



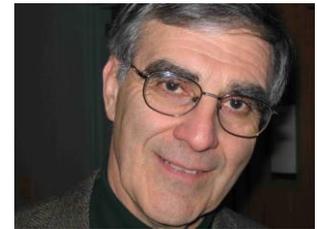
THE VOICE

View from the Pulpit

When I'm away on vacation, we have what are called "supply priests" to fill in for me. Our friend the Rev. Judith Doran has done this for us a number of times when I've been gone. But you may have also noticed in the past few months that there's been another priest preaching and presiding on some Sunday mornings even when I'm here. Some of you know the Reverend Larry Handwerk already but, if you don't, I wanted to ask him to introduce himself to you.

taken me a lot of places and put me in interesting positions. I don't do ruts very well, and if you should happen to find me in one, please push or pull me out.

Faithfully,
Larry Handwerk



Here's Larry in his own words:

The Rector asked me to introduce myself as the "Assisting Priest" at St. Elisabeth's. My wife Vicki and I have been coming to St. Elisabeth's off and on since I retired from 30 plus years in parish ministry in 2000. Our two grandchildren, Aidan and Isabelle (Izzy) have been coming with us since they were toddlers. They live in Evanston with their parents, Seth and our daughter Sarah Thomson. Our son, John and his wife live in Santa Fe.

I have been in and around St. E's for some 35 plus years. I led several Vestry retreats during the Casey years; know a number of you from serving as Dean of the Evanston Deanery and various diocesan committees. We are close friends of the Staubitz family and share godchildren in both families. I sponsored your former rector, Daphne Cody, for ordination while I was Rector of St. Luke's, Evanston. I also sponsored Daphne & Jason for confirmation, and baptized Claire.

Those who know me, recognize that I have a passion for scripture, the interface of culture and religion, the 20's and 30's generation, and pushing the boundaries of congregational life as well as the church's mission. That has

I am so grateful to have Larry here as a new colleague and friend. In the past I have been blessed to work in parishes with assisting clergy - whether they have been retired priests or working full-time outside of the church or pursuing graduate studies. I have learned so much about being a priest from this diverse group of fellow clergy. Their years of experience have helped me grow in my own ministry and their sermons have challenged and enhanced my faith. I truly believe that it also enriches the congregation to have multiple voices in the pulpit and a different presence from time to time at the altar. I am thrilled that Larry will be serving with us going forward.

So, the next time you see Larry serving in church, please do say hi, and introduce yourself. I know he'd be very glad to get to know you better.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Adam Spencer, Rector

The Warden's Corner



On June 5th, St. Elisabeth's joyfully celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, the 50th Day of the Easter season, the day we remember Jesus's early followers' experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit moving and spreading among them, uniting them across barriers of language and culture. Pentecost is a day we recognize the variety of gifts each of us has and the continuing energizing force of God's presence that guides us and empowers us to be the people God means for us to be. Our Pentecost worship was filled with wonder and zest. The beautiful music of choir and congregation led by Dillon, the glorious singing of the Punjabi Eucharistic Prayer led by Larry Handwerk, and Adam's engaging Pentecost sermon, prepared us to continue this great celebration of the Christian Year with a picnic on the lawn. It felt like a homecoming, a return to a time when we can enjoy each other's company outside. It also felt like the beginning of something new.

At a point when most of us have been longing for the end of the time of Covid and when hopes for "normalcy" are high, perhaps it is good to be reminded that with the celebration of Pentecost, we now enter a new season in the Church Calendar, **Ordinary Time**. Since the last Sunday of November we've observed the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter, each with its special ways of recalling Jesus's life and ministry. Now we begin the second half of the year. To some "Ordinary" may sound like the "same old thing" or what we are accustomed to experiencing. But for Christians, I think its deeper meaning is found in the rhythm of our daily lives in which we have the opportunity over and over again to consider how we can make God's Love present in our thoughts, our prayers, our relationships and our actions. As warm days of summer call us to slow down a bit, take stock, and enjoy the people and world around us, so do these first months of the Church's "Ordinary Time" encourage us to enjoy a time of refreshment in which we make new space for the Holy Spirit to nurture and prod us into deeper relationship with God.

For St. Elisabeth's community, these weeks of summer renewal will include times to worship outdoors, to engage in fellowship, formation, and service opportunities with our partner parishes, to enjoy renewing friendships and welcoming new ones here at home and in places we may visit. As many of us vacation in other places, consider ways to share your experiences and insights with the rest of our community. Visit us on Facebook. Check out our updated website and make suggestions for new ways of using that space and of communicating. Start thinking about possibilities for fall ministry that will excite you. Let the Holy Spirit ignite your imagination. This new church season may be called *Ordinary Time*, but with the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, *extraordinary* things can develop!

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen. (Book of Common Worship (1993), p. 340)

Anne Tuohy, *Warden*

St. Elisabeth's Celebrates High School Grads

Congratulations to three St. Elisabeth's teens who graduated from New Trier High School on May 29. Isabelle Fischer, Emmet Johnson, and Chase DuBose received their diplomas at the commencement ceremonies held May 29 at the NOW arena in Hoffman Estates.

We wish these graduating seniors success as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Stay tuned for Isabelle's story, which will appear in the fall issue of the Voice.

by Joyce Newcomb

Emmet Johnson will be attending Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Recipient of an art scholarship, Emmet plans on majoring in biology but will continue with his art studies as well. He explained that he had a unique opportunity to learn glass art at New Trier. As a member of the Art Club, he designed clay molds for melted glass. One figurine he made, a glass frog, was designed after his pet frog, Fred.

Emmet said he will miss his parents, Christine and Rich Johnson, his older sister Kate, and his friends, of course, but he will also miss the comfort of small things like help with laundry. One thing he won't be missing are his pets. Fred and Mozzarella, a leopard gecko, will take up residence in Emmet's dorm room. They won't be a bother to a roommate, he explained, as they make no noise and they don't smell.

When asked what beliefs he will rely on as he begins life as a college student, he said, "never be afraid to ask for help and never think something is the end; there is always a way to proceed."

Chase DuBose will begin his studies at the University of Vermont in Burlington, where he plans to major in business. Chase said, the university is set in the beautiful Green Mountains. Even on his first visit he felt welcomed there.

Besides his studies, Chase was a member of the NTHS boys' cross-country team and the boys' bowling team. A man of many talents, he also has an interest in painting and drawing.

A familiar face at St. E's, Chase has served as an acolyte for many years, a job he loves. He has also been a lay reader, has helped with the food pantry, and as a youngster acted in the annual Christmas pageant. Two roles he best remembers are that of Innkeeper and Sheep.

As he prepares to begin his college career, Chase said he will miss his friends, his mother, Mac DuBose, and his sister Layne as well as the family pet, Mike, a super cuddly Pomeranian. One item he will bring to Vermont is a beaded lei, a gift from his grandmother. He also will bring his staunch belief in commitment and his intention to be empathetic.

Home Communion Visits

It has been wonderful to have folks back in church these past few months and to see so many of you continuing to worship with us online, as well. However, if you would ever appreciate a visit at home with Holy Communion or to pray together or even just to catch up a bit, please let Adam know. He is very glad to come to you, if that would ever be helpful. Life can be busy and COVID is still a lingering concern for many, so we can bring Communion to you and your family! You can contact Adam by email at rector@steglencoe.org to make an appointment for a visit or you can call the parish office, as well.

Leave Your Legacy



Since 1981, St. Elisabeth's has had a special fund that allowed it to survive in lean years, in big-budget build years, and to meet various financial challenges. From the first gift by William Baehr in 1981 and by dozens of others in the years since, the Baehr Legacy Fund has seen us through good times and bad, paying for major capital renovations as well as day to day operations.

In 2012, the trustees of the Fund decided to create The St. Elisabeth's Legacy Society to promote giving to the Fund. The goal of the Legacy Society is to seek commitments made to the Church or the Fund through wills, estate documents or through use of other investment vehicles. Friends and Members of St. Elisabeth's are also invited to make cash donations now for the future support of the church.

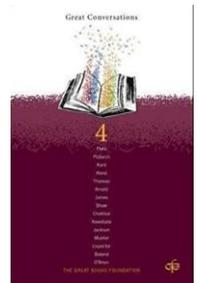
Please note: there is NO MINIMUM \$\$ commitment to join. It is merely a pledge to support this fund, no matter the size, and we would love every member of St. Elisabeth's to join the Legacy Society.

It's been our tradition to have a fall dinner with members of St. Elisabeth's Legacy Society to celebrate their commitment to St. E's future. While those plans are shaping up, I wanted to invite anyone who has not joined to please consider joining this summer so that we can celebrate together this fall, hopefully in person. We will share more details on the dinner this summer as plans shape up. In the meantime, if you have any questions about joining the Legacy Society please reach out to myself, Adam Spencer, Anne Tuohy, or one of the other Trustees (Phil Miller, Joyce Newcomb, & Glenna Foley).

Thanks, Rich Lesperance

St. E.'s Book Group to Reconvene in September

The Book Group is on hiatus and will not meet in July or August. The group will resume book discussions at noon on Tuesday September 13 on the patio, weather permitting. The selected reading is Immanuel Kant's essay "To Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch," which explores two major themes: Knowledge and Truth and War and Morality. His essay can be found in the Great Books Foundation's anthology **Great Conversations**, volume 4. A copy is available to borrow in the church office.



If you enjoy talking about what you have read, Fall is a great time to join The St. E's Book Group, which follows the Shared Inquiry method when considering the reading. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Guild Room for a brown bag lunch and a lively discussion.

The selections for the fall and winter are:

- October: "The Chilean Earthquake" by Heinrich von Kleist
- November: "Where I Lived and What I Lived For (from **Walden**) by Henry David Thoreau
- December: **Culture and Anarchy** (selection) by Matthew Arnold
- January: **Pragmatism: A New Way For Some Old Ways of Thinking** (selection) by William James
- February: **Major Barbara** by George Bernard Shaw
- March: "The Darling" by Anton Chekhov

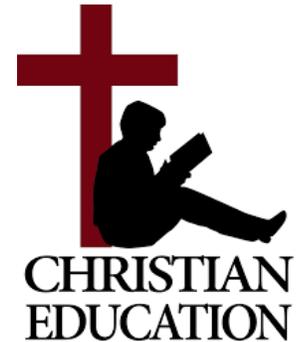
If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Newcomb. [224-628-2041 or JoyceRNwecomb@gmail.com]

Confirmation Classes starting in September

We are so excited to be doing confirmation with our partner churches! All students starting 6th grade or older are invited to join this class.

This will be a two-year commitment to meet once a month and will kick-off with a retreat on September 10 from 10 am - 6 pm. During the retreat we will get to know each other, have a meal, play some games, match confirmands with mentors, and worship together!

Please contact Shelley Byrnes at shelley@stgregoryschurch.org if you have a student who wishes to be confirmed or would like more information.



Next Family Promise Host Week – July 17-24



In just a few weeks we will welcome a new Family Promise family as our guests. Along with our partner hosts from St. Augustine's, Wilmette, we'll provide meals, a comfortable sleeping room at St. A's, and fellowship for this family on their pathway to sustainable housing. Volunteers are needed to provide meals and

overnight support. It is likely that we may host an additional family since two families have just recently finished the program. Information on numbers of guests and dietary needs are posted and updated on the Family Promise meal train (see link).

Anyone able to provide a pork-free dinner please follow the link to the Family Promise meal train for the month of July at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4baea62ba64-family> . Select dates between July 17-23. THANK YOU.

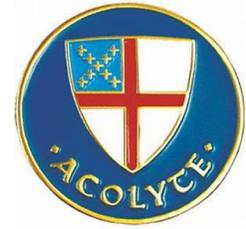
To volunteer to stay overnight at the church with the guests (in your own sleeping room with your own cot!) (8:30 pm-7:30 am) please contact Julia Joehl - jujoehl@sbcglobal.net. All help is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Robert Fischer – rkfischer@gmail.com, Lauren Edelston – lauren.edelston@gmail.com, or Carrie Miller-Mygatt – carriemygatt@gmail.com for more information about our work with Family Promise to support families working their way out of homelessness.

Volunteering at Church

Acolytes Needed

After our long break for COVID-19 reasons, we'd like to try and get back to having acolytes assist me at the altar this fall. If your child would be interested in serving as an acolyte this fall/winter, let me know and we can make that happen.



Scheduling can be as flexible as it needs to be but I will need to train (or refresh) any prospective acolytes before their first day of service. I am able to train folks on nearly any given Sunday during the 9 o'clock hour or after the 10:00 AM service or by appointment during the week. Email me or give me a call to set up some training or to discuss acolyte service in further detail. I'm happy to answer any and all questions you might have.

Faithfully, The Rev. Adam Spencer, Rector

Lectors and Lay Readers Needed



Two of the faithful groups of parishioners who assist in our liturgy are the lectors and lay readers. In normal times, lectors read the first lesson from the lectern. Lay readers read the second lesson, lead the congregation in the prayers of the people and administer the chalices at Holy Communion. Lay readers often assist with baptisms, and for a number of years have put on an annual Agape Supper to mark Maundy Thursday.

The participation of lectors and lay readers enriches our liturgy, for which we owe these parishioners our thanks. But they also benefit personally from this meaningful participation in our worship. If you are interested in becoming a lector or lay reader, please contact Peter Rossiter at 847-828-2355 or peter.rossiter@afslaw.com.

Dedicating Flowers

The 2022 Flower Chart is up in the hallway and available for you to choose dates. One time-honored tradition at St. Elisabeth's is for one donor per week to provide the altar flowers in honor or in memory of someone, or simply to the Glory of God. Please contact Polly Baur at polly.baur@gmail.com if you have any questions. There are links to the signup genius page as well as the form for dedication detail on the St. E's Virtually page of our website.



Hosting Coffee Hour/Lemonade



Coffee Hour is a time to gather and get to know one another. We will continue to have fellowship following the 10:00 AM services. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. In the summer, we meet on the Hawthorn Terrace with lemonade and cookies. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Partner Parish Summer Events

All Parish Picnic

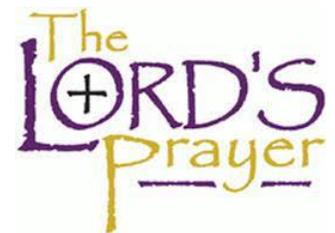


Join our friends from our partner parishes for a picnic at **Independence Grove** in Libertyville at **1:00 pm on Sunday, July 10**. For more information, grab one of the flyers available at the front and back of the church today.

During the picnic we will have a special art project for young people to get to know each other. We will be painting shoes so each child will need to bring a pair of white canvas slip on sneakers.

Summer Study and Socializing

Youth who are going into 6th grade and higher are invited to a summer study of the Lord's Prayer, conversation and ice cream with Shelley and Anne. We will meet at Cafe De'Oro (2175 Deerfield Rd, Riverwoods, IL 60015) at **4:00 PM on Thursday July 14 and Saturday July 2**. This is a great opportunity to hang with friends during the summer!



Feed My Starving Children – outreach together



Finally, we will be doing a service trip to **Feed My Starving Children** in Libertyville on **July 16 at 2:00 - 3:45 PM**. Presently we have 25 slots reserved. This is primarily a youth trip but families may join. Please RSVP quickly so you guarantee your spot. Contact Shelley (shelley@stgregoryschurch.org) if you have questions or to reserve your spot.

Save the Dates

August 28 – Partner Parish Chicago Dogs Minor League Baseball outing

September 11 – Back to School Sunday and Picnic

September 17 – Bishop Consecration in person and online



Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM Traditional Language
Holy Communion in the church (& via FBL).

10:00 AM Inclusive Language
Holy Communion in the church (& via FBL).

Mondays

7:15 PM –Boy Scout Troop #28

8:00 PM – AA Group

Saturdays

5:00 PM –AA Group

*(FBL) Facebook Live

Special Events

Sunday, July 10

1:00 PM Partner Parish Picnic

Thursday, July 14

Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, July 19

7:15 PM Vestry Meeting

Sunday, July 17

10:00 AM Outdoor Worship

Week of August 8

Office Closed for Summer Break

Sunday, August 21

10:00 AM Outdoor Worship

Sunday, August 28

Partner Parish Baseball Game Outing

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