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# THE CLOAK

JANUARY 1, 2010



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2009 FROM PRESIDING BISHOP

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The mornings are dark, pitch black until after most of us have begun our days. The hints of dawn in the eastern sky, those streaks of rose and pink that promise more and brighter light, bring hope even in the dark mid-winter. Where do you look for that kind of hope borne on slim rays of light?

Jesus is already abroad, even in the darkness. The hungry one fed, the street people who have their feet cared for, the humble and honored guest at your dinner table -- each one offers a glimpse of that dawn, if you look closely enough.

seek out this light of the world? In what other frail frames will light expunge darkness? The light grows with our own eager searching, light reaching out to light, divine reflection yearning for its source. May the light of Christ light your way in the darkness, may his light spread through nations besieged by war and hunger, may we continue to search out his light in the dark places of our own hearts.

**The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori**  
**Presiding Bishop**  
**The Episcopal Church**

What we have waited long for, ages and eons for, has been born among us. He comes among us quietly, almost stealthily, in an obscure barn, long ago. This child holds all our hope for light. This tiny frame seems too frail to bear our yearning. Yet the nations come streaming to this light even before he is weaned. The divine has come to dwell in our midst, and God's eternal promise of peace, restoration, and home is made flesh.

Where and how will you

### NOTICE:

**February Cloak**  
**dead line**  
**January 20th.**  
**February issue**  
**is due out**  
**January 30th.**

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES



**Christmas Day**, 2009, is now history. However the most precious gift of Christ our Lord, the Word becomes flesh, remains with us forever.

The Christmas gifts from you, members of St. Martin's have been shared with our ECS families and they say "thank you"; some said "gracias". As Site Manager of the ECS office I also thank the members who provided sponsorships for our families and gift bags. Thank you to the two members who helped with the shopping. As a **church family** we/you provided personal gifts for 11 children and youth. A book which told the story of God's gift, His Son and our Savior, was given to three families with young children. The families

can read the Good News each of the twelve days of Christmas and into the New Year. Because of your generosity each family also received a HyVee gift card.

Now we look forward to another a new year, 2010. The NEW YEAR begins fresh, hopeful and without a blemish. We are hope filled people. God was good and merciful in 2009. He will continue to provide for our needs. In response for God's goodness we will continue to share with those in need through the ECS office by contributing -

- **Birthday bags** for the children until they celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday
- **School supplies** in the Fall
- **Christmas sponsorships** in 2010

**Provide legal service** once a month sponsored by Kraemer/Nielsen lawyers.

Blessings to one and all in the coming year,

Jennelle Cunning  
ECS Site-Manager

- **Financial assistance** to those in need of help with utility shut-offs, gas vouchers, HyVee gift cards



*For all the month of January please pray for the various youth ministries within the Diocese, especially for those who are involve with Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) and for all those in your local parish who are involved with faith formation ministries to and with children, youth and young adults.*

ECW MINUTES

None.

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# JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 ECW 1:15pm	2
3 Service 10am	4	5	6 Midweek Worship 6:15PM	7	8	9
10 Service 10am TD Vestry Noon	11	12	13 Midweek Worship 6:15PM	14	15	16
17 Service 10am Annual Meeting? LGBT Meeting 4:15pm	18	19	20 Cloak DL 4pm Midweek Worship 6:15PM	21	22 Legal Clinic	23
24 Service 10am	25 Cloak Deadline 6pm for emailed items	26	27 Midweek Worship 6:15PM	28	29	30
31 Service 10am						

**January 3rd**  
Head Usher: Les H.  
Lector:  
Intercessor:  
Chalice: Doug W.

**January 10th**  
Head Usher: Bob L. Jr.  
Lector: Pat G.  
Intercessor:  
Chalice: Pat G.

**January 17th**  
Head Usher:  
Lector: Tom H.  
Intercessor:  
Chalice: Diane L.

**January 24th**  
Head Usher:  
Lector:  
Intercessor:  
Chalice:

**January 31st**  
Head Usher:  
Lector:  
Intercessor:  
Chalice:

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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries:

1 Stephen Gerdes  
5 Charles Johnson  
7 Stephen & Jody Gerdes  
8 Run Lutz  
19 Misty Bland

19 Jazlyn Gerdes  
21 Alyssa Lutz  
21 Crystal Luedtke Chapman  
25 Celia Simpson  
25 Lucas Simpson

25 Lauren Ettesvold  
30 Maria Trevino

## VESTRY MINUTES

**Vestry Minutes - St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
December 13, 2009**

Present: Mother Winnie, Robert Luedtke, Jr., Joanne Eggert, Doug Wollam, Les Hohenstein, Mary Whiteman, Michi Donnelly, Randa Simpson, Boni Truesdell, Clerk

The Vestry of St. Martin's was called to order at 12:00 pm. Robert moved and Doug Wollam seconded to accept the agenda with the following changes (letter of agreement for sexton changed to new business) and the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Parishioner input: Discussion was held in regard to the message on the phone. It was requested that Boni change the message.

Treasurer's Report: See attached reports.

Senior Warden: No report

Junior Warden & Building & Ground: Randy Nelson is doing the snow removal. Jim Simpson will take care of the lawn in the summer. Also lights in the outside entry need to be replaced.

Clergy Report: Mother Winnie reported that she has received some teal choir robes from St. Paul on the Hill church. She reported she is working on her schedule into June, 2010.

She will be gone on Dec. 27, Jan 3 and Jan. 24. She will be at St. Martin's on Jan. 17 and 31.

November was a busy month. We had 2 Baptisms and some young people wanting to join the church. She will be meeting with the Methodist Church in regard to Spanish Services.

Michi moved to accept all reports, Robert seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Budget: The budget was discussed. Motion was made by Randa and seconded by Doug to accept the budget with a provision of fund raising during 2010 to help with the shortfall.

Resignations from the Finance Committee have been received from Steve Donnelly and Jim Simpson. A motion was made to temporarily have the Vestry assume the functions of the Finance Committee. Moved by Randa and seconded by JoAnn. Motion carried.

Discussion was held in regard to forming an Outreach committee, Fund Raising committee and a Pastoral care committee.

Mother Winnie discussed the Spanish Services. She is working with the Methodist Church to have some of the services. She will keep the vestry informed.

Mother Winnie requested that the church consider paying for her local cell phone. Motion made by Doug, seconded, Michi. Motion failed. Discussion reflected the idea that calls will be handled by the Secretary or the Sr. Warden. Mother Winnie will return the calls ASAP.

Motion was made allocate \$25.00 for a message from Region IV on the Mn. Public Radio as a farewell gift for the Bishop. Motion failed.

Nomination Committee Report: Nominees are Bunny Peters for 1 yr term, Thom Peterson for 3 yr. term and Robert Luedtke Jr. for a 3 yr. term.

Closing prayer was given by Mother Winnie. Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Next Vestry meeting: Tentative date - January 10 at 12:00 p.m.

Bonnie Truesdell, Clerk

The dead line for the February Cloak is: **January 20th.** Your articles need to be in the Cloak mail box in the Guild Hall by Jan. 20th 4pm or emailed to [cloak@smecmn.org](mailto:cloak@smecmn.org) no later than Jan. 25th. 6pm

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

**Celebrate the Ministry of the Rt. Rev. James L. Jelinek as VIII Bishop of Minnesota.**

Please plan to attend at least one of the three events being held to celebrate Bishop Jelinek's 17 years of ministry with the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota:

**Saturday, January 16, 3 pm to 6 pm**

reception at St. Paul's, Brainerd

**Sunday, January 17, 3 pm to 6 pm**

program and reception, St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul  
*(program will be from 3 pm to 4 pm, reception following)*

**Sunday, January 24, 3 pm to 6 pm**

God willing and the people consenting,  
The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori  
Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church  
Will ordain and consecrate as Bishop

**The Reverend Brian N. Prior**

Saturday, February 13, 2010  
11:00 in the morning

Minneapolis Convention Center  
1301 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis

*All are encouraged to participate in this joyous celebration.  
Reception will follow.*

*Clergy should vest in red; Bishops, cope & miter.*

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Report for Annual Meeting

The stewardship committee met 2 times this year. Our work was mainly putting together the pledge campaign. We have 24 pledge units returned with a total pledged amount of \$48,925.00 We are still hoping some more pledge cards will come in. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet please do so as soon as possible.

Chuck Johnson  
Committee Chair

**We are on the web**

**Smecmn.org**

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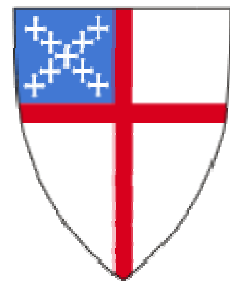
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Isn't it strange  
That you can't find a word to say when you're praying but...  
You have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?



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.