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Wednesday Service

12:00 Noon
Holy Communion and Healing

Sunday Services

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

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

OFFICE HOURS

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



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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!
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FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR

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The story of Zacchaeus is found in the nineteenth chapter of Luke. As Jesus was passing through Jericho he met a man named Zacchaeus, a tax collector and a very rich man. Tax collectors seem to be very important to the stories Jesus tells for he refers to them with some frequency. He even calls a tax collector to be one of his disciples.

Tax collectors were at the lowest pole of the social strata. No other occupation was more despised or looked down upon. They were the individual for whom no decent human being had any respect, except of course, for Jesus who saw in these tax collectors, hearts that were indeed needing to be loved.

Luke identifies Zacchaeus as a chief tax collector who was rich. You see, the collection of customs at Jericho, which at this time produced and exported a considerable quantity of balsam, was undoubtedly an important post, and would account for Zacchaeus being a rich man." Not just an ordinary tax collector but a chief tax collector. That means he probably was in charge of other tax collectors, taking a percentage of what they collected to be his. Tax collectors were known for collecting as much as they could even beyond what was owed! Not a very savory class of people.

Zacchaeus, short in stature, climbs the Sycamore tree to see this Jesus. Zacchaeus has heard about this man who heals the sick, restores sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, makes the crippled to walk, and forgives sins! Jesus looks up and says, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurries down and is happy to welcome Jesus to his home. Not only does Jesus see something in Zacchaeus that others cannot see but Zacchaeus sees something very special in Jesus. In response to being made host to Jesus, Zacchaeus is moved to repentance. Standing there, looking at Jesus, he says, "...half my possessions I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." In one swift action Zacchaeus changes. He goes from being a collector to being a giver.

Erich Fromm once wrote, "Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much."

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VESTRY MEMBERS

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The Rev. Keely Franke, *Assistant Rector*
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I was recently reminded of Eric Fromm's writings, particularly his forecast of a society obsessed with possessions. Eric Fromm, psychologist and philosopher, is well known for his forecast of a society obsessed with possessions. He believed that human beings had two basic orientations: having and being

"Having" seeks to acquire and possess things, not only property but people, as well. "Being" focuses on the experience; derives meaning from exchanging and engaging and sharing.

He also predicted a culture driven by commercialism, which is what we have today. He believed such a culture is doomed to the "having" orientation which leads to dissatisfaction and emptiness. There is actual evidence in our inclination toward the "having" when we look at the amount of public storage units in our country. In 1960 there were none. Today there are over two billion square feet dedicated to storage.

What will it take for us to redirect our lives from "having" to "being"; to move from "collecting" to sharing and providing for those less fortunate?

For instance, what if those whose income annually exceeds, say, for argument sake, four million dollars, decided they could live on what you and I make? Think of the difference it would make in the lives of those who this day are wondering where their next meal is coming from or where they will sleep tonight.

After all, how many houses, cars, boats; how much stuff can a person collect? Think of the jobs that could be created, of the companies that could be started, of the manufacturing plants that could be built right here, not just in our country but in our state, our city, our suburbs. Tax collectors are not our enemy. Greed is our enemy.

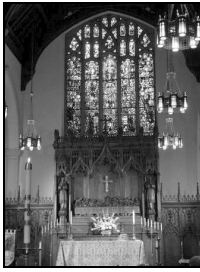
What is that Zacchaeus sees in Jesus that moves from one basic orientation to another; that moves him from a *Having* to a *Being*. What does he see in Jesus that changes him? How do I get there? I want to be content with what I have and want nothing more, yet I often yearn for whatever it is the best commercial seeks to seduce me with.

Jesus spends no time on the tax collector's past and the lost opportunities he had to change. Instead, he is so delighted in his transformation that he says without hesitation, "Today salvation has come to this house" Zacchaeus has no past to brag about but a genuine promise of a better future. He has been set free from the burden of "having" and has found new life in "being." He has a future!

With God the future is always more significant than the past. The Holy One is more interested in what we can become than in what we used to be. It is not God's nature to hold the past against us when we set out with God to become new creatures, to move from *Having* to *Being*.



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



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

May 1 – 2nd Sun. of Easter

Main Altar

Betty Wann Binger
Theodore Wann Binger

Little Sanctuary Altar

Same as above.

May 8 – 3rd Sun. of Easter

Main Altar

In thanksgiving for the life of Jack
Lightner

Little Sanctuary Altar

Frances C. & George E. Potter
William R. & Jeanette A. Owen

May 15 – 4th Sun. of Easter

Main Altar

Mary W. & Paul K. Pinkerton

Little Sanctuary Altar

Frederick J. Wigginton

May 22 – 5th Sun. of Easter

Main Altar

Clinton P. & June Schaeppi
Jeffrey W. Schaeppi

Little Sanctuary Altar

Mary Leaton & James Leaton

May 29 – 6th Sun. of Easter

Main Altar

Robert Bruce Farnham

Little Sanctuary Altar

OPEN

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.

MAY 1936 – 75 YEARS AGO

GOOD ADVICE FROM BISHOP STEWART

Are you a careless driver? Then you can profit by the “motorists’ ten commandments” written by Bishop Stewart of Chicago. Here they are:

1. Thou shalt keep “safety first” ever before thee.
2. Thou shalt not make of thyself a dangerous nuisance, nor the likeness of any one that grabbeth the road beside and the road ahead and cutteth in and out of the line.
3. Thou shalt not take the laws of the state in vain for the cop and the judge will not hold him guiltless that taketh the laws in vain.
4. Remember thy brakes and tires and take curves slowly.
5. Honor the red lights and the green lights that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not stop abruptly.
8. Thou shalt not steal – past a street car, loading and unloading.
9. Thou shalt not flash big lights against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not shove-it, thy neighbor’s car, nor his fenders, nor his bumpers, nor his locks, nor his glass, nor anything that is thy neighbor’s.



MAY 1961 – 50 YEARS AGO

RUMMAGE SALE

We all made it again – with flying colors, I am please to report! All of the effort so many of you put forth for the sale proved to be well worthwhile. In dollars and cents – we grossed \$1546.17 and netted approximately \$1455. This gives us enough to finance our Carleton Scholarship Program, plus the additional funds which are earmarked for the budget needs. I thank each of you for your enthusiastic response. – Janice Andrews

**SOME “CREATIVE” APRIL NOTICES ADVERTISING THE
RUMMAGE SALE IN MAY 1961**

It’s D-Day Damsels!

Drop Daily Duties

Don’t Delay!

Dig Diligently!

Deliver Donations to Destination!

- Spring is come, the grass is rizz, I wonder where the rummage is?
- Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard – and now her husband is bare!
- Spratt’s wife is taking Metracal – and so her wardrobe’s in our haul!
- Little Bo Peep is not so shiek – below her dresses her slips do peek!
- There aren’t any ladies who live in their shoes – send us the ones that you don’t use!
- If all you kittens donate some mittens - then all will have some pie!
- A scarf, some yarn, flowers in a bunch – will buy a youth a bite of lunch!
- A blouse, a skirt that’s lost its bloom – will pay the way for a conference room!
- Dishes, toasters, pans, and beaters – will help transport the finest leaders.



Adopt-A-Household
Bingo with the May House
Sunday, May 15th @ 2pm

Please join us for an afternoon of playing bingo with the May House. This is a great way for the whole family to get involved and reach out to the community together. We will meet at the Episcopal Church Homes just before 2pm and together head to the May House. If you are interested in bringing treats or simply coming along for the fun let either Sarah Nowlin or the Rev. Keely Franke know. Hope to see you there!

**The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come...**

- Song of Solomon



May brings
springtime and
flowers, AND an
opportunity for
children to try out
singing with the
Children's Choir!

All children
currently in grades K-6 are
invited to join the Children's
Choir rehearsals on May 8, 15,
and 22 at 9:00 in the Music
Room.

We will be starting a fun anthem
to sing next fall. If you have ever
wondered what it would be like
to sing with the Children's
Choir, this is your chance to try
it out. Come for one or all three
and find out how much fun we
have in Children's Choir!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- by Ellen Harrington, Director of Children's Ministry



Just when I thought this epic winter was well and truly behind us, I looked out the window this morning... ah, capricious Mother Nature has left one more memory of white. Maybe she's colluding with the idea that Lent should be observably difficult- although that notion was not true for me this year. I was drawn into difficult ideas made more accessible through the experiences portrayed in the stories of movie characters. Movie stories may seem more polished than our own stories, but there is realness in shared stories that allows the entrance of the Divine. For perhaps only seconds, ego can be sidelined and deeper connections are created between what we know and what we feel. Connections are made and continue to deepen.

The importance of story, self-story, was reinforced earlier this week. I was late for work because I listened to a news item on the radio. The journalist wrote about a local doctor who found himself with a number of patients who reported a variety of aches and pains for which no medical cause could be identified.

One day, and I forget how he got there, but he asked one of them if she had ever experienced abuse, any kind, from anywhere on the abuse continuum. That first, rather astonished patient, said yes. From that point the doctor found himself asking the question more routinely on a case by case basis. Many patients said yes. The doctor collected data and began to see a pattern. Adults with abuse in their history had higher rates of depression, cancer and other conditions.

I was struck by his description of how the effect (like physical illness) of early events stayed with them- buried under a functioning public persona. The effects of abuse stayed with people to some degree forever. The doctor is working with methods for changing the patients' perception of themselves - to increase their sense of value and wholeness. Recently, I have been part of one way of doing this. The Healing of Memories workshops I have attended provide a chance for participants to tell their story in a nonjudgmental setting with multiple witnesses. In this setting public and private stories come together briefly and allow an honoring of the wholeness of a life.

In Godly Play, we had one Sunday session in April when the Easter stories were told. Now we finish the year with post-resurrection sighting stories and stories about where we are in the post-resurrection world. What did Jesus' story leave with us? How does his story suggest how we might amend our own? We are not so direct with the wondering questions but look at the stories of people who encountered Jesus and consider what Jesus means to us and how we live.

Be in touch, enjoy the creeping arrival of green! Ellen Harrington
651-699-4867 or ellenrhar@yahoo.com or
godly.play@stjohnsstpaul.org



May Birthdays

- 1 Christine Garner
- 3 Steve Avery
Cameron Gemlo
Leslie Mercer
Colin Peltier
- 5 Bill Lindeke
Megan McKeehan
Jack Edgerton
Jackson Scheel
- 6 John Kinkead
Greta Paige Lightner
John Nicholson
- 8 Julia Brown
Steve Ellsworth
Maria Hartnett
- 9 Mitchell Brooks
Caroline Brown
Michael Halvorson
Rod Titcomb
- 10 Susan McCarthy
- 11 Charles Mason
Clelia Mulally
- 13 Monica Cook
Amanda Klosterman
Katie Mayo
- 15 Paul Johnson
Charlie Docherty
- 16 Elaine Sutton
- 17 Karen Dingle
Kent and Kai
Loiseaux-Purcell
- 18 Phyllis Merrill
- 19 Melissa Ek
Jim Johnson
- 23 Jack Edgerton
Bill Kenney
- 21 Danielle Edgerton
Dolores Foggo
- 22 Andy Olsen
- 23 Virginia Edgerton
Margo Georgeson
Margo Lund
Carol Peterson
- 26 Sarah Edman
- 28 Margot Harrington
- 29 Judy Diedrich
Rob Binger
Randy Ross
- 30 Gloria Myllenbeck
- 31 Kathy Brown

A Project Kathleen Update

- by Mary Frances Palmer

The Project Kathleen committee wishes to clarify and celebrate the role of the vestry in funding our mentored assistance to families on the cusp of achieving financial independence. The vestry provides two types of funding through your pledges, including underwriting housing and discretionary money for two families at \$6600 each for one year, plus funding one-half of the first-year St. Mary's project family.

Additional gifts are appreciated and sorely needed however, since occasional special needs arise. These special donations can provide a flexible gap response through such means as a gas card, a food card or a huge sale allowance. We hope to enlarge the scope of Project Kathleen to lift yet another family as we receive more donations. Seeing these families go forward on their own is so extraordinarily gratifying that we feel thankful for the opportunity to contribute in their success. We invite you to participate also, through your inspiring donations.

THE BIG NET - Where Job Seekers Connect

- by Claire Eckley

The Big Net is beginning its third year and is the main church-assisted program in St. Paul that has served over 600 people since it began in 2009 within job support and seminars. Many of these people have found employment and have communicated their appreciation in many ways. The Big Net collaborates with St. Paul congregations, the St. Paul Council of Churches, the Minnesota Department of Unemployment Insurance. Currently we are in the process of expanding our network with businesses and agencies that can be of assistance to our participants. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

The Big Net continues to be a volunteer program. There are minimal costs which are covered by St. John's and donations from the community, including House of Hope, and Macalester-Plymouth Congregations as well as donations from the community. The largest donations have been the thousands of hours given to the program by volunteers to see that the program works effectively. Thank you to all of you! The Big Net is honored to have had excellent seminar speakers volunteer their time. Their topics are aimed at the unemployed but find that the topic always benefits many others in the community. Employed people have attended with the intention of figuring out how to move forward in their employment. Individual assistance continues in a variety of areas. Networking and hearing someone say there is a job, or finding out about a business, has been an answer as well.

The Big Net has a computer that needs additional memory, and if you have a computer, we can always use an extra, especially a laptop or notebook. Volunteers are always appreciated. There are needs in the areas of publicity, writing, hosting at seminars or Thursday job support meetings and networking in the community. Referrals and resources that you are aware of, that would address the needs of the unemployed are always appreciated.

THE GREATEST NEED IS JOB OPENINGS! Please share any that you know of, by emailing them to:
TheBigNetSTJ@gmail.com.

MAY

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

11:00 am Wed. Bible Study
Noon Communion Service
5:30 pm Youth Choir (thru May 4)
6:00 pm Youth Group Dinner & Mtg.
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
7:30 pm Women's Recovery Group

Friday:

9:00 am Organ Practice

Saturday:

12-6:00 pm Artaria School

Sunday:

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

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.

May 2011						
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St. John's 2011 Calendar

Sun., May 1 - First Sun. Eucharist w/Baptisms: 2nd Sun. of Easter

8:00 - The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates and preaches.

10:00 - The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates and preaches.

12:00 pm Holy Apostles Egg Roll Sales

2:00 pm Confirmation at Holy Apostles Church

Mon.-Fri, May 2-6

Fri., May 6

7:00 pm Artaria School Student Concert & Reception

Sat., May 7

9:00-1:00 pm HUGE Sale

Sun., May 8 - Holy Eucharist Rite I: 3rd Sun. of Easter & Mother's Day

8:00 - The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.

10:00 - Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.

4:00 pm Osip Nikiforov Piano Recital & Reception

9:00-11:00 Huge Bag Sale

Mon., May 9

7:00 pm The Big Net Seminar

Tues., May 10

12:30 pm Region Clergy Mtg.

Wed., May 11

7:00 pm Contemplative Service

Thurs., May 12

9:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sat., May 14

Community of Peace Dance at Holy Apostles

Sun., May 15 - Holy Eucharist Rite II: 4th Sun. of Easter

8:00 - The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates and preaches.

10:00 - The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates. The Rev. Keely Franke preaches.

1:30 pm TEC Reunion

4:00 pm Evensong for Eastertide & Reception

Mon., May 16

4:30 pm Finance Mtg.

6:00 pm Vestry Mtg./Dinner

Tues., May 17

5:30 pm Big Net Congregations Mtg.

Sun., May 22 - Rite I Morning Prayer/Eucharist: 5th Sun. of Easter

8:00 - The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches

10:00 - Gary Gleason presides. The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates Holy Eucharist and preaches.

Tues., May 24

7:00 pm The Big Net Seminar

Thurs., May 26

6:30 pm Project Kathleen

Sun., May 29 - Rite II Holy Eucharist: 6th Sun. of Easter

8:00 - The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches

10:00 - The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches

Mon., May 30

Memorial Day Holiday - Church Offices Closed



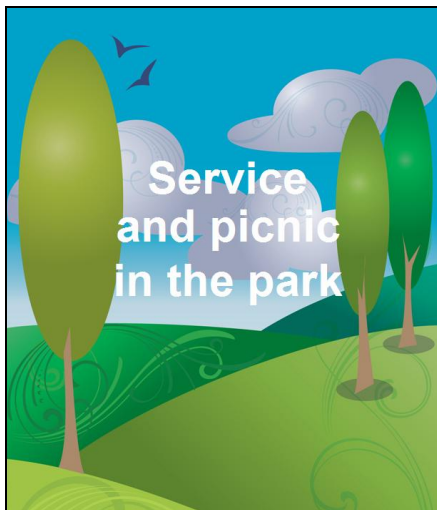
Bishop James Jelinek (pictured with Barb Sommers) prepared gourmet soup (two kinds each night!) for all four of the evening Lenten programs. He asked that contributions go to Nets for Life. It's not often we have a Bishop chopping onions in our kitchen and we thank him, Barb Sommers, Patty Pfalz, Don Husband, Jan Stoven and so many others who helped cook, shop, set up and take down.

HOLY APOSTLES PARTNERSHIP

Two fundraising events are coming up for Holy Apostles that St. John's is invited to participate in.

Have you run out of egg rolls since we last made them at St. John's? **Sunday, May 8th from 12 – 2pm** is your chance to stock up. They are taking orders in advance by the half dozen or dozen. Please contact May Ko Yan: mtyang@stthomas.edu if you would like to order egg rolls.

Then on **Saturday, May 14th** Holy Apostles will be holding their annual Community of Peace Fundraising dance. This is a night not to be missed with Hmong/Asian line dancing and great food available at the site. Let Jean Hansen or the Rev. Keely Franke know if you would be interested in going or would like more information.



Save the Date!!

This summer we will be joining Holy Apostles for a joint church service and picnic following at Como Park **Sunday, August 14th 10am – 2pm**. It will be one of the great ways we can welcome our new rector and to celebrate our partnership with Holy Apostles. We hope you'll put it on your calendar and join us there!


MY STILL POINT

- by Janey Cutting

I am part of a wonderful group of parishioners who, with the guidance of Keely, form the monthly contemplative service The Still Point, A Prayerful Service. It is a simple, quiet service that aims to help us still our minds and bring us in closer relation to God. I, like most of us, have a busy life filled with so many activities and distractions that it is far too easy to ignore my very real need to slow down and be still. To allow space for God to enter in. I know very well the importance of taking time to be closer to God, but tend to continually put it off. Put my need to be consciously with God at the bottom of my list instead of the top. This service gives me that time and space to still the noise of all the thoughts racing through my mind, to listen for God. Its peaceful, soft flow helps to center me. The lovely readings, prayers and chants awaken my soul and touch my heart. But it is during the time of silence where I hear God's loving voice and feel his warm embrace. It is a very spiritual experience for me. I come away each month refreshed and awakened to God's presence.

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 Still Point –
A Prayerful Service

Please...

Come as you are
Chant Sit quietly Reflect
Leave more calm & grounded

Thursday, May 12th 7–7:30 pm

St. John the Evangelist
Episcopal Church
60 Kent St Entrance
www.stjohnstpaul.org



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

All men are welcome!
We invite you to join us on
**Saturday, May 14, 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!**

June 11

July 9

Adult Education Schedule for May:

May 1: To be determined

May 8: The Psalms

The Rev. Keely Franke 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.

VESTRY CORNER

- From Junior Warden, Libby Snelson

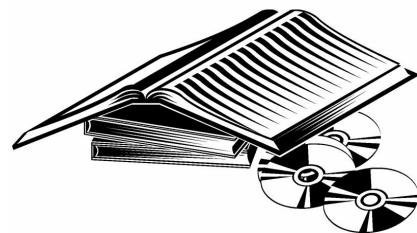
At its March 28, 2011 meeting, your Vestry heard a detailed report from Search Co-Chairs Phyllis Goff and Don Postema regarding our Rector Search process. The members of the Search Committee have been meeting weekly and working steadily on very thorough due diligence, prayerful discernment, and faithful adherence to the goals established through last year's discovery process. Scouting teams comprised of three members of the Search Team visited the congregations of semi-finalists as part of the careful process that culminated in calling St John's new rector. The months' long service of these St John's members is very much appreciated.



Because February's monthly meeting was cancelled due to (even more) snow, this was the first meeting for new Vestry members Kathy Brown, Tony Grundhauser, Jennifer Kinkead and Anneke Krall. Interim Rector Peggy Tuttle led the members in an introduction to Vestry work. Ways to respond to requests for support for projects and ideas were discussed.

LOOKING FOR OLD PHOTOS, STORIES, ANECDOTES, AND FOND MEMORIES

*For the new parish history of
St. John's being written by
Jim Frazier*



We are looking for materials that feature the people of the parish over the years. Do you have a photo of your marriage at St. John's, flyers of other memorable events, photos of Sunday School classes, the old Christmas pageants (complete with "angels" standing above the altar), or of vestries, rectors, choirs, youth groups, other parish organizations, the infamous Rector's Guild, parish outings, and other events of note, such as the art exhibit sponsored with Minneapolis' Institute of Arts. Do you have any recollections of events that should be remembered by posterity? Among the other photos to appear in the book will be a photo of Bob Binger's kindergarten class from St. John's Sunday School. It is priceless!

If you have anything to contribute or loan, please contact Jim Frazier at the church: 651 228-1172 x38. All photos will be returned.

**RUSSIAN PIANIST TO
PERFORM AT ST. JOHN'S**



A piano recital will be presented at St. John's on **May 8 at 4 pm** by the Russian prodigy Osip Nikiforov, currently enrolled at Shattuck-St. Mary's Episcopal School in Faribault.

Osip Nikiforov was born in 1994 in Abakan, Siberia, Russia. Before coming to the United States, his only piano teacher was his father, Alexander Nikiforov, a professor of piano at the University in Abakan.

Osip has won awards and honors in a number of piano competitions, including the Delphic Games of Russia in Krasnoyarsk, the Delphic Games of the former Soviet Union in 2005 and 2006, "Step Toward the Master" in St. Petersburg in 2007, Piano-e-competition in Minnesota in 2008, the Dorothy McKenzie Award in New York in 2009, and the A. Alieva Competition in France in 2010. Nikiforov is currently a student of Alex Braginski at the University of Minnesota.

The recital is open to the public and all are invited to attend. A reception will follow the recital.

The Handbell Quartet

Toll Free

presents

Sounds of Spring!

Sunday, June 12, 2011

4 o'clock pm

St. John the Evangelist

Episcopal Church

St. Paul, MN



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. An order form is included in this issue of the Evangelist for your convenience.**

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

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SERVICE SCHEDULE – MAY 2011

	READERS	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
May 1 – First Sunday with Baptisms, the 2nd Sunday of Easter						
8:00 am	Michael Garner					
10:00 am	(A) Joan Potter (B) Greg Schaffner	Dusty Mairs	* T.B.D.	George and Mason Kinkead; Shirley Sailors; Cammie Beattie	First Sunday – families in church	Godly Play Storytellers
May 8 – Holy Eucharist Rite I, the 3rd Sunday of Easter						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth					
10:00 am	(A) Bill Smale (B) Shirley Sailors	Pam Strom	*T.B.D.	Jeff & Peggy Olson, Andrew & Charlie	Wall Weinkauff Page	Shirley Sailors
May 15 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 4th Sunday of Easter						
8:00 am	Michael Garner					
10:00 am	(A) Gary Gleason (B) Jeff Olsen	Pat Brynteson	* T.B.D.	Alden Drew & Mimie Pollard; Mary-Louise & Brad Clary	Dueber Ferguson/Rinkoff Scheel	Mary Probst Morrison
Evensong	Greg Schaffner Joan Potter					
May 22 – Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, the 5th Sunday of Easter						
8:00 am	Alden Drew					
10:00 am	(A) Peggy Lemmon (B) Shirley Sailors	Ella Slade	*T.B.D.	Holly & Don Weinkauff. Eli; Barbara Snowfield	Finkel, Dave Johnson, Todd/Laura Wall	Joanne and Rod MacDonald
May 29 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 6th Sunday of Easter						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke					
10:00 am	(A) Sarah K. Smith (B) Jill Thompson	Diane Power	*T.B.D.	Roger Bowman, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Mary Ann Mason, Hank Snyder		Kathy Brown

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.

As we have greeted and interviewed candidates for the position of Rector at St. John's, many people have given their time and talent to welcome and feed our candidates and spouses as well as to familiarize them with St. John's and the surrounding area. Let us take this opportunity to thank all those who have so willingly given their efforts to make all of this happen. You are great representatives of what is good at St. John's and have allowed our search committee to focus on their important task of discernment. Below is a list of people who helped cook, serve, tour, entertain, and compile information on housing, education, and real estate in St. Paul.

Amy Axelson	Bob Baumann
Rob Beattie	Kathy Brown
Janey Cutting	Jennifer Durst
John Edgerton	Julia Ferguson
Karin Furois	Tony Grundhauser
Paige Hagstrom	Paul Hanson
Lynn Hertz	Don Husband
Jennifer Kinkead	Kirsten Loiseaux-Purcell
Patty Byrne Pfalz	Joan Potter
Diane Power	Bill Sherfey



Thanks also to those many of you who were willing to help if needed.

2011 Spring Plant Sale







FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH MINISTRY

DUE MAY 8TH PICK-UP ON MAY 14TH AFTER NOON, AND/OR 15TH AFTER CHURCH










Name: _____

Phone No: _____


Hanging Baskets: \$25.00 each


- _____  Bacopa - white
 - _____  Begonia, wax ~~red~~ ~~white~~ ~~pink~~
 - _____  Fuchsia
 - _____  Geranium _____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ salmon
 - _____  Impatiens _____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ mixed
 - _____  Petunia, Wave _____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ purple
- _____ **Total** x \$25.00 = _____



4 ½ ” Pots: \$5.00 each


- _____  Begonia, Reiger _____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ yellow
 - _____  Daisy _____ white _____ yellow
 - _____  Geranium _____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ salmon
 - _____  Impatiens (double) _____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ salmon
 - _____   Impatiens (New Guinea) _____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ salmon
 - _____  Spike
 - _____  Sprengeri
 - _____  Vinca Vine
- _____ **Total** x \$5.00 = _____

Annual paks: \$3.00 each

_____  Impatiens (6 plants/pak) ___ red _____ white _____ pink _____ mixed


_____  Petunia, wave (4 plants/pak) _ red _____ white _____ pink

_____   Coleus – mixed (6 plants/pak)

_____   Dahlia – mixed (6 plants/pak)

_____ **Total x \$3.00 =** _____


Annual paks (9 plants/pak): \$3.00 each


_____  Celosia_ red _____ mixed

_____  Verbena, mixed


_____  Dusty Miller

_____  Dianthus

_____  Cosmo _____ mixed


_____  Alyssum _____ White _____ Pink _____ Purple

_____  Marigold _____ yelloworange_ bi-color

_____  Petunia _ red _____ white _____ pink _____ blue _____ mixed

_____  Salvia _ red _____ blue _____ purple


_____  Snapdragons _____ mixed

_____  Vinca Rosa _____ red _____ white _____ pink

_____  Pansies & Johnny Jump-ups _____ mixed color paks


_____  Lobelia _____ blue

_____  Snap Dragons _ mixed color


_____  Phlox (annual) _ mixed color


_____ **Total x \$3.00 =** _____

_____  Peppers _____ Sweet Bell _____ Hot Banana

_____  Tomatos _____ Big Beef _____ LaRoma _____ Supersweet 100

3 ½ ” Pots: \$3.00

_____  Basil

_____  Oregano

_____  Italian Parsley

_____  Rosemary

_____ **Total x \$3.00 =** _____

_____ **Total number of pots/paks ordered**

_____ **Total amount payable to “St. John the Evangelist”**

Due May 8th

DID YOU KNOW?

Current projects supported financially by Faith in Action

Local:

Bill’s Pantry
St. Paul Area Council of Churches
Hallie Q. Brown Center
MICAH
The Family/Home Place
Project Home
Twin Cities Habitat For Humanity
Bridging
Food Shelf Donations
 -Neighborhood House
 -Department of Indian Work at St. Paul Council of Churches
 -Keystone
Jeremiah Program
The Big Net
Project Kathleen
Adopt-A-Family
Holy Apostles – companion parish (no financial support 2010)
Episcopal Church Home
Episcopal Community Services

National:

Oxfam America

International:

St. John’s Clinic Kayoro
Nets for Life (2011 only)

Faith in Action Commission Guidelines for Projects

Adopted by the St. John's Vestry, March 28, 2011

BACKGROUND

St. John's congregation is amazingly generous. We have local, national and international outreach supported by our members. We have energy to put towards the causes that we chose, and the ability to raise funds to support those efforts.

These are the responsibilities of the Faith In Action Commission as stated in 2003:

- 1) Identify opportunities for the parish to serve the community by using the resources of the building and the gifts of the congregation.
- 2) Recruit members to participate in outreach activities at the church and in the community.
- 3) Monitor activities and make regular reports to the vestry and the congregation.
- 4) Develop an annual allocation budget and distribute money.

A list has been compiled of the projects that St. John's currently supports either financially, through volunteer efforts, or both. Our list is impressive and diverse as we advocate for people in need in the Twin Cities, work to create networks for those looking for jobs, and have committed to funding the building and first year's expenses of St. John's Clinic in Kayoro in Uganda.

The Faith in Action Commission receives an annual allotment from the Vestry to implement its projects. Sometimes a specific fund-raising effort may be implemented for a certain project (such as Nets for Life—a project requested by Bishop Prior).

Sometimes new organizations or individuals seek funding and support from St. John's. We have put guidelines in place to determine if a specific proposal is feasible.

GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING NEW PROPOSALS

- 1. The proposal must complement our stated goals.** Our outreach focus is in the area of hunger relief, supportive housing/shelter and to participate in the Millennium Development Goals initiative set forth by the Episcopal Church. Additional outreach must complement these goals.
- 2. The proposal must not duplicate existing efforts by St. John's or nearby local agencies.** St. John's is involved in various types of outreach. Before a new partnership is created we should make sure we are not duplicating the efforts of other organizations that do similar work. We will consider how we are doing with our current relationships before committing to additional relationships. Are we meeting the goals set forth in the partnerships that exist? We should assess our level of involvement in terms of volunteer participation and financial support of the relationships that currently exist.
- 3. The proposal must be consistent with Safe Church Guidelines.** These Guidelines mandate certain types of training for those involved with certain types of projects connected with the parish.
- 4. The proposal must meet legal liability concerns.**
- 5. The proposal must be financially feasible.** It should be able to be funded through existing budgets and/or be realistic about new fund-raising initiatives needed to support the proposed action.

PROCESS FOR A NEW PROPOSAL

1. Advocates for a new proposal present idea to the Faith in Action Commission, addressing the criteria listed above.
2. FIA Commission makes a decision about the proposal and informs the proponents with explanations.
3. FIA vestry member brings the approved proposal to the Vestry as a point of information.

These guidelines will help the Faith in Action Commission determine if a specific opportunity is a good fit for the congregation of St. John the Evangelist. A member of the St. John's community brings the outreach opportunity to Faith in Action. We want to participate in outreach that supports the interests of our congregation.

THE HUGE SALE

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

Tear this sheet out and save for future reference!

The Huge Sale is approaching! Saturday, May 7th, will be here before we know it.

This year, setting up for the sale will take place the **first week in May**. Your assistance is appreciated the **mornings 9:30 am to Noon or evenings 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. Begin thinking about the days that will work for you!

Save Monday, May 9th to assist with The Huge Sale Bag Sale and cleaning up the Gym!

Sorting! If you are interested in sorting, leave a message for The Huge Sale for Claire or Mary and we will get back to you. You can also contact us by email at: HugeSaleSTJ@gmail.com

Donations are welcome! Donations can be left at the bottom of the stairway of the Parish Hall. Please remember that items need to be clean and working!

We are unable to accept: items needing cleaning or repair; hazardous waste items, appliances containing hazardous waste parts: TVs, VCR's, Computers, Stereos, turntables, speakers, phones, answering machines; children's equipment: car seats, cribs, etc; Furniture with cloth and stuffing; large appliances, mattresses or box springs; microwave ovens; carpeting, curtain rods; and unsellable items.

CALENDAR: Set-Up May 2 to 6; THE HUGE SALE, May 7th, The Huge Sale Bag Sale Day/Cleanup, May 9th!

** Please note that this is the CORRECT time for the sale. The Evangelist listed the time as 9:30-1:30 p.m. which is not correct.*

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EVENSONG FOR EASTERTIDE

Join us on Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m.

The Utrecht Te Deum by G.F. Handel
for chorus and soloists, with orchestra
followed by a festive reception.

