



January 18 & 25, 2004

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At 10:15 on Sunday, January 25, the Annual Meeting of Christ Church, Winnetka will convene. All parishioners are urged to attend!

When: **Sunday, January 25**  
What: **9 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed at 10:15 a.m. by the Annual Meeting**  
Where: **The Church on the Hill**  
What else? **A Light Luncheon Buffet at Church House**

Please note that the 9 a.m. service is the only worship service on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Child care will be provided.

The Annual Meeting includes:

- Election of Vestry members. Nominees include: Bob Wilcox (for Warden), Esther Berry, Ken Gould, and Jim McGee (a fifth nominee will be named later)
- A thank you to retiring Vestry Warden Roger Lump and members Hugh Fox, Gordon Montgomery, Mary Walther and Lucia Webster
- Treasurer's Report
- The Rector's Annual Report
- Reports from staff & committees

# christian formation

“life in christ”  
Parish Forum

Sunday, January 18,  
2004  
10:10 - 11 a.m.  
McClain Room

At last summer’s meeting of the General Convention, the bishops and deputies consented to the election of the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson as bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of New Hampshire. On November 2, 2003 Canon Robinson was consecrated as bishop. In a pastoral letter sent to the clergy and people of the Diocese of Chicago last November, Bishop William Persell wrote: “Because Bishop Robinson is a homosexual living in a committed relationship, his election, the subsequent consent at Convention, and consecration have been viewed as courageous and faithful by some and as unfaithful and sinful by others in our Church.” Indeed, this action has been applauded by many persons, denounced by others, and left most confused. What does Bishop Robinson’s consecration mean for the unity of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (ECUSA)? How does it impact our relations with other members of the greater Anglican Communion? What does Scripture have to say about the broad questions of sexuality and faithfulness to God’s call to ministry?

At the *Life In Christ* parish forum Sunday, January 18, the Rector will offer comments about the action of Convention and its implications for the Church and serve as moderator for a conversation on this important topic. To help you prepare for this forum, you are invited to help yourselves to written material available in the foyer of Church House, just outside the McClain Room, as well as in the church office.

You will not want to miss this informative and valuable discussion!

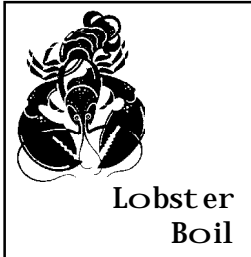
three-year-olds  
learn their  
lessons



Before Christmas, Christ Church school’s Three-Year-Olds’ Class had just finished their worship service at their class altar. Their teacher began the lesson about Moses and went on to explain how the Baby Moses they had been learning about the week before was now a grown man. She taught them the lesson Exodus 8 to 14 about Moses, the man, serving God and asking the King of Egypt to let his people go and be free. She went on to talk about the plague of frogs.

Later, while the children enjoyed their snacks, Mrs. Gormanous reviewed their Sunday lesson. She wondered with the children what it may have been like in Biblical times to have frogs all over their homes: in their kitchens and in their bedrooms. One of the children raised her hand and added, “and a frog in your throat.” Mrs. Gormanous could barely hold back a chuckle.

# c u r r e n t s & t i d i n g s



## Christ Church Annual Lobster Boil Saturday, February 7

7 pm

The Parish House

Includes three-course lobster dinner, wine & beer

Tables may be reserved, or as to be placed at a table

Call the Church Office, 446-2850, ext. 27

to sign up for this Christ Church classic

### the curate's breakfast



George Smith will offer something different at the next Curate's breakfast, **7 a.m., Thursday, January 22**—pancakes served up in the kitchen of the Great Hall! George will provide the batter and griddle, attendees provide appetites and conversation. Call George at 446-2850, ext. 27 or e-mail him at [george@christchurchwinnetka.org](mailto:george@christchurchwinnetka.org) so he knows how much syrup and coffee to have on hand.



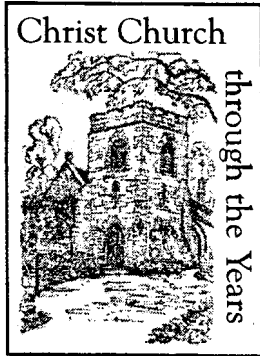
### chorale call

If you enjoy singing but don't have time to make a regular commitment to our choir, the Christ Church Chorale could be the group for you! The Chorale will begin rehearsing on Thursday evening, February 5, preparing baroque choral music by Vivaldi and others for a church service on Sunday, March 7. Please contact Organist and Choirmaster Richard Clemmitt for more information.

### addresses, please!



If you do not already receive e-mail from Christ Church and you would like to begin receiving reminders of upcoming events or matters of general interest via e-mail, please contact George Smith (446-2850, ext. 27 or [george@christchurchwinnetka.org](mailto:george@christchurchwinnetka.org).) with your e-mail address.



## Why the Separated Building Facilities?

Why is the Christ Church Parish House half a mile away from the church itself?

The answer lies in the origins of the parish, the climate of northern Illinois and the strong belief in community involvement of our 20th century leaders.

The site of Christ Church was not chosen by an Episcopalian congregation. It was selected by John Garland, a devout Christian who built a nondenominational church on his property, adjacent to a trail well-traveled in the mid-19th century when people moved on foot or by horseback.

John was subsequently persuaded by his Episcopalian wife to offer the church to the Diocese of Chicago; and in 1876 the bishop, the Rt. Rev. William E. McLaren, accepted. By then, however, rail lines connected Winnetka with the world, and those lines ran half a mile west of the church. The commercial center of the village, the schools and much of the housing huddled closer to the new transportation lines than they did to the old trail. Roads were not well developed, and east-west access to the lakefront could be difficult.

Enter winter storms, deep snow drifts and inadequate church heating. People felt they couldn't (or wouldn't) fight those elements to reach the "Garland" church, so they held their worship services in rented school space more nearly in the center of town.

By 1900 the mission had purchased a house for a Rectory, located in town at Oak and Linden. In 1904 the mission became a parish, and ten years later built a parish house and chapel on this property which they already owned.

Shortly thereafter Ashley Gerhard was called to be Rector and began his incredible 37 years of parish leadership. One of his strongly held beliefs was the importance of church participation in the life of the community, a belief sustained by his successors. Thus, when the church began planning for a new, bigger parish house complex, there was quick consensus that it, too, should be located in the center of Winnetka. This turned out to be Oak and Maple.

The parish leadership apparently never seriously considered locating the parish house adjacent or close to the church, nor did they consider building a church in the center of town. Once the substantial stone Church-on-the-Hill was built in 1905, Christ Church was firmly locked into the Sheridan Road location.

Better streets, winter plowing and improved heating increasingly made the Sheridan Road church more satisfactory for worship. The chapel at Oak and Maple was never intended to be the major place of worship, and in 1955 the parish expanded the Church-on-the-Hill to provide yet more congregational seating.

As most current parishioners know, the congregation declined in 1997 to sell its central Winnetka property at Oak and Maple. The parish did, however, enlarge facilities on Sheridan Road to accommodate Sunday worship and Christian education. Thus, the pattern set more than a century ago, while adapted over the years to changing needs and preferences, continues its unique way of providing for the full life of Christ Church.

—compiled and edited by Bob

Bradner

# *Choral* Evensong

*sung by the*  
Christ Church Choir

*in preparation for an upcoming trip to the*  
Washington National Cathedral

*illuminating the Word of God*  
*through the sacred musical settings by*

**William Byrd**

**Herbert Murrill**

*and*

**Samuel Sebastian Wesley**

Sunday, February 1, 2004 ◆ 5 pm



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# currents & tidings



*Our clergy at the ordination of George Smith to the priesthood, December 20, 2003. For a slide presentation of the ordination as well as Christmas Eve services and the pageant, see our website at [www.christchurchwinnetka.org](http://www.christchurchwinnetka.org)*

## christmas baskets 2003



Christ Church outdid itself once again in volunteer spirit with the Christmas basket project for Cathedral Shelter. As has been the case in recent years, the largesse extended to a number of auxiliary agencies which also received special Christmas greetings in the form of clothing, toiletries and food items from our donations.

Twenty-two committee members worked together to orchestrate this whirlwind of organization. Most amazing was the fact that 250 parish families participated by either making baskets, donating, or helping in the workshops—many in all capacities. In all, our parish adopted 100 families and 72 seniors. Christmas gifts were also distributed to residents at five Episcopal agencies: St. Leonard's, Grace House, St. Andrew's Court, Urban Family Center and Higgins house. And our traditional stockings for homeless persons provided smaller goodies and toiletries for those without a bed or closet to call their own.

Heartfelt thanks from the committee members to all who contributed and from the parish as a whole to those who spearheaded the project.

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### Worship

**Sundays:** 7:45 am Eucharist; 9 am Eucharist with choir, Children's Atria; 11:15 am Eucharist with choir [Morning Prayer & Holy Communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays]; 3rd Sunday, services with healing (Church)

**Wednesdays:** 9:30 am Eucharist (Chapel)

**Fridays:** 7:30 am Eucharist (Chapel)

### Vestry

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Bayley

Hugh Fox Stuart

Miller

Gordon Montgomery Annette

Peck Rick Potter

Kevin Sido Bar-

bara Spencer Rick Taft

Mary Walther Lucia

Webster

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