



# THE VOICE

## The Rector's Desk

*This month I cede my Rector Desk space for this letter former warden Kay Rossiter wrote to the vestry. The vestry requested that it be shared with the rest of the parish.*

I feel like something new is happening at St E's. Perhaps you've noticed it. I came face to face with it one Sunday this past August when a stranger named Tim walked into church.

Tim's father attended St E's in the thirties. On the day he visited, we were using the summer liturgy that included a heartfelt Liturgy of Farewell for Layne Dubose, a healing station during the Eucharist, and Prayers of the People involving the participation of small groups in the pews. Other than that, it felt like a normal service. What Tim said to me later made me think again.

At the lemonade gathering on our terrace after church, he seemed very excited and eager to talk. He told me he was so moved by the service, the music, the liturgy, all of it. He said he had never visited a church like this, so open to new language and ways of doing things that touched him directly. He was beyond impressed. He said if he moves back to this area, this would be his church.



How did we get to a place where a stranger can walk in and feel this way? I believe I know why, and I don't think it happened overnight. I think it's the result of hard work and commitment by lots of people over several years. Back in 2013, we embarked on an ambitious program to become THE place on the north shore for interfaith and intercultural understanding. I remember this vividly because I was warden then. At the time, our BHAG – short for big hairy audacious goal - felt like a big mountain to climb so we broke it down into smaller pieces and slowly but surely started moving toward our goal.

Along the way, we learned new ways of listening and talking to one another with a process called mutual invitation. We learned – and continue to learn – about differences amongst people. Gradually, by changing our understanding of others, we changed ourselves. The very process of growing our understanding of others worked a kind of magic, allowing us to look at new possibilities without feeling threatened or marginalized. And now there is a palpable sense of openness at St E's, that Tim was able to feel and articulate.

This new atmosphere makes St E's even more of a special place to worship and do God's work. It started out as a place built on love and trust. Now it feels like a place where all of us can welcome the stranger in.

--Kay Rossiter

### Forum October 14, 11:20 AM Parish Preparation for A French Dip

Choose one or more:

- French Dip basics (Susan Newcomb)
- Brush up French Language (Hall Healy)
- How to communicate with no language (Jason Cody)

## The Warden's Corner

### Stone, Sash & Sound: Fixing up St. E's building for the next 100 years

Hi everyone,

Every so often, usually every few years, we take inventory of our buildings, our grounds, and our aspirations beyond the normal operating budget. This year, we decided it's time to address some critical work to repair stonework & windows, and improve our sound system for parishioners with hearing difficulties.

You may have noticed some cracked stonework on the north side near the Hawthorne Terrace, or some loose stained glass windows whose framing is falling apart. The rectory stucco is cracked and could lead to more expensive water damage if not repaired, and we still have many old, drafty windows on the first floor such as the Guild Room where we host coffee hour in the winter. Regarding the sound loop system, we have heard from parishioners who are passionate that we implement this.

The Buildings and Grounds committee is busy getting bids on all these pieces, which we believe will end up near \$130K in total. Since it is such a big number, we are spreading the campaign out over a 2-year period, with pledges collected this fall and giving families 2 years to make their contributions.

I am not a professional fundraiser, but I am told that giving doesn't just come from a bank account.

In the end, it comes from the heart, and giving itself is a ministry, and a way to express our faith in something bigger than ourselves. Whether you can give a little or a lot, please consider what you can do, and help us preserve these beautiful old buildings on the corner of South and Vernon for a long time to come.



One more important note: We realize that the season for our regular pledge drive is also set to begin. Our intention is not to draw funds away from our operating budgets, so please prioritize your normal annual giving first. As you may recall, last

year we were able to add some important line items to the budget thanks to your generosity, including health insurance for Dillon, a second teacher for the children on Sundays, and sopranos for the choir. We want to keep these items and not lose them for the sake of Stone, Sash and Sound. It is our hope that spreading the capital campaign over 2 years will give families some flexibility with this.

I will be sharing more specific \$ figures this fall as we collect more information. Thank you for listening and for all your gifts to St. E's -- not just monetary ones. In years past, this congregation has always come through with whatever has been required, and I have no doubt that we will again!

--Rich Lesperance, Warden



### Guitar Recital, October 21

Parishioner and classical guitarist Jim Baur will be giving a recital at St. E's on October 21, 3:00 PM, for the benefit of Misericordia, a home and care facility on the north side of Chicago for over 600 adults with special needs. All freewill donations will go to Misericordia. The concert will feature Jim performing on guitars he's made himself, with music from the Baroque, Classical, and Spanish Nationalist repertoire.

## French Dip – October 17-29, 2018

For about a year we've been planning an exciting visit by 12 people from Trinity Catholic Church, Nantes, France. Now it's about to happen! Eleven parishioners and their priest arrive at St. E's on October 17<sup>th</sup>, and be here until October 29<sup>th</sup> (a total of 12 nights, 13 days), for a religious pilgrimage and sight-seeing. Our guests will stay in homes of St. E members and neighbors and visit numerous churches and synagogues in Glencoe and surrounding communities, including Am Shalom, Sacred Heart (where they will attend a mass and have dinner), Bahá'í Temple, Willow Creek Mega-Church, and Second Baptist Church in Evanston. The group also will participate in a Shabbat with members of Congregation Hakafa. Their mission is to seek a better understanding of American religious institutions and practices. But, they'll also experience what it's like to live here, seeing museums in downtown Chicago, traveling to Woodstock, visiting the Holocaust Museum, AND eating hot dogs and pizza!

A lot of planning has gone into this trip, including Skype calls in French and English, resulting in a very packed "itinerary". At the core of the plan are many volunteers from St. E's and other neighbors, with many gracious overnight "hosts" forming its foundation.

Our Nantes guests will stay with one set of hosts for the first six nights, then switch to another for the last six. In this way, both they and the hosts will have exposure to different people and lifestyles. Susan Newcomb has done a masterful job of matching visitors with French- and non-French speaking hosts. The "French Dip" team also has detailed each day of the visit, so that visitors and we will know "what is happening when". This organization is quite thorough. Now the key to success will be the volunteers. (We may still need a very few other helpers to assist with specific activities.) We look forward to a very interesting, stimulating and fun experience.



For everyone to keep in mind are the BIG THREE EVENTS:

- On **Sunday, October 21 at 10:00 AM**, both Daphne and the French priest, Jean-Yves will co-lead the worship service. After that there will be lunch for everyone, along with informal conversations and exchanges between St. E members and the Nantes visitors.
- On **Tuesday, October 23**
  - ◆ **4:30 – 6:00 PM** Come learn to cook with the French guests – drop in any time.
  - ◆ **6:00 PM** Come eat what the French guests have cooked with and for us! Bring the family.
  - ◆ **8:00 – 9:00 PM** Video our guests have prepared, French songs and games.
- On **Sunday, October 28, at 5:30 PM** there will be a farewell party. We will have a fun evening with a great informal meal and pumpkin carving-fun for all!

More details about what is happening each day of the French visit will be posted on the church hallway bulletin board. Thanks tremendously for everyone's help!! This will be fascinating and great fun!!!!

-Hall Healy, for the French Dip Team  
Daphne Cody, Susan Newcomb, Hall Healy

## Sunday School Notes

Whenever one sees someone on knees next to a bed, the message is not ambiguous. Quite clearly, the individual is praying. It occurred to me that I have never prayed in that manner and wonder how many of us actually get into that posture adjacent to our bed?

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), we understand prayer based on the theology of “gift and response.” God is always giving us great gifts. The child is called to receive, open and enjoy God’s gifts, the response God most desires. Then we respond. In our Prayer is one of the main aims of CGS. Everything we do nurtures the child to enter into a more conscious relationship with God. With special care, we create a space we called the Atrium, where the child can listen for God’s voice. We proclaim the Good News in a way to help the child “fall in love” rather than “learn.” We give them something to respond to.

The child’s response in the Atrium can take on different forms. Sometimes it is working with the materials, other times it may be simple, repetitive tasks to nourish care and control in the environment (practical life), and often times, it is drawing. Since the child does not have the skills and vocabulary to “journal,” we honor artwork as their response/prayer. There are times, though, we give them words like “Amen” or “Alleluia.” As the child grows older, more increasingly complex language is presented (the Lord’s prayer, portions of psalms, responses from the Book of Common Prayer).

Thus, maybe the goal of all of us reading this, is to allow the child to create their own relationship with a loving, generous God. We can allow the child to respond in ways that are intrinsically and personally driven. Maybe we can add new images of prayer to the very obvious image of a child kneeling beside their bed.

In His love,  
--Leslie Davey

## Next Opportunity for Baptism



The next opportunity for baptism is  
All Saints Day, November 4, 2018.  
If you desire baptism for yourself or your  
child, please speak to Daphne Cody.

## Catechesis Adult Night

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Adult Night  
on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 7:00 to  
9:00 PM. Come to the 2nd floor to browse,  
converse and ponder the gifts that are offered  
to the children!



## Meet Vanessa Sheridan



Vanessa Sheridan will be our featured speaker on gender on this coming Sunday October 7 when she comes to St E's to offer a sermon at the 10:00 service and to lead a workshop afterwards. If you've never met her, you are in for a treat. Vanessa is a real dynamo, an experienced speaker, and infuses her conversation with stories and humor. In August, the LGBTQ team went to the Center on Halsted to meet up with her and she gave us a tour of this state-of-the-art facility and told us about her years of work on behalf of LGBTQ. In addition to serving as Director of Gender Equity at the Center, Vanessa has written several books on gender issues. Her latest is titled "Gender Authenticity". There is so much that she has done to further understanding of LGBTQ and gender. We invite you to google Vanessa because her vitae is way too long to include in this space. Even better, come to church on October 7 to meet her at the service and join the workshop afterwards.

**Plan to stay for lunch!** The LGBTQ team is hosting the workshop on Gender Authenticity following the 10:00 AM service. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

--Kay Rossiter, for the LGBTQ team

May Cody, Cody Cook, Kristine Schwandner, Cathy Seccombe, Dillon Shipman, and John Tuohy

## Book Discussion Now Meets on the Second Tuesday

St. E's Book Discussion Group will meet at 10:00 AM in the parish Living Room on **October 9**, (the second Tuesday), to discuss five poems by John Donne, the second selection found in the Great Books Foundation's anthology *Great Conversations 2*. The discussion date has been moved from the third Tuesday due to the arrival of our French visitors on October 17. The group **will continue** meeting on **the second Tuesday of each month through December**, due to the holidays.

John Donne, an early Anglican and a dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, is known for his wit, passion, and intellect. The five poems to be discussed are: "The Flea," "The Relic," "A Valediction; forbidding mourning," "A Valediction: forbidding weeping," and "Divine Meditation XIII."



If you like good conversation, if you like reading, and if you like discussing what you have read consider joining the book group. Drops in are always welcome. A loaner copy of the anthology is in the office. Questions? Contact Joyce Newcomb at [joyceRnewcomb@gmail.com](mailto:joyceRnewcomb@gmail.com).

--Joyce Newcomb

## Pastoral Notes

Congratulations to Vera (Trishyna) Zhurakovska on the birth of her first grandchild, a boy weighing 7 lbs 8 oz, to her daughter Veronika and her husband. Baby Isidor was born July 11 and now lives on his parents' farm in Oregon.

## B&G Fall Clean Up Day



On November 3, please join the members of St. E's Buildings & Grounds crew to get our wonderful old Church ready for fall & winter. That Saturday, we'll start off at 9:00 AM with donuts & coffee and then tackle some general maintenance and cleaning projects on the inside & outside of the Church. No special skills but enthusiasm needed to get St. E's geared up for the winter months. If you have any questions contact Peter Wittleder at [pwittleder@earthlink.net](mailto:pwittleder@earthlink.net).

--Peter Wittleder

## Soup Kitchen

On September 13, we served 92 diners at Chez Elisabeth in Evanston. That is the largest turnout in recent memory, and all - really all - of our prepared food was consumed.

Thanks to Anne Tuohy (gumbo preparation); Sack lunch preparers Stephanie Mackiewicz, Kristine Schwandner, Linda Illes, Libby Hinds and Susan Davis; Evening dinner preparation Daphne and Jason Cody, Phil Miller, Cody Cook, Carla Arnell, Kristine Schwandner, Chris Spencer and two young men from Family Matters in Rogers Park.



Mark your calendars now, for our next date: Second Tuesday in November, the 8th.

And don't forget that we rely on your contributions to cover the cost of the food. A check or a credit card payment on our website, in either case marked for Soup Kitchen, will do the trick and help us continue this valuable outreach activity by our community (our participation has gone on for over 25 years).

--Chuck Chadd and John Tuohy



August 26, September 2, and September 9 we experimented with outdoor worship on the Chapel Terrace. Here Daphne preaches under the tent on August 26.



Special guests the former rectors Phil and Polly Kasey graced the annual St. Elisabeth's Legacy Society dinner held at the Rectory on September 9. Legacy Society members have either contributed directly to the Baehr Legacy Fund or remembered it in their estate planning. For information, contact Kay Rossiter (847-835-1371)

St. Elisabeth's was all smiles on the morning of September 9 to welcome Anna Schmidt, our new Sunday School intern. Here Carter Superfine, Daphne Cody and Leslie Davey are pictured with Anna and her welcome cake.



Send-off blessings were offered to Layne DuBose on August 19 at the 10:00 AM service. Layne came to St. Elisabeth's at the age of 5. She addressed the congregation about growing up in this church a few days before heading off to Miami University of Ohio.

## Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

### *Regular Weekly Schedule*

#### **Sundays**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
 9:45 AM Catechesis for age 3- Grade 6  
 9:45 AM Nursery Care available (1st Floor)  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Church)  
 11:00 AM Coffee Hour

#### **Mondays**

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

#### **Tuesdays**

7:30-8:30 AM Glencoe Roast Office Hour  
 8:30-9:30 AM Lectionary Study Hour  
 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #28

### *Special Events*

#### **Sunday, October 7**

Gender Authenticity Workshop

#### **Tuesday, October 9**

10:30 AM Book Discussion Group

#### **Wednesday, October 10**

7:15 PM Vestry Meeting

#### **Sunday, October 14**

French Dip Preparation Forum

#### **Sunday, October 21**

French Dip Sunday with lunch

#### **Tuesday, October 23**

French Dip Intercultural Exchange

#### **Sunday, October 28**

5:30 PM French Dip Farwell party

#### **Saturday, November 3**

9:00 AM B&G Fall Clean-up day

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