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.

FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR

Email: peggy.tuttle@stjohnsstpaul.org  (651) 228-1172 x11

From the minute I walked into this building I had a symbiotic relationship with it! You see, I understand what aging means. I can relate to things wearing out and needing to be replaced. When the furnaces were groaning back in December, my joints were empathizing. Being of a certain vintage gives me a new perspective on life, its values, its challenges and its joys.

I am sitting in the dentist's waiting room while my husband has some oral surgery, which gives me about 3 ½ hours to fill. I have made my cup of Keurig coffee, I have made several trips to the restroom (which is downstairs), and I still have another hour to wait. While making the trip up and down the stairs I discovered a framed poster I have passed by over and over through the years of coming to this dental clinic. I saw it for the first time today. I stopped to read it because I was bored! I found it to be a treasure I want to share with you. All you philosophy majors will remember it! It is entitled, “The Foundation of Excellence.”

“Tentative efforts lead to tentative outcomes. Therefore, give yourself fully to your endeavors. Decide to construct your character through excellent actions, and determine to pay the price for a worthy goal. The trials you encounter will introduce you to your strengths. Remain steadfast… and one day you will build something that endures, something worthy of your potential.”

— Epictetus, Roman teacher and philosopher (55 – 135 A.D.)

As I read it, I thought of the times I didn’t set my goals high enough. I wanted to succeed more than I wanted to risk, so I set goals I could easily achieve and gained nothing. I didn’t and don’t run for exercise. I look back at my young adult life. Young women didn’t dare “run” for good health. We ran when we needed to get away from something. Growing up in the south, I didn’t know the health risks I was taking by eating the wonderful Soul Food of fried okra, chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes covered with gravy.

I look at this building and wish she could talk. I wonder what great memories she holds of weddings, baptisms, burials, celebrations, Christmas Pageants, and Easter Services. What cherished stories she could tell us of the ones who have quietly slipped into a pew in the darkness to pray, to seek God’s guidance or comfort, perhaps even to confess a heavy burden that needed to be lifted.

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I wonder about the beautiful weddings, both large and small. And the music! She has housed amazing sounds over the years as she still does today.

It is always a struggle to know how to address the needs of a congregation. Without a building where we can "congregate" to become a worshipping community, where the work of ministry can be organized and sent out, where we seek God in our presence and give proper homage for all the marvelous things He has done, how would we exist as St. John the Evangelist? Yet buildings cost money to operate, to repair, to make habitable for all. Without this place to help center us, where would we be? Yet we must not worship the building. For it is what the building does for us that is important. The building is an icon through which we find God who helps us do the work we have been given to do. 

Epictetus wrote, “Tentative efforts lead to tentative outcomes.” In all that we do we must be confident. The Vestry works diligently to make decisions that are in the best interest of the parish as a whole. Sometimes those meetings can be grueling, long, silent minutes ticking away as people struggle with how to best serve God and this parish.

I invite you, in your own time, to just sit in the church silently. Feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as you feel all those who have gone before us. Get to know the place where you pray, sing, and listen. Feel God at work in this place and in you. It’s a gift to have such a building as this where such great things happen. It’s a gift to have a congregation committed to the work of ministry in this place. Those who came before us built something that has endured much and remains a place of endurance. Thanks be to God!

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**BISHOP’S REGIONAL VISIT APRIL 9-12**

*Help us get ready!*

Bishop Prior is going to make visits to each region of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota during 2011. This means that all of the congregations in our Region – St. Clements’s, St. Anne’s, St. Paul’s, Messiah, St. Mary’s, St. Matthew’s, and several others, need to plan the four-day itinerary – a big job!

We need people to help plan and execute all aspects of the visit, all the way from publicity to food preparation, to planning events and services and being there for them. We don’t know yet which parts of the Bishop’s visit will be here at St. John’s.

Among other things, this visit is to encourage Region churches to work together, share resources, and get to know each other better. The Bishop’s agenda is to touch base with as many groups and individuals as possible.

**The first planning meeting is here at St. John’s on February 1 at 7:00 in the Fireside Room.** If you can’t be there for this, please let Barbara Mraz or Keely Franke know if you are willing to help in some way and we’ll sign you up!
Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

**Feb. 6 – 5th Sun. After Epiphany**

**Main Altar**
Robert Orr and Anabel Baker

**Little Sanctuary Altar**
Armen Byron Tufenk
Haig Karakine Tufenk

**Feb. 13 – 6th Sun. After Epiphany**

**Main Altar**
Janet O. and George E. Potter, Jr.

**Little Sanctuary Altar**
Jennie and Alfred Merrill

**Feb. 20 – 7th Sun. After Epiphany**

**Main Altar**
John Snowfield

**Little Sanctuary Altar**
In loving memory of George and Rita Richcreek on their wedding anniversary

**Feb. 27 – 8th Sun. After Epiphany**

**Main Altar**
Mary Zierdt

**Little Sanctuary Altar**
Mary Zierdt

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**ALTERNATIVE 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.

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**February 1936 – 75 years ago – note the themes of these articles written during the Depression before World War II.**

**Notice:**

Volunteers wanted, women who will be willing to do friendly visiting among members of St. John’s Parish, please notify Mrs. W. A Dennis, President of St. Margaret’s Guild.

**Announcement:**

John H. Myers our representative upon the St. Paul community announces that Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa will address a public meeting at 8 o’clock Monday evening, February 17th. This is a splendid opportunity for church people to hear this notable Christian, who is attracting attention throughout the Christian world.

**Poetic Prayer – found in old Chester Cathedral in England**

Give me a good digestion, Lord
And also, something to digest.
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight
Which seeing sin is not appalled,
But finds a way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine, or sigh,
Don’t let me worry over much
About that fussy thing called “I”.
Give me a sense of humor, Lord.
Give me the grace to see a joke.
Let me get happiness from life
And pass it on to other folk.

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**Guest Preacher at St. John’s on March 20**

**Fr. Michael Lapsley**

After Father Michael Lapsley was exiled by the South African Government in 1976, he joined the African National Congress (ANC) and became one of their chaplains. Whilst living in Zimbabwe he discovered he was on the South African Government hit list. In April 1990 he received a letter bomb in the post. He now runs the Institute for Healing Memories in Cape Town.

Also at Adult Education same day, The Rev. Margaret Fell and Fr. Lapsley will discuss the healing of memories as it relates to all of us.

*Not a day to miss church!*
Pipe Organ Discovery Day

The Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be hosting a Pipe Organ Discovery Day for children and youth in third grade and above on February 26. The morning sessions will take place at St. John’s beginning with registration in the Fireside Room at 9:30. Everyone will have a chance to play the organ. The lunch and afternoon sessions will take place at St. Clement’s Church behind the William Mitchell Law School. For further information contact Jim Frazier at: james.frazier@stjohnsstpaul.org

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
by Ellen Harrington, Director of Children’s Ministry

Well, I have a lotta love to celebrate this February. I have become a grandmother. Never did I think how all consuming this would be!! It’s a whole new level of letting children and their concerns into my life. I have traipsed back and forth to the hospital and to my daughter and son-in-law’s, squeezing in work hours – it feels as round the clock as any new parent might experience.

I have revisited in memory my own journeys with new babies. Some fondly, others not so much – like the hours and hours of wakefulness where one feeding blends into another! But this time, as Grandma, the small sleeplessness is nothing compared to the riveting quality of Indira’s (pictured above) tiny, perfect face. She leaves a warm indentation on my arm.

I don’t think I have a lot of Godly Play thoughts to share, but find myself thinking about a meeting I attended last week. One of the participants brought along a copy of a new daily office prayer book that lay claim to being for ‘ordinary radicals’ – what an interesting possibility – until I discovered that the editors’ idea of radical meant putting all the readings on the same page (so one does not have to change books or look up readings for the day), and some readings are from more secular sources – but none of the inclusive, gender neutral language I would love to see. As I think about the new girl growing – it would be great if she never had to hear religious language that did not include her or diminished her being in any respect. It’s seems inadequate to have to explain that the words as printed are historic and do not reflect the way we understand the world now.

The winter/spring New Testament stories of Godly Play are underway. We have lots of time for parables this year with Easter being late on the calendar. We are all so pleased with the new paint and light floor tiles, and rugs. The whole Godly Play area is light and inviting.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions or interest in the program. Find love in your life as exemplified by the symbolic occasion given by St. Valentine!

Blessings to all – Ellen Harrington 651=699-4867 or ellenrharr@yahoo.com

JOIN US FOR A DAY ON THE HILL!
by The Rev. Keely Franke

Thursday, February 17th Jean Hansen and I will be taking a group of youth to the capital to spend “A Day on the Hill.” Each year the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition sponsors a day for religious members all over our community to attend this event at the capital. We will hear from Father David McCauley the Interim Executive Director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference, get briefed on the issues, meet with lawmakers, and attend a call to justice. If this is something that interests you please consider joining us! Registration is online: http://www.jrlc.org/register-for-day-on-the-hill.html
A Project Kathleen Update
- by Mary Frances Palmer

Mentors, committee workers, a wide range of volunteers, and the St. John’s congregation are inspired to live our service to Christ through our Project Kathleen ministry. In partnership with ECS and a Presbyterian fund grant, Project Kathleen again is lifting families to independence through one year of strategic financial assistance for housing, special family expenses, advising and personalized mentor support.

St. Mary’s parish is afire with enthusiasm as their new Kinship program assists its first family using our PK model, and we envision an eventual partnering with Holy Apostles in the next year or so. We feel so grateful for being able to participate in this transforming ministry.

We plan to boost three new families this year, with support from the vestry for two families. We have faith that one more family can be served with direct contributions of $6000 from parishioners. Our faith is well-placed—we already have a $1000 donation in hand! We invite you to participate by contributing to this especially rewarding local ministry.

Matthew 25:35. I was a stranger, and ye took me in.

Welcome New Members!
On Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011 the following individuals were welcomed to St. John’s as new members: Jim and Lynn Ehmer and Catherine St. Hill and Mark Weber with their children Nhia and Zoe.

Before you put all those holiday recipes away until next Christmas, consider sharing them with members of St. John’s via our new online recipe book. This book won’t be printed, but it will allow you to search for favorite recipes by members of St. John’s.

To submit a recipe, please go to http://sjerecipes.wordpress.com/ and enter the information about your recipe. Please include ingredients and preparation information, and any additional information about your recipe.

Recipes will be posted and will be accessible for all members of St. John’s at no cost. Help us develop a new St. John’s recipe book with your favorite recipes!

Terri Fishel
### FEBRUARY

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### Save these Dates in April!

**Tuesday, April 12:** Tim Ternes from St. John’s University returns to speak more about the incredible St. John’s Bible.

**Friday, April 23:** We have reserved a block of seats at Penumbra Theater’s production of “I Wish You Love,” based on the life of Nat King Cole. Dinner at St. John’s beforehand.

### St. John’s 2011 Calendar

**Project Home guests are staying in the gym during February.**

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**Outgoing Vestry Members were honored at the January 23rd Annual Meeting:** (From the left) Don Postema, Kirsten Loiseaux-Purcell, John Thompson and Mary-Louise Clary.
Save the date for St. Mary’s biggest party of the year!
March 5, 2011
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
Annual Auction!

This year we have an exciting new development—we’re moving the auction to St. John the Evangelist, as you have graciously allowed us to take advantage of your beautiful, larger space for our silent auction, dinner, and live auction. We hope you will consider joining us for this fun event! Here are some details:

5:00-6:30 Silent Auction & Hors D’oeuvres
6:30-7:15 Gourmet Dinner
7:15 Live Auction
Featuring: Jewelry, gift certificates, dinners, hotels, show tickets, sporting events and a variety of other goods & services.
The evening concludes with a raffle drawing.
This year’s item: an iPad!

For more information:
E-Mail: auction@saintmaryseiscopal.org
Website: www.saintmaryseiscopal.org
Ginny DeLuca
651-644-8814

Hope you can join us!
Susan Brown and Ginny DeLuca
2011 Auction Co-chairs

St. Mary’s Auction!

As many of you know St. Mary’s was my sponsoring parish. Last summer St. Mary’s and St. John’s came together for my ordination party and weeks after members from each parish were talking about how much fun the other parish was.

Well, here’s another chance to get together and have A LOT of fun! Every year St. Mary’s has an auction, which includes a silent and live auction and a fancy dinner. This is by far their biggest event of the year. It is so large that they have now outgrown their space and will be using St. John’s this year!

I would love it if we could put together a table or two from St. John’s to celebrate this festive evening with St. Mary’s. It will be an evening like no other you’ve experienced I promise. Please let me know if you’d be interested in joining Carsten and me Saturday, March 5th for an evening full of good food, fun and laughter! keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-228-1172, ext 18.
- Keely

The Still Point – A Prayerful Service

If you haven’t had a chance to join us for this contemplative service please consider doing so this month. The service is designed to provide an opportunity for reflection and prayer in the midst of our busy lives. You can expect to experience ancient ways of praying with modern texts, primal rhythms and simple music to chant, and a warm setting lit with candles offering a place to pray and be silent. The service is only 20-30 minutes and refreshments are provided afterwards. We hope you will consider taking a little time out of the evening to join us and invite a friend!
THE MEN’S BREAKFAST GROUP
All men are welcome!
We invite you to join us on Saturday, February 12, 9:00 a.m. in the Gym Kitchen.
Be prepared for good food, good fellowship, and lively conversation.

Then, mark your calendars for these dates in 2011 to meet in the Gym kitchen!
March 12
April 9

Thank You St. John’s:

From the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches:
Thank you very much for your congregation’s recent contribution of $325.00 to the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches on December 24, 2010. Your generosity is greatly appreciated… and enables us to continue our efforts to bring together people of faith in the great Saint Paul area to better life in this community.

From Ramsey County:
By providing the space and support of everyone in your facility, you have provided a place for the voters of St. Paul to vote. We have had many compliments on polls from voters and election judges.

From the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center
This letter is to express our sincere thanks and acknowledge St. John the Evangelist for your most recent donation of $75.00 in support of the Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf. It is sincerely appreciated and much needed.

PROJECT HOME
Help us to provide a shelter for the homeless in the name of Jesus Christ!

Beginning Tuesday February 1, 2011 St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church will be providing homeless individuals and their family members with: a place to sleep, some snacks and Hosts with compassion for their present situation in life. As a Parish we are combining our efforts with those of St Clements Episcopal Church and our companion parish, Holy Apostles Episcopal Church.

We are asking the members of these congregations to band together and volunteer a small amount of their time to help us provide an invaluable service to those greatly in need. We will need four volunteers each day to provide these services.

The first two volunteers will volunteer from 5:30 pm – 8:30 p.m. and help welcome our guests as they return from dinner and a day’s work, training or daycare. Duties may include preparing a healthy evening snack, tidying up the kitchen facilities and eating area after use, engaging children and youth in activities such as reading, homework, games, videos, or lending a sympathetic ear to those struggling with homelessness.

The overnight volunteers will arrive at 8:00 p.m. greet the families and secure the building for guests to go to sleep. Guidelines for bedtime are around 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 pm on weekends. Overnight volunteers will sleep at the church and wake families around 6:00 a.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. on weekends. Project Home will provide breakfast items when available. Donations are always appreciated. Overnight volunteers should tidy the kitchen and have our guests ready to be picked up at 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and 8:30 a.m. on weekends. Each volunteer will be given information on responsibilities and Project Home will provide training in January for those who request training.

In addition we will need volunteers on February 1 to help set up and organize sleeping arrangements for those people staying with us. In total we have a need for over 125 people to serve in the name of Jesus Christ during the month of February. Please be one of them!

Bring your children or grandchildren. Partner with hosts from our companion parish, Holy Apostles or St Clements. This exposure can be an invaluable lesson to many who take housing and food for granted and give each of us an opportunity to show compassion for a very difficult time in people’s lives. Most importantly, support us in providing a caring, respectful and friendly place for those who are struggling to make it in a time of high unemployment and an economic downturn.
We have been blessed with a beautiful place to worship, a loving and spiritual congregation and an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of a few during the month of February. To sign up or for more information please contact John Edgerton 651-214-0947 or Gary Hagstrom 651-492-2969 or see the church website. We will also be available on Sundays after church.
Dear Friends of Sheltering Arms,

Children's Issues Legislative Briefing

Co-sponsored by
The Sheltering Arms Foundation
and the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits

Join us for the annual Children's Issues Briefing, which will be held Friday, February 4 from 9:00 am to noon. This informative briefing will highlight the changed political landscape in Minnesota and what it will mean for children and families. Speakers will address the Minnesota budget situation, new decision makers in the legislative and executive branches, and what Minnesota advocates will be championing in the new year. Join us for this informative session, hear directly from community and political leaders and get some answers to your own questions.

You will hear from various speakers about their views on the prospects for the health, education and prosperity of children in Minnesota, including:

- Frank Forsberg, Greater Twin Cities United Way
- Kit Hadley, St. Paul Public Library
- Nancy Hylden, Faegre & Benson LLP
- Karen Kingsley, Ready 4 K
- Sheila Kiscaden, Home Visiting Coalition
- Deborah Schlick, Affirmative Options Coalition
- Christina Wessel, MN Budget Project

Chairs of select committees in the House of Representatives and Senate have been invited as well as a representative from the Governor's office.

The Sheltering Arms Foundation has sponsored this briefing for the last six years with other foundation partners and the help of the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits. This year's session has additional sponsorship from the School Readiness Funders Coalition. We are committed to policy and advocacy work that creates opportunities for vulnerable children and their families. The trustees of our foundation come from Episcopal parishes across the state and we invite our Episcopal partners to join us in working on policy solutions for Minnesota's children.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, February 4, 2011
Time: 8:30 - 9:00 am coffee and networking; 9:00 - 12:00 program
Location: Wellstone Center at Neighborhood House, 179 Robie St. East, St. Paul, MN 55107
Fee: Free

RSVP: To attend this free event, please register online at the Minnesota Council of Non-profits website and select "RSVP for Free Events, Briefings and Convenings".

VESTRY CORNER
- From Junior Warden, Libby Snelson

Your vestry met on Martin Luther King Day, in keeping with the spirit of the day as one of service. We began by a brief excursion to the Nave, to get a closer look at the water damage to the southeastern wall. Our committees are developing solutions for this newest challenge to our beloved building.

Interim Rector Peggy Tuttle told us that we will have nametags at services and at Vestry meetings, in preparation for calling a new Rector and to help us all welcome visitors. As well as we feel we know each other through our worship, works and friendships, nametags will help our visitors know us.

Stewardship Chair Fred Berndt gave us detailed information on the conclusion of our current campaign. Our pledge amount totals are lower than last year. But, even in this year of change, we have 12 never-before pledgers joining to support St John’s.

We approved a proposal for a budget to be acted upon by the congregation at this week’s Annual Meeting. Approval was also granted to compile and publish a new photo directory for our members.

We thanked John Thompson, Mary Louise Clary, and Kirsten Loiseaux-Purcell for their faithful service on the Vestry. Search Committee Co-Chair Don Postema reported that the telephone interviews of the slate of candidates will start this week, and will schedule visits in early February. Our Search continues on track and on schedule.

Eva Gemlo expertly handled one of the tall kites at the Annual Meeting to the tune of “We are Marching in the Light of God.” A big thank you to St. Mark’s Cathedral and Verger, Dennis Christian, for the loan of the kites.
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SERVICE SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2011

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<td>(A) Joan Potter (B) Paige Hagstrom</td>
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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.

WINTER RETREAT AT ST. JOHN’S

Letting go (again): Facing Life’s Transitions with Attentiveness, Whole Heartedness, and Grace

“Between a rock and a hard place,” “on the fence,” “neither here nor there”: these phrases underline how challenging we find life’s in-between places. Yet they can be crucial to our spiritual deepening, to our giving up illusions of control.

On this retreat we will face some endings—of an era, a dream, a relationship, an ambition—and find ways to invite God into these life transitions.

With the Rev. Mary Ellen Ashcroft, Ph. D.

Mary Ellen is an Episcopal priest, director of Wind Cradle Retreat Center in Grand Marais, an English professor, and the author of several books including The Magdalene Gospel and Dogspell. She is a popular speaker and retreat leader and we are privileged to have her with us.

Friday evening, 7-9, February 11 and Saturday, 9-2, February 12

Please call the office or e-mail church@stjohnsstpaul.org by February 7 to sign up. Cost is $30 and includes lunch on Saturday. Everyone is welcome! Men, women, your friends
Parallel Threads Woven through the Years – 100 Years
- Barbara Sommers and Alden Drew

What was the same…? What was different?

The first decade of the 20th Century and the 21st century were years of challenges, changes and opportunities. Both decades were times which faced issues of national debt, violence, immigration, discrimination, war, tumult, tragedies and unemployment. Presidents Taft and Wilson had challenges just as Presidents Bush and Obama have had today.

St. John the Evangelist has changed in many ways. Today lay members have more responsibilities and opportunities to serve. In 2010 we have more professional staff and paid employees. We no longer pay for the pews on which we sit, and we rely heavily on pledges. The church now pays greater attention to outreach beyond our parish, our community and our country. There are now many more opportunities for women to participate and serve in leadership positions. There were more women's organizations in 1910 which is partially due to more women working outside of the home. Women are now welcome to participate in musical opportunities during the services. Women and young girls are now welcome to sing and play instruments. There were no regular adult education programs during the first decade of the 20th century. In fact, until the last decade of the 20th Century, there was virtually no lay participation in the liturgy (other than musically) and the roles of the clergy and the laity were very clearly demarcated. Last but not least, we no longer have to rely on mail or word of mouth to spread the news of the parish due to the advancement of new forms of communication, including email and the internet.

Some comparisons for thought…

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<td><strong>Choirs</strong></td>
<td>Men's Choir; Young Men's Choir; choir camp for the boys; no women's choir; occasionally a female soloist would sing</td>
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<td>Margaret’s Guild-work among poor; St. Luke's Guild-baby welfare; Parish Aid Society, Christmas Sale Women’s Auxiliary+Junior Auxiliary</td>
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<td>Lilydale Mission Can you imagine? In the winter, the rector would walk across the ice on the Mississippi River or in the summer, would row a boat!</td>
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We are blessed by the legacy of our forebearers, and we celebrate our liturgical and musical traditions in our beautiful church. St. John the Evangelist continues to be a dynamic and welcoming community serving the needs of the poor and the forgotten.

Four major goals provide a path for us to follow, guided by The Holy Spirit in a way that brings new life, new beginnings and new fellowship to St. John’s.

- Sustain our traditional forms of worship while creating new opportunities for individual and community spiritual development.
- Provide opportunities to connect with a living, evolving church.
- Build and strengthen our welcoming community.
- Broaden our spiritual response to God’s call to mission through philanthropic and stewardship opportunities.

We are fortunate to have a devoted and faithful search committee representing us as a new rector is identified. The committee created a survey for church members to help identify the congregation’s needs and goals and the rector’s responsibilities including pastoral care, leadership, worship leader and Christian formation.

We pray that the on-going strengths and programs at St. John’s will help identify a rector to lead our vibrant and faithful congregation. We will welcome our new rector in the tradition of our welcoming parish!
Behind the scenes, the Rector Search Committee continues its quest for our new rector. Ten of your fellow parishioners have been meeting regularly, and the pace has accelerated in the last month. In early January we received written essay responses to our questions from the candidates selected by Bishop Prior. We were pleased by the quality of the responses, focusing on the four major areas of rector responsibilities outlined in our Discovery document: pastoral care, leadership, worship, and Christian formation. All but one of the candidates who submitted written essays moved on to the next phase of our search, the telephone interviews. In these scheduled 45 minute interviews during the last two weeks of January, members of the Search Committee focused on these questions:

1. Describe two or three major accomplishments from your current congregation (or position) in the last 3-5 years, and how you personally contributed to those accomplishments.
2. Share one or two problems or challenges in your current congregation (or position) that you’ve experienced, and how you and your congregation (team) are addressing those challenges.
3. Given what you reviewed in our Parish Profile (discovery document), what specific items in the document give you a sense that your goals and our stated challenges in the document match? And, where do they not match? And, what stood out to you the most in the document?
4. Given your responses in the essay around leadership, describe or share more about your leadership style. Provide an example of your leadership style in action.
5. What is your personal spirituality? That is, describe what your personal spiritual life is like, and what it means to you. And how do you keep your spiritual life healthy?

In addition, we responded to questions the candidates had about St. John’s, keeping in mind that we not only are screening candidates, but are also recruiting them. In the middle of the winter, not everyone thinks moving to Minnesota is an upgrade!

By the time you read this, we will have selected those candidates whom we will visit in their home parishes. Members of the Search Committee will travel near and far to meet the candidates in person, hear them preach and lead worship, and interview those who can speak to their experience with the candidate in that setting. These visits will form the basis for our selection of the final candidates whom we will invite to St. John’s for the last stage of the selection process. We anticipate the candidates’ visits to St. Paul will occur in mid- to late March. Then the Search Committee will thoughtfully and prayerfully choose the candidate whom we will recommend to our Vestry for their consideration as our next rector. We’re still hoping that an announcement of this person will be made by Easter Sunday, late in April.

We deeply appreciate your prayers and support as we continue our work.

We’d also appreciate any frequent flyer miles you’d like to donate to help us travel to the candidates’ home parishes! The Search Committee has a budget, but your generosity in this regard would help us be good stewards of the resources you have already contributed to St. John’s. We invite you to contact the clerk of the Search Committee, Paige Hagstrom (gphagstrom@gmail.com or 651-454-0016) if you’re able to contribute in this way.
Greetings from Uganda!

Kayoro Clinic Uganda Dedication January 22, 2011:
(from the left) Cammie Beattie, Jennifer Kinkead, Bob Horn and Shirley Sailors. Jennifer and Bob are holding a framed drawing of St. John's church by Ray Frisby that will hang in the clinic.

In an e-mail message to the Revs. Barbara Mraz and Keely Franke, Shirley Sailors wrote:
“There is no doubt that this clinic is needed and appreciated. The people at today's dedication were incredibly thankful. We all felt very loved and very included. Cammie told the group that St. John’s members pray for them every Sunday, and I asked them to pray for us. There was quite a celebration with singing, dancing (we St. John’s folk can shake with the best of them), lots of speeches, and a feast….”

To hear a full report about their Uganda visit, be sure to attend the Adult Ed. session on Feb. 20!
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.

January 2: **How We Worship: The Amazing Book of Common Prayer** (all sessions on liturgy facilitated by the Rev. Peggy Tuttle)

January 9: **How We Worship: Discussing Morning Prayer**

January 16: **How We Worship: Discussing Eucharistic Rites I, II, III**

January 23: **How We Worship: Discussing Eucharistic Rites I, II, III**

January 30: **How We Worship: Putting It All Together**

February 6: **Report on Palestinian Struggle**
Local community organizers (including parishioner Elizabeth Burr) give an interactive presentation about life in the occupied West Bank of Palestine.

***February 13: **Mary Ellen Ashcroft is the speaker.**

***February 20: **Kayoro Visitors Report**
St. John’s parishioners who visited Uganda in January give us news of their visit and the clinic.

February 27: **Youth Ministry**
Bronwyn Clark Skov, from the Office of Youth Ministry of the National Church, discusses her philosophy of youth ministry as well as a major youth event coming this summer in St. Paul

March 6: **Nature photographer, journalist and parishioner** Gus Axelson shows us examples of his work and highlights the spiritual dimension. Back by demand!

March 13: **Aging Gracefully**
A visit with the Rev. Kay Provine, chaplain at Episcopal Homes.

March 20: To be determined.

March 27: **Update on the Kayoro Clinic**
Give Us Wings will bring video of recent developments

April 3: **The Healing of Memories** (rescheduled from snowstorm date) The Rev. Margaret Fell will speak about her work with veterans and others in recovering from loss and trauma.

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.

*** Note this change from the previous schedule.
“In communities of faith each of us should become a Christ to the other. And as we are christs to one another, the result is that Christ fills us all and we become a truly Christian community.” – Martin Luther

The following is taken from writings by Kenda Creasy Dean, Associate Professor of Youth, Church, and Culture; and Director of Tennent School of Christian Education at Princeton Theological Seminary.

“In all of my reading about youth ministry, the most prominent theme always seems to be community. What is community? What kind of community are we trying to create in youth ministry? According to the Urban Dictionary, community is “an interacting population of like-minded individuals, affecting the identity of the given members and also their cohesiveness. In gaining similar social perceptions gives them a sense of solidarity that may or may not lead in the exclusion of other individuals that do not share one or more of their like-mindedness.” This definition almost sums up for me the kind of community I would like to continue to cultivate in youth ministry. However, there is another very significant part to community in youth ministry.

For Christians, community enacts communion – being “one with” Christ and one another. Apart from the presence of God’s sanctifying grace, of course, such oneness is not possible. Communion with God means more than sharing bread and wine together; it implies a willingness to lay down our lives for one another, as Christ laid down his life for us. “Community” is essential to youth ministry, and when young people encounter its Christian form, they experience love willing to share one another’s burdens, love willing to suffer on their behalf. Without such communion, many young people would be alone trying to figure out God’s word on their own – never knowing that Christ is right in front of them, unaware that God’s grace includes them. No one is to figure out God’s word alone, especially young people. And it is our job as a Christian community to participate in means of grace – to strengthen young people for the life of faith. We – all of us in Christian community become through Christ the means of grace for each other.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Phillip, “get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road)... Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” [The eunuch] replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

– Acts 8:26-31

The eunuch had traveled a long way to Jerusalem to pray. But Jewish law prohibited eunuchs from worshipping in the Temple. The eunuch had received no help in understanding God’s promise. “Who is it about?” he asks Philip. The eunuch doesn’t realize that God’s promise is practically standing in front of him in the Isaiah text. He doesn’t know that in three short chapters Isaiah will proclaim God’s embrace of eunuchs in particular. Without someone to guide him, he doesn’t know who the passage is about, or that God’s grace includes him.

God does things, and God does things through us. Means of grace strengthen us for the life of faith; in them Christ happens to us personally. So it is through a loving Christian community that we are transformed through means of grace. We are transformed by our willingness to “suffer love” for one another. The emphasis here is on love, not suffering. And as any young person will tell you, true love is worthy of sacrifice. Through acts of suffering love, we become “little incarnations” of God’s self-giving love in Jesus Christ. Unexpectedly, as we follow Christ together, we find ourselves reflecting God’s glory in “little transfigurations.” When others risk themselves for our sake, we experience “little crucifixions” on our behalf. It is through community that we share the body of Christ.”
Dresses made by the "Sewing for Kayoro" group from St. John's and Holy Apostles were presented to orphans and others in the Kayoro community by St. John’s parishioners during their January visit. They were a big hit!