



# Resurrection News

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## A Prayer of Community

**From Every Family, Tribe and Nation.  
O God of unchangeable love, you see the  
beauty and worth of all you have  
created. Through Jesus you come down  
to us, to turn our hearts to you, to one  
another and to all your creation. Heal  
us, that we may care for your world and  
see every family, tribe, language and  
people as an interconnected expression  
of your grace and glory; through Jesus  
Christ who lives and creates with you  
the Holy Spirit, one God now and  
forever.**

**– Christ Church Cathedral,  
Indianapolis, IN**

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### Special Points of Interest:

- The next **newsletter deadline** is **May 15th** for the June/July issue.
- **Bible Study** meets Tuesday evenings by ZOOM at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.
- **Prayer and Care Pantry** is helping our neighbors in need. We could use donations of toilet paper, and bar soap, Of course cash donations are always appreciated.



## Rectors Reflection



Everyone has a different gift, and, as you go forth in July to seek a new rector or priest-in-charge, you will also explore, perhaps more fully than ever before, the role of you, the laity, the people of God. In the catechism (with its question and answer format), the question is: Who are the ministers of the Church? and the answer: The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. Note that you, the laity, come first. Leaving the catechism and returning to my article, I ask the question, Why? Why do the laity come first in the list? because you are important – most important. You do the work of the church, and the other ordained ministers are there to aid and empower you, the people of God, in your ministry. That means they are with you to be sure you have the spiritual sustenance you need, the prayer, communion, and worship to give you fortitude and clarity of purpose to do the work you are given to do.

During this transition time, you will have the opportunity to work with the Bishop and help her do her job. as chief priest and pastor, to build up the church, your church. God isn't asking anyone to do more than what you are called to do, but this is an opportunity to work together to share your thoughts and insights. Thus, you become witnesses to and participants in God's intervention in this parish and in the world.

Each of us at our Baptism receives the call to follow Jesus. Each of us is anointed with the oil of chrism, just as kings of old were anointed, to bear the Holy Spirit who sustains us in our ministries. If you made your confirmation, or mature reaffirmation of your faith, you also received the sacrament of the laying on of hands by the Bishop, a practice going back to the first apostles.

Now, your wardens, duly baptized, confirmed, and elected by you to do the work of leadership, will bear the mantle of this leadership – this ecclesial authority – to see to it that the people of God here in Oswego work together, understand themselves and one another more deeply, and are sustained by word and sacrament for the journey ahead. With your help, they will do this because, although everybody's got a different job and a different gift, it is the same Spirit who guides us. (I think it was St. Paul who said something similar, correct?)

I'm excited for this church. May you come to know yourselves and each other in new and uplifting ways. May you work through all the glitches and opportunities for growth that you will find along the way. May you have tolerance, honesty, and loving kindness to hold you together in God's hands, and may you be surprised, in a joyful way, to find the new treasures that God will have in store for you.

This is a time of transition leading to new birth. Let's take this time, now, to reflect on the ways we've done things in the past, and, if those ways were good, keep them, and if they led to making things difficult for one another or made it hard for people to join in, let's figure out how to change that. It's a time of opportunity, so, let us pray a prayer for the church (BCP 515):

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *BCP 515*

-The Reverend Anne Wichelns



## Lectionary for April & May

**April 7-** Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

**April 14-** Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

**April 21-** Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

**April 28-** Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:24-30, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

**May 5-** Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

**May 12-** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

**May 19 -Day of Pentecost,** First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm: 104:25-35,37,  
Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21, Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**May 26 -** Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8, Canticle 13, Epistle: Romans 8:12-17, Gospel: John 3:1-17

## Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday May 5, 2024, immediately following our service.

There will be a potluck brunch and we will be furnishing a ham, which was graciously contributed by friends of Jim and Michelle. The Brunch will be followed by our business meeting and the election of new Vestry members.

As promised, we will also have an update as to our search process. This is an important meeting for our Parish and we hope that you will all plan to attend and be part of the decision making process.

See you then!!



## EVENING OF FUN AND CREATIVITY

Mark your calendars for Thursday May 9th at 6 p.m. to come and enjoy a fun filled evening.

We will be hosting a Paint and Sip Party just in time for Mother's Day Gifts! We will providing all the essentials for the evening - paint, canvas, instructions, wine and snacks. All you need to do is come and enjoy an evening of fun with your friends.

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the office and leave your name and number of people attending. We will need a definite number no later than May 6th.

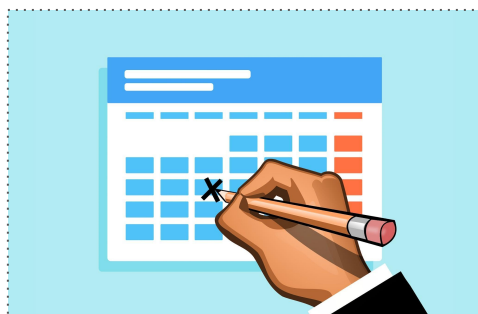
Hope to see you there!



## **A NOTE FROM THE WARDENS**

The next few months will be busy at Resurrection. We have our annual meeting, followed by our Paint and Sip. The Bishop will be with us on June 2nd for her annual visitation at which time she will also confirm and receive new members to our Parish. Please plan to attend that service to show our Bishop what a vibrant community we have.

Our annual church picnic will be held Sunday, June 16th with lots more information to follow. We will also be holding a celebration to honor Mother Anne in June as she prepares to retire. Please mark your calendars for all these dates so you don't miss out on any of the fun events at our Parish.



-Your Wardens

## **Nominating Committee**

We are pleased to announce that the nominating committee has been able to fill the nominations for the upcoming annual meeting for the following positions: 1 (2-year) term, 3 (3-year) terms. We would like to thank the following outgoing members of Vestry for their service: Sam Linn, Nick Nehrbauer, Pam Watters and Lydia Aitcheson. The following names are going to be on the ballot for the annual meeting: Sam Linn – 3 year term, Bob Sarkissian – 3 year term, Jim Pepper – 3 year term and Fred Ringwald – 2 year term.

## ***Nominating Committee***



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mind, and spirit throughout our  
congregation and greater community.

### CALENDAR

#### April

- 2- Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 4- Choir, 4:00 pm  
Crafters, 6:00 pm
- 7- Kylie Ann Conner Baptism  
1st Communion Morgan & Hannah DeRue  
Confirmation class 11:30am
- 8- Solar Eclipse Begins at 2:08
- 9- Diocesan Clergy Day  
Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 10- Wardens Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 11- Worship Meeting, 11:00 am  
Choir, 4:00 pm
- 13- Audit Training, Grace Church, Utica,  
9:00 am-11:00 am
- 16- Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 18- Admin Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 21- Confirmation class 11:30am
- 23- Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 24- St. Lukes, 2:00 pm
- 25- Clergy Lunch, 12:00 pm  
Choir, 4:00 pm  
Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 28- Confirmation class 11:30am
- 30- Bible Study, 7:00 pm

#### May

- 2- Choir, 4:00 pm  
Crafters, 6:00 pm TBA
- 5- Annual Meeting
- 7- Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 8- Wardens Meeting, 5:30pm
- 9- Worship, 11:00 am  
Choir, 4:00 pm  
Sip & Paint, 6:00 pm
- 14- Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 16- Choir, 4:00 pm  
Property & Admin Meeting, 6:30pm
- 19- Confirmation class 11:30am
- 21- Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 23- Choir, 4:00 pm  
Vestry, 6:30pm
- 26- Confirmation class 11:30am
- 28- Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 29- St. Lukes, 2:00 pm
- 30- Choir, 4:00 pm

### BIRTHDAYS

#### April

- 2- Scott Rockwell  
Kim Hilton
- 8- Ryan Parkhurst
- 11- Rebecca Marsh
- 12- Alice Bristol
- 16- Alexander Thompson  
Larry Parkhurst
- 17- Grace Filkins  
Kylie Conner
- 20- Alex Williams
- 24- Nancy Costello
- 28- Robert Shenefiel
- 29- Robert Bateman  
April Lanzafame
- 30- Kelly Pomeroy

#### May

- 1 - Tyler Fernaays  
Hannah DeRue
- 3 - Jolene Bateman
- 6 - Molly Rockwell
- 7 - Shauna Marsh
- 8 - Beryl Bingham
- 9- Frank Meeks
- 12- Morgan DeRue  
Doug Linn
- 23- David Dewey  
Debra Hilton  
Erik Filkins
- 24- Constance Elen
- 27- Heather Sugar  
Keegan Thompson
- 28- Rev. Jeffrey Knox
- 29- Sally Sarkissian
- 30- Barbara Dexter
- 31- Rick King