



THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

Christ Church News

November 19, 2009

This Week's Inspirational Thought

If you are swept off your feet, it is time to get on your knees.

Frederick Beck

PRAYER FOR OUR HEALING AT CHRIST CHURCH

Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come into our lives and into our community of faith at Christ Church with your loving, healing, transforming touch that we may be at one with you and with each other. Amen.

THE NUMBERS

Attendance at Saturday, 11/7, 5:00 pm	16
Attendance at Sunday, 11/8, 8:00 am	67
Attendance at Sunday, 11/8, 10:30 am	114
Pledge Receipts	\$ 5,851
Alleluia Campaign Receipts	\$ 868

Attendance at Saturday, 11/14, 5:00 pm	51
Attendance at Sunday, 11/15, 8:00 am	61
Attendance at Sunday, 11/15, 10:30 am	134
Pledge Receipts	\$ 6348.85
Alleluia Campaign Receipts	\$ 416

Total Receipts Required to meet Monthly Operating Expenses \$60,000

This Week at Christ Church

Friday	11/20	3:00 pm	Main Church Parish Hall and Courtyard	Lambda Chi Alpha
Saturday	11/21	7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
		9:00 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		1:00 pm	Guild Room	UBE
		3:00 pm	Main Church	Ross/Gausin Wedding
		5:00 pm	Main Church	Vigil Mass
Sunday	11/22	6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
		8:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		Birthday Cake for Christ the King		
		9:15 am	Guild Room	Christian Formation Class – Salvation History
		9:15am	Classrooms	Sunday School
Monday	11/23	10:30 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		Birthday Cake for Christ the King		
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church
		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC		
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	11/24	8:30 am	Rector's Office	Clergy Meeting
		9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
		9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Guild Room
Wednesday	11/25	10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
		12:05 pm	Chapel	Holy Eucharist
		4:30 pm	Parish Hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
		7:00 pm	Choir Room	Choir Practice
		11/26 10:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist

New Church Office Hours The Church Office will be open to walk-in traffic and phone calls on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. The staff will be in the office Mondays working but the doors will be closed to the public and phone messages will be answered at 11:30 am and 3:00 pm.

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VESTRY BRIEFS – NOVEMBER 16

The Vestry of Christ Church held its monthly meeting on November 16, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. with Fr. O'Neill offering the opening prayer.

Hispanic Ministry

Fr. Bernardo Iniesta, who has been designated by the Diocese as our Hispanic ministry priest, spoke to the Vestry about his plans for beginning his ministry in January 2010. His wife, Dolores, who helps with his ministry, was also present.

Motion: Dennis Kesner made a motion, seconded by Pete Falger to proceed with Fr. Bernardo Iniesta's Hispanic ministry, beginning in January 2010, and that his ministry will be incorporated totally into our community with his ministry being known as Christo Rey (Christ the King). The motion carried unanimously.

Organ Installation Report

Kathi Colman, Director of Music, reported that the installation of our new organ began on Monday, November 9, 2009. The crew is planning to be finished by Saturday, November 21, 2009. The remaining flooring project will be done Thanksgiving week. The following week the tonal finishers from Schantz will arrive and start voicing (tuning) the organ.

Resignation of Treasurer

John Maloney has submitted his resignation as Christ Church's Treasurer.

Motion: Carol Mittwede made a motion, seconded by Frank Cornett, Jr., to accept Spencer Adams' offer to act as Treasurer until a replacement is found. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Christian Formation: Sheryl Bell reported that Sunday school has been moved to 9:15 a.m. to accommodate the acolytes. Acolyte training will be held every second Sunday which will involve all the Sunday school children.

Parish Growth: Spencer Adams reported that the 2010 Diocesan Convention will be held October 22-24, 2010 at the Santa Fe Casino, with St. Luke's as the host church.

The next Treasure House meeting will be held December 6, 2009.

Men's Breakfast met with the men's group from All Saint's at the Sunshine Café. They discussed the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Deacon Bonnie Polley reported that 25 gift baskets were given to Outreach from Family Promise.

Those baskets will be divided up so as to provide food to more people.

Search Committee: The Reverend Anne Hallisey met with the Vestry Monday afternoon to discuss the upcoming search process.

Motion: Marsha Tarte made a motion, seconded by Frank Cornett, Jr., to authorize Steve Wilkinson, Sr. Warden, to execute a letter of agreement with Rev. Anne Hallisey based on our understanding of her proposal to Christ Church. The motion carried unanimously.

Candidates for Vestry: Steve Wilkinson and Carol Mittwede will make up the Nominating Committee and will be looking for people interested in running for Vestry. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in January 2010.

Kids Corner

Our Sunday School would like to welcome back Zandra Richardson. She has agreed to lead one of the classes each Sunday. With the time being changed back to 9:15 to 10:15, she is able to be there. Zandra also sings each Sunday in our choir. Rumor has it she also agreed to help teach the kids some of the old children's church hymns. We recently received a copy of children's hymns from Jim McCue, he had written his old parish in Canada that he attended and asked them to send him a copy. Thank you Zandra & Jim.

Just one person's thought about stewardship

Just another thought about Stewardship and this really came to the Vestry enclosed with a letter written by Midgene Spatz. I know we are not asking for the Tithe, but the explanation about our offering to God is predicated along the same lines.

From the Episcopallife online, November 16, 2009 written by Br. Randall Horton a life-professed Benedictine hermit under vows held by the bishop of New York:

....."I believe that notion of the tithe is based upon the wrong question. The tithe is based upon the question: "How much of my wealth should I give God?" (verses) "How much of the personal wealth over which I am but steward can I morally justify keeping for myself?" Now, that question changes the dynamic considerably.

The old canon of the Mass does not say, "And here we present unto thee 10 percent of ourselves, 10 percent of our souls, 10 percent of our bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, living sacrifice unto thee."

But it does say, "And here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and our bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, living sacrifice unto thee."

We do not owe God 10 percent of anything; we owe God 100 percent.

Whatever the case may be, one of the most profound moments in the Mass for me is when the bread and wine are brought to the altar, because they are bringing me, too - and not just 10 percent of me either."

Louise G. Fortier

Archivist

Sermon Date/Title

Nov. 22: "Nov. 22, 1963, A Day In History"

Nov. 26: "Thanksgiving Day" 10:00 am

Nov. 29: Bishop Dan Edwards will be with us at Christ Church for his annual visitation. The visit will include the Sacraments of Confirmation and Baptism and Reception into the Episcopal Church from the Roman Catholic Church. Please notify Fr. Vince O'Neill at the office (735-7655) if you are planning any of the above.

Dec. 6: "Advent – Great Expectations"

Dec. 13: "Jesus' Coming – Did He Do It all Wrong?"

Dec. 20: "Jesus – The Human Side of God"

Dec. 24: "Two Births"

Christ Church Service Schedule

Wednesday 11/18 12:05 pm

Saturday 11/21 5:00 pm

Sunday 11/22 8:00 am

10:30 am

Thanksgiving Day 10:00 am

Wednesday 11/25 12:05 pm

Saturday 11/28 5:00 pm

Sunday 11/29 8:00 am

10:30 am

Wednesday 12/2 12:05 pm

Saturday 12/5 5:00 pm

Sunday 12/6 8:00 am

10:30 am

Wednesday 12/9 12:05 pm

Saturday 12/12 5:00 pm

Sunday 12/13 8:00 am

10:30 am

Wednesday's Bible Study

"The Wednesday Morning Bible Study" lead by Fr.

Bob McNaul will be studying the Book of

Philippians during the 4 weeks of Advent. All

materials will be provided. Wednesday Bible Study is held each Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:30 in room

#3.

Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

The Passion Gospels

Like Judas and Peter we too sin, we betray God,
we deny Him; but forgiveness is ours.

Judas onetime the Lord did betray,
And Peter three times spoke his nay.

The difference is this –
whether denial or kiss,
forgiveness is our every day.

The women remain faithful at the foot of the cross,
prime examples of standing tall with Christ in bad
times.

Help Feed the Hungry

OUR FOOD PANTRY IS BEING DEPLETED EVERY DAY
AND THIS IS A REMINDER OF SOME LITTLE THING
YOU COULD DO TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY. SET
ASIDE TWO CANS OF FOOD FROM YOUR PANTRY
AND BRING THEM TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY
MORNINGS. YOUR SHELVES WOULD STILL LOOK
FULL AND YOU WOULD BE DOING A SERVICE OF
LOVE FOR YOUR FELLOW MAN.

"You give but little when you give of your
possessions. ...For what are your possessions but
things you keep and guard for fear you may need
them tomorrow?" "You often say, "I would give,
but only to the deserving." The trees in your
orchard say not so, nor the flocks in your pasture.
They give that they may live, for to withhold is to
perish." (THE PROPHET by KAHILIL GIBRAN)

CORN.....BEANS.....TOMATOES.....
CARROTS.....TUNA.....
CORNED BEEF.....BEETS.....NOODLES

Parish Needs List

<u>NEED</u>	<u>COST</u>
Sign for corner of St. Louis and Maryland Parkway	\$ 2,500.00

Unexpected Abundance

Almost five years ago I walked through the doors of
Christ Church for the first time. It was the second
church I visited after my move to Las Vegas. An
Unexpected Abundance greeted me that first
Sunday. I found a welcoming congregation, for
whom all the usual excuses for prejudice seemed
irrelevant; a thriving music program; a live and let
live attitude to churchmanship; and, a Glory be to
God, an Episcopal congregation enthusiastic about
giving the peace! I looked no further.

Much has happened to the church and to me and
many others in those five years. I have made
friends and family, a new support network. There
have been trials large and small for many of us.
Our Saviour says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor
and are heavy laden..." We have taken it in turn to
be helping hand, a shoulder to lean on, or an ear to
listen. For some of us the lesson has been to
humbly and gratefully accept the grace offered.
Sometimes it is easier to give than to receive. But
hard times teach us that, at one time or another,
everyone may find themselves in need of the grace
of God offered in a neighbor's hand.

I have been blessed by an angel in the
congregation who provided the means for me to
acquire sorely needed new glasses. I am truly
grateful that a need has been filled that I was,
perhaps, too proud to express.

Yet the true blessing is not in the clearer physical
sight provided, but in the spiritual vision restored.
Despite the dark times there is still good in the
world. We are not a people walking in darkness;
the light is not at the end of the tunnel, my friends,
but right next to us in our neighbors' eyes, and for
others to see in ours.

Stay Tuned!!

When in our music God is glorified and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!
Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!!
These are the words from Hymn # 420, stanzas 1 & 5.

As you saw when you came to church last Sunday, the organ installation has begun. Thanks be to God!!!!

The first truck arrived Monday morning. The eight man crew arrived around noon and spent the day unloading the truck, along with the truck driver. Packing blankets were put on the pews to protect them as the pieces of the organ were placed on them. Everything that you saw installed in the loft was down in the nave first. The heavier pieces were moved up to the loft with a chain motor mounted on the scaffolding at the back of the church.

Things moved quickly and visibly the first few days with all the "guts" and mechanisms being installed first. The wind chests and wind pipes (which supply air from the blower to the wind chests) were installed, and all the circuitry and relays were hooked up. Then the pipes on the back wall were put in place.

Our organ will have 55 ranks (voices), 51 in the Gallery and four in the Antiphonal. There will be a total of 3,434 pipes: 3,190 in the Gallery and 244 in the Antiphonal.

There are five divisions in the organ: Great (hymn singing, postludes), Choir (under expression and used for accompaniment and preludes), Swell (solo stops under expression), Antiphonal (hymn singing, pitches for chanting, and small weddings), and Pedal.

Each division is controlled by its own manual (keyboard) on the console. Four manuals are played by the hands and one is played by the feet.

The wind for the organ is generated by the blower which is located in the storage room in the Narthex across from the columbarium. When the organ is

turned on the blower activates and distributes air through wind pipes to the wind chests in each division of the organ. Wind is always present in the wind chests.

The pipes sit in the wind chests. When the organist presses a key on the manual, a valve opens under that pipe and wind flows up through the pipe, allowing it to speak. When the key is released the valve moves back into position and blocks the flow of wind, suppressing the sound.

There are two types of organ pipes. The wood pipes (made of poplar) have a mellower sound, like flutes and strings. The metal pipes (made of combination of tin, lead, and zinc) have a more focused sound, like trumpets, oboes, and trombones.

The second truck arrived last Sunday afternoon and was unloaded Monday. The rest of the pipes and the console were on this truck.

This is a larger crew than is usually on an organ installation. The largest crew that Rob, the project supervisor, has ever had is six men. We have nine technicians on this crew and this crew is also the same one that built our organ.

The organ has been assembled once in the factory in Orrville, Ohio. Then it was packed up to be shipped and installed here.

Once the installation is complete the voicing (tuning) process will begin. This is the lengthiest part of the whole process. Each pipe (all 3,434 of them!) is tuned individually and the organ is voiced for the room. The room is the "sounding board" of the organ.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see a pipe organ being built. Once all the pipes are installed, the façade will be permanently attached and the rose window, which will be shadow-boxed and lit from behind, will be installed in the center of the façade. You will not be able to see the inside of the organ again.

Thank you to everyone who came in during the past two weeks to take a "tour". I hope that you found it interesting! Our organ will be the largest

pipe organ, and the only Schantz organ, in the state of Nevada.

My hope is that all of you will memorize three things about the organ so that, once people in the community become aware of it, and someone asks you about the organ you can say: "Our organ is a Schantz pipe organ. It has 55 ranks and a four manual console."

This project is a fifteen year dream of the Organ Committee coming true and it is quite emotional and exciting to see it come to fruition. Installing a gorgeous, quality pipe organ makes a statement about how important music is to the Anglican Church and how integral traditional music is to our liturgy.