

ASCENSION

A Newsletter from the Church of the Ascension

Pray for us Ruega por nosotros

Por los enfermos y los que están sufriendo de nuestra comunidad.

For the sick and suffering in our community:

Johan Carrera, John Cavanaugh and Brenda Kemmerick.

Por nuestros amados difuntos, que descansen en los amorosos brazos de Jesús.

For our beloved dead, may they rest in the loving arms of Jesus.

Sept. 24: World Migrant and Refugee Sunday

2: 30 p.m. dancers, 3 p.m., Mass of Solidarity, Basilica

Día Mundial de los Migrantes y Refugiados

Misa de solidaridad, dom, 24 de sept

2:30 p.m. bailadores, 3 p.m. MISA

Basilica de Sta Maria

Familias de Catecismo: ¡Bienvenidos al nuevo año! Todos que tienen sus hijos registrados para Primera Comunión o Confirmación deben venir a la CAFETERIA at 9:30 a.m. el próximo domingo, 24 de sept.

Faith formation families: Welcome to a new year! Our English group will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, in the lower level of the church. WELCOME!

Movie Night at St. Jane House features parishioners

“Off the Beaten Path: Aaron’s Story” is an award-winning documentary film by Steve Date featuring the story of Aaron Westendorp, the son of parishioners Krista and Doug Westendorp. Born with multiple neurological handicaps, Aaron’s doctors told his parents he had no chance of survival. His parents ignored the doctors’ advice and took him home. Now 38 years old and living independently, Aaron has defied the odds and lives life on his own terms.

Aaron may be the only non-verbal radio host in America. His audience at KFAI Radio in Minneapolis and listeners to his podcast, Aaron’s Cavalcade of the Mind, relish his sense of humor and revelations about life. When he’s not promoting music or news programming, he enjoys watching baseball and playing percussion at live music events. Come enjoy this inspiring account of Aaron’s life journey on the big screen, followed by conversation with the filmmaker, Aaron’s family, and Aaron himself.

Saturday, Sept. 30, St. Jane House Garden or Carriage House

6:15 p.m. - Arrivals, snacks and drinks

7 p.m. - Film showing

8 p.m. - Post film conversation

RSVP required. Suggested donation: \$5-10.

Scan the code or go to tinyurl.com/4h2ccj7v.



Emerson Village groundbreaking set for September 21

Celebrate a moment years in the making! Join Beacon and its partners at Ascension from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, for the groundbreaking of Emerson Village family supportive housing in North Minneapolis.

We will celebrate progress on creating 40 new apartment homes for families that, when open, will offer support services for each member of the family and provide what they need to thrive together.

We will also mark a moment of transition for the Emerson Village site, honoring the Families Moving Forward program center, whose site is being adapted to create homes that families can make their own.

Special guests include Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, and many others who have helped make Emerson Village a reality.

RSVP at beaconinterfaith.org/events/

Now that you know about St. Phoebe...

Two ways to participate in the Global Synod from afar

Eve of Synod Worship Service

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, there will be a worship service hosted by St. Joan of Arc parish in Minneapolis. Joan of Arc is the home parish of Dr. Cynthia Bailey Manns, a Synod Delegate. This will be a beautiful time to gather and pray on the eve of the opening of the Synod. You can attend in person at St. Joan of Arc, 4537 3rd Ave. S, Minneapolis or virtually. Register at tinyurl.com/3af4jx6d to receive the virtual meeting link via email.



Pray Together during Synod

All are invited to gather on Tuesdays in October at 11 a.m. to pray for a synodal Church. This will include a short reflection on a mystery of encounter each week, followed by a decade of the rosary. (October is the month of the Rosary.) We will also hear weekly dispatches or brief updates from Discerning Deacons who will be in Rome.

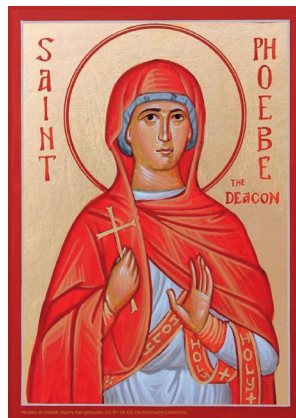
Register: discerningdeacons.org/event/october-rosary-for-a-synodal-church/

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What a wonderful day we had last Sunday celebrating St. Phoebe and Fr. Dale! Both distinguished disciples and faith-full witnesses to their baptismal call to serve the Church. While we have the privilege to walk with Fr. Dale and receive of his gifts, St Phoebe was probably new to the majority of us.

Yet, she embodies the essence of Vatican II theology that sought to prioritize the dignity of baptism over institutional authority. When that proclamation is taken seriously, we can't help but question how the Church has evolved over the centuries in excluding women from full participation and ecclesiastic governance just because of gender. After mass last week, about 40 of us gathered to learn more and grapple with the questions that will be discerned at the global synod in Rome next month. At the heart of them is rethinking women's participation in the Church, attending to those who feel excluded and Church governance. This is exciting, uncharted territory, but the conversations are happening!

Our Scripture today is about forgiveness. It is not easily asked for unless we can be humble, and it is not easily given unless we can be merciful. Yet, it is needed for healing, growing and moving on. For many people, the global synod is a way of opening a path that could be very healing and lead to the possibility of doing something new. Come, Holy Spirit!



Phoebe of Corinth, ©Larry Kamphausen, CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons

¡Que maravilloso el domingo pasado y nuestras celebraciones de Sta Febe y P. Dale! Ambos discípulos distinguidos y testigos llenos de fe a su llamada bautismal a servir a la Iglesia. Mientras que tenemos el privilegio de acompañar a P. Dale y recibir de sus dones, Sta Febe probablemente fue nueva para muchos de nosotros.

Sin embargo, ella encarna la esencia de la teología de Vaticano II que prioriza la dignidad del bautismo sobre la autoridad institucional. Cuando se toma esta proclamación en serio, hay que cuestionar como la Iglesia ha evolucionado durante

siglos en excluir a mujeres de participación plena y el gobierno eclesial. Después de la misa la semana pasada aproximadamente 40 personas quedaron para aprender más y conversar de las preguntas que estarán discernidas en el sínodo global en Roma en el próximo mes. Al corazón de todo es repensar la participación de la mujer en la Iglesia, atender a aquellos que se sienten excluidos y el gobierno eclesial. ¡Todo es nuevo y nos da animo porque, por lo menos, ¡hay conversaciones de estos temas!

Nuestra escritura hoy es acerca del perdón. No es fácil pedirlo a menos que seamos humildes, y no se da fácilmente a menos que seamos misericordiosos. Sin embargo, se lo necesita para sanar, crecer y seguir adelante. Por muchas personas, el sínodo global es una manera de abrir un camino de sanación y guiarnos a la posibilidad de hacer algo nuevo. ¡Ven, Espíritu Santo!