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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, November 22, 2020

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A Word from Pastor Jenni



Dear Friends:

- We received word from Bishop Lee that all in-person worship and meetings have been suspended for at least 3 weeks.
- Worship this Sunday will be via Zoom, as we did after Easter.

This week brings some challenging news. As you see above, we will not have in-person worship this Sunday. Below, you will read that because of COVID-19, we will be canceling this year's Cookie Walk. There is some speculation that if the positivity rate continues to climb, all of Advent and Christmas might be virtual. And all that news bums me out.

However, there was good news too this week. The Vestry will be resuming their calls to our parish family to check on us all. On Thursday, we celebrated the life and resurrection of Jannette Kellogg. The Morning Prayer and Bible Study groups are hard at work. The "When a Tree becomes a Sock" drive has brought in gift cards and funds for Clothes 4 Kids. Miriam Berry is working feverishly on the Ornament Exchange. The finance committee and the Vestry are working on our budget for 2021. The Buildings and Grounds group is ready to put up trees and make our Nave festive for the Advent season. And, there is Bingo with the Hagan's on Saturday evening!

A number of people have asked, "What can we do for the Church as we look toward next year?" There are many, many ways we as a community can prepare ourselves for 2021. Here are a couple of suggestions.

First, a reminder: the Cookie Walk fundraiser goes toward our next

year's operating budget. I would ask you all to prayerfully consider making a gift to the church for what you would have spent in time or materials or in purchasing cookies. If you would please put in the memo line "Cookie Walk" that will make it easier to make our accounting. You can send it in with your regular gift to the church.

Second, using our Core Values, how do we as a community answer these questions:

- Who is our neighbor?
- What is the vital need that isn't being met in Gurnee, in terms of justice, peace, and mercy?
- Where can we be Christ's hands and feet in the world?
- When is our ministry (both individually and collectively) strongest? When is it weakest?
- How do we strengthen our walk with one another? (Hint: please go back and watch Deacon Linda's sermon from 11/15)

By spending time in the valuable work we have already done, we have the tools necessary for walking into a changed world and to continue to change it for the Glory of God.

I know it has been said, just because we can't gather doesn't mean that the Church is closed. We are in a time and place where seeking connection is vital and our connection is born out of our love for one another and in our identity as Christ's followers. We aren't closed, we are open for a whole new kind of salvation business!

Thanksgiving Day Service 11/26

The annual Thanksgiving Day service will be on Zoom this year. Great thanks to the Morning Prayer group who will be leading the service. The bulletin can be found [here](#) and the Zoom link is down below.



Pastor Jenni will send out the notes and class assignment on Sunday.

The Book of the Twelve: a study on the Minor Prophets

Nov 25, 2020 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89372126605?pwd=c25tZHIQQWtNN3hoZjRPZVExNTQ0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 893 7212 6605

Passcode: 419182

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Just a reminder . . .

Our Christmas charity this year is Caring4Kids Clothing as it was last year. We can not do the shopping for the children this year because of COVID but the need is great and the volunteers at C4K will be doing the shopping using gift cards or money that has been donated.

We have hung a decorated Christmas stocking by the front door of the church for people to drop gift cards or checks in. It is not out when no one is in the church. (We are hoping

some of our neighbors who walk through our parking lot will contribute.) We have a couple other options for you as well:

1. Mail a check to Annunciation with C4K in the memo line or put the check in the stocking. (The Treasurer will cut one check from all the cash/check donations.)
2. Click on this [link](#) which Christine, the founder of C4K, set up with Amazon to send gift cards directly to her and her volunteers. You can include "Credit Annunciation of Our Lady Church" in the message so Christine will know who it came from.
3. Pick up a gift card (WalMart, Target, Old Navy, etc.) and put it in the stocking or mail it to the church.



Not much has come in thus far, so please remember that these kids may not even have a shirt or a coat to wear to school and the need is even higher this year with the COVID unemployment issues.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Lindblad or Miriam Berry.



Cookie Walk 2020 Canceled

I know we're all getting tired of these cancellation announcements by now. We expect them, but it doesn't get any easier to read them. As anticipated by many of you, we are officially canceling our amended plans for a drive-thru Cookie Walk experience. When we sent out the survey last month, we were beyond impressed by the collective response from our parish! There was an enthusiastic "Yes!" to jump in, one way or

another, to make this event happen. We can't possibly thank you enough for your energetic feedback.

While we are sad to put this event on hold until next season, we know that your faithful dedication to our annual fundraiser remains strong. Please stay tuned for communication about how we can all offer our support to Annunciation in the absence of our Cookie Walk. And in the meantime... we'd love to see some pictures of all the delicious cookies we know you'll be baking at home for your own families this season!

Stay well, friends.

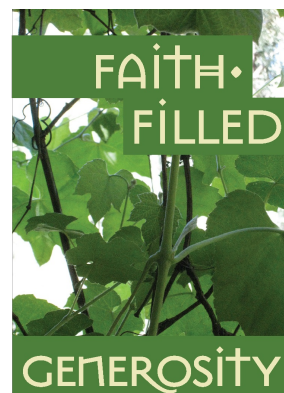
~Annunciation Cookie Walk Committee~

Annual Stewardship at Annunciation: Where all are queens and kings

By J. Davey Gerhard

The Church designates the final Sunday of the Church year as the Feast of Christ the King, a day in which the united rule of Christ over all of the universe is celebrated. In many communities, it is a high feast, with altar guilds preparing white vestments, flower guilds celebrating God's glory in elaborate displays, and hymns filled with alleluias. What a way to end the year, to celebrate stewardship, and to prepare for Advent!

But before we get too carried away with the grandeur of it all, today's Gospel tells a different



"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind'...."

story about kingship and leadership: It tells of service. Typical of Jesus, he begins with what we expect — in this case power and triumph — and turns it upside down and in doing so, reminds us that it is through our ministry that we increase the role of the Church in our community. True power doesn't come through force or wealth or conquest, it is derived from generosity, charity, and love. We change the hearts and minds of our neighbors by loving them and serving them.

Throughout this stewardship season we have heard about the mission of our own churches. You have learned about the ways that your gifts impact the life of your church and your neighbors. Perhaps this year you met the challenges of a global pandemic by adapting your worship. Maybe you responded to the needs of your community by increasing your outreach or your ministry to serve your neighbors. What is certain is that you had the opportunity to express your love and your hope for the world through your annual gift to your church.

We seek and serve Christ in all people by serving our neighbors. This is the great commandment of Jesus to his followers and it is one of the promises we make at our Baptism. When we are asked by those we meet on the street or those to whom we minister in our communities if we will offer them drink when they thirst, or visit them when they are lonely, or give them food when they hunger, our answer will be yes! Through our generosity and our faith, we are called to that same royal line as Jesus, leaders in our communities. Now that is a feast worth celebrating!

And ... 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' —
MATTHEW 22:36-39

For reflection

- How is humility a sign of leadership?
- How did your stewardship campaign inspire you to learn more about your neighbors and their needs?

More Parish Responses to Stewardship Questions

We have always said that stewardship involves the way we share our time, talent, and resources with the parish. This year, because of the extraordinary circumstances in which we find ourselves, we've expanded stewardship to sharing our hopes with each other.

Each week throughout the month of November, we'll share a few of the responses we received from our parish family.

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Carol Anderson

I'm doing OK spiritually. Communion seems incomplete without the wine. I miss serving at the altar and looking into peoples' faces as I served the wine. That is an intimacy I miss. I get a lot out of the morning prayer group and am glad to be a part of it. It gives some continuity to my days that would otherwise feel like drifting.

I find hope in the litany we recite. People in other hard times have made it through, and we, also, will make it through. I find comfort in the faces I see on Zoom. They haven't given up and neither will I. God puts the words of many wise people before me, and those words give me hope.

My main hope is that our parish will grow when things open up. My hope is that this

national crisis will make people aware of their need for spiritual community and that our parish can be that home. I would like to see our building be used by the community as a counseling center or a Rec center for adults as well as kids.

Pam Myers

Just wondering like everyone else what is happening. Spiritually I find myself trying to pray for friends that are suffering from stress. I am not the brightest when it comes to speaking about the Lord to people that are not involved in any kind of worship that I know of. Hope in the parish??? Hoping to stay a living breathing constant in all our lives. At this point, future hopes are a little out of touch for me right now. Too many things going on, but I guess my future hopes for our church are to continue being viable in my life.



Seeking a New Treasurer

It is with great thanksgiving that we announce that Jane Penticoff will be retiring as our Treasurer in March 2021. Jane has worked tirelessly on our finances and office procedures for a good time now. The Vestry is now in the process of discerning the next treasurer to continue all the good work that has been started. If you are interested in serving this vital ministry and leadership position, we ask you to take a minute and pray and then look over the responsibilities of the Treasurer. Currently, the Treasurer does:

- Process Payroll Checks - 2x month
- Pay Tax withholdings (Fed & State) - monthly
- Reconciliation of Church Windows to the bank - monthly
- Review expenses/budget with Finance Comm and Vestry - 2x meeting a month
- File taxes - Quarterly

Jane will be on hand to train the next treasurer and make a smooth transition.

If you are feeling a call to serve the parish in this ministry, please talk with Pastor Jenni or a member of the Vestry.

Healing Prayer



The healing prayer ministry is adjusting the way we do things. One person will be prayer minister for the entire week. As a normal rule, if you have a prayer request anytime during the week, you may call, message, or email the prayer minister.

The prayer minister for the week starting November 22:
Carol Anderson, 847-421-3796.

Prayer requests:

Until the church re-opens, please email prayer requests to
parishadmin@annunciationurnee.org

Prayers of the People



We pray:

For all who yearn for health, for the handicapped, for those in mental anguish or spiritual turmoil, for the incurably ill, and for all who remember and care for them, especially *The Kellogg family, Ashley; Natalie; Alex; Leni; Megan; Rob Robison; Carol Eads; Greg, Joe, Helene; Marsha; John; Cindy* Hibbard; *Charlie and Amy; Cindy; Bill; Thom; Pam; Logan* Anthony; *Olivina* Reza; *Terry* Kline; *Peter; Susie, Lindsay, and Andrea; and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living and PADS.*

For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including *Liam* Mellen, *Maurice* Edwards, *Chad* VanHorn, *Christopher* Pavy, *Nick* Unda, *Ian* Pocklington, *Ethan* Pocklington, *Christopher* Froelich, *Karl* Mohrmann, *Trish* Hull, and *Clay* Anderson.

For those who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other good news this week, especially *Maryann* Esguerra (11/27) and *Dale & Sandra* Sander (11/28).

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the faithful before us who entered into your labors and worshiped you in truth. That we may live faithful to eternal life, we pray.

Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Friday Morning Prayer

Nov 20, 2020 08:30 AM

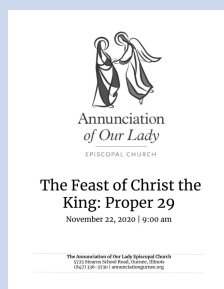
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Sunday Worship

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Nov 22, 2020 09:00 AM

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A healing prayer minister will be available all week. See the announcement above (look for the praying hands) for details.

Monday Morning Prayer

Nov 23, 2020 08:30 AM

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Tuesday Morning Prayer

Nov 24, 2020 08:30 AM

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Wednesday Morning Prayer

Nov 25, 2020 08:30 AM

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Day of Thanksgiving Service

Nov 26, 2020 10:00 AM

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Friday Morning Prayer

Nov 27, 2020 08:30 AM

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Submissions due Thursday morning.
Send to [parishadmin](#)

Food Tidings Meal Ministry
Surgery? New birth? If you need a little
help with supper, contact

@annunciationgurnee.org

Website Updates

Send to MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

Samantha Robison:

Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com

During the week:

Pastoral emergencies: 847-336-3730

The church office is open during the week
by appointment only.