



# THE EVANGELIST

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## COME... JOIN US IN WORSHIP

### Wednesday Service

12:00 Noon  
Holy Communion and Healing

### Sunday Services

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

10:00 a.m. Services:  
1st - First Sunday Worship  
2nd - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
3rd - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
4th - Morning Prayer &  
Holy Eucharist  
5th - Holy Eucharist Rite II

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**May Issue / April 18**

**June Issue / May 20**

All groups & individuals are  
ENCOURAGED to submit news and  
items of interest to

*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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Greetings!

It was a Thursday morning and as I walked from the parking lot to the church the sounds of spring were everywhere. I could hear the birds singing, the dripping of melting snow and the sounds of laughter somewhere in the distance. Spring. New life. Rebirth. Love.



“Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely,  
love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave  
the sign.”

That lovely Christmas carol that reminds us of snow, twinkling lights, the fragrance of pine trees and wreaths. It is a lovely time of year. And then the winter really sets in and we spend our days in darkness and wrestling with boots, scarves, gloves and hats. But not this morning! I had on a lighter jacket, no boots and no hat and I noticed how the roads are getting wider as the snow banks diminish. It was reflecting on the change of seasons that reminded me of this lesson from the second chapter of the Song of Solomon:

My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The Flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”

Whether it comes today or tomorrow or next week, Spring will come! New life will be made evident all around us and we will celebrate Easter with renewed hope for what the future holds.

Faithfully, Peg

## VESTRY MEMBERS

Jay Debertin, *Senior Warden*  
Libby Snelson, *Junior Warden*  
Anneke Krall, *Youth*  
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*  
Rick Rinkoff, *Assoc. Treasurer*  
Kathy Brown, *Membership*  
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Diane Norman, *Fellowship*  
Jennifer Kinkead, *Faith in Action*  
Tony Grundhauser, *Finance*  
Don Weinkauff, *Property*

## ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

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

## CLERGY

The Rev. Peggy Tuttle, *Interim Rector*  
The Rev. S. Grayson Clary, *Rector Emeritus*  
The Rev. Keely Franke, *Assistant Rector*  
The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*

## 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*  
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Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- by Ellen Harrington, *Director of Children's Ministry*



Bam! Ideas colliding. With a lovely synchronicity. (Actually, synchronicity always happens, it's just that my pesky ego holding onto things usually blocks it out.) At the end of the last

article I remembered the classical idea that the sacrifice of the old will lead to the birth of the new. To die is to live. I heartily enjoyed revisiting this idea. It's like an old friend who comes round from time to time with validations and encouragement. Thinking about ideas is fine – like reporting about the *Healing of Memories* workshop or becoming a grandmother - but when I begin to 'feel' the birth of newness and change – wow – it's probably no surprise that I run for cover.

Then along comes the book we are using for Lent. The book is series of change/response ideas. Struggle followed by its potential gift. Last Wednesday's isolation/independence chapters engaged the feeling part of my brain while dropping me hard into my struggles with being in the moment. The gift part may become evident at next week's *Healing of Memories* workshop. This recent sequence of events dovetails with my lengthy 'thinking' about a different day job and how to maintain persistence in finding a small literary publisher who'd like to take on my book.

I envy the ease with which children vault from one change to another with unabashed curiosity and energy. They take in mounds of data from all directions without a bit of worry about where it will all lead, or whether it will help them be popular or make money. They add new ideas and understandings like mixed media beads of all colors, textures and sizes throwing the ever increasing strands around their neck, eyes, heart and brain on the lookout for the next addition. Godly Play adds beads on the spirit strand. Favorite stories are included as well as many images of mystery. I imagine mystery would show up in rainbow opalescent translucence.

Godly Play could be considered a change-maker with its ever present wondering questions. Questions that don't have answers but keep growing brains busy by letting data resurface and recycle in deeper tracks. Keeping the Divine close by.

Be in touch – give the struggle/gift model a whirl. Lent is a way to start in good company. Ellen Harrington – 651-699-4867 or [ellenrhar@yahoo.com](mailto:ellenrhar@yahoo.com) or [godly.play@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:godly.play@stjohnsstpaul.org)



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

**April 3 – The 4th Sunday in Lent**

**Main Altar**

Melissa Mosvick

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

Werner A. Senff

**April 10 – The 5th Sunday in Lent**

**Main Altar**

Robert C. Merrill

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

Gordon Kallstrom

Daniel Kallstrom

**April 17 – Palm Sunday**

**Main Altar**

No Flowers

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

No Flowers.

**April 24 – Easter Day**

**Main Altar Pulpit Cross**

John H. Myers

Paul N. and Reine Myers

**Main Altar and Little Sanctuary  
Altar**

Lilies in memory of loved ones.

**ALTAR FLOWERS 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 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.

**FROM ST.  
JOHN'S NEWSLETTERS**

***April 1936 – 75 years ago***

***BEYOND THE PARISH – A Story from Alaska Note: Alaska  
obtained Statehood Jan. 3, 1959.***

When Bishop Rowe of Alaska was notified that the National Council would have to cut the appropriation going to that district, he wrote the Council as follows: "I have carefully considered every items of expense. The salaries of clergy and works have already been cut to the bond. There is only one place where the cut can be taken and that is my salary. I therefore relinquish all my salary. If the Episcopal Church of America cannot support me, I will get along somehow. The Lord will provide. My salary, however, does not quite equal the amount of Alaska's cut so I am sending you my check for the balance."

***FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE***

The *Bible* contains 3,566,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The longest chapter is the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm. The shortest is the 117<sup>th</sup> Psalm. The word "and", in case anyone is interested, occurs 46,627 times; the word "Lord", 1,855 times. The 37<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah and the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of the second book of Kings are alike. The longest verse is the 9<sup>th</sup> verse of the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Esther; the shortest is the 35<sup>th</sup> verse of the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John's Gospel. All the letters of the alphabet appear in the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of the prophet Ezra. The finest piece of writing in the Bible is considered to be the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Acts. The name of God is not mentioned in the book of Esther.

***A TOTAL of 2043 PERSONS ATTENDED 5 services on EASTER  
DAY April 12, 1936***

***NEED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION***

There is apparently still need for religious education. A test recently given 1,800 high school graduates attending a normal college revealed that 288 did not know where Christ was born nor the name of His mother; 1,260 did not know what the Sermon on the Mount was; 1,170 said they had never heard of the Golden Rule; 216 could not give the first clause of the Lord's Prayer; 1,080 did not know what Christ said about loving your neighbor; 216 said Pilate wrote the *Bible*; 162 thought Samaria was an author; 216 said Peter was a king and 540 thought that Gethsemane was a city in Egypt.

**Thank you from the  
Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc.**

On behalf of the Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the generous donation and ongoing support of the Food Shelf. St. John's has donated \$150.00 for the year of 2010.





## An Evening at the Theater!

*"In 1957, Americans were falling in love to the sweet sounds of Nat "King" Cole. His carefully manicured image distracted an entire generation of white viewers from the reality of racial violence raging in the streets. Still, Cole believed that with enough talent and persistence he would be judged on the content of his character as opposed to the color of his skin. Join us for an intimate portrait of one man, his music, and the dreams of a nation. After its premiere at Penumbra, I Wish You Love will be presented at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. from June 11 through June 19, 2011." (Website, Penumbra Theater)*

Board member **Phyllis Goff** (and guest?) will prepare us for the play on **Sunday, April 17 at our 9:00 Adult Ed.** (The wonderful actor Dennis Spears plays Nat). If you still want a ticket, please call Penumbra directly at: 651-224-3180.

- Barbara Mraz

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

- by Jean Hansen, Youth and Family Minister



**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at  
Holy Apostles Episcopal Church  
2200 E. Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul, MN  
651-735-3016**

On Sunday, May first, four of our youth, along with several youth from our companion parish Holy Apostles will be confirmed by Bishop Brian Prior. Please join the youth and their families on this special day.

By our baptismal covenant, we are called to support these young people in their life in Christ. During a baptism the entire congregation says, "We will." What does that mean? How do congregations support young people as they celebrate their daily life as children of God?

St. Francis of Assisi said "Preach the gospel always, if necessary use words." How do we live this statement? I have one word – love. Sounds simple – right? The way to live the gospel is to love. Actually, it's much harder than that. The gospel is not just about love; rather it's about unconditional love. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." John 3:16. God loved us enough to impart grace, sow mercy and grant forgiveness. Wow – we are loved unconditionally and nothing we can ever do can separate us from that love. Saying "We will" is actually a very big job. We are called through our baptismal covenant to embody God – to embody God's grace – which is a compassionate, unconditional and undeserved love. And this is how we support young people in their life in Christ.

Henri Nouwen, one of my favorite theologians and authors describes compassion this way: "It is not a bending toward the underprivileged from a privileged position; it is not a reaching out from high to those who are less fortunate below; it is not a gesture of sympathy or pity for those who fail to make it in the upward pull. On the contrary, compassion means going directly to those people and places where suffering is most acute and building a home there. God's compassion is total, absolute, and unconditional, without reservation... It is the compassion of a God who does not merely act as a servant, but whose servanthood is a direct expression of his divinity." (Henri J. M. Nouwen, from *Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life* in *Why haven't you left? Letters from Sudan*. p. 134.) God did not pull us up; rather God came and made God's home with us. That is how much we are loved by God, and that is how we are to love others. This is what it means to live out the gospel.



### April Birthdays

- 1 Emma Brown
- 2 Ethelyn Rupp
- 3 Coltrane Page
- 4 Johannah Frisby
- 6 Ford Nicholson
- 8 Milo Brown
- 10 Sylvia Thompson
- Halle O'Falvey
- 11 Mason Kinkead
- 12 Gail Lorenz
- 13 Ginger Beattie
- 16 Charles Orput
- 17 Nate Lee
- 18 Finlay Mason
- 19 Sabine Krall
- 20 Adrian Cook
- Mary-Louise Clary
- Allyson Cgyan
- 22 Christopher Meyer
- 23 Evan Myllenbeck
- 25 Charles Halvorson
- Alex Hewett
- Alexandra O. Bjorklund
- 26 Christina Ball
- 27 Ethan Furois
- Margaret Spainhower
- 28 Matthew Brooks
- 30 Anne Thompson



### THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

All men are welcome!  
 We invite you to join us on **Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. at the home of Jim Johnson.**  
 Be prepared for good food, good fellowship, and lively conversation.

Then, mark your calendars for these dates in **2011 to meet:**  
**May 14 - Gym Kitchen**  
**June 11 - Gym Kitchen**

## A Project Kathleen Update

- by Robbin Clamons

I knew that Project Kathleen was established in response to Hurricane Katrina and our awareness of poverty situations in our own town. What I didn't know was that this was nothing new at St. John's.

I learned this from our lifetime member, Dorothy Hand. I met Dorothy after she had moved to the Episcopal Church Home. My mother was staying there during the last few weeks of her life, and Alys Wilson introduced me to several women from St. John's that I could visit. Visiting Dorothy was always a joy. She was always sitting with a newspaper in her lap ready to discuss world issues with wit and intelligence. She was also a treasure trove of stories about old St. Paul and the neighborhood on the hill.

One day I ran into Frank Wilson and he said, "Robbin, you've got to talk to Dorothy. She read about Project Kathleen in the Evangelist and is thrilled that this project is happening at St. John's." And she was. It turns out that her mother was a mentor to a family back in the early days of the 20th Century when Dorothy was just a child. She remembered very well how her mom had become friends with the mother of the family and had supported her during hard times.

Jesus said that the poor would be with us always. How fortunate we are to be able to serve Christ in our service to others by carrying on this tradition of our St. John community.

### WATCH FOR THESE YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS



#### A NEW AND DELICIOUS YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

*Wondering what to make for Easter Brunch? The Youth Group has an answer for you! They will be selling delicious Sweet and Savory Strudels in the Undercroft following the*

8:00am and 10:00am services on Sunday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>** and Sunday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>**! Each strudel is carefully crafted using the freshest and finest ingredients available. They arrive frozen and bake in just 45 minutes. Contact Jean Hansen for more information. All proceeds go to help fund the Youth Group's Mission Trips.

#### SPRING ANNUALS/PLANT FUNDRAISER



The youth are now selling Spring Annuals! Contact Jean Hansen, or one of the youth members for an order form. **Orders are due to Jean Hansen by Sunday, May 8.** Plants will be available for **pick up on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 in the gym.**

*All proceeds go to help fund the Youth Group's Mission Trip.*



**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  
6:30 pm Youth Basketball

**Wednesday:**  
11:00 am Wed. Bible Study  
Noon Communion Service  
5:30 pm Youth Choir  
6:00 pm Rector Search Comm. Mtg.  
6:00 pm Youth Group Dinner & Mtg. (during Lent Youth meet at 5:00 p.m.)  
7:15 pm Adult Choir  
7:30 pm Wed. Men's Basketball

**Thursday:**  
5:30 pm Job Seekers Mtg.  
5:30-9:00 pm Toll Free Bells Practice  
6:00 pm Stories AA Group

**Friday:**  
9:00 am Organ Practice

**Saturday:**  
12-6:00 pm Artaria School

**Sunday:**  
8 & 10 am Services  
9:00 am Adult Ed.  
9:00 am Youth Encounter  
9:00 am Children's Choir  
9:45 am Godly Play (except 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.)  
6:30 pm Sun. Men's 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 Thursday:**  
6:30 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.

**MAKE THE SWITCH!**

Please make sure you have changed the main church e-mail address to:  
**church@stjohnsstpaul.org**

The old address expires soon!

**ST. JOHN'S 2011 APRIL CALENDAR**

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**Sun., April 3 - First Sun. Eucharist: The 4th Sunday in Lent**  
8:00: *The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates. The Rev. Barbara Mraz preaches.*  
10:00: *The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates. The Rev. Barbara Mraz preaches.*

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**Wed., April 6 5:30 pm Evensong in the church**  
*The Rev. Philip Ramstad celebrates.*  
6:00 pm Lenten Series dinner  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Series program  
**Thurs. Eve - Sun. April 7-10** Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)  
**Sat., April 9 9:00 am Men's Breakfast at Jim Johnson's**

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**Sun., April 10 - Holy Eucharist Rite I: The 5th Sunday in Lent**  
8:00: *The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.*  
10:00: *The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates. The Rev. Peggy Tuttle preaches.*

**Wed., April 13 5:30 pm Evensong in the church**  
*The Rev. Philip Ramstad celebrates.*  
6:00 pm Lenten Series dinner  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Series program  
**Thurs., April 14 7:00 pm Contemplative Service**

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**Sun., April 17 - Holy Eucharist Rite II: Palm Sunday**  
*Both services include the blessing of palms and a dramatic reading.*  
8:00: *The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates.*  
10:00: *The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates.*

**Mon., April 18 4:30 pm Finance Mtg.**  
**5:30 pm Lenten Evensong by SJ Clergy**  
6:00 pm Vestry Mtg./Dinner

**Tues., April 19 5:30 pm Lenten Evensong by SJ Clergy**  
**Wed., April 20 5:30 pm Evensong in the church**  
**Thurs., April 21 6:30 pm Project Kathleen**  
**7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Rite II Service Holy Eucharist & Footwashing**

*The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.*

**Fri., April 22 Noon Good Friday Liturgy**  
*The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates. The Rev. Keely Franke preaches.*  
**7:00 pm Joseph Haydn's "The Seven Last Words of Christ" presented by the Artaria String Quartet in the context of a short liturgy.**  
*The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates. There is no sermon.*

**Sat., April 23 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Baptism The Great Easter Vigil Service**  
*The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.*

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**Sun., April 24 - Holy Eucharist Rite II: Easter Sunday Festival Services**  
8:00: *The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates and preaches.*  
10:00: *The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates. The Rev. Keely Franke preaches.*



"Lent is the season that teaches us that darkness may overtake us but will not overcome good, as long as we doggedly refuse to give in to our lesser selves, as long as we refuse to become the very things we say we hate."

-Joan Chittister  
The Liturgical Year;  
The Spiraling Adventure of the Spiritual Life



**THE SPRING HUGE SALE  
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011  
9:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.**

**BOOKS, CLOTHING,  
HOUSEWARES,  
FURNITURE, LINENS,  
AND MORE!**

Assisting with the sale provides:

- a great parish outreach
- a great opportunity for the community
- a great time for fellowship for all involved

**NEED: Men and women to help with set-up and on the sale days**

**SET-UP WEEK:**

**Begins Monday, April 25, Specific times posted on the gym door.**

**SALE DAY: May 7,  
9:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

**BAG SALE: Monday, May 9,  
9-11 a.m.**

**Everyone Assist!**

- Set-up, Sale day, Bag sale day, Clean-up
- Come to the gym! We'll find you a place to work.

**Remember to visit the sale!  
There may be a special treasure for you!**

**Contact Information:**

**Church: 651-228-1172**

**Email:**

**HugeSaleSTJ@gmail.com**



**Easter Memorial Flowers**

You are invited to share in the cost of decorating the church for Easter. Please make your check out to "St. John the Evangelist Church" and mark it "**Easter Flowers**" in the memo space on your check. Then place your donation in the offering plate or mail it to St. John's office. If you would like to make your gift as a memorial to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please fill in this form and return it with your contribution.

Please submit it to the St. John's office **no later than Monday, April 11, 2011** for inclusion in the Easter Day bulletin.

Thank you!

In loving memory of (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):

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Donation given by:

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



**Evening Lenten Series 2011**

**Wednesday Evenings through April 13**

**Dinner (monetary donations welcome) 6:00 p.m.**

**Program 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

***Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope***

Join us for what promises be a thought-provoking addition to your experience of Lent this year. Facilitator: The Rev. Barbara Mraz (Barbara taught English and Communications for 25 years at The Blake School and is author of *Finding Faith at the Movies*, Morehouse, 2005).

Childcare is provided.



## Fresh as a Daisy Campaign



During the month of April, ECS will be collecting new cosmetics and personal care items to benefit the women served by Ready for Success.

In addition to the professional clothing they receive, these personal care items provide confidence to women as they enter or re-enter the workplace.

**Items needed include:**

- Body Care Items
- Hair Care Items
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Accessories
- Skin Care Items
- Cosmetics
- Gift Certificates for haircuts

*Collection boxes are in the Narthex and hallway near the office.*

## A NEW HISTORY OF ST. JOHN’S

*- by Jim Frazier*

Some months ago the parish archivist and historian, Fred Myers, suggested to parish music director Jim Frazier that he consider writing a new history of St. John’s. The only other history of the parish was written by Robert Orr Baker for the hundredth anniversary of the parish, in 1981. While it was written only thirty years ago, the time seemed right for a new history that would fill in the gaps of Baker’s work.

The Building Committee and the Vestry gave their approval of the project, with the understanding that the parish would not be responsible for any of the finances involved in publishing the book, or for raising the necessary funds. After considering the pros and cons of such an involved undertaking, Frazier began work on the project.

Parishioner Patricia McDonald, the publisher of Afton Historical Society Press, has agreed to publish the book. The Press has produced a number of stunning books on Minnesota history, including the exceptional history of Bishop Benjamin Whipple, entitled *And the Wilderness Shall Blossom*. It is a beautiful artifact besides being a first-rate history of the most important bishop in the Diocese of Minnesota. The Afton Press is a tax-exempt entity.

A Steering Committee, consisting of Fred Myers, Patricia McDonald, Dusty Mairs, Betty Myers and Jim Johnson, has been formed to guide the process of compiling the history, to raise the funds, and to approve the manuscript before publication.

The book will have a strong focus on the individuals involved in St. John’s story, and, to that end, parishioners who have had a long history at the parish are urged to contribute what they know of their family and its involvement, both in the parish and in the city. St. John’s parishioners have had a strong connection with the business world of St. Paul, and with its civic history.

If you have salient information about your family’s role in the parish, please put it in writing and supply it to Jim Frazier. The book will have many photos, so if you have photos of family weddings, or of baptisms, for instance, or of important parish groups or events, please consider loaning them to him for possible inclusion in the book. You can reach him at the church: 651 228-1172, x38; or [james.frazier@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:james.frazier@stjohnsstpaul.org). Please remember that space and editorial considerations will determine what material is actually used in the book.

***Easter Photo: Wear Your Best!***

*The new parish history of St. John’s, which is currently in progress, will include as many as 200 photos, most of them from the past, but many from our own day as well. To that end, on Easter day, after the 10 am service, the entire congregation will be invited to gather on the steps of the Portland Ave. entrance to the church for the purpose of having a photo taken that will be included in the book, to be published in 2012. So, for posterity sake, wear your favorite Easter finery, your best dresses and your most festive ties. Arrangements have been made with the city to disallow parking on that side of the street so that the photographer can get an unobstructed view of everyone.*

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SERVICE SCHEDULE – APRIL 2011

	READERS	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
<b>April 3 – First Sunday Eucharist, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Pam Strom				
10:00 am	(A) Jill Thompson (B) Jean Hansen		Cooper Olson Madeline Weinkauff Wyatt Furois	Gus Axelson and Anders; Lynn Hertz; Pat Brynteson	First Sunday – families in church	Godly Play Families: Docherty Schmidt Wall
<b>April 10 – Holy Eucharist Rite I, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>						
8:00 am	Michael Garner					
10:00 am	(A) Paige Hagstrom (B) Rick Rinkoff		Emma Grundhauser Johannah Frisby Samantha Rosendale	Helen Boyer; Lee Bradford; Don Husband; Diane Power	Georgeson Axelson Barnes	TEC
<b>April 17 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, Palm Sunday</b>						
8:00 am	Alden Drew	Ella Slade				
10:00 am	(A) Joan Potter (B) Keith Davis		Cameron Gemlo Lucy Grundhauser Emily Brooks	Jennifer Frost Rosendale & Peter Rosendale; Sam & Skyler		Becky Garthofner & Jerry Woelfel
<b>April 24 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, Easter Day</b>						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Volunteers				
10:00 am	(A) Jay Debertin (B) Cammie Beattie		Charlie Olsen Eli Weinkauff Alex Joyce	Kent & Karin Furois; Ethan & Wyatt		Bob Baumann

*Please read the above schedule carefully. Remember that you are responsible for finding your own replacement.  
\*To be determined. Names were not available at the publishing deadline.*

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH RETREAT

*- by Jean Hansen, Youth and Family Minister*



The youth group has been given a gift from parishioner Keith Davis (pictured on the left) in memory of his mother. This gift has made it possible for us to offer a Gifts Discernment Retreat at the Episcopal House of Prayer in Collegeville, MN. It's so counter-cultural for youth to take time out of their very busy lives to ponder and discern who they are, what their lives are about, and what may be their dreams for a vocation. So many other things in their lives take precedence; school, sports, music lessons, etc. – the things that are not about faith.

It seems that the most important goal in their young lives is to work really hard so that they can make a good living. These things aren't "bad"; in fact they are very necessary in our culture. But we believe that there is something else that is also very important and necessary – the spiritual practice of discernment. Discernment is about prayerful reflection and discussion. It's about acknowledging God's grace for us, and understanding who God is calling us to be, and what God desires for our lives. Please pray for the senior high youth as they discern who they are – who they were created to be, and how they are to use their gifts to make a difference in and for the world. We will practice this discernment in many ways...by prayer, worship, bible study, reflection, rest, play and conversations with trusted others.

# UNLOCKING THE DOORS

- by the Rev. Barbara Mraz

*Excerpts from a sermon at the Easter Vigil, March 26, 2005*

I've had some problems with the Easter Vigil. The Protestant within me insisted that Easter is not about *night!* The Gospels say, "Early in the *morning*, on the first day of the week," the women went to the tomb.

And I, who love the smells and bells, drama and ritual, still complained that the service was just *too much*—it was too long--a liturgical overload that "took away from" the main event: the alleluias of Easter morning proclaiming the Resurrection.

So when Frank suggested it would be good for me to preach tonight, I decided to do one of the things I do best: get help. Books helped, but it was primarily the Rev. Philip Ramstad who showed me the light, literally.

More than any other service, I've learned, tonight is about church history. Tonight liturgy is our teacher. Tonight is about the ceremony of initiation, the drama of persecution, the dangers of secrecy and illegality, and a time when owning the faith cost you something.

Before Constantine legalized Christianity in the Roman Empire in 312, becoming a Christian was political and perilous. To become a member of the early Church, you underwent a year or more of instruction from people who—if found out—could pay with their lives for going against the authorities; you met in locations that were kept hidden from people outside the movement.

And most importantly, many things were kept from you until you were ready. For example, those preparing for church membership were only allowed to attend the first half of the worship service, the Liturgy of the Word and the Prayers. According to St. John Chrysostom, before the Eucharist began, the priest or deacon would call out, "The doors! The doors!" This was a sign for the doors of the worship space to be opened and the catechumens ushered out. The sacramental Holy Mysteries — Baptism and the Eucharist -- were not revealed to those who weren't ready.

And then, on the night before Easter, under the cloak of darkness, the catechumens who had been prepared for over a year, taught and tested and warned about the dangers of the step they were about to take, found their way to the hidden meeting rooms and took the step.

Just as it happened tonight, the history of the faith was read to them, but at the end of the readings and the prayers, they were not ushered out of the chamber as usual; instead *other doors* were opened and they were invited into the great sacramental mysteries of the church -- Baptism and the Eucharist. The wide-eyed catechumens came into a room with a pool of water where they were baptized as Jesus was, their bodies immersed in cleansing waters. Emerging from the water, they were clad in new white garments resembling the albs that are worn tonight; they were given lighted candles that pierced the darkness and illuminated their faces, and then they were fed.

They were brought to the table, the altar, where they were invited into the mysteries of the Holy Eucharist—the sacrament of the bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus, And around them were people they probably had never seen before, possibly highly-placed citizens who kept their Christian identities concealed from all but this inner circle of which the new catechumens were now a part.

In many religions, initiation rites for men and women are different. But in Christianity, they are identical. The words of Paul were read that night: "You have all been clothed by Christ by your baptism in him. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, you are all one in Christ Jesus."

It's enough to make the fictional dramas of *The Da Vinci Code* pale in comparison.

And this is what we participate in tonight.

And all of this happened at night, not in the morning. In secrecy. In the intimate, dark rooms, illuminated only by candles and torches, just as the hope and light of Christ stands in stark contrast to the darkness of our bleeding world—the shootings, the starvation, the ignorance, the despair.

At this service, night is reclaimed as a positive symbol. Darkness is honored as the setting for growth, for bold decisions, for drama and mystery, for a kind of revelation that is often overshadowed by the frantic pace of the day's activities..

And darkness is the time when things can be revealed to us as well, when our awareness subtly shifts. At night, as the sounds of the day recede, we may hear the rhythms of the natural world, humming along without our interference, the crickets, the cooling breeze, the slow breathing of restful

sleep. The stars are only visible in the darkness, and the moon. It is often in the darkness of night that we rest, we make love, and new life is conceived. And night is when we dream. The Jews and the early Christians firmly believed that God spoke to them in dreams. And how many of us wake up with a new answer, a new approach to a problem, in the morning?

The great Hindu teacher and leader Mahatma Gandhi said that worship without sacrifice is a sin. And perhaps church is too easy for us now, too accessible, too free; maybe the availability of the sacraments to us all without cost is a mixed blessing. Tonight we remember a night when worship cost something. What sacrifice — of money, of attention, of kindness, of love, of forgiveness, might we offer tonight—tomorrow--to make our worship mean more than it does?

Tonight is also the first celebration of the Resurrection. The light overcomes the darkness, the bells break the silence, the music is joyful and alleluias fill the air. And we hope—we try to trust—that the movement from death to life, from despair to hope will pervade every corner of our lives as well. But we also honor the cost that Jesus paid and that we pay for growth.

We don't know at what exact time Jesus was resurrected from the dead; it could have been any time after his burial—so tonight is also about the fine line, the thin veil between life and death, death and life.”

*Addendum to the sermon:*

We are Episcopalians, after all. The Easter Vigil comes from the *traditions* of the very early Christian Church (I think that the Roman Catholic Church has done the best job of basing liturgy on these traditions and teachings).

The Easter *morning* service comes from the Scriptural reference: “Early in the morning, on the first day of the week...” The Protestant denominations often give dominant authority to Scripture Hence the “sunrise services” in many churches.

As Episcopalians, we are the Church of the Middle Way -- we find our truth in balancing Scripture, the Traditions of the Church, and our God-given Reason and Experience. So at St. John's we celebrate Easter Saturday night and again Sunday morning. Come to one, come to both.

Resurrection can come at any time, but it does come.

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## **ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE - Winter-Spring, 2011**

*\*Note: Due to the many transitions occurring at St. John's, we have intentionally left some open dates on the calendar to accommodate developing events.*

April 3: **The Kayoro Clinic and Give Us Wings**  
Continued from previous week.

April 10: **“How a Congregation Can Help a New Rector”**  
Speaker to be determined.

April 17: **“I Wish You Love”**  
Parishioner Phyllis Goff presents background on this portrait of singer Nat King Cole playing at Penumbra Theater (St. John's members can buy tickets for our spring event -- the April 29 performance).

April 24: **Easter Sunday**

May 1: **To be determined**

May 8: **The Psalms**  
The Rev. Barbara Mraz discusses some of the history, theology and literary aspects of this important part of the Hebrew Scriptures. Bring your favorite Psalm for our Top Ten List!

May 15: **Get Ready for Evensong**  
Parishioner Mark Maronde explains the music that will be presented in the afternoon service. Listen to Mark and enhance your listening experience!

May 22: **The Psalms in Liturgy**  
St. John's music director Jim Frazier explains the use of the psalms in liturgy and hymnody.

## MISSION PROJECT 2011: *NETSFORLIFE*®

- by the Rev. Keely Franke



This Lent the youth will be selling bed nets for sub-Saharan Africa down in the undercroft on Sundays. This is a mission project selected by the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to help put an end to Malaria. The goal is to sell one bed net per Episcopalian in Minnesota. You can buy a bed net for \$12. Simply make a check out to St. John the Evangelist Church and include bed net in the memo.

*The Episcopal Church in Minnesota is engaging a new and exciting way to live into our baptismal covenant and transform our people, communities and the world in which we live. It's a dynamic process — one that acknowledges the presence and creativity of the Holy Spirit and responds generously by identifying, training and empowering lay leaders for the work of ministry.*

*With Mission Project 2011: NetsforLife®, we're launching a focused approach to engaging God's mission and transforming the world. This year, we are going "global," partnering with Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation and Episcopal Relief & Development's NetsforLife® campaign to purchase anti-malarial bed nets.*

*Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease, but every year approximately 1 million people, mostly children, die from the infection. NetsforLife® provides long-lasting treated nets that have been shown to be effective at preventing the spread of malaria. Each net can protect three people for up to 5 years.*

*Minnesota Episcopalians can play a part in bringing an end to the tyranny of malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. Each faith community is being asked to participate in Mission Project 2011: NetsforLife® in a style that is most appropriate for the individual congregation.*

### **Mission Project 2011 goals:**

- One net for every Episcopalian in Minnesota – that's 19,714 nets or \$234,468 raised
- The Episcopal Church in Minnesota strengthens its identity as a missionary community
- Groundwork is laid for future mission-based efforts

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## ***"Images of Peace"***

- by the Rev. Barbara Mraz



As we think of Japan, again in crisis, you will want to visit the exhibit of an artist well-known to St. John's, Elisabeth Paper. She has mounted a show of recent work in the hallway gallery outside the Fireside Room. It is not to be missed! Each piece contains interpretations of Japanese "peace cranes."

Elisabeth explains: "Images of Peace' represents my prayers for our time. I began these images four years ago, after looking at '100 Years of Mount Fuji,' by the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Japanese artist, Hokusai. Unlike my previous drawings, this time I started to 'draw' with scissors on Chiyogami paper. No two drawings came out alike." Postcard-sized renditions of many of the images are available for sale; flyers at the display give details. (It is Elisabeth's photograph of St. John's in winter than hangs over the Fireside Room hearth.)

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## *The Rector Search of 1911* - THE FINAL CHAPTER

- by Alden Drew

The process of searching for a rector has changed in many ways over the past century. 100 years ago there was no official interim period, no disappearance of the past rector and a lot of participants in the proffering of potential candidate's names.

Names were submitted from many quarters to both the vestry and to the Rector, Mr. Sedgwick himself, who took an active role in the search for his own replacement. His friend Harry Pierce Nichols, D.D., Rector of Holy Trinity Church in NYC offered at least three names of his fellow Easterners and promoted them heavily, even arranging for vestry members to meet with the candidates he was suggesting. Bishop Thomas of Wyoming offered no less than seven names along with some sage advice for when clergy should seek a new pulpit: "You remember Phillip Brooks' dictum that when a man had been ten years in a place he must do one of three things: Take a year's vacation, be called to another parish or turn up his toes to the daisies." None of his candidates made the final cut, but apparently many of our subsequent rectors heeded Mr. Brooks' dictum.

Just days after announcing his departure, Mr. Sedgwick offered his guidance to the vestry in a letter which search committees would do well to heed today: "First the Vestry should ask God to guide them in seeking a leader....We have no right to expect God's blessing on His Church unless we seek His Guidance." He goes on to stress the importance of paying attention to youth and "Sunday-school" for the future of the parish as well as the new rector's need to be a missionary and of course a good preacher. "You will be flooded with applications, most of them, I am sorry to say, will be because the applicant has some ax to grind. Many vestries want to be rid of their men; many men are tired of their jobs. Remember you have a very beautiful gift and noble work for God and His Church at your disposal."

There were many applicants indeed, well over 30 names were at least considered and some appeared to have axes to grind as warned.

After only two months, but many candidates, in March of 1911 the vestry issued a call to the Rev. Ralph Birdsall. The St. Paul newspaper noted the call in an article headlined "Asks Eastern Divine - Congregation of St. John The Evangelist calls Cooperstown NY Rector", but alas, Mr. Birdsall declined the invitation and the search continued. Perhaps he thought he was being confused with the Magi.

Bishop Samuel Cook Edsall, the Bishop of our Diocese, got very active at that point with a list of five names including a Rev. Richmond H. Gesner of Oswego NY. Mr. Gesner was visited by members of the search and given some consideration and though he was not chosen, his nephew the Rev. Conrad Gesner did become the Rector of St. Johns some 22 years later.

Meanwhile, W.H. Farnham, a St. John's Vestryman, was in New York City where he visited with Mr. Sedgwick, now ensconced at Calvary Parish, and was given yet more names for consideration. Farnham had met with Mr. Gesner on a train ride to Syracuse, but at Mr. Sedgwick's suggestion went to upper Manhattan to meet with a Rev. Mr. Hulse, with whom he was also impressed. By this time, early June, it appeared that the front runner was the Rev. Julius A. Schaad of Kansas City (pictured on the right), to whom these other's were being critically compared (in case he turned out not be the choice). Bishop Edsall had mentioned Mr. Schaad's name in a letter, but had referred to him as George S. Schad, which suggested he didn't really know a lot about him. Mr. Schaad fit into Mr. Sedgwick's description of those with axes to grind, in that he had recently been asked to resign from his parish, but it was over an act of conscience and a stand he had taken which had angered some parishioners. It was a trait he would later display at St. John's.



As it turned out, Mr. Schaad spent much of the month of June as a guest minister at St. Clement's where he must have impressed all who visited from St. John's, because by the end of the month he had been called to be our 6th Rector at the princely salary of \$4,000 per year plus an allowance for rectory rent. (On the reverse of the article about Mr. Birdsall there was an ad for Men's Blue Serge Suits for \$4.95 so that salary wasn't insignificant. Note: Men's suits can still be bought for \$4.95 at St. John's Huge Sale!) Mr. Schaad served here for 6 years and at the end of his first year he wrote an eloquent letter to the congregation, published in *The Evangelist*.

In it he said: *The past year has been one of suspense and readjustment for the parishioners of St. John's Church. Suspense, pending a call of a successor to the former much beloved rector (Theodore Sedgwick).*

*Readjustment of mind and heart to the methods and manner of the new rector. On his part, it has been a period of rather strenuous activity, some perplexity, real joy in service and much pleasure in the making of new friends and acquaintances. It has been for us all at a time for seeing new visions of things, both temporal and spiritual, as related to the future of this parish, which I trust will become vital realities during the coming year. May God give us faith to see, courage to undertake and strength to accomplish all that is involved in the splendid opportunity which time and circumstances have placed at the door of this parish.*

Let us hope that the same will be in store for us, 100 years later.

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## WHAT'S NEW FROM THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE?

- by Don Postema, Search Committee Co-Chair



### **We're almost there.**

The search for a new rector began with the Discovery Team nearly a year ago (May of 2010 to be exact). They produced a document summarizing our history, current profile, and aspirations for our future, articulating the rector responsibilities congruent with the vision. Subsequently, that document has become a model for other congregations entering the rector search process, evidence of the quality of the work of our Discovery Team. The Search Committee then began meeting in October of 2010 and has been through written responses to essay questions, phone interviews, reference checks, and parish visits, narrowing down a slate of candidates to those who will come to St. John's for onsite interviews and meetings. Once these are completed, the Search Committee will recommend a candidate to the Vestry to be our new Rector.

In late February and March, "scouting teams" composed of three members of the Search Committee made visits to the home parishes of our semifinalists, those we had culled from the larger group recommended in November by Bishop Prior and his staff. On each of these visits, we took the candidate and the candidate's partner out to dinner to get to know them socially. We met with and interviewed selected parishioners and references for the candidate. We attended all of the services on Sunday in which the candidate preached and celebrated the Eucharist. We then had a culminating interview with the candidate over lunch in which we processed what we had learned and followed up on any remaining questions, as well as providing a rich perspective on what the candidate might expect at St. John's. We assured the candidate of the health and vitality of our congregation, and sketched out future prospects and opportunities for our new rector.

Having completed these visits with several candidates, we met in mid-March to select the finalists. All members of the Search Committee had reviewed references and parish visit summaries, as well as previous material we'd acquired on each of the candidates. In a careful and thorough process, having invoked the leading of God's Spirit, we deliberated and discerned who would be the candidates we invited to St. John's. Two of these candidates emerged as the leading prospects, each of whom would, we feel, capably lead us into our future at St. John's. These two, with their partners, have been invited to come to St. John's for a two day weekday visit. Each candidate will conduct a short Eucharistic service and then have dinner with the Search Committee, Discovery Team, and the wardens. Opportunities to tour the Twin Cities will be provided as well as information on housing, schools and cultural life. There will also be informal meetings with parish staff and the Bishop, as well as an extended formal interview with the Search Committee. For this interview, a common list of discussion topics and decision scenarios was formulated, as well as questions honing in on specific concerns raised by our previous interactions with the candidate. Both the candidates and the Search Committee will prayerfully enter this last stage of the discernment process leading to our final recommendation of one candidate to the Vestry. Assuming favorable Vestry action and successful negotiations with the candidate, we are hopeful that the new rector will be announced by the end of April.

The members of the Search Committee are Phyllis Goff and Don Postema, Co-Chairs, Emma Grundhauser, Rex Haberman, Bob Horn, Laura Kochevar, Mary Probst Morrison, Eloise Teisberg, and Jerry Woelfel. Paige Hagstrom is our clerk, and Jim Huber is our consultant from the Diocese. Please remember us and the candidates in your prayers, and join us as we pray,

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 818)*

## BISHOP PRIOR VISITS ST. PAUL AND EAST METRO CONGREGATIONS APRIL 9-12

Instead of visiting single parishes this year, Bishop Prior has decided to meet with each Region for a four-day period, following a schedule determined by each Region. Several from St. John's have been part of the planning process and the finalized schedule follows. The events are categorized according to whether we will **Work, Pray, Play**. Starred (\*) events are those involving St. Johns:

### **Saturday April 9: Play**

#### \*Teens Encounter Christ - St John the Evangelist, St Paul

4:00 - 5:40 p.m.: Bishop will assist with pre-Agape Dinner and Dance preparation, and meets with the candidates.

#### \*Happy Hour with Young Adults - Sweeny's Saloon: 96 Dale Street N., St Paul

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Bishop meets with young adults, 18 and older, at the Ashland Room (cash bar) to meet and greet and discuss: What does it really mean to be an Episcopalian? What does a bishop or TEC in MN do for me? How do they affect my church community? *Contact the office if we missed sending you an invitation.*

### **Sunday April 10: Pray**

#### Bishop visits Saint Clements, St Paul

8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Bishop celebrates and preaches at the 8:15 and 10:30 service, Question and Answers at 9:15 a.m. with children, and speaks briefly at coffee hour. He also meets briefly with vestry and rector and leaves at 12:30 p.m.

#### \*Taste of the East Metro (**This is the "Big Event"**) - St Christopher's, Roseville - **All are invited.**

1:30-4:00 p.m.: Gathering in the parish hall for all east metro congregations to get to know each other, and the bishop. Congregations are encouraged to bring snacks and serving utensils. *\*Note: Jennifer Kinkead and others who will help will set up our table emphasizing the Clinic in Kayoro, complete with African food and videos of the visit.* We will then move to the sanctuary so all can be seated and share the conversations they have heard from each other. Bishop Prior will share his responses, on what he heard, on how the Spirit is moving in the East Metro and other areas, on his role and the episcopate. He will discuss what is meant by "nourishing and resourcing mission and ministry." 4:00-4:30 p.m.: We will conclude with a blessing from the Hmong community and Evening Prayer. *(Feel free to come to only a portion of this afternoon's gathering.)*

### **Monday, April 11: Play and Work**

#### \*Bishop Prior Visit - Episcopal Church Home, St Paul

1:30 p.m.: *Open to all those who do not drive at night, seniors and elders.* Visit with Bishop Prior beginning with High Tea, cookies, bars, and conversation at. At 2:30 p.m. there will be conversations with the bishop on questions concerning aging and faith, relationships with our home congregations as we age, and relationships between Episcopal Homes and the faith communities in the East Metro.

#### \*Dinner for Bishop Prior, Missioners, Wardens and Treasurers - St John the Evangelist, St. Paul

6:00 p.m.: This dinner is by invitation and our Wardens and Treasurer will host. The meal is planned and cooked by members of Holy Apostles and served by members of St. John's.

### **Tuesday, April 12: Work and Eat**

#### Bishop Prior meets with non-parochial clergy - St Christopher's, Roseville

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.: Lunch and conversation with Susan Moss facilitating.

#### One-on-One Meetings by Appointment with Bishop Prior - St. Christopher's, Roseville

\*2:15 - 5:00 p.m.: This is an opportunity to meet one-on-one with Bishop Prior. Contact person for scheduling 15 to 20 minute meetings is Mary-Fred Bausman-Watkins in the Bishop's office.

#### \*Dinner with Bishop Prior - St. John's in the Wilderness, White Bear Lake

6:00 p.m.: This dinner is by invitation and includes clergy and 10 congregants of their choosing from each congregation to discuss the general theme, "What is The Episcopal Church in MN?" *Contact Peggy Tuttle immediately if you would like to attend this event.*

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## HOLY WEEK

**EVENSONG IN CHAPEL - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**APRIL 17**

Holy Eucharist I - 8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist II - 10:00 am  
(10:00 begins with blessing  
of palms in Gym)

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**APRIL 22**

**Good Friday Liturgy**

12:00 noon

**Meditations on the**

**Seven Last Words of Christ**

7:00-8:00 p.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**APRIL 21**

Holy Communion and Divesting  
the Altars at 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**APRIL 23**

**Easter Vigil Service**

7:00 p.m.

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 24**

**Holy Eucharist I - 8:00 am**  
**Holy Eucharist II - 10:00 am**  
**Festival Services**