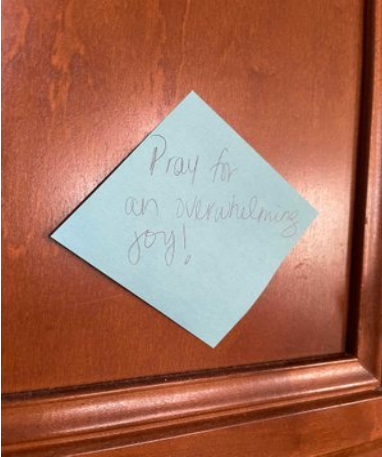


THOUGHTS FROM MO. JUDITH'S CARING BRIDGE

Joy

Journal Entry by Taryn Dalmasso – September 14, 2021



A few months ago, during a prayer zoom call someone prayed for overwhelming joy for our family as we go through Mom's journey. That really touched my heart and I wrote it on a post it and put it on our kitchen cabinet. So, every day I look at this post it and it reminds me that even though this journey is not what we wanted, we can still make the best of it. One thing I'm thankful for is that over the last 6 months I've been able to spend more time with Mom and Dad than I have in a long time. And I continue to be thankful that my company affords me this flexibility and that my husband is able to hold things down when I travel.

I just spoke with Mom and she is having a good week. She attended Adelia's tennis meet today and was still talking about how good her pot roast was last night! - Taryn

May we all put post-it notes on our fridge with joyful prayers!

CONVENTION AND DELEGATES

It's that time of year for convention. This is going to be very special because the Presiding Bishop will be on hand to ordinate The Reverend Betsy Monnot as the 10th Bishop of Iowa. As of today, the convention will be in-person, however, the final decision will be made on September 28, if it is not in-person, it will be held on Zoom like last year, adjourning at 4:55 on Saturday. Sunday's Eucharist will be live-streamed to the churches as it was when the Presiding Bishop joined us in 2018. Below is the schedule. We need 2 delegates to attend, either as a couple or singly. PLEASE respond as soon as possible your willingness to share in this special convention. It doesn't seem possible that over 18 years ago, Bishop Scarfe was ordained!

Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

7:00 PM Eucharist (live streamed to diocese) St. Paul's Cathedral

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

8:00 AM Registration Open

9:00 AM Plenary One – elections open

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Plenary Two – Bishop's Address, 2022 Budget, Resolutions

12:30 PM Lunch break

1:30 PM Plenary Three

4:55 PM Adjournment

5:30 PM Social Gathering

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

10:00 AM Eucharist (live streamed to diocese) St. Paul's Cathedral

BISHOP VISIT TO TRINITY

The Bishop will be celebrating his last Sunday at Trinity Cathedral on October 3, at 9:30 AM. St. Peter's and our church have been invited to attend the service as well as a reception. Mo. Judith has suggested we close on that day to attend if we like. Please let Robin know if you will be attending so the number can be given to Trinity to plan on the amount of the catering.

"ADVENT AT ALBAN'S WITH ALAN"

Bishop Scarfe will be joining us as celebrant on his last Sunday, December 12 for one service at 10:00 AM. This would be an opportunity to say goodbye and act as hosts for the other churches. Details to follow....

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Elise Irelan is a French teacher at Alleman High and has accepted a position of International Student Coordinator for Alleman. She is looking for a host family for an incoming student this fall.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Alleman Catholic High School has enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to bring the world to our door steps by welcoming international, diploma-seeking students, this fall. We are looking for host families who will join us in the mission to support advancement of global diversity in our school while simultaneously sharing faith. Host families play a vital role in the life of an international student by providing a safe and loving home to these brave students. Hosting also provides you the opportunity to open your heart, share your family and faith, and expand your worldview as you experience first hand about another culture. Host families receive \$500 monthly to help defray the cost of hosting. The students are financially responsible for tuition and all extra-curricular activities; they also carry health and liability insurance. This is a wonderful opportunity for families, singles and empty nesters. Students will arrive around the around August 14th and return home the end of May. Please prayerfully consider if this is an opportunity for you and your family. For more information, please contact Elise Irelan 319-499-7139, or by email at eirelan@allemanhighschool.org

SATURDAY EVENING CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

St. Peter's and our church is going to try having a Saturday evening contemporary service with St. Peter's hosting in October, date and time TBA. We'll see what the response is and we will be hosting in November, take December off and begin anew, hopefully with Trinity on board and many attendees! This would combine the churches without having to lock any doors on Sunday morning. Stay tuned!

SEXTON

Now that we are fully open, we are being cleaned regularly and would like to reinstate the practice of designating a donation specifically to "Sexton". Please list that in the memo line of your check.

OFFSET COST OF COMMUNION VESSELS

The practice of individual vessels of wine and wafers are a great invention for the Covid era, however, it is costly compared to "normal" sacraments. The cost (depending on order numbers) is from .40 - .50 per unit. If you would like to help offset the cost, please state in the memo line your intention. Thank you!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS – SEPTEMBER

9/26 Leader: Karrie D / Preacher: Sue McCoy / Lector/Ps: Kim F / Lector: Laura Z / PoP: Sue M
Flowers: Sue M / Ushers: Williams

REMEMBRANCES NEXT WEEK

Birthdays: 9-26 Connie Crossen / 9-27 Jennifer Miller / 9-28 Stephanie Miller / 9-30 Michelle Feeney
10-1 Elly (Burgstrum) Bates

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS - OCTOBER

10/3 – Closed

10/10 Leader: Julie W / Homilist: TBA / Lector/Ps: Laura Z / Lector: Sherry R / PoP: Rob Dvorak
Ushers: Michelle D, Loretta R / Flowers: Sade

10/17 Celebrant: Rev. Rick Burris / Lector/Ps: Charlie R / Lector: Karrie D / PoP: Sue M
Ushers: Scott S, Jon I / Flowers: McCoy

10/24 Leader: Jane S / Homilist: Robin S / Lector/Ps: Nicole / Lector: Laura Z / PoP: Arlen B
Ushers: Kent, Julie Williams / Flowers: NEED

10/31 Live streaming from Des Moines Convention