

Despite the fact that there are no signatures or other indications in the Bible of who wrote the gospels, tradition has provided us with the names of the authors—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Luke is the name attached to the gospel we've been reading and studying this year, and it's assumed that this is the same Luke who St Paul refers to as his "fellow worker" in Philemon 24. Colossians 4:14 refers to Luke as "the beloved physician." Some see in the language of his gospel traces of Luke's healing profession, others remain unconvinced. Simply by the length of Luke's gospel, and the fact that it is part of a two-volume work that includes the Book of Acts, Luke tells us more stories of healing by Jesus and his disciples than any other gospel writer.

It's clear from these stories that within Jesus' lifetime, he was known as a powerful healer and one who could empower his disciples to heal. Even those who were his opponents or did not recognize who he truly was acknowledged this. So, it's no surprise that we still turn to Jesus when we need healing for ourselves or for those we know and love. Sometimes our prayers are answered with a dramatic turn-around in health like something straight out of the gospels. Sometimes our prayers are answered through the care and concern of our church community who support us in our hour of need. And sometimes our prayers are answered through the indwelling of a spirit of hope that reassures us "that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom 8:18).

Sometimes, however, prayers don't *feel* like enough. We feel like we should be doing more. When someone asks for our prayers, we say, "Sure, I'll do that, but what else can I do?" Illness or injury can be so frustrating because there's so little to be done. But there's even a prayer for that in our Prayer Book, and I commend it to you whether you're suffering or you're praying for someone who is suffering:

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Godly Play for the Summer

We're exploring Biblical stories from the Old & New Testament about water.

- Aug 7 – Jesus' baptism,
- Aug. 14 – Jesus calling the disciples at the Sea of Galilee,
- Aug. 21 – Jesus' resurrection appearance at the Sea of Galilee.
- Aug 28 – No class
- Sept 4 – No class
- Sept 11 – Fall Program begins

Lemonade on the Lawn

Volunteers needed!

Acolyte Training

Sunday, August 28 at 11:30am

Youth Confirmation Class

Weekly meetings will begin Sunday, September 11 at 7pm.



Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

Together with Church of Our Savior, Montpelier – Sept 16 to 18.

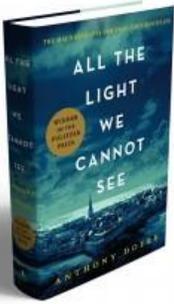
Please contact Fr Nik if you're interested in going

SUMMER READING

The Women's Small Group

The Women's Group is reading *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

This novel won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction & Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. A #1 *New York Times* Bestseller, the *New York Times Book Review* had this to say about it:

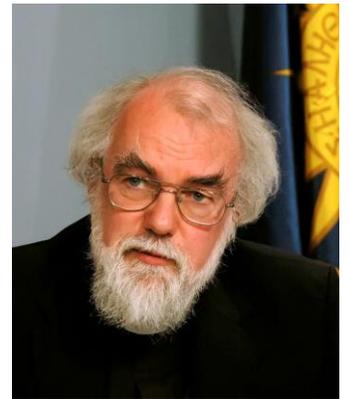


“Tackling questions of survival, endurance and moral obligations during wartime, this book is as precise and artful and ingenious as the puzzle boxes the heroine’s locksmith father builds for her. Impressively, it is also a vastly entertaining feat of storytelling.”

The Men's Small Group

Beginning in July, the Men's Small Group will be reading *Being Christian* by Rowan Williams, The 104th Archbishop of Canterbury.

“What are the essential elements of the Christian life? I am not thinking in terms of individuals leading wonderful lives, but just in terms of those simple and recognizable things that make you realize that you are part of a Christian community. This little book is designed to help you think about four of the most obvious of these things: baptism, Bible, Eucharist and prayer. . . . In this book we shall be looking at what those activities tell us about the essence of Christian life, and what kind of people we might hope to become in a community where these things are done.”



-from the Introduction

July 7 – Finish Discussing Bonhoeffer’s *Discipleship*

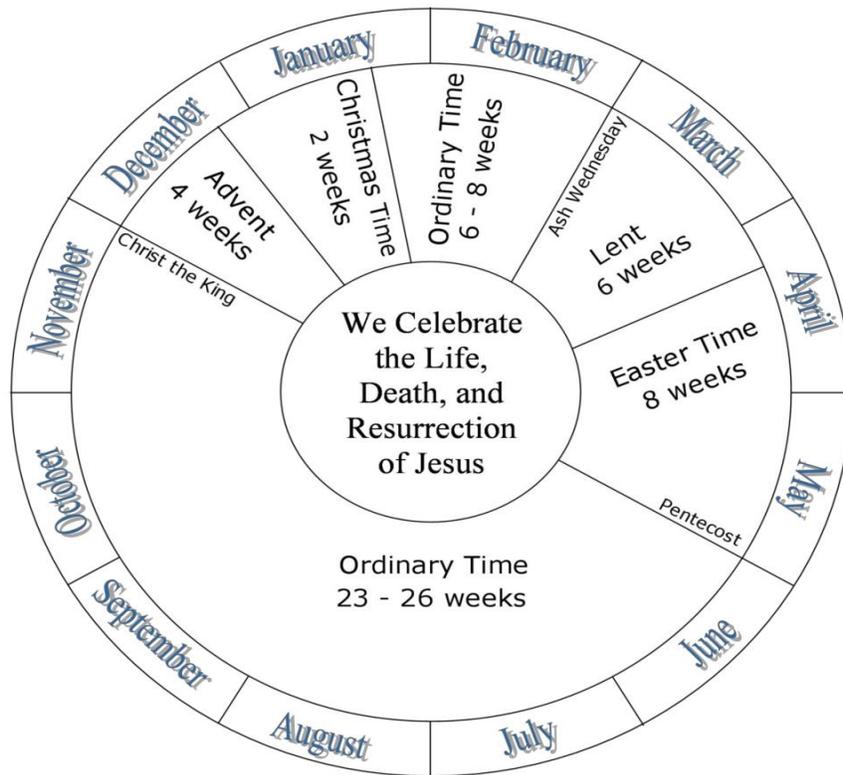
July 21 – *Being Christian*, Chapter 1, “Baptism,” pp 1-19

August 4 – *Being Christian*, Chapter 2, “Bible,” pp 21-40

August 18 – *Being Christian*, Chapter 3 “Eucharist,” pp 41-60

September 1 – *Being Christian*, Chapter 4, “Prayer,” pp 61-82

The Liturgical Year



Nik's Calendar

Thursday, Aug 18 – Region XI meeting, 6:30pm

Monday, Aug 22 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Monday, Aug 29 - Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, Aug 23 – Vestry Meeting, 7pm

Sunday, Aug 28 – Acolyte Training, 11:30am

Thursday, Sept 1 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am

Thursday, Sept 8 – Woman's Book Group, 10:30-am-noon

Office hours: Jacquie Alleva, our office administrator, is in the office on Tuesdays (11am-3pm), Wednesdays (11am-3pm), and Thursdays (1pm-5pm).

If you would like to submit an announcement, please do so by 1pm on Thursday.