



The Newsletter



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

The Mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and with each other in Jesus Christ. We pursue that mission in prayer, worship, and the sacraments, the proclamation of the Gospel, and in working for justice, peace and love. *The Book of Common Prayer, Page 855*

Saint Augustine's Church is a parish of the Diocese of Fond du Lac: A community of disciples enthusiastically leading all people to transformation in Jesus.

Building Update

The final round of blown insulation has been completed by R-Valu Insulators. Once the insulating was completed it was necessary to paint the outside wall affected by the removal of siding. Yet to be completed are the two closet niches upstairs where supplies are kept, fitting shelving in the confessionals and replacing two outside doors—one off the Guild Hall and the other at the end of the short hall between the church and Guild Hall.

Rich Urban, E3 Home Performance Services consultant, has been asked to find possible lighting alternatives for the high intensity sanctuary lights. He will offer recommendations in the future to the building committee.

Helping Out...

There are a few open altar flower and altar guild dates as well as coffee hours and greeter openings still available for summer. Please check the back bulletin board in the Guild Hall. If there are questions on Coffee Hour, please speak to Gail Bloom, Altar Guild to Nancy Carrillo and Jackie Cody for Greeting.

If you want to become involved in helping at the Table, please talk with Nancy Carrillo, Diane Willette, Gail Bloom or Judy Beyer. The Table calendar has only three host organization openings left for 2017.

World Refugee Day

In 2000, the United Nations General Assembly established June 20 as World Refugee Day to recognize and celebrate the contribution of refugees throughout the world and to raise awareness about the growing refugee crisis. This year, the Episcopal Church, in partnership our network of 30 local affiliate offices, will welcome more than 5,000 refugees to the United States from countries across the globe – places like Democratic Republic of Congo, Burma, Afghanistan, and Syria. To make this happen, Episcopalians work together with community leaders, local businesses, and organizations to make sure every refugee has the warm welcome, food, housing, and support they need to make a new start.

Episcopal Digital Network

A Growing Ministry

This week's weather offers the promise of summer and with it comes time to green up the flower planters. Junior Warden Mike Jarvis will be planting after Memorial Day hoping the last of frosty mornings are a distance memory. Please talk to Mike if you would like to help plant to help with the almost daily watering. Watering wand and hoses will make quick work of watering.

This year's planting will include the geraniums from Pentecost Sunday as well as the planting recommendation from Forth's Floral. Remember to talk with Mike before undertaking enhancements to the grounds...makes for harmony in any season.

The Final Summary on Communication

This is the summary on cleaning up bad communication habits from the series of three articles.

A congregation can greatly reduce negative criticism and unresolved hard feelings with these simple and clear boundaries: no triangulation, no pass-through information, and no anonymous communication. When recruited into a communication triangle or to pass information on to another person, leaders need the mantra, "Please tell the person (or committee) directly yourself." When asked to respond to anonymously obtained information, leaders need to simply refuse to consider it substantive until the anonymous person is willing to more clearly own his or her concern. Congregational communication can sometimes hide secrets, agendas, and conflict. While clearer boundaries and transparency in communication may cause negative aspects of congregational life to come into the light, they also reveal the strength, commitment, and love that bind the congregation together—ultimately giving more courage to faith leaders to address any negative dynamics that hinder their faith journey as a community.

How to Clean Up Bad Communication Habits

- Speak directly to the person or committee that the issue concerns.
- Refuse to carry a message from one person or group to another.
- If two people talk with you about each other, offer to meet with both of them together or to find them a mediator.
- If a person complains to you about someone else but refuses to directly talk with the person to resolve the problem, ask him or her to stop talking to you or others about it.
- Reduce venting by first listening and then asking what action the person will undertake to resolve the problem.
- Refuse to take nonspecific or anonymous feedback seriously.

Adapted from Healthy Disclosure: Solving Communication Quandaries in Congregations

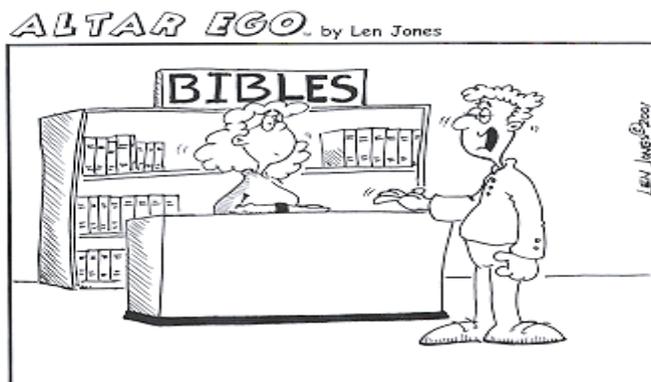
PLANNING AHEAD...

June 19th... Father Richard Bennet will be preaching on Father's Day as Pastor Carol will be away on retreat. Father Bennet is very much looking forward to coming.

July 17th... Remembering priests who have celebrated the Holy Eucharist at Saint Augustine's. The favorite hymns of Father Rogers, Father Biggs, Father Bennet, Father Einerson and Father Whenal will be sung in the Sunday liturgy. Please plan to be here on this special Sunday. More details to follow.



August 14... John Tourangeau will be here to discuss his book *To Heaven and Back*. Fr. John Tourangeau, O. Praem., a Norbertine priest who had an afterlife experience following a major heart attack, emphatically states, "Heaven is for real!"



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."