

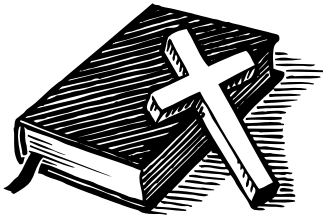
MAGNIFICAT

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FROM THE RECTOR



Who hasn't heard some variation of the saying, "Jesus died to save you from your sins"? I we could sit down and talk about all of the meaning and historical theology that we could take and still not completely unpack that phrase – and it is pretty straight forward in its meaning! What I really am interested in is what that statement does NOT say. So much energy in American Christian history is centered around this altar call: Come to Jesus and receive your salvation – he died for your sins. Lord knows, I have responded to that appeal MORE THAN ONCE! But what intrigues me is the counter of this phrase: How then are we supposed to live?

Jesus died for us. He also lived for us. He lived to show us a way of being people of God. He called it the Kingdom of God and talked about it a whole lot. He illustrated it in his own manner of life and how he treated those around him. Beyond the miracles and

God stuff, there is a man who loved God and his neighbor to the extent that when his LIFESTYLE and witness of what holiness meant threatened both the institution of the Temple and the Republic, they killed him. So what did he do? How did he live?

For several years now I have read the gospels specifically with these kinds of questions in mind. I find that when I get too theoretical about the notion of the Kingdom of God, all I need to do is look to the people who gather in God's name to get a better glimpse of what Jesus meant...of what Jesus lived for.

The Community of faith is a reflection of that dream that Jesus had for humanity. It is us, working out our faith with one another, bearing our burdens, sharing a fellowship that is naturally flawed because we are flawed. But it is filled with grace. And there are moments when we can see that grace flowing effortlessly from the springs of our hearts. I believe that there are times in our small church that we find the Spirit working in our midst...working in our daily offerings to make this place a better church, a better building, a better fellowship, a better community, a better world.

Building quality relationships with each other, studying together, praying, working ...in the best of what I would call Godly interactions, is what I believe Jesus dreamed for humanity. We continue to be the salt of the earth because we are witnesses to the basic aspect of what it means to be human: people in relationship seeking and serving God through the other. We miss so much of life if we do not recognize this fact. The kingdom of God is in your midst! Let us build that kingdom together and open our arms to those who would join us in this holy endeavor.

See you in Church.

-Fr. Clyde+

FROM DEACON SUE

People who have part of Annunciation for a relatively short time probably think that I am a more or less permanent part of the landscape here. People who have been here a long time know that is not the case. I arrived at Annunciation in February 2004, assigned to serve as deacon here by Bishop Persell. At the time we all assumed that I would be here for two years, perhaps a little longer. It turned out to be four and a half years! However, the time has come for me to move on. I am what I like to call a “vagabond deacon.” I am assigned to a parish, usually one that has never had a deacon, to help out with particular needs that the parish may have. More importantly, my role is to introduce people to the ministry of a deacon.

I have found many ways to use my various gifts at Annunciation. I have loved my time here and the many things in which I have been involved. I have made many friends. It is not going to be easy for me to leave, but I have a deep commitment to spreading the word about deacons. I consider it an important part of my ministry. In October I will begin serving at St. Simon’s Episcopal Church in Arlington Heights. Having a deacon will be a new experience for that parish. As I have done here, I will have to do some education with people there about what a deacon is, but mostly they will learn that by seeing me in action.

In the time between now and my departure, we will have opportunities to say goodbye to one another. I want you all to know that this place and the people here have found a place in my heart. I am grateful for the opportunities that you have given me and the many ways in which you have helped me grow. I will miss you.

—Deacon Sue



FROM YOUR VESTRY

As I am writing this article, it is hard to believe that summer has almost passed. Where does the time go? It seems that time passes faster as I get older, but I am sure that is just my imagination! With summer coming to an end soon, it is hard to ignore the fact that it is time for “back to school” for people of all ages. That is also true

here at Annunciation as our Christian Education programs (Church School, Youth Group and Adult Forum) are about to get back into full swing. The exciting part of this year’s “back to school” is that we get to celebrate it with a visitation from Bishop Scantlebury and an ice cream social to kick off our new church school year.

Annunciation has had an ice cream social in the past, but this is the first time we are promoting it as “Bring a Friend to Church School” Sunday on September 7th. The communications committee has created an exciting advertisement that will promote the event throughout our community. Hopefully that will also result in additional newcomers that might have otherwise not even considered attending our wonderful church community.

This time of year also reminds me that in addition to continually seeking to attract new members to our church community, we must also not forget to continue the fellowship, worship and love that we have for our existing parishioners. Through our Growing Together program, we have created a stronger bond among the Annunciation community.

Not only has the church demonstrated the love and fellowship to our parishioners, but the parishioners have also shown the love for our church through the planning and execution of many successful events. This illustrates how we really have grown together since our first all-parish planning meeting.

So, let us rededicate ourselves to each other, our Annunciation community, and Our Savior Jesus Christ as we invite newcomers to our Ice Cream Social on Sunday Sept 7th and participate in our next all-parish planning meeting on Saturday, Sept. 13th.

—Bill Hagan

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

As Edmund Burke is reputed to have said,
**"The only thing necessary for the triumph
of evil is for good men to do nothing."**

Do nothing? Have you been looking for something to do to extend yourself ... to show your love for God by helping God's people? Well, you have come to the right place. Annunciation has many ministries and teams that you can participate in to help you add a little of the softer side of life to your everyday living. Here are a few:

Interested in our earth? Bob Coates and Tom Crafton will be no longer be chairing the Highway Clean-up after the October 11th clean-up date. Would you be interested in taking on the responsibility of adopting a street in the Gurnee area to clean twice a year?

Interested in our Elderly? I have been involved in just about every ministry of the church in some way ... if only attending one meeting to see if it is something I would be interested in. I have to say that the Sunrise Ministry has been one of the most rewarding in my life and I don't think I am alone. There is a team of people who have been active in this ministry for many years. I would like you to meet them and talk to them about this ministry. If you have not found your niche at Annunciation, the place where your God-given talents would be welcome, please consider the Sunrise Ministry. We celebrate with a short service every Sunday for the people residing at the Sunrise Assisted Living home on Hunt Club Road, Gurnee. The people are so appreciative and make great efforts to come to the service. It is quite an awesome experience every Sunday. I bet if you asked each person on this team why they continue to be a part of this ministry, you would probably come up with as many different answers. A big thank you to: **Elizabeth**

Danos, Patrick Donegan, Carol Eads, Jan Harastany (her daughter Dena helps out the team in the summertime), Linda Lutter, Ken Peterson (and sometimes his helpers Elizabeth and Allie assist), Cindy Pullinger, Sandy and Dale Sander, Carol and Dan Sluga, Linda and Tony Waynick and during the school year our middle and high school classes assist on one Sunday a month.

Want to help the Homeless? Once a month Annunciation prepares meals for the homeless in Lake County and takes it to a church in the area where they serve people that day. This program is organized by PADS - Public Action to Deliver Shelter. Want to follow Jesus' instructions to feed the hungry? No problem! Come help with PADS.



P.A.D.S.

Well, the PADS summer session finished on August 15. Special thanks go out to Charlie Elledge, Rev. Kate, Steven Kulbis, Mary and Jonathan Oesterlein for their sandwich making prowess our final month. This summer's monthly lunch total climbed from 50 to 70 bagged meals each session. With two sandwiches per meal, that is 140 sandwiches per month. That brings the three month total to 210 meals with 420 sandwiches! As you can see, the needs of this ministry have increased. Please prayerfully consider participating in our PADS program. Each session lasted for about an hour and 15 minutes. Your help would make the job even easier.

-Matthew Oesterlein

COFFEE TALK

Keep the Donuts Coming!

One day as Grace skipped through the doors of church she exclaimed, "I love church. It's like my second home!" I asked her what she likes about it, and as she was going on about "playing with her friends, Sunday school, learning about God and Jesus..." Elliot jumped in and said, "Well I like the donuts." So please, keep the donuts coming! There are many slots that need to be filled. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. See Angel Harold if you have any questions.



SOJOURNERS IN SPIRIT

We're back! September means the return of our women's group, Sojourners in Spirit (SIS for short). If you've never tried it before, this month is a great chance to give it a whirl. SIS is a church group dedicated entirely to fellowship – no bake sales, no dues, no sign-ups. Our mission is to get to know each other a little better as we "talk about things that matter."

Have you met someone at coffee hour and thought, "Gee, I wish I had more time to get to know her." Well, so have we! That's how Sojourners got started.



We meet the third Monday of the month in the conference room from 6:30-8:00 pm. We end promptly, but some of us continue the conversation afterward at Baker's Square – strictly optional, but definitely tasty. Every month is a different topic, so you can't fall behind, but come right away – let's talk about things that matter.

- Maggie Attiyeh and Rev. Kate

**Getters generally don't get happiness;
givers get it.**

– Charles H. Burr



The Joy of Giving! In last month's *Magnificat* it was mentioned that giving is a form of worship. If giving is a form of worship, and worship gives you great joy, then you are not only showing your love for God but you are receiving great joy from giving. This giving is getting mighty interesting ... what else transpires when you give?

ATRIUM NEWS



One of the best things about Annunciation of Our Lady is the parishioners. When a call goes out for help, you answer it. I had asked for donations to supply our atrium with some new materials and that call was answered. I would like to thank Reginald Collymore, Laura and Dave Fulton, and Steven Kulbis for their generous contributions toward the new atrium materials. I am very excited to present them to the children. I know that each material will be well received. Thank you again.

September 7th is the first day for religious education. We will begin our second year in the atrium with many familiar faces and a few new ones too. We will find comfort in our favorite materials and eagerly anticipate the presentations of the new lessons. Whenever something changes in the atrium, the children always spot it. When some works were put away for Lent, the children could tell which ones had been temporarily removed. They are so observant. I can hardly wait to see their faces when they see the new materials for this year. Please stop by the atrium during coffee hour and visit the young ones' sanctuary.

-Mary Oesterlein

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

TIME TO HELP ONE OF OUR OWN



The Dustan Family have been parishioners at Annunciation for

many years and are going through a particularly hard time. You have probably seen Ian running around the narthex with tubes leading us to his Mom or Dad. Ian was born with asthma, GERD, dysphagia (swallowing disorder), gastro paresis (delayed gastric emptying), and visceral hyperalgesia (intestines).

Evan was diagnosed with AML Leukemia on July 1st of this year. The whole family is at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Mom and Dad are staying at Ronald McDonald House and Ian and Evan have rooms in the hospital on separate floors.

Please remember the Dustans in your prayers. and as an outward sign of our love for God and God's people, we would like to help them with their financial problems, which are extensive. We will be selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle ... The Dustan Family gets 50% of all the money raised and the other 50% goes to our 1st and 2nd place winners when we draw their names on October 4th. Won't you please take tickets to

sell to your families, friends and neighbors? We can also e-mail a copy of the flyer to you so you can e-mail your family and friends far away so you can sell them tickets. There should be someone in the Narthex after each service to help you get your tickets to sell and so you can buy some yourself!

We are also looking for people to caravan up to Children's Hospital of Milwaukee after church once a month to bring the family Communion and fellowship. They can't come to church – let's bring some church to them! Sign up in the Narthex, or let a clergy person know you are interested and available.

YOU'RE INVITED!

WHAT: Sunday School—it's baaaaak!!

WHO: Anyone from ages 3-18

WHEN: Beginning September 7, 2008
from 9:00-9:45

WHERE: Sunday school classrooms for everyone except High School students
HIGH SCHOOLERS meet at Panera!

WHY: Learn about our faith,
using your gifts to serve God, Hang
out with kids your own age and
adults who like to hang out with kids

HOW: See the registration forms and
box to put them in on the table in the
narthex

SEE YOU SOON!

WHO'S IN THE PEWS

Jeanne Phillips & Mary Lawless



Who are those two tall blondes in the third pew from the front at the 9:30 am service? That would be Jeanne Phillips and Mary Lawless. Even though I see them every week, while chatting

with them during coffee hour, I discovered that there is a lot about them I didn't know.

In April of 2006, Anita Murrens was at the gym and invited Jeanne Phillips to a service at Annunciation. Way to go Anita! That invite is what brought Jeanne and her "daughter", Mary Lawless, through our door, and they've been here ever since. Jeanne had been looking for a new church home and Annunciation fit the bill.

Jeanne grew up in Pennsylvania and attended the University of Scranton, receiving a degree in nursing. Serving as a Navy nurse, Lieutenant Phillips then transferred to Great Lakes Naval Base. Jeanne also has a degree in psychology from Barrett in Lake Forest.

During that time, Jeanne joined the McHenry bike group, logging 2000 miles per summer. No, it's not a typo. She was a biking machine! She received an award as the most improved beginner. That's an understatement. She also participated in the 100 mile century ride.

Unfortunately, Jeanne later had to have knee surgery, preventing her from continuing her riding, which she deeply enjoyed. During her six month rehabilitation, she met Mary, who is also in nursing. Being a cancer survivor, Mary found herself well suited to helping people recover from illnesses and surgeries. Just prior to meeting Jeanne, Mary's biological mother had passed away. During Jeanne's recovery period,

the two ladies developed a friendship that grew into a mother/daughter type relationship. As Jeanne so poignantly put it, "Mary is the daughter of my heart."

Jeanne has a biological daughter, also named Mary. What are the chances? Jeanne has 5 grandchildren in the area and another 6 step-grandchildren who live in California and Minnesota.

Mary Lawless is now one of our permanent nursery attendants. She says she is a "kid and pet magnet." Although she doesn't have pets of her own, strays always seem to seek her out. Mary also makes jewelry, which she will be selling at the Annunciation Craft Faire in November.

Mary and Jeanne now live in Bristol, Wisconsin. They enjoy scrapbooking and gardening together and attend our women's group, SIS. Wow! It's amazing what one can discover in one short chat during coffee hour.

-Molly Shumate



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



LET'S CELEBRATE!

If you should be on this list, and you're not,
please make a note on the Parish
Administrator's clipboard in the office. Thanks!

September Birthdays:

Robin Donegan	9/4
Timothy Evans	9/5
Elizabeth Danos	9/7
Michael Boyke	9/10
Jim Ashley	9/11
Dan Sluga	9/12
Joan Reinhardt	9/12
Karen Ashley	9/12
Susan O'Morchoe	9/13
Geoffrey Evans	9/13
Carol Nitsche	9/14
Bob Nitsche	9/15
Lisa DePino	9/15
Betsy Donegan	9/16
Brian Schwerman	9/17
Laura Fulton	9/18
Ruth Knabel	9/18
Dustan Nielsen	9/18
Ruth Chatlien	9/18
William Hagan, Jr.	9/19
Skylar Kooyenga	9/21
Jan Harastany	9/22
Tom Carrick	9/22
Richard Myers	9/24
Jennie West	9/24
Robert Potochnik	9/25
Henry Nebel	9/29
Scott Bush	9/29
Merritt Penticoff	9/29
Lilly Kooyenga	9/29
Mary Haviland	9/30

September Anniversaries:

Joan & Lloyd Reinhardt	9/7
Laura & Ken Peterson	9/11
Mary & Vic Oesterlein	9/12
Deb & Michael Modde	9/16
Tina & Chuck Pocklington	9/17
Marilyn & Bob Prinzing	9/21
Beth & Bill Hagan	9/28
Clara & Joseph Celebuski	9/30



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200 households? If you'd like to advertise
here, a business card size ad will cost \$25, a
quarter page will cost \$35, a half page will cost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2008</h1>				Regular office hours resume 9/7: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:00 service, Sunday School & Forum begin 9/7		
	1	2 Staff meeting 11:00 CYT 5:30 – 8:30 pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm	3 Girl Scouts 4:30 – 7:30	4 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	5 CYT 4:30 – 9:30 pm	6 Communication Committee 10:00 Deacon's School 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 – 8:00
7HE 8 & 10:00 am Sunrise 9:15 am Christian Ed 9:00 am Ice Cream Social, ministry fair, bring a friend to Sunday School + Bishop Scantlebury visits	8	9 Staff meeting 10:00 <i>Bible Study</i> 7:00 pm @ Elledges' CYT 5:30 – 8:30 pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm	10 <i>Book Club</i> 6:00 pm	11 Choir Practice 7:00 pm Communication Committee 9:00 am Education Committee 6:45 pm @ Elledges'	12 CYT 4:30 – 9:30 pm	13 All Parish Planning 9-11 am, for seasons of Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Private Party 2:00 – 9:00 pm
14 HE 8 & 10:00 am Sunrise 9:15 am Christian Ed 9:00 am <i>Youth Group</i> 4:00 pm TAMIL 11:00 am – 1 pm	15 S/S 6:30 – 8:00	16 Staff meeting 10:00 <i>Bible Study</i> 7:00 pm CYT 5:30 – 8:30 pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm	17	18 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	19 <i>PADS</i> 3:00 pm CYT 4:30 – 9:30 pm Lifeline Screening 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	20 Building & Grounds 9:00 am Writers' Group 10:00 am
21 HE 8 & 10:00 am Sunrise 9:15 am Christian Ed 9:00 am Outreach Comm. 9 am Children's Choir begins	22	23 Staff meeting 10:00 <i>Bible Study</i> 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 6-8 pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm CYT 5:30 – 8:30 pm	24 <i>Knitting Group</i> 7:00 pm <i>Vestry</i> 7:00 pm	25 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	26 Newcomers Social CYT 4:30 – 9:30 pm New Beginnings	27 <i>Writers' Group</i> 10:00am Shriners 8:00 am – 3:00 pm New Beginnings
28 HE 8 & 10:00 am Sunrise 9:15 am Christian Ed 9:00 am Children's choir New Beginnings	29 Finance 7:30 pm	30 Staff meeting 10:00 <i>Bible Study</i> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm CYT 5:30 – 8:30 pm				