

Good Shepherd Anglican Church

LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September and is a federal holiday. It is a day of leisure with picnics, barbecues, fireworks, etc. and signals the “unofficial end of Summer”. It was, however, born of revolutionary ideas, blood and death. It began in Boston in 1878 as a result of the Central Labor Union (CLU) of New York. The CLU was the nation’s first integrated major trade union. Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894 following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S Military and U.S. Marshals during the Pulman Railroad Strike. President Grover Cleveland made reconciling with the labor union a top political priority because he feared further conflicts. Legislation was rushed through Congress with unanimous consent and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike. The September date was selected rather than the widespread International Worker’s Day because Cleveland was concerned that observance of the latter would stir up negative emotions linked to the Haymarket Square Massacre which it had been observed to commemorate. The Haymarket Affair or Riot, refers to the aftermath of a bombing that took place at a labor demonstration on Tuesday May 4, 1886 in Chicago. It began as a peaceful rally in support of workers striking for an eight - hour work day, a revolutionary idea at the time. An unknown person threw a dynamite bomb at police as they acted to disperse the public meeting. The bomb blast and ensuing gunfire resulted in the deaths of seven police officers and at least four civilians, and the wounding of scores of others.

Labor Day is and has been thought of as a “celebration of unions” although the union movement is no longer the force it was in the country. I prefer to think of the day as all encompassing; i.e., for all who labor - for wages - or not. For wives, volunteers and all who do meaningful work in the world.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

It is now eleven years since the tragic, senseless events of 2001. It seems that periodically our nation is reminded that neither freedom nor our unique way of life is free. From the Revolution which began the nation through a civil war which nearly ruined us to two World Wars, Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq, Afghanistan and the cowardly attacks of 911, we have been tried and tested. Our nation has been transformed significantly and permanently by the 911 terrorists and will never be the same. Please find time this day to honor those who, as a result of this day, have given their lives for our safety and freedom.



AUTUMNAL EMBER DAYS SEPTEMBER 19, 21 AND 22

The observance of Ember Days is documented in the Old Testament which states a “fast of the fourth month, and a fast of the fifth, and a fast of the seventh, and a fast of the tenth” (Zechariah 8:19). There was a Jewish custom at the time of Jesus to fast every Tuesday and Thursday. The first Christians changed this custom to a fast on Wednesday and Friday. This was because Wednesday was the day Christ was betrayed and Friday is the day He was crucified. Later, Christians added their own commemorations of the four seasons which coincided with existing pagan rituals in some countries.

The Ember Days give us an opportunity to focus our daily prayers on specific subjects or areas. For example, the protection of our Armed Forces and Canadian Allies and also for our First Responders -

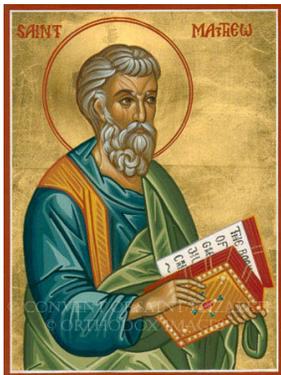
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police, fire and medical people. As well as petitioning God for his protection against the world, the flesh and the devil, please remember to praise, glorify and thank God for all his blessings to us.

**SAINT MATTHEW
APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

The Feast of Saint Matthew is celebrated on September 21st of this year (Book of Common Prayer, page 250). The first time we hear of Matthew is when Jesus tells him "Follow me" (Matthew 9:9). He is further mentioned four times in the list of the Apostles: Luke 6:15, Mark 3:18, Matthew 10:3 and Acts 1:13). He was a Galilean Jew



and a tax collector for Herod Antipas at Carpharnaum. As a tax collector he was doubly despised: First as an agent of the Roman Government and second as a Jew who had gone over to the Roman "enemy". Tax collectors were thought to be, and most were, dishonest. They were unsalaried and made their living by whatever they "earned" from cheating the taxed.

When called by Jesus, Matthew followed Him and brought Him to his house for a feast. It was attended by tax collectors, sinners, Apostles and Pharisees. The Pharisees protested the attendance of "sinners" and Jesus rebuked him by saying: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17). The New Testament records that as a disciple he followed Jesus and he was one of the witnesses of the Resurrection and Ascension. He preached in Judea for fifteen years and his Gospel was written to convince the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.

VESTRY MEMBERS

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- Greg Stern (480) 844-4898
- Rev. Tom Phifer (480) 892-4260

**SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
SEPTEMBER 29, 2012**

The Prospers for the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels are found in the BCP on page 251. Michael's name means "Who is like God?" and became a battle cry during the war between Good and Evil in the Book of Revelation. It is Michael who leads God's armies against Satan's forces during his uprising (Book of Revelation 12:7). He is also mentioned in the Book of Daniel as "one of the chief princes" (Daniel 10:13) in Daniel's vision and comes to Gabriel's aid in his contest with the angel of Persia (Dobiel). He is described as the advocate of the Children of Israel and as a "great prince who stands up for your (Daniel's) people" (Daniel 10:21 and 12:1).



We are now in the home stretch of Operation Christmas Child with the Packing Party scheduled for November 12th. While we are "basking in the sunshine" please don't forget to include in your shopping list items for those less fortunate children of the world. Remember when looking for items that they must fit in a shoe box and that the age groups are 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. We now have enough plastic reusable water bottles.

- September Small toys
(we have enough stuffed animals)
- October T-Shirts

For questions concerning Operation Christmas Child please contact Annmaria Simpson at 480-357-6168.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

from Bishop Bill Thompson

God is good, all time. All the time, God is good, because that is His nature!

Once again, I was reminded of the truth of this wonderful expression of God's grace to us all.

I believe many of you know that I and four other members of the diocese travelled to Uganda to strengthen our relationships with those in that wonderful country who have helped make it possible for all of us in the ACNA to have an ecclesiastical province for our own in North America.

It was a wonderful time for all of us. Travelling with me were Todd Jones (Senior Warden of All Saints, Long Beach), Debbie and Chris Koll-gaard (St. Luke's Church, La Crescenta), and Deacon Dee Renner (Christ Church, Fallbrook). We were hosted by Bishop Evans Kisekka, Bishop of the Diocese of Luweero, who took a number of our congregations under his wing from 2004 to 2009.

I also had the privilege to officiate and preach at the marriage of one of Bishop Kisekka's sons, Amos Kimera, at Namirembe Cathedral, the mother church of the Anglican Church of Uganda. After meeting Amos in 2007, he and I developed a very fine relationship via the internet.

During the time we were there, we visited primary and secondary schools, preached at different churches on Sunday, and did a bit of sightseeing at the Ugandan Martyrs' Shrine at Namugongo. Their story may be found in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, the feast being observed on June 3. We also had the opportunity to visit a wonderful hospital in Kiyoko, not too far from Luweero.

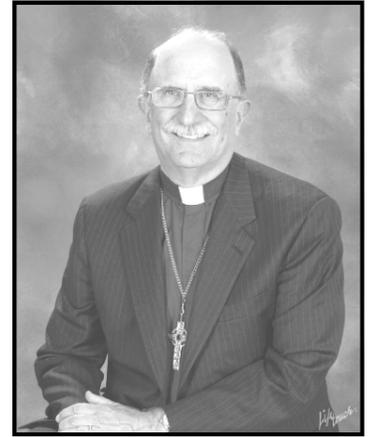
I had the honor of speaking to a group of 25 students and institutional chaplains. Bishop Kisekka wished that I would teach on three topics: The State of the Church in Western Culture, Modernism and Post Modernism in Western Culture & the Church, and Anglican Worship in Modern Day Evangelicalism.

It is important for us to continue to keep our relationships strong with those who have done so much for us when we were in need. If you have never gone overseas to visit a 2nd or 3rd world country, may I suggest that you do. There is nothing like being with committed Christians in the Global South. If you think you might be interested in such a journey, let me know. I can assure you that it will change your life and change your relationship with the Lord.

God is Good all the time!

Your brother in Christ,

Bishop Bill



The Bishop's Message was excerpted from The Call, the Western Diocese of Anglicans Newsletter, August-September 2012. The Call is available on the internet at www.westernanglicans.org.

GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN CHURCH VESTRY MEETING

JULY 10, 2012

The Good Shepherd Anglican Church Vestry met at the home of Reverend Thomas K. Phifer on the evening of July 10, 2012. The following members were present: Marvin Blattel, Don Cummings, Ron Jaworski, Dave La Marine and Brian Simpson. Father Phifer gave the invocation and Brian opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Don presented the financial report and noted that there was minimal activity last month. He further stated that the Altar Guild needed to be billed for flowers for June. It was agreed that the Territorial News ad will be a continuing expense.

It was noted that a visitor on Sunday was the result of the ad in the newspaper.

Rev. Phifer received an inquiry from the Prayer Book Society in response to his request for possible clergy replacement. The vestry agreed with his proposed response and assisted in providing additional requested information.

Ron reported on his search for a communication/answering service solution for the church. He found a source which will provide us with an 800 number and a voice mail message capability with basic information (service time, location, etc.) with two phone extensions for caller options. The 800 number has 300 free minutes and the capability of 40 voice mail to texts per month. The service includes a telephone listing for the church and the cost is \$9.95 per month. One phone extension option will be for the "Church Secretary" and the other for the Senior Warden. Marvin moved and Ron seconded that the plan be approved and the motion carried unanimously. (Dave subsequently reported that his research into a phone line with voice mail for the church would cost \$23.18 plus taxes and surcharges per month and also a \$40.50 activation fee. He voiced concerns regarding the security of the phone.) Don was given the contact information for the service and will proceed with the project. It was noted that the 800 number should be added to the Territorial News ad and also to all subsequent advertising efforts.

Brian said that Greg had looked at the church web site and that it needed to be reviewed for content including the 800 number.

Don voiced his concerns regarding the sign for the Church of God of Prophecy. The sign is badly damaged and presents a less than appropriate appearance. He recommended that it be replaced and a discussion followed on the replacement or repair of the sign and also inclusion of a sign for Good Shepherd. Marvin will investigate the cost to refurbish the sign and Brian will check on replacement cost. Coordination with the Church of God of Prophecy, of course, will be required.

Rev. Phifer researched the cost of printing a two sided business card for the church with a map on one side. The cost for 1,000 cards is \$48.00. Action is pending the receipt of the 800 telephone number.

The subject of ads in community newsletters was raised and Marvin reported that his community suspended the publication of the newsletter during the summer months. Dave said that his community only used commercial ads. Other parishioners may be asked to solicit an ad in their communities. In any event, the format used in the Territorial News would be appropriate.

Ron researched the mailing rates for postcards for bulk mailing by zip codes. For 1,000 black and white, 5 by 8 double sided cards, the cost is \$430 plus the cost of printing. The cost for color is \$750. If the cards are printed already, the cost is 14.5 cents each. Don recommended that we identify the areas which would not have newsletter ads. Brian said that we need to be selective for mailing. Don also stated that with the Episcopal Church's ruling and adoption of a service for same sex marriages, Anglican Churches may be in demand.

Brian said that we are currently without janitorial services . Don asked if we should solicit support from the other churches. Brian said that we need at least bi-weekly service. Dave moved and Ron seconded that bi-weekly janitorial service be reestablished. Motion approved and will be announced on Sunday.

Ron raised the subject of the damaged dias at the church. All agreed that it was a safety problem and an eyesore and required repair. Brian will evaluate the problem and ask Greg to assist in the repair if possible.

Brian asked that the firefighters of station 213 be put on our prayer list.

The next vestry meeting will be on Wednesday, August 8th at 7 p.m. at Father Phifer's home. Reverend Phifer gave the benediction, Marvin moved and Don seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. La Marine

GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN CHURCH VESTRY MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2012

The Good Shepherd Anglican Church Vestry met at the home of Reverend Thomas K. Phifer on the evening of August 8, 2012. The following members were present: Don Cummings, Ron Jaworski, Dave La Marine, Brian Simpson and Greg Stern. Father Phifer gave the invocation and Brian opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Don presented the Treasurer's Report. All fund accounts remain stable. It was noted that the average weekly attendance is one person less than last year. Since the interest paid on the Building Fund is so very low, Don moved and Ron seconded that \$10,000.00 be put in a one year CD to earn a higher interest rate. Motion carried.

Brian asked Rev. Phifer if there had been a response to the information we sent to the Prayer Book Society. He replied that he had not had a response yet.

Rev. Phifer said that the ad in the Territorial News needs to be changed to include the new church telephone number and also the website address and may require a "set up" charge. Brian said that for no charge, he had the telephone number listed in DEX and that it will be added to the hard copy phone book when it is published. The telephone number has also been added to the website. Don said that we have yet to be billed for the telephone service and that the first thirty days may be free.

Brian said that the church business cards will be distributed at church. Fr. Phifer inquired about the cost for a post card sized edition of the business card for posting on bulletin boards and Brian asked him to get a quote for 500 of them from the printer. Brian said that contingent upon the cost, the cards could be distributed in clubhouses of parks or mailed to targeted areas.

The subject of Janitorial services for the church was raised. One of our parishioners is interested in providing the service and Brian will speak with her about it. The employment would be as an independent contractor and for two hours per week each week. The scope of work would be for the Sanctuary and rest rooms, if required. It was mentioned that there has been a shortage of paper goods in the women's rest room and that this would be part of the scope of work. The cleaning supplies and paper goods will require a secure storage cabinet and Ron will check Craig's List for availability.

Greg said that he had installed a dead bolt lock in the pantry storage area for the Church of God of Prophecy (CGP) and given Pastor Tammy a key.

Greg said that he had been asked if the cross at the rear of the Sanctuary could be elevated six inches and Ron said there may be a problem with holes in the wall since the paint would not be easy to match. Greg will look at the situation.

Brian mentioned that it would be good to have a picture of the exterior of the church with the American Flag on the website as well as the Sanctuary to improve its appearance and appeal. Pictures will be taken.

Brian asked about the repair/replacement of the CGP sign at the entrance. Marvin told Dave that sign companies would not talk about the subject until it had been approved by the city. Brian will investigate the process of city approval. The portable signs have been used for several Sundays.

Brian was notified that the House of Delegates will meet on September 15th and that it may be viewed via streaming TV. Due to the size of the parish, we do not have a vote and will not be sending a representative.

The upcoming Lay Reader and Sermon schedules for the remainder of August, September and October were discussed with projected absences considered. Brian asked Ron to create the September and October Schedules. It was agreed that other speakers, Mr. Dick Buckingham and Father Charley Smith, would be, asked to speak as well as the existing core for sermons.

Brian asked about the status of the Directory and Don said it was finished with the additions of Linda Jo Johnson and the Taylors but that it needed to be word processed.

Brian said that the trim around the altar platform still requires repair. Marvin has mentioned that it could be carpeted and Ron said that the shape of the platform could be squared off to facilitate the repair. Greg and Ron will look at the situation.

Dave passed around two Advent booklets for review and asked for preferences. Both were thought to be acceptable. The cost for fifty of the booklets is less than \$50.00. Don mentioned that he and Karolyn also used a publication - Our Daily Bread - which would be of value to parishioners. Rev. Phifer and Dave also use it and Brian asked Dave to find the cost for it for the parish.

Don moved and Greg seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The next meeting will be on Wednesday the 12th of September at 7 p.m. at Rev. Phifer's residence.

Fr. Phifer gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
David A. La Marine

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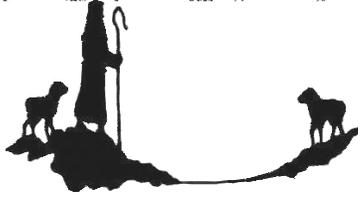
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FOR YOUR INFO

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ken Helander, Sept. 5th
Marvin Blattel, Sept. 7th
Cindy Johnson, Sept. 13th
Rita Helander, Sept. 19th
Linda Nobilio, Sept. 20th
Brian Simpson, Sept. 21st
David Abbott, Sept. 23rd
Darla McBride, Sept. 23rd
Marilyn Stafford, Sept. 27th
Greg Stern, Sept. 29th

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & Marilyn Abbott
September 4th
Philip & Sue Thompson
September 7th
Charles & Jean Marriott
September 8th