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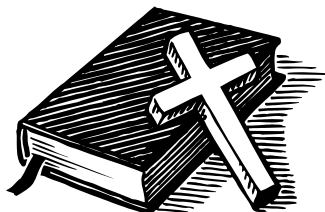
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Aside from the obvious delusion, the woman was really not far off. Each of us who call ourselves 'Christian' is actually an embodiment of God. Paul tells us that we are ambassadors for Christ sharing the ministry of reconciliation with the world. He goes on to tell us that we have been entrusted with the ministry of Christ. Empowered by the indwelling Spirit, we are meant to share the honor and the burden of bringing the gospel light to the world. We do this primarily by what former presiding bishop Griswold said, "By allowing God to love us and to simply live out the consequences of that love." Jesus talks about this in a different manner.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" (Mt. 6:22-23) We normally think of light as entering, but in the ancient world of Jesus, the "eye was not as a window through which light entered but as a lamp that projected light and thus grasped the external world." (Hare, Interpretation Commentary)

To take this concept a step further, the notion of the "evil eye" (see Proverbs 23:6; 28:22) was an envious and grudging or miserly spirit. The good eye then would be a generous and bountiful spirit. One who has a compassionate heart would have the lamp of the eye bright and the one who extinguishes compassion lives life

FROM THE RECTOR



I have a priest friend who in his early ministry served part-time at a psychological hospital. He tells a story of a woman who was a patient there who believed that she was the Holy Spirit, and that *he* was Jesus. As a young man, my friend had long brown hair and a short beard adding to this woman's notion that he was actually Our Lord. During one particular service that he was conducting for the community, this woman walked around behind him and kept saying, "Jesus!" "Jesus!" Finally, my friend turned around to see what she was doing behind him. She looked him in the eye and pointed to him saying, "I knew it was you!"

in the twilight of miserly greed unable to deal generously and graciously with others.

Evangelism is much more about letting your light shine than it is about preaching to others the virtues of faith. As you travel about this summer and enjoy time with your families, remember to be yourself. Be the one who God deigns to enliven with God's indwelling spirit and be the light. Let God love you and live the consequences of that love. Be mistaken for Jesus!

See you in Church.

Fr. Clyde+

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Believe it or not, summer is upon us. I, for one, am READY!!! The Attiyehs have a ton of things planned, so I hope you don't think we've fallen off the face of the earth when you don't see us in church for weeks on end. We have two family reunions in July, as well as summer camp. In August we're going out west for two weeks to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. It is entirely possible that I might not see some of you until the Parish Picnic!

Many of us vacations this year, and I to take a remind



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make every effort to keep their pledges up to date during this busy season. Bill and I decided that we would try to cover half of the time we're gone BEFORE we leave and half when we return. No matter how much you pledge, it is difficult to make up when you're five or six weeks behind. So why not try splitting it in half? The Parish pays bills all year-the summer is no exception!

-Maggie Attiyeh

FROM YOUR VESTRY

One of our first Growing Together events after the "All Parish" meeting on April 6th was the Spring Clean Up and BBQ. Originally this event was scheduled as just a work day to clean up the grounds and mulch the flower beds. This is normally a Building & Grounds project and in the past few years there have been only a handful of people who volunteered besides the Building & Grounds committee.

At the "All Parish" meeting, Cindy Pullinger and Beth Hagan thought it would be a good idea to tie in a lunch BBQ after the work was completed. Not only did we have the largest turnout for helpers compared to past years, but this was in spite of the poor weather conditions. Unlike the bible verse, in our case "The spirit was willing and the flesh was strong". We had adults and children of all ages who pitched in and really improved the outside appearance of the church and the surrounding grounds.

I was truly inspired by the commitment of our parish to help out and we all enjoyed the fellowship as a result. We may be a small parish, but we are strong and it shows what we can accomplish as a community.

--Bill Hagan

P.A.D.S.

PADS summer lunch program is back! Thanks to your generosity, our summer lunch program will continue this year. Now we need all hands on deck to make to 70 lunches that are needed. I have a commitment from our Youth Group that they will help with June's lunches. June 20th at 3 pm will be THE place to be for fun and helping others. We need just as many friends in July (18) and August (15). Thank you to all the adults that signed up already. Many hands make light work.

-Mary Oesterlein

FORE!

Golfing to me is a time to be with my family and friends, to get a little exercise, to laugh at where my golf balls go (if they go anywhere), and then to enjoy time afterwards with everyone talking about the great shots we made (we have great imaginations). On July 13th there will be an opportunity for you to enjoy all those things, plus we play best ball which means you play the best ball of each shot so you don't have to worry about slowing everyone down. It is 9 holes of fun in the sun! There is a sign up sheet on the narthex bulletin board sign up area, tee offs start at 1:00, the cost is \$37.50 for cart, 9 holes, and a sandwich, chips and a drink (alcoholic or non) – the fun ... priceless.



Please contact Glenn or Linda Lutter for more information – 847-367-7697.

COMING SOON: MOVIE NIGHT

This summer join screenwriter Michael Chatlien as he shows a series of films that deal with Redemption. After each film, he will talk about some aspect of the movie, and then lead a discussion about it. All films will be shown on the Big Screen TV in Strang Hall. Beverages and snacks will be provided. The films in the series are:

Tender Mercies, Friday, June 13, 7 - 10 PM

The Painted Veil, Friday, July 11, 7 - 10 PM

The Verdict, Friday, August 15, 7 - 10 PM



SOJOURNERS IN SPIRIT

May brought another interesting night of discussion at our women's group. We took a brief look at Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, and then talked about our own moral stances, and the journeys that brought us to where we stand. Thanks to everyone for their thoughtful participation.

June 18th we'll meet at the usual time and place – 6:30 in the conference room – for a conversation that begins with a look at Mother Jones, a 19th and early 20th century labor and community organizer. We will wrap up our year of “Women who Dared” with pizza, fellowship, and a bit of learning, too. Bring \$5 and your own drink. Every woman in the parish is invited.



–Maggie Attiyeh & Rev. Kate+

HNBC RETURNS 6-9-08

Our **Headline News Bible Class** will resume on June 9th at 10:00 AM in the nursery. This Bible Study is open to everyone. We follow the *Wired Word* curriculum, which *rips* a story from the week's headlines, and uses that as a jumping off point for biblical study. Every week is new, so if your summer schedule is less than regular, you can come to Bible Study when it fits, and you'll never be behind. Children are welcome.



The topic of each Monday's class is e-mailed out on the preceding Thursday, along with a brief guideline for biblical study. If you would like to receive these e-mails, please contact Rev. Kate or Molly Shumate. See you June 9th!

–Rev. Kate+

SUNRISE MINISTRY

Bringing a church service to people who aren't able to venture out to attend their own church is quite an awesome experience. That is what we do every Sunday. Annunciation has a team that brings prayers, songs, Communion, and God's love to the Sunrise Assisted Living community in Gurnee on Hunt Club Road. It takes place in-between our services on Sunday, so it is quite convenient. Summer gets to be particularly exciting because of vacations, so we really need new people to help us out... and who knows? You might love it so much you will want to become part of a monthly team! If you would like to participate in this ministry, let Fr. Elledge or me know.

Linda Lutter

U.T.O.

We are a mighty thankful church. I have a few more boxes to count but as of right now we have thanked God at least 4,624 times. That is the number of coins I have counted so far from our United Thank Offering boxes. Of course those are the only ones we can count but I am sure many praises are lifted without putting a coin in the box but isn't this a great way to see the outward sign of our spiritual grace? We will be sending the UTO a check for close to \$2,300.00. 100% of that money will help a parish in need. Thank you all for remembering to thank God for your blessings and those UTO box users thank you for the generous outpouring of coins and paper so we can measure the thanks! If you don't have a UTO Box - "Blue Box" - please pick one up in the narthex and put it somewhere in your house next to a bowl of change so you can praise the Lord and help His people at the same time.

-Linda Lutter



KEEPING GOD'S PEOPLE SAFE

Almighty God, Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us
with the joy and care of children:

Give us calm strength and patient wisdom
as we bring them up,



That we may teach them to love
whatever is just and true and good,

Following the example
of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Many of you have attended the Keeping God's People Safe training that is required by the Diocese and our insurance company. We need to update our records of who has completed this training with the following information: Your name, what parish you were attending when you took the training and when. You do not need an exact date, a guesstimate will do. Please fill out your training information on the clipboard on the Narthex table.

This training is necessary for anyone who works with our parish youth. It is also beneficial for those who participate in youth events outside the church; sporting events, school field trips and activities, etc. If you were unable to attend the session May 18th, more opportunities are available at other locations later in the year. These will be published in the Parish News as they are available. If you are interested in attending the "Train the Trainer" class so that we may have training at Annunciation on an ongoing basis, please contact me or Father Clyde. All trainings are free of charge.

Even if you have previously completed the training, it is necessary to renew your certificate every five years. Why, you might ask? With technology on the cutting edge, perpetrators are finding new ways to ensnare children. For example, if you took the training five or more

years ago, text messaging wasn't even a part of the curriculum. We need to be aware and alert of these changes.

Thank you for your assistance in setting our records straight and allowing us to provided the safest environment possible for our children.

-Molly Shumate
Parish Administrator

THANKS!!

I would like to thank everyone who braved the cold weather (and rain) to help out in making the grounds around the church look so nice. We had 30+ brave souls on May 3rd who weeded, spread mulch, rearranged plantings, reset the decorative rocks in the parking lot and mulched the children's playground area. The fruits of our labor were obvious with the large pile of branches, weeds and grass in the pile by the dumpster. Not to mention just how nice the church looks as you drive in or past on Stearns School Road. Additionally, we were able to enjoy some fellowship working alongside each other, and then had a great turnout for the BBQ after the work was complete.

--Bill Hagan

BRADLEY'S ORDINATION

Katie, the kids, and I have moved to Wheaton. Before I begin my ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wheaton, I will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate. The ordination will take place at **St. James Cathedral (65 East Huron St. in Chicago) on June 7th at 11am.** Please know that each and every one of you is invited to the ordination and to the reception that follows. My family and I will also be returning to Annunciation on June 8th for our last Sunday. We hope to see you on June 7th at St. James Cathedral and on June 8th at the church. God bless,

FROM THE PEWS

News, views and who's who... all from the pews! Please submit your own news and views to Rev. Kate .

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Congratulations to our eighth grade graduates: Taylor Boyke, Jenna Dent, Ellie Penticoff, Amanda Pullinger, and Nick Unda. Onward and upward!

Be on the lookout for some new servers. Several people have stepped up to volunteer, and summer's the time that they learn the ropes. So keep an eye out for the "newbies," and give them some encouraging words.



As some of you may have heard, I've started writing a blog called "Ruth's Visions and Revisions." It's been up and running for about a month. You're all invited to stop by and check it out. I post something new every day, so drop in as often as you want and feel free to pass the link on to friends. You can go to the web address below or you can just Google the blog name.

-Ruth Hull Chatlien

<http://rhchatlienblog.blogspot.com/>

Interested in joining a book club? Next month's book is "The Pilot's wife" by Anita Shreve. Join us for dinner, and vibrant discussion led by Clara Celebuski. We will meet at Panera Bread in Gurnee at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11th. Please join us!

WHO'S IN THE PEWS

Meet the Penticoffs. They attend the 8:00 am service and are quite active in the church. Brian is a past administrative assistant, and did much to get the church office in order. He has been the stewardship chair for many years, along with serving on the vestry. He helps out with buildings and grounds and you will see him and his daughter Ellie ushering on Sunday morning. Jane is in her 3rd year on the vestry, she is a Eucharistic Minister, helps with the Youth group and had a major role in the GTI formation. Their children Jenna and Merritt are acolytes and as mentioned earlier, Ellie ushers.

Jenna is finishing her freshman year at Warren and keeps busy with a modeling career and working in theatre at school and in CYT. Her sister Ellie will join her at Warren next year, after finishing up eighth grade this month at Prairie Crossing Charter School. Ellie loves gymnastics and track and field. Merritt is finishing fourth grade at Woodland, and he's in the Cub Scouts and plays golf. His dad, Brian, is the Cub Scout Leader, enjoys playing golf with Merritt and enjoys reading as many newspapers he can get his hands on. Brian works as a Parks and Recreational consultant. Then there's Jane ... she used to do a lot of things, scrapbooking being one, but her extracurricular activities have been on hold and replaced with a family taxi service and her career as an Instructional Designer at Abbott.

When asking for words of wisdom from Jane, she shared that it was a challenge in careers today trying to plan for the future since you never know what the future will hold. She likes to stay focused on the present. Doing your best in what is right for now ... following the right path ... pay attention to the present.

This family is particularly special to me because they are Santa's helpers when we have the giving tree for Christmas. The Penticoffs purchase presents for a whole family every year, and they are there all morning to help me and the other elves to coordinate the gifts. Thank you Brian, Jane, Jenna, Ellie, and Merritt for all that you do for the Annunciation community.

-Linda Lutter



Our mission is to know God and to make God known. Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9-1. The vestry members who guide our church are:

Maggie Attiyeh, Senior Warden
Rich Ringhofer, Junior Warden
Deb Gallinger
Bill Hagan
Jane Penticoff
Cindy Pullinger
Deb Rakestraw
Dale Sander
Todd Shumate