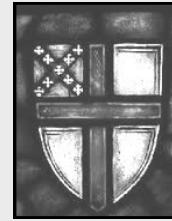




# The Herald



H O L Y C O M M U N I O N E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

*Accepting all people, Sharing God's love, Teaching God's ways*

**A N A D V E N T M E S S A G E F R O M T H E B I S H O P**

*L*o! he comes, on clouds descending, once for our salvation slain; Thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.  
(Hymn 57 *The Hymnal*)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent greetings to each and every one of you. This Advent I am particularly struck by the changing of the liturgical year. Our year concludes with the celebration and deep reflection on what it means to claim Jesus as our sovereign and master as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It is a recent feast originating in the last century which scholars remind us has its origins in a word to the world reminding us that we all belong to one greater than our individual and collective selves. Each time I recall this, I am reminded of the words, "the kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ" with Handel's music playing in the background.

In the midst of all that is happening in our nation and our world, I find the reminder of God's sovereignty particularly comforting and Christ's return a deeply

heartfelt longing. My mind turns to the last verse of the hymn I quoted earlier,

*Yea, amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.*

I utter these words as prayer first for myself as I continue to discover parts of me that need to be surrendered to God and renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. I am reminded that the way God intends for me is a heavenly way, "thy will be done on earth as in heaven." And I ask for God's grace that Christ might reign in me more fully so that I might be a more effective example in word and action of what it means to belong to Jesus.

I also pray them for our nation and the world because I know, as you do, that only when our world is conformed to Christ, conformed to God's will, conformed to the example of Jesus will war, violence and poverty in all its forms cease. That day will come! Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Steven Andrew Miller

**STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION**

Stewardship Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Cards are available for all parishioners. You will be contacted by a vestry person personally to receive your card in the next few days. Please return them as soon as you can as it will give Clyde sufficient time to help establish our budget for the coming year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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## A NOTE FROM FR. KEVIN

Dear Saint John's and Holy Communion;

Each of us struggles with managing our time. Yes, we all have 24 hours in a day, but some people appear to have more time (or at least they accomplish more). If you google "Time Management" you will receive 262,000,000 results. All time management systems have negatives and positives. In the final analysis, I have reached the conclusion that the "BEST" one is the one that works for ME. It is not better or worse than anyone else'; it is simply what works for me. Therefore, I would like to share with you my "ideal" work week. I can also say confidently that it has never worked to perfection, but it is the goal towards which I strive. I prefer to use blocks of time with specific purposes, organized around my rhythms and energy. This schedule will change as I adjust to the cadences and tempo of life with you. I want to ensure that you understand that I am always available for life-threatening emergencies, however, if you have just torn your nail, I would ask you to wait till after the sun rises to call me. I am available for Breakfast, Lunch, a cup of coffee or a wee dram of single-malt scotch.

### GENERAL OFFICE HOURS 8 TO 5 EACH DAY

**MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY**, I will primarily be in Burlington

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**, I will primarily be in Lake Geneva

I am available by text at **214-536-1978**



Themes		Content Creation	Content Creation	PEOPLE	OPEN	DAY OFF	OPEN	Church	
		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
Self	05:00 - 05:30	Morning Prayer/Journaling							
	05:30 - 06:00								
	06:00 - 06:30	Workout	Workout	Workout	Workout	Workout			
	06:30 - 07:00								
	07:00 - 07:30	Shower, Dress, and Eat					Workout		
Work	07:30 - 08:00	Process E-mail							
	08:00 - 08:30								
	08:30 - 09:00							CHURCH	
	09:00 - 09:30								
	09:30 - 10:00	Sermon Preparation	Sermon Preparation	Holy Eucharist					
	10:00 - 10:30			Bible Study					
	10:30 - 11:00								
	11:00 - 11:30								
	11:30 - 12:00								
	12:00 - 12:30	Lunch							
	12:30 - 01:00	Nap							
	01:00 - 01:30					DAY OFF		Visitation in Lake Geneva	
	01:30 - 02:00	Visitation	Visitation	Pastoral Care Calls					
	02:00 - 02:30			Pastoral Care Calls					
	02:30 - 03:00								
	03:00 - 03:30								
	03:30 - 04:00								
04:00 - 04:30									
04:30 - 05:00	Process Email								
05:00 - 05:30									
05:30 - 06:00	Plan Tomorrow								
Family, Friends Planning	06:00 - 06:30	Dinner with Family						Process Email	
	06:30 - 07:00								
	07:00 - 07:30						Weekly Review		
	07:30 - 08:00						Plan Tomorrow		
	08:00 - 08:30								
	08:30 - 09:00								

## W H Y W E A R E H A V I N G A B A P T I S M I N A D V E N T

According to the earliest records we possess, Baptism occurred after a 3 to 5 year probationary period. After participating in an all night vigil with other Christians, the candidate was taken to running water, his or clothes were completely removed, he/she was plunged under the water three times for an extended period, anointed with oil, given milk and honey and clothed with a white robe (Alb).

During our long history, baptism, eventually came to be celebrated privately in the back corner of the church without much thought or preparation. Being a good Anglican, I believe we need to recover something in-between, a middle ground, with regard to our Baptismal practice. However, that takes prayer, study, discussion and discernment. We must remember it took over three hundred years before Christians settled on the Nicene Creed and over 400 years before we had an official Canon of Scripture. The Church's foundation is eternity. A quick response is not necessary. All of this is to give you some background on my thinking about our future and also to explain some of my thinking behind our having a Baptism on my second Sunday, December 10, 2017 during the 10.45 am service at Church of the Holy Communion. While I believe strongly in the proper preparation for parents, god parents and the candidate for Baptism, I also realize that this has not been the practice in most churches. (I don't even know what has been the practice at St. John's or Holy Communion, so hear no judgment on my part!). I also have a strong passion for the parish to be viewed as open, inviting, and practicing biblical hospitality. I view Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals as some of our best evangelism to introduce people to our parishes and to the wonderful community of which we are a part. I invite you to join with me as we:

HOLY BAPTISM IS  
FULL INITIATION BY  
WATER AND THE  
HOLY SPIRIT INTO  
CHRIST'S BODY THE  
CHURCH. THE BOND  
WHICH GOD  
ESTABLISHES IN  
BAPTISM IS  
INDISSOLUBLE.”  
(BCP, P.298).

- \* **Pray for William Seamus Barton.**
- \* **Pray for his parents and Godparents.**
- \* **Make an extra effort to welcome them.**
- \* **Invite someone to join you this Sunday to see the birth of a new Christian and to welcome our newest brother in Christ.**
- \* **Remember your own baptism and the vows that were made for you and that you will reaffirm on December 10, 2017.**

# December 2017

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Choir Rehearsal Sun. 9:30
- Coffee Hour Sun 9:45-10:30
- AA: Mon 7 pm. Fri 8 pm
- Al Anon :Thurs 8:45 am
- NA : Tues 7:30 pm
- Lectionary Meditation: Mon 6 pm
- Sunday Service: Sundays at 10:45
- Christmas Eve: 3:00 pm service, 7:45 pm Carols, 8:30 service
- Christmas Day: 9:00 am
- Vestry 12/19 6:30 AT ST JOHNS
- Baptism 12/10 10:45 of William Seamus Barton

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 CR 9:30 CH 9:45 SS 10:45	4 LM 6 pm AA 7 pm	5 NA 7:30pm	6	7 Al Anon 8:45 am	8 AA 8pm	9
10 CR 9:30 CH 9:45 SS 10:45 Baptism!	11 LM 6 pm AA 7 pm	12 NA 7:30pm	13	14 Al Anon 8:45 am	15 AA 8pm	16
17 CR 9:30 CH 9:45	18 LM 6 pm AA 7 pm	19 V 6:30 St Johns NA 7:30pm	20	21 Al Anon 8:45 am	22 AA 8pm	23
24 SS 3:00 Carols 7:45 SS 8:30	25 Christmas 9:00 am AA 7 pm	26 NA 7:30pm	27	28 Al Anon 8:45 am	29 AA 8pm	30
31 CR 9:30 CH 9:45 SS 10:45	1 LM 6 pm AA 7 pm	2 NA 7:30pm	3	4	5	6

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Ushers	Old Test	Psalms & New Test	Intercessor	Chalice	Coffee Hour	Altar Guild
Dec 10	Diane and Gary Shine	Tami McManus	Penny Atkinson	Diane Shine	Pat Plucinski & Sue Catlett		Rachel Catlett
Dec 17	Joe Hudlett & Bob Hill	Andrea Gibbs	Jerry Gibbs	Holly Starck	Doris Frentress & Gary Shine		Rachel Catlett
Dec 24 3:00	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		Rachel Catlett
Dec 24 8:30	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		Rachel Catlett
Dec 25 9:00	Tom & Debi McGrath	Gary Shine	Rachel Catlett	Diane Shine	Pat Plucinski & Sue Catlett		Rachel Catlett
Dec 31	Holly Starck & Andrea Gibbs	Tami McManus	Rachel Catlett	Fred Little	Doris Frentress Gary Shine		Rachel Catlett

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/1 Don Cook
- 12/2 Diane Shine
- 12/9 Jamie Koch
- 12/10 Andrea Gibbs
- 12/21 Clyde Bachand
- 12/25 Cathy Koch

# Get Involved

*All singers from ACM Churches and friends  
are welcome and encouraged to participate*

DECEMBER 29  
FROM NOON TO 1:00 PM

## Capitol Caroling

IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE  
WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL  
IN DOWNTOWN MADISON

DEBI MCGRATH IS GOING AND HAS ROOM  
FOR EXTRAS.

PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 815-382-8107  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING ALONG



*Looking for a way to  
give back to your  
community?*



**A Huge Thank You** for all  
the effort made by the  
dedicated workers for the  
Holiday Wreath Making Workshop

It was a beautiful day, the Cookies  
and Cocoa were delicious, the Church  
felt warm and inviting and the pa-  
rade was a raging success for our  
community.

Special Thanks to Doris, Diane and Penny for their organiza-  
tion and to all the designers and to those who purchased  
Wreaths in support of Holy Communion

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who has the time and interest to  
manage our grant writing opportuni-  
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