



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Having examined the prayer For Travelers (BCP p. 831) in last month's article, I thought we would examine the prayer For Returning Travelers (in **bold** below) in this issue. It is not in our BCP, but was written upon request when I was in Skokie. Like last month, I am following the parsing of Barbee and Zahl in their book, *The Collects of Thomas Cranmer*.

Almighty God, (the Address) We could pray to lots of different people: Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the saints. This prayer talks directly to God the Father, just the way Jesus prayed.

creator of the universe, (the Acknowledgement) This optional honorific is included to remind us that we are the creatures who have been out and about in God's creation.

we thank you for the journey of [name(s)] safely ended (the Petition) This isn't a 'petition', but a thanksgiving. We take too many trips without even bothering to thank God for our safe return. This is appropriate.

and for the many persons who served [him/her/them] in [his/her/their] travel. This begins to address the point made above. How often do we acknowledge the importance of others who actually do work which we take for granted?

We thank you for your guiding hand We are all in God's hands, all of the time. Sometimes we forget this, too.

preserving [him/her/them] from dangers, seen and unseen, along the way, We see some dangers. We don't see others. This covers everything.

for your presence at every destination The Psalmist (Psalm 139) asks, "Where can I flee from your presence?" The final answer becomes obvious, 'nowhere': ie, God is everywhere and anywhere we go.

and for returning [him/her/them] safely to us, There is no place like home. Just ask Dorothy. Home is special, and it's always good to be back.

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (the Pleading) There is no Aspiration in this prayer, and that's OK (it's optional). The closing is how Jesus told us to pray: through him.

Welcome home,
Pete+

AROUND AND ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

The Bishop is coming, the Bishop is coming ...

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, our new Bishop, will attend our fall gala to celebrate and to preach. It will be her first visit to Christ Church. Please plan to join us to celebrate our 100th anniversary.

Pentecost: Tongues of Flame

Again this year, we simultaneously read the Reading from Acts in 6 different languages: English, French, German, Italian, Latvian and Spanish. As usual, it was a hoot, and, of course, educational.

Back to School

We will be collecting money in July for Lawrence Hall's Back to School Program. This facility, part of Episcopal Charities, helps troubled youth. Envelopes in the narthex may be used, or simply state Lawrence Hall on the check's memo line. Please be generous.

People to remember in our prayers

Patty, Carol Feeley, Andrew, Joanne, John, Joy, The Reverend Bob Wyatt, Nancy Smith, Merik, Kasia, Lamont, Maureen Puleo, Linda, Nick, Krista Gilbert, Peter & Peggy, Marc & Sylvette, Cyn Koukos. Nicholas & Christina, Jay & John, Nancy Stisser, David, Joe Zavorski, Hilde, John, Marilyn Leonhart, Dom, Doris Kirk, Darlene Downs, Amy Columbus, Cathie, Judy, Liz, Seth, Chad, Ann Hoeksema, Buzz, Patrick & Veronica Hunter, Frank Cassello, Marta, Mary Sue, Rocky, Marlene & Randy, Briana, Jaela & Azi Sullivan, Eleanor, Kimberly, Bev Fotiadis, Judy Skowronek, The Pavkovich Family, The Reverend James Nako, Betty Wegner, Valarie & Tim Keefe, Tony Appleyard, Sandy Langhnecht, Martha Baumgarten, Marty, Ada, Christopher, Allen, Jamie, Mike Langdon, Judith & Ellen Tracy, Annette Johnson, and those in our armed forces: Andrew Tapley, Reese Jones, Joseph Sowka, Alicia Quetzalcatti, Alicia Johnson.

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

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| 8 | Mary Jill Lietz | 9 | Robert Lietz | 12 | Laura & Ed Thomphsen |
| 18 | Cyn Koukos | 21 | Susan Krout | | |

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

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| 15 | Madeline Lyons | 18 | Dom DiCiocco |
| 25 | Emily Lietz | 27 | Seth Flanders |

Men's Lunch

The Men's Lunch at Madison Park Kitchen in Forest Park meets on the 1st Friday of the month at noon. I hope you will join us.

SUMMER TREASURE HUNT

Come, see and hunt for treasures and bargains. You never know what you might find, or see. It's a treasure hunt aspect of a sale! There are tables filled with great finds and bargains during the month of **July** in the undercroft. You may shop on Sundays after the 10 a.m. service. OR call the office (phone 708-366-7730 after 1 p.m. M-F), if you would like to shop on a week day. All prices are easy on the pocketbook and payment is on the honor system.

From the Treasurer's desk...Kristin Flanders

We have not been sending out midyear statements for a while. This year I propose to email statements to all who have email. These will be emailed in mid-July. There are a very few people that do not have email. Those statements will be mailed. This is a good time for all to check their statements and let me know if there are any corrections that need to be made.

ReVive's 102nd Christmas Basket Program

We have coordinators! Pat Millett and Debbie Schaubel graciously volunteered to navigate us through our outreach ministry this year. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY

Sunday, July 2nd - "Mass on the Grass" - 10 a.m. Eucharist. Weather permitting.

Friday, July 7th - Men's Lunch, Madison Park Kitchen - Noon

The Vestry does not meet in July and August. Meeting called if needed.

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST

Sunday, August 6th - "Mass on the Grass" - Weather permitting, we will celebrate the
10 a.m. Eucharist on our front lawn.

Friday, August 7th - Men's Lunch, will not meet in August.

