



Building Bridges of Caring, Compassion, and Civility

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

Some Lutherans, Episcopalians and their pastor walked into a bar...

Well it really wasn't a bar; it was our worship space on a recent Wednesday evening in July. Members of JIC and St. John's gathered for a viewing of Sister Act and to share in some yummy pizza and fellowship. My prayer was that we would get 10 people to gather. I was happily surprised with a group of over 20! We had to bring out more chairs and we ran out of pizza. I love to have such problems! It was a multigenerational gathering and we all had a great time. New friendships were kindled.

We are embarking on a new and exciting adventure together. We are not sure where it will lead, but I firmly believe that God's hand is in it. As with anything God offers us, we need to be open to his guidance and direction. God never imposes his will on us for we have been given freewill. God loves us so much that he gives us the option to say no to his love and grace and to follow our own devices. I know from painful experience that following my will and not his has caused me much self-inflicted pain. Following God's will is not always easy. In fact at times it takes great courage and risk. But the results are always grace-filled and life-giving.

In Sister Act, Sister Mary Clarence (Whoopi) as well as the Mother Superior both begrudgingly cooperated to save Mary Clarence's life from mobsters. Communication and compromise were key to their success. The nuns of St. Kathrine's were secure behind their metal grates and protective fencing. They were safe in body but not in spirit. As we find out through the story they longed to go beyond the safety of what they knew to do the life-giving work that God intended for them. God couldn't change that horrible choir or take down those grates and fences alone, he needed their cooperation and active participation. The proof is in the pudding and what a delicious pudding they co-created with God. The people in the neighborhood were helped and their spirits were lifted. The nuns finally felt like they were doing precisely what both they and God intended for their lives. Both Whoopi and Mother Superior eventually welcomed the new creations that they were becoming.



I believe that God is inviting all of us into an amazing life-giving adventure. My fervent prayer is that we all take the time to look deep inside ourselves, to that quiet place where we talk with God. Listen deeply. Let go of fear. Listen with an open and courageous heart. You might be pleasantly surprised with what you find.

Some Lutherans, Episcopalians and their pastor, walked together with God into an exciting and faithful adventure. God saw what they were co-creating and he said it was good... Very Good!

Let the People of God say AMEN!

I remain yours in our ever-faithful God,

Tim

Notes from the Worship & Parish Life meeting June 25, 2019

Attending were Pat Gladbach, Candy Stone, Roswitha O'Hara, Carol Porter, LeeAnn Trigler, Padre Tim and Audrey McNevin

Candy opened with a prayer

Worship time will be 11 a.m. from June 23 to July 28 with coffee hour after the service

There is a Congregational Survey regarding time as we move forward and Padre Tim has again asked for a list of our favorite hymns

Padre will be introducing new things such as laying on of hands, field trips to other churches perhaps to Boston or Plymouth. His suggested schedule for fellowship with St. John's church is:

- July 10- Pizza and Movie Night (Sister Act) at JIC 6-8
- July 21 Outdoor service at 4:00 instead of 11; pot-luck cookout to follow
- August 14- Pizza and Movie Night (The Vicar of Dibley) at St. John's 6-8
- August 25- Mass on the Grass at St. John's 4:00 instead of 11:00; Potluck cook-out to follow

We did discuss the issue of additional travel. One suggestion was carpooling

Padre Tim led us into the current sanctuary to discuss ideas including changing the seating arrangement

We ended with a prayer circle

Next meeting is July 23rd at 10 a.m.

Notes from the JIC/St. John's joint meeting June 27, 2019

Attending: Padre Tim, Sue Sullivan, Geri Butler, Roswitha O'Hara, Jeff Stone

Members from Joy in Christ and St. John's met to discuss our congregations, how we each are organized, funded, and interact with our larger church; worship times for special events throughout the year, our respective mission projects, and opportunities for joint fellowship. We also discussed being available to support Tim as he navigates this new dual pastoral role.

There was extensive conversation regarding each church's Christmas, Lent, and Holy Week worship service traditions. Specifics were passed on to Parish Life so that they can work with Padre Tim to eliminate any conflicts or overlaps in services

Mission Projects – following are each congregation's Mission projects schedule with approximate timing. Each congregation will notify the other in advance to see if there is interest in joining an activity.

Joy in Christ has the following Mission Projects scheduled for the balance of 2019:

- Back-to-School Backpack & school supplies for students in need – Summer through mid-August

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- Community Food Packaging Event scheduled for November 23rd for Plymouth County and beyond. Goal is to package 250,000 meals requiring approximately 600 volunteers and \$63K in donations
- Toy/gift drive for 2019 Holidays – mid November through mid-December

St. John's has the following Mission Projects planned:

- They operate a Food Pantry for Holbrook and Avon year round
- School Supplies for Holbrook Public Schools
- Holiday Fair – November 16th (craft tables, vendors, food)
- Trunk or Treat – 250 kids come into the parking lot and treats are available in the open trunks. Usually held the Saturday night before Halloween
- Possible Pumpkin Patch

Fellowship: Padre Tim already has two worship services and two movie nights planned for the summer. Based on the mutual congregation feedback from those events, we'll discuss other fall and winter activities.

We discussed our collective need to be available and make sure that Padre Tim gets what he needs from all of us as he navigates this dual calling. How do we notice stress points? St. John's will be more apt to see those than JIC since they have been together for four years.

Notes from the Worship & Parish Life meeting July 23, 2019

Attending were Vicki Burke, Pat Gladbach, Roswitha O'Hara, Audrey McNevin, Carol Porter, Candy Stone, Jeff Stone, LeeAnn Trigler, and Padre Tim

Candy opened with a prayer

Future options on the time of service were discussed. We will have a *congregational* discussion on August 4th after the service. Worship will continue at 11:00 a.m. throughout the rest of the summer.

The annual Women's Retreat will again be hosted by Vicki Burke on August 24th. The bible study will be a discussion on prayer.

Rally Day will be held on September 15th with a potluck BBQ following worship.

Padre Tim will continue to plan the music for the time being.

The folks from our congregation have been invited to attend the play "Here We Go, Round" on August 11th at 2:00 p.m. at the Stetson Hall in Randolph. The cost is \$10 a ticket. The information will be posted on the bulletin board.

Next meeting is August 13th at 10 a.m.

AUGUST

2nd: Andreas Trigler
 7th: Bev Schmidt
 7th: Meredith Remes
 7th: Ed Nelson
 7th: Scott Williamson
 8th: Terri Raymond
 12th: Eleanor Rasche
 14th: Vicki Burke
 22nd: Steven Corkren
 22nd: Nicole Stone Vaillette
 22nd: Noreen Dionne Henshaw
 23rd: Janaya Nelson
 23rd: Jessica Corkren
 25th: Julianna Corkren
 26th: Jonathan Nichols
 29th: Brooklynn Stone



SEPTEMBER

3rd: Charlie Williamson
 5th: Helen Manson
 6th: Natalie DeLong
 8th: Pr. Carolyn Tryggestad
 8th: Elyanna Castillo
 10th: Johnetta Johnson
 11th: Mary Ellen West
 12th: Nilsa Toro
 16th: Matt Stone
 24th: Ava Williamson
 26th: Harold Manson
 30th: Millie Alvarez

SUNDAY DISCIPLES

DATE	ASSISTING	READER	TECH	GRUSHER	WORSHIP SET-UP	COFFEE HOUR
Aug 4 th	EMILY CLAIRMONT	JERI SCRENCI	JEFF STONE	JOY FRANNEY	JERI SCRENCI	VICKI BURKE & STEPHANIE BURKE
Aug 11 th	JEFF STONE	GEORGE SULLIVAN	PAM BORGESON	KIM NICHOLS	GEORGE SULLIVAN	LEE-ANN TRIGLER & JOY FRANNEY
Aug 18 th	PAT GLADBACH	PAM BORGESON	JEFF STONE	VICKI BURKE	KATHY REMES	LISA CLAIRMONT & PAT GLADBACH
Aug 25 th	NOREEN DIONNE	PAT GLADBACH	PAM BORGESON	JERI SCRENCI	LEE-ANN TRIGLER	JOSH LEHR & GEORGE SULLIVAN
Sep 1 st	EMILY CLAIMONT	LISA CLAIRMONT	STEPHANIE BURKE	JEFF STONE	PAM BORGESON	JEAN PETERSON & KATHY REMES
Sep 8 th	PAT GLADBACH	KATHY REMES	LEE-ANN TRIGLER	GEORGE SULLIVAN	GEORGE PORTER	PAM BORGESON & JERI SCRENCI
Sep 15 th	LEE-ANN TRIGLER	EMILY CLAIRMONT	LISA CLAIRMONT	GEORGE PORTER	BOB FEHL	LEE-ANN TRIGLER & VICKI BURKE
Sep 22 nd	LISA CLAIRMONT	JEFF STONE	JEFF STONE	PAM BORGESON	MICHAEL REMES	BOB & PHYLLIS FEHL

IT TAKES A VILLAGE DISCIPLES

July 28th - Aug. 3rd: Kathy calls Anita S; Audrey sends Frank a card; Pat H contacts Helen & Harold; Ingrid calls Martha

Aug 4th - 10th: Vicki contacts Helen and Harold; Pat G calls Martha; Candy calls Anita S; Lee-Ann sends Frank a card

Aug 11th - 17th: Ingrid calls Anita S; Kathy sends Frank a card; Audrey contacts Helen & Harold; Pat H calls Martha

Aug 18th - 24th: Lee-Ann calls Martha; Vicki calls Anita S; Pat G sends Frank a card; Candy contacts Helen & Harold

Aug 25th - 31st: Kathy calls Anita S; Audrey sends Frank a card; Pat H contacts Helen & Harold; Ingrid calls Martha



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General Synod expands full communion recognition

An excerpt from the article in the Anglican Journal, written by Joelle Kidd

July 19, 2019



Archbishop Fred Hiltz embraces National Bishop Susan Johnson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, while Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton applaud.

General Synod passed a resolution July 15 to recognize full communion among the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC), the U.S.-based Episcopal Church (TEC), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Dean Peter Wall, co-chair of the Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission, introduced the resolution by reading excerpts from the Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Relations of Full Communion, which was drafted at a meeting of the Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission and the Lutheran Episcopal Coordinating Committee in September 2018.

Among the four churches, “each church is in full communion with two of the others—but not with the third (not with the church from the other tradition and in the other country),” the memorandum notes. “Increasingly, this is experienced as theologically unnecessary, missionally costly, and jarring. It is time for these churches explicitly to recognize one another’s full communion agreements, and on that basis to extend to one another the implications of being in communion.”

The full communion relationship also opens up the “possibility that the work we do separately is work done on the behalf of the other,” Johnson said, citing cases in which one church does not have the capacity or resources. “Perhaps the most exciting thing is the over 80 expressions of full communion relationships that are taking place across the country,” she said.

“I hope this is just a foretaste of our increased relationship and even deeper fellowship,” said Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Elizabeth Eaton.



Presiding Bishop Eaton's message regarding Churchwide Assembly (in part)

This year the assembly will gather under the theme “We are church.”

Let me also highlight one of the important responsibilities of the assembly -- the election of the Presiding Bishop and Secretary as well as persons to the Church Council and to churchwide boards and committees.

As we prepare ourselves for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, let’s remember that it is a process of communal spiritual discernment to bring about God’s will for God’s people. Together, we will worship, pray, engage in Bible study, deliberate and conduct business in plenary sessions.

When members of the assembly participate in and make decisions about the mission and ministry of the ELCA: We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST WORSHIP

The Vicar of Dibley (BBC Comedy show) and Pizza Night

Wednesday August 14th 6-8pm
St. John's Parish Hall
322 S. Franklin St. Holbrook

Outdoor Worship

Sunday, August 25th 4pm (no morning service at either church this day)
JIC lawn
Potluck BBQ to follow service
Please bring a lawn chair



BACKPACKS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

We will be collecting items to fill backpacks for children in the Abington schools. A list of what is needed can be found in the coffee hour room. Please cross off from the list what you will buy so we don't get too many of one thing. All items need to be in church no later than August 18th. If you have any questions please speak with Pat Gladbach or Kathy Remes.



12th ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Vicki Burke will once again host the annual retreat, on August 24th 10am – 4pm.

A day of relaxation and reflection, good food and good company! Be ready to share your prayer concerns, joys, and prayers in waiting.

There is a sign-up sheet at church or you can contact Vicki (cell# 781-249-8948) or by email (vicki.burke44@gmail.com).



We will celebrate our annual Rally Day and potluck BBQ on September 15th. We want you to mark it on your calendar and set aside the time to share the Greatest of God's gifts: YOU! There is a signup sheet in the Coffee Hour Room. Let us know what gifts of food or time or labor you might be able to share.

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Padre Tim is usually in the office on Wednesday and by appointment. It is always best to call the church phone first as visits and meetings sometime alter the schedule.

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Tim can be reached for pastoral emergencies at: 617-755-5236

AUGUST 2019

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