

THE EVANGELIST

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Wednesday Service

12:00 Noon
Holy Communion and Healing

Sunday Services

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

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

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This is my last article for the Evangelist. I will miss being with you on Sundays. I will miss you at other times, as well. I know you will have a glorious experience with your new rector, the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, his wife Erin and their delightful son. The horizon looks promising and full of joy as you venture into the next phase of your spiritual journey together in this place.

God has blessed me in so many ways, with a good marriage, happy children and grandchildren, and the joy of sharing in His ministry with you. It seemed appropriate to me that my last letter could be a sharing of a particularly moving experience I was privileged to have while serving as your interim rector.

Here's the story.

I recently performed an interment service for a former member of the parish. Having grown up in Saint Paul, her children wanted her ashes laid to rest where her first husband was buried at Oakland Cemetery.

We met in my office the day before to plan this short service. Interments are usually very short, consisting of a few prayers before committing the ashes to the ground. However, I soon learned how very important this particular service was to that family, especially the son. The daughter lives in a small town in Illinois and it was there where this woman had lived out her last years, buried her second husband, and completed her time on earth. Her son lives in a small town in the state of Washington and was not able to attend the Memorial Service in Illinois.

The planning only took a few minutes and then we got down to the real stuff of life. Brother and sister had not seen each other for a while and both had been born here in Saint Paul, and baptized here at St. John's. It was a homecoming for both of them. In fact, they kept saying that, "this is a homecoming for all of us." Of course they meant the two of them and their mother. It was here where their mother had grown up, where she met her first husband, where she had her children. It was here where she buried her first husband and now she was going to be laid next to him.

The son and daughter shared how their mother came to join St. John's. It seems her parents were not at all religious, in fact, the complete opposite. But one day she had an epiphany, "a light" was how she described it, and it moved her to aspire to a live a different life from her parents. (continued on page 2)



Evangelist Deadline

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August Issue / July 18

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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Several times her children mentioned that experience. They said they tried to get their mother to talk more about the light but that's all she would say.

After about an hour of remembrances while sitting in my office, her family had exhausted what they needed to share with me and they found their way out. They sought their childhood home and their mother's childhood home. They were remembering and reliving a life left behind in Minnesota.

It was dreary the next day when we gathered at the cemetery. Rain had been threatening all morning and it was cool enough that a coat felt really good. The son-in-law went to a florist to purchase flowers to be placed at the gravesite. Because of the time spent with them the day before I felt compelled to do more than a couple of prayers. I kept going back to my notes from our meeting and the importance they placed on their mother's experience with the light. I began to focus on that as a subject to talk about. A little research revealed a poem that continues to move me. I shared it with them that day at the gravesite. I offer it to you as my parting gift.

A Step

On the other side of darkness, far away there shines a light,
A light to end all sorrow,
A light to be ever free,
A light for a new tomorrow
A light for you and me

On the other side of darkness, far away there shines a light,
A light which gives out joy,
A light which is made of love,
A light which minds employ,
That light in heaven above

On the other side of darkness, far away there shines a light
A light which bathes mans mind
in the wisdom of eternal flame
That which will redeem mankind
And make the highest truths plain

Raja Sivaji

Editor's Note:

June 12, is the Rev. Peggy Tuttle's final Sunday at St. John's. She preaches and celebrates at both services.



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

June 5 – 7th Sun. of Easter

Main Altar

Dr. Charles E. and Esther E. Smith;
Charles E. III and
Ingrid O. Smith

Little Sanctuary Altar

OPEN

June 12 – The Day of Pentecost

Main Altar

Raymond and Florence Merrill

Little Sanctuary Altar

Neilson Seabury, William Nesbitt
and Jerome Buser

June 19 – 1st Sun. after Pentecost

Main Altar

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Ask
Charles and Elizabeth Jackson

Little Sanctuary Altar

Theodore and Genevieve Pilacinski

June 26 – 2nd Sun. after Pentecost

Main Altar

Frank Bacon Sears
Sarah Patterson Spence

Little Sanctuary Altar

Stuart M. Baker

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.

**GREETINGS FROM THE REVEREND JERED
WEBER-JOHNSON**

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings from Washington, DC where my wife Erin, my son Jude, and I are eagerly and excitedly planning our fast approaching transition to be with you at St. John the Evangelist in St. Paul this summer. Words cannot express the joy we feel at being called by you and the Holy Spirit to be a part of this next chapter of your (and now our)



life of faith at St. John's. Moreover, we are filled to the brim with gratitude for the many ways you are already welcoming us through notes and emails, through phone calls and the many behind-the-scenes plans to prepare for our arrival. Throughout the search process we have been continuously touched by the grace and generosity of the people at St. John's and we can say with all seriousness that in coming to be with you, we feel as though we are coming home.

This past Sunday I was delighted to be announced as your rector elect. For the parish community at St. John's this represents the culmination of well over a year of hard work by your parish staff, discovery team, search committee, vestry, and countless other groups and individuals. Many of you have shouldered extra tasks and duties, taken on new responsibilities, and given generously of your time, talent, and treasure. Your wardens Jay Debertin and Libby Snelson relayed to me the overwhelming support and admiration that you expressed in applauding the work of the search committee and discovery team this past Sunday. I join you in offering my own applause for all the deeply reflective, prayerful, and intentional work that went into this search. A special note of thanks is in order for the excellent leadership of St. John's Search Committee by co-chairs Phyllis Goff and Don Postema. Indeed, this parish community is blessed by an abundance of strong and faithful leadership.

I look forward to the many opportunities we will have to get to know one another in the weeks and months to come. Moreover, I treasure the prospect of pursuing the mission of God together in the years to come. Thank you again for this trust in calling me to be your next rector and thanks be to God for the ministry in which we have all been called to share. My wife Erin and son Jude send their greetings. We can't wait to be with you all very soon.

Faithfully,

The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

LAST CALL FOR PICTURES!

We are finishing the picture directory which will help our new rector get acquainted with us and us to get better acquainted with us. So:

~ If you have a picture from a previous directory, we will use that one unless you have had a new one taken, or email, mail, or drop off a new one.

~If you have not had a picture taken (or can't remember if you did or not), we have been taking them after the 8:00 service in the entryway and after the 10:00 service in the library the last three Sundays in May.. **JUNE 6 IS ABSOLUTELY THE LAST CALL!**

Please do your part to make our directory complete.

The Big Net in June

Job seekers, Join us every Thursday at 5:00 pm for Soup & Bread light supper followed by Networking Meetings 5:30 – 6:30 pm and individual time from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

June Seminars

The Big Net is finding that the seminars are excellent for Job Seekers, those employed looking for options, or looking to improve themselves within their current employment. This month is centered around working on your own, starting your own business with Michael Nord who started his own business, and then working as a consultant with Brian Merchant, Goodwill Industries. Watch for additional information.

Seminar schedule at www.TheBigNet.net.
All hosted by St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- by Ellen Harrington, Director of Children's Ministry



At the back of the church near the crayons are copies of "The Sunday Paper Junior." It is a visual medium of that Sunday's gospel for children. The Sunday Paper is created by Gretchen Wolff Pritchard. (GWP) Her particular job is to draw, with some text, memorable images in of the complex and often troubling stories and concepts contained in Holy Scripture. Godly Play's job is to simply tell scripture stories, ask wondering questions and let stick whatever sticks during that momentary access to a child's consciousness.

During Epiphany this year we heard not only the Beatitudes and the lovely 'consider the lilies' text but also challenging admonitions to cut out our right eye or cut off our right hand if they lead us astray as well as the ever eyebrow raising... 'love your enemies.' Children might hear such words in church but because Godly Play does not include many scripture statements, they wouldn't hear those specific words. We focus on how the people of God and Jesus were so close to God that they knew what God wanted them to do and on how the characters felt...to be lost in the desert? To be healed? To listen to Jesus?

In the latest Sunday Paper editorial GWP tackles the idea of loving your enemies. She's not referring to bossy siblings or micro-managing parents or supervisors but to Jesus-style persistence in loving those who persist in creating real harm. Resistance to harm must happen communally. Families, committees, parishes, classes, schools all need to support each other. I wonder if children's participation over time in Godly Play equips them with a foundation strong enough to cope with bickering and bullying where they encounter pain and hurt that are real?

Bullying, how to recognize and respond to it, is a concept that is front and center in schools at the moment. Many children seem to need a system upgrade in terms of manners, words and actions. Perhaps the absence of consequences and ignoring feelings make it difficult for children to distinguish what is harmful and what is not. The cliché about 'what would Jesus do?' may be newly relevant. Perhaps fostering self-possession and identity through knowing about Jesus will give children a realistic, not rhetorical base for seeing value in the common good.

Big thanks to this years Godly Play storytellers – **David Barrett, John Edgerton, Gus Axelson, Holly Weinkauff, Jay Clark, Andrew Krall and Karin Furois**. Also big thanks to **Lizza Berry** for singing and signing each Sunday with the PreK-K group. Also thanks to **Nina Costello, Anne Marie Buethe, Patrick Buethe and Payton Kinkead** for their very able assistance in the Nursery. I am looking forward to meeting with potential and returning storytellers as Jered begins to get to know our community. It will be an exciting year as we re-energize and recommit.

There are short, summer liturgy handouts at the back of the church. I encourage you to use them with your family – so that 'strength and honor are our clothing...our tongues are the law of kindness.' Many blessings for Pentecost and the coming of the Sustainer, the Holy Spirit. Be in touch – Ellen Harrington 651-699-4867 or ellenrhar@yahoo.com (preferred) or godly.play@stjohnsstpaul.org



June Birthdays

- 3 Linda Zelig
Addison Redman
- 5 Dick Diedrich
Mary Johnson
John Morley
Rachel Hartnett
- 6 Ben Turton
Jamie Wood
- 7 Roger Nelson
- 8 Charles Vaughan
- 9 Betty Myers
Benoni Grimes
- 10 Donald Husband
Phyllis Goff
- 11 Rachel Kimball
Sue MacIntosh
Edward Pfeiffer
- 12 Justin Gourlie
Richard Neuner
Babbie Pierson
Hannah Ross
- 13 Craig Lindeke
Shirley Michienzi
Delilah Page
- 14 Peter Lund
- 15 George Mairs
Robert McDuff
- 16 Miles Bowman
- 17 Clifford Brown
- 18 Ed Cook
- 19 Bill Sherfey
- 20 Lara Strom
Charles Foote
- 22 Theodore O'Brien
- 23 Pash Clamons
Eva Gemlo
Laura Kinkead
Jeff Olsen
- 24 Brandon Wiethorn
- 26 Sharon Kleckner
- 27 Zachary Brooks
Caroline Jaffray
- 29 Whit Morley
John Kinkead
Sandy Stratton-Rusch
- 30 Cindy Bachman
Kailey Everhart
Peter Fish
Dean Ramos

A Project Kathleen Update

- by Mary Frances Palmer

It could be you—on the phone—listening as a friend.
Simply supporting through contact—it's easy and satisfying.
You can do it—think about it.

A mentor is needed for a new Project Kathleen family. A Mentor is basically a listener rather than an advisor. The listening takes place once a week—either over the phone or in person for one year. Previous mentors have reported great satisfaction in nurturing a relationship of encouragement, ambition and positive results. Mentors are briefly trained by the Episcopal Community Services (ECS) social worker, Justin Fogel, who also continues his relationship with the family during their year of achieving financial independence. Please explore mentoring with Keely Franke, Holly Weinkauff or Mary Frances Palmer, Robbin Clamons or other members of the Project Kathleen committee.

In the news: St. Mary's Episcopal parish, our PK partner, invited us to meet at their church this month and we accepted. This was the second recent event with St. Mary's. Seeing new friendly faces and places is enjoyable and we look forward to more sharing in ministry.

Thank You HUGE Sale Volunteers!

The Huge Sale was held on Saturday, May 7th & Bag sale Monday, May 9th. A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped make both sales a success from the staff of St John's to generous donors, sorters, people who helped with table & sale set-up, sales people, security, money counters & all the people who helped pack up & haul all the left over merchandise that was donated to the Salvation Army.

The proceeds of the sales will be given to the Faith In Action group for its Community Outreach, In addition, donations will be distributed to assist in homelessness, The Listening House, Project Kathleen, The Big Net & the kitchen at St John's.

A number of donations have already come in for the next Huge Sale on Saturday, October 1st! Keep those donations coming in! If you are interested in sorting for the next Huge Sale please contact us, volunteers are always welcome.

Gratefully yours,
Claire Eckley & Mary Warren
Huge Sale Co-Chairs

June

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

8:30-Noon The Big Net
10:00 am Staff meeting

Wednesday:

11:00 am Wed. Bible Study
Noon Communion Service

Thursday:

5:30 pm Job Seekers Mtg.
6:00 pm Stories AA Group
7:30 pm Women's Recovery Group

Friday:

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday:

8 & 10 am Services

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.



The Artaria String Quartet, St John's artists in residence has released a new CD of music. You can order it from their website: www.artariaquartet.com

St. John's 2011 Calendar

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Fri., June 3 | 7:00 pm | Wedding |
| Sat., June 4 | 11:00 am | Edward R. Titcomb Service |
| | 5:00 pm | Wedding |

Sun., June 5 – First Sun. Eucharist – 7th Sun. of Easter

8:00 – The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.
10:00 – The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.
Grand Old Day – Youth selling parking spaces in lot.

Mon., June 6 4:00 pm Building Committee

Wed., June 8 12:30 pm Region Clergy Mtg.

Sat., June 11 8:30 am Toll Free Bells Rehearsal
9:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sun., June 12 – Holy Eucharist Rite II: The Day of Pentecost

8:00 – The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.
10:00 – Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.

Final Sunday at St John's for Interim Rector, the Rev. Peggy Tuttle

4:00 pm Toll Free Bells Concert & Reception

Tues., June 14 7:00 pm The Big Net Seminar

Sun., June 19 – Holy Eucharist Rite II: The 1st Sun. after Pentecost

8:00 – The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates. The Rev. Barbara Mraz preaches.
10:00 – The Rev. Keely Franke celebrates. The Rev. Barbara Mraz preaches.

Mon., June 20 4:30 pm Finance Mtg.

6:00 pm Vestry Mtg./Dinner

Tues., June 21 5:30 pm Big Net Congregations Mtg.

Thurs., June 23 6:30 pm Project Kathleen

Sun., June 26 – Rite I Morning Prayer/Eucharist:

The 2nd Sun. after Pentecost

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

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

Mon., June 27 6:30 pm American Guild of Organists Mtg.

Tues., June 28 7:00 pm The Big Net Seminar



May 2011 Confirmations: Thanks to Bishop Brian Prior for spending the afternoon with us for a service of confirmation, reception, and Holy Eucharist, on Sunday, May 1st at 2 pm. For the past two years, Holy Apostles has partnered with St. John the Evangelist, to offer a joint confirmation class for 9th & 10th graders. Bishop Brian confirmed 13 students (four from St. John's and nine from Holy Apostles) and four newly baptized adults, and received one adult into the Episcopal Church.

The confirmands from St. John's included: Anne Debertain, Eva Gemlo, Emma Grundhauser and Cooper Olson.

What is Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat for Humanity believes families need a “hand-up” and not a hand-out to break out of poverty. Each family selected to purchase a home from Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity invests 300 – 500 hours of “sweat equity” on their own house or other Habitat homes. Twin Cities Habitat then sells them the home without charging any interest. Monthly mortgage payments are scheduled so they do not exceed 30% of the family’s income.

Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. For more information about Habitat for Humanity International go to www.habitat.org, and for more information on Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity go to www.tchabitat.org or call 612-331-4090.

**Please join us for
Compline this summer!
Every Thursday ~ 7-7:15pm ~
Small Chapel**

The Contemplative Service group will be leading Compline this summer every Thursday evening. Compline is the final service of the day, recognizing that the work day has come to an end and it is time to enter into a more peaceful realm of rest. In many ways summer is this for us here in Minnesota. It is a time to go to the cabins and to take a break from our hectic schedules. Feel free to drop by from time to time this summer for this simple and most beautiful service!



Ready, Set, Build!

Join Us For This Summer’s Twin Cities Habitat For Humanity Project

St. John’s is a member of **Faith Builders**, an interfaith coalition of St. Paul churches that was organized in the fall of 2002 to participate in the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Workcamp program. Faith Builders consists of six congregations: Assumption Catholic Church, the Cathedral of St. Paul, House of Hope Presbyterian, St. Clement’s Episcopal, St. John’s Episcopal, and Unity Unitarian. Committed to putting their faith into action, the members of Faith Builders work to meet the need for affordable housing in the Twin Cities. Our Faith in Action Commission supports Faith Builders financially and with volunteers.

This year, the **2011 Workcamp** will be the weeks of **June 6 – June 17 (Monday through Friday each week)**. Construction takes place from 8:30 to 4:00 each day. We’ll be working on a new house being built at 315 30th Avenue North in Minneapolis (near Lowry and Lyndale, just off I-94), where several Habitat homes are being built. The construction will be in the early stages, so dramatic changes can usually be seen each day. This is an important addition to the stock of affordable housing for those with limited means. This will be the **9th** Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity project Faith Builders and St. John’s volunteers have participated in!

Plan ahead to join us for one or more days working in **general construction** or on the **food crew**. Each day there will be a work crew of 12-14 volunteers, and 3-4 volunteers preparing and serving snacks and lunch. All skill levels are welcome – you’ll be provided with tools and friendly instructions, if you need them. You’ll work with like-minded folk, people of faith from other local congregations, and you’ll be addressing the need for affordable housing in a concrete way. For information on St. John’s role in Faith Builders and volunteering, contact Don Postema, 651-483-3062, postema@comcast.net. You can signup by completing an application and returning it to Don, either via e-mail or hard copy. We usually can honor your request for specific day(s) and co-workers if you apply early, so plan now to join us in June.

When you see the smiles on the faces of the new owners of the house at the dedication open house next fall, you’ll know you shared in the work of faith building!

The Handbell Quartet

Toll Free presents

Sounds of Spring!

**Sunday, June 12, 2011
4 o’clock p.m.**





THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

All men are welcome!
We invite you to join us on
**Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m. in
the Gym Kitchen.**

Be prepared for good food, good
fellowship, and lively conversation.

Then, mark your calendars for
these dates in **2011 to meet in
the Gym kitchen!**

July 9

August 13

GRAND OLD DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 5!

We invite you to start your day
with First Sunday Eucharist at
St. John's on June 5. The
Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates
and the youth group is selling
parking places in our lot after
church.

**If possible, the youth group
requests that you look for a
parking spot on the street
that Sunday to free up
spaces in the lot.**

**Driving Tips for Getting
Around:** Traffic on Grand Old
Day always causes a bit of
confusion, but there are a few
ways to get around the Grand
Avenue road blocks. From
the South you might take Ayd
Mill Road. You could also
come up through downtown
St. Paul.

**The "Remember When"
column returns
next month.**

FINAL NEWS FROM THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

- by *Don Postema, Search Committee Co-Chair*



We're there.

The final details have been put in place, and you know that our new rector will be the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson! The Search Committee prayerfully considered the two final candidates after their visits to St. John's, and in a Spirit-guided final discernment process recommended Rev. Weber-Johnson to the Vestry for their consideration. The Search Committee reached a consensus that God was leading us to call him, the one best suited to lead us into the next phase of our life together. The Search Committee met with the Vestry and they unanimously endorsed our recommendation, leading to the final agreement between Rev. Weber-Johnson and our wardens. This means that Jered and his family, Ms. Erin Weber-Johnson and their son, Jude, will be joining us in midsummer.

For the Search Committee and Discovery Team, this means a time for celebration and thanksgiving! Lest you think our work is done, the Search Committee has been asked to be available to meet with the Rev. Weber-Johnson over the first year of his tenure at St. John's. Our process has been guided by the Discovery document, and our understanding of how the congregation hopes to shape our future will provide ongoing guidance for our new rector. We look forward to participating in this process based on our confidence in Jered, the person God has led to St. John's.

The word from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota is that our discovery and search process was exemplary, both in terms of the quality of the process and its relatively prompt completion. It has been just over a year since the Discovery Team began its work, and only 6 months since the Search Committee received the first slate of candidates. The Search Committee deeply appreciates your continued prayerful support over this time as well as your trust and confidence in our work.

In case you wondered, the members of the **Discovery Team** were Cammie Beattie, Kent Furois, Christine Garner, Becky Garthofner, Cameron Gemlo, Laura Kochevar, Andrew Krall, Dick Lyman, Diane Norman, and Joan Potter; the co-chairs were Rex Haberman and Gabrielle Lawrence. The members of the **Search Committee** were Emma Grundhauser, Rex Haberman, Bob Horn, Laura Kochevar, Mary Probst Morrison, Eloise Teisberg, and Jerry Woelfel; Phyllis Goff and Don Postema were the co-chairs. Paige Hagstrom was the clerk for both groups, and Jim Huber was our consultant from the Diocese. We believe this prayer was answered as we have reached our destination:

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

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SERVICE SCHEDULE – JUNE 2011

| | READERS | ALTAR GUILD TEAMS | ACOLYTES | USHERS | GODLY PLAY GREETERS | COFFEE HOUR |
|--|--|-------------------|----------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| June 5 – First Sunday Holy Eucharist, the 7th Sunday of Easter | | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | David Aylesworth | Dusty Mairs | * T.B.D. | Robbin Clamons; Bob Baumann | See you in the fall | OPEN |
| 10:00 am | (A) Joan Potter (B) Jeff Olsen | | | | | |
| June 12 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Day of Pentecost | | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Michael Garner | Pam Strom | *T.B.D. | Dave Barrett; Pat Brynteson | | Ian Ball |
| 10:00 am | (A) Cammie Beattie (B) Gary Gleason | | | | | |
| June 19 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 1st Sunday after Pentecost | | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Craig Lindeke | Pat Brynteson | * T.B.D. | Mary-Louise and Brad Clary | | Kathy Brown |
| 10:00 am | (A) Paige Hagstrom (B) Don Postema | | | | | |
| June 26 – Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost | | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Alden Drew | Ella Slade | *T.B.D. | Dick Diedrich; Lee Bradford | | Phyllis & Ray Frisby and friends |
| 10:00 am | (A) John Docherty (B) Keith Davis | | | | | |

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.

BAPTISMS ON MAY 1, 2011



Indira Cameron Smith



*Thomas Emmanuele Giambetti
with his parents*

On May 1, 2011 at the First Sunday 10:00 a.m. service, The Rev. Keely Franke baptized:

Indira Cameron Smith, daughter of Jeremy Smith and Sarah Harrington Smith and granddaughter of Ellen Harrington.

Thomas Emanuele Giambetti, son of Eloise Teisburg and Ettore Giambetti and grandson of Sarah K. Smith.

THE EVANGELIST INTERVIEWS OUR NEW RECTOR

1. **What one thing has impressed you about the Twin Cities during your brief visits here?** *The snow in May... very impressive! In all seriousness, my experience of the Twin Cities was almost entirely centered at St. John's. It is safe to say I was quite impressed by your hospitality and warmth. You are a generous and large-hearted bunch!*
2. **What is your greatest fear or anxiety about living here?** *See question #5. Like anyone else, I fear moving, making new friends, beginning again. I fear being vulnerable and taking on new challenges. And, like anyone else, I am working on it. I try to daily remember that I am beloved of God and to rest in knowledge that there is grace enough – even for me.*
3. **What is one of favorite lifelong “church memories?”** *Some of my favorite church memories come from that tiny Presbyterian parish overlooking the ocean in my hometown of Craig, Alaska. When I was growing up the church always opened the announcements up to the community (something my liturgical professors told me was absolutely “wrong”). There was always something about those moments that bordered on testimony. Folks asked for help on repairing a boat or a home, putting up salmon for winter, and prayers for a safe hunting trip. People said thanks for the food that had been brought to them when they were sick or grieving. Community members invited fellow parishioners to participate in this or that city event. Victories were celebrated and losses mourned. It was as if the church said collectively – this stuff, these problems and pain, these celebrations and passages – these are significant enough to bring to this place and this time and to offer into the midst of our worship of Almighty God. I take away from those memories that there is something valid and valuable about what we do in our everyday life – that it all matters to the rest of the Body of Christ, and it all matters to God.*
4. **Are you and Erin outdoorsy?** *We are indeed outdoorsy. We both enjoy kayaking, backpacking, camping, hiking, and running. As we've lived longer in urban environments, finding the out-of-doors has become increasingly difficult. In New York it meant taking the Metro North Train to the Appalachian Trail stop to hike, jogging along the Hudson, or walking in Central Park. Here in Washington we tend to gravitate to one of the hundreds of green spaces that dot the city or down into the hidden gem that is Rock Creek Park. We are already eagerly anticipating the numerous wild spots of the north country, doing more fishing, and maybe even taking up a winter sport or two!*
5. **What's a favorite Bible verse?** *There is actually a refrain repeated in dozens of Bible verses that I count as a favorite – Do not be afraid... fear not... do not let your hearts be troubled... do not fear. Repeated so many times and in so many different ways across the body of Scripture it begs to be paid some attention. It never ceases to amaze me how much fear can stand between me and growth (spiritual, emotional, even physical) and how much it can inhibit true love.*
6. **Any heroes? People you admire?** *My wife Erin is my only hero. She balances two jobs, serves voluntarily on a few boards, manages two kids (Jude and his dad), and looks great and keeps her charming personality while doing it all. I think she has super powers. They say you shouldn't meet your heroes... whoever they are, they're full of boloney. I married my hero.*
7. **Which part of the Search process did you most enjoy?** *There were several enjoyable parts. Because I have found the greatest delight in ministry comes through making and building on relationships, I really found the entire process to be edifying. At each turn Erin and I were meeting fabulous new people – you all – and finding out about what makes you tick, how you see God, and what are your hopes for the future.*
8. **Tell us a couple things about your wife Erin....***Beautiful, talented, smart, funny... where do I start? She spent a large part of her growing up years in central North Dakota and summers in Minnesota near the Detroit Lakes. So, while not “local” she has long held a love of the upper Midwest – particularly of its people. She is an avid reader and an adventurous soul. She has run two marathons, landed massive salmon, traversed some formidable peaks, lived on two continents, and still thinks a weekend at the lake with family is the best treat a person can have. You won't meet a kinder more down to earth person. But, then again, I'm biased.*

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9. **Favorite book or movie?** *Loved both the short story and movie “A River Runs Through It” written by Norman MacLean and directed by Robert Redford.*
10. **Do you have a “guilty pleasure?”** *Too many to list. Bacon, good beer, Will Ferrell comedies, the Food Network, Flight of the Conchords... to name a few.*

Renaissance Woman*

A PORTRAIT OF SUE MACINTOSH

“A woman who has a wide range of accomplishments and intellectual interests.”

- by Barbara Mraz

She is a scientist, a mother, grandmother, and owns a boat she charts out of Bayfield. She has been the vice president of Global Regulatory Affairs for one of the six largest bio-chemical companies in the world: Bayer Crop Science. And she is a person of faith who has found a home at St. John’s.

Sue MacIntosh moved back to Minnesota from North Carolina six years ago to be closer to her family including daughters Katie and Laura as well as grandchildren Will and Chloe, and to start an independent consulting company after many years of “horrible corporate politics” and exhausting travel. In one year, business travel took her to Europe seven times, as well as to Japan, Costa Rica, and Argentina – not counting numerous trips within the U.S. At one point, she had 45 people reporting to her from 17 countries, and the stress level to go with it. At the same time, she was single parenting two daughters!

She has been in the agricultural tech industry for 25 years, joining Monsanto in 1987. There she helped develop the very first genetically-modified crops, specifically bio-tech corn and soybeans which contained a built-in resistance to herbicides and certain insects, and also gave better yields. “It was a remarkable time to be in science,” she says.

She is one of those rare people who was “bothered” by the huge salary she was being paid by the company as vice president, feeling that it was somehow unfair in the bigger scheme of things. So six years ago she left her job at Bayer, returned to St. Paul where her family is, and started her own independent business, MacIntosh & Associates. The firm focuses on biosafety compliance services for clients developing biological-based products for the agricultural market—biotech crops and biopesticides used by organic growers. She still travels but not nearly as much, and visits with friends from various parts of the world are always part of the package now.

She explains that the advantage of products such as biologically-modified corn is that once the corn borer gets into an ear of corn, it goes in so deep that it is not affected by the insecticides being sprayed on it. With biologically-modified corn, however, the borer is affected as soon as it takes a bite, since the corn has been modified to resist the insect. Hence the need for less insecticide, and biotech corn has the same insect protection as organic growers use on their crops.

Sue’s consulting job is to demonstrate to companies, and in some cases, to countries, that this whole process is safe for the consumer. Ask her yourself sometime about her view of “the organic issue” -- and be prepared to hear quite an argument!

Sue labels herself as a lucky person because she is able to do things now that she would have to put off until retirement if she was not heading her own consulting company. This includes lots of time with the grandchildren and family, building a house on Moose Lake in Wisconsin where she will eventually live full time (“The Internet makes it possible to work from anywhere”), being closer to nature and all she loves about it, spending time on her boat, *Midnight Lady*, and pampering her dogs (“Shy Dog Maddie” and “Wild Dog Pete”).

Oh – and then there’s this obsession with Iowa football....

*A Renaissance Woman, indeed. How lucky we are to have her at St. John’s.

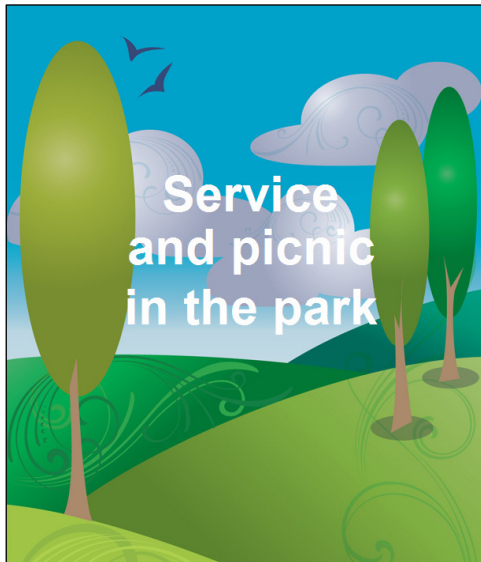


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