



THE VOICE

The Rector's Desk

Dear St. Elisabeth's,

I have good news and other news. The good news is wonderful news, actually. My husband Jason, Professor of Chemistry at Lake Forest College, has won a Fulbright Scholar Award to teach and study renewable energy materials for ten months at the University Hassan II in Mohammedia, Morocco. Just like other of his sabbatical years in Nantes, France, I will be going with him to live in Rabat for the 2019-2020 school year. We are truly excited for the intercultural and interfaith adventure that awaits us.



The other news is that, unlike our family's most recent time living abroad during 2012-13, this time I'm going to take my leave from St. Elisabeth's, resigning my post as rector. During the nearly fourteen years since I started in the role, I have grown profoundly as a priest and as a human being. I am eternally grateful for all the ways by which St. Elisabeth's has made God's

love known to me and to my family Jason, Claire, and Mae. Each and every one of you has been a part of that. When I return from Morocco, I hope to be able to bring that adventurous spirit we share at St. Elisabeth's to somewhere else, and next year abroad will be one of discernment for my next steps.

We, as rector and parish, will have multiple opportunities to reflect together on our many experiences and accomplishments, and plenty of time to celebrate and to say goodbye before my last Sunday on July 21. There will also be intentional times set aside for Q and A both about the

Cody's future plans and about what the transition process will be like for the congregation. More about all that later. In the meantime, let's have a great time marking the Great Fifty Days of Easter and continuing the work God has given us to do.

Grace and Peace,

Daphne

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Parish Picnic, May 26

The Annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, May 26 after church. To RSVP: Please sign-up on the tag board at the back of the church. This helps plan the planning for that day. Also, sign-up to bring an item to share. Contact Phil Miller with any questions at 847-477-4546.

The Warden's Corner

There will be time later to say how I'm feeling about Daphne's news of her departure, but suffice to say it's been surreal to think about St. Elisabeth's and the Codys as separate things. In my 10 years here, they were inseparable. At the same time, I know that our mission and vision is bigger than any one person or family, and has a life and strength of its own. As difficult as it is to imagine, we have an opportunity to carry on our mission through a new rector, and Daphne to carry it with her to other communities.



So instead of deep reflections, I'm going to focus on brass tacks for now. I'm sure many of you have questions about what we do next. Fortunately, the Diocese has transitions down to a science.

There are four main things we have to do over the next few months:

Plan a good goodbye. We have so much to do and think about, but it's also important to look back at all the great things we've done and enjoyed with the Codys over the last 14 years. Stay tuned for more details on the what and the how. If you have ideas, please share!

Take the CAT. From May 8th to June 2nd, all parish members are invited to take the Church Assessment Tool, or CAT. It's a proven tool to help churches understand what's most important, and will provide critical inputs for how we go about finding our new rector over the next year. For those of you who were around 8 years ago when we did the CAT, it won't seem much

different, however, this time we will include 2 sets of questions that are specific to our Rector transition.

Selecting an Interim. It's normal to have an interim priest for a while before a permanent rector is selected. Most likely, this person and

their family would move into the rectory until the permanent search is complete. The Wardens (Anne & I) have the responsibility for this, but we'll be getting input from all of you through the CAT as well as the old fashioned way - meeting and talking. Until an interim arrives, we'll be relying on local priests to cover for us on Sundays, and we expect to do that over the summer.

For many churches, I'm told that having an interim is often a great opportunity to try new things, and allow for us to center ourselves after the Codys departure and before a new rector begins. Fortunately, one of the benefits of being in the Chicago area is that we have access to a great pool of candidates. In fact, being an interim rector is a career that many priests have chosen. For them, it's a chance to learn from our ways of doing things, and for us, we get someone who is very experienced at handling transitions.

Forming a Search Committee. The last step in the process is to form a Search Committee. This will be staffed with members of our parish and will not include the wardens, according to the church canons. The vestry will appoint the members to the committee and their work will get started after the Codys depart, so we have time to focus on giving them a great sendoff and completing our work on the CAT and finding a great interim.

--Rich Lesperance, Warden

Bringing It Home



A few weeks ago, I got to experience a break in Lent and an early spring in Alabama with a group from St E's plus my sister Karen from Boston. We were on a trip to the epicenter of Civil Rights that included the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery.

When the subject of a pilgrimage to the National Memorial first came up, I knew I had to go. I'd read about it and seen pictures and I thought it looked like a steel version of the Parthenon, sitting atop a green hill. And the group that designed this memorial for victims of lynching had as their mission to make spaces that heal.

When we got there, I saw that the memorial is in the middle of a neighborhood overlooking the city of Montgomery, not out in the remote countryside. The sounds of the city swirled around us, sirens and church bells, and all this seemed fitting. The memorial does in fact look like a temple, but with steel blocks instead of marble columns. Each block represents one of 800 counties where lynchings took place between 1877 and 1950. The names of the 4400 lynching victims are cut into the steel.

As we headed into the monument, our group was soon separated by the six foot blocks surrounding us like trees in a woods. We kept walking and reading the names on the blocks and the ground gradually sloped downward until we were standing beneath the blocks suspended from the ceiling. They were so high, I couldn't read the names anymore. It was impossible not to feel what this represented – the grim reality of lynching. But with sunlight pouring in through the windows and a waterfall cascading down the wall, it felt like those heavy steel blocks were ascending towards heaven. It felt like hope and victory.

These words were inscribed in large letters on the wall nearby:

For the hanged and beaten.
 For the shot, drowned, and burned.
 For the tortured, tormented, and terrorized.
 For those abandoned by the rule of law.
 We will remember.

With hope because hopelessness is the enemy of justice.
 With courage because peace requires bravery.
 With persistence because justice is a constant struggle.
 With faith because we shall overcome.

So much happened on this trip that gripped me and brought me to tears. Through it all, I felt buoyed by the people I was with and by the prayers of people back home. As we visited the Memorial and the Legacy Museum and the Baptist church where four young girls were killed in 1963, we often said to each other, that really brings it home. And now that's what I need to do - bring it home. It's important to share these experiences, tell the stories of tragedy and struggle but also of peace, justice and hope as we celebrate this Easter season. I hope by writing this that I've made a start.

--Kay Rossiter

Children's Education



As the church school year comes to an end, I think about the parables we shared together, all parables of the Kingdom. The children have pondered the earthly and heavenly aspects of the Kingdom of God, feeling the warm embrace of God's love. The older ones have marveled at what parable people sacrificed to obtain that Kingdom. The next set of parables the children (second grade and older) will focus on will be the Parables of Mercy or "What happens if we stray from the safety of God's love?"

The ones we study are The Found Coin, The Found Sheep, The True Vine and The Forgiving Father, also know to many of us as the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. It is no accident that in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, we change the names of the "stories" and how we refer to them to suggest a different main character. Instead of stressing who or what was lost, the focal point becomes the amazing joy at not only being found, but also, at being celebrated! When we're found, we are shown unconditional love, no questions asked. We think about the immensity of love the father had and how being lost and coming home led to sharing of great food, friends and family. As parents, it is easy to relate to that father, but as a child in 3rd grade, for example, it can be a different experience. Imagine just learning rules to follow and then hearing this story. That the son made a bad choice, they can relate to, but what about all that forgiveness and celebration upon return? When they make the leap that this father tells us how God is, the parable sends them the important message of God's enormous love.

We also discuss the experience of the son, and eventually, we come to see that the son asked for forgiveness. That recognition of our strays from the path, ownership of it and asking for mercy, is what we do to gain forgiveness and love. I love that we offer the children opportunities to receive that joyful mercy and ponder our personal role in the process.

Save the Date: Sunday, May 19 will be Children's Sunday

--Leslie Davey



Easter Day, April 21, was the joyful occasion of the baptism of Amelia Rose Superfine. Pictured here are Amelia, her brother Carter and parents Joel and Kara. Mandi and Ryan Raley, pictured here with their own four children, served as surrogates during the pregnancy and are now Amelia's godparents! Thanks be to God.



Confirmation Day coming up June 9

On the Feast of Pentecost, June 9, Bishop Lee will be coming to the Church of the Holy Comforter in Kenilworth and will be offering the Sacrament of Confirmation to about twenty seventh- and eighth-graders. Two of them will be from St. Elisabeth's!

In order to support St. E confirmands Lizzy Arnell and Duke Baur, who have been preparing for confirmation since January, our ENTIRE CONGREGATION will be heading to Kenilworth. At St. Elisabeth's that day, there will be only the 8:00 AM service in the Chapel. Instead of our second service in Glencoe, our choir, altar party, confirmation mentors, and *everyone* will attend the Church of the Holy Comforter's 11:15 AM service.

As an interesting side note, their Music Director, Derek Nickels, was the Music Director at St. Elisabeth's in the 1990's when he was first starting out. And on another interesting note, vestry member Peter Rossiter was confirmed at Holy Comforter when he was a youth growing up there. More information about this to come, but for now plan on:



*Daphne Cody and Duke Baur
studying the book of Exodus
in preparation for Confirmation on June 9.*

Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 9, 2019

8:00 AM service **only** at St. Elisabeth's (in the Chapel)

11:15 AM Holy Eucharist and Rite of Confirmation at Church of the Holy Comforter, with Bishop Lee presiding and preaching
222 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth 60043

Join the St. Elisabeth's Legacy Society



*The St. Elisabeth's Legacy Society
annual dinner, September 2018.*

The trustees of the Baehr Legacy Fund are inviting all parishioners to join the Society. The trustees will host the coffee hour on June 2 with a forum to follow which will provide more information about the Fund. There are currently 23 folks who became members of the Society by naming St Elisabeth Church in their estate plans, wills, IRA or insurance policy beneficiaries, other. More information about how you can become a member by making a similar commitment will be covered in the June 2 forum. The Society enjoys an annual dinner which you will not want to miss, date in September to be chosen soon.

--Glenna Foley, Trustee

Soup Kitchen May 9



On Thursday, May 9 we will be honored with another assignment: to prepare both a hot dinner and a sack lunch for some 100 diners. As you have heard, "it takes a village....", so we need your assistance. Either 3:00 PM to prepare sack lunches at St Elisabeth's, or 5:00 PM to prepare and serve dinner to the diners at the Methodist Church in Evanston.

Be a part of this long Methodist Church/St Elisabeth's partnership and tradition - 25 years and counting - and join in. Let us know when you can help, either on the sign-up sheet in the Church hallway, or by letting one of us know personally or by email. All the food is purchased or prepared by a couple of volunteers, so it's just about making sandwiches (Nancy Wittleder gives excellent instructions), using your salad preparation skills, heating the meat, and putting on your best smile for the serving table. And pizza is available after the dinner. Please join us.

--John Tuohy and Chuck Chadd

Family Promise

Family Promise Hosting Week- May 19 - 26 in Winnetka

Spring is here and our next opportunity to support homeless families through Family Promise is just around the corner. Mark your calendar now. Family Promise supports families that have become homeless, and works with the adults to find employment, if necessary, and suitable apartments. The children are able to stay in their classrooms and are picked up at the day center Family Promise maintains in Evanston.



Family Promise Volunteer Training, here at St. E's on May 20

There will be a Family Promise Volunteer Training on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 PM. It will be here at St. Elisabeth's in the Guild Room and the presenter will be Tracy McKeithen. Contact Lauren Edelston at lauren.edelston@gmail.com or Carrie Mygatt at carriemygatt@gmail.com with questions about the training.

Plant Sale Extended to April 28

Orders for plants can still be made until April 28. Brochures and order blanks are in the Guildhall. Return orders with a check to Sherry Schellenbach or place them in the office. The pickup date remains the same, Saturday, May 4 from 10:30 am to 1 pm.

-- Sherry Schellenbach

One Man's Search for Truth



St. E's Book Group will delve into Max Planck's view of "Physics and World Philosophy" at its May 14 meeting. The group meets at 10:00 AM in the parish living room. A German physicist, Planck along with Albert Einstein, was an initiator of quantum physics. In this selection, Planck looks at "the connection between physics and the endeavor to attain a general philosophy of the world." This chapter is part of the group's on-going consideration of man's search for truth, one of the themes presented in the anthology **Great Conversations 2**. Come join the discussion. Drop-ins are always welcome. There is a loaner copy of in the office. Questions? Call Joyce Newcomb at 847-234-652 or email JoyceRNewcomb@gmail.com.

--Joyce Newcomb

In Memoriam

Marilyn Moreland Reukauf
May 7, 1932 - March 26, 2019

Marilyn was born in Los Angeles and moved with her family to Cincinnati, Ohio, when her father, the Rev. Edward Moreland, was recruited as the the minister for a larger Disciples Of Christ Church. After graduating from Skidmore College, Marilyn moved to NYC where she worked at Simplicity Pattern company until she met and married her husband John Reukauf. She raised their children, Henry and Julia, in Manhattan. In the middle 1970's, Marilyn returned to work as an executive recruiter for the insurance industry until retiring in the mid-2000s. She was very involved at St. Luke's Church in the Fields in Greenwich Village, serving on the vestry and as warden. Henry and Julia were educated at the affiliated church school. Marilyn was widowed in 2009. As her health declined, she moved to Glencoe in 2016 to live with her son Henry, daughter-in-law Kathleen Marrin and granddaughter Heidi. As often as she could, Marilyn attended St. Elisabeth's and made it her spiritual home here.



*Marilyn Reukauf (center)
with granddaughter Heidi and son Henry*

A small family eucharist was held here, with a larger service for extended family and friends being planned in Buffalo, New York over Memorial Day weekend.

May Marilyn's soul and the souls of all faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

Pastoral Note

Our sympathies to Deidre McClurg and her family on the death of her brother Kingsley Stoken who died in Boulder, Colorado on April 4.

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 (first floor)
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Church)
11:00 AM Coffee Hour

Mondays

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays

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

Special Events

Saturday, May 4

9:00 am Buildings & Grounds Spring Clean-up
10:30 am Plant Sale Pick-up

Thursday, May 9

Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, May 14

10:00 am St. E's Book Group

Wednesday, May 15

7:15 PM Vestry Meeting

Sunday, May 19

Children's Sunday

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Parish Picnic

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