

THE EVANGELIST

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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COME...

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Wednesday Service

12:00 Noon
Holy Communion and Healing

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Service:
Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. Services:

- 1st - First Sunday Worship
- 2nd - Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 3rd - Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 4th - Choral Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist
- 5th - Holy Eucharist Rite II

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Evangelist Deadline

September Issue / August 20
October Issue / September 23

All groups & individuals are
ENCOURAGED to submit news and
items of interest to the
The Evangelist.

E-mail, mail, or bring your fully written
and titled piece and/or photos to the
church office on or before the deadline
dates shown above. Thank you!
Barb Schaer-Mady, Editor

**NOTE: Please use this email address
for all parish office emails:
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FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR

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We are happy to welcome The Rev. Keely Franke to our staff August 1st. Many of you know Keely well as she was our seminarian last year. I hope you were able to attend her ordination to the priesthood Thursday and her party and our parish picnic Friday. I write this in anticipation that a wonderful time will be had by all.

As Keely joins Barbara Mraz and myself as your clergy here at St. John's, I thought it would be an opportune time to share with you how the various ministry responsibilities will be divided among us at this time. Of course, we all help each other and the rest of the staff – working together as a team to do our very best in serving our St. John's community.

Keely will work primarily in the areas of Faith in Action, New Members, and Children, Youth and Family Ministries. Barbara's areas of focus will be Communications, Spiritual Life, Adult Education and Fellowship. I am responsible for Administration, Personnel, Staff supervision and development, Vestry, Executive Committee, Discovery and Search, Finance, Stewardship, Building and Property Committees, Worship, and other responsibilities as they arise. Keely, Barbara and I will share the work in the areas of Pastoral Care, Preaching and Sunday Morning Worship. Please talk with me about any clarification about this. Know that we will work closely together and that our areas of focus may change over time.

During August, we all work hard on completing the planning for the upcoming program year. There are so many things happening, and some of them are just what God would like you to be involved in - for your own spiritual growth and for the betterment of the world around you! This month, as you figure out what you will do this coming program year, remember that you have been blessed with many spiritual gifts, unique to the person you are. Think about what your gifts might be and how you might be able to realize them more fully. Don't underestimate your potential in this life. Trust your instincts.

There is a Hasidic story about a wise rabbi named Zusia. When Zusia was on his deathbed he began to cry. His disciple asked him, "Rabbi, why do you weep?" Zusia explained, "When I get to heaven, I won't be troubled if God asks me, 'Zusia, why were you not Abraham?' or 'Zusia, why were you not Moses?' I could answer these questions. After all, I was not endowed with the righteousness of Abraham or the faith of Moses. But what will I say when God asks me, 'Zusia, why were you not Zusia?'"

My prayer this August is that we all find the strength to discover more about who we are, the courage to try something new, and the energy to give all that we have to offer.

VESTRY MEMBERS

Jay Debertin, *Senior Warden*
Libby Snelson, *Junior Warden*
Mary-Louise Clary, *Young Adult Ministry*
Rob Beattie, *Music*
Fred Berndt, *Stewardship*
Sue Cadwell, *Clerk of Vestry*
Gary Gleason, *Spiritual Life*
Pam Richards, *Children's Ministry*
Lynn Hertz, *Adult Education*
Jim Johnson, *Treasurer*
Kirsten Loiseau-Purcell, *Membership*
Terri Fishel, *Communication*
Diane Norman, *Fellowship*
Don Postema, *Faith in Action*
John Thompson, *Finance*
Don Weinkauf, *Property*

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Kent Furois, *Head Usher*
Jill Thompson, *Lay Reader Coordinator*
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*
Margery Jeddelloh, *President, Women of St. John's*
Dusty Mairs, *Parish Coordinator*
Fred Myers, *Historian*
Diane Power, *Altar Guild*
George Power, *Columbarium*
Kevin Shaw, *Homelessness Committee Chair*
Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*

CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Neysa Ellgren, *Interim Rector*
The Rev. S. Grayson Clary, *Rector Emeritus*
The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*
The Rev. Keely Franke, *Assistant Priest*

STAFF

Lizza Berry, *Youth & Children Choirs Director*
James Frazier, *Director of Music & Organist*
Curt Gagner, *Building Supervisor*
Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*
Jean Hansen, *Youth and Family Minister*
Ellen Harrington, *Children's Minister*
Chris Henry, *Building Assistant*
John Oldfield, *Office of the Asst. Treasurer*
Barb Schaer-Mady, *Office Administrator*

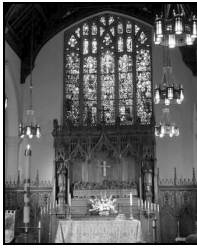
Thanks St. Johns...



Dear St. John's community,

I would like to thank everyone that donated to my Eagle project. With everyone's help the project turned out to be a great success. The project received more contributions than what was needed. The money left over will be used for future projects in the garden. I hope everyone enjoys the garden. It would not have been possible without everyone's generosity. Thank you again for all of the support! See you in church, Charlie Olsen





**Altar Flowers Given to the
Glory of God in Memory of:**

Aug. 1

**The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
MAIN ALTAR**

John C. and Elizabeth M. Parish

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

OPEN

Aug. 8

**The 11th Sun. after Pentecost
MAIN ALTAR**

Mary S. and William T. Platt

Sandy Vogt

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

As above

Aug. 15

**The 12th Sun. after Pentecost
MAIN ALTAR**

Helen M. and John W. Thompson

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

OPEN

Aug. 22

**The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
MAIN ALTAR**

William August and Alma C.

Lindeke

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

OPEN

Aug. 29

**The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
MAIN ALTAR**

Charles R. Brynteson

Ralph and Estelle Drought

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

OPEN

ALTAR FLOWERS 2010:

The memorial flowers on the Main and Little Sanctuary altars are given by parishioners on a perpetual calendar basis. For next year, 2011, there are a few Sundays available for donors to sign up to give the flowers for either of our altars. The cost is \$35 for the Main Altar and \$15 for the Little Sanctuary altar. If you are interested please contact **Dusty Mairs** or **Barb** in the office to find out the available dates for each altar.

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2010

- by Jean Hansen, Youth and Family Minister



Youth from Holy Apostles, Jean Hansen and the Rev. John Robertson (holding Meredith Hansen) in front of the Bishop Whipple Mission/St. Cornelia Chapel in Morton Minnesota.

What a week we had! Thirteen youth, three young adult leaders and three chaperones traveled to Morton, MN. We worked at Bishop Whipple Mission/St. Cornelia Chapel and learned about Native American history and how it intersects with the Episcopal Church – specifically our Dakota brothers and sisters. Our host was the Rev. John Robertson – vicar of Bishop Whipple Mission/St. Cornelia Chapel. During our time there John talked to us about the Dakota Conflict of 1862 and Bishop Whipple’s role in the pardoning of over 200 Dakota men who were to be hanged. John also led us deep into the Gospel using Gospel-Based Discipleship. We discerned as a group what Jesus meant when he told us to love our neighbor.

On Sunday we left Morton, and headed to Brainerd MN where we stayed at the home of the Rev. Steve Shaitberger. Steve and Juanita Palmerhall led us on a four-day pilgrimage around sites where Enmegahbowh, the first Native American priest ordained in the Diocese of MN, founded churches, and with his wife and children warned settlers about an impending attack on Fort Ripley.

Since our return, I’ve been having trouble finding the right words to express what that week has meant to me. Besides the bonds that were formed with the youth and young adults of Holy Apostles, something transformative has happened, and is still happening in my soul. I’m not really sure what it is, but somehow I feel changed by this experience. I feel changed by the people, the history of our church, and by my neighbors that I encountered along the way.



August Birthdays

- 1 Emily Brooks
Bree Yaeger
Sam Clark
William Rinkoff
Erika Binger
- 2 Scott Edgerton
John Gross
- 3 Marty Brown
Jennifer Lassey
- 4 Helen Docherty
Gary Hagstrom
Ellen Harrington
- 5 Caroline Krall
- 6 Allan Klein
- 7 Zander Brooks
Mike Dueber
- 8 Kathleen Moberg
- 9 Michael T. Ganzel
Jessica Schreifels
James Morley
- 10 Sally Sand
- 11 Ginny Lund
- 12 Mary Lassey
- 13 Edward Johnson
Marjorie Dow
- 14 Liliane Jurayj
- 15 Eric Husband
- 16 Sara Maronde
- 17 Jessica Drucker
Cheri Wiegand
- 18 Mimie Pollard
Glenn Kimball
- 20 Alexander Cook
Jennifer Kinhead
Andrew Krall
- 25 Andrea Edgerton
Rob Beattie
- 27 Mary Frances Palmer
- 28 John Mercer
Polly O'Brien
- 30 Margaret Jeffery
Archer Lightner
- 31 Lauren Debertin
Alyson Westerhaus

Any pictures of parish life or parish events? Please send or e-mail to Barb in the office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- by Ellen Harrington, Director of Children's Ministry

As the new program year peeks over August's sunny horizon - here are dates to note:

- **September 11** - Saturday - first Children's Choir Practice
- **September 12** - Sunday - Gathering Sunday & Ministry Fair - Children's Choir singing
- **September 19** - Sunday - Godly Play starts

The summer book group read, *Miriam's Kitchen*, by Elizabeth Ehrlich. She mulls a bit over her children's connection to their religious traditions. How much pressure to participate is too much? Does attention to religious rites, traditions and conscious spiritual development separate them from the secular world? "I do not enjoy setting myself apart. I fear a statement of difference in a world that needs to see itself as one." she wrote. I'm not sure that the world will ever see itself as one in terms of religious observance. But I can certainly relate to a feeling of isolation or 'uncoolness' around spiritual development. At St. John's we are set apart as Episcopalians in the larger revelatory form of Christianity.

A root of our Christian form is changed behavior and action through confession and grace. And only Christian forms have Jesus and his example of transformed consciousness. We expect our priests to have a deeper connection to that. The emerging church puts new emphasis on each of us transforming our consciousness. We have to do our own work. And the work is easier if we begin by ensuring that children never remember a time when they weren't close to the sustaining forms of their tradition ...if we let them keep the reality of Divinity close.

I admit to being a parent who required church attendance for both daughters as long as I could - which turned out to be high-school. Then one came only for major celebrations or to help in the nursery - the other came all the time, to youth group, TEC and to acolyte - she came to the point where I was tempted to put a sign on her that said, "I'm not making her do this!" They are now busily tending to career and family journeys. But I have never actually had one of them tell me ... "There is nothing here for me." They are respectful and willing to listen and talk.

Throughout their lives, and my own adult life - I have cherished ritual forms from centuries past and the multi-faceted community of the Episcopal church, patriarchal language notwithstanding! My sincere pleasure and perhaps some need communicated to my children. There is a Reality warmly present for me. But for kids, eventually temperament or crisis may bring a renewed appreciation in abandoned forms, or in a higher level of awareness. This has always been so. We root children in stories and forms and let them go watching in wonder as they discover identity and meaning. Thank you Elizabeth E. for, "I am building a floor under my children. I must live on it, too."

Godly Play is looking for some storytellers - it means one portion of one Sunday, two at most, per month - grounding form as story with our children. It also grounds the storyteller! We are holding the form together very well at St. John's - with all of the content each of us brings. Blessings to all, Ellen Harrington - 651-699-

4867 or ellenrhar@yahoo.com

PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY

If you have not sent a picture of yourself or your family to the office, please do so in the next month or so. A close-up is best. Print or digital - either way,

In August, we will announce two more Sundays when you can have your photos taken in the library after church. We want to have a NEW picture directory ready before our new rector arrives.

CALLING ALL RINGERS AND SINGERS!

In September all of the parish music groups will resume their activities for the season. All of them could use new members.

- **The Adult Choir** has 36 members, and we have fairly balanced sections. However, new members are always welcome, and we'd especially like to have some young adults join us.
- **The Handbell Choir** needs new members, including high school youth, young adults and older folks.
- **The Children's Choir** is a relatively large group, but we need more 5th and 6th graders.
- **The Youth Choir**, which rehearses on Wednesday afternoons, is growing, but we definitely need more junior high and senior high youth.
- **The Shepherd Band** currently has about six members. That's not enough for the band to play at a maximum level. We need more junior high and senior high youth.

If any of these groups interest you, please contact Director of Music Jim Frazier at the church: 651 228-1172 x38; or jfrazier@stjohnsepicopal-stpaul.org.

Project Kathleen

- by Mary Frances Palmer

A dramatic event is imminent! Get ready, get set-- for our own Dinner Theatre! Our FUNdraiser for Project Kathleen on **September 18-19** evening and matinee performances includes a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings.

The play is "Wise Woman," a retelling of some of the times in Jesus' life from the standpoint of a sage onlooker.

SO--Show UP and smell the greasepaint! Openings are available NOW for on-stage and backstage hams who are ready to play, including: Emotive Youth, children and adults (characters and crowds) Various directors (incl. a parent for director of younger children) Stage-mom/dad managers (herd management) Set builders (construction zone superintendents) Props/Costume designers (dressing those dolls) Publicity hounds (barkers and hawkers)

Respond NOW to Robbin Clamons at 651-645-8142

[rclamons@aol.com]. In the meantime, please join those who have already contributed toward the \$2,000 partial-match goal to allow Project Kathleen to assist three families in the coming year.



100 years ago - August 1910

Church Notes

Legalizing Sunday Shows

The Supreme Court of Minnesota has given a decision which permits moving picture shows on Sunday when they are of a moral character and conducted in an orderly manner. This decision is of importance, as it affects seriously the public attitude towards the quiet observance of the Lord's day... every Christian man or woman who believes in preserving the Lord's day for our American people should abstain from attending Sunday theatrical performances, and seek to have this decision reversed or modified.

Letters to the Rector

While the choir was in camp, each one of the boys and men wrote the Rector a postal, telling him of the good time he was having. The Rector received a happy bunch of fifty postals, which were very much appreciated, and gave him a great deal of pleasure. He would have been glad to respond to each had he known where to find the scattered crowd. He will be able to tell each person, the pleasure he received when the choir assembles for the first Sunday in September. We hope for a large choir on that Sunday as it will be the day when the Rector will mark his tenth anniversary.

Visiting Churches at the Lake

It is a pleasure to know that when the people are absent from the city churches, they may be found in the chapels at the lake. Trinity church in Excelsior on Lake Minnetonka, has been so full each Sunday morning that there has not been room to seat the congregation.



AUGUST

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Monday:

6:00 pm Men's St. John's Alanon

Tuesday:

8:30 The Big Net
10:00 am Staff meeting

Wednesday:

11:00 am Wed. Bible Study
Noon Communion Service

Thursday:

4:00 pm Job Seekers Mtg.
6:00 pm Stories AA Group
6:30 pm Discovery Team

Friday:

9:00 am Organ Practice

Saturday:

Sunday:

8 & 10 am Services
9:00 am Adult Ed. Open Discussion

MONTHLY MEETINGS

(unless announced otherwise)

2nd Saturday:

9:00 am Men's Breakfast

3rd Monday:

4:30 pm Finance
6:00 pm Vestry

4th Monday:

6:00 pm Project Kathleen

2nd and 4th Tuesdays:

7:00 pm The Big Net Seminars

3rd Tuesday:

5:30 pm The Big Net Congregational Planning Mtg.

Meeting date to be announced:

Spiritual Life

Meetings Announced in Bulletin

10:00 am Meditation Group

Quarterly Meetings (to be announced):

Faith in Action Next Mtg.:
Thurs., Aug. 19, 6:00 p.m.

NOT GOING ON THE ROAD THIS SUMMER?

Take a test drive with the altar guild. Church goes on and members of the **altar guild** will be working Saturday and Sunday mornings. Consider working with us some weekend this summer to see what we do. Contact Diane Power at 651-222-1031 or dianepower@comcast.net to find a Saturday or Sunday that will work for you.

St. John's 2010 August Calendar

Sun. August 1 First Sun. Eucharist -The 10th Sun. After Pentecost

The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates and preaches.

Tues., August 10 7:00 am Primary Election in the Gym
7:00 pm Big Net Seminar

Wed., August 11 7:00 pm Give Us Wings Trip to Africa Mtg.

Sat., August 14 9:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sun., August 8 Holy Eucharist Rite I: The 11th Sun. After Pentecost

The Rev. Neysa Ellgren celebrates and preaches.

Sun., August 15 Holy Eucharist Rite II: The 12th Sun. after Pentecost

The Rev. Ted Neuhaus celebrates and preaches at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Mon., August 16 4:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.

6:00 pm Vestry Mtg. & Dinner

Tues., August 17 5:30 pm Big Net Congregational Planning Mtg.

Thurs., August 19 6:00pm Faith in Action

Sun., Aug. 22 Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Baptism: The 13th Sun. after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Neysa Ellgren celebrates. The Rev. Barbara Mraz preaches.

Baptism of Tasman Peterson, son of Kyle and Sieglinde Peterson.

Mon., August 23 6:00 pm Project Kathleen

7:00 pm Student Piano Recital

Tues., August 24 7:00 pm The Big Net Seminar

Sun., Aug. 29 Holy Eucharist Rite II: The 14th Sun. after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Neysa Ellgren celebrates. Brian Sellers-Peterson from Episcopal Relief and Development preaches.



FALL PLANNING

Some dates to be aware of:

Children's & Youth Choir Workshop - Sept. 11

Gathering Sunday & Ministry Fair - Sept. 12

Project Kathleen Fundraiser "Wise Woman" - Sept. 18, 19

Wed. Youth Group begins - Sept. 15

Godly Play and Youth Encounter begin - Sept. 19

Keely's Installation as Assistant Priest - Sept. 26

The HUGE Sale - Oct. 2

Blessing of Animals - Oct. 6

Diocesan Convention - Oct. 29-30

All Saints' Evensong - Nov. 7

Teens Encounter Christ - Nov. 18-21

The Christmas Party - Dec. 5

The Christmas Pageant - Dec. 12

Women's Luncheon - Dec. 15

Lessons and Carols - Dec. 19

The vestry will be identifying more event dates and times during their August meeting. If your commission or group has any dates you would like added to the calendar, please call or e-mail Barb in the office.



Recent Weddings

July 17, 2010

Alyssa Wenz & Mark Dunnigan



Recent
Baptisms

July 18, 2010

Milo Joseph Brown – son of Leah and Cliff Brown and brother of Eli (see photo on the right).



Parishioner **George Dow**, died June 9, 2010. His memorial service was held **Saturday, July 10**, 1:30 p.m. at St. John's. Our prayers are with John's loving wife Marjorie and their family. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed rest in God's mercy and peace.

Do we have your number?

A new phone directory will be available to all parishioners on Gathering Sunday, September 12. If the phone number you would like listed for your household has changed in the past year, please call or e-mail Barb in the office. Thanks! 651-228-1172 x10 or church@stjohnsepiscopal-stpaul.org



The newly baptized Milo Joseph Brown is pictured above with his family and the Rev. Dr. Neysa Ellgren.

- Photo courtesy of Kathy Brown

SOME OF OUR STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE CHANGING SEPTEMBER 1!

Please add these to your e-mail address books...

They are also available on the new Website:

www.stjohnsstpaul.org

and the new phone directory (available Gathering Sunday)

The Rev. Dr. Neysa Ellgren	neysa.ellgren@stjohnsstpaul.org
The Rev. Keely Franke	keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org
The Rev. Barbara Mraz	barbara.mraz@stjohnsstpaul.org
Music Director - Jim Frazier	james.frazier@stjohnsstpaul.org
Church Office – Barb Schaer-Mady	church@stjohnsstpaul.org
Sexton – Curt Gagner	curt.gagner@stjohnsstpaul.org
Godly Play - Ellen Harrington	godly.play@stjohnsstpaul.org
Assistant Treasurer – John Oldfield	john.oldfield@stjohnsstpaul.org

Note: E-mail addresses for Jean Hansen, Dusty Mairs, Kate Graber and Lizza Berry have not changed and are also listed in the new phone directory.



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

All men are welcome!
We invite you to join us on

**Saturday, August 14, 9:00 a.m.
in the Gym Kitchen.**

Be prepared for good food, good fellowship, and lively conversation.

Then, mark your calendars for these dates in **2010 to meet in the Gym kitchen!**

**September 11
October 9**

Ushers Wanted!

Would you like to meet new people, greet all your friends on Sunday, play an important part in church services, and be a member of an awesome team? If so, you may wish to become an Usher at St. John's! We are always on the lookout for new ushers.

Interested and want to learn more?

Contact Kent Furois at 651-647-6466 or aronastreet@hotmail.com for more information.

Have a great summer!

REMEMBER THE FOOD SHELF!

Suggested items: canned tuna, mayo, juice, canned vegetables and fruit, rice, noodles, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, diapers, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent....Bring your donations to the front of the church, any Sunday! Donations will be delivered to the Neighborhood House, St. Paul Council of Churches and Keystone Community Services. **Steve Darnell** is the August volunteer who will deliver the food.



Volunteer in Africa with Give Us Wings!

Please join us to talk about the January volunteer trip to Africa. You are welcome to come to this meeting without any commitment to go on this trip. If you have questions or are curious please come.

Give Us Wings will be going through the trip itinerary as well as talking about the objectives of the trip and answering questions. Shawn Whelan, co-founder of Give Us Wings and trip leader for this trip, will be at the meeting to gain an understanding of what the St. John's community's interests are so that those objectives can be met during the time in Africa.

I hope you will join us.

**August 11, 2010
7:00 PM**

St. John the Evangelist - Fireside Room

If you have questions please call Jennifer Kinkead at 651-687-0675 or Give Us Wings at 651-789-5606.

As a valued advocate for Give Us Wings, you are invited to our 1st Annual Community Picnic! This fun-filled event is free as a thank you for your ongoing support.



1st Annual Community Picnic

August 18, 2010

4:00-6:00 PM

Hidden Falls Park

1415 Mississippi River Blvd South

St. Paul, MN 55116

Please join us to enjoy a great evening, including:

- BBQ supper from Cloverland Foods
- Kids Activities
- Project Updates from Africa
- Introduction of new African staff via satellite! (Technology permitting)
- Discounts on registration for the Walk for Water on October 9th

RSVP to coordinator@giveuswings.org or by calling 651-789-5606

Sewing for Kayoro

Watch the September Evangelist and website for dates!

We will get together to sew clothing for the children of Kayoro, Uganda.

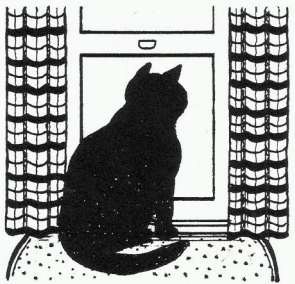
Come and cut, pin, sew, press, or lend moral support. We will invite the women of Holy Apostles to join us.

Patty Byrne-Pfalz is the organizer.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SERVICE SCHEDULE – AUGUST 2010

	READERS	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
August 1, 2010 – First Sunday Eucharist						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Rhonda Miller				
10:00 am	(A) Don Postema (B) Paige Hagstrom	Marge's Team	Volunteers	Alden Drew and Mimie Pollard	<i>Watch this column for assignments in Sept.</i>	Jill and John Thompson
August 8, 2010 – Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am	Michael Garner	Rhonda Miller				
10:00 am	(A) Bill Smale (B) Jill Thompson	Pat Brynteson	Volunteers	Julia Ferguson and Rick Rinkoff		Kathy Nadeau
August 15, 2010 – Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Baptism						
8:00 am	John Trerotola	Rhonda Miller				
10:00 am	(A) Joan Potter (B) Shirley Sailors	Ella Slade	Volunteers	Dick Diedrich; Barbara Snowfield		Fred Myers
August 22, 2010 – Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist						
8:00 am	Christine Garner	Rhonda Miller				
10:00 am	(A) John Docherty (B) Jill Thompson	Diane Power	Volunteers	Shirley Sailors; Patty Bryne Pfalz		Liz and Pat Collins
August 29, 2010 – Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Rhonda Miller				
10:00 am	(A) Gary Gleason (B) Cammie Beattie	Dusty Mairs	Volunteers	Kent and Karin Furois, Ethan and Wyatt		Dick and Judy Diedrich

Please read the above schedule carefully. Remember that you are responsible for finding your own replacement.



I am away this month, dear Reader, at the national Op-Ed Columnists Convention in Bangor Maine.

Following dear Oprah Winfrey's introduction of me, I will be privileged to deliver the tenth annual Sojourner Truth Freedom lecture.

Details when I return next month.

Warmest wishes to you all.

- Lulu Berg, D.C. (Domestic Cat)

Regional meetings focus on mission

Join Bishop Prior in a series of conversations about what we dream for the faith communities of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and how we can join God's mission already begun in our midst. These conversations will be Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm unless otherwise indicated. Lunch will be provided. Childcare available upon request.

Saturday, September 25, St. Anne's, Sunfish Lake

DEACON

by Barbara Mraz



Since my ordination as a deacon 28 years ago (Bishop Prior quipped that I was doubtlessly ordained “shortly after Confirmation” – I wish), periodically I have had to write clarifying pieces explaining what it is deacons do and what is their place in the Episcopal Church. It’s time again. The Order seems to have confusion built into it!

The ministry of deacons is as diverse as our diocese. Some deacons are present only on Sundays and participate in the service; others coordinate outreach efforts for their parishes. Many preach, but not all. Usually, deacons have paying jobs outside the church to support themselves, just as the apostle Paul made his money as a tentmaker.

1. **How is a deacon the same as a priest?** Both are ordained by a bishop, wear a “collar,” have special roles assigned them during worship, can baptize, marry and bury people (these last two with the consent of the Bishop and if a priest is not available), and do pastoral care.
2. **How is a deacon different from a priest?** A deacon cannot pronounce a blessing (although they can say “We ask God’s blessing on....”), preside at a Eucharist, or generally perform other sacramental functions. The deacon’s main supervisor is *the Bishop*, and in his/her place, a priest (rector). The Prayer Book says that a deacon’s main role is to “serve those in need” and “assist bishops and priests.” The priest’s main role is to “serve as a pastor and overseer of the church” BCP, p. 856
3. **What are the types of deacons?** *Transitional deacons* are those who serve as deacons for a year or so before being ordained as a priest (Keely). *Permanent deacons* are those who chose to remain deacons (me).
4. **What do deacons do during worship services?** According to the BCP, it is the deacon’s prerogative to read the Gospel, set the table, assist at the Eucharist, and do the dismissal. Often deacons preach and sometimes do the prayers.
5. **What is the educational requirement for being a deacon?** While priests usually attend seminary for three years, a deacon’s training is more eclectic and structured by the Diocese. It’s different now, but before my ordination, I was required to attend classes 4 hours a week for 2 ½ years, plus weekend retreats. These classes were taught by seminary faculty, diocesan priests with special expertise, and even pastors from other denominations who had certain strengths. I had one class from the Rt. Rev. Dan Swenson, who went on to become Bishop of Vermont; another from the Rev. Pat Wilson-Kastner, who became a renowned homiletics professor at General Seminary in New York; and a preaching seminar from the Rev. Arthur Rouner of the famed Colonial Church in Edina. It was a demanding and rewarding experience – I was lucky. This culminated in exams in the same areas as those priests must pass. (The preparation program for deacons has been reduced significantly since then.) I supplemented this training with two sessions at the College of Preachers in Washington, D.C. and numerous other continuing education ventures. My 26 years teaching Communications Women’s Studies and Comparative Religion at the Blake School provided a significant level of knowledge and useful tools which I use regularly at St. John’s.
6. **Describe what you do at St. John’s.** I am here on Sundays as a deacon, functioning liturgically in that role (see #4 above). The other aspects of my job include planning and overseeing all adult education, working with newcomers (although Keely will be taking that over in August) ; coordinating some outreach projects (namely the clinic); communications work on the *Evangelist*, publicity for events, helping plan women’s event, and pastoral care. This year I have added a weekly e-mail meditation: “The Tuesday Letter.” This is a ¾ time paid position. Bishop Jelinek worked out this unusual arrangement (unusual because most deacons are not employed by a parish), gave it a name – “Deacon Assisting the Rector” -- and Bishop Prior has approved it.
7. **Didn’t you ever want to be a priest?** I didn’t become an Episcopalian until well into my twenties, when I had small kids at home. It didn’t seem feasible to take a year off and go to an out-of-state seminary (it’s a requirement to spend a year at an Episcopal seminary and there are none in Minnesota), I couldn’t afford it, but more importantly, I never felt “the call” towards the priesthood. *I like to have one foot in the world and one in the church* – I am very much grounded in the culture and in the arts. *My audience as a preacher is those for whom faith is not easy, including myself.*

What I learned back-in-the-day at the University of Minnesota about communication and addressing an audience provides the basis for how I preach and I think that it has served me well. I have also worked as a speech coach, sermon coach, and political speech writer. Many say “a sermon is not a speech” – but I couldn’t disagree more!

Right now, St. John’s feels like the perfect place for me to be as a deacon, a lay employee, and my heart’s love---as a preacher. These roles usually spill together into the broader area of “ministry” and I am less concerned with the division of labor than the results. I am so privileged to be here with you.



“Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire.”

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

Annual School Tools Drive

Give homeless and low-income children the tools they need to flourish in school! We will be collecting NEW school supplies to help kids in our community thrive in their education. Sponsored by St. John’s **Faith in Action Commission**.

Please bring your donations August 8-20 and place them in the boxes at the church entrance in the hallway outside the church office.

Checks may be made payable to St. Paul Council of Churches with “School Tools” in the memo line.

Supply List

All items should be NEW!

We serve elementary, middle, and high school students.

Especially Needed:

- Backpacks
- 3-ring binders & Trapper Keepers
- Calculators
- Pocket dictionaries
- Facial tissue (boxes or individual packs)
- Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)

2010 School Tools Recipient Programs & Agencies

- **American Indian Magnet School:** Serves 325 students and is located on the East side of St. Paul. It serves children of all ethnic backgrounds in grades Pre K-6. Approximately 50% of the student body is American Indian.
- **Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services:** Helps refugees achieve self-sufficiency as soon as possible while addressing their immediate, transitional needs. Its mission is to serve and advocate for immigrants, refugees, migrants and people on the move.
- **Community School of Excellence:** A new Hmong language and culture charter school. 80% of students are recent immigrants/refugees from Laos and Thailand. The school uses a community-based approach to education promoting high academic standards and parent and community ownership of the school.
- **Department of Indian Work - Emergency Services:** Addresses emergency needs in the American Indian community, respecting the cultural and spiritual diversity of the people it serves. Emergency services include student assistance, food shelf, clothing closet, and funeral and transportation assistance. A program of the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches.
- **Emma’s Place: Emma Norton Services:** A housing development in Maplewood for formerly homeless single parents with three or more children. It is sober housing that provides out of school time programming for children/teens and support services to assist families in achieving self-sufficiency and home ownership.
Project Home Family Shelters: With the help of area churches, synagogues or schools, Project Home provides three emergency overflow shelters for families facing homelessness in Ramsey County. In 2008, Project Home served 877 children. Project Home is a program of the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches.
- **Project SPIRIT:** A tutoring and cultural-enrichment program which serves African American youth, ages 6-12. It is a program of the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches with sites in three St. Paul congregations.
- **St. Paul Public Schools Title I Program for Homeless Families and Children:** Provides educational support services, academic services, social service support, and family education services to children and families living in transitional housing sites, domestic abuse shelters, and emergency shelters in St. Paul.
- **Wilderness Family Support Services:** Made up of five programs which serve over 450 homeless families in the East Metro area. All five programs focus on maintaining affordable housing and promoting the healthy development and school success of children.

Other important supplies:

- Spiral notebooks (narrow-ruled)
- Composition notebooks
- Science calculators
- Pencils
- Pens
- Erasable pens
- Markers
- Folders
- School boxes
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Pencil sharpeners
- Colored pencils
- Rulers
- Glue sticks & bottles
- Loose-leaf paper (wide-ruled)
- Loose-leaf paper (narrow-ruled)
- Scissors
- Crayons (8–10 large size)
- Crayons (24–48 regular size)
- White out/Correction tape
- Poster boards
- Display boards
- Watercolor paints

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