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The Northern Light



The Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac:
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The Way Forward

An Editorial by David Skidmore

We have a problem. Or rather we continue to have a problem, one made plain in the torch-lit parade of Neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and white nationalists—aka the alt-right—and their wannabes in Charlottesville, Va. in August; and punctuated by the backlash against removing Confederate monuments from public places.

Put simply, we who are white Americans in large part are unable or unwilling to acknowledge the persistent prejudice embedded in our institutions, and in our hearts, against people of color, particularly African-American, and against Jews and Muslims. And we are in denial regarding the subtle persecution these fellow Americans face on a nearly daily basis.

The chilling chants from the parade: "The Jews will not replace us."; and "Blood and soil.", seem like a soundtrack from the 1930s, but they are very much part of the backbeat today in the debate over our national vision. Whatever gains were achieved during the civil rights efforts of the 1960s seem less certain in the wake of efforts to undermine voting rights, and to destabilize the economic base of minority communities. This is not the path to greatness for America, regardless of what supporters of the current president think.

We are supposedly in an awakening populist movement, but this is not the populism born out of the Granger movement of the 1860s or the northern and southern farmer alliances of the late 1880s. This is a reawakening of nativism infused with bigotry and race-based resentment that is targeting immigration and affirmative action, two programs that embody the principles enshrined in our Declaration (the Preamble) and Constitution (equal protection clause).

We have been here before: the Know Nothing party of the 1850s railing against German and Irish Catholic immigrants, the Immigration Restriction League of the 1890s; the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882; and the German American Bund and the America First Committee of the 1930s and 1941. Then and now, fear was the catalyst. White, Protestant nationalists feared the loss of power and privilege, misconstruing the American experiment as a zero-sum game. Fear married to greed fueled judicial decisions and legislation (Dred Scott, Indian Removal Act) that led to such tragedies as the Trail of Tears, and deepened the divisions that made the Civil War all but inevitable.

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Another Step in the Jesus Movement

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, the Episcopal Church in northeast Wisconsin, is pleased to

announce the Most Rev. Michael Curry, 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, will make his official diocesan visitation in October 2019. The Presiding Bishop visits every Episcopal diocese during a nine-year term of office.

"We look forward to having Bishop Curry join us in this part of the Kingdom," Bishop Matt explained. "His leadership will energize and inspire us to share Jesus' message of love with a world in need."

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**Vestry minutes appear
 monthly on our website at
[http://stlukes-
 sisterbay.org/](http://stlukes-sisterbay.org/)**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Please don't wait to be asked if you want to get involved. We invite you to pray about serving and see what you discover. You can let any vestry member or Mother Barb know you are interested. Training is provided.

- Counters for Sunday Offering.
- Reading the lessons and/or the Prayers of the People during Sunday worship.
- Serve as a chalice bearer -- they offer the cup of wine, the blood of Jesus Christ. Some also assist at the table during communion.
- Altar Guild — they prepare for worship services including communion bread and wine as well as flowers. Added bonus, great gatherings with scrumptious food.
- Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) – they take communion to parish members at Scandia.
- Providing transportation to church for members who live at Scandia. Speak with Gwynne Schultz, Deacon Joy or Mother Barb.

**The Way Forward**

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Now we have a president who has hung Andrew Jackson's portrait in the Oval Office, praising Old Hickory as a model populist president, and claiming Jackson could have prevented the Civil War (Jackson, a slave owner, died in 1845); ignoring Jackson's pro-slavery stance, and his forced relocation of Cherokees and other eastern tribes to Indian Territory in the Plains (15,000 died of the 100,000 deported).

People are pushing back against this nativist and racist sentiment, notably through alliances and movements like Indivisible and Black Lives Matter, but also through faith groups and congregations, including The Episcopal Church. Bishops across the church have denounced the sentiments and actions of the alt-right, and individual churches are addressing the legacy of racism within their own walls, including Washington National Cathedral which recently decided to remove stained glass commemorating Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson (donated by the Daughters of the Confederacy in 1953).

Although unlikely, a national conversation and confession, along the lines of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, would help repair the wounds of over 400 years of racism. We can be encouraged that the conversation is now happening in the Episcopal Church, led by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, most recently at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlottesville.

"The bitter, painful reality of what we have called and known to be racism, which never went away, was like a scab was ripped off Aug. 12, and the whole country saw it," Curry told the group of more than 100 at Christ Church Sept. 7, as reported by Episcopal News Service.

Home to the University of Virginia, Charlottesville is also home to three Episcopal parishes, the oldest being Christ Church. St. Paul's Memorial Church, adjacent to the university, followed in 1910, and nine years later, African American congregants, feeling unwelcome at Christ Church, founded Trinity Church in the Vineyard Hills neighborhood. While St. Paul's and Trinity became partners in desegregation and anti-discrimination work in the 1950s and '60s, Christ Church kept its distance well into the current century. Under the current rector, the Rev. Paul Walker, Christ Church and Trinity members have begun reconciliation efforts, beginning with a joint celebration of Absalom Jones, the first black Episcopal priest, in 2014. Last fall, members of both congregations attended a workshop on racial reconciliation and the roots of racism.

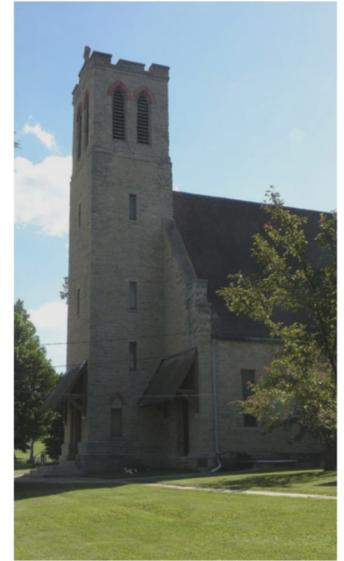
This is the way forward: talking, listening, and experiencing discipleship together. It is hard but necessary work, and the only path that will lead us to the Kingdom.

This appeared in The Historiographer, Fall edition, which David is editor.

143RD ANNUAL CONVENTION DIOCESE OF FOND DU LAC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES. ONEIDA
RADISSON CONFERENCE CENTER, ONEIDA



The primary purpose of convention is to elect committee and commission members. It may also provide direction to those serving on committees and commissions, as well as the diocese and its congregations. This can be accomplished by adopting a resolution that includes a call to action or by changing the Diocesan Constitution or Canons. In addition to our active and retired Episcopal clergy who have seat, voice and vote, our delegates are Ray and Carol Ann Osinski, and David Skidmore who is on St. Luke's vestry and the Diocese of Fond du Lac's Executive Council.

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Anyone attending convention (delegates, visitors and exhibitors) **must register**. A \$45 fee covers continental breakfast, lunch buffet, gratuity, hospitality (special guests, tellers, and seminarians), facilities, supplies and postage. Pay online or by check BEFORE convention. After October 11th, the fee increases to \$70.

1 CONVENTION, 2 SITES

The Convention Eucharist will be at the Church of the Holy Apostles, Oneida. Please arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. for the service starting at 9:00 a.m. A continental breakfast is available in the Parish Hall starting at 8:00 a.m. Check-in and business takes place after the service at the Radisson Conference Center, a five-minute drive from Holy Apostles. Convention ends at 4:00.

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

Delegates are expected to attend one pre-convention meeting to get to know other delegates, become familiar with resolutions submitted and the proposed diocesan budget.

These are held across the diocese and online. You are welcome to attend any meeting listed.

- Tuesday, September 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. John, Wausau
- Tuesday, October 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. Thomas, Menasha
- Thursday, October 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. Anne, De Pere
- Tuesday, October 10, 7-9 p.m., Online Webinar, register at diofdl.org/convention

DELEGATES

Lay delegates are elected as congregational representatives. Clergy delegates are Canonically Resident (meaning ordained and under the authority of the Bishop) and includes priests, deacons, bishops in active ministry as well as those who are retired. This may include some who live outside the geographic boundaries of the diocese. Delegates link the congregation and diocese so they should engage church members in discussion about convention.

Prayers for the Time Before and During Convention

For the Diocese

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese of Fond du Lac to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, our clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

For a Church Convention

Almighty and ever living God, Source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at the 142nd Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac for the renewal and mission of your church in this place. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Another Step in the Jesus Movement

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Curry has made the Jesus Movement a central part of his leadership as Presiding Bishop.

Initial plans include events for Episcopalians as well as the general public. Friday, October 25, 2019 would include the Diocesan Convention Eucharist and business session during the day. The evening features a banquet open to Episcopalians and other guests with Curry as Keynote Speaker.

An revival event, open to the public, will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 and is planned for the new Fox Cities Exposition Center. Promotion of the event will reach across northeast Wisconsin and target area churches and denominations. The revival attendance goal is 800, although up to 3,000 can be accommodated. A picnic lunch will be available and weather permitting, the facilities of Jones Park next to the Center. The Presiding Bishop's visitation ends with preaching at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Fond du Lac on Sunday morning. "We have just started preparations, and there will be a lot of prayer and prep to be accomplished," Administrator Matthew Payne noted. "Over the next two years, we will involve volunteers to make this event successful in sharing the Gospel."

Learning Opportunities

Lectionary Conversation Wednesday, 1:30p

The lectionary group takes an in-depth look at the upcoming Sunday scriptures, including looking at the history and theology of a given passage. Needless to say, that makes listening to the sermon on Sunday a much more rewarding experience. This class isn't sequential, so feel free to drop in on any Wednesday.

Reading the Good Book Well: Not Your Grandmother's Bible Study! Thursday, 10a

Someone has said the Bible is an "R-rated" book, intended for mature audiences. This will be a six week Bible study, designed to illustrate key insights from *READING THE GOOD BOOK WELL*, written by my great friend, Jerry Camery-Hoggatt. The goal is to enable participants to interpret biblical passages with greater interest and insight, and to increase their appetite for being "addressed" by scripture itself. It will be an interactive study, so bring your sense of humor and a curious mind. Roger Johnson

Come, even if you missed the first one in September.

Book Club

On Tuesday, October 17 at noon in the Canterbury Room, the St. Luke's Book Club will be discussing *Chicago: A Novel* by Brian Doyle



All are welcome. Bring your lunch if you desire.

On the last day of summer, a young college grad moves to Chicago and rents a small apartment on the north side of the city, by the lake. This is the story of the five seasons he lives there, during which he meets gangsters, gamblers, policemen, a brave and garrulous bus driver, a cricket player, a librettist, his first girlfriend, a shy apartment manager, and many other riveting souls, not to mention a wise and personable dog of indeterminate breed.

A love letter to Chicago, the Great American City, and a wry account of a young man's coming-of-age during the one summer in White Sox history when they had the best outfield in baseball, *Chicago* is a novel that will plunge you into a city you will never forget and may well wish to visit for the rest of your days.

Canterbury Cinema



Dinner and a movie resumes October 11th at 5p. **See page 5 for information about the movie.** Please sign-up in Clipboard Alley if you plan on attending and if you are able to help with dinner. The November movie will be *A Christmas Memory*. Plan on being there on November 8.



Coffee Hour News

Did you know that the coffee consumed at our Coffee Hour supports Fair Trade? Recently the Kitchen Committee has started ordering coffee from Equal Exchange. We found their policies supporting Fair Trade, small farms and economic justice consistent with the values we espouse at St. Luke's. An added bonus is that Equal Exchange will donate 15 cents to Episcopal Relief and Development for each pound of coffee we purchase. Drink up!

Sneak Preview: South Pacific

Canterbury Cinema, October 11, 5p

By Mike Eischen



"You've Got to Be Carefully Taught". These words are from a song from Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's *South Pacific*, the musical revolving around cross-cultural love affairs in the South Pacific during World War II. The musical opened on Broadway in 1949, and won several Tony Awards the following year. In 1958, it became a blockbuster film. But, it also drew critics and controversy. It covered uncomfortable territory. Its romantic tension was based on interracial romance, a strong taboo at the time.

Even so, the soundtrack topped the charts. Songs like "Some Enchanted Evening" and "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair" were popular on the radio. The lyrics to "You've Got to Be Taught" reinforces an underlying message in the film that racism is objectionable, but sadly it also reflects a pattern of teaching racism that is prevalent in the U.S. today.

"You've got to be taught
To hate and fear, you've got to be taught from year to year
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear
You've got to be carefully taught.
You've got to be taught
To be afraid of people
Whose eyes are oddly made
And people whose skin is a different shade
You've got to be carefully taught."

The message of this song was intended to bring racism to light in its era. Today it is a modus operandi for neo-Nazis, skin heads, and other hate groups who march in America's streets without masks, and preach racial hatred on social media.

What we hear and see in *South Pacific* are classic love stories with a thorny cultural twist. What happens, for instance, when "boy meets girl" becomes "all-American boy meets Asian girl in wartime setting"? In 1958, Hammerstein was on *The Mike Wallace Interview*, hosted by Mike Wallace of *60 Minutes* fame. He said, "*South Pacific* had two love stories in it. They both concern, in a different way, race prejudice. One of the love stories involves an American woman named Nellie Forbush. The Navy nurse is in love with a Frenchman, and when she finds out that he was once married to a Polynesian woman and has two Polynesian — no, half-Polynesian — children, she runs away. She's shocked by it, and she's awakened later when she fears he's dead, and then suddenly she realizes how unimportant was her prejudice, how important it was that she loved him and how much she wants him back, no matter what kind of children he has," he said.

When *South Pacific* was released, its theme of racial and romantic tolerance was just too much for some. Some members of the military complained that "Carefully Taught" ruined the flow of the musical. When the show went on national tour in the 1950s, two Georgia state lawmakers were repulsed after seeing it, and said a song justifying marriage between races was offensive. One of them, Rep. David C. Jones, wrote in a letter, "We in the South are a proud and progressive people. Half-breeds cannot be proud."

Nearly 70 years ago, Hammerstein's message of tolerance was largely about race and romance. But on so many levels — race, sexual orientation, class, religion, gender — the challenge of reaching across differences is still relevant today. What needs to be said about the treatment of indigenous women by a war time occupational military force?

Does any scene challenge your own understanding of race and privilege? Consider this quote, "I didn't want you to enjoy the film. I wanted you to look very clearly at your own soul." — Sam Peckinpath, a director.

Finally, this is a musical. More than words and images, music can bypass our thinking and touch our emotional and spiritual selves. Watch how the background music and songs connect you to both the action, and to tender moments. Which music tells the audience how the actor is feeling, and which tells the viewer how to feel? Is there a moment when the lack of any music conveys meaning?

Please sign-up in clipboard alley or call the church office.

See you at Canterbury Cinema.

Halloween, All Saints, and the Faithful Departed

Halloween

Everyone has experienced Halloween, the evening of Oct. 31, which precedes the church's celebration of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1. The Episcopal Church's *Book of Occasional Services (BOS)*, provides a form for a service on All Hallows' Eve. This service begins with the Prayer for Light, and it includes two or more readings from scripture. The options for the readings include the Witch of Endor (1 Sm 28:3-25), the Vision of Eliphaz the Temanite (Jb 4:12-21), the Valley of Dry Bones (Ez37:1-14), and the War in Heaven (Rv 12:[1-6]7-12). The BOS notes that "suitable festivities and entertainments" may precede or follow the service, and there may be a visit to a cemetery or burial place.

The popular name for this festival (Halloween) is shortened from "All-hallow-even". It was the eve of Samhain, a pagan Celtic celebration of the beginning of winter and the first day of the new year. This time of the ingathering of the harvest and the approach of winter apparently provided a reminder of human mortality. It was a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes. Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. Samhain was a popular festival at the time when the British Isles were converted to Christianity. For Celts it is a time when the bridge that separates the world of the living and the world of the dead becomes firmer, allowing spirits and ghosts and ghouls to cross over. These spirits or departed souls are honored and asked to grant luck and prosperity.

The 21st century secular popularity of this holiday has caused the Festival of the Dead to be less about honoring the dead and more about the commercial sale of ghoulish masks and frightening frivolity. The dressing up was to resemble the souls of the dead which the pagans believed walk the land that night, along with the evil spirits, which people wore masks and lit bonfires to scare them away. However, over the centuries our Christian beliefs have given way to focusing on honoring the dead through worship, prayer remembrances, and community. The church "adopted" this time of celebration for Christian use by observing All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, and All Hallows' Eve on the evening of Oct. 31.



All Saints' Day

Commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on Nov. 1. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism. All Saints' Day may also be celebrated on the Sunday following Nov. 1.

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

This optional observance is an extension of All Saints' Day. While All Saints' is to remember all the saints, popular piety felt the need to distinguish between outstanding saints and those who are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church, especially family members and friends. Commemoration of All Faithful Departed did not appear in an American Prayer Book until 1979, and it is celebrated on Nov. 2. It is also known as All Souls' Day. Many churches now commemorate all the faithful departed in the context of the All Saints' Day celebration.

From The Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, on the Episcopal Church's website and A Brief History of All Hallows' Eve and Anglican Traditions, from the Episcopal Church's website.

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Clipboard Alley

Clipboard Alley is where a number of things are posted on clipboards including sign-up sheets for serving, Sunday flowers and other events. Clipboard Alley is located along the hallway that leads to the stairs. When entering St. Luke's, the hallway is immediately to your right as you walk towards the worship space.



Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

- Oct 1 Betsy Rogers
- Oct 9 William Brophy
- Oct 9 James Berkenstock
- Oct 13 Ralph © Kathy Blankenburg
- Oct 14 David Skidmore
- Oct 20 Anne Egan
- Oct 22 Betty Vail

Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? Have we given you a new one by mistake? If so, please call the church office and let us know.

Highway 57 Closure: Getting to St. Luke's

By the time you read this, Highway 57, from Highway Q just north of Baileys Harbor up to Canterbury Lane, will be closed (or with flagging operations) until winter shutdown and then again in May—June 2018. The website indicates it will be open from October 12 until winter shutdown with flagging operations.

To get to church from south of Canterbury Lane you have two options. You can come into Sister Bay on Highway 42 until you come to Highway 57, just as you enter downtown Sister Bay. Turn onto Highway 57 and go to Canterbury Lane that way. The other way would be to come on the Highway Q detour to Woodcrest and go north to County ZZ. Go left on ZZ to Highway 42 in Sister Bay, make a left and then a left onto Highway 57 to Canterbury.

For further information about the closure go to:
<https://projects.511wi.gov/wis57/full-project-overview/>



COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION PROGRAMS

WHAT IS A "COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION PROGRAM?" *"It is a series of presentations covering a wide variety of health-related subjects and is available free of charge. These C.H.I.P.s are now being held on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Sister Bay. For more information, visit their website at www.NorthernDoorHealthWellness.com. They also provide information on other services such as blood pressure screening and transportation.*

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

WHEN: Sunday, October 22 at 4:00pm

WHERE: First Baptist Church, Sister Bay

SPEAKER: Dr. Shona Antonio, M.D.. Family and Integrative Medicine

Dr. Shona Antonio M.D. will share with us how sharing a good laugh can actually improve your health, more than just brightening up your day. The sound of laughter draws people together in ways that trigger healthy physical and emotional changes in the body. Laughter can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, strengthen your immune system, and diminish pain. **JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION!!**

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*Celebrating, Deepening and Sharing
our Commitment to Christ*

Concert for Hurricane Relief Sunday, Nov 5, 2p

Beth Chafey-Hon, the violinist will be playing with Sue Raye Hughes accompanying on piano. The concert will be Sunday afternoon, with a reception to follow. The money from the free-will offering will go to go to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD).

About ERD: ERD consistently receives the highest ratings on Charity Navigator. Their primary mission is to go in after a crisis and provide assistance at rebuilding lives. Gifts to ERD provide their partners on the ground with critical supplies, such as food and water for communities devastated by Hurricane Irma and other storms. Gifts also help ERD to empower communities to not only prepare for emergencies, but assist with the long-term efforts needed to rebuild and heal.

For more information, go to their website at <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Can't be there? Please consider sending a donation to the church marked for Hurricane Relief.

Note: Date is now Oct 1!



Sunday, Oct. 1, 2p

You are invited to bring your pets or a picture of your pets, to the church on Sunday, October 1, at 2 p.m. This includes those 'pets' which are beloved stuffed animals as we know not everyone is able to have living dogs or cats or other animals. The blessing will be in the parking lot.

Hearing Loop System

A reminder that the church has two Sound Loop receivers with headsets available. See George Hughes if interested (he is usually by the organ).

