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# TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

*8:00 & 10:15 AM Sunday Services*

*Coffee Hour following 10:15 Service*

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Games,  
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Sunday,  
October 30  
6 to 8PM

*We need lots of trunks!*

If you would be willing to volunteer your trunk, please let the office know:

[office@stchrisgrandblanc.org](mailto:office@stchrisgrandblanc.org)

(Volunteers need to provide their own treats)

*Dress to Impress in Your Costume!*

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## FR DON'S DOODLES... ADVENT TREES

Have you ever heard of an Advent Tree? An Advent Tree is a Christmas Tree before Christmas and I would like to see about 4 or maybe 6 "Advent" Trees including the Giving Tree in our Gathering Space (Narthex) on the first Sunday of Advent.

The First Sunday of Advent is the traditional day to "green" the church with the greens for Advent. No Advent (or Christmas Trees) will be in the nave, just greens as we await the King of Kings to be born who brought to us everlasting life.

Outside the nave, let's have some fun and promote the various groups within our parish family. How about a tree for the 8:00 service featuring bags of coffee, mugs and other eye-opening reminders? How about a music tree with bells and notes, scores and maybe a treble clef? Would the Adult formation group like to do a tree with Bi-

bles, and pencils? Maybe the new Wednesday Night, or the Eucharistic Ministers, or the Kitchen crew or or...? The church will provide the tree and white lights. The decorations are up to each group. All you need to do is step-up and get others to help.... and then get going with your creativity. Humor is totally acceptable. How about it Vestry... have you ever seen the by-laws or a spreadsheet hanging from an Advent Tree?



Let's add holy day warmth to our beautiful building and let others know we have a lot going on.

The trees will remain until Epiphany. Each group will be asked to decorate them on Sunday, November 27th and strike them on Sunday January 8th.

-Fr. Don

# THE SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Last month was the preview. This month we're in the midst of our time of concentration on Stewardship. Hopefully, you've all received your letter from me introducing you to theme for this year. (If you have not received a letter and "Mad Libs"-type story to complete for your own reflection, please ask and I'll make sure you have one.) One paragraph in the letter seems to me to be worth repeating.

In the next few weeks we ask that you prayerfully consider Beauty - the beauty of fall with the leaves changing color, the beauty of relationships with our biological and legal families and with our extended family in this congregation, and the beauty of the building in which we worship and meet for a variety of other reasons. Prayerfully consider why this congregation and this building continue to draw you back. What do you find compelling about these people and this place?

Whatever our current problems - whether large or small and whether only our own or in the wider world - I hope we all remember that there is a lot of beauty surrounding each of us. There is also help (or at least comfort) in this community at St. Christopher's.

- Linda Rathburn



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FANTASTIC

We have been having tons of fun at our family nights on Wednesday! Come, bring your family, bring your friends and join us for this new and exciting time at St. Christopher's!

4:30 - 5:30 pm	Adult Bells	6:30 - 7:00 pm	Children's Ringers & Singers
5:30-6:00 pm	Meal Prep/Set-Up	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Children's Formation
6:00-6:30 pm	Family Simple Supper	7:00-8:30 pm	Adult Choir

\*Beginning soon - Adult Formation will be offered from 6:30 - 7:30 pm\*

Thank you to the families that help by providing soup and food for our simple meals! Please make sure that, if you are bringing food, it is here by 6 pm (earlier if it needs to be heated) so that we can begin our simple supper on time!

**Come and join us this Wednesday at St. Chris!**

## CURRENT MINISTRY OPENINGS

**Coordinator for new Wednesday Family Night** at St. Christopher's. Will need Safeguarding Training

**Acolyte Lead** (take care of scheduling and assist priest with training and recruiting acolytes) Will need Safeguarding Training

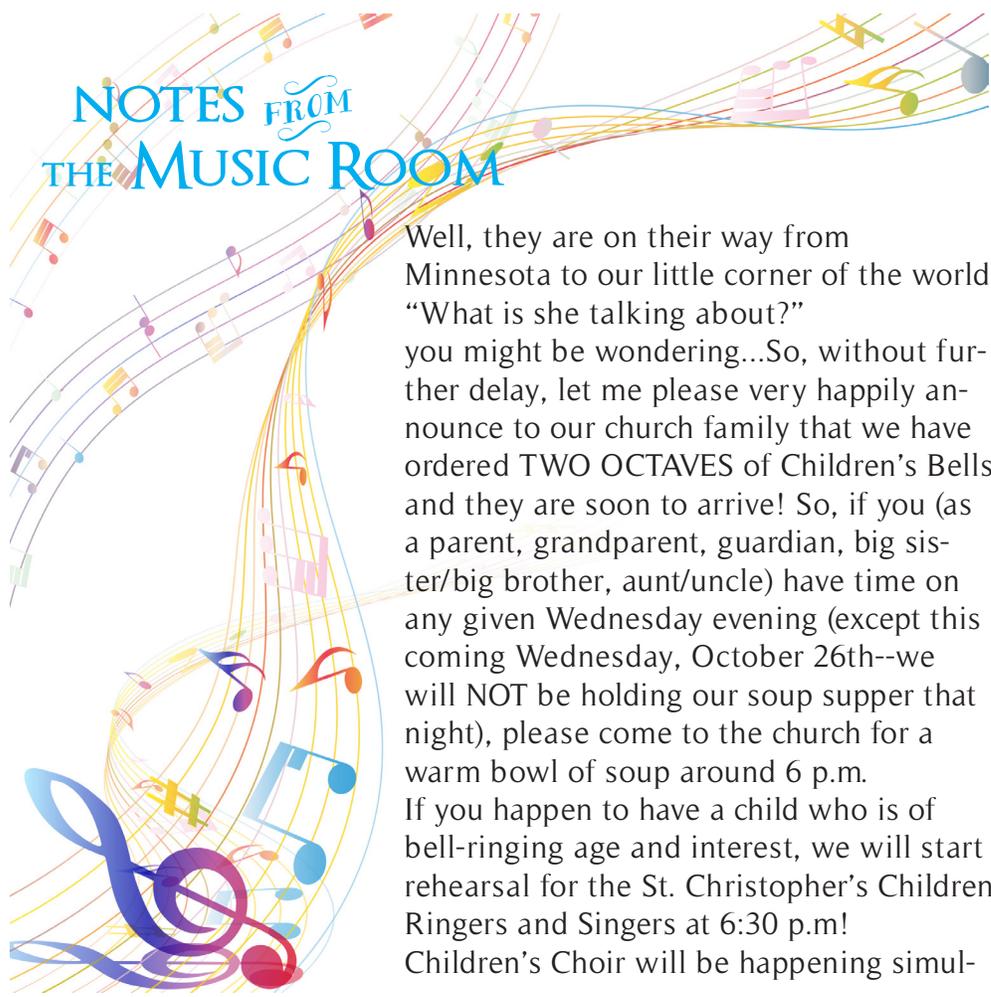
**Teachers for Wednesday Family Night.** Will need Safeguarding Training

**Nursery (Childcare) Attendants** for Sunday and Wednesday. Will need Safeguarding Training and Background check

**Lectors** read the lessons at services. They do not vest.

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers** serve at the Holy Table and are licensed (following training) by the Diocesan Bishop.

Thank you for considering how you may engage your gifts for ministry at St. Christopher's.



# NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Well, they are on their way from Minnesota to our little corner of the world! “What is she talking about?” you might be wondering...So, without further delay, let me please very happily announce to our church family that we have ordered TWO OCTAVES of Children’s Bells, and they are soon to arrive! So, if you (as a parent, grandparent, guardian, big sister/big brother, aunt/uncle) have time on any given Wednesday evening (except this coming Wednesday, October 26th--we will NOT be holding our soup supper that night), please come to the church for a warm bowl of soup around 6 p.m. If you happen to have a child who is of bell-ringing age and interest, we will start rehearsal for the St. Christopher’s Children Ringers and Singers at 6:30 p.m! Children’s Choir will be happening simultaneously--i.e., we will be singing AND ringing!

Also, please note in your calendars that our November 6th Hymn Festival is going to have to be postponed. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we (Father Don and I) think that it would probably be best for us to wait until our newly renovated organ is completely ready for use at the Hymn Festival! So, it is with this in mind, that I thank everyone in advance for their patience, but, for now, the date of our November 6th Hymn Festival is temporarily suspended. However, please keep some pieces in mind that you would like for us to explore when we do hold our festival! These are, in general, quite wonderful events! Church pews FILLED with folks who like to sing and who also LOVE TO SING DESCANT! Well, I know that I am excited about this, and I promise that as soon as we know when our soon-to-be over-the-top organ is ready, we will have a new date for our Hymn Festival.

In the meantime, come sing with our choir! We have a few extra seats in the rehearsal room and would welcome your voice! We are meeting Wednesdays at 7 pm. Too, our Bell Choir (fondly referred to as the St. Christopher Ding-a-lings by one of our bell ringers) is always welcoming new members! Drop by on a Wednesday around 4:30. It’s really a blast!

Yours, in Christ, Nada

## UPCOMING LESSONS

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### October 16 - Pentecost 22

Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### October 23 - Pentecost 23

Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

### October 30 - Pentecost 24

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Psalm 119:137-144  
2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

### Nov. 6 - Pentecost 25

Haggai 1:15b-2:9  
Psalm 98  
2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

### Nov. 13 - Pentecost 26

Isaiah 65:17-25  
Canticle 9  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

**Find the readings every week on the church website or at [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)**

# ELECTION DAY @ ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

The St. Christopher's Building and Nave will be open for prayer beginning at 7:00 A.M. on election day November 8, 2016. We encourage you, no matter where you may be, to take time and pray for our nation, for our government and for our way of life on this most important day. If you wish, you can stop by the church and spend a little time in prayer. Possibly light a votive candle and allow your prayers to rise for hours after you leave.



A Eucharist will be celebrated at Noon with the intention of peace and good order.

This is not political in the sense that any candidates or issues will be named. We respectfully request that no candidate oriented clothing or buttons be worn into the church.

The nave and building will remain open until late in the afternoon.

Actually, the building and nave are open during regular office hours every day, and you are always welcome.

## Worship Servers Schedule

		Lector/LEMs	Ushers/Greeters
October 16	8 am	Tim Weston	Judy Miller Lou Alarie
	10:15 am	Marsha Kump Frank Burger	Paul Bassett & Flo Gjerstad Bill White & Steve Huber
October 23	8 am	Tom Dyke	Louise McAra Jane Brewer
	10:15 am	Linda Rathburn Angela Campbell	Bob Carter & Bill White The Wise Family
October 30	8 am	Ron Shrank	Jackie & Jim Beal
	10:15 am	Joyce Thewalt Linda Rathburn	Carol & Rick Lutgens Frank Burger & Mike Latesky