

THE EVANGELIST

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 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.



Evangelist Deadline

October Issue / September 23
November Issue / October 22

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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I caught my first glimpse of orange leaves today while out walking in the neighborhood and I knew; it was inevitable. Change was in the air and it was time to write my September newsletter article! I am always energized by Autumn. I think it is the most lovely season of all.

There is an energy and a beauty that motivate me and help me to refocus on what God might have me learn next.

Change continues to be in the air at St. John's too, and lots of opportunities for learning are starting up again for the fall season. It all begins on Sunday, September 12th with Gathering Sunday. Our Ministry Fair in the Undercroft is the place you want to be between and after services that Sunday, to check out all the displays showing the ministries that our community is taking part in. At the Fair you can talk to the people who are already experienced in doing these good works, see where God is motivating you to be involved in next and re-commit to your own learning and spiritual growth.

Change is also happening in the transition process towards our new permanent rector. Our Discovery team will complete its report this month. It will be written, published and posted on the website for you to read and share. At the same time, we are taking nominations for our Search team through September 12th. Forms for this are at church or on our website. 8 to 10 folks from a broad cross section of our church will be on the search team and they will be using all the information you have given them as they interview and recommend candidates over the next six to nine months.

While each person is on a unique spiritual path, all people have much in common in the ways we understand and feel the love of God. We find St. John's to be a place where we can learn and grow in Christ and we see that we can do so much more together than we can on our own. September is a prime month to invite the neighbors, or a friend or an acquaintance to come with you to experience the love and learning and ministry opportunities we have here. You can be sure that they will be warmly welcomed and that something we have to offer at St. John's will motivate them in their own relationship with God.

Seasons change but God's love and presence in our lives is constant. I look forward to this next part of our journey together.

With love in Christ,

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*
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*



On Thursday, July 29, the Rev. Keely Morgan Franke, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Brian Prior.

Congratulations Keely!

Hello Friends at St. John's!

How wonderful it is to be with you now as your Assistant Priest. This first month has been everything I had hoped being a priest would be and more. You have all given me a hearty welcome back and it is so good to be in your midst. Thank you so much for the lovely communion kit you gave me as an ordination gift. It is just stunning and will surely be put to use for many years of ministry to come. I'd like to thank Diane Norman and the fellowship crew as well for all their work in making the summer picnic/ordination party such a huge success. Who knew the St. John's folk could dance like that!

By now my office should be complete and in full use. Just so you know, my day off will be Monday. As I did in my first sermon, I would like to invite you all to come by any other day of the week, check out my office, and have a seat. Rumor has it, it will be fit with a toy box for kids young and old. Otherwise, going out for tea or lunch works too. I am very much looking forward to getting to know you even better and deepening the relationships we already have built. Thank you for welcoming me on board such a wonderful staff.

Blessings on all your heads,
Keely



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

September 5

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

MAIN ALTAR

Arthur R. MacDonald

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

George R. and Alyce D. Hunt

September 12

The 16th Sun. after Pentecost

MAIN ALTAR

Marjory L. and William S.
Pearson

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

Annie and Thomas Newton

September 19

The 17th Sun. after Pentecost

MAIN ALTAR

Vernon F. Olson

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

Bram Drew

September 26

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

MAIN ALTAR

Thomas W. and Doris N. Dunlop
and James G. Ek

LITTLE SANCTUARY ALTAR

Same as above.

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.

SEEKING RECTOR SEARCH TEAM

Our Discovery Team is completing its work of profiling and visioning our congregation, to hand off to a Search Team who will interview and recommend candidates for Rector. Will you be part of the Search?

The Search Process includes a Search Team that will interview and recommend candidates over the next several months, at different times and frequencies depending upon candidates' availability. The Search team will be limited to 8-10, balanced to represent the diversity of St John's. Volunteers to organize hospitality for visiting candidates are also needed. If you wanted to, but have not yet nominated yourself or someone you know, please return a nomination form by September 12, 2010. You can find the forms at the usual places in the church and can download it from the church web site at: <http://www.stjohnsstpaul.org>

We remain on schedule for the Search process to be completed in early to mid-2011. During this time, we continue to be so fortunate to have the Rev. Dr. Neysa Ellgren as our interim Rector. She has done such lovely and caring work at St. John's as we move through this transition. Thank you, Neysa!



SEPTEMBER COAT DRIVE

Help ECS collect new and gently used coats in preparation for the winter ahead.

Minnesota winter mornings can make the wait at the bus stop seem endless. Help keep a child warm this winter with a donation of a child-size winter coat.

All sizes needed.

Also needed are plus-size coats for the women in our Ready for Success program.

Help keep somebody warm this winter!
Collection boxes are located in the narthex and office hallway throughout the month of September



September Birthdays

- 2 Jill Thompson
Libby Collins
Julie Titcomb
- 4 Samuel Clary
Dennis Collins
- 6 Rachel Clark
Benjamin Thompson
Sam Edgerton
- 7 Bradley Clary
Thomas Flyckt Finneran
- 8 Jennifer Gross
Paige Hagstrom
Emily Spainhower
- 10 Grace Dueber
Eli Brown
- 11 Bob Binger
Joshua Parton
- 12 Elizabeth Hatfield
- 13 Wendy Olson
Mary Ann Dailey
- 14 Scott Norton
- 15 John Edgerton, III
Annie Beattie
- 16 Robert Edman
Barbara Snowfield
- 17 Bobby Strom
- 18 Chelsea Olson
- 21 Waytt Ropal
Bob Goff
- 22 Glen Lindeke
Shirlee Gooch
Lynn Hertz
- 23 Benjamin Clary
Mary Beth Edgerton
- 24 Savannah Joyce
- 26 Carly Allen-Tice
- 28 Jonathan Roe
Michael Garner
Ian Giuliani Andrews
- 29 Emma Grundhauser
Kevin Hertle
- 30 Jack Sand

**NEW PARISH PHONE DIRECTORIES
ARE AVAILABLE!**

Be sure to pick up your updated
September '10 phone directory at
the Ministry Fair on Gathering
Sunday or in the parish office.
Thanks!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- by Ellen Harrington, Director of Children's Ministry

September is a time of welcome – of return – we are excited to be gathering and catching up with our church community. Children have a chance to tell about their favorite summer activities. They compare notes with friends. It's all about beginnings for them. A new school year, a new church program year – lots of looking forward. Adults look forward too but they also look back - “dull, brown stalks of spent hydrangeas mirror my spent spirit. Yet green and blue and pink colors dance in my mind's eye for the spring within...Thank you God for unceasing life.” (Marion Edelman)



Repeating seasons, repeating activities run together. Even Dr. Seuss has something to say about the movement of time, “Don't cry because it's over...Smile because it happened.” These scenarios are like the fall Godly Play story about how the church tells time.

Liturgically colored blocks are arranged in a circle, with three wooden pointers for the three great Christian mysteries we celebrate. The storyteller talks about how many kinds of time there are, like play time, dessert time, school time, TV time, time to get up or go to bed and finishes by saying that we usually think about time as a line. Then the storyteller pulls a line of cord slowly from their fist. The cord is a beginning. It is the newest part. Brand new. Look! (More cord is pulled out.) It is getting older. The part that was new is getting old. Then the end of the cord drops. Look, at the ending.

Well, the church tied the end that was so new at the beginning - to the end that is the newest new. Thus we would always remember that for every ending there is a beginning and for every beginning there is an ending. The cord is now tied in a circle that fits around the blocks representing the church year. One of the wondering questions is, “We wonder why the church tells time with colors and a circle?”

We sit in a circle in Godly Play – and hear stories that ground Episcopal forms and traditions with repetitions that are new and old at the same time. Saint John Chrysostom, a great Anglican prayer, made a rather biting observation, “we take care of our possession for our children. But of the children themselves we take not care at all. What an absurdity this is. Form the souls of our sons and daughters aright, and all the rest will be added thereafter.” The business of Godly Play is imparting the forms and content of our Christian history. And encouraging children to wonder about what they hear.

The fall mailing is being prepared – expect a Godly Play Roster, schedules for First Sunday treats and Greeters (info about what Greeters do) - the Greeter schedule this year will be included in the Newsletter Service Schedule and in the Sunday Bulletin. First Godly Play is **September 19**.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on Gathering Sunday, **September 12**. Blessings to all from – Ellen Harrington, 651-699-4867 or ellenrhar@yahoo.com

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@stjohnsepiscopalstpaul.org.



**Grand Slam
for
Tim Krall**

Tim Krall hit a Grand Slam home run, helping his team win a St. Paul City League Championship. Way to go, Tim!

Project Kathleen

- by Mary Frances Palmer



MISSION

Project Kathleen presents a dinner-theatre production of "The Wise Woman," (a three-wise-men always-late do-good tagalong), as our fall "FUN-draiser," opening at **5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 18** and at **noon the next day**. **Tickets are \$15 apiece and \$25 for families, available from Don Husband at 651-227-9835. Advance tickets/reservations are required for the meal count. Reserve now!**

Break a leg! Volunteers of every dramatic stripe and age (especially youth and children) are needed for speaking and non-speaking parts, directors, set building, props, costuming, face make-up, and herd management. Join the cattle call now through Gathering Sunday, September 12 by contacting Robbin Clamons at 651-645-8142 (clamons@aol.com). Drama queens welcome!

Manage the mess! Meal service (ham?) and cleanup volunteers please call Kat Bourque at 952-239-1717. Bring your party hostess smiles!

September 1910 – 100 Years Ago

The large Sunday School room is being decorated and made attractive. Burlap of golden brown will run from the baseboard to the window sills. They a chair rail will be put on, and above will be a rich yellow – to make the room as bright as possible. A stencil will run under the picture molding and over the chair rail, so that this room will have a finished and bright appearance. (*Sound familiar to the plans for Godly Play room in 2010?*)



We ask all our parishioners to be on the lookout for new families who move into their neighborhoods. If they have no church affiliation, invite them to church and to Sunday School. If you are a little slow in calling, let the clergy know, and they will gladly call. We ought to be the first and not the last to welcome them.

September 1935 – 75 Years Ago

Welcome tidings for those members of the congregation who have children to be taken care of at the hour of service on Sunday morning comes in the promise of a "Juvenile Class" period which will occupy the children's time while their parents are at service. Sounds a bit like the parking privileges of a local department store. Watch for the announcement of the opening of this helpful innovation.

September 1960 – 50 Years Ago

September is the month when things resume "full tilt" in most parishes and missions after a lessening of activity during the summer months. (*In 2010, it seems that activity, planning and work continue through the summer!*)

SEPTEMBER

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
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

Friday:

9:00 am Organ Practice

Saturday:

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.)

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.:

Thursday, Sept. 16, 6:00 p.m.

St. John's 2010 September Calendar

Sun., Sept. 5

First Sun. Eucharist:

The 15th Sun. After Pentecost

The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates. The Rev. Dr. Neysa Ellgren preaches.

Tues., Sept. 14

7:00 pm Big Net Seminar

Sat., Sept. 11

9:00 am Men's Breakfast
10:00 am Music Commission
10:00 am Children's Choir Workshop
12:00 noon Youth Choir Rehearsal

Sun., Sept. 12

Holy Eucharist Rite I:

The 16th Sun. after Pentecost - Gathering Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Neysa Ellgren celebrates and preaches. Children's/ Youth Choir practice at 9:00 a.m. Gathering Sunday picnic and ministry fair after the 10:00 service.

Wed., Sept. 15

5:30 pm First Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm First Youth Group Mtg.

Thurs., Sept. 16

6:00 pm Faith in Action Mtg.

Sat., Sept. 18

5:30 pm Project Kathleen "Wise Woman" Play

Sun., Sept. 19

Holy Eucharist Rite II:

The 17th Sun. after Pentecost

The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates. The Rev. Barbara Mraz preaches. Youth Encounter and Godly Play begin.

12:00 noon "Wise Woman" matinee performance
7:00 pm Twin Cities Organists Centennial Program

Mon., Sept. 20

4:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.
6:00 pm Vestry Mtg. & Dinner

Tues., Sept. 21

5:30 pm Big Net Congregational Planning Mtg.

Sun., Sept. 26

Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist:

The 18th Sun. after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Neysa Ellgren celebrates. The Rev. Keely Franke preaches and she is installed as Assistant Priest.

Mon., Sept. 27

6:00 pm Project Kathleen

Tues., Sept. 28

7:00 pm The Big Net Seminar
7:00 pm Property Commission

Wed., Sept. 29

6:00 pm Diocesan Safe Church Training

Some dates to be aware of:

Children's & Youth Choir Workshop - Sept. 11

Gathering Sunday & Ministry Fair - Sept. 12

Wed. Youth Group begins - Sept. 15

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

Godly Play and Youth Encounter begin - Sept. 19

Twin Cities American Guild of Organists Event - 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. 4

The Christmas Pageant - Dec. 12

Women's Luncheon - Dec. 15

Hanging of the Greens - Dec. 15

Lessons and Carols - Dec. 1





August 22, 2010

Tasman John Peterson – son of Kyle and Sieglinde Peterson.



A funeral service and reception was held for **Valerie Elwood Card**, sister of Marge Jeddeloh on Monday, August 9.

A memorial service and reception for **Janice Owen Potter**, mother of Joan Potter was held August 15.

A funeral service and reception for **George R. Hunt**, father of Mary-Louise Clary was held Tuesday, August 17.

A brief and informal service to honor the memory of **Jane Riedel** will take place in the choir area of the church on Sunday, **September 5 at 1:00 pm**. Organized by friends of Jane who are not members of St. John's, parishioners are warmly invited to participate in this meditative service.

Our prayers are with their families. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed rest in God's mercy and peace.

BOOK MISSING FROM THE HISTORIAN'S OFFICE

Several parishioners involved with the St. John's historical archives are searching for the bound copy of the Evangelist newsletters for the year 1911. If you have any knowledge of where this volume could be, please call the church office. Thank you!

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 Schaefer-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 Rev. Keely Franke (right) and St. John's member, Johannah Frisby (left) at Keely's Ordination Party on Friday, July 30.

- Photo courtesy of Mary-Louise Clary



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

All men are welcome!

We invite you to join us on

**Saturday, September 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 **2010 to meet in
the Gym kitchen!**

October 9

November 13

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.

Jennifer Kinkead is the
*September volunteer who will
deliver the food.*

Episcopal Homes Art Affair 2010!

SAT., OCTOBER 2, 10:00 – 5:00

SUN., OCTOBER 3, 12:00 – 5:00

You're invited to see the work of
many quality Twin Cities area
artists in one place--paintings,
pottery, and some photography.
If you find a piece you can't
resist, a portion of the sales
proceeds will help support the
senior housing and services that
Episcopal Homes provides.
Come browse, and invite your
friends to join you! **Where: Our
campus in the Midway at 1840
University Avenue West, Saint
Paul (University and Fairview
Avenues) in Cornelia House
and Coventry Chapel.** Visit
our website at:

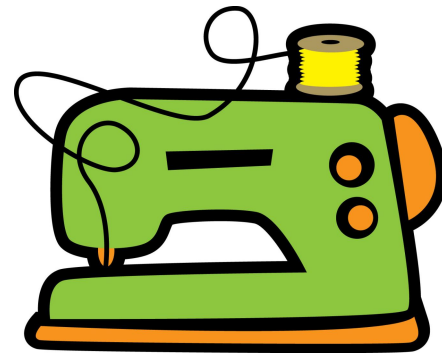
www.episcopalhomes.org for
additional information and a
directional map, or call 651-632-
8855. See you at the Affair!

Sewing for Kayoro!

We will have two opportunities for
people to come together to sew
clothes for the children of Kayoro
Village. The dates are:

- **Saturday morning,
September 25, 10:00-2:00 p.m.,** at Cammie Beattie's
home.
- **Tuesday evening, October 5, 5:00-9:00 p.m.** in the
Undercroft. Members of Holy Apostles will be joining us.

We need help with cutting, pinning, ironing as well as sewing. We
also need some people to help with food. So, you can see, there is
something for everyone to contribute. The very simple sewing
instructions will be available along with sign up sheets on
Gathering Sunday (9/12) by the clinic display. We are asking
for donations of good cotton fabric in appropriate prints,
checks, solids and batiks for children. Please contact Patty
Pfalz with any questions.



MISSION

ECS GALA: AN EVENING OF STILL SIMPLY SERVING OCTOBER 9, 2010 6:00 P.M.



**ECS' 2010 Gala will be held at Bearpath Golf & Country Club
Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Saturday, October 9, 2010**

\$125 per ticket

An extraordinary evening
Featuring a sumptuous dinner,
Live and silent auctions,
The Sweet Colleens and
Cities 97's Brian "BT" Turner
as event emcee.

Online registration available at
www.ecsmn.org/gala

Please contact Megan at
mmastrian@ecsmn.org or 612-874-8823
for more information or to RSVP

Please RSVP by September 30, 2010



FALL HUGE SALE IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

This is a great outreach opportunity for St. John's as well as a time of fellowship for all involved in helping with the sale. Come join in on the fun! **Contact Claire Eckley 651-552-4963** to volunteer with pre-sale sorting the week before or helping out on the day of the sale.

Your help is greatly needed and always much appreciated. Please help us in collecting the most high quality items by following these tips:

Clothing items:

- clean, and in good condition
- no missing buttons

Household items:

- not cracked or broken
- all parts or pieces included
- in good working order

Books:

- clean
- no torn or damaged cover or pages

We appreciate the items you are willing to part with as long as they meet the above criteria. Please follow the signs to leave your donations in the area located near the base of the stairway at the Kent Street entrance.

**Don't forget the Bag Sale on Monday, October 4!
All you can stuff in a grocery bag for only \$5!!**

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE !

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord with the St. John's Children's Choir! The St. John's Children's Choir welcomes all children in grades 1-6. The Children's Choir provides an opportunity for children to develop vocal and musical skills, learn about liturgy, and participate in worship. The Children's Choir participates in the 10:00 First Sunday Service from September through May. The Children's Choir meets weekly on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45 in the Music Room. Rehearsals include learning hymns and anthems, musical games and activities, stories of our faith, movement, and fun!



Anyone interested in singing with the Children's Choir is encouraged to join us for a **Children's Choir Workshop on Saturday September 11, from 10:00 - 12:00** in the Music Room. We will review some choir "basics", and prepare to participate in the Gathering Sunday Service. This is a great chance for anyone who would like to "try it out". Come and meet other new and returning choir members.

We will meet at 9:00 on **Gathering Sunday, September 12** to review and prepare to participate in the 10:00 service. Regular rehearsals will continue on **Sunday, September 19, from 9:00 to 9:45**. We enjoy having visitors, and encourage anyone who is interested to "try it out". Parents are always welcome at Children's Choir rehearsals. Please contact Lizza Berry at 651-698-4269.



**Praise, Praise,
Praise the Lord!**

The **St. John's Youth Choir** welcomes all 7-12 grade youth. The youth Choir is a great opportunity for youth to take part in musical activities at St. John's and participate in the worship life of the church. The Youth Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:15 (before the Youth Group time), and will participate in the Sunday liturgy about once a month. We will be honing our vocal and musical skills while exploring a variety of musical styles, biblical and liturgical texts, and some stuff just for fun!

New and returning Youth Choir members are invited to sing on **Gathering Sunday, September 12**. We will have a brief rehearsal at 12:00 on Saturday, September 11, following the Children's Choir Workshop. We will meet again on Gathering Sunday at 9:00 to warm up and participate in the 10:00 service.

Look for sign-up and registration materials at the Ministry Fair on Gathering Sunday, or just show up on **Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15** starting **September 15**. For more information, please contact Lizza Berry at 651-698-4269, or Jim Frazier.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SERVICE SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2010

	READERS	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
September 5, 2010 – First Sunday Eucharist						
8:00 am	Bill Smale					
10:00 am	(A) Sarah K. Smith (B) Eloise Teisberg	Pam Strom	Youth Volunteers	Don Husband, Diane Power, Marvin Cadwell and Alex Joyce	<i>Watch this column for assignments in Sept.</i>	Dick and Judy Diedrich
September 12, 2010 – Holy Eucharist Rite I (Gathering Sunday)						
8:00 am	John Trerotola					
10:00 am	(A) Paige Hagstrom (B) Don Postema	Pat Brynteson	Cameron Gemlo, Madeline Weinkauff, Rachel Clark	Jeff and Peggy Olsen, Andrew and Charlie	Godly Play begins	Gathering Sunday Picnic & Potluck
September 19 – Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke					
10:00 am	(A) Gary Gleason (B) Greg Schaffner	Ella Slade	Eva Gemlo, Ashlyn Clammons, Lucy Grundhauser	Karin and Kent Furois, Ethan and Wyatt	PreK-K: Wall Gr 1-2: Baxter Gr 3-4: Loiseaux-Purcell	Garden Circle
September 26 – Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth					
10:00 am	(A) Jill Thompson (B) Shirley Sailors	Diane Power	Emma Grundhauser, Johannah Frisby, Miranda Cygan	Jennifer and Peter Rosendale, Skyler and Samantha	PreK-K: Scheel Gr 1-2: Axelson Gr 3-4: Todd/Alice Johnson	The Gemlo Family

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

Last week, at a column-reading before a book group in New Ulm, a bemused attendee remarked that many of my recent modest missives have been in response to reader mail. “Exactly how many letters do you actually receive?” Which made me smile, because that very morning, for the third time, the postman rang twice, this time for a paw-print receipt for a nominating petition from the Episcopal House of Deputies. Warily, he wondered if it might be time for me to consider – for his sake – a less weighty solution to my bulging mailbag.

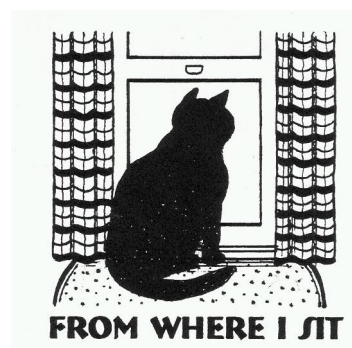
Actually, my mailbox memories are almost all warm ones, going back to my years at my simple kittyhood home in West St. Paul. It was my after-school duty each day to collect the letters for my mother, Lavinia Berg (nee Finley) and those for my father, Spike Berg, the last of St. Paul’s legendary chimney sweeps. The crooked grin that the envelopes brought to Dad’s soot-dimmed visage and the shy way that he gratefully groomed my charcoal cowlick I can remember to this day. At the end, there were mostly only fliers and the bi-weekly disability check, but that is for another column.

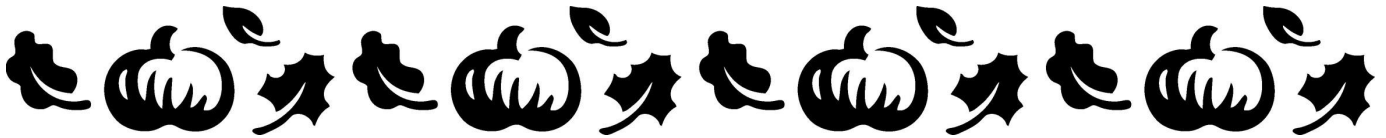
Suffice to say that I have reluctantly agreed to move to electronic mail. While I will greatly miss the hand-written envelopes from you, my cherished correspondents, beginning with this issue I may be reached at lulu@domesticcat.net. But let me assure you that I plan to print out every single one of your missives and I will continue to reply – via “The Evangelist” - in my customary long-paw script.

Warmest wishes,

Lulu Berg (Domestic Cat)

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- by Jean Hansen, Youth and Family Minister

Greetings!

The youth group is hosting the Gathering Sunday picnic again! We will supply the main dish. We ask that parishioners bring either a salad/side dish, or a dessert. If your last name begins with A – L bring a side dish, and M – Z bring a dessert. The Gathering Sunday picnic is the kick off to our fundraising efforts. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Gathering Sunday is also the time to visit the Ministries Fair. Stop by the Youth and Family Ministry table to register your youth for the 2010/2011 Youth Group. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with youth and youth leaders about any questions you may have.

We will begin the Youth Ministry program year on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:00pm with dinner in the gym kitchen, and our first Youth Encounter meeting is on Sunday, September 19th at 9:00am in the newly redecorated Green Room.

On September 29th at 9:00am we will have an Open House in the Green Room for all youth and their families. This will be a time for fellowship, and a time to go over events and dates for the program year and expectations of all participating in this ministry. It's important that you make this meeting so that everyone starts the program year on the same page.

St. John the Evangelist and Holy Apostles

What is the St. John's and Holy Apostles Partnership about – specifically relating to youth ministry? This is a question that we will be trying to answer, or maybe more appropriately live into throughout this program year. We will start with open and on-going conversations about hospitality, gratitude, and culture. We will learn more about the Body of Christ, and who we are called to be as the Body of Christ in the world. And while doing all of this we will strive to build relationships with the youth of Holy Apostles.

Acolyte Schedule for September:

September 12	Cameron Gemlo, Madeline Weinkauf, Rachel Clark
September 19	Eva Gemlo, Ashlyn Clammons, Lucy Grundhauser
September 26	Emma Grundhauser, Johannah Frisby, Miranda Cygan

Important Sept. Dates:

September 12	Gathering Sunday Picnic – youth fundraiser
September 15	First Youth Group
September 19	First Youth Encounter

Sept. Dinner Schedule:

September 15	Youth Group Makes Dinner Together
September 22	Dinner Provided by Youth Leaders
September 29	Grundhauser Family



**“WE FEEL LITTLE AND BIG AT THE
SAME TIME”
A LETTER ABOUT THE CLINIC**

Greetings from Uganda!

The building is being admired by people for its architectural design and its placement where it is so needed. To us it may look like a nice little building - by Ugandan Standards it is very special and beautiful.

By the way, the official name is **St. John's Kayoro Health Center**. Because of the albeit small maternity and emergency wing, as well as other aspects that make the building above standards for a clinic

the building has been designated as a Health Center II which is a higher level facility than a clinic!

I am so moved by the impact of this project even before it opens. The gratitude among the community is soul deep. They are grateful not only for the health care that will be accessible to them but also for the caring and generosity of people so far away, "We feel little and big at the same time and loved because those far away have given us their money and their hearts," a woman told me this week.

I have some video from as recently as yesterday and some stories I can share so if you think it would be good for me to come and share with St. John's somehow I certainly can.

The electricity continues to be a problem. We were not able to make any headway moving the powers that be to bring electricity across the street. The solar for the refrigerator will be installed soon along with the refrigerator (\$3,000.00) which we intended to do all along because the electricity is intermittent anyway and we wanted to guarantee that vaccinations and other meds that need to be refrigerated will be. We thought of doing advocacy training for the community to have them go and lobby for electricity in their area which would include the clinic. The timing is right because election campaigns are on now but the least expensive adequate training we found was \$3,000 and the results are not guaranteed.

It might be better to install solar in any case because it is more stable and the costs are minimal once installed as opposed to the electricity which is somewhat at the whim of the company. However, the cost for solar and lights and outlets and two computers is about \$6,000.00 which is not in the original budget because we were told that getting the electricity would be easy because it is so close..

We have spent the additional funds that the church gave us so generously on the rain collection tank and the necessary gutters, a placenta pit and incinerator (two of the components that elevated the status and certainly elevate safety) and have put some aside for emergency fund as costs always rise as time goes on.. I would change the wish list you asked for now to ask for the solar first so that the health center can be open more hours and easily handle night emergencies. The building is wired for both solar and standard electricity and the outlets and sockets, etc., are in place.

Peace,

Mary Steiner
Give Us Wings

THE LOVING PARENT, THE WISE PARENT

- by the Rev. Barbara Mraz



"When did she get to be a beauty? When did he grow to be so tall?

Wasn't it yesterday that they were small?"

- *Fiddler on the Roof*

Having children has been the greatest gift of my life, a miracle that I cherish each day. And the old cliché is true: they grow up so fast. The school years are precious but demand much from parents. How hard it can be to balance our hearts and our heads in dealing with our children, to be passionately loving parents who want only the best for them and wise teachers who know that love can blind each of us to life's harsher realities.

When my older daughter was a senior at a large public high school, she desperately wanted to be named editor of the school newspaper. She worked consistently and intensely to accomplish this; the English teacher part of me knew unquestionably that she deserved it. She didn't get it. Her best friend did. The disappointment my daughter felt was wrenching, and excruciatingly hard to watch as she began to doubt her abilities and efforts and feel bitter and embarrassed for caring so much about something. The fiercely protective and angry parent within me was also in pain and wanted to call the school and chastise her adviser for such poor judgment and demand to see the "evidence" for her decision. But the wise parent within me knew that the real lesson to be learned was that sometimes life seems unfair. The only skill that could get her through was resilience-and that is what I had to help her learn.

Occasionally during high school, my daughters would ask me to write a note excusing them from classes, saying that they were sick. What they actually wanted, and probably needed, was time to catch up on sleep or finish an impossibly long and complicated assignment. The tender mother within me wanted to comply. I hated seeing them so depleted and exhausted. I wanted to tuck them in bed and let them quietly recover their strength. But the wise parent within me knew that, not only were they asking me to lie, they would learn that responsibilities can be postponed and the world's expectations modified specifically for them when things get tough. This is not the world as I have known it. I would be doing them no favor to help teach such an erroneous lesson. The real lesson was how not to get themselves to this point again.

The daunting college application process loomed large throughout high school. The well-meaning parent within me abruptly shifted her focus from the present to the future. So as they selected classes each year the worried parent in me wanted to make sure that these classes would be what I (and some of their counselors) thought the colleges "wanted to see." "Don't skimp on the A.P.'s!" I advised. "Don't you want to forget that ceramics class and take another science? Get involved in a lot of activities--this shows you're a do-er!" But the wise parent within me balked at the unbalanced life I was promoting, the complete focus on the bottom line (the college resume) at the expense of all else: becoming friends with an international student; singing in the choir for the sheer joy of it; risking a class or sport that might not guarantee success. The real lesson here was how to target accomplishments and set goals for the future and still not shortchange the present; nurturing their G.P.A.'s while still exploring their heart's desires.

Soon the day arrived when my daughters did leave home for college; they would never be home on the same basis again. The nostalgic parent wishes it weren't so; memories of those precious days when the house bustled with their comings and goings tug at our hearts. But the wise parent rejoices in the sheer wonder of these beautiful young adults and is deeply grateful for all that we, too, have learned along the way.

Editor's Note:

In the spirit of "back to school," this article was written by the Rev. Barbra Mraz some time ago for the Blake School "Parent News" (April 1998 issue).

The Sale

- by the Rev. Barbara Mraz



Seven years ago, when I first came to St. John's, I wandered down to the gym in mid-September and found table after table piled high with rummage. There were clothes racks packed with garments, a men's department in the hallway with a smiling Don Rudnick kidding me I needed stuff for my boyfriends (?); and an imposing Oval Room set up on the stage with a floor mirror and beautiful clothes on padded hangers.

Unbelievably, Frank had neglected to let me know about this semi-annual event, but as a shopper I just followed the scent of bargains to the gym!

I wandered into the kitchen and there they were – Marge (photo on the left), Ethelyn, Betty, Dusty, Dorothy (photo below on the right), Les, Phyllis,

Joan, Mary and others whose names are escaping me, having lunch. They invited me to sit down and passed me pumpkin bars and doughnuts and macaroni salad and miniature candy bars. What a group ... they were funny, friendly, and frank about how much work this whole endeavor was. Many of them showed up every day for two weeks to sort, place and price.

So each day I ventured downstairs around lunch time (duh -- I knew where the candy bars were now) and was welcomed warmly, encouraged to *eat*, look around ("*There are lots of books over there, Barbara...*") and watched as order emerged and the sales departments took shape.

On the day of the sale, every detail was taken care of: bags, change, signs, coffee and cookies for the hungry; even matching aprons. Macy's could learn from them. And the shoppers swarmed in. On Monday, there was a bag sale and by Tuesday the Goodwill was called and the whole mess disappeared by noon.

They made money, they helped recycle abundance, they helped others who needed items cheaply. They seemed to have a great time, aching muscles and all. I loved going down there every day, having Betty Harri kid me that I was lazy and needed to get to work, seeing the lovely faces, and picking out a few must-haves to put in my ever-growing pile in the kitchen which I would pick up (and pay for, of course) on sale day.

But the day came when many in this wonderful group could no longer be part of this marathon -- at least in the same capacity. Marge retired from the event and no one else would take her place. (Well, she was *Marge!*) Frank and I asked around....we couldn't twist anyone's arm hard enough. We decided maybe it was time to quit.



Until Claire Eckley (pictured on the left) and Mary Warren stepped up with their monumental commitment of time and their sincere efforts to make it work, and with their leadership the sale went on. (Mary is a friend of the parish who takes time off from her job to work on our sale, and actually co-chaired the sale with Marge at one point.) Claire and Mary have coordinated two successful sales now. *Let's not forget to thank them.*

Things have changed, of course. Far fewer women were available during the day to come to church and sort and set up. Evening hours were challenging to coordinate. It seemed smart to use a computer to make signs and keep lists. The "new people" didn't know about some of the old systems and procedures, what was whose territory, how this had *always* been done. There was a good deal of pressure and feelings were hurt unintentionally and emotions frayed. *Yet the sale went on!*

Now let's stop and take a breath and give thanks for all those workers who have made the sale happen over the years and who are making it happen now. Let's approach the fall sale with thanksgiving for all that has been, and all that is becoming, and with tolerance, optimism and *forgiveness*.

Let's start talking through our disagreements openly with the people involved and work to find a good solution. We are a church, and this is what we do.

Claire and Mary have implemented some new procedures that have worked well the past year:

1. Merchandise is being pre-sorted gradually. Most workers can no longer put in the better part of two weeks to begin sorting in the two weeks before the sale. The whole sale can be set up in two days with presorting! If you want to help with the presorting, call Claire Eckley to find out the next times when it will be happening.
2. If you are working at the sale during set-up or at the sale itself and find things you want to buy, please write your name in the book in the kitchen, along with the price of the item (if it's not priced, ask Claire or Mary). You can pay for it right away or at the day of the sale. No insult intended here; we just want to keep an accurate account of what we sell.
3. If you come to work on the days of set-up, please ask Claire or Mary how they can use your help. Departments are carefully set-up and spontaneous re-arrangers are not always helpful!
4. Bring your flexibility, good will, and sense of humor. You are more than welcome to participate as you can. This sale is part of our DNA at St. John's – it helps us recycle, reuse, and raise money for important work. Thanks to everyone for keeping it going.

Attend Our Regional Meeting: *Focus on Mission*

Join Bishop Prior for a conversation 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. This conversation will be Saturday, September 25, St. Anne's, Sunfish Lake from 10 am to 2 pm.

Lunch will be provided. Childcare is available upon request.



TWIN CITIES CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL AT ST. JOHN'S

In 1910 the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists was established at St. John's. The members elected St. John's well-known organist, George Fairclough, to be its first dean. Fairclough also held the post as the first organist at the University of Minnesota.

On **September 19**, the Twin Cities Chapter will be returning to St. John's to celebrate its centennial. The evening will include a reception, dinner, and a Musical Program in the church, which will feature the installation of officers for the 2010-2011 season. The archivist of the chapter will describe important events of the past one hundred years. St. John's Choir will sing several pieces by Fairclough and Jim Frazier will play Eventide, a period organ piece by Fairclough which shows off many of the quieter colors of the Skinner organ—including the chimes. Several other organists will also play during the program.

The event will begin at **7:00 p.m.** Members of St. John's parish are warmly invited to attend the program. There is no charge.

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**Please come to the Ministry Fair and Gathering Sunday picnic lunch!
Sunday, September 12, 2010**

- A main course and drinks will be provided/cooked by Jean Hansen, and the youth group.
- Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. Last names A-L please bring a salad or side dish, M-Z, please bring a dessert.
- A \$5.00 donation is suggested with all proceeds going to fund next year's youth group mission trip. Come investigate the different ministries present at St. John's while enjoying lunch. We hope to see you there!