

THE CLOAK

OCTOBER 1, 2009



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WORDS FROM WINNIE,

“She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.”
Prov. 31:27

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has no where to lay his head.’”
Luke 9:58

As many of you have noticed, there is now a for sale sign at my house, 608 South Park St. My husband and I have made the difficult decision to move back to Mankato when our house here in Fairmont sells. With my position here at half-time and his work at Minnesota State, Mankato full time the commuting balance has shifted, so we feel that it is more cost effective and more environmentally responsible for us to live closer to the full-time work site. We have found an affordable fixer-upper house at 148 Monks Ave. in Mankato, very near campus. Paul is excited about being able to ride his bike to the office until the snow flies.

As I thought about how to write this column about selling and buying houses and the dreaded task of packing and moving, I couldn't decide if I felt like the “capable wife” of Proverbs who looks well to the ways of her household or whether I identified more with our Lord's mournful warning that his disciples would have no place to lay their heads. Juggling the affairs of two houses and the move definitely feels more like having no home than having two homes! Both places are now more works in progress than home sweet home.

Of course this will all be resolved eventually, but the journey between being settled here in Fairmont and once again in Mankato is a little overwhelming at the moment. But what else is new, right? Life is full of unexpected twists and turns, and we will navigate this one as we have many others. For the present we are in both Fairmont and Mankato a few nights a week—sort of camping out in the new house as we work on it and still living here in Fairmont. When, by the grace of God, the house here sells I will make arrangements to spend some nights in Fairmont especially in bad weather.

The important thing for all of you to realize is that this move of ours is not about leaving St. Martin's. I remain committed to being your (half-time) priest as we make the transitions together that will enable St. Martin's to have a sustainable budget. The parish is making a very courageous step, configuring our ministry together in a new way that works for today's tight economy.

How is our transition going? The vestry and I are happy to receive suggestions and reactions as we navigate these new arrangements. The work of our part-time parish secre-

tary is a wonderful plus. You can now call the church office every week day morning (9:30 -12) to ask questions about scheduling, leave messages or suggest announcements to go into the Half-cloak, or find out how to reach me. We are working to post and publish my new schedule in as many ways as possible to that you will know when and where to find me. Please, never hesitate to call my cell phone: 236 -5585 when you wish to reach me.

Another exciting new development is the formation of a pastoral care triage team (PaCTT) that will work with me and the wardens and vestry to be sure that we have a good parish care network in place to care for one another any time whether I am here or not. The preliminary team will have its first training meeting on Sat. Nov. 14 at 9:00 am. Training and discernment topics will involve prayer, hospital or home visits, phone calls, and record-keeping. There will also be opportunities for more Lay Eucharistic Visitor training. Michi Donnelly and I are contacting members of the parish to ask them to join this team. If we miss you and you are interested in having the training you are welcome to call Michi or me to request an opportu-

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November issue
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nity to be part of the training. This is an exciting opportunity to participate in the ministry of all the bap-

tized, so please pray for discernment about your role in this or other kinds of God's vital work at St. Mar-

tin's .

Fall Blessings,
Mother Winnie

SR WARDEN'S ROPORT

Recently I was going through a box of my mom's sheet music looking for something in particular when an old post card fell out. It was unsigned and there wasn't anything written on the back but I believe mom kept it because of the quote that was on the front of the card.

"When you feel like giving up, remember why you held on for so long in the first place"

I believe I was meant to find this because I immediately thought of St. Martin's and the path we have now taken to ensure our future. Mother Winnie and the Vestry have made several changes in the business part of running our church. With Winnie suggesting a half time contract for herself and maintaining our pledging we are approaching an opportunity to have a balanced budget next year. This is important. If we can present a balanced budget to the diocese, it shows that we are trying to be fiscally responsible and we may be able

to apply for some ACG relief. Secondly, and probably most important, it shows what the folks at St. Martin's, (you and I) are capable of doing.

We've held on, we continue to hold on. Yes we are doing our own cleaning, we are careful about wasting our resources, and we are trying new things. Once a month we have Supply Clergy or Morning Prayer. Several have mentioned that they would like to see more Morning Prayer as a way to help the budget. Wonderful! Thank You!

Rev. Winnie's new contract limits her hours with us, but she will be here for 3 Sundays a month. However her limited hours presented other issues, and we were able to solve most of them with the hiring of Bonnie as secretary. The area of Pastoral Care is a big one however. Winnie will not always be available to make those first visits with us when we have an emergency. We are going to have to rely on each other. This is something that we already do

and do very well. We must remember to be in touch with each other, listen to each other, be aware when someone is not at church, or we haven't seen or heard from in a while. We must be "Our Brother's Keeper" and we must share if we feel someone needs our help or a visit from Mother Winnie.

All of these actions that we are taking, the budget cuts, the shortened contract, the extra help by the members of the congregation, watching out for each other are all for one reason. Because we love each other just as a family loves it's sisters and brothers, aunts & uncles, grandparents and children's children. We want to remain together at St. Martins. We have almost crossed the threshold to a balanced budget; there is just one more thing Please, please, don't give up now, you have held on for so long!

Michi Donnelly
Sr. Warden



For the month of October, please pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world and for the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Episcopal Church USA, and the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop. Please pray also for our Diocesan Convention to be held October 30 – 31 in Minneapolis, where we will elect the 9th Bishop of Minnesota.

1ST ON THE AGENDA:

Now that the small Chapel is in the basement, we all need to decide a new use for it. With the new beginnings of St. Martins with a half time Priest, and the addition of our new secretary Bonnie Truesdale, we needed more office space. Hence the small Chapel was dismantled and set

aside. With your suggestions, put in the box at the right of the Sanctuary doorway, this would help to decide a new use or home for it. Some thoughts were to find a church in need of a Chapel, or maybe to sell it (we could use the income), or maybe use it downstairs for its new home. Lets de-

cide together and not put this on the shoulders of just a few. The suggestion box will be there for the month of October, and looked at the November

Vestry meeting. Thank You.
~~Submitted by Diane Luedtke

OCTOBER 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Rev. W out of the office	2 ECW 1:15pm Rev. W out of the office	3 Rev. W out of the office
4 Service 10am Children's Sabbath Rev. W Not at St. Martin's	5 Rev. W out of the office	6 Rev. W On Call	7 Jr. Confirm 3:30 Midweek Worship 6:15PM Rev. W In the office	8 ECW Reg IV @ St. Martin's 10:30am Rev. W In the office	9 Rev. W In the office (Study Day)	10 Rev. W Day off
11 Service 10am Blessing of Animals Rev. W At St. Martin's	12 Rev. W out of the office	13 Rev. W out of the office	14 Jr. Confirm 3:30 Midweek Worship 6:15PM Rev. W In the office	15 Rev. W In the office	16 Rev. W In the office (Study Day)	17 Altar Guild Bash 9am Rev. W Day off
18 Service 10am Vestry Meeting 2PM GLBT Meeting 4:15pm Rev. W At St. Martin's	19 Rev. W out of the office	20 Rev. W out of the office	21 Jr. Confirm 3:30 Midweek Worship 6:15PM Cloak DL 4pm Rev. W In the office	22 Liturgy & Worship 1:30pm Rev. W In the office	23 Rev. W In the office (Study Day)	24 Rev. W Day off
25 Service 10am Parish Forum 11am ish Rev. W At St. Martin's	26 Cloak Deadline 6pm for emailed items Rev. W out of the office	27 Rev. W out of the office	28 Jr. Confirm 3:30 Midweek Worship 6:15PM Rev. W In the office	29 Rev. W In the office	30 Legal Clinic Diocesan Convention	31 Diocesan Convention

October 4th
Head Usher: JoAnn E.
Lector: Gail I.
Intercessor: Les H.
Chalice: Doug W.

October 11th
Head Usher: Randa S.
Lector: TBD
Intercessor: Bob L. Jr.
Chalice: TBD

October 18th
Head Usher: Les H.
Lector: Tom H.
Intercessor: Thom P.
Chalice: Diane L.

October 25th
Head Usher: Bob L. Jr.
Lector: Fran S.
Intercessor: Chuck J.
Chalice: Thom P.

Please check the Half Cloak each Sunday or web site for updates to the Calendar events!

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

7th Samantha Rouse
9th Samantha Barnes
10th Lee Woodward
12th Virgil Helton
14th Eugene Borowiak

14th Hayden Ettesvold
25th Ron & Laura Lutz
29th Richard Viesselman
30th Randy Hodge
31st Bob Luedtke, Sr.

31st Thom Peterson

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES



LEGAL CLINIC
MEN'S READY
FOR SUCCESS

Thanks to the Krahmer-Neilsen law firm for providing ECS clients with free legal consultation. One Friday afternoon each month Matt Neilsen or Amy Wanezak offer their services to meet with clients who have legal questions.

Matt and Amy will not complete legal forms for the clients. They do provide information helping a client by giving information about services in the community and finding the appropriate program.

They would be interested in offering a seminar to members of St. Martin's and the community about legal documents concerning end of life issues. If this would be of interest to any of you, please let Jennelle Cuning know.

Men's Ready for Success.

ECS began a new program for men in June, 2008. Goodwill/Easter Seals have teamed up with ECS in a pilot project to assist men with new and gently-used professional clothing, accessories and new personal care items completely free of charge.

"We don't put anything of the racks that we wouldn't wear ourselves," says Sue Veazie, the women's RFS program manager. We want them to go home and love what they have."

Since the men's program, its clothing selection has tripled. It has also doubled the amount of clients seen each month, expecting to have served about 250 men by the end of the pilot.

If any one would be interested in contributing clothing or accessories for men please let me know.

Jennelle Cuning

The dead line for the November Cloak is: **October 21st.** Your articles need to be in the Cloak mail box in the Guild Hall by Oct. 21st 4pm or emailed to cloak@smecmn.org no later than Oct. 26th. 6pm

YOUTH GROUP EVENT:

The forms have been handed out now the info follows. The 30th of October the Diocese Convention in Minneapolis will have a overnight youth event. The stay will be at the St. Johns Evangelist Church and starts at 6:00pm, Dinner will be served then a community building event, followed by the new Bishop to be

elected the following day. Discussion to follow are "What's going on in our Church.", Voting for the Bishop and how this happens, etc. The 31st of October, next day, you'll go to the conference and be there for the election of our new Bishop. What a wonderful thing to be a part of and to historically say "you were

there in 2009 when the Bishop was elected in. Ages for this event are 7th through 12th grades. The form can be attained by web site www.episcopalmn.org or call Diane Luedtke and I will get one to you. They need to be in soon. Call 507-238-2012 home or 507-399-9235 cell for more information.

SAVE THE DATE:

November 1st the bidding begins for the St.Martin's Silent Auction, the bidding will stop on November 8th. Start to plan on what you'll contribute to the Auction this year and be creative. Offer your talents,

purchase a dinner for two with movie tickets, someone may need a date night to share with there special other. Or, how about a load of dirt for someone's garden, or maybe a load of rock. You'll be surprised

what's going to show up this year. ~Any questions talk to Doug, Diane or Les. ~~~~ Blessing come to those who give with an open heart.

ECW MINUTES

On August 4, 2009 our Ladies Guild met in the Guild Hall. 8 members were present. A prayer was said and dessert was served by Andy Luedtke.

We discussed needing a Care Team for any emergencies that come up within

our members, especially those living alone and the elderly, encouraging members to let church know about any problems.

We are having a Region 4 meeting September 19, 2009. Planning on about 25 a t t e n d i n g .

On October 8, 2009 we will be hosting a Region 4 ECW Meeting. Starting at 11:00am, Communion service at 11:30am. Brunch will be served, followed by a short program. Invitations will be sent out.

The
communications
Committee:
Chuck Johnson
Rev. Winnie
Mitchell
Thom Peterson

VESTRY MINUTES

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
 Vestry Minutes
 August 13, 2009

Call to Order:

A Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. Members present Mother Winnie, Mary Whiteman, Michi Donnelly, Doug Wollam, Randa Simpson, Robert Luedtke. Mother Winnie opened with a prayer followed by a reading of the Gospel by Robert Luedtke and a discussion following.

Robert moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Michi, approved by all.

Motion made by Doug to accept July Vestry Minutes, seconded by Robert, approved by all.

Parishioner Input (Re: Pat Gimm-Morning Prayer) was referred to Liturgy Committee.

Reports:

Treasurers Report: None as Les is out of town. Robert added it is "Business as Usual."

Building & Grounds: Robert reported on mowing and disposing of cushions that had blown onto the property.

C. Clergy Report: Mother Winnie gave a report and brief summary of the first month of the new transition of ½ time Priest and adjustment to Church Pension Fund and Social Security.

D Education: The Youth Group trip to the Cities with Diane Luedtke went well. There were 13 in attendance and 4 chaperones. Randa also had a short discussion on "Rally" Sunday (Sept. 13th) and an outline of proposed activities For the next year in Sunday School.

E Liturgy & Music: Referred to the next Vestry meeting Liturgy to be determined.

Robert moved to accept the reports, seconded by Doug, Approved by all.

Old Business:

Re: Stewardship Committee/Stewardship Chair—Mother Winnie to order "Packet."

Also: Bookcases are needed for Mother Winnie's new office and the need to purchase a cordless phone with pager and multiple handsets was discussed. Plans to paint the paneling in Mother Winnie's office was mentioned .

Michi is working on new signature card for the Safety Deposit Box.

Randa will look into someone to blow snow this winter Robert will check with Steve Donnelly to clean the church, and someone to do grounds maintenance.

Randa moved to accept, seconded by Mary, approved by all.

Closing Prayer by Doug.

Move to adjourn by Randa, seconded by Doug, approved by all @ 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Charlene Stanton, Vestry Clerk

VESTRY MINUTES- UNAPPROVED

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
 Vestry Minutes
 September 16, 2009

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. Members present: Mother Winnie, Joanne Eggert, Les Hohenstein, Mary Whiteman, Robert Luedtke Jr., Michi Donnelly, and Doug Wollam. Mother Winnie began with a Gathering Prayer, Les read from Matther 4;18-25. Thoughts and reflections followed.

Approval of agenda was next.

Motion to accept Vestry minutes from August made by Robert Luedtke, seconded by Joanne, approved by all.

Parishioner Input: Mary and Michi brought parishioner input regarding desire for morning prayer on non-priest Sundays.

(See: New Business)

Also: Confirmation schedule and start time for Midweek Worship and posting of Mother Winnie's hours on days in office was discussed.

11. Reports:

A. Treasurer: Appended

Summary of Treasurer Report:	July	August
Balance to Checking:	\$ 3,874	\$ 2,654
Memorial Fund	1,436	1,444
Building Fund	1,246	929
Endowment		51,240

B. Senior Warden:

Michi reported on compiling a list of available services in the area available to senior citizens living alone or anyone interested in having important information (i.e. Next of kin, who to call in time of an emergency, and possibly key to residence.

Junior Warden:

Robert to talk to Jim Simpson about mowing, Steve Donnelly about cleaning the church every 2 weeks, He will report back on this at next meeting.

Clergy Report: Appended

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Building & Grounds:

Doug talked about a Silent Auction to be held as fund raiser. Also, relocation of Chapel was briefly discussed.

Robert moved to accept all reports/Doug seconded/ approved by all.

Old Business:

Previously discussed above

New Business:

Non-Priest Sunday's: Vestry discussed lay-reader officiants at morning prayer. Mother Winnie expressed preference to table this until the October meeting pending more recruitment and training of officiants.

Christmas Eve schedule will be 10:30.

Blessing of Animals: Michi will do the posters / an add needs to be put into the papers. Inviting area veterinarians was mentioned also.

Closing prayer was given by Mother Winnie, followed by adjourn.

Next Vestry meeting scheduled for October 18, 2009 @ 1:30. (Sunday)

Respectfully submitted by Charlene Stanton, Vestry clerk

Clergy Report: The Rev. W Mitchell, Priest in Charge

Submitted to St. Martin's Vestry

Sept. 16, 2009

Average attendance: 37

	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 13
English	31	31	33	NA	45
Spanish	7			0	

Average attendance in comparable period for 2008: 43

This may mean that the 9:00 time is not a good choice.

Parish breakfast and rally Sunday was very successful. Thanks to all who brought food and helped.

Pastoral Care news: we have had a lot of illnesses accidents and operations this summer, but many are making good progress. They still need our prayers, however.

How are we doing with our part-time transition? A little better, but it still feels unsettled. My schedule will be published in the next cloak and posted in the building.

Great idea: PACTT: Pastoral Care Triage Team will have an initial formation meeting soon with training, books, nametags and cards. I am calling some people to urge their participation, but everyone is welcome to express an interest in serving.

Altar Guild Recruitment Breakfast Bash on October 17 at my house.

Junior Confirmation after school and mid week worship & healing +bible Study will start next week. 5 students in confirmation. Diane Luedtke will hold youth group activities with them on the weeks I am not here. Parents are being asked to provide snacks and/or to be present for safe church compliance. Randa S and Jennelle C have offered to be here as needed also.

Acolyte training will begin later in fall.

Diocesan news: Bishop Walkabouts (see attached)

Region IV meeting on Saturday here at St. Martin's 10-3.

WM to clergy conference Sept 27-29.

Dio convention Oct 30-31, Minneapolis. New Bishop to be elected!.

Personal news: Our house is for sale and we have bought a house in Mankato (148 Monks). Paul wants to move back there since he is the full-time-job person. Makes sense, but I am sorry not to be able to continue to live here. Oddly, no one has asked me about the house being for sale but I understand it has been a topic of discussion in the parish.

Also: I am serving as a mentor to Holy Trinity Luverne's Ministry Team.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve you. Blessings,



Isn't it strange
 how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church,
 but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Altar Guild Recruitment Breakfast

When: Saturday Oct. 17, 2009

9:00 am

Where? 608 South Park St.

Who is invited?

Every member of the Altar Guild

And A recruitee.

What will happen?

A Great Thanksgiving

A great breakfast,

A short meeting,

And a short program to introduce the

Honor, privilege, and fun of being part of the Altar Guild!

Hosts: Mother Winnie and the Liturgy and Worship Committee

Please call Mother Winnie to let her know

If you will attend

Whom you will bring

If you would like to know more about the altar guild but have been afraid to ask!

Dear friends,

Appointments to the Altar Guild are done by invitation from the priest. In order to share information about this important ministry at St. Martin's the Liturgy Committee has decided to host a breakfast for altar guild members and their guests. Each member is asked to bring at least one guest who might be interested in learning to do altar work and eventually becoming a new member of the Altar Guild after training and prayerful discernment. Please let me know if you are interested in this opportunity and I will invite you to the breakfast. The work of caring for the holy things of the altar is an important ministry in the Episcopal Church; here at St. Martin's our Altar Guild is small. More hands will make lighter work and joyful hearts. Hope to see you there.

Winnie +

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND -- sponsor of Children's Sabbath. The Children's Defense Fund began in 1973 and is a private, nonprofit organization supported by foundation and corporate grants and individual donations. CDF has never taken government funds. CDF provided the material for the observance of Children's Sabbath. CDF provides a strong, effective and independent voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves. They pay particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investments before they get sick, drop out of school, get into trouble or suffer family

breakdown. The children of St. Martins thank you for allowing us to share songs and scripture with you in worship on our Children's Sabbath, Oct. 4th. We chose to reach out into the community by giving you an opportunity to bring an offering of toothbrushes for children in Foster Care Homes in Martin County.

IX Bishop Search Walkabouts

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer for the Election of a Bishop or other Minister, BCP, pg. 818)

The IX Bishop Search Committee has finalized the logistics for the IX Bishop candidate walkabouts next month. This will be an opportunity for the diocese to meet the candidates for the IX Bishop of Minnesota. It will also be an opportunity for the candidates to get a little taste of who we are as the people of Minnesota.

Monday, October 19, 2009

12 noon to 2 pm, St Christopher's, Roseville
7 to 9 pm, Breck School chapel, Golden Valley

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

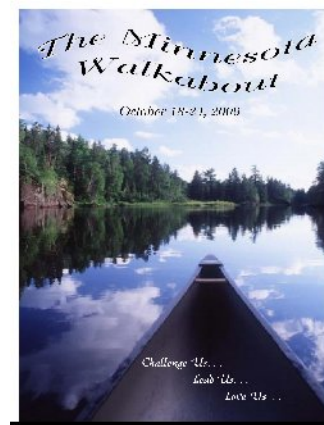
7 to 9 pm, Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour, Faribault

Thursday, October 22, 2009

7 to 9 pm, Shooting Star Casino Event Center, Mahnomon

Friday, October 23, 2009

7 to 9 pm, St Paul's, Duluth



Participation

Presentations are open to all people with an interest in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Minnesota. Priority seating will be given to voting clergy and delegates to the electing convention. However, all members of the diocese are welcome to attend up to the capacity of the venue. (Delegates and voting clergy, please arrive early to ensure a seat.)

All attendees, especially voting clergy and delegates, are urged to read each candidate's biography, resume and, if applicable, responses to Search Committee questions posted on the Search website, www.mnbishopsearch.org, before attending the meetings.

Walkabout format

Each of the candidates will be afforded a brief opening and closing statement and will answer pre-submitted questions for about 15 minutes. A brief reception, hosted locally, will follow. Candidates will be available during the reception to meet and greet attendees.

Submitting questions

We invite questions from all people with an interest in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, but especially want to encourage youth, children, youth groups, and Sunday school classes to participate. Guidelines for questions are available on the Search Committee blog, www.mnbishopsearchepiscopal.wordpress.com.

Questions will be accepted beginning today through October 15 at 5 pm. Submit questions by email to the Reverend Michele Morgan at revmichelemorgan@gmail.com, by postal mail to 3154 Ulysses St. NE Minneapolis MN 55418, or [on the search committee blog](#). There will also be an opportunity to submit written questions just prior to each walkabout meeting.

Communications

If possible, each walkabout will be webcast and [podcast through the diocesan website](#) for later viewing or for group review within communities. Written materials covering the walkabouts will be prepared as bulletin inserts for Sunday, October 25 and distributed via email and the diocesan website.

We are on the web

Smecmn.org

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BISHOP SEARCH

The Search Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota has nominated three candidates for IX Bishop:



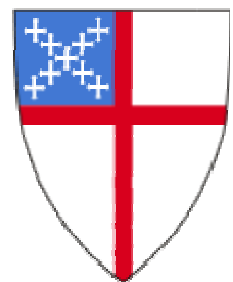
The Rev. Mariann Budde
Rector, St. John the Baptist
Episcopal Church, Minneapolis



The Rev. Bonnie Perry
Rector, All Saints' Episcopal
Church, Chicago, IL



The Rev. Brian Prior
Rector, Episcopal Church of the
Resurrection, Spokane, WA



A full bio and resume for each candidate is available on the IX Bishop Search website, www.mnbishopsearch.org. [A pdf of a bulletin insert is available](#) for download. [A doc file is also available](#).

St. Martin's is a reconciling community of Christian people striving through worship, love and service to be a family in God and to bring others into the fellowship.