

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JULY, 2014

St. Bartholomew's is an inclusive and affirming faith community, welcoming all.

RETRACING THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Kent & Betsy Hering's 3-wheel journey

Kent and Betsy are on a long summer journey, following the path of the Underground Railroad. You may follow their blog at <http://trackmytour.com/4DL1c>. (As you click on each day's entry on the left side of the screen, the full entry will 'pop up', along with a photo.) When asked to share something about this trip in the newsletter, Kent said that this his excerpt from his sister-in-law's comments fit quite well.

"We knew that a lot of this trip would be historical. We knew it would be a physical and mental challenge. We hoped it would be interesting and enjoyable. It amazes me that it never occurred to me how empathetically instructive it would be in other ways, all of which you have mentioned. Imagine the harsh travails of escaping slaves "following the drinking gourd" having to evade capture which meant death and/or harsh punishment for family and friends. (Scary strangers following you, reminding you of your physical vulnerability and evoking thoughts of "Deliverance.") Wondering where you will get your next meal, and not knowing quite where you will lay your head. Caring for wayfarers has been the ethically responsible societal norm since mankind crawled out from his cave and formed communities. It isn't always practiced. (Ok, it often isn't practiced.) I am grateful God has placed a community of angels before you. We all still marvel at your adventure and tenacity and thank you for sharing it with us.

Pedal on with Praise to our Creator.

Marj "



INDIGENOUS ARTS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

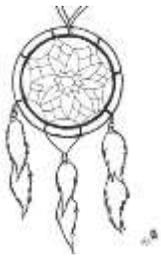
RAIL RIVER FOLK SCHOOL

Lake Irving Marina
303 Railroad St SW

(Go over the bridge by Ink Spot & take 1st left.)

Open-air traditional arts market with artist demonstrations and performances!

Live demonstrations in:



Canoe Making
Moccasin Making
Beadwork
Black Ash Basketry
Quill Work
Hide Tanning
Jingle Dress Making
Birchbark Crafting
Pottery



Plus: Local American Indian performing artists

10am-6pm Open-Air Indigenous Art Market
12-12pm Artist Demonstrations
12-1pm Powwow Demonstrations
1-4pm Artist Demonstrations
4-6pm Musical Performances

Contact: 218.766.3837

ENQUIRERS' CLASS

Please see Chuck Stone if you are interested in attending an inquirer's class. This class is for everyone—for those who want to be confirmed or received and also for those who would like to explore their faith.

Classes will meet every Thursday, 6:30-8pm, July 10 and through August 28.

We hope to see you there!
~Chuck Stone

WINDOWS

Please note that our recent cladding on our window frames come with the recommendation that we avoid opening all windows. Thank you for your help with this!

HORN RECITAL & LUNCHEON **JUNE 2014**

St. Bartholomew's hosted a record-setting crowd at our last recital, with 175 attendees. Most of the concert-goers also stayed for lunch. Thanks to the many hardworking helpers! *(Psst--We will be looking for more salads at our next recital on July 16th!)*



**2014 ECMN
CONVENTION
SANFORD CENTER, BEMIDJI
SEPT 26 & 27, 2014**

Please mark your calendars and watch for upcoming information about how you can volunteer or attend!

SOUP KITCHEN

*Please see Jeanne Gullette if you are interested in helping with this important food ministry.
Thank you!!*

FOOD SHELF

Please contact Art Gullette if you would like to help at any upcoming Food Shelf Dates. St. Bart's helps at the Food Shelf all 5th Mondays, Weds, and Fridays of each month.

SUMMER RECITAL & LUNCHEONS

DR. BEVERLY EVERETT

ORGAN

Weds, July 16, 12 pm



ECW

***ECW wishes to thank everyone for their delicious donations and their hard work!
Last month's recital luncheon served a record-breaking number of hungry concert-goers!
ECW WILL NOT MEET IN JULY.***



THANK YOU to the donors who provide flowers for the altar. On June 15, altar flowers were given by the Rev. Charlie Champlin, in celebration of Charlie and Barb's 50th wedding anniversary!

Please consider sharing your beautiful flower gardens with us on Sundays. If you are able to sign up in advance, please write your dedication using the supplied forms. If it's too hard to predict your flower supply ahead of time, please bring a bouquet, & if no one else has signed up, they will be beautiful on the altar and/or coffee hour tables! For donations that are not planned in advance, please leave your flower dedication on the office desk so that Julia can note it in the next bulletin.

FOOD SHELF SUNDAY

*Remember, we celebrate the Food Shelf Sunday the **3rd Sunday of each month.** Please consider cash or food donation to BCFS. Thank you!*

COMMUNITY MEALS AT PEOPLES CHURCH

St. Bart's is renewing our food outreach through Peoples Church.

On the first Friday of each month, St. Bartholomew's will provide a noon meal.

To help, please see use sign-up sheet for food items, which will be in the narthex a week ahead of time.

If you would like to volunteer to be a cook, please see Betsy Hering.

Deadline to bring food supplies for next meal is 10am on the Wednesday before the meal.

****Meals are open to the community. Join us!****

THE INCREDIBLE POWER OF WATER

*From Bishop Brian's Blog
Posted on June 24, 2014*



One of my favorite comedy bits from my childhood was Billy Cosby's "Noah". While not strictly by the "Book", it forever created an incredible image of the Biblical narrative of Noah. Clearly I am not alone in my fondness of the characterization of Noah's conversation with God. With our near-record-breaking rain fall, there have been more than a few folks who have quoted parts of this routine.

Endless rain, overflowing rivers, streets, homes and businesses being flooded, hillsides being washed away – the incredible power of water has been experienced first hand by many Minnesotans, more so than they can remember.

Not long ago I spent a day with a group of young people reflecting on the following words from the fourth chapter of John:

"Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.""

One young person made what I thought was a simple, yet profound, statement, "Water is unpredictably powerful". His suggestion was not just about a cup of water or a downpour of rain, but living water as well. When we drink from the living water that Jesus speaks about, we are nourished, but the course of our lives will potentially be changed dramatically.

Bill Cosby makes me laugh when I think about Noah's conversation with God and about his impending life altering encounter with water. Jesus' words about our encounter with living water remind me how truly transformative water can be!

Blessings,



+Brian



JULY 2014	JULY 6 TH (HE)	JULY 13 TH (HE)	JULY 20 TH (HE)	JULY 27 TH (MP)
PRESIDER	Rev. Steve	Rev. Steve	Rev. Jo	Kathy S.
DEACON	Rev. Charlie	Rev. Don	Rev. Charlie	
EM/AM				Bea
PREACHER	Carol PM	Rev. Steve	Rev. Charlie	Kathy S.
ACOLYTE	Eric	Eric	Rodney	Jeanne
LECTOR	Danielle	Rodney	Larry	Eric
INTERCESSOR	Danielle	Gretchen	Susan	Eric
CANTOR	~tba~	~tba~	~tba~	~tba~
MUSICIAN	Carol J.	Carol J.	Gretchen	Gretchen
GREETERS	Peter & Suzanne	Bob & Sally	Vern & Shirley	Tom & Carrie
ALTAR GUILD	Carol C.	Susan	Carol C.	Jeanne
COFFEE HR	Bea & Penny	Kathy & Jeanne	Patricia & Suzanne	Donna & Carol C.
SUNDAY SCHL.	~none~	~none~	~none~	~none~

ST BARTS JULY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Theology for Breakfast 8am Pastoral Care 9:30 am Office 9-3	2 Office 9-3	3	4 <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i> ST. BART'S COMMUNITY MEAL 12PM: HELD AT PEOPLES CHURCH Office 9-3	5
6 HOLY EUCHARIST <i>[Rev. Steve]</i> 10 am	7	8 Theology for Breakfast 8am Pastoral Care 9:30 BISHOP'S COMMITTEE 6 PM (?) Office 9-3	9 Office 9-3	10 INQUIRERS' CLASS 6:30-8PM	11 Office 9-3	12
13 HOLY EUCHARIST <i>[Rev. Steve]</i> 10 am	14	15 Theology for Breakfast 8am Pastoral Care 9:30 am Office 9-3	16 BEV EVERETT ORGAN RECITAL FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON 12PM Office 9-3	17 INQUIRERS' CLASS 6:30-8PM	18 Office 9-3	19
20 FOOD SHELF SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST <i>[Rev. Jo]</i> 10 am	21	22 Theology for Breakfast 8am Pastoral Care 9:30 am Office 9-3	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE *** Office 9-3	24 INQUIRERS' CLASS 6:30-8PM	25 Office 9-3	26
27 MORNING PRAYER <i>[Kathy]</i> 10 am	28	29 Office 9-3	30 FOOD SHELF WORKERS 12:15PM Office 9-3	31 INQUIRERS' CLASS 6:30-8PM	NOTE: OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, AUG 1	



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
 1800 Irvine Avenue NW
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✦ *Celebrating 102 Years of Ministry & Mission* ✦

WEDS, JULY 16, 12PM
DR. BEVERLY EVERETT ORGAN RECITAL
LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rector, The Bishop of Minnesota
 The Right Rev. Brian N. Prior

Bishop's Committee

Senior Warden Carol Millowski
Junior Warden Bob Montebello
Clerk Eric Lund
Treasurers Kathy Schmit, Carrie Jessen
Members Gretchen Hazard
 Tom Jessen
 Ray Waukazo

Shared Ministry Team

Ministers People of St. Bartholomew's
Deacon/Evangelist The Rev. Charlie Champlin
 The Rev. Don Conner
Intercessor/Past.-Care Rodney Austin
Pastoral Care Kathy Schmit
Preaching Carol Porterfield Milowski
Priest The Rev. Stephen R. Schmit

Music Coordinator Carol Johnson
Musician Gretchen Hazard
Artist in Residence Gretchen Hazard

OUR VISION

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is an inclusive and welcoming Community empowered by the Holy Spirit, committed to spiritual growth, offering healing and hope to a suffering world through shared ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

OUR MISSION

We walk humbly with God, confirming the Call to spread the Good News through outreach, justice, diversity and loving compassion.

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