

RAQUETTE LAKE CHAPEL



JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY SCRIPTURE – REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY YEAR B

January 3 (2nd Sunday After
Christmas) – Jeremiah 31:7-14;
Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-
19a; Luke 2:41-52

January 6 (The Epiphany) –
Isaiah 60:1-16; Psalm 71:1-7, 10-
14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew
2:1-12

January 10 (1st Sunday After the
Epiphany) – Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm
29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

January 17 (2nd Sunday after the
Epiphany) – 1 Samuel 3:1-20;
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17; 1
Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-
51

January 24 (3rd Sunday after the
Epiphany) – Jonah 3:1-5, 10;
Psalm 62:6-14; 1 Corinthians
7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

January 31 (4th Sunday after the
Epiphany) – Deuteronomy
18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Cor 8:1-
13; Mark 1:21-28



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Christmas Eve Service was not held this year

due to an abundance of caution about gathering during the COVID-19 pandemic. We adopted the mantra of “we will worship separately this year so we can worship together next year!” Tom kept the Spirit alive by keeping the lights on in the church and putting up the Christmas tree which stayed lit until January 1, 2021.

Judging by comments on the Raquette Lake Facebook page, the Chapel and its services are a valued part of the community.

While many expressed sadness at not being able to gather on Christmas, several people specifically agreed that not gathering was the best thing to do this year.



The Chapel Prayer box has been a treasured addition this year. We are thankful for Corky who built and installed it last summer.

During December we received a special greeting from one of the local youngsters.

*“Merry Christmas –
Love, Autumn”*

Chapel News – Cont.

Chapel Trust: As we move into 2021, the Chapel Elders will start the process of exploring what needs to be done to ensure the Chapel remains the special place it occupies in the community. As tangible steps in the process get underway, we will let everyone know!

A Wedding at the Chapel? We received an inquiry about hosting a wedding ceremony at the Chapel in the fall of 2021. That is an exciting prospect! Raquette Lake does have a unique setting for special ceremonies: weddings, baptisms, vow renewals, and so forth, with an informal, relaxed atmosphere.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER WILL CONTINUE ON YOUTUBE

We are exploring different formats for Evening Prayer. In January we will begin using the order of service that we followed during the last few weeks of December, which includes a scripture reading and brief reflection. The reading and reflections will follow the book Lesser Feasts and Fasts, which celebrates...

“...the presence of Christ expressing itself in and through particular lives lived in the midst of specific historical circumstances. In the saints we are not dealing primarily with absolutes of perfection but human lives, in all their diversity, open to the motions of the Holy Spirit. Many a holy life, when carefully examined, will reveal flaws or the bias of a particular moment in history or ecclesial perspective. It should encourage us to realize that the saints, like us, are first and foremost redeemed sinners in whom the risen Christ’s words to St. Paul come to fulfillment, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’”

We will continue to explore different Christian traditions of worship in evening prayer as we progress through the year. Many people have expressed an interest in Celtic traditions, in addition to other traditions from around the world. The New Zealand Prayer Book is another example, a worship book which combines Anglican worship traditions with native Maori traditions. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome!

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER TOPICS TO INCLUDE ...

Sunday Jan 3, 2021: The Holy Name of Jesus our Lord (date celebrated Jan 1)

Sunday January 10: The Epiphany (date celebrated Jan 6)

Sunday January 17: Anthony, *Abbot in Egypt, 356 AD* (date celebrated Jan 17)

Sunday January 24: Conversion of St. Peter, *Apostle* (date celebrated Jan 25)

Sunday January 31: Brigid, *Irish Saint, ~450 AD* (date celebrated Feb 1)

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear God, Thank You for new beginnings. What an incredible day this is with a fresh year's potential stretched out before me. I want to be found faithful this year in each opportunity You bring to me. Thank You, Lord, for new beginnings. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

