

# THE EVANGELIST

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DECEMBER 2010

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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.



**January Issue / Dec. 17**  
**February Issue / Jan. 21**

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

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## FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR

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It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the cradle when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures. Immediately he turned and went outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

So he walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get Him, my fine friend?"

The little boy replied, "I got him from the church."

"And why did you take him?"

The boy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give him a ride around the block in it."

A promise made, a promise kept. Isn't that the real story of Christmas?

I received a flier in the mail that states, "Christmas is all about the Presents." It goes on to advertise several religious books worthy of gift giving for less than \$2. No doubt they are wonderful books but I was struck more by the card's introduction. What if the spelling was different and it said, "Christmas is all about the Presences?" The presence of God in our midst as once again we look in that manger.

As we enter into the holiness of Christmas may we prepare our hearts to be open to the coming, once again, of the Christ child. Each year we gather in a place of worship filled with the beauty of poinsettias, balsam, holly and pine. Seasonal music fills our hearts with nostalgia for a time past, and in anticipation for what is yet to come. While children, dressed for the occasion, fantasize about their gifts, and their parents hope for a few hours sleep, I offer you this litany to remember the Christ child who visits us this holy season.

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## 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 Loiseaux-Purcell, *Membership*  
Terri Fishel, *Communication*  
Diane Norman, *Fellowship*  
Don Postema, *Faith in Action*  
John Thompson, *Finance*  
Don Weinkauff, *Property*

## ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Kent Furois, *Head Usher*  
Jill Thompson, *Lay Reader Coordinator*  
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*  
Dusty Mairs, *Parish Coordinator*  
Fred Myers, *Historian*  
Diane Power, *Altar Guild*  
George Power, *Columbarium*  
Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*

## CLERGY

The Rev. Peggy Tuttle, *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*  
Nina Costello, *Nursery Supervisor*  
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*  
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*

For all who give you a face by spreading your love in the world:  
For all who give you hands by doing their best toward their brothers and sisters:  
For all who give you a mouth by defending the weak and the oppressed.  
For all who give you eyes by seeing every bit of love in the heart of man and woman:  
For all who give you a heart by preferring the poor to the rich, the weak to the strong:  
For all who give to your poverty the look of hope for the Kingdom:  
For all who reveal you simply by what they are because they reflect your beauty in their lives:

God our Father, you are the God of a thousand faces, yet nothing can reveal you completely except the face of the child of Bethlehem, Jesus the Christ;  
Continue in our lives the mystery of Christmas.  
Let your Son become flesh in us so that we may be for all our brothers and sisters the revelation of your ever-present love. Amen.



## TRANSITIONS

### ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS FOR DECEMBER 2010

*Note: Childcare is available at 8:45 a.m.  
for parents who would like to attend these sessions*

#### DECEMBER 5

##### A DOG'S VIEW OF ADVENT

Molly Elliot woofs her thoughts via video, and priest and scholar Neil Elliot talks about what why dogs are ideal models of Advent behavior.

#### DECEMBER 12

##### THE HEALING OF MEMORIES

The Rev. Margaret Fell returns to speak about an area of her expertise: How to heal memories that impede our transitions to growth and progress.

#### DECEMBER 19

##### PROJECT KATHLEEN UPDATE



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

**December 5**

**The 2nd Sun. of Advent**

**MAIN ALTAR**

OPEN

**LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR**

Annie Laurie Baker  
William M. Baker

**December 12**

**The 3rd Sun. of Advent**

**MAIN ALTAR**

Ralph E. Hagstrom  
William E. King  
Margaret P. & Jack Rasmussen

**LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR**

C. Wesley, Lillian & Paul  
Andersen

**December 19**

**The 4th Sun. of Advent**

**MAIN ALTAR**

Charles Read Gleason

**LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR**

Same as above.

**December 24 and 25**

**Christmas Eve and Day**

**MAIN ALTAR**

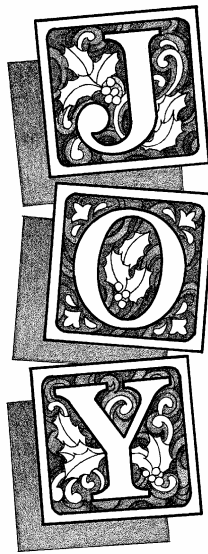
Lonnie S. Andrews  
Martha & Gustav Seeger  
John Seeger

**LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR**

Same as above.

**ALTAR FLOWERS 2010/2011:**

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 for flowers on the Little Sanctuary Altar. The cost is \$15 and you will be billed by Johnson Flowers. If you are interested please contact **Dusty Mairs** or **Barb** in the office to find out the available dates for each altar.



**WOMEN'S ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
**12:30 P.M.**

**FIRESIDE ROOM**

All women of St. John's are cordially invited  
to this festive annual event

Good food, decorations, entertainment,  
the usual \*giftathon

Please call the office by December 10  
if you plan to come

Also let us know if you need a ride and we will provide one

\*If you wish, bring an inexpensive wrapped gift and participate  
in the traditional after-luncheon gift game.

*Hosted by the Rev Barbara Mraz  
and her wonderful Christmas Team*

**VESTRY CORNER**

*- from Junior Warden Libby Snelson*

Your vestry met November 15, the first day of Reverend Peggy Tuttle's Interim Rectorship. We are glad to have her experienced hand, warm heart and thoughtful guidance at St John's.

Finance issues focused our attention as we accepted the audit report and planned for the next audit process. Stewardship pledges are beginning to come in, and provide the Vestry with the basis for the budgeting process. At our December meeting we will begin to discuss and discern appropriate uses of these caring gifts of time, treasure and talent.

Mary Louise Clary reported on the Youth program activities, including the combined St John's/Holy Apostles Confirmation classes. Plans are underway for a Mission Trip to Cordova, Alaska, to build on the connection made by the Youth experience in 2009. Look for order forms soon for poinsettias! While Jean Hansen recovers from hip surgery, LongKee Vang and the Reverend Keely Franke lead this lively group.

Terri Fishel described a new addition to the St John's website-a recipe page! We will all be able to share tried and true goodies, learn how to make that gorgeous appetizer at the Christmas Party, and add to our family's favorites.

The Vestry meets again December 13, 2010. Please bring your concerns and suggestions to Senior Warden, Jay Debertin and me.





### **December Birthdays**

- 1 Andrew Johnson  
Matthew Richards  
Adam Ross  
Bob Yeager
- 3 Babbie McGowan  
Neil Grace  
Inge Bischof
- 5 George Dow, Jr.  
Peter Hartnett
- 6 Warren Lund  
Kate Nicholson  
Elliot Wall
- 11 Sue Cadwell  
Jody Dueber
- 13 Phyllis Frisby
- 14 David Lilly  
Alison Rasch
- 15 Charles Beattie  
John Thompson  
Caleb Olson  
Delaney Grundhauser
- 16 Alden Drew  
Sarah Reynolds  
Woodie Cross
- 17 Joan Potter  
Gary Gleason
- 18 Frank Wiecher
- 19 Lisa Hertle  
Henry Snyder
- 24 Elizabeth Brown  
Henry Sluka
- 25 Mary Probst Morrison  
Isabella Frost
- 26 Walt Cygan
- 28 Leo Dueber  
Cathy Grundhauser  
Catherine Nicholson
- 30 Laura Kochevar
- 31 Imogen Clamons  
Jill Ross

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## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

- by Ellen Harrington, Director of Children's Ministry

Advent is my favorite Liturgical season – officially sanctioned waiting – as opposed to the usual pressure to make decisions, take action – now!!



In Advent, it's okay to ponder, to amble, to meander through any memory I care to entertain and consider what's important. What do I value most and want to keep? This applies to the physical stuff in my closets as well as to the closets of my mind. What ideas or thoughts are intriguing – acting liked a crooked finger – again and again to make sure I am paying attention? What opinions are changing? Where do I feel new openness? Where are shifting opinions leading?

Pondering is a mindset that invites questions, that allows the energy of Divine Reality to gain a toe-hold - to ensure that the door to consciousness is permanently ajar. After the toe-hold, I proceed at my own pace. Adults, hesitating perhaps about an expanding toe-hold, are caught in the tension between the familiarity of ego with all its tricks and trusting a less familiar impulse -to wait - until new clarity of thought and decision arrive.

Our Godly Play children have no such hesitation. They are a good example, well, all children are really, of life lived in the moment. The toe-hold first felt at birth grows instinctively for years to whole mind immersion in the now – before being thwarted by rationality and cultural emphasis on the visible rather than the invisible. Children do have others seeing to their need for shelter, food and affection but their interest in the world and trust are worth observing. Surprisingly, the adult version is not much different. Just lots of letting go – and waiting.

This is what Jesus taught about becoming like a child, about being reborn, metaphorically speaking. I think he wanted us to stand present – to wait – to discern the nudges of Divine energy. I can (and do!) linger long in waiting – with the hope that it's not equal to dormancy but is a time of great activity, forming deep in the dark closets of my mind. I try to enjoy the process, at least respect it, as much as whatever results come along.

Light some Advent candles, to ease the way to the longest, dark days of the year – ask the questions and welcome the illumination that arrives.

On a practical note – you will have the Pageant practice schedule by now – the Pageant is December 12<sup>th</sup> - the Mystery of Christmas is the December 19<sup>th</sup> story in Godly Play – and there is No Godly Play on December 26<sup>th</sup>!

Godly Play is looking for a couple of story tellers. The nursery is looking for someone over 18 to help while Nina is away student teaching. Suggest yourself or someone you know!

Blessings to all for Advent – Ellen Harrington 651-699-4867 or ellenrhar@yahoo.com or godly.play@stjohnsstpaul.org



## ST. JOHN'S DECEMBER 2010

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

#### Saturday, 4

Annual Christmas Party  
5:45 p.m. Appetizers  
7:00 p.m. Dinner

#### Sunday, 12

Christmas Pageant  
During the 10:00 a.m. Service

#### Wednesday, 15

Women of St. John's Christmas Luncheon  
immediately following the Noon Communion Service (12:30 p.m.)

#### Wednesday, 15

Hanging of the Greens  
6:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, 19

A Service of Lessons and Carols  
4:00 p.m.

#### Friday, 24

Christmas Eve Services:  
4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
10:30 p.m. Festival Service

#### Saturday, 25

Christmas Day  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion and Carols

### **GYM CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE DEC. 13-31**

Beginning December 13, the gym will be closed for a maintenance project. This includes repairing ceiling tiles, painting the ceiling and walls, and installing new light bulbs.

The entire project is expected to last until the end of the month. *For your safety and security, Curt Gagner and John Oldfield ask that you do not enter or use the gym for any purpose. Thanks for your patience!*

## **BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS & BENEFIT THE CLINIC!**

This year the card features a picture on the cover of the interior of St. John's at Christmas time. The photo was taken by Don Wong, a local professional photographer who works exclusively in the realm of architecture. Don photographed St. John's after the renovation by Gar Hargens. A faded image of St. John's Kayoro Clinic is inside the card with the phrase, "Wishing you the courage to do "One Good Thing."

Cards are sold in sets of 10 for \$10 and includes envelopes. We also have cards from last year featuring the artwork of Ray Frisby both on the front, his watercolor of St. John The Evangelist, and on the inside of the card a sketch of the future clinic.

The cards will be sold after the 10:00 service each week and at the holiday party. If you have questions or would like to place an order contact Jennifer Kinkead 651-687-0675.

### ***December 1960 – 50 Years Ago***

#### *Gifts for Patients at Hastings*

Since St. John's Church is a member of the St. Paul United Church Women, we are asked to share some of the joy of Christmas by giving gifts to the patients of Hastings State Hospital. Unwrapped, but new, gifts of stationery, candy, nuts, cigarettes, tobacco, playing cards, scarves, wool gloves, men's stretch socks, cosmetics, shaving lotions and creams, handkerchiefs, etc. may be left in the box near the Church Office from now until December 12<sup>th</sup>. Note: ***My how things have changed!***

### ***December 1910 – 100 Years Ago***

#### *Christmas Eve Closing*

With surprise and disappointment the people of St. Paul have learned of an apparent intention to reverse this season the wholesome and successful policy of last, and to keep open the stores on Christmas Eve. It seems probably that a due amount of interest and of work among Christian people will be able to change this, which it is said is not approved heartily by most of the large merchants of the city. It is strange that a voice should have been lifted, after what happened a year ago, in favor of the old cruel, senseless and unbusinesslike custom. There was not a murmur then against practical results. Not only did the army of weary clerks enjoy their respite and have a little space for preparation for their own holiday, but the employer and the public were equally satisfied. It was proved that the people will make all their purchases before Christmas Eve if requested to do so. The few places that kept open were bare of customers. And buyers were saved from the frenzied wear and tear of those last few hours. They bought more carefully and wisely, and nobody lost anything in either custom or profit. It was a demonstration that should have settled a rule of action for all time to come... We urge upon all the churches, upon all the organizations of those who labor and upon all citizens who sympathize, without respect to creed or occupation are open to appeal to their fellows, to unite in a movement to secure the closing of the shops on Christmas Eve. Remember... that you are at this time a customer, and that you have influence, and that you can make it count. Note: ***My how things have changed!***



# DECEMBER

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday:

8:30-Noon The Big Net  
10:00 am Staff meeting  
5:45 pm Bell Choir

### Wednesday:

11:00 am Wed. Bible Study  
Noon Communion Service  
5:30 pm Youth Choir  
6:00 pm Youth Group Dinner & Mtg.  
7:15 pm Adult Choir

### Thursday:

5:30 pm Job Seekers Mtg.  
6:00 pm Stories AA Group  
7:00 pm Men's Blue Book Group

### Friday:

9:00 am Organ Practice

### Saturday:

12-6:00 pm Artaria School

### Sunday:

8 & 10 am Services  
9:00 am Adult Ed.  
9:00 am Youth Encounter  
9:00 am Children's Choir  
9:45 am Godly Play (except 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.)

## 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.:

## Save this Date!

January 23, 2011

is our Annual Meeting and buffet lunch.

Details to follow in the January Evangelist and on the website.

## 2010 December Calendar

**Wed., Dec. 1** 12:30 Region Clergy Meeting  
**Thurs., Dec. 2** 5:00 pm Lisa Guyer-Rooney Daycare Event  
**Sat., Dec. 4** 10:00 am Music Commission Mtg.  
5:45 pm Christmas Party Appetizers  
7:00 pm Christmas Party Dinner

### Sun., Dec. 5 **First Sun. Eucharist w/Baptism:** **The 2nd Sun. of Advent**

*The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates. The Rev. Peggy Tuttle preaches.*

1:00 pm Confirmation Preparation  
**Tues., Dec. 7** 12:30 pm Diocesan Clericus at St. Mark's Mtg.  
4:00 pm Building Committee Mtg.  
**Wed., Dec. 8** 6:00 pm Search Committee Mtg.  
**Thurs., Dec. 9** 7:00 pm Contemplative Service in the Gym

*The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates.*

**Fri., Dec. 10** 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

**Sat., Dec. 11** 9:00 am Men's Breakfast

3:00 pm Wedding

### Sun., Dec. 12 **Holy Eucharist Rite II: The 3rd Sun. of Advent** **Christmas Pageant**

*The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates. The Annual Christmas Pageant is during the 10:00 am service.*

11:30 am Acolyte Bowling Party  
1:30 pm TEC Reunion in Gym  
**Wed., Dec. 15** 12:30 pm Women's Christmas Lunch

6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens  
6:00 pm Search Committee

**Fri., Dec. 17** 7:00 pm Artaria Master Class

**Sat., Dec. 18** 10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party & Lock-in

### Sun., Dec. 19 **Holy Eucharist Rite II: The 4th Sun. of Advent** **w/Baptism**

*The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates. The Rev. Barbara Mraz preaches.*

4:00 pm Lessons and Carols

**Mon., Dec. 20** 4:30 pm Finance Mtg.

6:00 pm Vestry Mtg./Dinner

### **Fri., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services**

4:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Children's Choir

*The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates. The Rev. Peggy Tuttle preaches.*

*The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches at the following services:*

10:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Adult Choir

**Sat., Dec. 25** 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II w/carols

### Sun., Dec. 26 **Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist:** **The 1st Sun. after Christmas Day**

*The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates and preaches.*

**Mon., Dec. 27** 6:00 pm Project Kathleen

**Tues., Dec. 28** 7:00 pm Artaria School Party

**Fri., Dec. 31** **New Year's Eve** - Church offices closed.

## BAPTIZED ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010

### Arianna Mae Mosvick and Isabella Marie Mosvick

Arianna and Isabella are the daughters of Michael Karger and Kristen

Mosvick. Kristen is the granddaughter of Roger and Nona Mosvick.



*Lessons &*  
**CAROLS**

Sunday, December 19

4:00 p.m.

A Festival of Nine  
Lessons and Carols  
By the Adult Choir, the  
Youth Choir, and the  
Handbell Choir



**A LOVELY IDEA**

Bill Sherfey, a parishioner who currently resides in Washington D.C. passed along this idea to Dusty Mairs: "My little parish here in D.C. has a nice tradition. They bring the altar bouquets down to the undercroft for coffee hour and then parishioners take them apart and take a few flowers home with them. I've only done this once or twice, but when I see the bouquet on my buffet at home it makes me think of the church. It's a nice way to get the flowers out into the congregation."

Some of the altar flowers will still be reserved for pastoral calls, but Dusty and Diane Power, Altar Guild Chair would like to try Bill's suggestion at St. John's. After Christmas, when you see a floral arrangement in the undercroft, take a few stems to enjoy at home.



*Christmas Greens*



The church will be decorated with garlands, wreaths and trees for the Christmas season.

You may make donations towards the cost of these by marking your check "Christmas Greens" and putting it in the offering plate or returning it to the church office.

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**If you would like to have your Christmas Greens gift listed as a memorial, please fill in below and return this form with your contribution.**

**Memorials must be received in the office by  
Monday, December 6, 2010  
to be included  
in the Christmas bulletins.**

(Please Print Clearly)

In loving memory of:

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Donation given by:

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Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



## THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

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

**Saturday December 11, 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 **2011 to meet in  
the Gym kitchen!**

**January 8**

**February 12**

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### 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.

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*"This is the table, not of the  
Church, but of God. It is made  
ready for those who love God  
and who want to love God  
more. So, come, you who  
have much faith and you who  
have little, you who have been  
here often, and you who have  
not been for a long time, you  
who have tried to follow and  
you who have failed. Come,  
not because I invite you; it is  
God, and it is God's will that  
you who want God should  
meet God here."*

- From the Great Thanksgiving of the  
Eucharist, St. John the Baptist Episcopal  
Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

## WHAT'S NEW FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE?

- by Don Postema, Search Committee Co-Chair



The Search Committee has met and  
begun the final process that will lead to  
the selection of a new rector for St.  
John's. Building on the fine report  
compiled by the Discovery Team  
(accessible at  
[http://stjohnsstpaul.org/wp-  
content/uploads/2010/08/St.-  
Johns\\_Discovery\\_book\\_final.pdf](http://stjohnsstpaul.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/St.-Johns_Discovery_book_final.pdf)), the  
Search Committee has engaged in an  
envisioning process focused on discerning  
St. John's future in the next ten years.

The description of our rector position has been distributed  
internationally (the wonders of the Internet and the World Wide  
Web!), and the deadline for initial applications was November  
19. Our bishop and his staff then screen these candidates and  
send us the names of candidates they determine best fit our  
profile. We anticipate receiving these names in mid-December.  
These candidates will be asked to complete a series of essays in  
response to questions which reflect our goals and rector  
responsibilities. Based on our evaluation of these essays, we  
will conduct tele-interviews of the highest ranked candidates  
leading to selection of those whom we will visit in their current  
parishes. The next step will be inviting the final candidates to  
visit St. John's to meet with the Search Committee, Vestry, and  
Discovery Team. At the conclusion of these visits, the Search  
Committee will select a priest to be recommended to our Vestry  
for their consideration as the next rector of St. John's. We are  
hopeful that an announcement of this person can be made in  
the late spring of 2011, God willing.

While awaiting the names of the initial candidates, we will have  
compiled the essay questions and evaluative criteria to be used  
in assessing them, as well as begun to formulate the scripts for  
the interviews. We hope that these tele-interviews can take  
place in January, 2011 leading to visits by rector candidates in  
late winter so that they get a realistic sense of our Minnesota  
weather!

The members of the Search Committee are Phyllis Goff and Don  
Postema, Co-Chairs, Emma Grundhauser, Rex Haberman, Bob  
Horn, Laura Kochevar, Mary Probst Morrison, Eloise Teisberg,  
and Jerry Woelfel. Paige Hagstrom is our clerk, and Jim Huber  
is our consultant from the Diocese. While much of this process  
is confidential, we invite your questions regarding our work.  
We encourage you to keep us in your prayers throughout the  
months ahead as we seek to do God's work here at St. John's.

December 2010						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Youth Schedules

These schedules can also be found on the St. John's web page – [www.stjohnsstpaul.org](http://www.stjohnsstpaul.org)

### Acolytes:

#### **December 5:**

Kelsey Shaw, Samantha Rosendale, Wyatt Furois

#### **December 12:**

Emma Grundhauser, Johannah Frisby, Miranda Cygan

#### **December 19:**

Cooper Olson, Lucy Grundhauser, Emily Brooks

#### **December 24:**

4:00 p.m.: Charlie Olsen, Eli Weinkauff, Ashlyn Clamons  
10:00 p.m.: Sara Maronde, Cameron Gemlo, Ethan Furois

### Wednesday Night Dinners:

**Dec. 1** – Kelsey Shaw Family

**Dec. 8** - Youth Group Makes Dinner Together

**Dec. 15** – Maronde Family

**Dec. 22** – Rosendale family

Dec. 29 – No Youth Group

### Important dates to remember:

#### **Dec. 12**

Acolyte Party – Bowling after church

#### **Dec. 18**

All Youth Christmas Party and Lock-in

#### **Dec. 26:**

No Youth Encounter – Christmas Break

## THE STILL POINT – A PRAYERFUL SERVICE

- by the Rev. Keely Franke

In December St. John's is starting a service on the second

Thursday of each month in the evening. This service is designed to provide an opportunity for reflection and prayer in the midst of our busy lives. Likewise we've decided to begin this service in Advent, one of the busiest times of the year. We hope you will come in out of the cold and join us for what will be a welcomed change of pace as we orient ourselves towards the coming of Christ. You can expect to experience ancient ways of praying with modern texts, primal rhythms with simple music to chant, and a warm setting lit with candles offering a place to pray.

J. Philip Newell in *One Foot in Eden* describes the intention of this service well:

"Whatever our schedule and responsibilities we need to be finding times and places to enter what Eliot called 'the still point of the turning world'. That is the place from which all life has come, and in which we will be restored to our true selves. The busyness and action of our lives, he says:

Brings knowledge of motion, but not of stillness;

Knowledge of speech, but not of silence;

Knowledge of words, and ignorance of the Word.

To return again and again to the 'still point' is to orientate ourselves to what is most real and to be set free from limited confinements to the outward."

So please join us and together we will discover what God might be doing in our hearts as we await once again Christ's birth.

The Still Point – A Prayerful Service  
Thursday \* December 9, 2010 \* 7pm

In the gymnasium

\*Tea and scones to follow in the gym kitchen\*



## ARTARIA CHAMBER MUSIC SCHOOL MAKES GIFT TO PARISH



The Artaria Chamber Music School, in residence at St. John's, meets on Saturdays throughout the school

year. **Ray Shows** and **Nancy Oliveros** are directors of the enterprise. The school has grown considerably over the years, such that they now coach thirteen high-school quartets. The parish has a number of music stands that the school borrows on Saturdays, but with the recent growth there was a need for more stands than the parish possesses. In gratitude to the parish, the school has purchased six new music stands and donated them to St. John's. The gift will now make it possible for the parish music program to supply enough stands to the orchestral players that accompany the concerts following our Evensongs. Thank you, ACMS!

*P.S. The Artaria Chamber Music School has a free concert at St. John's scheduled for Friday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.*

## OPEN HOUSE FOR THE GRANDSON OF ROBBIN CLAMONS

Three and a half years ago, when Charlie (a.k.a. Aubrey, sometimes Peter) was diagnosed with leukemia, one of the first faces to appear in his hospital room was Frank Wilson's (no surprise!). Since then the members of St. John's have thrown a blanket of kindness and love around Charlie and our family, offering us words of encouragement, prayers, gifts, fellowship, and lots of patience.

Charlie's mom, Hannah, is throwing an open-house to celebrate the end of treatment, the victory of Spidey over the Green Chemo Goblin, the triumph of Good. There'll be food, a jumper and games for kids, and lots of joy! Please drop by the Palace Rec Center at 781 Palace Ave (just south off Jefferson and three blocks east of Victoria) **December 5, 3-7 pm** to help us celebrate! Thank you and hasn't God blessed us each and every one!

*The Payne/ Andrews/ Clamons Family*



*"The whole concept of God taking human shape had never made much sense to me. That was because, I realised one wonderful day, it was so simple. For people with bodies, important things like love have to be embodied. That's all. God had to be embodied, or else people with bodies would never in a trillion years understand about love."*

- Jane Vonnegut Yarmolinsky,  
*Angels Without Wings*

## Project Kathleen News

- by Mary Frances Palmer

Project Kathleen's newest mentor is **Holly Weinkauf** who, along with her family of five (pictured on the right), joined St. John's two years ago after moving from New Mexico with their three children. Holly has worked in a rural hospital doing education, outreach and mentoring with pregnant and new mothers. She sees Project Kathleen as a great way for her to continue the important work of mentoring and supporting mothers and families.



Holly has a master's degree in library science and worked as a children's librarian for several years. Currently she works one morning a week at the Red Balloon Bookshop. She also volunteers at J.J. Hill Montessori where Eli (10) and Roan (7) attend. Her daughter, Madeline is a 7th grader at Ramsey Jr. High. Her husband Don is the Dean of Engineering at The University of St. Thomas. "We love the children's and youth programs, the incredible music and the very thoughtful, insightful sermons. St. John's has also been a great place to meet other families," she says.

Project Kathleen always welcomes new members. In January the committee will specifically need a new financial liaison member. If you are interested, please contact Patty Pfalz who is retiring from the position.



## MINNESOTA TO HOST 2011 EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT

On June 22-26, 2011, the Twin Cities' Bethel University will see the gathering of 1,500+ Episcopal youth and their adult leaders for Mission EYE 2011. EYE is a triennial gathering of youth leaders from across The Episcopal Church, who come together for worship, prayer, training, and service.

"Having participated in EYE since its inception, I am thrilled that Minnesota will be welcoming EYE next year," says Bishop Brian N. Prior. "Our church has always emphasized healthy, vibrant youth leadership. With EYE we have an opportunity not just to lift up these leaders and equip them for ministry - but to equip ourselves with renewed vision for a church in mission."

*Note: Jean Hansen, Youth and Family Minister, is involved in the planning of this event and will keep St. John's informed with updates.*

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SERVICE SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2010

	READERS	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
<b>December 5 – First Sunday Eucharist, the Second Sunday of Advent</b>						
8:00 am						
10:00 am	(A) Jill Thompson (B) Jeff Olsen	Diane Power	Kelsey Shaw Samantha Rosendale Wyatt Furois	George & Mason Kinkead; Alden Drew & Mimie Pollard	No Godly Play – Families in Church	Godly Play Families: Olson (Kim & Jeff) Johnson (Todd & Alice) Brooks
<b>December 12 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, the Third Sunday of Advent (Christmas Pageant at 10:00 service)</b>						
8:00 am						
10:00 am	(A) Cammie Beattie (B) Alden Drew	Dusty Mairs	Emma Grundhauser Johannah Frisby Miranda Cygan	Jeff & Peggy Olsen, Andrew & Charlie	Pageant!	Families of: Jeff & Peggy Olsen Rick & Wendy Olson
<b>December 19 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, the Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>						
8:00 am						
10:00 am	(A) Bill Smale (B) Don Postema	Pam Strom	Cooper Olson Lucy Grundhauser Emily Brooks	Jennifer & Peter Rosendale, Skyler and Samantha	Godly Play Families: Roberts Baxter Ferguson/Rinkoff	John Edgerton and Heidi Gesell
Lessons and Carols 4:00 pm	To be announced.					
<b>December 24 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, Christmas Eve</b>						
4:00 pm	(A) Jeff Olsen (B) Gary Gleason	Volunteers	Charlie Olsen Eli Weinkauff Ashlyn Clamons	Kent & Karin Furois, Ethan & Wyatt		
10:30 pm	(A) Joan Potter (B) Jill Thompson	Volunteers	Sara Maronde Cameron Gemlo Ethan Furois	Volunteers needed.		
<b>December 25 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, Christmas Day</b>						
10:00 am	To be announced.	Volunteers				
<b>December 26 – Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, the First Sunday after Christmas</b>						
8:00 am	John Trerotola					
10:00 am	(A) Alden Drew (B) Peggy Lemmon	Pat Brynteson	Kelsey Shaw Samantha Rosendale Eli Weinkauff	Paige & Gary Hagstrom, Alex Joyce & Marvin Cadwell	No Godly Play	OPEN

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

*2010-2011*

*Lessons and Carols*

**Sunday, December 19, 2010, 4:00 p.m.: A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
By the Adult Choir, the Youth Choir, and the Handbell Choir

*Evensong Services*

**Sunday, March 27, 2010, 4:00 p.m.: Evensong for Lent**  
*Mass, by Charles-Marie Widor*

**Sunday, May 15, 2010, 4:00 p.m.: Evensong for Eastertide**  
*The Utrecht Te Deum by G.F. Handel, for chorus and soloists, with orchestra*

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You are invited  
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*The Annual Christmas Party*

*Saturday, December 4, 2010*

5:45 pm - Appetizers in the Fireside Room  
7:00 pm - Dinner in the Gymnasium

Please bring an appetizer to share if your last name begins with the letters A-H.  
Please bring a festive dessert to share if your last name begins with the letters I-Z.

Make your reservation by signing up:

- at the Usher's Desk, in the Gathering Space or Fireside Room,
- or by calling the parish office at 651-228-1172 or by emailing: [church@stjohnsepiscopal-stpaul.org](mailto:church@stjohnsepiscopal-stpaul.org)

Suggested donation: \$20 per person, \$50 per family (payable at the door).  
Come regardless of your ability to pay. Additional contributions are welcome.  
Proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Trip and our local food shelves.

Free child care and meal provided. Please indicate your need for child care  
when you make your reservation to ensure we have adequate staff.  
Child care cannot be provided for children without reservations.