



The Angelus

December 2022

From the Rector's Desk

For the Church, looking forward always involves looking back. We don't worship whatever it is that happens to be new but we move faithfully into the sometimes markedly different future that God and our ancestors lovingly and graciously make possible (Jeremiah 6:16).

There is much new vitality at Grace these days and much to joyfully consider and discern for our future. But December 6, the Feast of St Nicholas, marks the 175th anniversary of our parish's founding. Thanks be to God! It's time to look back at the inheritance of our ancestors and the mysterious ways of God.

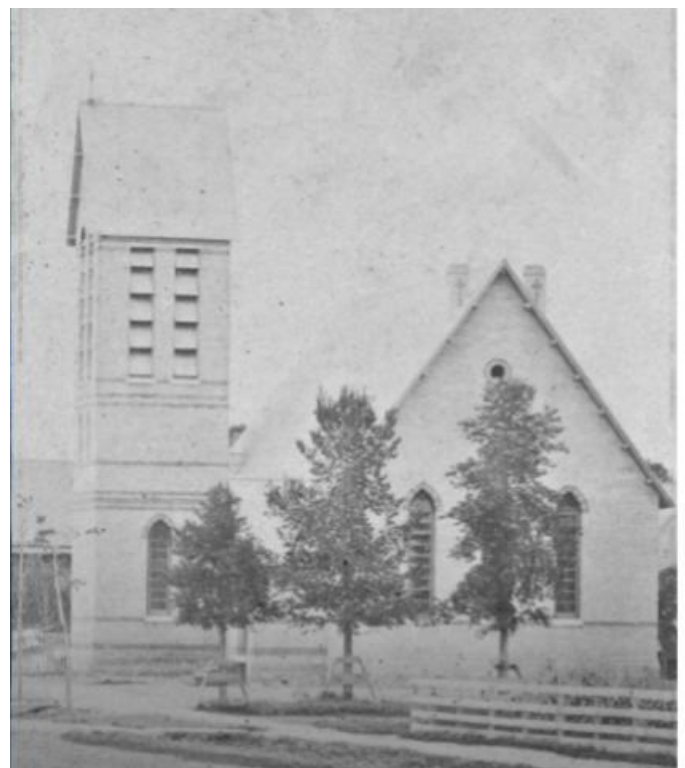
On the 26th of this month, the Feast of St Stephen and known in some places as Boxing Day, there will be a Mass at 6 pm and a meal that will bring together our parish, some of the people recently involved in hosting the Community Café in our St Nicholas Hall kitchen, and the clients of that café. This will be a marvelous way of marking our 175th Anniversary and thanking God for bringing us this far.

There is also a new video documentary about our 175 years at Grace that our archivist, Betty Potter, and vestry member Pat Sather have put together, hiring the gifted Zack Whitford to produce it.

This is what Betty and Pat write to Grace as their video, Preserving Church Heritage, becomes available on our website and on YouTube.



Grace's first building in 1860



Grace's second building, built in 1871

Greetings,

As Grace Episcopal Church celebrates its 175th anniversary, former long-time Church Archivist Betty Potter and present Vestry Member Pat Sather gathered at All Saints Chapel in Elkhart Lake in September 2022 to record the rich history of Grace Church and the church's diligent efforts to preserve its records, artifacts, and memories. The video recording serves not only as a historical summary of the church and how we are able to so thoroughly tell that story but also as a lesson about what, why, and how to establish and maintain historical church material.

As you watch this video, hopefully you will gain greater knowledge not only of the positive influence Grace Church has had on the surrounding community for 175 years but also of what has gone into preserving these church records for our knowledge, reference, and appreciation. Also, through publications and digitization, the church's archival material is available to everyone via local libraries and three websites which are referenced in this video recording.

Dr. Betty Potter

Pat Sather

Give thanks to God for our 175 years and all the years that lie before us even now, as God wills. And be sure to view the video for yourself: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGiV6tA9piQ>. (This and other videos can be found on the Grace's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@graceepiscopalchurch-shebo9001>.)

Peace,
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The first choir in 1879



The choir in 1954



That's a Good Question!

This is an Angelus newsletter column that responds to the questions you drop in the "That's a Good Question!" box in the foyer at Grace Church, or that you call or email in. Your questions so far are GREAT! Keep them coming! The ones you're afraid are "dumb" are best because those are probably the important, basic ones.

No questions found in the question box in the foyer; none emailed or phoned in. So, maybe next month!

Anglican Quote

As we await the arrival of the Holy One, Jesus, and his Kingdom during Advent, here is a quote about Jesus, the Kingdom, and holiness, from James Fenhagen, *Invitation to Holiness*.

"For the Christian, therefore, holiness is the fruit of our association with Jesus. It seems to set us apart, not in the sense of being other-worldly, but rather in the sense of being grasped by the Kingdom vision that formed the center of Jesus's life and message. The call to holiness is a call to live in the world, but not of it—meaning that as we open ourselves to the relationship Jesus offers, we are more and more able to live from a perspective and vision that transcends what we normally experience."



The Angelus' predecessor, The Messenger, in 1900



All Saints Chapel, Elkhart Lake

December Birthdays

Andrea Aparicio	12/1	Zach Sorenson
Taw Htoo	12/1	Dee Crouse
Bob Wood	12/4	Katy Larson
Nancy Erickson	12/6	Wayne Knocke
Christian Smith	12/8	Pat Ford Smith
Steve Larson	12/9	Frederick Trost
Tom Wright	12/11	Robert Beech
Paul Aparicio	12/17	December Anniversary
Margaret Aparicio	12/17	Jessica & Tom Ambelang

Parish Staff

12/17	The Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, <i>Bishop</i>
12/21	The Reverend William Bulson, <i>Rector</i>
12/27	The Reverend Michael Burg, <i>Deacon</i>
12/27	The Reverend Paul Aparicio, <i>Deacon</i>
12/27	Dr R Benjamin Dobey, <i>Interim Organist Choirmaster</i>
12/28	The Reverend Deacon Nicci Beeck, <i>Parish Administrator</i>

12/30
12/31

The Vestry

12/27	Stuart Schmidt, <i>Senior Warden</i>
	John Davis, <i>Junior Warden</i>
	Brian Heck, <i>Treasurer</i>
	<i>Vestry:</i> Jack Britton, Tasha Crouse, Mary Gallimore, Robert McMillan, Jean-Margaret Merrell-Beech, Helen Mullison, Pat Sather, Connie Schneider, Mary Snyder

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