



# THE EVANGELIST

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**COME...  
JOIN US IN WORSHIP**

### Wednesday Service

12:00 Noon  
Holy Communion and Healing

### Sunday Services

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

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

### OFFICE HOURS

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



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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!  
Barb Schaer-Mady, Editor

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### FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR

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### Salt and Light

Matthew 5: 13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?"

It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

How can salt lose its saltiness?

On Saturday morning, February 5<sup>th</sup>, I had just left the church after a morning meeting. Snow was piled up on every street, especially at intersections, which made it a challenge to see oncoming traffic. I was listening to National Public Radio when Scott Simon said, "Americans just can't seem to get enough salt. We've heard about that in our diets. But in this case we're talking about the surging demand for road salt this winter. In snowy New England, where the refrain of highway departments has become please pass the salt, the business of selling salt is thriving."

Scott reported that Reporter David Boeri visited the Eastern Salt Company's terminal in Chelsea, Mass., to learn a bit more about the road-salt business:

DAVID BOERI: A short jump across the harbor from Boston in the tiny city of Chelsea sits a 40 to 50 foot mountain of multicolored crystals draped by a red, white and blue tarp. It sings a song that salt is King. He asks "What's the secret of the salt business?"

Mr. PAUL LAMB (Manager, Eastern Salt Company): "Snow and ice."

BOERI: In the road salt business of Massachusetts, Paul Lamb is better known than the Morton Salt girl. He manages the Chelsea terminal for the Eastern Salt Company.

It was enlightening interview. I had no idea the different colors of salt, the different countries that provide our road salt and just how much we depend on the stuff in order to get around in winter.

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## VESTRY MEMBERS

Jay Debertin, *Senior Warden*  
Libby Snelson, *Junior Warden*  
Anneke Krall, *Youth*  
Rob Beattie, *Music*  
Fred Berndt, *Stewardship*  
Sue Cadwell, *Clerk of Vestry*  
Gary Gleason, *Spiritual Life*  
Pam Richards, *Children's Ministry*  
Lynn Hertz, *Adult Education*  
Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*  
Kathy Brown, *Membership*  
Terri Fishel, *Communication*  
Diane Norman, *Fellowship*  
Jennifer Kinkead, *Faith in Action*  
Tony Grundhauser, *Finance*  
Don Weinkauff, *Property*

## ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

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

## CLERGY

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

## STAFF

Lizza Berry, *Youth & Children Choirs Director*  
Nina Costello, *Nursery Supervisor*  
James Frazier, *Director of Music & Organist*  
Curt Gagner, *Building Supervisor*  
Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*  
Jean Hansen, *Youth and Family Minister*  
Ellen Harrington, *Children's Minister*  
Chris Henry, *Building Assistant*  
John Oldfield, *Office of the Asst. Treasurer*  
Barb Schaer-Mady, *Office Administrator*  
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*

(From Our Interim Rector - (Continued from page 1.)

BOERI: Massachusetts state highways have used over 370,000 tons of salt this year. As a commodity, salt is relatively inexpensive. The biggest cost component is moving it. Road salt is nothing if not cosmopolitan. The multiple colors in the mountain are like flags of origin. Mr. LAMB: The brown salt is out of our mine over in Chile. Now, the white salt's from Mexico, that's a solar salt which is evaporated out of the ocean. Generally we'll have some Irish salt. We'll have some Egyptian salt.

BOERI: What's Egyptian salt?

Mr. LAMB: Egyptian's kind of a grayish salt. Thursday we have a ship coming in from Australia.

Interesting stuff, but what was Matthew writing about in that Gospel lesson? Road salt, as we know it, was unknown in Biblical times. No snow – no salt. I was intrigued by the report on road salt and the idea from Matthew that salt could lose its saltiness. As far as I knew, salt was always salty. We know the damage that road salt does to our lawns and our cars. It has even been reported that it eventually gets in our drinking water. How can it then lose its saltiness?

We also know that salt is one of the oldest preservatives, much used and needed in preventing meats from going bad. But how does salt lose its saltiness? What was Matthew writing about?

In his book *Jesus of Palestine*, E. F. F. Bishop gives a very likely explanation. He writes that in Palestine the ordinary oven is out of doors and is built of stone on a base of tiles. In order to retain the heat in these ovens a thick bed of salt is laid under the tiled floor. After a certain length of time the salt perishes. Having lost its power to heat, the salt is then removed from under the tiles and thrown outside on the road. There it is: road salt that has lost its saltiness.

I continue to struggle with the lesson and what it means for me today. The best I can come up with is this: as a Christian I have a responsibility to bring "saltiness" to those around me. How I live in this world is important. I must be mindful in my relationships with you and others to keep these relationships fresh and not to lose my saltiness.

What is your take on this lesson?



ASH WEDNESDAY **MARCH 9 – SERVICES AT NOON  
AND 7:00 P.M.**



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

**Mar. 6 – Last Sun. After Epiphany**

**Main Altar**

Theodore and Genevieve Pilacinski

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

Elizabeth and Frank Ward

**Mar. 13 – 1st Sun. in Lent**

**Main Altar**

Lola O. Ferguson

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

A. Gerson Miller; Lilyan Alexander;  
Aaron Alexander; George S. Halas,  
Sr.; George S. Halas, Jr.

**Mar. 20 – 2nd Sun. in Lent**

**Main Altar**

OPEN

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

In thanksgiving and loving memory  
of Lisa Richcreek on her birthday.

**Mar. 27 – 3rd Sun. in Lent**

**Main Altar**

OPEN

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

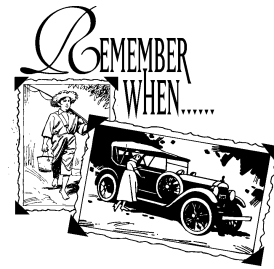
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**ALTAR FLOWERS 2011:**

The memorial flowers on the Main and Little Sanctuary altars are given by parishioners on a perpetual calendar basis. For next year, 2011, there are a few Sundays available for donors to sign up to give the flowers for either of our altars. The cost is \$35 for the Main Altar and \$15 for the Little Sanctuary altar. If you are interested please contact **Dusty Mairs** or **Barb** in the office to find out the available dates for each altar.

**FROM ST.  
JOHN'S NEWSLETTERS**

**March 1936 – 75 years ago**



A RADIO BROADCAST of our Parish choir will take place at the studio of WTCN on the evening of Sunday, March 15th at 6:30. This is the first time that our choir has had a part in the city-wide music appreciation hour. We hope that all loyal St. John's people will keep their radio dial set in anticipation of the voices of the men and boys.

St. John's

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD needs one large sized suit of clothes for a man and also underclothing.

POLAND is a Roman Catholic country uncomfortably set down in a Slav area which has never had a great public issue entirely separate from Religion. Programs and government discrimination against Jews have lately reached a height almost comparable to the Nazi policy... The Nazi "kultur" is rapidly invading Poland as well as Austria, having been strengthened by a recent "hunting trip" of General Goering's. Although the general met with little sporting success, the time between outings was pleasantly and (profitably) spent in conversations with the Polish government leaders.

**March 1961 – 50 years ago**

DEAR MR. MEAD: Recently members of several parishes have shown an interest in learning more about the subject of Foster Home Placements. We are happy about this and about the fact that some families are presently considering taking an Indian boy or girl into their homes. Many children are shut off from family and are housed in institutions because no homes have been found for them.

We are especially concerned about this need among our Indian children. We are... not taking our share of the responsibility for our own members who need this particular assistance. And we are shutting ourselves off from a rewarding experience and from a sense of doing our part in Christian outreach in helping to meet this real community need.

Sincerely, (Mrs.) Isabel McLaughlin, Director, Urban Indian Work

**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!*



## Join Us for an Evening at the Theater!

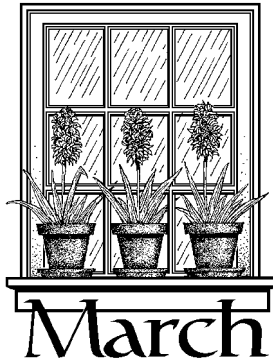
*"In 1957, Americans were falling in love to the sweet sounds of Nat "King" Cole. His carefully manicured image distracted an entire generation of white viewers from the reality of racial violence raging in the streets. Still, Cole believed that with enough talent and persistence he would be judged on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

And we can see it first! We have reserved a block of tickets for the **Friday, April 29** performance at Penumbra. Tickets are \$34 if we have forty attendees, \$38 otherwise. Board member **Phyllis Goff** (and guest?) will prepare us for the play on **Sunday, April 17 at our 9:00 Adult Ed.** (The wonderful actor Dennis Spears plays Nat). We'll have a follow-up discussion on the play and prejudice in America today at Adult Ed on Sunday, May 1. *To reserve the block of tickets, we ask that you get your checks to the office (made out to Penumbra) by March 15. You can also get them later by calling Penumbra yourself.*

- Barbara Mraz

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- by Ellen Harrington, Director of Children's Ministry



Once in a while I fall prey to what I call "my cool, modern thoughts mode" in which the language of spirituality and religion are curiously mute. Instead, words come out of my mouth in the language of psychology. A language I'm comfortable with all the time. My hesitation in speaking about the life of the spirit puzzles me. My spiritual director hears about the life of my soul and a couple of friends do as well. Sometimes soul musings bombinate only in the privacy of my own head. I find it difficult to talk about religion or spirituality without sounding preachy or evangelical or ignorant.

The reality of my experience of the Divine seldom survives the leap from a felt reality to a spoken or written reality. I do have more success with writing but regularly find myself mulling over the intensely private nature of spiritual growth. And growth it is. Discernable by reflecting back and identifying points of change, by checking out experiences after which I feel, however subtly, different.

When people ask about my job with children's education, I emphasize the Montessori connection of Godly Play. Telling the stories of our Christian tradition without telling kids what to believe is how it's done. We look at how Biblical leaders and communities sustained themselves over time and compare to what we do today. And I loop a child's spiritual development right along side their physical, emotional and social development.

Early last December I received a validation for the importance of religious education for children by way of a coworker who is the mother of three preschool children. Our conversation began when I mentioned some books I purchased for my great niece and nephew. She told me about being the parent helper at preschool. Half the children were chatting happily about baby Jesus and pageants. The other half heard the talk and had no clue. My friend decided on the spot that she did not want her children to be among the culturally clueless. I gave her a copy of my favorite nativity story as a place to begin.

From that I am reminded that you never know what children or youth take from our attempts a religious education. We offer stories and community on schedule while their brains mature to a point where they need a deeper understanding of the relationship between their spirit and their every day life. Also, I hold fast to a Marian Woodman idea. She says that "where a (person) is able to participate in the rituals of a church, Christian or otherwise...ritual provides a certainty that the god who suffers and dies will rise again...without the orthodox ritual, he or she cannot know that the sacrifice of the old will lead to the birth of the new." To die is to live. Hmmm...something for Lent maybe?

Godly Play is into Jesus stories...still looking for a couple of storytellers. Be in touch - Ellen Harrington, Children's Ministry - 651-6994867 or ellenrhar@yahoo.com



### March Birthdays

- 1 Maverick Tiller
- 3 Linnea Krall  
Gabrielle Lawrence
- 4 Libby Snelson  
Lyelle Palmer
- 5 Pam Richards
- 6 Rebecca Debertin
- 7 Alex Diaz  
Justine Humphrey  
Marshall Burrows
- 9 Hannah Kuhn
- 12 Richard Gross  
William Allen
- 13 William Latta
- 14 Cynthia Heath  
Helen McDaniel  
Charlie Olsen  
Lauren Haberman
- 15 Kathleen Stuart
- 16 Sara Allen Schmitt
- 17 Andrew Giese  
Meredith Hansen  
Steve Myllenbeck  
Kathy Yaeger  
Sandra Roe  
Diane Power
- 18 Daniel Brown
- 19 Helen Baxter
- 20 Sarah Jeffery  
Rick Rinkoff
- 21 Timothy Krall
- 22 Stacey Keeler
- 23 Richard Rasch
- 24 Priscilla Farnham  
Alexa Avery  
Asher Edgerton-Dodes
- 25 Beverly Kern  
Linda Lindeke  
Caroline Jeffery  
Peter Flyckt Finneran
- 26 Jackson Klein  
Richard Richardson
- 29 Justin Yaeger  
Steven Adams
- 30 Peter Morley
- 31 Marguerite Baxter

## A Project Kathleen Update

- by Alice Johnson and Holly Weinkauff

*men·tor noun \men-tôr, -tər\ a trusted counselor or guide*

This definition from Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary describes just one of the roles of Project Kathleen Mentors. We are guides, as well as tutors, role models, and confidants.

But perhaps the most important thing we do as mentors is listen, encourage and celebrate. We listen as our families are working out the best way to transition out of poverty. We encourage them in their goals. And we celebrate with them when they achieve one of their goals.

Project Kat mentors also provide an important connection between the families and our congregation. Of course the financial support our congregation provides is essential, but the mentor provides a deeper way of connecting St. John’s to the families. We have a relationship.

Through Project Kathleen, mothers and families who would have never met, mothers and families who have very different life experiences, are brought together. We realize that even though our situations are different, we are all trying to do what’s best for our children.

The Project Kathleen mothers we work with inspire us with their resourcefulness, their humor in the face of hardship and setbacks, and their tenacity and drive to get where they want to go.

If you’d like to learn more about Project Kathleen, please join us at our next meeting on **Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m.** (see Kent Street bulletin board for location).



**We are Collecting Books for Adults and Children served by ECS.**



Have a great book you’ve already read and are ready to pass along? You can donate it to the program participants of ECS.

Books for all ages and reading levels are needed. Bring your books to church and place them in the boxes in the narthex and by the office.

Thank you!

# MARCH

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday:

8:30-Noon The Big Net  
10:00 am Staff meeting  
5:45 pm Bell Choir  
6:30 pm Youth Basketball

### Wednesday:

11:00 am Wed. Bible Study  
Noon Communion Service  
5:30 pm Youth Choir  
6:00 pm Rector Search Comm. Mtg.  
6:00 pm Youth Group Dinner & Mtg.  
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  
7:00 pm Men's Blue Book 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.)  
6:30 pm Sun. Men's Basketball

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

(unless announced otherwise)

### 2nd Saturday:

9:00 am Men's Breakfast

### 3rd Monday:

4:30 pm Finance  
6:00 pm Vestry

### 4th Thursday:

6:30 pm Project Kathleen

### 2nd and 4th Tuesdays:

7:00 pm The Big Net Seminars

### 3rd Tuesday:

5:30 pm The Big Net Congregational Planning Mtg.

## MAKE THE SWITCH!

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

The old address expires soon!

# St. John's 2011 Calendar

<b>Tues., Mar. 1</b>	4:00 pm	Building Committee
	7:00 pm	Property Commission
<b>Fri., Mar. 4</b>	all day preparations for St. Mary's Silent Auction in Gym	
<b>Sat., Mar. 5</b>	5-6:00 pm	St. Mary's Silent Auction & Hors D'oeuvres
	6:30 pm	Gourmet Dinner
	7:15 pm	Live Auction
<b>Sun., Mar. 6 - First Sun. Eucharist: The Last Sun. after Epiphany</b>	1:00 pm	Confirmation Prep
<b>Tues., Mar. 8</b>	6:00 pm	Shrove Tues. Pancake Dinner
<b>Wed., Mar. 9 noon &amp; 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Ash Wed. Service</b>	
	12:30 pm	Region Clergy Mtg.
<b>Thurs., Mar. 10</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Contemplative Service</b>
<b>Sat., Mar. 12</b>	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast
<b>Sun., Mar. 13 - Holy Eucharist Rite I: The 1st Sun. in Lent</b>		
<b>Wed., Mar. 16</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Evensong in the church</b>
	6:00 pm	Lenten Series dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Series program
<b>Sat., Mar. 19</b>	7:00 pm	Artaria Student Concert
<b>Sun., Mar. 20 - Holy Eucharist Rite II: The 2nd Sun. in Lent</b>	<i>The Rev. Michael Lapsley is the guest preacher.</i>	
<b>Mon., Feb. 21</b>	4:30 pm	Finance Mtg.
	6:00 pm	Vestry Mtg./Dinner
<b>Wed., Mar. 23</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Evensong in the church</b>
	6:00 pm	Lenten Series dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Series program
<b>Thurs., Mar. 24</b>	6:30 pm	Project Kathleen
<b>Sun., Mar. 27 - Morning Prayer/Eucharist: The 3rd Sun. in Lent</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Evensong for Lent &amp; Reception</b>
<b>Tues., Mar. 29</b>	6:00 pm	Fellowship
<b>Wed., Mar. 30</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Evensong in the church</b>
	6:00 pm	Lenten Series dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Series program

## NEWS OF GREG LARSEN

**NOTE:** Many of you remember **Greg Larsen, former organist at St. John's** (and also a colleague of mine at the Blake School). Please pray for Greg and his family.

Here is an update from his Caringbridge site:

"Laurie and I have been living in Colorado for the past several years. I retired from full-time teaching in 2008 and am currently the Director of Music at the Church of the Ascension (Episcopal) in Denver. "On January 21, I was admitted to the ER at Exempla/St. Joseph hospital where I had tests that determined that I had a brain tumor. On January 25, I underwent surgery to remove a malignant grade 4 glioma from an area in my brain located near my right temple. The remarkable medical treatment, continuing prayers, and concern of so many people are gratifying to all of us."  
*Greg Larsen*

I know he'd appreciate hearing from you,

Address: 700 Holly St., Denver CO 80220

or visit Greg on his Caringbridge: greg\_larson

- Barbara Mraz



**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@saintmarysepiscopal.org](mailto:auction@saintmarysepiscopal.org)

Website:

[www.saintmarysepiscopal.org](http://www.saintmarysepiscopal.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](mailto:keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org) or 651-228-1172, ex 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 Still Point –  
A Prayerful Service

Please...

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

Thursday, March 10 at 7-7:30 pm  
St. John the Evangelist  
Episcopal Church  
60 Kent St Entrance  
[www.stjohnsstpaul.org](http://www.stjohnsstpaul.org)



**THE MEN'S  
BREAKFAST GROUP**

All men are welcome!  
We invite you to join us on  
**Saturday, March 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:**  
**April 9 (held at Jim Johnson's due  
to TEC weekend)**  
**May 14 - Gym Kitchen**



**N.Y. Times  
Article by  
Gus Axelson**

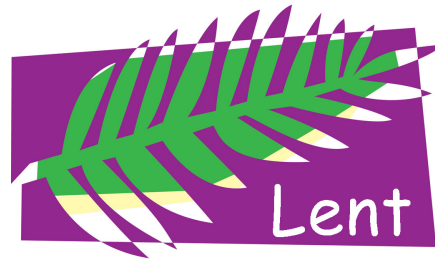
- by Barbara Mraz

Parishioner Gus  
Axelson is an  
occasional nature  
and travel writer

for the New York Times. He has  
a wonderful article in the  
February 6 paper, "A North  
Woods Napa for Beer Lovers."  
You may want to read the piece  
online (just google the title in the  
previous sentence) or on the  
bulletin board outside of the  
church office -- it is great writing  
(and very informative, from a  
beer standpoint). Gus will be  
speaking about his work at adult  
education on March 6. Don't  
miss it!

"Icicles hung from the red  
awning of the South Shore  
Brewery in Ashland, Wis. The  
door opened and a frigid gust off  
Lake Superior blew a few more  
folks inside, their collars  
upturned and stocking hats  
pulled down past their eyebrows.  
At the bar, I turned back to the  
pint glass of midnight black  
stout with a foamy head. The  
beer's bouquet tickled my nose -  
zingy peppermint, brisk as the  
wind off the lake.

Herbal stouts are the  
consummate winter beer -  
festive, hearty inoculants against  
bitter chill."



**Evening Lenten Series 2011**

Wednesday evenings from March 16-April 13  
Dinner (monetary donations welcome) 6:00 p.m.  
Program 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

"Everybody in the world - including you and me - has  
stories of pain and grief, depression and despair, hopelessness and  
sorrow. Some of them we survived well. Some of them we didn't.  
The question is why."

So begins the book (named above), written by Benedictine  
nun, Sr. Joan Chittitser, which we will use in our Lenten series.  
(Books can be purchased for \$10 and should be available in the  
office by March 1).

Using material from the book, as well as from our own  
survival stories, Scripture, the daily newspaper, literature such as  
*To Kill a Mockingbird*, and excerpts from movies such as "Invictus,"  
"Scarface," "They Shoot Horses, Don't They," "Gran Torino," and  
"Dream Girls," we will explore these paired themes:

- The Struggle of Isolation ~ The Gift of Independence
- The Struggle of Exhaustion ~ The Gift of Endurance
- The Struggle with Powerlessness ~ The Gift of Surrender
- The Struggle of Vulnerability ~ The Gift of Limitations
- The Struggle of Scarring ~ The Gift of Transformation

Chittitser writes, "Every major spiritual revelation known to  
humankind - Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and  
Islam-- is, in fact, based on the bedrock of hope."

The question is how to get there.

Join us for what promises be a thought-provoking addition  
to your experience of Lent this year.

Facilitator: The Rev. Barbara Mraz  
(Barbara taught English and Communications for 25 years at The  
Blake School and is author of *Finding Faith at the Movies*,  
Morehouse, 2005).

Childcare is provided.

## SUNDAY IN THE CHAPEL: GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK....

For the month of February, we have been having the 8:00 service in the chapel, as opposed to the Little Altar in the nave. Like it? Don't like it? E-mail [peggy.tuttle@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:peggy.tuttle@stjohnsstpaul.org) or call the church to register your opinion with one of the clergy.

## MAKE THE SWITCH TO NEW STAFF E-MAILS!

If you have not yet switched over to using the new staff e-mail addresses, please do so as the old addresses will be discontinued soon. The OLD addresses end in @stjohnsepiscopal-paul.org

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## LENT - So Why Bother?

- by the Rev. Barbara Mraz

Most of us want more from our religion, our faith, and our church than we're getting. More comfort; clearer answers; unshakable faith. But as is often the case, **these things can cost us:** time, attention, self-discipline. They can interfere with our daily regimen, interrupt our schedules, force us to cut things out of our lives and add other things, all with no guaranteed payoff! God can work God's purpose out in multiple ways in each of our lives, but most of us have higher priorities than increasing "church time."

This Lent, I encourage you to change that. Out of the 365 days of the year, I challenge you to **tithe** (36.5 but let's say 40 days) and use a part of each of the *forty* days to pay attention to more than the surface aspects of your life. The author of a book called *Beyond Words*, suggests that Lent is a time to ponder questions such as these:

- "If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or whether there isn't, which side would get your money and why?"
- If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in twenty-five words, or less?
- If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?"

The Church is all set to help you use Lent as a time to ponder the Big Questions: **Mark the beginning of Lent by coming to one of our services on Ash Wednesday, March 9, at noon or 7 P.M..**

Ash Wednesday confronts us with what we have become, and prods us to do better. It brings us the sobering reminder: "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Lent starts with this jolt!

- Ponder the **liturgical changes** we experience during Lent: purple vestments, silent processions and recessionals, special readings and music.
- Do some research about Lenten practices (you know you're in front of a screen a lot!)
- Pick up a copy of **the book of Lenten readings** provided by the Spiritual Life Commission, with an inspiring passage for each day by the wonderful writer Henri Nouwen. Available at the back of the church Sunday, March 6 and after. (Or find a series of **online Lenten meditations** you like. We'll put suggestions in the Sunday bulletin.)
- Attend **Evensong** at the little altar in the nave of the church at 5:30 **on Wednesdays during Lent** (Then) **Come** to the **Wednesday evening Lenten series** "Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope" (description elsewhere in *Evangelist*).
- Read the book of the same name in connection with the series, available soon in church office for \$10).
- **Volunteer to help us** set up and put out the food before each session, or to clean up.

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

	READERS	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
<b>March 6 – First Sunday Eucharist, the Last Sunday after Epiphany</b>						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth					
10:00 am	(A) Gary Gleason (B) Jeff Olsen	Pat Brynteson	Cooper Olson, Madeline Weinkauf, Eli Weinkauf	George and Mason Kinkead; Bob Horn & Kathleen Holmes	First Sunday – families in church	Godly Play Families: Scheel Pam Richards Krall
<b>March 9 – Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.</b>						
Shirley Sailors is the reader at the 7:00 p.m. service and Altar Guild is the Ella Slade team.						
<b>March 13 – Holy Eucharist Rite I, the First Sunday in Lent</b>						
8:00 am	Michael Garner					
10:00 am	(A) Cammie Beattie (B) Alden Drew	Ella Slade	Emma Grundhauser, Johannah Frisby, Miranda Cygan	Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff; Barbara Snowfield; Benoni Grimes	Page Todd/Laura Johnson Wall	Phyllis Merrill
<b>March 20 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, the Second Sunday in Lent</b>						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke					
10:00 am	(A) Joan Potter (B) Keith Davis	Diane Power	Eva Gemlo, Lucy Grundhauser, Ashlyn Clamons	Holly & Don Weinkauf, Eli; Jay Debertin	Roberts Baxter Ferguson-Rinkoff	Mary-Louise & Brad Clary
<b>March 27 – Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, the Third Sunday in Lent &amp; Evensong for Lent at 4:00 p.m.</b>						
8:00 am	Alden Drew					
10:00 am	(A) Jill Thompson (B) Peggy Lemmon	Dusty Mairs	Charlie Olsen, Alex Joyce, Tim Krall	Kevin Shaw, Kelsey and Mac; Ian Ball	Scheel Weinkauf Loiseaux-Purcell	Karin Furois
4:00 pm	John Docherty					

*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.*



**Congratulations to Charlie Olsen!**

*The photo above includes the St. John's parishioners who attended Charlie Olsen's Eagle Ceremony at Presbyterian Church of the Way (PCOTW) in Shoreview. Charlie is a member of Troop 408 and PCOTW is the charter partner of Troop 408. The photo on the left is Charlie wearing his eagle badge and all of his other badges.*

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

- by Don Postema, Search Committee Co-Chair

Are we there yet?  
How much longer will it be?  
How many candidates are still in the running?  
Are there any good candidates?  
Do any really want to come to Minnesota?  
Where are they from?

*No, not yet.  
Not much longer. Think Easter.  
Several.  
Yes, their gifts are impressive.  
They say they do.  
Elsewhere.*



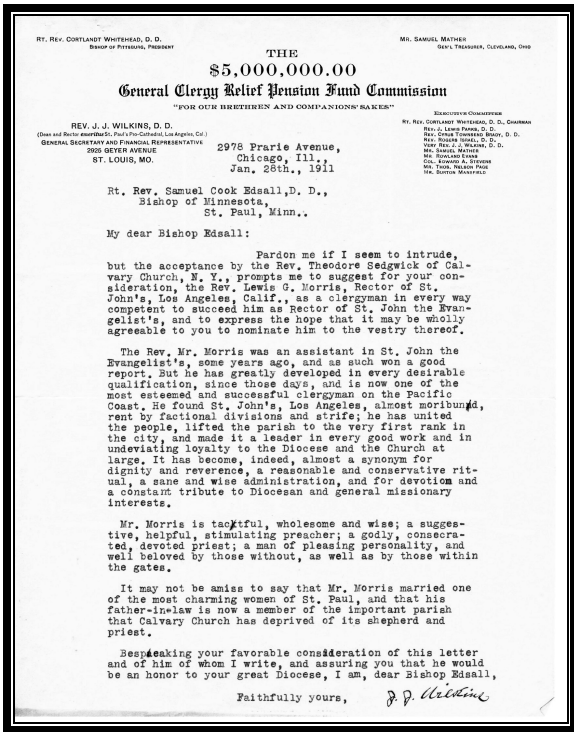
You probably have posed these questions in the last month, at least to yourself if not to others. The Search Committee has heard them, and has tried to give you enough information to quench your curiosity without breaching the confidentiality limits we agreed to when we began this process. Why the confidentiality? Candidates may not yet want their home parish to know they've entered a discernment process with St. John's. Or, St. John's parishioners may have a "favorite daughter or son" candidate they'd like to lobby for, without knowing how the search process operates. In addition, premature "advice" from parishioners may unduly influence our judgments. We are focused on the vision developed in the Discovery process as the criterion for determining the candidates who will continue into the next discernment stage. We take our responsibility to find the best person to guide us into our future at St. John's very seriously. In this mutual discernment process, we and the next rector will experience God's call as we proceed deliberately and sensitively.

So what's happening in March? We've narrowed down the field of candidates based on their written responses and our phone interviews. By the middle of March we will have completed our "scouting visits" to the remaining candidates' home parishes. In order to have one consistent view of all the candidates, Don Postema (Search Committee co-chair) has agreed to be a part of all these scouting visits. To bring diversity, each scouting team will include two other members of the Search Committee. We've identified the central questions we'll be sure to answer as we meet with the candidate and with their selected references:

1. How do you understand your relationship with the Vestry? With your diocesan leadership?
2. How does your personal theology interface with the theological stance of the Episcopal Church?
3. How have you developed your preaching and liturgical skills?
4. If you come to St. John's, what would you want to accomplish in the first six months? How?

Following these parish visits, we'll decide which candidates to bring to St. John's in late March and early April for final interviews. These visits will include the candidates' spouses or partners. Over two weekdays, the candidates will be interviewed by the full Search Committee, will conduct a short service (including preaching and leading a worship service) for the Search Committee and Discovery Team, and will meet with the combined groups socially. An informal conversation with St. John's staff will be included in the candidates' itinerary, as well as opportunities to tour the Twin Cities and take stock of housing, educational, and cultural prospects here.

Once these visits to St. John's are concluded and we've come to know the candidates more fully, we'll prayerfully and thoughtfully consider them in light of the vision discovered in the first stage of this long journey. Trusting God's Spirit in our midst, we expect to identify the candidate we'll recommend to the Vestry by mid-April. It will then be in the hands of the vestry to decide and extend the call. We earnestly request your prayers for us and for those candidates currently considering coming to St. John's.



# Rector Search 1911

## The florid correspondence

- by Alden Drew and Barbara Sommers

In 1911 the process for selecting a rector relied on a great deal of back and forth among clergy, bishops and the search committee/vestry. There was no centralized data bank such as the national church keeps today but there seemed to be an intuitive feel for the politics of moving clergy about that was reflected in much of correspondence, which has a very different feel from the clipped messages of today's email.

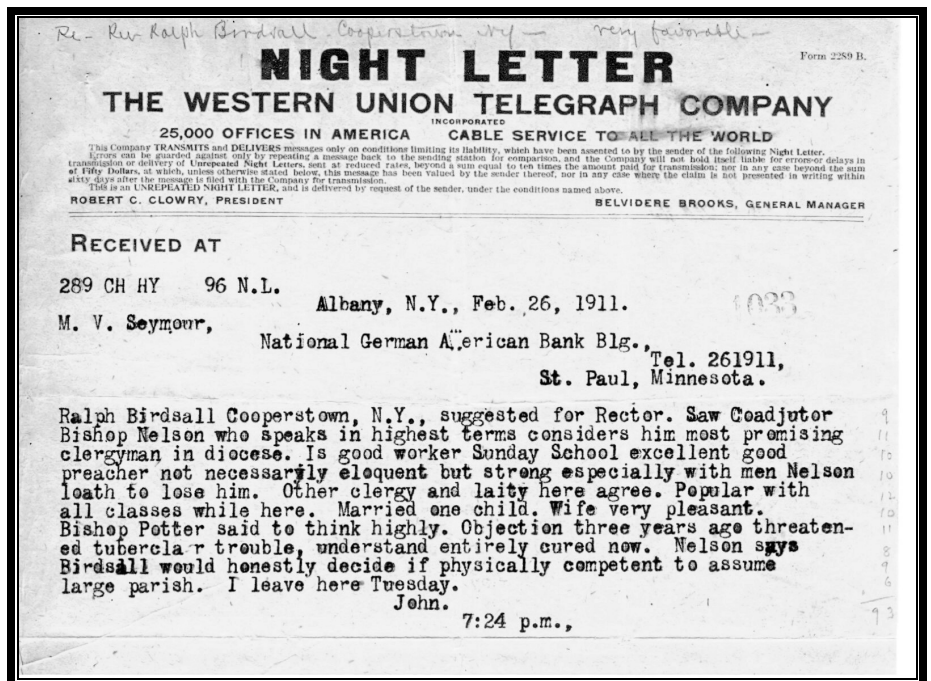
At St. John's, the Rector, Mr. Theo. Sedgwick and several vestrymen, Messrs. Watkins, Kopper, Langford, Seymour, et al., were all in correspondence with Bishops, clergy and friends across the country. Some of the passages are very revealing.

Two candidates from the Diocese of Rhode Island, for example, drew interesting responses from clergy there. In a letter to Mr. Watkins, a clergyman from Providence writes "I understand that the Rev Frederick L. Collins, Rector of the

Church of the Messiah, this city, would not be averse for certain excellent reasons, to a change in his rectorship." And Mr. Sedgwick's inquiries about a Mr. Hughes elicited the following responses from the Bishop of Rhode Island - "Dear Sedgwick, I am reluctant to write you all that I feel about Hughes, because I want to keep him in Rhode Island, and I do not feel that at Newport his light is being hidden under a bushel..." And from his Sr. Warden, Mr. J. L. King he received this missal: "Your inquiry about my Rector, Mr. Hughes is perhaps the very hardest thing you could have asked me. Since he has been with us we have felt that we have been the most favored of Parishes....His sermons are helpful to a degree, not scholarly efforts (who wants that?) but the kind that makes men to think and to do..." Who wants that, indeed?

Mr. Hughes was not a finalist, nor were any of the early suggestions of Minnesota's Bishop, S.C. Edsall, though in a letter to McNeil Seymour which included five names, the Bishop made the following suggestion: "By the way, you ought to write to Rev. Dr. Henry Anstice, 281 4th Ave., New York City, enclosing 75 cents, and ask him to send you a copy of the recently issued canons of the General Convention, and have canon 15 before you, as well as the Diocesan Canon about the calling of a rector. I am sure that no one, more than a lawyer, will realize the importance of careful following of the Canons in such an important matter as the calling of a rector." Bishops today take a more hands-on role in the process, as no doubt our current search committee can confirm.

In his reply to the bishop, Mr. Seymour confessed, "We have not yet consulted you with you because we do not know just what we want. Of course we expect to do so. That you know without my saying so." So it looks like search committees have learned a little in 100 years also.



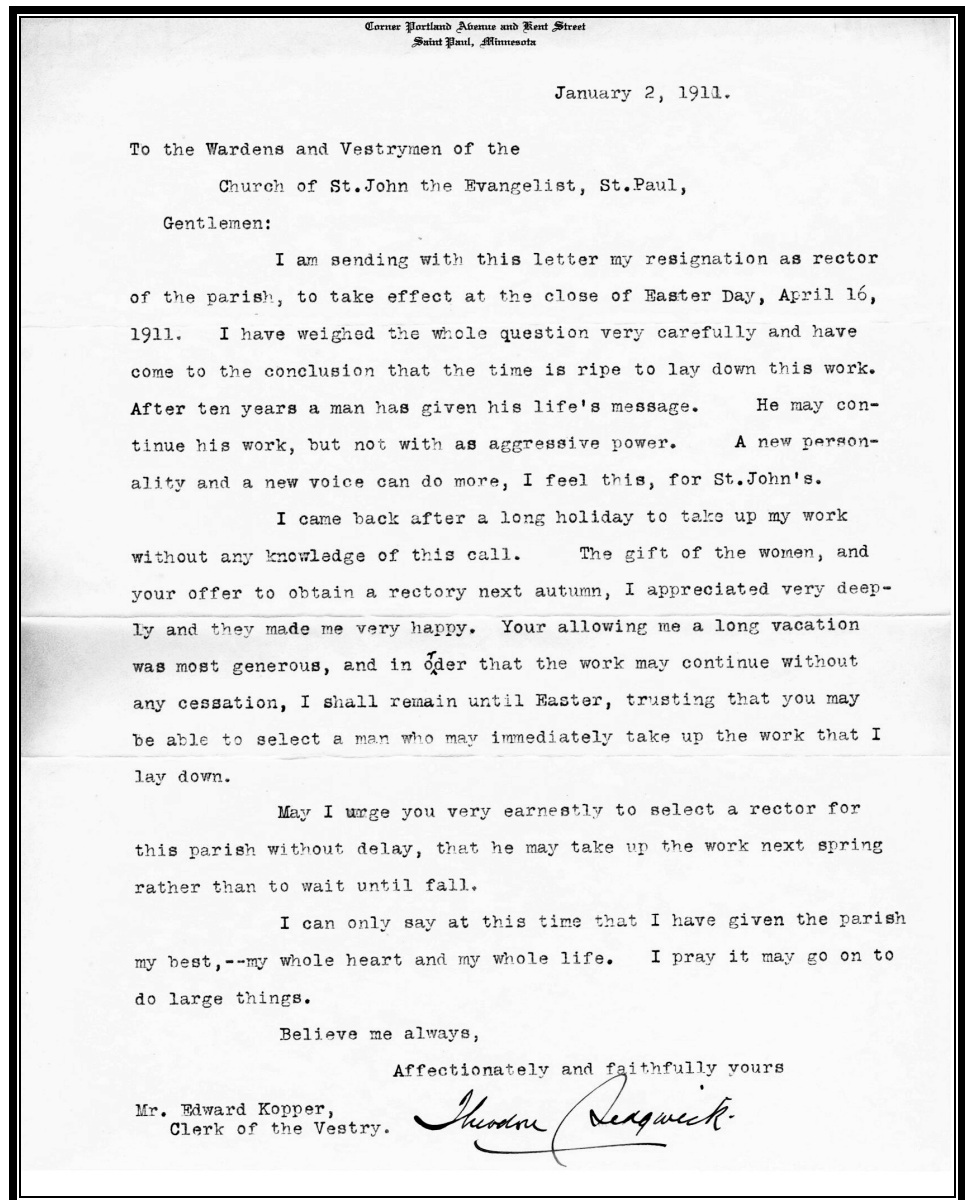
Suggestions came from many quarters and many directions. For example, the Rev. J.J. Wilkens, Gen'l. Sec'y. of the General Clergy Pension Fund Commission wrote to Bishop Edsall recommending the Rev. Lewis Morris of Los Angeles to fill the pulpit Mr. Sedgwick left (for Calvary Church, NY). In lauding Mr. Morris as "...one of the most esteemed and successful clergymen on the Pacific Coast" he went on to say "It may not be amiss to say that Mr. Morris married one of the most charming women of St. Paul, and that his father-in-law is now a member of the important parish that Calvary Church has deprived of its shepherd and priest." Apparently flattery didn't work, because Mr. Morris wasn't selected either, despite the build-up.

One of the more poignant vignettes from the 1911 search is the plight of the Rev. Hubert Wells, Rector of St. Andrews in Wilmington, Del who had received a call to be the Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Omaha. In a letter to a colleague in New York he wrote, "That should the parish in St. Paul extend a call to me I should prefer to go thither- much - to going to Omaha, although Omaha has much to attract."

Even before the Twins and Vikings, St. Paul was considered more than a "cold Omaha" apparently. Unfortunately, Mr. Wells failed to impress the St. John's vestrymen who traveled to Chicago to hear him preach one Sunday, so he must have ended up in Nebraska.

While clergy usually did their best to be complimentary of one another, occasionally they were forced to be candid. Such was the case of the Rev. Mr. Davis's assessment of a colleague that Mr. Sedgwick had suggested: "My dear Mr. Sedgwick...Blaisdell is a splendid fellow in many ways, but he is not the man to be your successor - He is all that you say - but he is not the preacher you ought to have. Fluent - but scattering - reads a good deal, but does not seem to digest it. Will probably overcome this, but has not done so yet..." Needless to say, Blaisdell was not a finalist either.

In an era when most correspondence was hand written or crudely typed and took days and days to reach its recipient, the whole process was considerably different from what we take for granted today. But we end up with a genuine paper trail and a fascinating look at how things were done at a time so different from ours in many ways, yet similar in terms of the goals and aspirations of the congregation of St. John the Evangelist.



# 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.*

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.

### STILL POINT SERVICE REFLECTION

*- by Lynn Hertz*

I've had the pleasure of attending all three of St. John's new Still Point contemplative services. Although the service changes each month to reflect different themes and seasons of the church year, it consistently features readings, a time of silent prayer and meditation, and simple music. We usually meet in the gym, which is transformed by candles, twinkle lights and partitions into a cozy and welcoming space. The service lasts about a half an hour and afterwards there are light refreshments.

The most recent service was on February 9th. I'd had a long day at work and felt tense as I prepared to head over to St. Johns. It was a really cold night and I thought perhaps it would have been better to stay home with the crossword puzzle and a cup of tea. Because of Project Home we met in the undercroft and when I got to church I helped set up the space. We dimmed the lights, lit the candles and as the service started we were blessed with the presence of three project home guests; a mother and her eight year old and newborn daughters.

I suspect that everyone who attends this service finds something different. I leave feeling peaceful and closer to God; a little of the hard edge of the day falls away as I sit quietly. A friend said that she leaves feeling refreshed, and another that it is a highlight in her month. The little girl who attended in February got to a read a prayer out loud, light a candle for her mother and sister, and eat some tasty heart shaped cookies.

The service is at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month, and the next service is on March 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will find time to join us soon.

*Antay Bilgutay and his partner Paul Ditolla were members at St. John's for five years. Antay was a development director at the Guthrie Theater and arranged for us to attend several memorable performances as a group (getting us wonderful seats!). How most of us loved "Shadowlands" and "Caroline or Change." Last year Paul and Antay moved to Dallas where they have new jobs, Paul in the computer industry and Antay at the Dallas Center for the Arts. This is an article written by Antay which originally appeared on the website of Bishop Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. It is reprinted with Antay's permission.*

## **"WE AND "US"**

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Sometimes looking back, I'm not sure what was harder: growing up gay, or growing up without religion. Certainly, the gay thing was difficult. Anti-gay rhetoric was everywhere, even as androgyny and ambiguous sexuality had exploded in 1980's pop culture. (In retrospect, it's hard to see any ambiguity in bands like Wham! or Culture Club, but it was all so new then. How could we be sure?) The cruelty of gay jokes, especially at the dawn of the AIDS era, stung.

So too, did the feeling of exclusion that accompanied a faith-free youth. Friends underwent confirmation, participated in church retreats and youth groups, and talked about missionary activities. While my non-practicing Muslim father and Lutheran mother created secular rituals around Christmas and Easter, these were mere trappings of something I craved to experience on a deeper level. And for so long, as a teen and then as an adult, this yearning felt at odds with my sexual orientation. All it takes is one bad apple – thank you, Fred Phelps, for all those "God Hates Fags" signs at AIDS funerals – to make the whole barrel of Christianity appear hostile and unwelcoming.

When Gene Robinson was ordained Bishop of New Hampshire, it was like the Episcopal Church had tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Psst. Hey, you. Do you want to come over? We've got a gay Bishop!" It was with a combination of excitement and fear that I attended my first service at St. Mark's Cathedral with my dear friend Sarah (Turino). I had gone to other churches that had seemed gay friendly, only to be quashed by Diocesan orders or uprisings within the parish. Was the Episcopal Church sincere, or would it be like Lucy Van Pelt, and pull the football away just as I ran to kick it?

I don't remember details of the service. What I remember vividly is being invited to participate in Communion for the first time. Sarah urged me to go up to the altar with her. It felt like I was breaking into a bank. "I'm never going to get away with this!" I had paranoid delusions of being spotted as a homosexual non-Christian and being whisked away in handcuffs. We got closer and closer to the altar, past the gorgeous singing of the choir and the vibrations of the organ, and knelt. There in my cupped hand, I received the wafer. And no one scolded me or removed me from church. I was welcomed, along with wealthy dowagers and the young parents, the old man who hobbled with his cane and the 40-something woman whose face lit up at the sight of the Eucharist. Then I sipped the wine.

I had fantasies of that first Communion being transformative. That the Holy Spirit would enter my body and angelic harps would play and I would see the world anew with the wisdom of the ages. None of that happened. But I turned around and saw the congregation, and for the first time, it wasn't "me" and "them." It was "we" and "us." And maybe that was all the transformation I really needed.


I know that the conflict over ordaining openly gay men and women hasn't been resolved within the Church. It might not be within my lifetime. But Gene Robinson was the welcome sign that brought me in, and I have stayed. I know I'm not the only one. How many others took their first steps into a church, into a community, because of that small beacon, that one hand extended in greeting, offering us a place at the table? And doesn't everyone – *everyone* – deserve to come inside?

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## HOLY WEEK

<p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>APRIL 17</b> Holy Eucharist I – 8:00 am Holy Eucharist II - 10:00 am (10:00 begins with blessing of palms in Gym)</p> <p><b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>APRIL 21</b> Holy Communion and Divesting the Altars at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>APRIL 22</b> <b>Good Friday Liturgy</b> 12:00 noon <b>Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ</b> 7:00-8:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>APRIL 23</b> <b>Easter Vigil Service</b> 7:00 p.m.</p>
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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 24**  
Holy Eucharist I – 8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist II – 10:00 am  
Festival Services