one of the town's latte loving citizens hot-wire an espresso machine with 220 shocking volts on the very day of its grand opening? Stumbling over small town politics - and the all too self-important new sheriff, Jake Pavlik, Maggy is on her way to finding out the truth - even if it's a truth that may be very hard to swallow.

Donations to Community Action

July ... School supplies for Stuff the Bus

August ... Toilet paper

As always, thank you for your generous donations!

Please note:

New contact information for Tom and Gail Heiting:

Tom will keep the 608-354-4675 and Gail's phone 608-495-5355.

Their e-mail is tomgailh@gmail.com

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Melissa Reeder 7/03
Theresa Scott 7/04
Jacob Faber 7/05
Tom Heiting 7/05
Morgan Jones 7/09
Janice Pauc 7/28

Cory Waterman 8/12
Karen Majkrzak 8/14
Marilyn Thompson 8/20
Ben Scott 8/21
Brandon Jones 8/25

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he/she* begins another year. Grant that *he/she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No Anniversaries listed for July or August



SOME PHOTOS ON A
SUNDAY MORNING
AT HOLY CROSS



Superhero Campers with Capes!

