



Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Magnificat

June
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American Flags



What do you do with tattered American Flags?

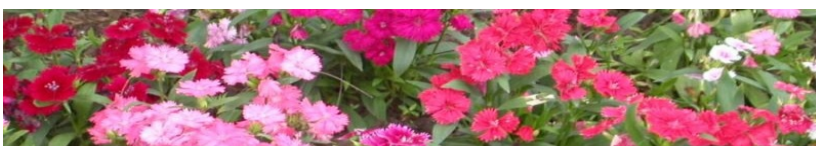
- Through them in the garbage can - NO
 - Put them in your recycling bin - NO
 - Drop them off at your local fire dept - Yes
- Best answer - Bring them to church and drop them in the FLAG box. Then come on Tuesday, June 13th @ 7 pm and participate in a service with the Boy Scouts to formally retire your flags.**

Cory's Summer Project!

As we reach the halfway point to Christmas this year, please join us for a special coffee hour on June 25th on behalf of Cory's Project. Although this is our Giving Tree outreach, the needs continue to be ongoing and crucial for the children and for their families on this cancer unit all year round. If you would like to make a donation, we welcome you to leave a Visa or gas gift card in the special containers provided that day. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers. If you have any questions or concerns please see Andrea Lindblad or Sue Whipple. Thank you!

Botanic Garden Outing

Sunday, June 25, 2017 11:00am-3:00pm



Speaking of beautiful plants....Come explore the beautiful displays

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Book Club 2017

Book Club West
Monday, June 5, 2017
Monday, 07/03/2017
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

and vistas at the Chicago Botanic Gardens on Sunday, June 25th. There will be an exhibition of arrangements contributed by six Chicago-area garden clubs, the model sailboat event will be back this year, as well as a chef's demonstration on how to use produce in your summer meals. More information to come!

Golf Outing



Look for updates in the Parish News

Sunday, July 9, 2017 12:00pm-4:00pm

From Our Deacon



Linda Lutter

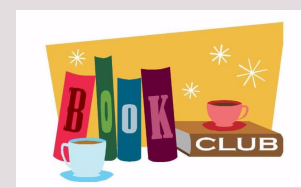
I have had some of the most wonderful Fridays lately ... I decided to help out by distributing food from Starbucks to Salvation Army and other places that house and feed the homeless. This not only is a great treat to the people we deliver to but a wonderful way to stop the discarding good edible food ... what a waste. Now if this isn't a good enough reason to help in our "Starbucks" ministry there is an extra special bonus ... you can work with other people in the parish to assist you. Although, a little of the time you spend in this ministry is doing "administration" work, the majority of the time you are in a car picking up and delivering the food. You spend all that driving time "hanging out" with another parishioner and finding out all kinds of things about them, their families, their dreams and ideas ... it is such good fun! So far I have had the opportunity to "hang out" with Cindy Pullinger, Jane Penticoff, Jennifer James, Linda Waynick and I even had a "date delivery" with my husband, Glenn.



This is a great ministry that you can sign up for Monday, Wednesday, and/or Friday. It is easy to do and takes at the most 2 hours. You can do it 3 times a week, 2 times a week, once a week, every other week, once a month ... whatever ... you sign up and pick your dates ... you can arrange your time accordingly ... anywhere from 8am to 3pm. You can sign up with other people who are already signed up or ask someone from church to join you. It is a great experience as it always is doing God's work in feeding and "hanging out" with His people.

From Our Seminarian

Shey Craig



Location: Offsite

Book Club East

Monday, June 19, 2017

Monday, 07/17/2017

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Potesta's in Waukegan



Date:

Wednesday, 6/28/20017

Wednesday, 7/26/20017

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Location: Lunch gathering for women of the parish at 1 pm.

Location will rotate and date will be 4th Wed of each month. For

reservations contact Jane Schaefer at 224-372-7940 or at cs.js@comcast.net



Outreach Opportunities

LET'S DO LUNCH - PADS

SUMMER LUNCHES

We will prepare 40 bagged lunches at 12:00



noon on the second Friday of each month. Our assigned days are: **June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 8.** Watch the Parish News and the PADS sign-up board for more details on how you can volunteer to help with this ministry.



I heard a story once about a young man and his grandfather. The grandfather was an Episcopal priest and the grandson was an ambitious young man. The grandfather asked his grandson to come fishing with him on the weekends, but the grandson had to study. The grandfather invited him on a trip but the grandson was applying to college. The grandfather invited him to go out on his boat but the grandson was working on getting into graduate school. You get the idea. Well, time passes. The grandson has accomplished all his goals. He is now a world-famous scientist and doctor. He has an MD and a PhD and is an expert in his field. But the grandfather is retired and getting older. And the grandson suddenly realizes that he has not spent as much time with his grandfather as he should have. So, much to the grandfather's shock, the grandson suggests that they go camping!

They settled in a remote campsite, they cooked over a fire. They shared stories and got to know one another. They didn't agree on everything, the grandson was a skeptic about religion but he loved his old grandfather, so he indulged him. It was a rewarding and enriching time.

Later that night, long after they had settled down to sleep, the grandfather woke his grandson and said, "Son, look up and tell me what you see."

The grandson looked up at the sky above them and said, "Well, I see stars whose light has travelled millions and millions of miles..."

The grandfather said, "Yes, and...."

The grandson said, "I see evidence of the Big Bang and the beginning of the Universe itself..."

The grandfather said, "Yes, and...."

The grandson, searching for what his grandfather might want to hear said, "I see evidence of a divine power in the organization of the universe?"

The grandfather said, "Yes, and...."

The grandson is flummoxed! "What, grandad! What do you see that I am not seeing?"

The grandfather answered, "I see that while we were sleeping someone stole the tent from over our heads."

Possibly the reason that I love that joke is that I am the reigning queen of overthinking it.

Last September seems like a distant memory to me, and maybe it does to you. So much has happened since then, it feels in some ways like the months passed at a sprint. There were classes and papers and tests and grades, there were swim meets and dance recitals, we had book groups and Bible studies, fellowship, worship, all kinds of service that we did for one another and the larger world. And here we are, finally, in summer. We might not stop doing all the things we do, but we might find that we do them a little less urgently, that we take the occasional Friday afternoon off... in short, that we go into a summer mode.

Summer is the season that teaches us about sabbath. It isn't a perfect sabbath, we still have to work and produce and perform... but in summer we remember to integrate sabbath practices into our daily lives. We work a long day, and then watch as the fireflies light up in the evening. We work in the yard and then watch mesmerized as the summer light makes rainbows in the water from the sprinkler. We read in Genesis that every day, after God had made some part of creation, God looked at it and said it was very good. I encourage you this summer, to work and then to rest, and to look around you at all that is good. Store away memories of how rewarding and fulfilling that was, try to carry that balance of work and rest into the inevitable crunch after Labor Day.

This summer, try not to overthink it. Just experience the blessing that is this life. Work hard, and rest easy. Because that is very good.

Volunteers and donations of peanut butter, bottled water, fruit cups, and chips/pretzels will be needed to help serve the needs of those confronted with hunger on a regular basis. So - let's do lunch!



For more information or to help, please contact Jane Schaefer at 224-372-7940 or at cs.js@comcast.net.

Feed My Starving Children

*for I was
Hungry
and you
gave me food...
Matthew 25:35*

If you would like to be a part of this ministry of feeding the hungry please join us. Mark your Calendars ... Here are the Saturday dates,

9:00 am to 11:00 am

+June 24, 2016

July 29, 2017

**Last Saturday every
Month**

God's Peace and Blessings!
text/call @ 847-340-3253
Linda.lutter@hotmail.com



Important Reminder!!!



As you plan, shop and enjoy your summer adventures, please remember those less fortunate.

We will be continuing to collect socks and underwear (in all colors and sizes) for men, women and children all summer. We would also appreciate any of your unused hotel toiletries and donations of travel sized items

From Our Rector

Elizabeth Molitors



If you were at the 10am service on May 7, you probably saw it.

That Sunday was Annunciation's annual "Youth Sunday" where the children lead all the parts of worship, from Opening Acclamation through the Dismissal. This particular Youth Sunday, the kids presented the gospel - the story of Jesus as the

Good Shepherd - as a skit. In the midst of all the goings-on, up the aisle toddled Laura Fulton's little granddaughter. While not formally a part of the gospel presentation, Charlee understood where the action was and wanted to be part of it. She especially had her eye on a large stuffed animal that sat at the base of the altar, one of the props that was helping to tell the story. The soft critter was as big as she was, and she laid herself down on it, clearly relishing the softness. It was a precious, joyous moment.

But it was much more than that.

She may not have been helping to tell that day's gospel story; instead, her presence was speaking the whole of the gospel. As a friend's church sums up it up on their website, the Good News of Jesus Christ is about "everybody. everybody. everybody" being welcome: at the communion table, in the life of the church, in the world. Children, too.



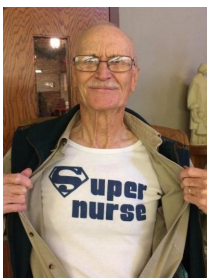
There's an idea I've had - shamelessly borrowed (!) from a number of other churches where it's worked well - to utilize some space near the front of the church to create a "soft space" for young children. The idea is to create a comfortable, kid/family friendly area where little ones (5 or 6 and under), along with their parents, can play quietly with books and toys, and at the same time, see better all the activity that takes place at or near the altar, and participate and follow along in the service. As a little kid, it's hard to feel a part of things when all you can see are the legs of the adults standing in front of you!

I'll be working with the Sunday school team over the next few months to plan for how to make a soft space happen, so we can continue to reinforce the message that children are welcomed, gladly, to be part of the "everybody" of God's kingdom at Annunciation.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Dale Sanders, RN

Nurse's Week



I'm a NURSE. What's your super power? For Nurse's Week last month The American Nurses Assn. presented a continuing education "Webinar". The overwhelming nurse participation BROKE THE INTERNET! NURSE POWER!

There is a neat series that showed on PBS, called Mercy Street. It takes place during the Civil War. It portrays what medical care was like for the soldiers of that time. Also it gives insight on what nursing care

too. Thank you for your continued generosity!! If you have any questions, please see Sue Whipple or Terry Kline.



Sunday Night Live will start up again in Sept.



Sunday's at 9:00 am
In the education room

See you in September

Rector's Study Groups

The Rector's Study Groups - met **Wednesday** mornings at **10am** and **Thursday** evenings at **7pm**.

We learned a lot and had great fellowship. Come join us in the fall.

was like in those days. (It can be found "On Demand".) Did you read this?

From Our Sr. Warden

Deb Gallinger

As I contemplate the strengths of our church and congregation, worship comes quickly to mind. Worship is followed quickly by our outreach efforts and acts of hospitality. I have written about the uplifting and joyful worship experiences we enjoy. I would like to relate some of my recent observations of the ways we are growing in our outreach generosity and welcoming and inclusive hospitality.



After months of witnessing Mike Bill fulfill a lone the generous act of retrieving Starbucks leftover sandwiches and pastries and delivering them to local shelters and Salvation Army men's shelter 3 times a week, we have recruited 10 or more new volunteers to help Mike with this ministry. Not only have several members of our congregation stepped forward to say yes to participate in a new outreach ministry, they have combined the acts of giving with building new relationships, selecting different partners on succeeding delivery dates and completing their deliveries with lunch dates.

I had the pleasure recently of participating in the Bingo night. Two of our members undertook this new event in their first coordination effort and they succeeded wonderfully. The evening proceeded with the comfortable and friendly banter we enjoy and expect at Annunciation, as we competed to win one of the myriad of prizes Jane Friess and Diane Leath generously procured and provided. The highlight for me, again an example of the wonderful kindness and friendship in our parish, was the agreement that we would all play, with previous winners waiving their opportunities to win yet another prize, until every attendee had won a prize. Everyone went home that night a winner, both literally and spiritually, and we were all blessed with stronger and more joyful relationships.

I attended the prayer shawl ministry gathering recently, and I am pleased to note that while we continue adding to our supply of prayer shawls and squares, we are welcoming new members to the ministry, including one of our recent confirmands. We discussed the kinds of shawls we were knitting and the reasons for giving a shawl, but we also agreed that crochet devotees were welcome, along with all kinds of needle work. Our imaginations caught fire, suggesting other kinds of crafts we would include, however we drew the line at woodworking, feeling that would best be left to the B&G team. I was struggling with my shawl and becoming somewhat frustrated, but I was gently encouraged by a wise new member of the knitting group and reminded of the reason why I was knitting that shawl. I left the gathering encouraged and renewed in my determination to finish the shawl with the prayerful and giving commitment it deserved.

Joy and generosity flourishes at Annunciation and we are blessed to be part of this wonderful community we enjoy.

From Our Jr Warden

Mike Bill

Summer is finally here and our church life has been full of parish happenings. We have been involved in outreach projects such as Pads Lunches, Starbuck food donations. I am happy that we have many



volunteers that support these programs as this becomes the voice of Annunciation. The Appalachian Service Project was a great mission trip and this being my third time, it just gets better. If you have any interest in this project please ask any of the persons that have served and I know you will want to put this on your list of things to do. Don't worry about the logistics we can always get more vans or buses.

Over the summer we will be working on the parish hall with the addition of a privacy information wall that will be in front of the rest rooms. Then latter we will be removing the existing lighting in exchange for LED downlighting to lower operating costs, and an acoustical dropped ceiling for better sound control. Please pardon our dust and disruption to the area but hopefully all will be completed prior to our winter season. All this work is part of the Capital Improvement Project. Thank all of you that have contributed to this fund and please if your spirit directs you to increase your giving that would be appreciated, as we must make up for the monies planned on that were lost because of parishioners moving or dying. The Capital Plan as you remember was a planned project to repair or update our 25 + year old temple, I use the word Temple because this is our Place of Worship and our learning center in which we prepared to start our week and the balance of our lives. The updated Church of Annunciation will not just be for ourselves but for generations to come even when we will have been long gone on our lives journey.

I hope you have a wonderful Summer and spread the Spirit of what God has given us, to others in Love.

See you on Sundays!