

**Lay Reader Schedule for
November**

Nov. 2 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Lay Reader: Michael Mornard

Nov. 9 – Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.
Officiant: David Wheeler
Lay Reader: Laura Blom

Nov. 16 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Lay Reader: Sherry VanDoren

Nov. 23 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Lay Reader: Kelly Alford

Nov. 30 – Holy Eucharist 9:30
Lay Reader: David Wheeler



Coffee Servers - November

Nov. 2 – Sherry VanDoren
Nov. 9 – Evie Reints
Nov. 16 – ECW rolls/T. Jones
Nov. 23 – Marla Lichty
Nov. 30 – Marie Wheeler

***Ushers for November –
Jackie Bjorke &
Cheryl Severtson***



Our guest preacher on **Sunday, November 16**, is Tony Jones. If you recall from last year, Tony is an author, theologian, and seminary professor who lives in Minneapolis (and who loves to hunt our pheasants!). Tony's next book comes out March 17, 2015. It's called, *Did God Kill Jesus?*, and it explores various understandings of Jesus' crucifixion including his own novel ideas. It's an expansion on his book on the atonement, which we studied in our Lenten series last year. Tony's a wonderful preacher and a great guy, so don't miss be sure to join us on the 16th!

VESTRY will meet on **Tuesday, November 18th,**
at 7:15

**Acolyte Schedule
November**

Nov. 2 – Holy Eucharist
**Henry Rubish &
Nick Freeman**

Nov. 9 – Morning Prayer
**Joey Hotchkiss &
Emma Freeman**

Nov. 16 – Holy Eucharist
**Donika Bjorke &
Cecelia Kleinsasser**

Nov. 23 – Holy Eucharist
**Audrey Rubish
& Jena Alford**

Nov. 30 – Holy Eucharist
Patrick & Will Burns

*From the Diocesan Office: Bishop
Creighton Robertson died unexpectedly
at home Oct. 24th of heart failure.*

Notes from Mother Jean...

What are we grateful for this Thanksgiving?



Thanksgiving is a time of intense pressure. Not only do we have to produce a perfectly cooked turkey with

all the fixings, get up at the crack of dawn the next day to get the best deals on Christmas presents at the annual Black Friday bacchanalia (or actively decide NOT to do that), and do a quick switcheroo between the Halloween/Thanksgiving decorations and the Christmas ones (at least at OUR house they go up the day after Thanksgiving, but don't tell any of my more severe Advent-observing colleagues about that!), but we also have to be GRATEFUL!

It's important to take time out of every day to feel grateful. Sometimes the easiest thing to do is to break our gratitude down: e.g., tangible things (home, food, family) vs. intangible things (love, fun, happiness); or big things (new job, new baby, recovery of health) vs. small things (a sunny fall day, a warm smile, a hug). However you slice it, gratitude is important in our lives. And while we're taking the time to feel grateful for all of these things, don't forget to include our loving and generous God, the source of all life and giver of all gifts.

But it's impossible to adequately thank God for all he has graciously given us. Fortunately, gratitude, besides being proven to make us happier and healthier, has another benefit. Gratitude also makes us feel both more generous and wealthier. Harvard researcher Michael Norton says, "For the first time, we show that giving away money or spending it on others confers the ironic psychological benefit of increasing the giver's sense of wealth." Not only that, giving your time to others also has a similar effect – that of having more time, not less. Norton adds, "In fact, giving time away alleviates people's sense of time famine even more than receiving unexpected windfalls of free time." (For more information, see

http://www.spsp.org/?Gratitude_PR_19Jan13.)

Thanksgiving is a fantastic time to begin to act on this wonderful self-perpetuating gift of feeling grateful and then giving back to God and each other out of that gratitude.. May you be blessed with hearts full of gratitude, this Thanksgiving and always!

Mother Jean

A Thanksgiving Prayer

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and forever. Amen.

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Why do we do that?

Q: Why does the priest raise her arms during the Great Thanksgiving?

A: The way a priest stands during the Eucharistic prayer is called the *orans* position. Orans is a medieval Latin word that means *one who is praying or pleading*. The orans posture was practiced by both ancient pagans and Jews and was adopted from them by the earliest followers of Jesus, who saw it as representing the posture of Christ on the Cross. Until the 9th century, the orans posture was sometimes even used by entire congregations when they were celebrating the Eucharist together (can you imagine everyone doing that in OUR congregation?), but by the 12th century what we think of as the more traditional posture – bowed head and clasped hands – began to replace it as the preferred position for prayer. In modern times, along with the liturgical churches such as ours, the orans posture is common among evangelical and charismatic congregations while praising God.



Episcopalooza!

(Grades K-6)

Nov. 5 & Nov. 12
6:30 to 7:45

Eat supper before you come, and we'll have dessert of some kind during the evening.

Community Service Opportunity:
Saturday, November 8th, 1:30-3:00
Fine Arts Center
Community Theater Center for
Independence Production

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

November 19
6:00 to 7:30

Supper will be served.
All ages are welcome!

At Glady Hagggar's suggestion, we'll be carrying on her wonderful edible turkey tradition! We'll assemble the turkeys at church; then the Sr. Youth will deliver them to nursing home residents around town. We'll also be making some fun Thanksgiving cards to deliver along with the turkeys.

Be here for Pageant Prep and Parts, too!

"YEAR of SERVICE"

Senior Episcopalooza Youth

Wednesday, November 5th
Early Release Help--YWCA

Saturday, November 8th
Center for Independence
Concession Stand at Fine Arts Center

Wednesday, November 12th
Nothing scheduled

Wednesday, November 19th
Deliver cards and turkeys to
Nursing Home Residents

Wednesday, November 26th
Thanksgiving Break

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NOVEMBER Youth Service

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 16th.
More information to come from Mother Jean.



Sunday School

Sunday School is from 9:20 until 10:15 every Sunday. All children, ages Pre-K through 6th grade, are welcome to attend. Mrs. Zeyna Kleinsasser is the teacher. She can be reached at 352-4050, if you have any questions.



**November Birthdays, Anniversaries &
In Memorium**

- 1 John Hagggar (B)
- 2 Elisa Vicuna (B)
- 3 Paige McAreavey (B); *Thomas Pappas (I.M.)*
- 5 Kristi Wilcox (B)
- 7 Tamyka Thomas (B)
- 8 *Doris Weeks (I.M.)*
- 9 *Charles Locker (I.M.)*
- 11 Wendy Voss;, Stephen Clark, Trudy Schroeder (B); *Ester Sebring-Ewing (I.M.)*
- 14 Dawn Johnson (B); *Lois Clark (I.M.)*
- 18 Grant Eddy, Tonya Thomas (B)
- 19 Jon Wells (B)
- 21 *Gertrud Bonnemann (I.M.)*
- 22 Goldie Markey, Dennis Johnson (B); *Jim Powell, Walter Bonnemann (I.M.)*
- 23 John & Gail Sievert (A); *Edward Smith (I.M.)*
- 24 David Wheeler, Stephen Locker (B)
- 28 *Gary Hagggar (I.M.)*
- 29 *Fr. Arthur Cowling (I.M.)*
- 30 *Bert LaFee (I.M.)*

For Christmas this year, **Lower Brule** needs:

- Crayons -- preferably Crayola
- Markers -- many & multiple colors
- Dry Erase Markers
- Electronic games
- Games for X box
- Rubber bands & looms for making bracelets

And, of course, \$\$\$\$ so that I can purchase oranges and apples for them at Christmas. Tonya, Dir. of B & G Club says these are a true hit. Along with the fruit, I usually purchase hot chocolate mix, apple cider and a few mixed nuts.

Thank you. Joanne

Epiphany Guild

The Guild will meet at Marie Wheeler's home on Monday, November 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Coborn's receipts for August, September and October are due by Sunday, November 9th. They can be left in the office for Gladys to pick up. Thank you!



VESTRY MINUTES – Oct. 21, 2014
(unapproved)

Vestry met with the following members present: Mo. Jean Mornard; Marla Lichty, Sr. Warden; Doug Bjorke, Jr. Warden; Marie Wheeler, Treasurer; Connie Vicuna; Dean Kleinsasser; Joanne Groves; and Cheri Bjorke.

Mo. Jean opened the meeting with a prayer.

Sr. Warden Report: Marla reported that the Hurly Burly was a well-attended success, although slightly lower in income from last year.

Jr. Warden Report: Doug reported that the heaters are on. The light bulbs in the sanctuary were changed with help from Dean Kleinsasser and a tool Dean created and donated to the church for the purpose of changing the light bulbs. Doug expressed his appreciation for the youth group in helping set up for the Hurly Burly, as the ladies would like to get to work on setting things out long before 6 pm when he could make it to the church on a Thursday. Doug noted that the bug population in the sanctuary has decreased; this might have something to do with the fan removal from the loft. Connie will check with Wiedenman Construction on insulation of the 6 access panels in the sanctuary ceiling.

Rector's Report: Mo. Jean reported on the recent unrest at the seminary she attended. It seems to have settled down for now.

Old Business: Joanne moved and Marla seconded to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Connie moved and Dean seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motions carried.

The budget committee will meet before the November vestry meeting to work through a 2015 proposed budget.

The opportunity of the SD State Fair booth was tabled until Mo. Jean can discuss the topic with the Diocesan office.

Sarah had volunteered to check on the stretching and cleaning of the carpet in the sanctuary. She was not able to make the meeting, so no report was available.

Mo. Jean had information in the October newsletter about the Diaconate. Kelly Alford and Michael Mornard are interested in becoming deacons. Mo. Jean will check into what is required of the church to be their sponsors.

New Business: Connie reported that the stewardship committee met last week and drafted a letter and pledge card. They will be mailed out later in the week and are to be returned to the church office/treasurer Marie Wheeler by November 9th. Members of the stewardship committee are Connie Vicuna, Cheri Bjorke, Rod Voss, Michael Mornard, and Mo. Jean.

Tony Jones will be visiting/preaching on Sunday, November 16, 2014. He and his wife will stay with Connie and Jorge Vicuna, with Joanne Groves' home as an alternative. His new book is set to be released in March 2015.

Safe church training is required by the dioceses. Anyone who works with the youth of the church is required to take part of this training. Mo. Jean will be looking into the scheduling of this program. Mo. Jean also requested a window be installed in her office door, so she can have privacy during meetings with individual members, yet stay in compliance with safe church guidelines. Cheri moved and Connie seconded for Doug and Dean to install a framed window into the present office door.

Mo. Jean proposed a gas card program for the needy; this topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Mo. Jean proposed a community supper, which would be underwritten by Mo. Jean and Michael Mornard. They would like to host the community supper at the church, during Epiphany (after Christmas). A menu of sloppy joes and chili would be served, as these items freeze well, and stretch well, not knowing how many would attend.

Mo. Jean will be attending the CREDO conference November 5-10 at Mississippi. The purpose of CREDO is to support all aspects of a healthy priest.

Mo. Jean reminded the group that December is our month to collect donations for the Salvation Army.

The next vestry meeting will be November 18, 2014, at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Bjorke, Clerk

Don't Forget..

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH. IF YOU ARE E-MAILING, PLEASE SEND IT TO THE CHURCH (graceepiscopal@g.com) AS WELL AS TO MARIE (rmwheeler@hur.midco.net)--THANKS!



Mo. Jean's new, new office hours:

M - Sabbath

T, W, F – 10:00–3:00, other times by appointment

Th – Sermon writing at home, but available by phone (612-554-1014) or by appointment

Mo. Jean will be attending a CREDO conference in Mississippi November 5-10.



UTO Sunday November 2nd

There will be boxes and envelopes at the back of the sanctuary for offerings to UTO. Following the service, pie & coffee will be served for all. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

KINDERNOOK CORNER

Throughout October we studied Fire Safety. Local firefighters visited the 3's class. Students in the 4's class boarded People's Transit for a trip to the North Fire Station.

"Cowboy & Cowgirl Day" was a highlight—special thanks to the Scholl family for making our fun and learning possible! The 4's class also enjoyed a fall hayride to the fairgrounds. Thanks to Dale & Candy Guthmiller for this exciting adventure!

This month we will celebrate "being thankful." We will be reading the story Stone Soup, which teaches us to share what we have. To model this act of kindness, we will be participating in a "Care & Share Food Drive" to help our local Salvation Army.

We wish each of you a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!!!