



THE VOICE

The Rector's Desk



Dear Friends,

One of our customs at St. Elisabeth's on Easter Day is to have a big Egg Hunt for the children. Lovely volunteers prepare 350 plastic eggs and hide them inside the Church, the Chapel

and on two floors inside the Parish House. Before the Hunt begins, we have quiet time in the Chapel with children to do a little preparation with them – an adult leads an empathy lesson in generosity over competition. Simple ideas are shared; for example, if you're a big kid, let the littler kids find a few of the eggs that are closer to the ground. Or, if you see another child reaching for an egg, don't snatch it away because you're faster.

But what do egg hunts really have to do with religion? If an egg hunt is religious, then why does the Park District do one too? Certainly, there was

no Easter Egg Hunt in the Bible, and eggs are not part of the story of the Resurrection of Jesus. In fact, some very strict Christian churches do not do egg hunts so as not to distract from the real meaning of Easter.

Egg Hunts are fun though. And here are a few ways they can connect for us. Eggs in most religions symbolize new life, and both Judaism (at Passover) and Christianity (at Easter) have incorporated the egg in that way too. The action of hunting for symbols of new life, the quest for the surprises of light and life in dark corners, under chairs, high up on shelves, behind curtains, in the lampstands, and in planter pots is a wonderful metaphor for seeking out God's work in places no one usually notices.

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Easter Day

8:00 AM

Eucharist in the Chapel

10:00 AM

Festive Eucharist in the Church

Refreshment and Easter Egg Hunt follow the 10:00 am service.

The Warden's Corner

Greetings from Stockholm! I'm here on a work trip admiring the architecture and cobblestone streets of this old frozen city. Speaking of old buildings, my topic for this month's update is the work of our Buildings & Grounds committee. This famously hard working group has devoted countless hours to maintaining and improving everything from our windows, leaking basements and playground equipment. Their list of projects is seemingly endless. In fact, they published a report in May 2016 under the leadership of Buzz Thornton which clearly outlined the many things that had to be done. Since that time, so much has been successfully accomplished, but much remains.

Here's a list of some of the significant items still on the to-do list:

- Repairing the glazing of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary
- Repairing the stonework and tuckpointing near and around windows where it is cracking and loose in several places
- Replacing the rest of the really old windows
- Replacing ceiling fans and their electrical wiring in the sanctuary
- Installing a sound loop solution for the hard of hearing, if there is one which could be used by enough of our members
- Landscaping improvements, for example the dirt patches where trees were removed last year

It's not always easy to decide which work gets done first. The B&G committee and vestry try to make the best decisions given how critical the need is and whether funding sources are available. But one of the most important factors has always been whether someone in the congregation has a passion for it and a willingness to take the lead in managing the work. Just like big home improvement projects, it's never as simple as writing a check. Someone needs to get bids, evaluate options, and really get into the details. That means when someone steps up to lead something, it stands a much greater chance of getting done, all other things being more or less equal.



This April, the vestry will be meeting for our annual Friday-Saturday retreat and our core topic will be to review these lists of needs. Our goal will be to think about how to prioritize them, fund them, and execute them. But since this affects all of us, I am inviting you now to give feedback. Feel free to message me, or chat up a vestry member to share your thoughts on any of this.

Most importantly, are there any B&G projects that inspire you to jump in and help? Do you have any ideas or suggestions on how to tackle this list? If so, please speak up and let us know.

-- Rich Lesperance, warden

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Our Easter story is about an empty tomb, a grave broken open to reveal God's tender comeback. Opening a plastic egg that you've found is a small wonder...what's inside? What has someone who loves you put there for you to discover? On our Feast of the Resurrection, we recall how God cracked open the hard shell of certain death, and gave us instead a promise of everlasting love and a pathway back to life.

A blessed Easter to you,

Daphne

A French Dip



Our St. Elisabeth's invitation that we all signed at the Annual Meeting in January was received in February by the Paroisse de la Trinite in Nantes, France. Yves Quentin, their trip organizer and a leader in their parish, is the one in the striped shirt holding up the invitation at their organizational meeting on March 15.

Orientation to A French Dip: - April 22 at 11:30 AM OR May 1 at 7:30 PM. A dozen visitors from Nantes, France will be arriving in Glencoe for an exploration of religion in America on October 17 through October 29, 2018. And St. Elisabeth's will be the hosts for this intercultural exchange! Hall Healy, Susan Newcomb, and Daphne Cody will be holding two identical information sessions on the dates listed above to share the French group's goals and interests, to offer a breakdown of tasks we need for welcoming them, and to respond to your questions. If you choose the April 22 option, France-themed coffee hour treats will be featured.

A French Dip will be a project that is one of those "all hands on deck" kinds of affairs, so help us find out you can best help us.

--Hall Healy, Susan Newcomb, and Daphne Cody



Nine of our visitors from Nantes posed in front of their 2017 parish quilt project.



Two more of our French visitors.

Forums in April

Grab some coffee and refreshments after the 10:00 AM service and gather in the Living Room to learn something new at Sunday Forum.



Sunday, April 1: Easter Day, Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 AM service.

Sunday, April 8: The Episcopal Church and #MeToo. : At this Forum we will go over the response processes already in place in the Episcopal Church for occasions of complaints of sexual harassment. This harmful phenomenon has been on the church's radar for several decades, and the response protocols have evolved. Come and learn what is current as we renew our baptismal vow to respect the dignity of every human being. Led by Daphne Cody.

Sunday, April 15: "Digging deeper into the Reformation"
with guest presenter, Dr. Anna Johnson

The Ninety-five Theses were just the beginning! Throughout 1518, Martin Luther's protest against indulgences took shape and gained steam. April 2018 marks the 500th anniversary of the Heidelberg Disputation, Luther's first public debate about his reforming ideas. In this forum we will discuss the "theology of the cross" that Luther presented there, as well as other key legacies of his movement: the use of congregational hymns in worship, his translation of the Bible into German, and the revolutionary idea of the "priesthood of all believers." We'll also discuss the most challenging legacy of the Reformation: division and violence. Come and learn how the Reformation shaped Protestant churches and societies.



Dr. Anna Johnson is Assistant Professor of Reformation History at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston. Anna's excitement around teaching Reformation History stems from her passion to help others experience historical Christianity as a living, breathing, on-the-ground phenomenon. She is the author of *Beyond Indulgences: Martin Luther's Reform of Late Medieval Piety*. Anna, her husband, and children are active members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Oak Park.

Sunday, April 22: Orientation to A French Dip: (See page 3 for details.)-

Sunday April 29: TBD

Welcome St. E's Newly Elected Treasurer

Andrew Edelston, our newly elected treasurer, joined the congregation two and half years ago, when he and his family moved to Glencoe from Lincoln Park in Chicago. In a sense, moving here was a homecoming. Both Andrew and his wife Lauren grew up in Glencoe and came to St. Elisabeth's, although in different ways. Andrew remembers attending boy scout meetings here. Lauren is the daughter of Phil and Nancy Miller. She grew up coming to services here and served as an acolyte.

Years later, when Andrew and Lauren married in Florida, they asked Rev. Cody to officiate. When the couple needed more space for their growing family, it seemed only natural to return to Glencoe to raise their children—Ryder, 5, and Maeve, 2. Their three year old Great Dane, Bella, completes the family circle.



Andrew is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley in Chicago. He also volunteers for Twist Out Cancer, an international non-profit organization which provides emotional support to cancer survivors and their families. Currently the charity's chairman of the board, he has also served as its treasurer. In addition, Andrew is a volunteer mentor with WITS (Working in the Schools). This year he is helping Orchid, an inner city school fourth grader, with her reading, writing, and math skills.

When talking about his recent election as St. Elisabeth's treasurer," Andrew said, "I want parishioners to know I am approachable and am happy to explain how their donations to the church are being utilized. "

--Joyce Newcomb

The Baur Family Brings Candy Days to St. Elisabeth's



Our own Sarah Cline

If it's Spring in Chicago, then it's that time of year for **Misericordia Candy Days!** Misericordia is home to one of our St. Elisabeth's members, Sarah Cline. Sarah is Linda and Skip Cline's daughter and Polly Baur's twin sister. She has cerebral palsy and is in a wheelchair but regularly attended St. Elisabeth's growing up. Misericordia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the care for people with disabilities, many of whom are also physically challenged. Located in Chicago, Misericordia currently serves more than 600 children and adults. The Cline and Baur families support Misericordia through their fundraising efforts for Candy Days and this year they will be collecting here at St. Elisabeth's on **Sunday, April 29**, and welcome anyone that would like to contribute.

Soup Kitchen

On March 8 we served some 78 diners, providing them with a hot dinner and a sack lunch for the next day. Thanks to our volunteers: Food cooking: Sally O'Neil (beans) and Anne Tuohy (vegetarian gumbo). Sack lunch preparation: Nancy Wittleder, Larry Handwerk and Stephanie Mackiewicz. Transporting food to Evanston: Linda Illes. Evening meal preparation: Linda Illes, Daphne & Jason Cody, Austin Zimmerman, Paige Zimmerman and Anne Tuohy.

Don't forget that we need contributions to the "kitty" to cover the food that we purchase - it costs about \$450-500 each time to feed a planned 100 diners.

Did you know that this outreach effort by St Elisabeth's members and various other friends has

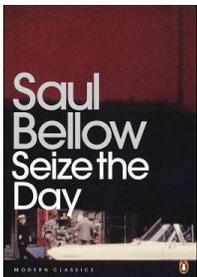


been going without a break for over 25 years? Special mention to some early leaders of this mission: Nancy Baughman, Sam Badger, Nancy Wittleder. WOW: three cheers for all of us!

Next date: Thursday, May 9.

--Chuck Chadd and John Tuohy, coordinators

St. E's Book Group



Saul Bellow's take on the American myth of success is topic for the St. E. Monthly Book Discussion

The Book Group will discuss Saul Bellow's novel *Seize the Day* Tuesday April 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the parish living room. In this short novel, the author

explores the themes of aging, maturity, and mortality as his main character struggles with

financial failure. Bellow is a Nobel Laureate, a Pulitzer Prize winner, and the only novelist to win three National Book awards. Consider joining the conversation. Drop in are always welcome. *Seize the Day* can be borrowed from the public library or purchased as a loaner copy is not available in the office. Contact Joyce Newcomb at 847-234-6532 or JoyceRnewcomb@gmail.com for further information.

--Joyce Newcomb

Boy Scout Troop #28 Spaghetti Supper



The Boy Scout Troop #28 Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be on **Monday, April 23** from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Glencoe Union Church. This is one of the Troop's largest annual fundraisers, with a portion of proceeds going to local charities, including the New Trier Food Pantry. Adult tickets are \$8 each, and student tickets are \$5.

All Parish Eyes on Worship

Thank you to everyone who took part in the engaging discussions for our Worship Day on March 11. After church, we gathered in the Guild Room for lunch, followed by four breakout sessions where the participating parishioners both examined how we currently worship here at St. Elisabeth's, and dreamt about ways we could worship here in the future. Those four topics included looking at new ways we could use the Chapel and Chapel Terrace, exploring other images of God and pieces of art that we could display in the church during different seasons of the year, considering what a new, different worship service look like for St. E's, and reflecting on how worshipping here impacts us. There was positive energy in all of the group conversations, and creative ideas were given around each topic. We are especially grateful to Kara Superfine, who provided us with a delicious lunch and set up all of the spaces that were used, as well as the group facilitators who did an incredible job

preparing for and leading the discussions: Leslie Alter, Jim Baur, Peter Rossiter, and Kalina Sawyer. Daphne and I are in the process of reviewing the many notes taken from the breakout groups, and look forward to having more discussions around what we learned and where we are being led in the weeks and months to come!

-Dillon Shipman



Congratulations to Anna Lesperance who was commissioned as an acolyte at St. Elisabeth's on March 4.

Pastoral Notes

Our sympathies to the Archie family on the death of Tim Archie, aged 57, who died on Sunday, March 18, about nine months after his mother Carol's death last June. May Tim and all the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

Congratulations to Ross and Lani Miller on the birth of their second child.

Jocelyn Louise Miller was born on Friday, March 16. Joining older brother Oscar, Jocelyn is the sixth grandchild of Phil and Nancy Miller.



Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:45 AM Nursery Care available (1st Floor)
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
11:00 AM Coffee Hour
11:20 AM Education Time

Mondays

7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 28
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays

7:30-8:30 AM Glencoe Roast Office Hour
8:30-9:30 AM Lectionary Study Hour

Special Events

Wednesday, April 4

7:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Meeting

Friday & Saturday April 6&7

Vestry Retreat (Rescheduled)

Friday, April 20 OR May 1

Deadline for Voice articles

Monday, April 23

Boy Scout Troop #28 Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, May 10

Soup Kitchen

May 13 – May 20

Family Promise Week

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