



The Angelus

April 2024

From the Rector's Desk

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

I've been writing in this space for a while now and am never quite sure what it is that would be most enlightening, inspiring, useful, enjoyable, etc., to write. More specifically, how should an article in a space like this from a rector be different or the same from, say, a sermon, a class, a retreat meditation, ...? Are there topics or questions on your mind you'd like to see responded to in this space?

I'd be grateful if you'd let me know in person or in writing what you think.

Peace,
WLB+

Reading the Gospel in Multiple Languages on Pentecost

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Last year, for the first time, many of us who can read in various languages read the Pentecost Gospel in these languages all at the same time. It was a holy ruckus and maybe an experience of that day in Jerusalem two thousand years ago when the Gospel was heard in the languages of the peoples in the rush of the Holy Spirit.

Let's do it again!

No need to be fluent. You can brush up on your high school French or read from your native language if it's different from English. Just dig up the above Gospel passage in a language you can read out loud well enough in. And on Pentecost Sunday, at both 8 am and 10:15 services, when Deacon Paul begins to read the Gospel in English, jump in and read in the language you've chosen, good and loud!



Welcome to Our New Parish Administrator!

Grace's new Parish Administrator, Crystal Lopez, will start her duties April 2. Let's give her a warm Grace Church welcome and our love as she settles into her new role in the life of the parish!

My name is Crystal.

I am a wife, a mother of three, a daughter to the strongest woman I will ever know, and sister to five siblings. A Christian, California girl, now Wisconsinite, legal assistant, L'Bri skin care consultant, Duolingo student, and a Volunteer with Sharon Richardson Hospice. I am a giver by nature. God put me on this earth to LOVE, help, and care for others . . . I'm sure of it.

I'm a foodie who loves music & movies, social activities like potlucks (no pressure), taking photographs, and learning languages.

I moved to Wisconsin 6 years ago with my husband & kids, at the wish of my husband, to raise our family in a wholesome environment. When we moved here, we had not one friend or relative . . . just the desire to build a comfortable life for us and our beautiful children. Manitowoc was our home for three years and we have now settled here in Sheboygan with our brother & niece.

I truly believe it was God's grace that brought me to this parish . . . to continue my passion to help others, do what I love to do, and add new family members.



Anglican Quote

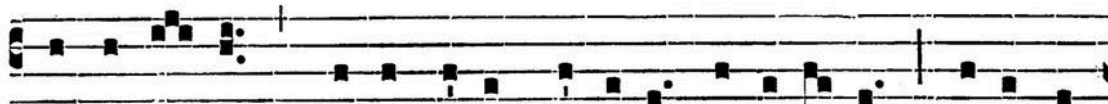
“I believe that Jesus rose from the dead in the same way as I believe that the sun rose this morning: not only because I can see it, but because I can now see everything else in the light of it” (C. S. Lewis).

February Vestry Highlights

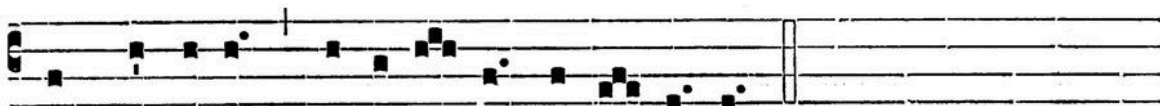
- An ad hoc finance committee was approved with Connie Schneider chair.
- Vestry ownership guidelines for opening and closing church on Sundays and making announcements at both services were reviewed.
- Entrance to the choir loft-door and frame have been repaired.
- John Davis is doing snow removal as the company originally secured for this rescinded contract.
- Love INC has requested Grace Church to serve a meal for 40-50 people at Calvin Reformed Church on April 11,2024. Connie Schneider is in charge of this outreach.
- Goal setting areas include Open Doors-Grace will maintain our open door policy, traditional worship, treble choir formation was discussed, refugee ministry awaiting when first refugees will arrive, CPR and NARCAN training is being investigated by Tasha Crouse.
- Timetable for the following 2024 targets were discussed as well as implementation schedules: stewardship campaign, budget, annual meeting committee, ad hoc financial committee, fundraising committee, refugee resettlement plans. Recruitment for the New Beginnings meal at Love INC.

February Financial Focus

February Income	YTD Income	Annual Budget 2024
\$ 33,643	\$ 97,373	\$ 309,321
February Expenses	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget 2024
\$ 33,636	\$ 61,977	\$ 332,298



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Love INC Update

In mid-March the Episcopal News Service reported on our affiliation with Love In the Name of Christ of Sheboygan County with the headline:

“Wisconsin affiliate prepares to welcome refugees as Episcopal Migration Ministries expands.” You know the expression, “The whole world is watching? Well . . .

At this time Love INC is looking for individuals and groups to assist with the refugee resettlement ministry. The first families are arriving in April 2024.

Episcopal Migration Ministries, or EMM, is one of ten agencies that have contracts with the U.S. State Department and receive federal funding to implement refugee resettlement through local offices and affiliates. EMM has provided training and resources for Love INC. “EMM is extremely committed to the success of this program based upon each refugee’s experience in it,” Tandra Sbrocco, executive director of Love INC, told Episcopal News Service. EMM affiliates, with support from local congregations, offer federally funded services including English language and cultural orientation classes, employment services, school enrollment, and initial assistance with housing and transportation. These refugees have a specific status as refugees who have been vetted and approved for resettlement as forcibly displaced individuals.



In the article Rev Deacon Paul Aparicio recounts Grace Church’s involvement with resettlement of the Hmong refugees as part of our church history and for church members, “part of their identity.”

The Town Hall meeting held at Grace was well attended and bodes well for community involvement. As Deacon Paul is quoted, “If you don’t have buy-in from your local community, the resettlement is going to be nothing but an uphill battle.”

The program needs individual volunteers for simple tasks like driving and shopping. If you are interested in helping with this outreach ministry, please go online to the [Love INC](https://www.loveinc.org) website to volunteer and for more information, or call 920-783-6701.

Pledge Update Thru February

Our pledgers are certainly faithful.

- We have \$226,503 from 57 pledges.
- By the end of February, \$88,405 had been paid toward the 2024 pledges: \$70,344 thru February and \$18,061 was paid in 2023 toward 2024 pledges.
- There was also \$2153 paid in February towards 2023 pledges. This will show up in the financial reports as “pledges/prior years”. The two month total is \$4448. Budgeted amount from the financial hand out from the annual meeting was \$3368. (I don't know if that was the final version or not.) There could be more in March, but probably not after that.

Reported by Mary Clabots

iPads for Autism

5K Fun Run/Walk

Help Sheboygan County children on the autism spectrum unlock their learning skills and life potential through the iPads for Autism 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, April 27th at River Park, Sheboygan Falls. The Greater Sheboygan and the Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Clubs sponsor this event and use all funds raised to purchase iPads and special apps for families to use at home and at school with special ed teachers.

The family walk begins at 8:30 AM and the Fun Run/Walk begins at 9 AM. Registration flyers with entry fee information can be found at church. Or register online by going to RunSignup.com, then click "Find a Race" and enter Sheboygan Falls and follow the Kiwanis link. Fr. John Throop is co-chairing the event and will be happy to answer any questions. See him at church, email him at drthroop@yahoo.com or call him at (920) 400-0356.



Mark Your Calendars



- Apr 1 6:00 P.M. Monday in Easter Week, Mass
- Apr 2 6:00 P.M. Tuesday in Easter Week, Mass
- Apr 3 6:00 P.M. Wednesday in Easter Week, Mass
- Apr 4 6:00 P.M. Thursday in Easter Week, Mass
- Apr 5 6:00 P.M. Friday in Easter Week, Mass
- Apr 6 6:00 P.M. Saturday in Easter Week, Holy Hour & Benediction
- Apr 6 3:30 P.M. -7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 801 meeting - St. Nicholas Hall
- Apr 8 6:00 P.M. The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass
- May 4 Special Joint Convention, Ho-Chunk Gaming, Baraboo
- May 10-11 Eucharistic Festival at St. Paul's Cathedral in Fond du Lac

April Birthdays

Alexandrea Hammes	4/5	Clifton Bartels	4/23
Jay Maki	4/5	Jon Fischer	4/25
Charlie Burgett	4/8	Joyce Wessel	4/25
Gracie Burgett	4/8	April Anniversaries	
Jasmine Palmer	4/11	Pat & Wayne Sather	4/2
Mary Ann Neuses	4/13	Anne & Bob Hanlon	4/8
Steve Gallimore	4/19	Beth & Cory Bouck	4/16
Karl Mueller	4/22	Connie & LeRoy Schneider	4/16

Parish Staff

The Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, *Bishop*
The Reverend William Bulson, *Rector*
The Reverend Paul Aparicio, *Deacon*
Crystal Lopez, *Parish Administrator*
Clayton Logue, *Interim Choirmaster*
Jorge Gonzalez, *Sexton*

The Vestry

The Reverend William Bulson, *Chair*
Mary Snyder, *Senior Warden*
John Davis, *Junior Warden*
Brian Heck, *Treasurer*
Helen Mullison, *Chancellor*
Vestry: Jack Britton, Jack Connelly, Tasha Crouse, Mary Gallimore, Jane Hanson, Shannon Luckey-Mueller, Jean-Margaret Merrell-Beech, Connie Schneider, Steve Weinert

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