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VESTRY APPROVES LUTHER HALL PLAN

At its meeting on June 21, the Vestry on June 21 approved a plan for the renovation of Luther Hall. The Vestry used the month of reflection and the compilation of the reaction sheets from the two open meetings on June 10 and 14 to make its decision.

The flooring and the color scheme proved to draw the most comment from parishioners. The Vestry voted to use sheet linoleum in Luther Hall & the Nursery and carpet squares in the library. An area rug will be purchased for the nursery and may be purchased for part of Luther Hall at some point.

A design committee will be names to include the members of the facilities committee (Mike Olsen, Annette Graw & Michael Gallagher) as well as representatives of Christian Education (Gordon Fuglie) and the Sisters of Bede & the St. John's Guild (both to be named).

The Vestry also voted to add cabinets across the north wall of Luther Hall as well as in the SE corner between the nursery door and the exit door. These cabinets will be covered with the same materials as the wall coverings that were approved.

NEXT STEPS

The Facilities Committee will now meet with architect Paul Collins to obtain actual bids for the work needed in phases One (walls, cabinets & floors) and Two (partition, lighting, classroom doors).

Once the bids have been obtained, the Executive Committee will develop proposals for foundation grants and other ways to fund pieces of the project. It is expected that this stage of the plan will be explained at the Homecoming Day gathering on Sunday, September 12.

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THIS MONTH

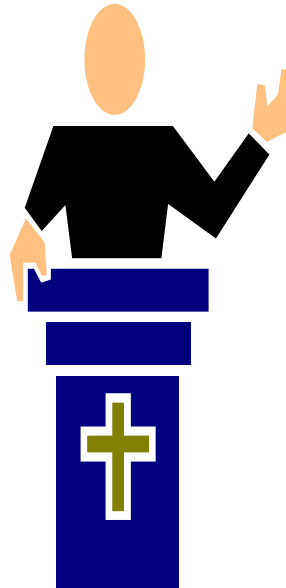
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CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

As you read this column, I shall be somewhere in Scandinavia on my vacation. Maybe I should call this "Roots—Part One".

For some strange reason, I have never had a compelling urge to go to the lands of my great-grandparents. Maybe it was remembering my grandparents muttering in a mixture of Norwegian and Swedish when I was young. It could have been the mixture of strange sounding foods — lefse, lutefisk, krumkakke, fattigman, etc. Whatever the reason, I have found it of more interest to travel to the lands of my religious heritage — Israel, Italy, England and Germany.

Last month, I reported that I was searching for family members in Norway and Sweden. I have now contacted my Swedish cousins (Engbloom, Nordquist & Hoflund) and will see them in July. I have sent letters to the Norway relatives (Simensen & Nissen-Lie) and have finally obtained telephone numbers thanks to the Oslo telephone directory at the Norwegian Port Ministry in San Pedro.



The study/sabbatical part of my time will be learning more about our Lutheran cousins. The Swedes are the "high church" Lutherans — the closest to the Anglican Communion. Indeed, we have been in full communion with the Church of Sweden for centuries. They never lost the concept of the Apostolic Succession of Bishops. Indeed, when Swedes were emigrating to the United States in the 19th century, they were told to worship in the Episcopal Church if there were no Swedish Lutheran churches nearby (rather than worshipping with the Norwegian, Danish, Finnish or German Lutherans whose traditions had **not** kept the Apostolic Succession). Because of that, there were Swedish-speaking Episcopal congregations in several dioceses (including Minnesota) well into the 1950's.

Who knows, we may start a relationship with the Church of Sweden that will grow and flourish in the coming years. More next month...

Canon Jim

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Nicole Bailey, John Kilker, Christopher Rowley, Mia Singer, Greg Weaver, Dr./Mrs. James Campbell, Russ Beamer, Marion Surr, Lorna Davis, Michele Oates, Rod Reinecke & Ruth Wright

Baptism

L. Price Campbell.....June 13, 2004

July Anniversaries:

Daniel & Elizabeth Mohler	07/03
Brice Martin & Natalie Dalschaert	07/05
Ruth & Leo Nicastro	07/15

July Birthdays:

Shirley Hutson	07/01
Nicole Duval	07/04
Janet Fox	07/12
Jensu Mark	07/16
Denise Giddens	07/20
Edmonde Haddad	07/25
Annika Beaulieu	07/29
Kyle Ferstead	07/29
Diana Neilson	07/31

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

[The following is a letter to the Episcopal Church from the Most Rev. Frank Griswold.

It will be continued in upcoming issues.]

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

[ENS] The last weeks of the Easter Season and first weeks of Pentecost for me have been particularly rich and full. I preached at the commencements of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest and the Virginia Theological Seminary. As well, I have had the privilege of leading a clergy retreat in the Diocese of Maine and of preaching at the installation of Andrew Hutchison, the new primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. I also spent some days, as I do from time to time, in conversation with theologians of our church pursuing questions related to how Christ is formed in us and how we are being called to give room to the Spirit in the deep and often defended places of our lives. Following that conversation, I took part in the meeting of the Executive Council in Burlington, Vermont, and then went on to North Carolina to meet with the members of the Lambeth Commission, which is looking at how the provinces of the Anglican Communion can live together when faced with deep differences in theology and practice.

Preparing for these events led to a great deal of reflection on my part. The background for my ponderings was our annual celebration of the paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection and the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost. It is my privilege as Presiding Bishop to be able to communicate widely with the church from time to time to let you know of my activities on your behalf and to help and support you in your ministries. In that spirit, as we begin summer, a season which often gives us space and time for reflection, I write to share with you some of what I have been thinking and saying over these last weeks.

As we are well aware, this is not an easy time in the life of the church, as we live with questions that yield no easy answers. And, it is certainly not an easy time in the life of the world we are called to serve in Christ's name. Anxiety, confusion, fear and anger abound. Divisions and polarizations are the order of the day both in our political and ecclesial life. With respect to the latter we must remember that the church is called into being not by us, but by God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. As such, the church is never ours. And, we become part of the church through baptism, whereby we are taken into Christ and made limbs and members of Christ's risen body. In this way Christ lives his life in us. Through us Christ continues to exercise his ministry of reconciliation, drawing all people and all things to himself in the unrelenting force of his death-defying love.

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that "each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift." This grace is not solely a competency or a particular skill, but the gift of Christ himself in the form of love. Christ's passionate love for the world obliges him to hold nothing back, and to continue to draw all things to himself by living his risen life in us and loving through us.

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NEWS BRIEFS—AROUND THE PARISH

It is time to start thinking of what venues will be offered at the Party of Parties on Saturday, October 9. All prospective events need to be turned in to the SoB's by the end of August.

Summer is upon us which means people travel and are less visible at church. Please remember that the bills continue and we do not have a great deal of extra cash sitting around. Please try to keep your pledge current.

NOTE:

The Iraqi dinner scheduled for May 1 will be held on October 23. The Chinese cooking class scheduled for May 22 will be rescheduled in July or August,

Please see Ina Klem.

Canon Newman will be on vacation (July 1-17) and then on sabbatical leave (July 18–September 3). In case of emergency, please call the Rev. Golie Haynes at 626-794-3562.

CONGRATULATIONS to Edmonde Haddad who was named by Bishop Bruno as an honorary canon of the Cathedral. He joins other St. Bede's Canons Mary Jane Herron, Wes Hartley, Ruth Nicastro and James Newman.

JULY LESSONS

SUNDAYS

July 4: Proper 9 (Mthr. Haynes)

2 Kings 5.1-14; Ps. 30; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11,16-20

July 11: Proper 10 (Mthr. Haynes)

Amos 7.7-17; Ps. 82; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 18: Proper 11 (Mthr. Haynes)

Amos 8.1-12; Ps. 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 25: Proper 12 (Fr. Asbury)

Hosea 1.2-10; Ps. 85; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

WEDNESDAYS

7/7: feria (Mthr. Haynes)

Ps. 105.1-7; Hosea 10.1-3,7-8,12; Matthew 10.1-7

7/14: feria (Mthr. Haynes)

Ps. 94.5-15; Isaiah 10.5-7,13-16; Matthew 11.25-27

7/20: St. Mary Magdalen (Fr. Hancock cel.)

Ps. 42.1-7; Judith 9.1, 11-14; 2 Corinthians 5.14-18; John 20.11-18

7/28: feria (Mthr. Haynes)

Ps. 59.1-4,18-20; Jeremiah 15.10, 15-21; Matthew 13.44-46

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SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS: 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

BREAKFAST & BIBLE

*A weekly class — beginning with breakfast — which previews
the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

No Classes in July or August

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

No Classes in July or August

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman
ASSISTANT: The Rev. Argola Haynes
ASSISTING: The Rev. Giles Asbury,
the Rev John Hancock, the Rev. Howard Happ, Ph.D.
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Frank Basile
SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

VESTRY

Mike Olsen ['06] - Senior Warden
Annete Graw ['07] - Junior Warden
Kyle Ferstead—Clerk
Tom Ledsam—Treasurer
Gordon Fuglie ('05) Michael Gallagher ['07]
Canon Edmonde Haddad ['07] Ina Klem ['06]
Samira Tamer ('05) Jerry Hornof ['05]
Joelle Underwood ('06)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Angus Mackay (D)/Frank Basile (A) - ('06)