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Worship

Sundays: Church On The Hill

7:45 am HE; 9 am HE & Young Children's Liturgy
of the Word; 10:10 Adult & Children's Formation;
11:15 am HE

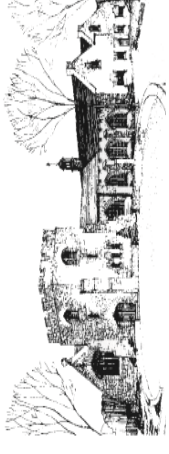
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From The Rector

At this beginning of 2008 let me offer everyone a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!" There are, in fact, twelve days of Christmas which conclude on Twelfth Night, The Epiphany, when on Sunday, January 6, we will welcome the Magi/Wise Men/Kings in procession at the

10:00 a.m. service. Whether sacred or secular, it is a festive, celebratory season with roots, at least in the Northern Hemisphere, stretching back to winter solstice celebrations. For Christians it has to do with the somewhat arbitrary designation of December 25 as Jesus' birthday, but Christian or not, all of us welcome an excuse to bring some brightness into such a dark and dreary time of year.

In a casual conversation with a parishioner after four brisk sets of paddle tennis, I was asked if depression plays a major role around Christmas and New Year's. Of course it does because our expectations are often unreasonable or someone else's expectations of us are often unreasonable. Also, it is a difficult time of year to be alone. My prescription is less alcohol, more exercise, contact with family and friends, and church. These could all be terrific New Year's resolutions if you are looking for some, as the payback is surely worth the effort.

2008 will be an exciting year for the country as we ratchet up the political discussions around the election of a new president. The cynics will say that we've heard it all before, but I for one am more than mildly interested in the issues of global warming, healthcare, foreign relations and immigration. Whether a candidate is politically motivated or not, these are all issues that deserve our attention and bipartisan resolve to find just and peaceful ways forward. There are no Episcopalians running for the presidency (John McCain has decided he's really a Baptist) although Romney's being a Mormon and Huckabee an evangelical minister have drawn lots of attention. It's not mixing politics and religion to encourage prayer for each candidate in their roles as leaders and their potential for influence on the common good.

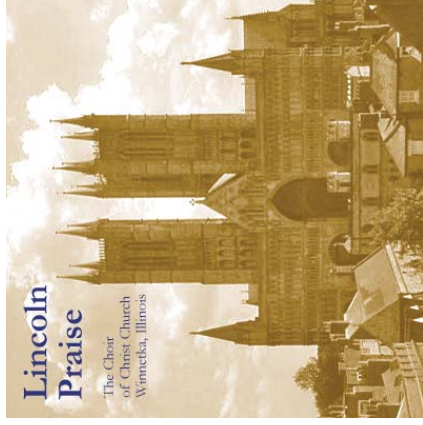
The Anglican Church will continue to provide headlines as we sort out issues of human sexuality, not just in the Church but in public and private life as well. While I have a strong opinion of support for the inclusion of all who are canonically qualified into the ministry of the Church, I value my relationship with those who would disagree with me insofar as we can all agree to our Baptismal promise to "respect the dignity of every human being."

The Diocese of Chicago looks forward to the leadership of Bishop-elect Jeffrey Lee who will be consecrated February 2 at 1 pm. The venue will be House of Hope, 752 E. 114th Street, Chicago, IL which is spacious enough and technologically plugged in to accommodate thousands of Episcopalians. Jeffrey and his family will continue in our prayers as the spiritual leader of this Diocese's 40,000 Episcopalians of whom Christ Church, and I as your Rector, can be proud to be numbered.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
My love in Christ,

Ned Prevost

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Youth Choir trip to Lincoln, England

This lovely CD was recorded informally by parishioner Charlie Healy. Proceeds will benefit our Youth Choir Tour Fund.

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Cost: \$15 per CD. Make your check payable to: Christ Church".

You may: Drop off the check in the Choir Room or the Parish office or mail it to the Parish Office (Christ Church, attn: Lincoln CD), 470 Maple, Winnetka, 60093)

Christmas Angels Soar

This year's Christmas Angel effort was a resounding success. Christ Church parishioners stepped up in a big way. Here is some preliminary information as to the magnitude of this ministry:

Individual parish families adopted and provided food and gifts for 320 people. The committee did another 58 people (large families). We provided hats, gloves, socks, underwear, toiletries, mugs of candy for 45 men at St. Leonards. We provided hats, gloves, mugs of candy for 45 men at St. Andrews Court and 18 men at Higgins House. We provided nightgowns, umbrellas, toiletries and mugs of candy for 27 women at Grace House. We provided a complete Christmas Party (even a tree!) and much-needed household items for Urban Community Center (Primo Center). We provided clothing and gifts for 27 residents of Urban Community Center.

Julie Flood, Chair, noted that "we will provide clothing and food for about 25 people at St. Gregory's. We will also do something else for Primo Center and maybe more for St. Gregory's, but don't know what that will be yet." (The Christmas Angel program was still a work in progress when this issue of the Parish Paper went to print. Julie will provide even more information in the next issue.)

Warden Nomination 2008



Steve Hudson, our soon-to-be new Junior Warden, joined Christ Church seventeen years ago when he and his wife, Joanne, moved to Winnetka. They began attending regularly when their children were born. Both Forrest, now age 12, and Amy, 10, were Christ Church "beach babies" having been baptized by Betsy Fowle, a former Associate Rector, during a Maple Street beach service. Steve, also a cradle Episcopalian, was born and raised in Oklahoma City. He attended Texas Christian University where he majored in Finance. After working for many years in commercial real estate finance for Citicorp and First Chicago, he followed a different path and began selling real estate. Seven years ago he started his own real estate firm, The Hudson Company, based in Winnetka. When Steve first joined the vestry three years ago, he jumped in with both feet taking on the challenging role of Stewardship. In an effort to shift the focus of pledging away from only dollars and cents and back to making our ministries more central and relevant to our lives, he researched and brought the recent "Bread Of Life" program to Christ Church. He organized about a third of our active parishioners to deliver a loaf of bread to the other two thirds of the church. "This just got a lot of folks out meeting each other." Steve, who is completing his three-year vestry term, is honored to have been asked to stay on to be the Junior Warden because "it gives me a chance to follow through with the work we have begun with stewardship." When Steve is not selling real estate or delivering bread, he simply enjoys "hanging out with my family."

Kerygma Bible Study

The Gospel of Matthew:
GOD WITH US
Thursdays, February 7–May 22

According to the Gospel of Matthew, the church is an earthly manifestation of the Kingdom of God, and it is comprised of Jesus' followers who have been called out to live righteously in the world and to serve in the manner of Christ with deep humility and unfathomable forgiveness.

Join the Rector in this 14-part study of Matthew's Gospel for a challenging and rewarding look at how the Bible continues to have profound meaning for life today. We meet in the Parish House Library on Thursdays from 9:30 – 11 am.

Please register for The Gospel of Matthew by completing the form below. You can also register on-line from our website: www.christchurchwinnetka.org/ChristEducation.htm

Yes, I will participate in the Winter 2008 Kerygma Bible Study:

Name: _____ Daytime phone: _____
Address: _____
e-mail: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$28.00 payable to Christ Church (memo: Kerygma) to cover the cost of materials. Send to Ned Prevost, Christ Church, 470 Maple Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. Scholarships are available in cases of need. Please contact one of the clergy.

Congratulations Jeanne



Jeanne was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, December 15. Now that she is a full-blown, hot off the press, ordained priest, what is different about her picture? Answer on page 6.

New Name.

Same Nice People.

Friends In Faith: A Discussion Group (formerly known as the Prayer Group) invites you to join them on Mondays from 9-10 am in the Guild Room of the Parish House starting on January 7. (Please note that we will skip January 21 in honor of Martin Luther King day.)

Following a brief time of silent meditation, a spiritual reading is presented, which is then the basis of that Monday's discussion. The dialogue is rich and we end in prayer for all those on our parish prayer list. Feel free to join us when you are able. If you have questions, please contact Heath Missner at 847-853-9263 or hfisk@aol.com or Elizabeth Clemmitt at 847-853-8033 or eclemmitt@sbcglobal.net.

In Case You Missed It ...

The following information ran in the November 14 electronic version of the Parish Paper. The article has been reprinted for those who don't "do" email.

Rector Announces New Direction For Rummage

The Christ Church Rummage Sale is this parish's primary outreach activity, grossing over \$207,000 this year, for which we are most grateful. 58 agencies rely heavily on Benevolence grants from the money we raise through Rummage to provide relief for people in need throughout Chicago, and thousands of individuals count on our sale for their family's basics.

Because Rummage is such an important parish ministry, we are constantly evaluating how we can most strategically structure our leadership of this huge undertaking. Over time, we have realized that while we will always rely heavily on non-parish workers, there is a direct relationship between the support we receive from our parish and the overall success of the sale.

With this in mind, we are pleased to announce that parishioner Charlotte McGee has agreed to become our new Rummage Coordinator. While we are deeply grateful to Irene Maniewski, Rummage Coordinator for the past two sales, for her commitment, enthusiasm and leadership, we have concluded that the leadership of the sale must come from the parish at this time. We are thrilled that Irene has agreed to stay on as a volunteer.

Charlotte has been a Rummage Department Chair for 14 years and is a member of the Rummage Steering Committee. She has fabulous organizational skills, a deep commitment to the ministry of Rummage, and is a long-time, very active member of Christ Church. You will be relieved, I am sure, to hear that she will also continue on as editor of the Parish Paper.

We are blessed to have Charlotte's leadership, and ask that everyone in the parish support her in this important ministry.

Choir Fund Raiser Will Raise The Roof

The Great Hall is THE Place to be on January 26 at 7:30 pm.

Save the Date! Our Youth Choir will sponsor a performance featuring The North Shore Opera Hour. Our professional section leaders, Jonathan Cornell, Luis Galvez, Tina Pappademos, and Cynthia Zimmerman will perform selections from Amahl and the Night Visitors, Hansel and Gretel, and more. Our Youth choristers also will sing some of their favorite songs. This will be a fundraiser for our Youth Choir's Tour Fund. More details to follow.

January 2008 - Lay Ministry Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Lectors & Intercessors	Chalice Bearers	Ushers	Vestry Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild
Sunday, Jan 6 8:00 AM	M. Peregrine	M. Pyle M. Peregrine		The January schedule was unavailable at print time.	C. Voges	M. Powell B. Fox	S. Lumpp B. Balyeat S. Petry B. Jones B. Ervin
10:00 AM	L. McGuiggan S. Peregrine W. Rosenbloom M. Findlay S. Findley	K. Dougherty MJ LaViolette	L. McGuiggan Caroline Healy A. McKinney T. Gorman E. Gray D. Hambledon		J. Farmer	M. Powell B. Fox	
Sunday, Jan 13 7:45 AM	J. Henderson	K. Synnvested J. Carton			G. Martin	Further January information was unavailable at print time.	MJ LaViolette J. Harmon A. Snyder E. Parkinson Ann Ryan
9:00 AM	R. Voges F. Colardarci J. Colardarci L. Hambledon E. Russell	K. Knoer Caroline Healy	R. Voges J. Clevenger N. Challenger B. Koepfgen K. Koepfgen T. Kuhns		J. Mac Ritchie		
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	B. Brantley E. Berry			B. Ervin		
Sunday, Jan 20 7:45 AM	H. Missner	M. Lien P. Mohling			G. Harmon		M. Lien P. Pendry C. Woodhead J. Carter R. Varley
9:00 AM	P. Martin B. Hickey Jr C. Hickey Alice Ryan C. Myefski	D. Lloyd-Jones J. McGee	P. Martin Chris Harris G. Martin P. Pendry Ann Ryan		L. Gorman		
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	C. Davis J. Richards			B. Anaclerio		
Sunday, Jan 27 - Annual Meeting 9:00 AM	W. Sido L. Peterson P. Lind Calvin Montgom. S. Peregrine	M. Millar A. Sida E. Parkinson	W. Sido Caroline Healy A. McKinney A. Clevenger S. Canfield K. Dougherty		G. Walther		C. Potter G. Packer C. Vanover M. Hickey

If you are not able to meet your commitment, please switch with someone on the schedule. Please call the Parish Office (847-446-2850) to advise of the change.

Downtown Lunch Group

Work downtown? Please join us for lunch. Ten of us met in November for our first get together. We hope more people can join us in January. Lunch will be arranged and we will reimburse our host.

Thurs., January 10 - 12 noon - 1 pm

Bank of America, 231 S. LaSalle St., 2nd floor (up the escalator). Please **RSVP to Jeanne Stewart** (847-446-2850) by **Monday, January 7.**

"Embracing the Darkness" - Adult Jan. Forum

Please join us for the Adult Forum on **Sunday, January 20 at 10:15 am. Kate Philbin, Clinical Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center**, will be speaking to us on Embracing the Darkness. This time of year we are acutely aware of shorter days and earlier nights. Darkness may be viewed as undesirable. Kate will speak to us about embracing the darkness, offering us a positive vs. negative approach to darkness.

Have Harp. Will Travel.

At the ripe age of fifteen **Alexa Peterson** has been making music for ten years. If you attend the nine o'clock service, your ears (and soul) have been the happy recipients of her music, which floats away from her harp. Alexa, who has been a member of Christ Church with her family for the past thirteen years, will periodically play an introit before the service followed by an anthem during the Eucharist. Lucky us. She began her musical journey with piano lessons at the age of five. Two years later she announced the piano wasn't right for her and wanted to quit. Her parents, Brad and Christine who feel that



Alexa Enhancing the December 9 Service

music is an important component of life, said she could quit but insisted that she learn to play an instrument of some kind. Alexa drew a picture of a harp because, at the age seven, she didn't know its name and said, "I want to play this." Taking a deep breath her parents invested in a "starter" folk harp, found a harp teacher and stepped back. As a sophomore Alexa now plays in New Trier's Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra "if they need a harp." She also plays with the MYA (Midwest Young Artists) based in Fort Sheridan. Looking forward, Alexa doesn't think music will be her career but "I will certainly play in college. I love the harp. It is my life." Alexa has three sisters: Annika who plays the flute, Liza, who plays the piano and the French horn, and Leirin, age 4, who doesn't play anything ... yet. Although neither of her parents plays an instrument Alexa does have a great aunt who used to play the harp all the time, an uncle who acts in musicals and an aunt who is a piano teacher. Aren't genes a wonderful thing?

Bravo! New College Graduate

Next time you see **Mario Ruiz**, our long time sexton and member of our parish family, please offer your congratulations. On December 15, 2007 he graduated from Northeastern University with a dual major in Liberal Arts and Accounting.

Special Sunday Schedule

January 27

Holy Eucharist - 9 am

(please note: there is only one service)

Annual Meeting - 10:15

Luncheon buffet after the meeting

Fourth Graders Build A Village

By Duncan Healy, Fourth Grade Leader

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!! During the month of November and December the fourth grade Sunday school class has been making a village representing what life might have been like back in the time of Jesus. There has been a great deal of hustle and bustle in the weeks leading up to the presentation to the parents by the students.

Each student has carefully fashioned a cardboard box, courtesy of Marla Bagan, Kathy Sanchez, and ABT Appliance, into a combination shop and home. Great care was taken with their structure because each citizen wanted to make the building as livable as possible because it is their place of business and maybe even their home.

As I am standing near this magnificent town I see several shop owners and other citizens tending to their daily tasks.

"Excuse me shop owner, I wonder if I may have a word with you?"
"Of course."

"What is your name and what is your occupation?"

"My name is Nehemiah (known as Sammy Durbin), it comes from the Bible. I actually have two jobs. The first is a cook and the second is a tax collector."

"How did you choose these jobs?"

"I chose cook because it's really fun to cook a lot of stuff. And a tax collector because it's really funny to get taxes from other people."

"Thank you. I see another fine citizen of Jerusalem. Excuse me ma'am may I have a word with you?"

"Of course you may."

"Thank you. What is your name and what is your occupation?"

"My name is Ezra (known as Reilly Knoer) and I also have two jobs. I am a cobbler and a jeweler. I chose the name Ezra by looking through the Bible, writing down a bunch of girl names, and then I chose Ezra."

"Can you tell me about your shop?"

"The door is open at the top so you can close the door but still have part open. The curtains are glued on. This is a table where I fix shoes. My sign has a shoe and a necklace on it."

"Thank you. I see a soldier in the distance. I wonder if he has time to speak to me. Excuse me soldier could I have a moment of your time?"
"Yes you may."

"What is your name and what do you do for the city?"

"My name is John (known as Jackie Coladarci) and I have two jobs. My first job as you can see is that of a Roman soldier and the other is that of a tax collector."

"Very interesting, could you tell me why you chose these two occupations?"

"Yes. I chose being a soldier because then I'm in charge, and then I work with the dungeon. I'm like the cop. It's the same reason for being a tax collector."

"How did you choose your Biblical name?"

"Because it's my real name."

Well there you have it everyone. Several citizens of Jerusalem have met with us to tell us a little bit about themselves. When the village is complete I hope you will all come to the fourth grade classroom to see all of the hard work that each of them did.



Reilly Knoer Applies A Finishing Touch To The Cobbler Shop

Answer to Jeanne question on page 4: A priest wears the stole around her neck, straight up and down. A deacon wears it draped across her chest.

Reaching Out

This monthly column will highlight new and on-going outreach opportunities and activities at Christ Church. Go ahead. Just pick up the phone and jump right in.

New Opportunity #1: Driver needed one Tuesday a month from approximately 11 am to 1 pm to help deliver **Meals At Home**. Your pick up is at Evanston Hospital and you make local deliveries to house bound clients. To help out with this special ministry please contact **Elise Covey** at 847-446-4333.

New Opportunity #2: We are looking for someone to **help out in the office on Friday mornings from 9 to 11 am**. We currently have three parishioners (Suzie Peregrine, Willie Dooley & Bev Prevost) who cover Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Marie Burnside filled this role on Fridays for many years before she relocated to NJ to be closer to her family. Please call Molly Ethridge at the office if you are interested.

On-going Opportunity #1: Every

Monday afternoon from 12:30 - 3

pm in the West Building you will find a

congenial group of kind souls sorting the

many Rummage donations that come in

on a daily basis. (Opening each bag is

like Christmas morning...you never know

what you are going to find. We guaran-

tee laughs.) Please stop by and lend a

hand every Monday or once a month.

Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Questions? Call **Charlotte McGee,**

Rummage Coordinator, at the office

847-446-2850.

January Furniture Pick Up Date

We will be making local furniture pick

ups for Rummage on **January 21.**

Please call the Rummage Office to get on

the schedule. For a list of items that we

are unable to accept (because they just

don't sell) visit the church web site.