



THE

AUGUST 2022

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (In-Person)
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service
(In-Person & Livestreamed via Facebook Live)

THURSDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer on Facebook Live
6 pm - Bible Study on Facebook Live & Zoom



PRESENTED BY 

August 22-28, 2022

The Ally Golf Challenge at Warwick is coming up! August 25-28 we will be parking cars and we need volunteers!



Please sign up on the sign outside of the sanctuary for a time (or two) that you would be willing to help park. Or you can sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4DACAC28A4FFCF8-ally1> (or scan QR code to the left).

No experience is necessary! You will be instructed on what you are doing upon arrival. This is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year so please consider joining in to help!

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SUNDAY SERVICE 8/28

There will be no In-Person Sunday services on Sunday, **August 28** because of Ally Challenge parking. Instead will be hosting an online Evening Prayer Service on our Facebook page at 6 pm. You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch the service!

Our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stchrisgb>

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Since we are now back to serving wine with communion, we are reinstituting the use of Licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Since we have lost a few in the past years, we would like to encourage others to help us out in this special ministry in our church.

On **Saturday, August 13 at 10:00 am** Father Jerry will be holding a special class for training and licensing for this ministry. All current LEMs and Lectors are strongly requested to also attend.

If you would be interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Flo Gjerstad (810-210-6734) or contact the church office (810-694-3600).

CLOTHING ITEMS OUTREACH

We are still collecting NEW or like NEW T-shirts, socks and underwear to give to St. Andrew's for their outreach. Baskets to place donations can be found in the gathering space near the hallway to go to the Fellowship Hall.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES

Beginning **Saturday, September 17**, we will begin having a Saturday evening service at 6 pm immediately followed by a potluck dinner. There will be a "kid's korner" for families with children. All are welcome!

UPCOMING LESSONS

August 7 - Proper 14

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14- Proper 15

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21 - Proper 16

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28 - Proper 17

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 4- Proper 18

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

**Find the readings every
week at
lectionarypage.net**



Hello St. Christopher Folks!

As it is August, and our summer has mere weeks remaining, I was thinking that it might be nice to drop

in via this short article and chat a bit about a cool concert Ken Duck is preparing for October. The concert will be on October 23rd, and it is to be a fundraiser for our church. Ken's jazz ensemble, Rock of Ages Big Band, will be playing works of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Earth Wind & Fire, the Beatles, Nat & Natalie Cole, Tijuana Brass. Thank you Ken Duck for offering this wonderful afternoon of great music! So, Keep an eye out, clear your calendar and be ready for a very fun afternoon!

Also, just to remind everyone, August 7th (this coming Sunday) we will be hearing Audrey Ditri and her sister Marissa during our Offertory Anthem. The following week, August 14th, Ken Duck will be playing. On August 21, the Flint Master Singers will be providing all the music for our church service. You should hear them! They sound GREAT! Thank you NancyLee Fawcett and Bobbie Goergen for making this happen! You have GOT to hear "Elijah Rock"!!! Wow! It's exciting!

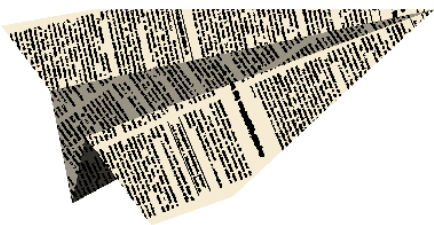
Joyce Thewalt was kind enough to give me a comprehensive list of favorite hymns, four of which I have scheduled for our August 21st service. Thank you, Joyce! Cynthia Butcher will be singing for us, a hauntingly beautiful piece by American composer Samuel Barber, "St. Ita's Vision" on September 4th.

Please remember that our Adult Choir will resume rehearsing on September 7th, 7:00 p.m. Too, I am hopeful that we will be able to pull together a bell choir rehearsal in the next several weeks---maybe bell players, we will be able to play a few times this fall, before folks fly away for the winter months.

Wishing you all a blessed August---

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada Radakovich
Director of Music



FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

Summer is fast moving away and soon it will be back to school and Fall colors (and maybe even a little snow!) I love summer, but I also love the other seasons as well. I'm not ready to put the grill away...I actually grill during the Fall and Winter months!

We all make lots of plans. Plans to go somewhere, to get something done, to have lunch with family and friends, to go on a last-minute vacation, or to just have some time for ourselves. How much time do we plan on for God? There are 168 hours in a week. We come to church on Sunday, and we spend approximately one hour. How much other time in our week do we set apart for God?

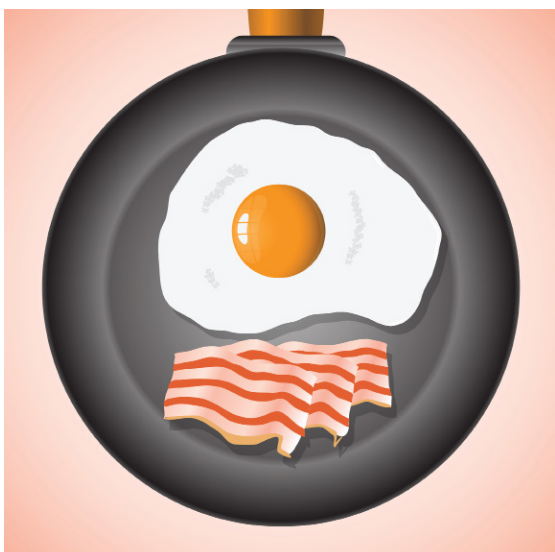
If you are like many, you say your prayers each day. You give God your laundry list of people to watch over, to heal, to protect and so on. But how much time do we actually spend listening to God? Do we plan on setting an amount of time each day to set aside for God? (Other than our laundry list?) As I said in a recent homily, it is important that we get

to know the will of God, rather than our own will. We spend time planning for our financial future. But how much do time do we stop and really pray about the financial future of our parish? Our mission? Our life together? We do all of this for our family, but should we not also do this for our parish? Each of us has a role to play. Each of us has a personal responsibility. Do we ask God to guide us and reveal to us our role? Or do we just say, "I have nothing to offer?"

Just as the seasons change, so does the life of the church. We are in a changing world. Our parish must also change if we are to survive. But it will take us all, working together, praying together and sharing the Good News of Jesus to all who are desperately needing to hear about God's love for them.

Blessings,

Jerry+



MENS' & LADIES' GROUPS

Men: We will be forming a new Men's Club that will meet once a month for breakfast on a Saturday morning to share fellowship. The first men's breakfast will be on **Saturday, September 17 at 9 am** in Fellowship Hall.

Ladies: All women of St. Christopher's are invited to meet for lunch at a local restaurant on Wednesday, **September 14th**. There will be details and a sign-up sheet to attend on the kiosk in the coming weeks - keep an eye out!

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Well, here it is August and it won't be long before students will be heading back to school for the 22-23 school year and we will be transitioning from the warm summer days of summer to the cooler days of fall and apple cider and donuts. Your Vestry has been hard at work with several different projects. These include looking at how we maintain our great facilities here at St. Christopher's Church. We will soon be seeing the flat roof being replaced. The Vestry has also been busy with looking at window and parking lot repairs.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with the live streaming of our Sunday services. Now that we have a new computer, the process is very simple. If you are interested in becoming a live technology streamer at the church, please reach out to me or Jerry Lasley. There will be a training opportunity in early September for those who are interested in becoming a Live Streamer.

The Vestry is also working on growing our church and outreach to the community. We are looking at variety of different activities to reach out to the community and showcase what we have to offer as a church.

As many of have heard Elizabeth our Administrative Assistant will be leaving us at the end of August. I would like to thank Elizabeth for her dedication to our parish and all of her hard work over the years on behalf of the members of St. Christopher's. We wish Elizabeth the best in her future endeavours.



A Prayer for Vestry:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the gifts of leadership and service to those in your Church who guide the care and keeping of our parish. Be present with those who serve on our Vestry, that their committed hearts may be fixed upon you. Grant them wisdom to notice the cares and concerns of this community, trust to follow your guidance when answers are not easy, and the knowledge and love of you to be ever-present in their discussions and decisions. Through Christ our Lord we offer our prayers to you. Amen.

Thank you to everyone
who hosted coffee hour
in June & July:

Bill Anderson, Shilrey Showler, The White Family, Rene Carpenter, Rod Bytwerk & Nada Radakovich.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item if desired.



FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Save the Date
October 23 at 3pm

The Rock of Ages Big Band (ROABB) will be playing a fundraising concert for St. Christopher's. The ROABB is a local band of 14 players and 2 vocalists that has been in existence for 19 years and still has 3 of the original players. The title of the concert will be "Chocolate, Spice, and All That Jazz." Ken Duck from St. Christopher's, plays tenor saxophone with Rock of Ages.



Family Coat Closet

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September through December
10am - Noon



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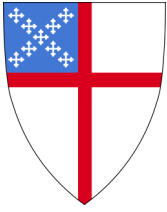


NEW OUTREACH BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER!

We are asking everyone to take a couple of flyers (available in the gathering space) and distribute them throughout the community during the month of August to get the word out about our coat closet beginning in September!

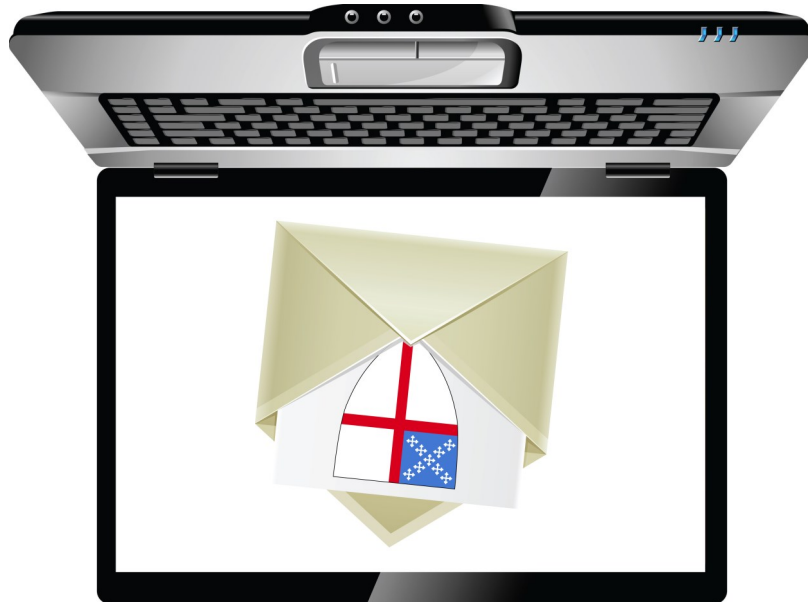
If you would like to be involved as a volunteer for our closet - please see Colleen Shrank or Jane Yorks!

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 2022						
	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>August 7</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells	Don & Nancy Wells	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Joyce Thewalt Ellen Safley	Flo Gjerstad Jan Taylor		Jane Brewer	Jane Yorks	Jane Brewer
<u>August 14</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Nancy Wells & Lou Alarie	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn	Joyce Thewalt Shirley S.		Louise McAra	Flo Gjerstad	Bob & Mary Van Duyne
<u>August 21</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Bob Luckey	Becky Stermer Jane Yorks		Mary Van Duyne		Jane Brewer
<u>August 28</u>						
Ally Parking - No Sunday In-Person Services Online Evening Prayer Service @ 6 pm!						
<u>September 4</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am				Anne Naber		Fr. Jerry
<u>September 11</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer & Lou Alarie	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am				Jane Brewer		Neuman & Jan Convis



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