

The Ambassador

June 2017

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

A vital, eclectic Episcopal congregation committed to the ministry of all the baptized

From Fr. Jamie

As I write this, I have just celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood (in July, it will be 14 years since I was ordained a Deacon). As I look back over these 14 years, I realize that, with all the challenges ordained ministry sometimes has, the blessing definitely outweighs the difficulties.

In August, our very own John Anderson will be going to the Commission on Ministry to take one further step toward ordination as a Deacon. God willing, we hope that within the next few years, we will have a vocational deacon to help here at St. Stephen's.

I ask your prayers and blessings for John as he continues to discern and heed his calling from God to serve the Church.

-peace,
Fr. Jamie+

Altar Guild Training

Fr. Jamie is offering Altar Guild training on Sunday, June 25, following coffee hour.

Healing Mass

Our next Wednesday night healing service will be at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 5th. This healing service will now be provided on the first Wednesday of each month.

John Anderson Ordination Update

John Anderson has completed both congregational and diocesan discernment for ordination to the Diaconate and will be meeting with the Diocesan Commission on Ministry in August.

New Directory

A new, updated directory will be available in June. Thank you to Donna Clark for gathering information for it and to Sandy Kenz for preparing it and printing. Directories will be available at the church by the end of June.

Around St. Stephen's Baptism

Jaxon Cole and **Noah Cole** the sons of Jennifer and Daniel Cole and grandsons of **Kathie Durben**, were baptized on June 4.



Jaxon and Noah with grandmother Kathie Durben, mother Jennifer Cole and Fr. Jamie after the baptism

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Graduations

Congratulations to **Kristofer Sando** who graduated from Moorhead High School on June 4.



Fr. Jamie and Kristofer



Congratulations to **Eliot Wilking**, son of **Leo** and **Martha**, who graduated from Harvard in early June.

Wedding



Congratulations to **John Anderson** and **Jessica Pitzel**, who were married at St. Stephen's on May 20. Fr. Jamie officiated.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Four (4) volunteers are needed on Thursday, July 13, from 8 -11 AM to stuff a mailing at Great Plains Food Bank. If you are interested, please contact Sandy Holbrook (232-1667 or slholbrook@cableone.net).
- Anyone who enjoys gardening is invited to join the small group that maintains the Memorial Garden and other garden spaces around St. Stephen's. The group meets weekly (weather permitting!) on Wednesdays around 4. Weeding, watering and general maintenance are the usual tasks but occasionally there are other garden jobs as well. The group usually works for an hour or so but work concludes in plenty of time for those who want to attend the Wednesday Eucharist.

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Schedule of Ministries at St. Stephen's for July - August

Schedule	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Acolyte	Holbrook	Meister	Rudnick	Corbitt-Hall	Demmons, K.
Altar Guild	Phillips	Phillips	Nylander	Nylander	Holbrook
Worship Ldr/EM	Corbitt-Hall	Holbrook	Meister	Stewart	Weightman
Lector	Weightman	Wilking	Anderson	Baird	Bolduc
Usher	Phillips	Sando, K.	Stewart	Wilson	Anderson
	Rice	Sando, P.	Wilking	Baird	Pitzel
Euch. Visitor	Clark	Holbrook	Weightman	Anderson	Baird
Coffee	Berend/Ragan	Demmons	DuFault	Marubbio	Morrissey
				Wilson	
Cleaning	Stewart	Stewart	Anderson/Pitzel	Anderson/Pitzel	Bolduc
Children's Chapel					
TENTATIVE Schedule	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	
Acolyte	Demmons, N.	Holbrook	Anderson	Meister	
Altar Guild	Holbrook	Hauan	Hauan	Marubbio	
Worship Ldr/EM	Wilking	Anderson	Baird	Weightman	
Lector	DuFault	Hill	Meister	Morrissey	
Usher	Bolduc	Hill	Marubbio	Phillips	
	Clark	Nylander	Marubbio	Rice	
Euch. Visitor	Clark	Holbrook	Weightman	Anderson	
Coffee	Nylander	Phillips	Sando	Tackling	
		Rice			
Cleaning	Bolduc	Clark	Clark	Marubbio	

**Communion is available for those who are unable to attend Sunday worship. Please call the church to request communion after the Sunday service.*

***If you are unavailable to serve on a date when you are assigned, please find a substitute and let James (evensong2@gmail.com) now who the substitute will be as early as possible so he can include the correct names in the bulletins. THANKS.*