

Annunciation is a place...
To be included
To be honest
To be empowered
To be challenged
To find hope



Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, November 21, 2021

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 29
Christ the King
Worship Bulletin [here](#)

Thanksgiving Day Service

The Thanksgiving Day Service will not be on Zoom or on Facebook Live in order to give our digital vergers the time to be with their families.

Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer

There will be no morning prayer on Thanksgiving Day 11/25/21

A Season of Change

It is the season of change here at Annunciation.

As you heard Sunday, Deacon Linda Lutter has announced her retirement, which will begin in the new year. December 26th will be her final service as our Deacon. There will be a celebration of her ministry at a special coffee hour on December 12th.

Kay Sutton has also announced her resignation from her position here with the parish. Kay is going to pursue a retired life and she was dismayed and frustrated that the church leadership was continuing her contract as Interim Music Director and that at some point in the future we would be engaging with the entire parish in the search for a music director. December 26th will be Kay's final service here at Annunciation.

There will be a celebration of Kay's ministry at a special coffee hour on December 19th.

Please mark your calendars to join in these celebrations of work in our midst.

If you would like to participate in a monetary gift for either Deacon Linda or Kay, you can designate that gift and we will pass that on to both.

Vestry News

We give great thanks for the Vestry service of Jami Haines, who has stepped down from Vestry. Jami had a unique and special voice on our Vestry and her presence will be missed. Thank you, Jami, for hearing God's call to leadership in our midst. We pray that God calls you to your next field of service soon.

The Vestry is looking for a few new members for the new year. If you are interested in church business, building ministries, working for the coming Kingdom of God, you might be the right person to serve on Vestry.

Each January, we elect a new class to serve a 3-year term. The Vestry meets once a month and has some outside committee and ministry commitments, but usually this doesn't exceed 4 or 5 hours a month. The Vestry is responsible for the governance and financial health of the congregation and is a group of dedicated workers in the harvest. So, pray and discern if you are being called by God to join in this important work. Let the Wardens, Davey Fulton or Debbie Rakestraw, know of your interest!

Annual C4K Giving Tree

We're well on our way to providing new, warm clothing for children in need this holiday season. If you missed the announcement, we're once again working with Caring 4 Kids Clothing, more info below. Miriam and Buildings and Grounds are working to get the tree ready to put up. Christine has sent over the information for 12 children and I'm starting work on the tags for the tree. The tree is up today and Christine will be joining us to give details of the Caring 4 Kids program at announcement time. She will be available during coffee hour to meet with anyone who may have questions.



Donations will be due back by December 12th so they can be distributed before Christmas break. Gift cards, cash and checks made out to Annunciation are also welcome and we will do the shopping for you! Any leftover monetary donations will be disbursed to C4K. If you missed last week's announcement, or are new to the parish, here's a little about C4K.

What C4K is About and How You Can Help:

Every year hundreds of children go without proper clothing. Caring for Kids Clothing is a non-profit organization that helps provide these children with the clothing they so desperately need. Since our beginning in 2010 Caring for Kid has helped outfit hundreds of children every year. We provide an immediate need in warm winter gear, school uniforms, everyday clothing, gym shoes, snow boots, socks, under garments and so much more.

Goods and services donations are especially welcome as we hold several fundraisers each season and can always make use of raffle prizes and silent auction items. You can make a difference in a child's life; even the smallest donation can make a difference!

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Cookie Exchange!

Well I can now report that we have enough interest in doing an in-house cookie exchange on **December 5**. So, let's do it, gang!!!!



To remind you from last week, this is how it will work:

Each participant will:

- make 3 dozen of however many cookie types you would like.
- bring his/her own display trays for the cookies.
- bring a container to take the new selected cookies home.
- bring cards with their name, the name of the cookie and what possible allergens (e.g. tree nuts, peanuts, soy, etc) are in them. We will give you a list.

We will provide:

- decorated circular tables without chairs on which to put the cookies for selection.
- tongs for each participant to pick up the cookies
- gloves for each participant
- several trays with extra cookies and coffee for those who are not participating

If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry. And, thank you for wanting to participate. We need some fun activities like this.

Cub Scout Wreath and Poinsettia Pick-up

If you ordered a wreath or poinsettia from the Scouts, they will be available for pick up following mass **Sunday, November 21**, and again during the scout meeting on **Tuesday, November 23 (7:00-8:30pm)** in the Parish Hall.



The Scouts and the Troop thank you for your purchase. This is one of the Scouts major fundraisers that helps to fund activities for the year.

Happy Holidays from the Scouts.

QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer

November 22, 2021, 7:00-8:30pm

QPR is an internationally recognized suicide prevention program designed to help you have a conversation with someone having thoughts of suicide. You will be trained to recognize suicide warning signs, approach someone who may be at risk, persuade the person to seek appropriate services, and connect the person to resources that will help. Similar to CPR, QPR is intended to educate and empower ALL people to make a positive and effective difference in the life of someone in a mental health crisis, no matter your background or experience. Attend this workshop and learn how to support your family, friends and colleagues in need by effectively employing the three steps of QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer. Please reach out to Becky De Rosa with any questions at rebeccad@warrentownship.net or Deacon Linda at lindalutter@hotmail.com.



Text Linda if you would like to attend: 847-340-3253

Every Perfect Gift

The Gift of Relationship

Jesus stands before Pilate. We know this story. We hear it on Good Friday, we remember it every week in the Nicene Creed. And our ears hear it anew today, on the cusp of Advent, as we are emerging and rebuilding from an unimaginable time of pandemic. Once again, we proclaim Christ the King of all Creation.

As Jesus and Pilate talk, we learn something powerful about who Jesus is and how he serves God and humanity. We are reminded of who he is called to be and what he has come here to do. And it invites us to wonder who we are and who we are called to be, in this moment, in this season of our lives, and in this moment of our Church. What strikes me how Jesus acts in the time of trial. He acts with integrity. He makes a choice to remain wholly who he is, firmly rooted in love of God and clear about the work he has come to do. In that moment Jesus stays true to who he is. His trust in God remains steadfast too.

We're invited to do the same. We know this in a distinct way in stewardship season. Our money is one of the most powerful and honest symbols of what we offer to God and to the church.

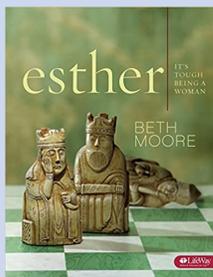
It is one of the truest ways we can understand what we value and what we believe. Faithful, selfless and generous giving invites into a deeper relationship with God and our money. And it requires us to do the hard, but essential work of looking deep within to discover what we truly value, what we consider most precious. |

The Rev. Sarah Fisher is rector of St. Catherine's Church in Marietta, Georgia and is a former member of the Board of Directors for TENS.



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. As we emerge from the pandemic, many of us are rebuilding—lives, jobs, churches. How in this post-pandemic time do you understand Christ the King? Has your understanding of God's faithfulness shifted or changed?
2. What do you notice in your own life about your relationship to God and your wallet? What story does it tell you?



Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group

Wednesday Bible Study is canceled for 11/24.

For December 1, please read Esther, chapter 6 and 7.

Come Sing with us!

Adult Choir rehearses this Sunday! After the service, stop by coffee hour and then come by the choir room for a short 'welcome back' rehearsal. We will be rehearsing every Sunday after church for the next few months. During this COVID-time we will be singing in church on the Sundays of All Saints, Christ the King, Advent 1,2,3,4 and of course, Christmas Eve. It will be great! Bring a friend, too!



Hospitality Hotline

[To sign up to host coffee hour, please click here.](#)

Annual Ornament Exchange

Anybody got your ornament yet??? Well, I do and it's a good one, too.

Several people have already asked questions about this rollicking event so the interest is definitely there for this one.

We will start the fun in the Narthex on Saturday, December 11 at 7 PM. As a reminder, the Ornament Exchange is similar to a White Elephant party. We all bring beautifully wrapped ornaments to the church along with drinks (wine is definitely appropriate) and appetizers or desserts. We will have a short time to socialize and will take a break halfway through the event for some more food and drink. The food, by the way, is REALLY good and there is lots of it, too.

This will be an in-person event this year...oh, thank you Lord!!!

Unfortunately, my friendly elves will not be available this year so we'll see who ends up laying down the law to us all from on high. After suitable instruction (no test involved!), we will let the fun begin.

Please put this great event on your calendar and start the creative shopping. Now the question is, will Mer-Man grace us with his presence this year? The only way to know for sure is to come and see.

Please email me at mamamastercard@comcast.net to let me know how many will be coming with you.

If you have any questions please see me (Miriam Berry).



Madagascar Happenings

Have you noticed the fabric piling up on the table by the sign up wall? That is all the fabric my super dooper fabric washers have done. What a great job!!! There is still more to come so I am waiting for it all to get back before I take pictures and put them in my article. The Days for Girls people will be ecstatic and overwhelmed!

I will be officially signing up our two new sponsors for kids in Fort Dauphin this week. (It has been a very busy week for me.)



Just another reminder if you missed it last week. A Christmas letter to your child or

children would be a wonderful thing to do. I am not sure how long it takes Holy to do the translation so sending it sooner rather than later is a good idea. If you look on your instructions, you will also see that you can send a card to Marcy Allen in Boca Raton and she will get it over to Madagascar. Again, sooner rather than later.

As you can see, you can sponsor a child at anytime during the year. The \$25 you donate each month pays for their tuition, fees, uniforms and school supplies and paves the way to get them out of poverty and horrendous situations.

Don't forget to check out "Our Kids" wall in the Parish Hall. The kids are really cute. We have gotten a request from Sue Babbs for prayer for her as she does all the paperwork for a UTO grant for Toliara and Fianarantsoa. Toliara is hoping to get lots of money to build wells and install underground water storage tanks. So please remember Sue in your prayers as she does all the work to try to get these grants. The paperwork is all due by December 3. We should hear in the late Spring 2022 if the grants are given to Madagascar. More when I hear but please pray for Sue and for the grants to be given. If you have any questions about anything Madagascar related, contact Madagascar Miriam.

To visit the website for the Diocese of Toliara, click on the image above.

Healing Prayer

This Sunday, a minister will be in the chapel during communion to offer in-person socially distanced prayer. Their number will also continue to be posted on the Annunciation Connected at Home FB page and in the bulletin for those who are attending church remotely.

The minister for **Sunday, November 21** is:
Deacon Linda Lutter



Links to Zoom Worship for this Week



The Last Sunday after
Pentecost: Proper 29
Christ the King
November 21, 2021 | 9:00 am
The Association of the Lady's Episcopal Church
1001 10th Street, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431
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Sunday Worship

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 29
November 21, 2021 9:00am

[Join Sunday Worship](#)

Meeting ID: 880 2031 4630

Passcode: 845471

Monday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 892 8614 1525

Passcode: 352659

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 849 1855 9848

Passcode: 488546

Wednesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 815 8999 4169

Passcode: 429637

Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 839 3757 8871

Passcode: 694677

Friday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 814 6759 5595

Passcode: 645929

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Parish News and Prayer Requests
Submissions due Thursday morning.
Send to [parishadmin
@annunciationurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationurnee.org)

Website Updates
Send to MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

Food Tidings Meal Ministry
Surgery? New birth? If you need a little
help with supper, contact
Samantha Robison:
Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com

During the week:
Pastoral emergencies: 847-336-3730
The church office is open Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Thursday; 9:30-4:00

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