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Lessons from the Boat for Life

By Rev. Canon Stephen Schaitberger

It is important to remember that the Isle of Man is an island!! It is surrounded by water. The sea has provided physical nurture, protection, transportation, adventure, and spiritual nurture. Boating and fishing are basic parts of our heritage.

My fondest and oldest memories are of fishing with my family and friends. Fishing knows no boundaries. Young or old, man or woman, child or adult, handicapped or physically able, all are welcome fishers. There are few other activities that can boast of such inclusivity. I think this is lesson #1 from the boat: All are welcome.

My great grandfather and grandfather were good fishermen. They went about fishing with simplicity. A boat, a cushion float, two oars, an anchor with a rope (also used as a stringer), two cane poles, black braided line, a lead weight, a few hooks, a cork bobber, and either worms they dug or minnows they seined at the dock for bait. Except for the cane poles oars and anchor, most of it would fit nicely into grandpa's coat pockets.

Contrast that simple fishing style with modern fishing: A boat, a motor, gasoline with oil, two 12 volt batteries (at least), a global positioning system, a depth finder, multiple rods and reels with multiple style lines, a landing net, a live bait well, a fire extinguisher, fitted life jackets, running lights, a horn, and tackle boxes filled with multiple lures. Put these in grandpa's boat and there would be no room to fish. Lesson #2 from the boat: keep it simple and have fun.

Grandpa had a depth finder that also served to tell him the type of bottom we were fishing over. He would put his cane pole on end and slide it into the water. If it sunk into the lake bottom, we were over mud. If it hit a solid something, it was rocky. You didn't need a manual to operate it or interpret the data. Simplicity allowed us to spend more time fishing and visiting than we do today.

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You had to do your part to fish in grandpa's boat. All were welcome but all had individual responsibilities. You were expected to help dig for worms and to feed the worm bed with food scraps. You were expected to bait your own hook. You were expected to help clean the fish you caught. You were expected to help clean the boat and tie it to the dock. You were expected to row the boat. Lesson #3 from the boat: Do your part and fish!

You don't always catch fish; it's called "fishing" not "catching". We could talk in the boat but we couldn't wiggle in the boat. If we banged the boat, we were scaring the fish. We were being taught in the boat about patience and other virtues. We were taught about greed. We didn't fish to get our limit. We fished to get our supper. We did not keep the fish that we wouldn't eat; they got thrown back. If we hurt a fish we put it out of its misery quickly and watched the gulls or turtles feast. We learned to be happy with what we caught and not complain about what we didn't catch. We didn't have a landing net except for the boat!! If a fish got away, it would make stronger fish for next year. Lesson #4 from the boat: Be happy with what you have, not with what you don't have.

You learn a lot about life and death from the boat. It's not surprising to me that Jesus chose so many fishermen to be his disciples and that his ministry was most popular among people who lived near the edge of a shore. As I experience the rich spiritual heritage of our Celtic relatives, I can't help but think they found God and virtue in lessons from their boats.



Editor's Note: Rev. Schaitberger's great grandfather immigrated to the United States from the Isle of Man, an island in the Irish Sea.



Hymn of the Month

By Tim Johnson

Hymn #420 First Line Title: "When in our music God is glorified"
Tune Name: *Engelberg*
Text Author: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Tune Composer: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Those of you who attended the Organ Dedication Recital this past April or have heard the recording of that event may recognize our Hymn of the Month for July. This great hymn was one selected to showcase our newly rebuilt organ and the Friends of Music Committee felt that it would be a good addition to the music that we have learned over the past two years.

It came as somewhat of a surprise to me that this title was composed fairly recently (1972) when given the average age of most of our hymns. When I think of hymns which appeared in the late 1960's and onward it always brings to mind guitar accompaniments or music that is more adaptable to piano or keyboard than the organ. Fred Pratt Green in fact wrote this text to be applied to the older hymn tune "*Engelberg*" which was composed in 1904.

Green was an English Methodist minister who became the most well-known contemporary hymn writer in the British Isles. His titles gradually found their way across the Atlantic and into a vast number of American hymnals. An interesting bit of trivia regarding this hymn is that the opening phrase was originally "When in man's music God is glorified". Green reluctantly altered the words to replace "man" with the more inclusive "our" for the Lutheran Book of Worship in 1978. Since that time, the revised wording has been universally accepted by all hymnals in our country.

To further explain the application of a new hymn to an older tune, the Discipleship Ministries website of the United Methodist Church states the following: "Sometimes a great tune can keep a hymn text alive. Sometimes a great text can revive a neglected tune. The latter is true in this case." *Engelberg* was originally written by the Irish composer Charles Villiers Stanford as an accompaniment to "For all the saints". Green in fact wrote the text for "When in our music" at the suggestion of another who felt that *Engelberg* was a tune worthy of resurrecting. It had been a very widely known melody in the time immediately after it was written; however, it was eclipsed by the enormous popularity of *Sine Nomine* which the great hymnist Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote in 1906 to accompany "For all the saints".

Pratt Green based the lyrics to our current Hymn of the Month for the most part on Psalm 150. Specifically, Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5 reflect that we should follow the Psalm's instruction to use music as a way to praise God. Verse 4 recalls Mark 14:26 which describes the disciples having sung a hymn at the Last Supper.

So what we have this month is a fresh "new" text set to a time honored tune with a stately and ascending melody line. As always, the Music Committee hopes that you will find "When in our music God is Glorified" to be a pleasing addition to our hymn bank!

Sources:

http://www.hymnary.org/person/Green_FP

http://www.hymnary.org/tune/engelberg_stanford

<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-when-in-our-music-god-is-glorified>

Senior Warden Report

There are a number of websites that can be very helpful in our church life. The website - <http://www.bcponline.org/> - contains not only the material in The Book of Common Prayer but also links to four versions of The Bible including searches for words or phrases in each version.

The Lectionary Page lets you see which readings are going to be used at the Sunday service, very helpful if you are going to be lecturing - <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Most of us read The Forward Day by Day, which Emmanuel provides in both regular and large print. Their website - <http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/> - allows you to read each day's meditation on line and has links to other helpful websites. . This website allows you to listen to someone read the daily reading aloud - <https://daybydaypodcast.wordpress.com/>

I would also encourage you to check Emmanuel's website for upcoming church events and services - <http://alexmnepiscope.org/>

These websites should all work very well on tablets and smart phones. I have found them to be helpful – since like many of us, I am never far from my cell phone.

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Remember in Your Prayers

(please use as a prayer list):

All clergy serving Emmanuel, especially

Charles, Linnae and Tom

Bishop Brian Prior

Mary Sinning

Edith's daughter Dana

Don Krueger

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JoEllen's father Al

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The future of the Episcopal Church

The people of Ziwa and the Rift Valley



July Birthdays

Alison Derby
Ann Hultstrand
Randy Runge

Anniversaries

Charles & Jana Preble
Verlie and Jason Sinning

Lectionary Readings for July

July 5

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

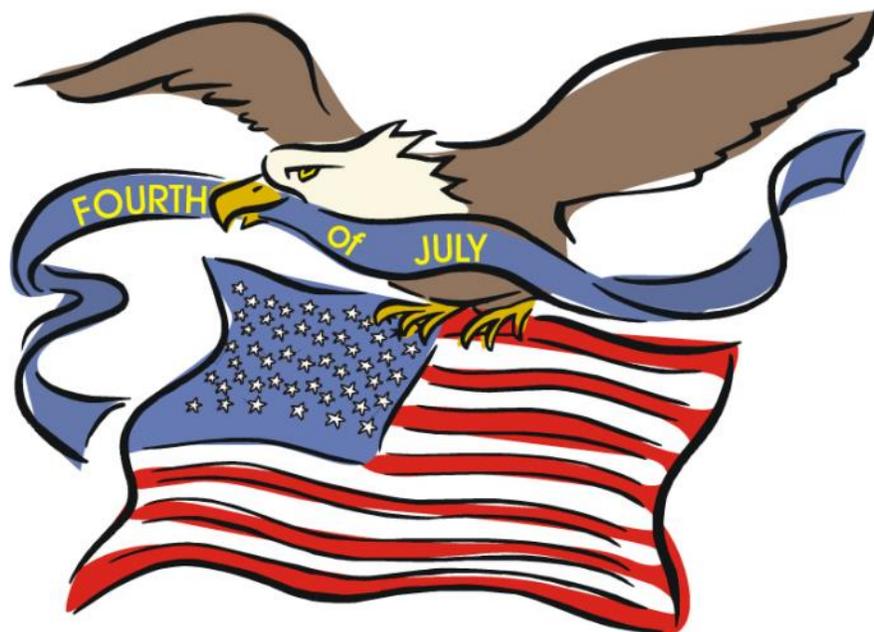
2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Position	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Priest	Steve Shaitberger	Charles Preble	Fred Nairn	Noel Rich
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Lector 2	John Hull	Laird Barber	John Hull	Karen Reickks
Alter	Karen & Shiela	Edith & Donna	Shiela & Tim	
Usher	John Hull		John & Tim	
Coffee	Shiela Stanton	Rachael & Avery	Donna Barry	Edith Kelly



HOT DAYS, COOL JAZZ

free concert for the benefit of
OUTREACH FOOD SHELF
of Douglas County
on the lawn at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
12th Ave & Lake St
featuring

ANDREW WALESCH



Andrew has recorded two albums and has sung and played on the stage of The Bluebird Cafe in Nashville, The Chicago Theater, The Dakota Jazz Club in Minneapolis and dozens of venues all over the Midwest. He also has appeared on the nationally syndicated broadcast *Mountain Stage* on National Public Radio.

In May of 2010, he graduated with a music degree from St. John's University, Collegeville, MN.

SUNDAY JULY 19TH, 2:30 P.M.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair Free will offering will be taken

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