

THE EVANGELIST

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Wednesday Service

12:00 Noon
Holy Communion and Healing

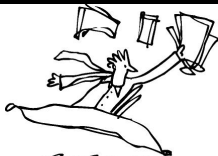
Sunday Services

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

December Issue / Nov. 19
January Issue / Dec. 17

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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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance (Ecclesiastes 3:4).

Laughter is an important ingredient in my life and knowing when to laugh and when to weep, when to mourn and when to dance, help me to keep a sense of balance in my life. For me, in due time laughter almost always follows weeping and although I don't dance so well any more, my heart dances when I know someone has gone to a better place.

I hope we are able to share all of these emotions together as we continue the journey through this interim time for you. I love doing interim work! It is a time of exciting examination of our lives, discovering who we are, how did we get here and where do we want to go from here.

Here is a little background on me and, as time goes by, I will share more. For now, this is enough. I grew up in Fort Worth coming from a long line of Texas born ancestors. My parents were Southern Baptist which meant that is where I attended until I became an adult. It is a proud heritage because I learned a lot about the Bible. I was told not to question the Bible yet I had burning questions! So I left the Baptist church. That led me to the Methodist Church where questions were welcomed. It wasn't until I met my husband, a cradle Episcopalian, that I found myself in the pew of an Episcopal Church. It was an Epiphany! I was Home. I was finally at home; liturgy, music, children actually participating in the service as acolytes and the laity with leading roles. This was before the ordination of women yet I was completely engulfed in a feeling of wholeness with the Holy Spirit.

St. John the Evangelist has been home to many people for many years. It is a place filled with the Holy Spirit, full of life and opportunities to explore where God is at work in the world about us. Wonderful programs are in place for all ages and continuing to support those programs will ensure that St. John's will be around for generations to come. I hope to support you in this endeavor until such time as you have called your new rector.

It may take me a while to put faces and names together so help me along the way. Introduce yourself to me, not once, maybe a lot, until I can finally call you by name. I am excited to be here and I look forward to what tomorrow brings.

Faithfully,
Peggy

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*
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Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*
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. 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*



A transition is a passage from one state
to another.

Transitions are inevitable.
Some of them we seek;
others are forced upon us.

It can be during transitions – when we are most adrift,
most fearful,
most excited --
that God draws closest.

ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2010

NOVEMBER 7

TRANSITIONING THROUGH CHANGES WITH CHILDREN

A panel of parishioners with children of various ages discuss the experiences and spiritual insights they have gained as parents.

NOVEMBER 14

TRANSITION FROM LAY PERSON TO CLERGY

The Rev. Keely Franke talks about how her spirituality and more have evolved since her ordinations.

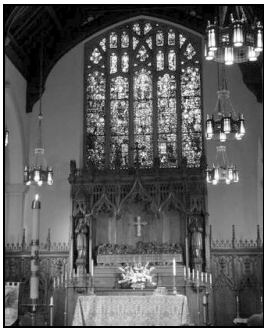
NOVEMBER 21

TRANSITIONS BETWEEN 60 AND 100

A panel of parishioners speaks about the gifts and challenges of this stage of life, as well as caring for the elders we love.

NOVEMBER 28

To be announced.



**Altar Flowers Given to the
Glory of God in Memory of:
November 7**

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

MAIN ALTAR

Dorothy S. & Charles Robert
Beattie, Jr.
Virginia H. and Silas Buck Foot
II

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

Alice M. Diedrich, Carl A.
Diedrich, Stephen W. Diedrich

November 14

The 25th Sun. after Pentecost

MAIN ALTAR

Gilbert and Muriel Hamm

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

Rachel Anne Lund

November 21

The Last Sun. after Pentecost

MAIN ALTAR

To celebrate the marriage of Jim
Johnson and Lucy Jones

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

David and Marguerite Frost

November 28

The 1st Sunday of Advent

MAIN ALTAR

John H. Hannaford,
Gertrude Hannaford Jaffray
Caroline S. and Jule M.
Hannaford Jr.

Jule M. Hannaford III

Charlotte Hannaford Drake

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

Same memorials as main altar.

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.

The Art of the St. John's Bible Fireside Room

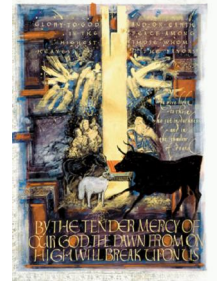
Tuesday, November 9, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Tim Ternes

from St. John's University

speaks about the newly-created volumes



Tim Ternes will be in Saint Paul at St John the Evangelist Church, November 9 to present a program on the newest books that have been completed in the Bible project.

The Saint John's Bible is a work of art and a work of theology. A team of artists and scholars have brought together the ancient techniques of calligraphy and illumination with an ecumenical Christian approach to the Bible, a living document and a monumental achievement.

VESTRY CORNER

- from Junior Warden Libby Snelson



At the monthly meeting on October 18, 2010, your vestry welcomed The Rev. Peggy Tuttle to her first meeting as our Interim Rector. Rev. Tuttle officially begins November 15,-the date of the next Vestry meeting. She introduced herself and answered questions about her background and style of ministry.

We discussed the ongoing Roof Repair Project. The completion of Phase I (including the flat roof) was celebrated-- note the shiny new copper on the north side of church!

With Stewardship season in full swing, we reflected on how this year, even more than ever while St John's is in transition, we all need to support each other in St John's with our time, talent and treasure.

The Rev. Keely Franke and Jean Hansen presented our evolving companion relationship with Holy Apostles. This will be embodied in our mutual prayers for each other's welfare, through our shared confirmation program, shared social events and work events such as women from both parishes sewing for the children of Kayoro, and in the future financial support we hope to give to Holy Apostles. Holy Apostles parishioner Toua Vang is the first Hmong Episcopal seminarian in the world, and the need and joy of supporting this historic mission was discussed and will be on the agenda for the November meeting. On October 24th, Holy Apostles rector Letha Wilson-Barnard and Keely swapped pulpits and Leitha spoke about Holy Apostles in our Adult Forum. We are privileged to be part of this wonderful partnership.



November Birthdays

- 1 Joseph Elsinger
Michelle Wall
Gwyneth Sluka
Michele Wall
- 2 Margot Keeler
Kevin Wall
- 3 Kelly Geise
Jean Hansen
Andrew Morley
Ward Moberg
- 9 Brian Otto
- 10 James Moore
- 11 Theodore Ellsworth
- 12 Peter Grills, Jr.
- 14 Sarah Hagstrom
Caroline Gale
Elizabeth Lindeke
- 15 Sarah Harrington
- 16 Lydia Morley
Jerry Woelfel
- 17 Malcolm McDonald
- 18 Becky Lund
- 19 Ella Slade
- 20 Lisa Lindeke
- 21 Vinetta Polinske
- 24 Aimee Kern
Sarah Spainhower
- 25 Nan Lightner
- 28 Cheryl Hanson
Karen Stuhlfeier
- 29 Sarah Diaz
Sarah Johnson
- 30 Gabriela Ramos
Bill Newell
Dick Yore

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Nov. 15):**

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- by Ellen Harrington, Director of Children's Ministry

When I got up this morning, I was thinking about this article. I decided to begin right after I emptied the dishwasher, filled it again by emptying the sink and then watered my plants! Well, I got sidetracked by a cross-word puzzle and a chapter in a book, although the article was in the back of my mind. I went on a search for a Spiritual Direction quotation I wanted. The search was interrupted by lunch and *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me* on public radio. But as I continued, I found myself skimming a book that I recommended to a co-worker. What had been important about this book when I read it ten years ago? Isn't this the way life works? You spend time on something you think is important and needful and then end up in a different place all together!

The book is about mother loss. A spectrum of mother loss - the literal losses of death and abandonment as well as subtle losses felt when mothers are not available due to mental illness, addiction, incarceration or abuse and neglect. It filled a need ten years ago but as I read parts of it again, I thought about how we take care of ourselves. First step - to recognize that what I am experiencing is a nudge from loss or change, then - to consider what pattern helps during loss and third - to figure out an action to take. The sequence can be like the Spiritual Direction process.

Spiritual Direction is like the wondering questions in Godly Play. But it's not a group process, only two people are involved. One listener and one 'wonderer' who gets to talk out loud about their experience of the Holy. The listener is not there for therapeutic solutions or to offer advice or problem-solve. They are there to receive the expression of the wonderer whatever that might be. It's about considering the sensation or feeling related to the Divine and the ordinary.

Identifying feelings is important; they seem to guide behavior - as opposed to thinking which guides choices. I was thinking when I chose to look for the source I thought was essential, but my ego-driven behavior shifted when I began reading the book, it was the feeling of trust in the presence of the Divine that helped me let go of my agenda and change direction. The name of the book by the way is, *Motherless Daughters*, by Hope Edelman. Her ideas about motherlessness apply to everyone.

In Godly Play we encourage children to develop their sense of the Divine and to trust its nudges. We offer an environment of connection and belonging as we tell stories and let them sit with their reactions. 'Right' answers or 'right' thoughts, are not part of the program. Storytellers may delve more deeply and curiously themselves into the metaphors in our stories and parables.

Should this appeal to anyone particularly, Godly Play is looking for a couple of storytellers. A commitment of one Sunday a month as a storyteller is how it begins. Before that a storyteller observes for a couple of Sundays. The story format is entirely contained in the books we use and we have DVD's that show storytelling. Please get in touch with me if you are interested. I will be asking some people to find out about interest, so don't be surprised! You only need to like kids and believe in the importance of spiritual education.

Blessings - Ellen Harrington - ellenrhar@yahoo.com or
godly.play@stjohnsspaul.org or 651-699-4867



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

EVANGELIST POSTAL DELAYS

If you live in Minneapolis or a suburb of Minneapolis, you may be receiving the *Evangelist* a few days later than before. This is due to a new bulk mail practice that routes this mail to Des Moines, Iowa before sending it back to Minnesota! St. Paul and St. Paul suburbs are not affected by this new practice. As an alternative, you can access the latest issue on the parish website (available the first of each month).

Project Kathleen News

- by Mary Frances Palmer

Project Kathleen has a new family referred by our Episcopal Community Services social worker Justin Fogel.

Since we have the money from the vestry and from our recent fundraiser, and because Holly Weinkauff from our congregation has agreed to be their mentor, we are able to accept a replacement for the family that recently "graduated" from Project Kathleen.

The new family recently arrived from the Chicago area, eager to start a new part of their life after having recently lost a son to cancer.

The family consists of two parents and two children, one of whom is a teenager participating in the youth program founded by Justin.

The mother and father are both employed; the mother is in a health-oriented internship that promises to become a full-time job in the future.

Their needs and potential are a great fit for Project Kathleen. We invite you to join us in praying for and rejoicing that we can help them meet their goals that include finding a larger apartment and achieving independence.

October 1910 – 100 Years Ago

The Sheltering Arms: It is not generally known, perhaps, just what the Sheltering Arms is, and yet every churchman in the diocese should know. The Sheltering Arms is a diocesan institution for orphan and destitute children. Recently the new home on Riverside Boulevard, Minneapolis, has been occupied and the children have much better quarters than heretofore.

Church Notes: The president of the Playground Association, Mr. Joseph Lee, says that the testimony of social workers proves that Sunday is largely a day of especial lawlessness for city children and that the prohibition of both work and legitimate play leaves the way open for the worst forms of mischief.

Advertisers in 1910: St. Paul Gas Fixture Co., Maurice Abrams Furs, T.E. King & Son (Sanitary Engineers), Western Automobile Co., Field-Schlick Tea Rooms, Schleh Bros. (Ice, Fuel and Feed), W. A. Frost & Co. Rasmussen School, and The Ashland Livery.

October 1960 – 50 Years Ago

Wild Rice: Indian Craft Episcopal Church in Minnesota again has top quality wild rice for sale at \$2.85 a pound, \$1.45 per half pound. All proceeds to help our Indian missions. If you want any for hunting dinners, gifts, etc., contact Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Drew, or Mrs. Heitmiller.

Hobart College: Anyone interested in talking to a representative from Hobart College, the oldest college of the Episcopal Church in the U.S., may do so by going to a meeting at Blake School, St. Paul Academy or Breck School.



MISSION



NOVEMBER

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
7:30 pm Wed. Night Basketball

Thursday:

5:30 pm Job Seekers Mtg.
5:30-9:00 pm Toll Free Bells Practice
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 1st Sun.)
6:30 pm Sun. Night Basketball

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:

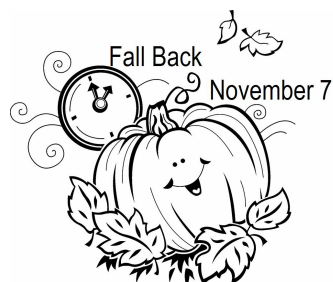
Spiritual Life

Meetings Announced in Bulletin

10:00 am Meditation Group

Quarterly Meetings (to be announced):

Faith in Action Next Mtg.:



2010 November Calendar

Tues., Nov. 2	Election Day – St. John's Gym is a polling location. 12:30 Diocesan Clericus Mtg. at St. Mark's
Sun., Nov. 7	First Sun. Eucharist: The 24th Sun. after Pentecost <i>The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates and preaches.</i> Daylight Saving Time ends! 11:15 am Tiles for the Kayoro Clinic 1:00 pm Confirmation Preparation 1:00 pm TEC Mtg. 4:00 pm All Saints Evensong & Reception Mon., Nov. 8 5:30 pm Women's Group: Soup and Substance Tues., Nov. 9 1:00 pm Organ Tour of Summit (Organ Demo) 7:00 pm St. John's Bible Event 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
Sat., Nov. 13	
Sun., Nov. 14	Holy Eucharist Rite I: The 25th Sun. after Pentecost <i>The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates and preaches.</i> 11:15 am Acolyte Training 1:00 pm TEC Mtg. Mon., Nov. 15 The Rev. Peggy Tuttle begins as Interim Rector 4:30 pm Finance Mtg. 6:00 pm Vestry Mtg./Dinner Nov. 18-21 TEC Weekend – ends Sun. evening at 6:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 21	Holy Eucharist Rite II: The Last Sun. after Pentecost <i>The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches. TEC weekend.</i>
Thurs., Nov. 25	Holy Eucharist Rite II – Thanksgiving Day 10:00 am Thanksgiving Service <i>The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.</i>
Sun., Nov. 28	Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist: The First Sun. of Advent <i>The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates. The Rev. Barbara Mraz preaches.</i>
Mon., Nov. 29	6:00 pm Project Kathleen



Join Us!

For This Time of Thanking God
For All the Blessings of Life!

Thanksgiving Day

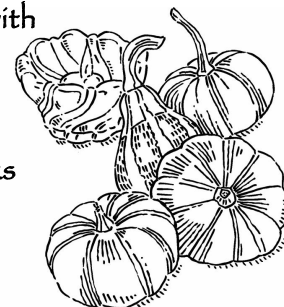
November 25, 2010

St. John the Evangelist Choir Area

10:00 a.m.

Hymns, Prayers & Holy Communion with
the Rev. Peggy Tuttle

Let us gather together and give thanks
for God's generosity and love!



Lessons &
CAROLS

**Singers Welcome
 for Lessons and Carols**

If you'd like to take on a short-term commitment and sing with the choir for Lessons and Carols, you're welcome to join us. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings. A mandatory dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 18 from 10 am to noon. **The service is on December 19 at 4:00 p.m., with a call at 2:45.** For further information contact Jim Frazier at either james.frazier@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651 228-1172, x38. If you're interested in participating, please contact Jim Frazier by November 9.

**MAKING TILES FOR THE
 KAYORO CLINIC ON NOV. 7**

You can purchase one tile for \$4 or four of them for \$16 (giving you 16 square inches available to decorate).

You can get the tiles painted in one of two ways:

- **Come to the gym kitchen at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 7.** Paint and brushes will be available as well as people to help you paint your tiles.
- **OR** come to the gym kitchen on November 7, complete a form and we will have someone paint your message on the tile or tiles you have purchased.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Kinkead at 651-687-0675



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.

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:

Donation given by:

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Thank you!



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

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

**Saturday November 13, 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 **2010/2011 to
meet in the Gym kitchen!**

December 11

January 8

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.

Thank You

- Curt Gagner (Building Supervisor) and Chris Henry (Evening Assistant) for a clean, functional building – best we've seen in years!
- Don Postema for designing and assembling many of the cabinets in the Godly Play area
- All the Huge Sale workers (\$5500 raised for Faith in Action!)
- Greg Schaffner for his original anthem in honor of Keely's ordination performed on October 17
- Everyone who purchased the wonderful egg rolls made by the people of Holy Apostles fundraiser (50 dozen were pre-ordered). Soon, they'll come back and teach us how to make them.

New Women's Group: Soup and Substance



Several women of the parish decided that it's time to revive a monthly meeting of the women. The first will be:

Monday, November 8

6-8:00 p.m.

Fireside Room

There will be a light dinner of soup and bread (donations accepted for dinner) and then Barb Sommers will give a short presentation on the work she is doing in the church archives for a new column in the newsletter. We will also discuss our own memories of our early days in church, whether St. John's or not, and ideas for future programs.

In December, we will help with the annual Women's Christmas Luncheon on December 15.

To get a count for dinner, please sign up at the back of the church, in the undercroft, or RSVP to Patty Byrne Pfalz at bbp19@yahoo.com.

FROM THE REV. DR. NEYSA ELLGREN

We have arrived at the month of Thankfulness – November. By the time you read this, I will be taking on my new calling as Canon for Congregational Development and Staff at the Diocese of Oregon. The Revs. Keely Franke and Barbara Mraz will be overseeing the spiritual life of our congregation until your next Interim Rector, The Rev. Peggy Tuttle, begins here November 15th. At the same time, the Transition Search Team is meeting and the first of those priests who sense God asking them to discern a call to St. John's as your next Rector have read our profile on line and are responding. Though change continues, God is good and working in our midst!



I am especially thankful for God's abundance during these seven months that I have been with you at St. John's. This is not about material abundance but about spiritual abundance - living spiritually alive to the presence of God in whatever life circumstances we find ourselves. I have learned so much from you. Together we have worked to find our way to increased joy, love and peace in the areas of our common life. Together we have come to find a sense of what is really important to us right now; a true awareness of meaningfulness and direction. Together we have found our hearts filled with exuberance and gratitude to God, and we know we are finding our way.

As we continue to live into God's abundance, we are sent into the world to spread that abundance in different ways. As I go to Oregon, remember that all of you at St. John's will remain in my heart and in my prayers daily. I look forward with anticipation to learning who God will call as your new Rector. I know that you will continue to show the heart of Christ's love by your actions within and beyond the community around you. God bless you all.

With love and a grateful heart,

Neysa+

November 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Youth Schedules

These schedules can also be found on the St. John's web page – www.stjohnsstpaul.org

Acolytes:

Nov. 7:

Cameron Gemlo, Ethan Furois, Eli Weinkauff,

Nov. 14:

Emma Grundhauser, Johannah Frisby, Miranda Cygan

Nov. 21:

Eva Gemlo, Lucy Grundhauser, Ashlyn Clammons

Nov. 28:

Charlie Olsen, Alex Joyce, Tim Krall

Wednesday Night Dinners:

Nov. 3 – Olsen family

Nov. 10 - Olson family

Nov. 17 - Youth Group Makes Dinner Together

Nov. 24 - No Youth Group – Thanksgiving break

Important dates to remember:

Nov. 7:

Confirmation – 1pm – 4pm

Nov. 14:

Acolyte Training – 11:30 – 1pm

Nov. 18 – 21:

Teens Encounter Christ

Nov. 24:

No Youth Group – Thanksgiving Break



NEW CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE BEGINS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH!

- by the Rev. Keely Franke

Beginning Thursday, December 9th, St John's will offer a short contemplative service on the second Thursday of every month. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last about 30-40 minutes. It will include a brief liturgy, candles, music, and silent and spoken prayer to give parishioners and visitors a worship experience that differs from our Sunday services.

We'll conclude with refreshments for those who would like to stay and visit for a few minutes.

The December 9th service will focus on Advent. We hope that it will be an opportunity to escape the often frantic pace of holiday preparations and instead spend some time in reflection, prayer, and thanksgiving.

More information about the service will be available soon. If you are interested in helping with this service or those in future months please contact the Rev. Keely Franke – keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-228-1172, ex. 18.

Commissioning of Spiritual Directors



- by Ellen Harrington

"Bishop Brian Prior commissioned a group of Episcopal Spiritual Directors at the Cathedral on October 7, 2010. It was a lovely service with Directors and their friends from all over the Twin Cities. Bishop Prior told a fun story about his first encounter with his seminary Spiritual Director.

Spiritual Direction needs some demystifying for most of us. And I will likely do that at various times. Essentially, the art of spiritual direction is about offering hospitality for the inner journey. It's about uncovering the obvious in our daily lives and realizing that the Divine comes to each of us in the language of everyday events. It is the only language that Divine Reality has to reach us. In this age of media, it is not virtual listening; it is listening in real time! May your thanksgivings abound."

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SERVICE SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2010

	READERS	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
November 7 – First Sunday Eucharist, the 24th Sunday after Pentecost						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth					
10:00 am	(A) Don Postema (B) Paige Hagstrom	Dusty Mairs	Cameron Gemlo; Ethan Furois; Eli Weinkauf	Gus and Anders Axelson; Mary Ann Mason; Bob Baumann; Barbara Snowfield	No Godly Play – Families in Church	Godly Play Families: Frank & Kirsten Loiseaux- Purcell; Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff Sarah & Paul Johnson
4:00 pm Evensong	John Docherty					
November 14 – Holy Eucharist Rite I, the 25th Sunday after Pentecost						
8:00 am	Alden Drew					
10:00 am	(A) Sarah K. Smith (B) Eloise Teisberg	Pam Strom	Emma Grundhauser; Johannah Frisby; Miranda Cygan	Bob Horn & Kathleen Hanson; Brad & Mary- Louise Clary	Dueber Ferguson-Rinkoff Scheel	Paige & Gary Hagstrom
November 21 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, the Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King)						
8:00 am	Michael Garner					
10:00 am	(A) Rick Rinkoff (B) Greg Schaffner	Pat Brynteson	Eva Gemlo; Lucy Grundhauser; Ashlyn Clamons	Benoni Grimes; Holly & Don Weinkauf, Eli	Finkel, Dave Johnson, Todd & Laura Wall	TEC Leaders and Participants
10:00 am Thanksgiving	Sarah K. Smith	Ella Slade		1-2 volunteers needed		
November 28 – Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, the First Sunday of Advent						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke					
10:00 am	(A) Jill Thompson (B) Jean Hansen	Ella Slade	Charlie Olsen; Alex Joyce; Tim Krall	Kent & Karin Furois, Ethan & Wyatt	Pageant Practice – all Godly Play children welcome!	Linda Linkdeke

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



You are invited
to the very best party of the season

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@stjohnsepiscopeal-stpaul.org

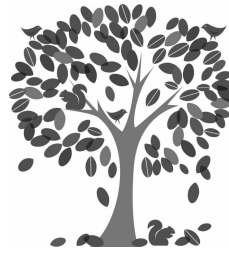
Suggested donation: \$20 per person, \$50 per family (payable at the door).
Come regardless of your ability to pay. Additional contributions are welcome.
Proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Trip and our local food shelves.

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.




YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- by Jean Hansen, Youth and Family Minister



Greetings!

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism?

Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers is a 2005 book by Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton. The book's core hypothesis is the introduction of the term **Moralistic Therapeutic Deism** (abbreviated **MTD**) to describe the common religious beliefs among American youth. The book is the result of a research project, **National Study of Youth and Religion**, privately funded by the Lilly Endowment.

The authors find that many young people believed in several moral statutes not exclusive to any of the major world religions:

1. A god exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
4. God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

These points of belief were compiled from interviews with approximately 3,000 teenagers.

The authors say the system is "moralistic" because it "is about inculcating a moralistic approach to life. It teaches that central to living a good and happy life is being a good, moral person." The authors describe the system as being "about providing therapeutic benefits to its adherent" as opposed to being about things like "repentance from sin, of keeping the Sabbath, of living as a servant of a sovereign divine, of steadfastly saying one's prayers, of faithfully observing high holy days, of building character through suffering..."and further as "belief in a particular kind of God: one who exists, created the world, and defines our general moral order, but not one who is particularly personally involved in one's affairs--especially affairs in which one would prefer not to have God involved."

The remoteness of God in this kind of theism explains the choice of the term "Deism", even though "the Deism here is revised from its classical eighteenth-century version by the therapeutic qualifier, making the distant God selectively available for taking care of needs." It views God as "something like a combination Divine Butler and Cosmic Therapist: he's always on call, takes care of any problems that arise, professionally helps his people to feel better about themselves, and does not become too personally involved in the process."

The authors believe that "a significant part of Christianity in the United States is actually only tenuously Christian in any sense that is seriously connected to the actual historical Christian tradition, but has rather substantially morphed into Christianity's misbegotten stepcousin, Christian Moralistic Therapeutic Deism."

A few weeks ago on a Sunday morning in Youth Encounter, the youth and I talked about MTD in relation to a recent book by Kenda Creasy Dean (Youth Ministry Professor at Princeton Theological Seminary) – *Almost Christian*.. We talked about MTD as being a “nice” and “happy” Christianity. We discussed Dean’s assertion that MTD is a “watered down” and not really “Christian” faith.

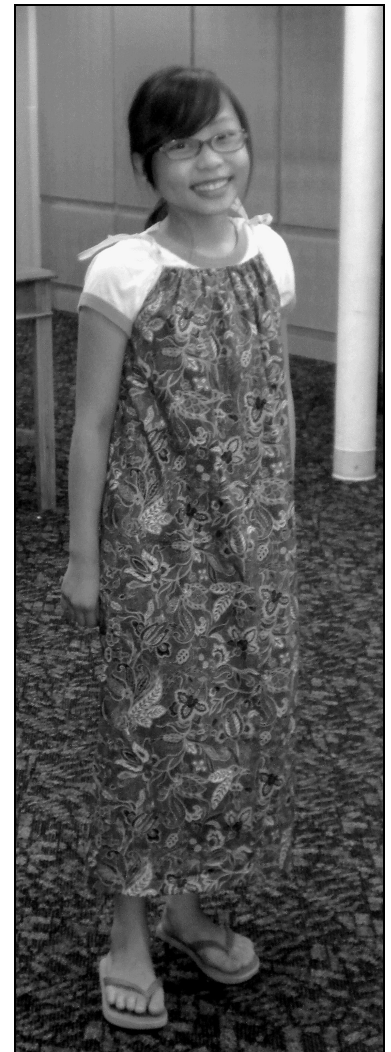
Some of the questions we started discussing:

- What do you think of this “nice” and “happy” Christianity?
- What does it mean to you to be a Christian?
- What’s the real Christian faith if the version Dean talks about is fake?

We didn’t come up with any answers, or what we should or could do about it, but we started a conversation on what being a Christian means to us.

Sewing for Kayoro!

On Tuesday evening, October fifth, a group of women from St. John's organized by **Patty Byrne Pfalz** and **Barbara Sommers** joined members of **Holy Apostles** to sew clothing for the women of Kayoro Village, Uganda. Bishop Prior (visiting St. John's for another meeting) was most impressed! The women also met at the home of Cammie Beattie in September. *Photos are courtesy of Jennifer Kinkead.*



HOLY APOSTLES – OUR COMPANION PARISH

- by the Rev. Keely Franke

About a year and a half ago the vestry here at St. John's voted that our number one priority was to be in relationship with Holy Apostles Episcopal Church. Since then we've included Holy Apostles in our prayers weekly, we celebrated our Christmas dinner together last year, and our youth groups have joined together in various activities together. This fall in particular an understanding of what it means to be a "companion parish" has really begun to blossom.

Who is Holy Apostles?

Holy Apostles is a primarily Hmong Episcopal congregation here in St. Paul. About six years ago a group of Hmong people came to the Episcopal Church and asked our bishop if they could join while keeping their own cultural traditions. We of course welcomed them with open arms. The Rev. Letha Wilson-Barnard is now their vicar (the term for the head priest of a mission congregation). The congregation is a vibrant member of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and they are currently working on translating the Prayer Book into Hmong. We are lucky to call one another companions.

What does it mean to be a "Companion Parish?"

A group of leadership from both Holy Apostles and St. John's recently met to discuss what it means to be companion parishes. We also are discussing this at vestry and hope to provide the congregation with more opportunities to decide what it will look like to be in relationship with Holy Apostles. Here is one statement we have come up with to describe our relationship:

*Being a companion parish means that we are walking together to serve God and be in community, both spiritually and in our faith journeys. By being in community together, we can demonstrate a greater love to God and our world. We help and learn from each other in reaching our collective goals. We do this by gathering regularly **to talk, eat, pray, work together and encourage one another**. We are bridging our cultures on earth and by doing so we are closer to revealing the true face of God – one of great diversity in cultural background, experience, and practice.*

Mostly what we've heard from people is the desire to *do*. We want to do things together and simply be together in various activities both in and around our churches. To give you some insight, here are the things we have done recently together.

How are we living together as companions?

- This fall we hired LongKee, a young man, from Holy Apostles to work with our youth. Our youth also share in confirmation classes together and we started off the year with a very successful retreat.
- Women of various ages from both parishes joined together to make clothing for children in Uganda. The bishop even showed up to this gathering!
- In October we did a pulpit swap. Keely went to Holy Apostles to preach and Letha came here with a group from Holy Apostles. Letha preached, led conversation around this very topic at our adult forum, and egg rolls were sold as a fundraiser for Holy Apostles.

In the future the possibility of having conversation partners is being discussed. This would be a way to build relationships and conversation skills. Also in December Holy Apostles will be celebrating their Hmong New Year, which is a celebration not to be missed. Look out for more details. It is indeed an exciting time for both parishes to join together. Please consider being part of the discussion whenever possible. Maybe even take a Sunday off from St. John's and wander over to Holy Apostles to see what is going on there. You'll be happy you did and will be welcomed by some of the warmest, kindest people you've ever met.

Liturgy 101 and why you should care (First in a Series)

- by the Rev. Barbara Mraz



St. John's has had little liturgical education in the past ten or twenty years. As a result, you may wonder about the patterns of our Sunday services – where did they come from? Who decides what we do? Why do we do a different type of service each Sunday of the month? Does what we do at St. John's reflect the practices of the rest of the Diocese? *And why is liturgy such an emotional topic for so many people?*

SO WHAT IS IT? **Liturgy** is from the Greek words for *people* and *work*. **Liturgy** is *the work of the people* in worshiping God. So it's what we do and say during services on Sunday. That's a good reason for knowing about it! Our liturgy at St John's is based on the 1979 version of the *Book of Common Prayer* – the black book in our pews today.

SO WHERE DID IT COME FROM? England. Following tumultuous events in England after the Reformation, Thomas Cranmer crafted the first Book of Common Prayer for the Anglican Church in **1552**; it has remained the official prayer book of the Church of England. It is considered not only a book of worship, but a literary masterpiece and has been copied by many denominations.

YOU MEAN ENGLISH ANGLICANS STILL USE A TEXT FROM 1552? Yes, although in the 21st century, an alternative book called *Common Worship* has displaced the *Book of Common Prayer* at the main Sunday worship service of many English parish churches. Unfortunately, only 9% of the population currently attends church in Great Britain.

SO WHAT ABOUT THE PRAYER BOOK IN AMERICA? The American Episcopal Church did its own revision of the 1552 English version in 1882 and again, in 1928. They didn't do a great job in 1882 – it only lasted 36 years.... Here's one account of why – (note lively language):

“Archaic expressions were retained and much of its theology savored of the Middle Ages.”

“The Baptism office was mutilated, parts of it being an affront to ordinary intelligence, and other Offices like that of the Visitation of the Sick fell into complete disuse.”

“More and more, clergy turned to alternative liturgical sources.”

The consequence was the American Church “outgrew” her own Prayer Book.

PLEASE TELL US WHAT HAPPENED NEXT! So, in 1928 – the American Church attempted a revision of its 1882 book—according to one source “perhaps the most radical U. S. prayer book revision until that of 1979.” Some of the many changes from the previous 1892 book included dropping liturgies of outdated theology, such as the Visitation of Prisoners; the three baptism rites were combined into one; and several changes were made to the Communion service.

The 1928 Book of Common Prayer served the Episcopal Church for fifty years, from 1928 until 1979, at which time the church adopted its next revision, the one we use today. (The last three or four General Conventions of the Episcopal Church have called for *another* revision, but so far this legislation has not passed.)

SO THE 1928 PRAYER BOOK LITURGIES WENT AWAY? No. They're still here in the '79 book, and we use them:

RITE I (the Eucharistic Service we use at 8:00 and also once a month at 10:00) is the 1928 liturgy. It was kept in the '79 book as an option, possibly for those who were attached to the language of this rite, and also to ease the transition to the more modern **Rite II**.

Note: In Rite I, the language is more formal: for example, we say “thou” instead of “you,” as well as “it is meet and right so to do” instead of “It is right to give him thanks and praise.” More on this later.

There is also a **RITE I Service of Morning Prayer** (which we use once a month at our main 10:00 service – from the 1928 book) and a **Rite II Morning Prayer** service in the 1979 book. We use the older, 1928 version.

BUT WE HAVE COMMUNION ALONG WITH MORNING PRAYER ON SUNDAYS? WHY? *Returning to the earliest roots of our faith*, the 1979 book decreed that the major service for Sunday *has to be a Eucharist*, as all Sunday services were in the Early Church.

Morning Prayer was its own service in the 1928 book, but the 1979 book decreed that if “Morning Prayer” is used on Sunday, a Eucharist has to be used along with it. For a while at St. John’s, we had the Eucharist in the chapel as an option following Morning Prayer in the sanctuary – many people did not stay to attend this. Two years ago Frank decided both parts of the service would be in the sanctuary.

Note: In the early church and in monasteries throughout the world, Morning and Evening Prayer are normally *weekday* services. If you look in the back of the Prayer Book at the lectionary – the assigned readings for various days – there are readings for each day of the week; these for Morning and Evening Prayer.

I may be stopping you and quizzing you periodically, so to review, be sure you get these parts:

1. “The Book of Common Prayer” was assembled by Thomas Cranmer in 1552 in England.
2. American Episcopalians used this book at first, then revised it, most recently in 1979 – this is the book we use today.
3. Services from the previous rendition (1928) *remain in the 1979 book we use today*. They’re called “Rite I” and we use this liturgy every Sunday at 8:00 and once a month at 10:00.
4. Learning about liturgy is important because you do it every Sunday and knowing what you’re doing is a good thing.
5. Our 10:00 service schedule is:
 - a. First Sunday: “First Sunday Eucharist” from contemporary sources
 - b. Second Sunday: Rite I
 - c. Third Sunday: Rite II
 - d. Fourth Sunday: Morning Prayer Rite I with Eucharist

Coming next month:

- ~ Why is liturgy such an emotional topic for many people?
- ~ Why do we reprint the services in the bulletin instead of using the Book itself?
- ~ In what other ways is Rite I different from Rite II – and why were these changes made?
- ~ Is it true that St. John’s is adding another type of service on Thursday evenings? Why? What?

Other questions? Leave me a message or e-mail me.

Source: *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, by Marion J. Hatchett, Harper’s, 1980.

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Featuring the anthem:

At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners (text by John Donne)
by Lee Holby

After the service the choir will sing *Te Deum* by John Rutter
with brass choir and timpani

Guest Organist: Robert Vickery