

St. Philip's Weekly Newsletter October 7th

Hello friends!

Another week is past and so it's time for a fresh newsletter from your rector. Please be sure to check the calendar of events in Marinelle's eblast - you don't want to miss any of our upcoming happenings.

In the meantime, I ask you to please hold these prayer requests in your hearts and offer thanks for these many blessings:

- We pray for the repose of the soul of Jon Swartzmiller, brother of Jean Svendson and uncle to Kathy. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. And may Jean, Kathy and the entire family know the comfort and presence of our Lord.
- I visited Deacon Dan at the rehab facility in Wilmette Wednesday. He is doing much better and sees improvement each day. It is likely that Dan will remain at the center until the end of this month. He still has a long way to go to get his strength back. We give thanks to God for these positive developments and good progress.

Dan has requested that we place his "Retreat in the World" offering on hold until the new year. I think that's prudent. Our number one concern is getting him back to full health.

Dan would very much welcome visitors. Afternoons are best as he has rehab sessions in the mornings. Cards and calls are also welcome. But I know it gets lonely there so if you can drop by, it would really brighten Dan's day. Thanks for your continued prayers for our friend. Cards and notes may still be sent to The Citadel of Wilmette on Poplar Drive at:

Rev. Dan Hughes
1227 C Central
Evanston, Illinois 60201

- I have news and a prayer request from our beloved music director, Michelle Webb. Michelle has been cleared to begin playing for us on the first Sunday of November and thereafter!

We have greatly appreciated the ministry of David Bolthouse among us and we hope he will be back often. Be sure to thank David for sharing with us.

We have missed Michelle a lot and look forward to her return in November. She asks that, even as you continue to pray for the ongoing healing of her arm and wrist, that you also pray for her eyesight. She is to have tests next week to evaluate a condition her doctor recently diagnosed. It's potentially serious and Michelle deeply appreciates your prayers on her behalf.

- Please pray for our parish as we enter a new season of stewardship. Ask that the Lord will provide for all of St. Philip's needs in 2022. And give thanks for the wonderful way God has met our needs through our generous parishioners in the past.
- Pray for peace. Between China and Taiwan; between Israel and Palestine; in Afghanistan; Ethiopia; Sudan; South Sudan and in our own nation.
- Give thanks for the ministry of those at St. Philip's who visit our parishioners with communion. Lay Eucharistic visitors assist the priest and deacon by bringing the sacrament and a lot of sunshine into the lives of those who can't make it to church. May God bless Karen Cappello, Ginger Knowles and Dolores Kampert for their ministry.

- We give thanks for the birthdays of Bev Harrell and the anniversary of Mark and Marianne Raymond.
- Please keep on praying for those on our prayer list with ongoing health concerns or other needs. In addition to those named above, we pray for Janie and Ken Jenssen; Linda Purcell; Andreas Kistner; Diane Knowles; Marvin Hill; Jill Hill; Kim McDonald; Bill Peterson; Candace Horner; Bishop-Elect Paula Clark and her husband, Andrew McLean; Roberta Butler; Peggy and Don; Levi Tsu and his parents; Joe and Toni Saladino; Lillian Conway; Pam Durkin; Molly and her parents - Laura and David; Gail Santrach; and Christina Guzman.

In the larger Church, we pray for...

- The “Education for Ministry” program of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.
- St. James Episcopal Church in West Dundee and Fr. Don Frye, rector.
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Palatine and pastors Karl Fay and Matt Koenig.

Of Note:

As we continue to pray for Bishop-Elect Paula Clark, I invite all members of St. Philip's to read the following article about our present Assisting Bishop, Chilton Knudsen:

[Bishop Chilton Knudsen Comes Full Circle - Episcopal Diocese of Chicago \(episcopalchicago.org\)](http://episcopalchicago.org)

Please remember Bishop Knudsen in your prayers as she cares for our diocese until Rev. Paula can be consecrated.

This Week's Quiz...

...is about our Book of Common Prayer. How well do you know it?

1. The BCP was last formally updated in what year? (1789; 1549; 1979; 2008; 1928)
2. The Prayer Book contains the historical statements and doctrines of the Church of England. These are known as... (The Nicene Creed; The 39 Articles; The Articles of Confederation; The Westminster Confession; The Faith of Our Fathers)
3. The BCP tells Christians to "read, mark, learn and inwardly _____" the Holy Scriptures. What word is missing in the blank? (Digest; Consume; Study; Contemplate; Memorize)
4. This Anglican priest, best known for founding the Methodist Church, is known to have stated that "there is no liturgy in the world . . . which breathes more of a solid, scriptural, rational piety than the Common Prayer of the Church of England". Who is he? (Martin Luther; John Knox; John Calvin; Francis Asbury; John Wesley)
5. The BCP has been translated into many languages. But only one nation's Prayer Book is thoroughly bilingual. Which country is it? (Canada; Mexico; Haiti; New Zealand; South Africa)

Answers are at the end of the newsletter.

This Day in Christian History...

- On October 3rd, 1943: Lutheran pastor Kjeldgaard Jensen in Gilleleje, Denmark, reads a letter from his nation's bishops, instructing Danes to assist in the rescue of Jews from impending Nazi deportation to death camps. The bishops remind their flocks that Jesus was a Jew, that persecution violates the command to love one's neighbor, and that it is contrary to Danish conceptions of justice. This will inspire the town to hide over 1,300 Jews and transport most of them to neutral Sweden.
- On October 4th, 1965: Pope Paul VI makes an unprecedented visit to New York to plead for world peace before the United Nations.
- On October 5th, 1890: Christians take control of the government in Uganda, thanks in large part to the courage of an Anglican believer, Hamu Lujonza Kaddu Mukasa, who had won a decisive victory during the religious wars. Mukasa will become an important chief and advisor to King Mwangi, and will help to give the Anglican Church prominence in his nation.
- On October 6th, 1536: William Tyndale is strangled and burned at Vilvoorde Castle (not far from Brussels) for his Protestant views and efforts to translate the Bible into English.
- On October 7th, 1787: Death of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, patriarch of Lutheranism in North America. He had written a unified liturgy for America's Lutherans and founded North America's first Lutheran synod.
- On October 8th, 1932: Joseph Nakabaale Kiwanuka arrives in Algiers to make his novitiate with the Missionaries of Africa. He will go on to become the first native African to be ordained a Catholic bishop in the twentieth century.
- On October 9th, 1845: John Henry Newman, formerly an Anglican and a leader of the Oxford Movement, is received into the Roman Catholic church.

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News Briefs...

(WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.) -- Leaders of Wisconsin's three Episcopal dioceses announced Oct. 5 that the [dioceses will take steps to combine](#) – a canonical process known as reunion – after a period of discernment that will seek input from clergy and the state's 13,000 Episcopalians. The agreement to pursue a return to a single Diocese of Wisconsin was approved unanimously by the 11 clergy and lay representatives from the three dioceses who attended a "trialogue" meeting on Sept. 29 at a hotel in Wisconsin Dells. Participants included Bishop Jeffrey Lee, bishop provisional of the Diocese of Milwaukee, and Fond du Lac Bishop Matthew Gunter, who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Eau Claire. In August, the dioceses [had announced they were launching a formal process](#) "to explore ways to deepen cooperation and coordination." At the leaders' inaugural meeting last week, "conversation focused on congregations, specifically how the diocese might better equip them to share the Gospel and serve Christ in their communities," they said in a press release. "There was enthusiastic discussion seeking new ideas and dreams of what could be developed for the 21st century and beyond." With the help of a consultant, the dioceses plan to expand their conversations from the small group of leaders to all church members as each assesses ministry priorities and capabilities. The structure of a unified diocese and logistics of forming one would be left for later discussions, the leaders said. The diocesan leaders set no timeline for reunion, but conversations with broader groups of Episcopalians could begin in the coming months.

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(WASHINGTON) -- Dr. Francis S. Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health for 12 years, said Tuesday he is stepping down, capping a career in which he directed crucial research into the human genome and the fight against serious diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes and [COVID-19](#). An advocate for vaccination and masking, Collins said he was "grateful and proud of the NIH staff and the scientific community, whose extraordinary commitment to lifesaving research delivers hope to the American people and the world every day." He told the Associated Press the decision to step down at year's end was "a difficult one." "I fundamentally believe, however, that no single person should serve in the position too long, and that it's time to bring in a new scientist to lead the NIH into the future," Collins said in a statement. Collins was appointed the agency's 16th director in 2009 by President Barack Obama and was asked to remain in that post by Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden. He is the only presidentially appointed NIH director to serve under multiple administrations. He served as director of the NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute from 1993-2008 and led the international Human Genome Project, which in 2003 completed a finished sequence of the human DNA instruction book. Biden called Collins "one of the most important scientists of our time." After [his son Beau died of cancer](#) at age 46 in 2015, Biden, then vice president, was asked by Obama to launch their cancer "moonshot," an effort to fuel innovation and accelerate new treatments. "I turned to Dr. Collins to help lead the effort to end cancer as we know it," Biden said in a statement issued by the White House. "There was no one I trusted more." The NIH, based in Bethesda, Maryland, is part of the Department of Health and Human Services. It's the nation's medical research agency and operates more than two dozen institutes and centers and says it's the largest supporter of biomedical research in the world. HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra lauded Collins for his work, calling him a "master of scientific breakthroughs." "Few people could come anywhere close to achieving in a lifetime what Dr. Collins has at the helm of NIH," Becerra said in a statement. "It takes an extraordinary person to tackle the biggest

scientific challenges facing our nation — and under three presidents, amidst three distinctly different chapters of American history.” The NIH said Collins will continue to lead his research lab at the National Human Genome Research Institute. Besides his heralded work for the NIH, Collins is known widely for writing on religion and science and reconciling the two. Last year, he was [awarded one of the world’s leading religion prizes](#), the Templeton Prize, for demonstrating how religious faith can motivate scientific research.

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That’s it for this week. Here are the answers to today’s quiz:

1. 1979
2. The 39 Articles
3. “Digest”
4. John Wesley
5. New Zealand