



# THE EVANGELIST

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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 KEELY AND BARBARA

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Hello St. John's friends!

Carsten and I kicked the summer off with a fabulous trip to Germany. He makes it back two or three times a year and I try to join him once a year to visit family and friends. The strawberries and white asparagus were in season while we were there and we ate gigantic portions of both. We spent a couple days in The Hague with some friends as well where we ran into a member of St.



John's! After getting over the shock of seeing each other, we found a café and enjoyed the evening together. It truly is a small world.

Signs of summer are popping up all over at our house, too. If you were to come over you would surely find Murphy, the dog, sprawled out in the grass somewhere in our backyard and a cat or two in a shady spot enjoying the summer breeze. Our tomato plants are starting to grow quite nicely and I can see the first raspberries starting to form as well. Many evenings are spent grilling with friends outside and eating lots of ice cream. This is the season when I never want to leave Minnesota ever!

I'm not big on New Year's resolutions but I have high expectations for summer plans. Summer for me is a time to reassess my life, to take on the projects I've been putting off, and to take some time for much needed R&R. Murphy and I go on long walks checking out the boulevard gardens and chatting with neighbors, and I'm also hoping to finally get my brown belt in Karate this summer. Summer at St. John's is also a time for all of these things. It's a time to regroup, relax, and reconnect after an intense year of activities. It's a time to assess where God has been in all of these things and where the Spirit might be leading us in the future. It is also a time to catch up on reading. You should see the piles of books on my desk at church and at home. (See my summer reading list.)

This summer is different, though, in that we've made it to the end of a long interim period and are now awaiting the arrival of our new rector with great anticipation! I am excited about Jered and his family coming and all the wonderful potential this holds for our parish. I'm also a bit anxious about entering yet another time of transition with all that entails. *(continued on page 2.)*

## 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*  
Kathy Brown, *Membership*  
Terri Fishel, *Communication*  
Diane Norman, *Fellowship*  
Jennifer Kinkead, *Faith in Action*  
Tony Grundhauser, *Finance*  
Don Weinkauff, *Property*  
Jim Johnson, *Treasurer*  
Rick Rinkoff, *Assoc. Treasurer*

## 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. Jered Weber-Johnson, *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*  
Jim Orput, *Interim 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*

Mostly, though, I am hopeful because the signs of summer are all around pointing towards new life and I am reminded of the new life God promises us each day. So welcome summer and welcome Jered into our midst!

*A Collect for the Good Use of Leisure – O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Summer blessings,  
Keely

It's almost over, but it's also just beginning. The "Interim," as the Church calls the transition period between rectors, has seemed to me very long indeed. And when our new rector assumes his duties in mid-July, the "Interim" will end.

However, new beginnings carry their own challenges, and while everyone will be understandably curious about our new leader and excited about the many gifts he is sure to bring, *this time is also about us.*

My hope is for a new kind of vitality and level of engagement on the part of many of us who have been in a holding pattern for eighteen months, and even before. We have many commissions which are woefully under-populated and need your help. We have a handful of stalwart souls doing too much of the work. In the fall, we will again have a terrific week-day Bible study, but need more to attend and make this a priority in their lives. And there will be wonderful new stuff coming...

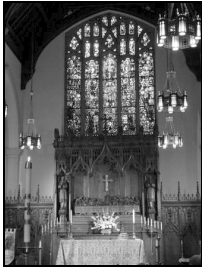
I respectfully offer you this passage from Rick Warren's best-selling book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*, and ask you to ponder how you might step up your involvement at St. John's as this new era begins: :

*"If you're not involved in any service or ministry, what excuse have you been using? Abraham was old, Jacob was insecure, Leah was unattractive, Joseph was abused, Moses stuttered, Gideon was poor, Samson was co-dependent, Rahab was immoral, David had an affair and all kinds of family problems, Elijah was suicidal, Jeremiah was depressed, Jonah was reluctant, Naomi was a widow, John the Baptist was eccentric, to say the least, Peter was impulsive and hot-tempered, Martha worried a lot, the Samaritan woman had several failed marriages, Zacchaeus was unpopular, Thomas had doubts, Paul had poor health, and Timothy was timid. That is quite a variety of misfits but God used each of them in his service. He will use you too, if you stop making excuses."*

**Some things to think about as you sit on the porch, or the deck, or in the park. But it's not fall yet! Summer is finally here, the outdoors beckons, the sun is warm, and the grace of being alive is everywhere.**



- Barbara



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

**July 3- 3rd Sun. of Pentecost**

**Main Altar**

Judy McDonald

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

OPEN

**July 10 - 4th Sunday of Pentecost**

**Main Altar**

James H. and Ada O. Baker

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

William J., Ruth O. and

Dorothy E. Abeler

**July 17 - 5th Sun. after Pentecost**

**Main Altar**

Gladys and Richard Ordway

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

OPEN

**July 24 - 6th Sun. after Pentecost**

**Main Altar**

Burton Anderson

**Little Sanctuary Altar**

Grenville and Annie

McMillian Baker

**July 31 - 7th Sun. after Pentecost**

**Main Altar**

John C. and Elizabeth M. Parish

**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.

***From Where I Sit***

- by Lulu Berg, D.C. (Domestic Cat)

On returning from my sabbatical to the window ledge at my simple home, I see your cards and letters inquiring as to my past whereabouts. In truth, I have been union-organizing the chapel cats of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. No small endeavor, what with the humidity inside and the heated rhetoric outside the walls.



I'm glad to report that the Cathedral's Mouse Management Plan is in good paws at last, and the frayed relations between mouse managers and management (common in all serious labor negotiations) are well on the way to healing.

While there, I had the distinct pleasure of being introduced to Rowan, the chapel cat at the nearby St. Alban's parish. The parish was in a distinct dither as their agreeably-bearded AR (Assistant Rector) was in the process of being snatched from the flock. Rowan assured me that the highly-regarded cleric had always treated him with the utmost respect, believing that the division of labor in a church comes off best when each party tends to its own knitting.

Rowan singled out AR's creditable work with the youth program, website redesign and some priestly ecological duties that led him up to the very solar panels in the roof (Go Green!).

Rowan went on to note that the people of St. Alban's were especially distressed to learn that AR would be migrating to Minnesota, home of lutefisk, that piece of cod that passeth all understanding.

As I wound up my community organizing chores, I met with Roman for the last time in the narthex. I realize that scientists tell us that humans are only species known to weep. That being said, I believe that I could detect a single tear on Roman's cheek before he scampered away to investigate a mouse-like squeak in Jered's now nearly empty office.

Yours in solidarity,  
Lulu Berg, D.C.

**The Big Net**

A collaborative faith network addressing unemployment.

Where Job Seekers Connect: [www.TheBigNet.net](http://www.TheBigNet.net)

Job Seeker Support Meetings: **Weekly Thursdays 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
with light supper**

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**Career Development Seminar: Marketing Yourself**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM Tuesday July 12, 2011**

Gary Jader: Author of "Marketing You: A Guide to Getting What you Want" and Founder, "Ideas on the Wall"

**Discover, define, and focus on the value you provide to potential employers or customers. Let Gary's unique perspective with high energy invigorate your job search or business plan with a marketing plan for yourself.**

# Thank You St. John's

## **From The Family Place\***

Greetings,

Thank you for your donation of \$375.00 to The Family Place in May 2011. Your gift allowed us to exceed the Otto Bremer Foundation match! To date we have tripled the challenge.... Your generosity allows us to continue to keep programs and services available for families living without a permanent home.

*\* The Family Place is a day center for families living without permanent housing.*

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## **Food Shelf**

On June 3, 2011, St. John's donated 90.76 pounds of food to the **St. Paul Area Council of Churches Department of Indian Work**. Thanks to John Edgerton for making the delivery.

Also, the **Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf** thanks St. John's for a recent donation of \$75.00.

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## **Episcopal Homes**

Dear Friends,  
Thank you very much for your gift of \$150.00 to Episcopal Homes. \$75.00 is designated to the Foundation and \$75.00 is designated to the Episcopal Church Home. It will be a valuable help in sustaining our mission of enhancing the physical, social and spiritual lives of all who make their home with us.

## **ST. JOHN'S ROOF PROJECT UPDATE**

*- by Tony Grundhauser and Jim Johnson*

You may have seen the ice damage on the east wall of the nave of St. John's. The Building Committee has been reviewing options for dealing with the damage, taking into consideration that the leaking is coming from the roof.

In 2008, the Building Committee recommended and the Vestry approved a four year master plan for replacing the roof of the main church building which was built in 1902. The peaked roofs are slate with an expected life of about 100 years. The 2008 plan called for the West peaked roof to be replaced in 2009, and it was. In addition to replacing the slate, the West peaked roof was insulated for the first time. We believe that this step has already reduced our heat bills considerably.

The plan called for no work in 2010 and replacing the East peaked roof in 2011 to be followed by the side aisle roofs in 2012. The side Aisle roofs are asphalt shingles which will be replaced with a metal covering. The covering of the side aisle roofs cannot be slate because of the lower slope; however, the metal covering will last almost as long as the slate and much longer than asphalt shingles.

After seeing the damage inside caused by the leaking side aisle roof and after extensive study the Building Committee recommended and the Vestry approved speeding up the side aisle part of the project from 2012 to 2011. So that will mean the entire roof of the main church building will have been replaced by the end of this year.

At the beginning of 2010 the flat roof over the gym failed and began leaking significantly. It was at the end of its anticipated life, but the timing of this unexpected roof repair spoiled our carefully timed finances for roof repair. We replaced the gym roof by using Hand Fund money which had been reserved for the slate roof. The roof over the Godly Play rooms is made of slate and consists of two peaks. It was built 50 plus years ago and so should not need to be replaced until 2050. In between the two peaks is a small flat roof which will need to be replaced soon. However, this replacement can be financed through the regular repair and maintenance budget.

The whole roof project is very expensive and up to this point has been funded by the Hand Fund. The 2011 phase will deplete the Hand Fund and require the church to borrow about \$250,000 to complete it. It is our feeling that borrowing can be accomplished through disciplined budgeting.

As a member of the Building Committee, Ed Cook is coordinating the roof project. Please let one of us know if you have any questions about our roofs.

Tony Grundhauser  
Vestry Finance Commission Chair

Jim Johnson  
Building Committee Chair

## Rev. Dr. Mariann Edgar Budde elected ninth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

The Episcopal Diocese of Washington elected the Rev. Dr. Mariann Edgar Budde as its first female diocesan bishop, pending the required consents from a majority of bishops with jurisdiction and standing committees of the Episcopal Church.



Budde, 52, rector of St. John's, Minneapolis, was elected on the second ballot out of a field of five nominees. She received 102 votes of 163 cast in the lay order and 102 of 175 cast in the clergy order. An election on that ballot required 82 in the lay order and 88 in the clergy order.

The election was held during a special convention at Washington National Cathedral.

Pending a successful consent process, Budde will succeed Bishop John Bryson Chane, who will retire this fall. The service of consecration and installation for the new bishop is set for Nov. 12.

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### 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. Feel free to drop by from time to time this summer for this simple and most beautiful service!

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

- by Jean Hansen, Youth and Family Minister

I'm sure many of you already have your children's summer plans in place, however if you are looking for something the first week of August I know just the thing. St. Mark's Cathedral is hosting a week long day camp. ECAD – Episcopal Creative Arts Day Camp is happening Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5 from 9am – 4pm at St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis. Young people from age 4 through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to participate. I'll be there, and so will Paul and Luke! It's sure to be a fun and faith filled experience. Please see the flyer in this month's Evangelist. A registration form is on the St. John's website for you to print out. If you have any questions about it please contact me.

Another great opportunity for young people this summer is Summer Stretch with St. John's and Holy Apostles youth. Summer Stretch is a mission and fellowship experience for youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall through those who have graduated from high school. We will be together for five Thursdays this summer at various locations throughout the Twin Cities. Some of the mission and fellowship experiences are: Feed My Starving Children, Local food shelf help, Cascade Bay Water Park, Movie, and a local Beach. You may participate every Thursday, or just a couple Thursdays. See the flyer in this month's Evangelist. A registration form is on the St. John's website for you to print out.

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## Wholly Imagination! Holy Imagination!

### Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp

August 1 – 5, 9 am – 4 pm, Saint Mark's Cathedral

Ages 4 through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade; adults and youth older than 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join the fun!

Registration \$50

#### Aspiration:

- Kids...will be **invited** to **look for** Jesus in everything.
- Kids...will be **offered tools** to help them **see** Jesus in everything; tangible tools like costumes, paint, cardboard; intangible tools like meditation space.
- Kids...will be given **time, space & support** to **notice** Jesus & the Holy in everything.

#### Inspiration:

- Our children will experience "art in a new way" meeting a different artist every day.
- Godly Play stories shared as we begin each day will be used to inspire the creations for the day, along with music and prayer.
- We will take advantage of the creative arts in our downtown neighborhood, with a field trip to the Walker Art Center and the Sculpture Garden.
- Daily outdoor time may involve scavenger walks, non-competitive games and clipboard art!

Hope you can join us for this week of imagination as we discover Jesus in a new way!

Contact Jean Hansen with questions.



- A Very Happy Birthday to...*  
**July Birthdays**
- 1 Cammie Beattie
  - 2 Joyce Johnston
  - 3 Alex Diaz
  - Judy Kinkead
  - 5 Henrik Axelson
  - Brett Gemlo
  - Cecie Titcomb
  - 6 Thea Bischof
  - 7 Susan Drucker
  - 10 Josie Kuhn
  - 11 Peter Myers
  - Samantha Rosendale
  - Francesca Ramos
  - 12 Wyatt Furois
  - Jonathan Frost
  - Oliver Lowe
  - 13 Eliana Avery
  - 15 Jay Debertin
  - Anthony Specht
  - 16 Harriet Page
  - 18 Missy Thompson
  - Paul Savage
  - 19 Anneke Krall
  - Richard Lyman
  - 20 Jim Orput
  - Rick Olson
  - Linnea Pedersen
  - 21 Melissa Brown
  - 22 John Docherty
  - 23 Nancy Martin
  - Mary Ramos
  - 25 Robert Mickelson Jr.
  - 26 Peggy Olsen
  - 28 Dorothy MacDonald
  - Monica Ropal
  - Monica Anna Warner
  - Megan August-Hau
  - 29 Don Rudnik
  - 31 Logan Finkel

**SUMMER CHOIR**

If you would like to sing in the summer choir, we welcome you! Come on any Sunday that is convenient for you. We meet at 9:15 in the choir stalls to rehearse a simple anthem for the service. We're a friendly group and we hope you'll join us.

**July 1936 – 75 years ago**

**ENLISTING FOR PEACE INSTEAD OF WAR by Harold Chance**



College and university students throughout the United States walked out of their classes recently in a strike against war. Thus the educated youth of America made its protest against being used as future cannon fodder.

But protest without action is sterile. The Emergency Peace Volunteers are offering to these same students an opportunity for constructive, pioneering action this summer. Here is a voluntary enlistment for peace to prevent a compulsory draft for war later. Here is a high-minded, patriotic service for college men and women who refuse to sit back idly and wait for the next world catastrophe.

In forty politically strategic rural communities of thirty states, where, in many instances, there is no peace action whatsoever, groups of four or five Emergency Peace Volunteers under a competent leader will be stationed during July and August, building and educating for peace, with a view to creating a permanent, organized peace force where none exists, and to making up more effective peace machinery already set up.

In industrial centers, the Volunteers will work with labor groups. In agricultural districts, they will work with the farmers' groups. The Grange, the largest and most influential farm organization in America, has arranged for Peace Volunteers to speak at their meetings.

Each volunteers' unit will carry a library of books on war and peace problems which will be available to the community. Volunteers will make personal contacts with families and study the general tenor of the community. In all their relationships with churches, Sunday schools, service clubs, women's groups, trade unions, etc. the Volunteers will stress the necessity of "peace by votes" and the importance of advising Congressmen in Washington how their constituents wish them to vote on legislation affecting peace.

While the Volunteers will not do any political campaigning, they will make available the records of Senators and Representatives from these districts on such legislation. Several itinerant Volunteers' units will present anti-war motion pictures, plays and satiric marionette shows.

Prior to entering the field, Volunteers will be trained at special institutes of International Relations to be held during June at Duke University, North Carolina, for the Southern states; Grinnell College Iowa for eastern states; and Whittier College., CA for the western states.

Between 200 and 250 of the finest representatives of college life in America, including theological seminary students, are enlisting for this new type of adventure, which will utilize their physical energy, their imagination, their knowledge, and their convictions to the most useful endeavor known to civilization today.

July 2011						
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**WEEKLY MEETINGS**

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

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

**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](http://www.artariaquartet.com)

# St. John's 2011 Calendar

**Sun., July 3 – First Sun. Eucharist – 3rd 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., July 4 Holiday – Church Offices Closed**

**Thurs., July 7** 10:00 am Summer Stretch Session 2

**Sat., July 9** 9:00 am Men's Breakfast

**Sun., July 10 – Holy Eucharist Rite I – 4th Sun. after Pentecost**

The Rev. Keely Franke is away this Sunday.

8:00 – The Rev. Daniel Pearson celebrates and preaches.

10:00 – The Rev. Daniel Pearson celebrates and preaches.

**Tues., July 12** 7:00 pm The Big Net Seminar

6:00 pm Fellowship Mtg.

**Thurs., July 14** 10:00 am Summer Stretch Session 3

**Sun., July 17 – Holy Eucharist Rite II - 5th Sun. after Pentecost**

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson's first Sunday at St. John's!

8:00 – The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson celebrates and preaches.

10:00 – The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson celebrates and preaches.

**Mon., July 18** 4:30 pm Finance Mtg.

6:00 pm Vestry Mtg./Dinner

**Tues., July 19** 5:30 pm Big Net Congregations Mtg.

**Thurs., July 21** 10:00 am Summer Stretch Session 4

**Sun., July 24 – Rite I Morning Prayer/Eucharist – 6th Sun. after Pentecost**

8:00 – Celebrant/Preacher to be determined.

10:00 – Celebrant/Preacher to be determined.

**Tues., July 26** 7:00 pm The Big Net Seminar

**Thurs., July 28** 4:00 pm Summer Stretch Session 5

6:30 pm Project Kathleen

**Sun., July 31 – Holy Eucharist Rite II – 7th Sun. after Pentecost**

8:00 – Celebrant/Preacher to be determined.

10:00 – Celebrant/Preacher to be determined.



## WELCOMING OUR NEW RECTOR AND HIS FAMILY

*The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson*

**Sunday, July 17**

Reception in undercroft after his first services with us

**Sunday, August 14**

8:00 Service at St John's

10:00 Joint Service and Picnic with Holy Apostles at Como Park  
(Watch Evangelist/Bulletins for specific location)

**Thursday, September 8**

Festive Service and Installation of our new rector by Bishop Prior  
At St. John's 7 P.M.

Watch the Bulletin, Evangelist and website for information on two additional social gatherings being planned at parishioner's homes in July and August



## THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

All men are welcome!  
We invite you to join us on  
**Saturday, July 9, 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!**

**August 13  
September 10**

## SAVE THE DATE!

### FAITH IN ACTION MEETING

**When: Thurs. Aug. 18**

**Where: Undercroft**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

## DON'T MISS IMPORTANT CHURCH EVENTS!

Did you know that if you use  
Google calendar for managing  
your calendar, you can import  
events from the Church  
Calendar? See the Calendar at  
**[http://stjohnsstpaul.org/news-  
events/calendar/](http://stjohnsstpaul.org/news-events/calendar/)**.

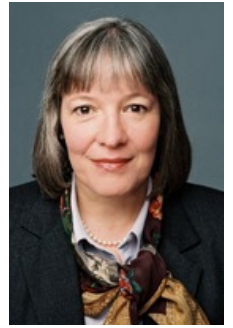
If you select an event - for  
example the installation of the  
new rector on Thursday, Sept.  
8th, you will see a link "Add to  
my Calendar" and you can  
seamlessly import the event to  
appear on your own personal  
calendar. This is an easy way to  
make sure you don't miss  
events! Questions?  
Please contact Terri Fishel,  
[tafishel@visi.com](mailto:tafishel@visi.com).

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 20 VESTRY MEETING

- by *Libby Snelson, Jr. Warden*

The Vestry had its picture taken by Aimee Baxter for the work-in-progress history of St John's.

After an update about Rector Jered Weber-Johnson's move to St Paul. Diane Norman and Lynn Hertz described plans for events welcoming Reverend Jered to the congregation with gatherings at congregants' homes and at St John's. A policy review project was established to review St John's policies and report back to the Vestry its recommendations for policy to be retained, sunset and referred to Commissions for review. The Vestry tabled until the next meeting a discussion of Safe Church Policy to allow for research regarding our current practices and suggestions for educating our younger congregants. Treasurer Jim Johnson updated the Vestry on the roof project. Financing for the completion of the roof is in place and the contracts were signed for the work to begin Wednesday June 22, with plans for the work to be completed in approximately 4 months. Anneke Krall reported that the Youth programming is working on plans for fund-raising and community building activities. Diane Norman concluded the meeting with a reading.



## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

### GRAND OPENING OF FROGTOWN SQUARE AND KINGS CROSSING APARTMENTS

More than a hundred  
community members and local  
officials gathered to celebrate  
the recent grand opening of  
FrogTown Square in June.  
Community leaders cut the  
giant ribbon together, signaling  
the completion of a nearly 15-  
year effort to revitalize the  
northeast corner of Dale Street  
and University Avenue in the  
heart of FrogTown neighborhood.



**Episcopal Homes, Inc. owns and manages Kings Crossing Apartments.** The 50 apartments are designed for active, independent residents over age 62 living on limited incomes who are looking for safe, quality housing with support coordination. Episcopal Homes, in partnership with Northeast Dale-University (NEDU), LLC, was awarded HUD 202 financing, which allows them to offer very affordable rents to seniors with incomes at or below 50 percent of area median income.

NEDU owns and operates 11,700 square feet of first floor commercial space and the surface parking lot. The retail space includes a barbershop, ethnic grocery store, clothing boutique, wireless store and Subway restaurant.

# MY SUMMER READING LIST!

- The Rev. Keely Franke

In my letter on the front cover I mentioned the stacks of books I hope to finally get to this summer. They serve many purposes, some are just for fun and some are for learning. I thought I would share them with you so you know what I'm reading and thinking about. There is no way I'll get to them all. If one or some strike you as interesting, go ahead and join me in my reading. I'd love to go out for a cup of coffee or a cold glass of iced tea and discuss them with you!

## **Fun Books:**

### **"Where the God of Love Hangs Out" by Amy Bloom**

I admit, I've already read this book as it's the one I started my summer with. It is a collection of several stories about the messiness of ordinary lives. I love the title of the book, which suggests that this is exactly where God lives, right in the thick of it with us.

### **"Cold Sassy Tree" by Olive Ann Burns**

I always enjoy a good novel that takes place in the south, my birthplace and where my people are from.

### **"Die Dienstagsfrauen" (The Tuesday Ladies) by Monika Peetz and "Zwei an Einem Tag" (One Day) by David Nicholls**

I share these with you so you know that I love keeping up with what's popular in Germany. One Day is actually by a British author and Tuesday Ladies is about a group of women from Cologne who walk the Camino de Santiago together after one of their husbands passes away.

## **Theology and Beyond:**

### **"Should You Leave?" by Peter D. Kramer**

In this book Kramer explores scenarios of people wondering whether they should end a relationship and by doing so explores the therapists role in giving advice. Very interesting to me.

### **"Take this Bread" and "Jesus Freak" by Sara Miles**

I have been wanting to read "Take this Bread" for forever. This is Sara's story about finding God by first going to communion as an adult. It was after that that she was baptized. As I heard Sara say in a presentation, "Grace is not sequential." Works for me, works for God, too, I think.

### **"Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's" by John Elder Robinson**

Even though I'm skeptical about society's willingness to label just about everyone with a mental disorder, it seems I meet more and more people who either fit the bill of Asperger's or know someone who does. I do believe, too, that the more we can understand why people are the way we are, the easier it becomes to live in relationship with one another.

**"The Hospitality of God" by Bishops Mary Gray-Reeves and Michael Perham** This is a book about Anglican emergent worship kind of like the Still Point Contemplative Service we started at St. John's this year. Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves will be at our convention this coming fall to speak on the subject.

### **"The Tenth Parallel" by Eliza Griswold**

Former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold's daughter takes on the tough relationship between Christianity and Islam. Our bishop and many others have recommended this book to me.

### **"Made for Goodness: And Why this Makes all the Difference" by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu**

Desmond and his daughter write this book together. Again this touches on my belief or theology that we are not inherently sinful but inherently good. God created and saw that it was *good*. Original sin is not our legacy but original goodness I believe.

And last but not least...

## **The Bible: Genesis and Exodus**

Hello! I admit, I am not always the best at reading the Bible. I do so mostly for sermon prep but rarely do I sit down and immerse myself in the incredible stories of the Bible. This summer in our lectionary we have some of the best stories spanning Genesis and Exodus. They tell the stories of our very beginnings: About how humanity was created for relationship, how we continually mess up these relationships, and how, even though an exiled people, no matter how much we mess it up we're always called back into relationship with God. So if nothing else, join me in reading these two books of the Bible. They are rich with stories, some very beautiful, some very troubling, and all include the legacy of the fathers and some really cool mothers our faith is built on.

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

	READERS	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
<b>July 3 – First Sunday Holy Eucharist, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth					
10:00 am	(A) Jill Thompson (B)	Diane Power Team	Ethan Furois Eli Weinkauf Tim Krall	Kent & Karin Furois, Ethan and Wyatt	See you Sept. 18	Sarah K. Smith
<b>July 10 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
8:00 am	Michael Garner					
10:00 am	(A) Greg Schaffner (B)	Dusty Mairs Team	Madeline Weinkauf Eli Weinkauf Alex Joyce	Julia Ferguson and Rick Rinkoff		Diane and George Power
<b>July 17 – Holy Eucharist Rite II, The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
8:00 am	Alden Drew					
10:00 am	(A) Gary Gleason (B) Joan Potter	Pam Strom Team	Cameron Gemlo Emma Grundhauser Cooper Olson Tim Krall	Dave Barrett; Lynn Hertz		Dusty Mairs
<b>July 24– Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke					
10:00 am	(A) Sarah K. Smith (B) Cammie Beattie	Pat Brynteson Team	Eva Gemlo Miranda Cygan Lucy Grundhauser	Ian Ball; Gus and Anders Axelson		Susan and Chris Johnson
<b>July 31– Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
8:00 am	Alden Drew					
10:00 am	(A) Don Postema (B) John Docherty	Ella Slade Team	Cooper Olson Eli Weinkauf Alex Joyce	Paige and Gary Hagstrom		Jill and John Thompson

*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.*

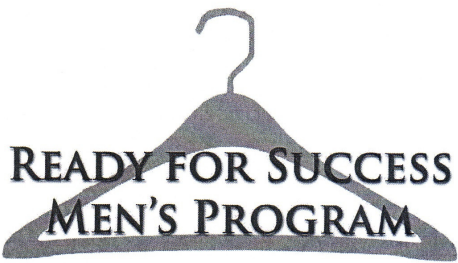
**During July, St. John's is collecting items for this ECS\* program.**

**Collection boxes are located in the Narthex (entrance to the church) and near the office.**

**\* Episcopal Community Services thanks you for your continued support!**

July

**READY FOR SUCCESS  
MEN'S PROGRAM**



Collect clean, gently-used and new professional and business casual clothing. Donations of shoes, belts, khakis, socks, seasonal outerwear and new undergarments are particularly needed.

Personal hygiene items such as shampoo, soap and shaving kits also are essential to helping boost the confidence of those we serve as they enter or re-enter the work place.

# Peggy

- by the Rev. Barbara Mraz

It's her laugh.

A hearty, rollicking laugh that fills the room and comes from deep within in response to a story, a memory, an idea that hits her out of the blue, or a tense moment that needs lightening up.

On a recent Sunday morning at 7:30 A.M. I am setting up the altar in the side chapel for the 8:00 service. Peggy comes in and asks, "Have you seen the movie *Dirty Dancing*?"

"Only about eight times..."

"Today's reading is just like that song "Do You Love Me?"

"Do you love me? I really do..."

"Do you love me? I really do..."

Peggy says: "Jesus keeps asking the disciples the same question! "Do you love me?"

I sing: "I really do..."

And she laughs and so do I.

In the seven months The Rev. Peggy Tuttle has served as the Interim Rector at St John's, her ready laugh has been accompanied by strong leadership. Her liturgy is "by the book" (The Prayer Book, of course) and she has insisted on operating by what it really says, as opposed to settling for what we do because we have always done it that way. For example, The Prayer Book says clearly that a lay person can lead Morning Prayer, and Peggy directed this to happen.

She is also "by the book" in her commitment to operating by the Canons of the Church, and pointing out where our compliance is well, questionable at best, in some areas.

She is a no-nonsense leader, and doesn't suffer fools lightly – or those who she feels aren't doing the job. She hasn't hesitated to correct the staff when she has felt correction is in order, and has drawn firm boundaries around the role of the rector.

I have learned a lot from her, and will miss hearing The Laugh so often in the office next door.

*The Evangelist* interviewed Peggy about her time with us:

## **Do you have a favorite memory or two of your time at St. John's?**

I have loved all of the responses to changes in the liturgy. Even those who have expressed discomfort or maybe dislike, have given me the opportunity to learn from you and to share why I chose to introduce a different way of doing liturgy for that day or season.

The children have been a delight! Although I haven't had time to be with them in Godly Play, when the children are in the worship service there is an energy that is missing when they are not there. The youth/children's choir has been a special time in worship.

I'll have to admit to a favorite being the visit from St. Nicholas! Yes, I am prejudiced but it wasn't the usual visit! The miter falling off and the wig going with it was just too much to keep a straight face. My husband is the joy of my life and it always pleases me to share my ministry with him and with others.

**You've accomplished a great deal during your interim: liturgical education (instructed Eucharist; new Lenten readings; doing services such as Morning Prayer as the Prayer Book instructs; St. Nicholas); getting policies written that have been neglected.....What are you most pleased with?**

I was most surprised and most pleased at the response to the First Sunday of Lent with the singing of The Great Litany and the figure eight processional through the church. Being able to re-introduce some liturgical practices has been really great.

## **What were some of the challenges that you faced during your time with us?**

I would have to say the number one challenge has been the distance from my home. Beginning my time here at the beginning of winter presented its own kinds of challenges. I would have much preferred living nearer the church where I could have spent that extra driving time and money doing more fruitful ministry and less on gasoline! The number two challenge in the beginning was being accepted as the interim; people learning to trust and respect me.



***Any thoughts about the future of St. John's? Its gifts and challenges?***

I hear some marvel at the prospects of such a young priest being called to serve as your rector. I was going to use this as the introduction to my last Friday letter but it fits best here. I have said more than once in sermons that God chooses whom God chooses. You are a gifted people and you have called a gifted priest. The challenge may come in allowing him to lead as God has called him to do.

Another challenge is in your stewardship. Supporting the ministry of a new rector also means stepping up to the challenge of increasing your pledges. Don't hesitate to volunteer to serve on the stewardship committee and assist with the stewardship campaign. Providing your new rector with the kind of financial support that frees him from having to focus on fundraising will be critical to his ministry here.

***What are your plans at this points?***

The day after I leave St. John's we are going to fly to Colorado to visit our youngest daughter for a few days. That's the immediate plan. After that, well, who knows? Probably stay home and enjoy the wonderful summer of Minnesota and then see what God has in store for us.

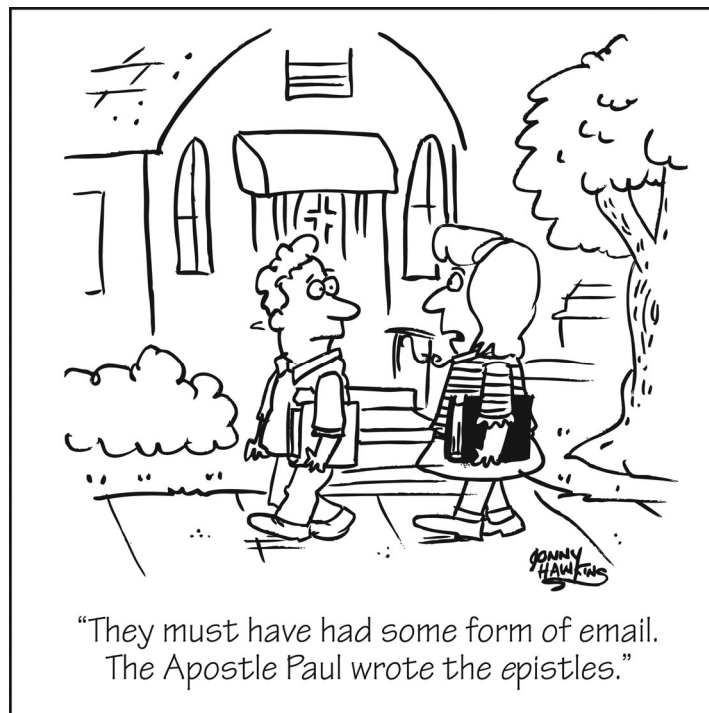
***How will you continue your involvement with the Church?***

I will continue my commitment to Safe Church issues by serving on the board of Nathan Network. NN has been the driving force behind the safe church educational materials developed for the Episcopal Church. I hope to be instrumental in the implementation of the new Title IV clergy disciplinary canons. God willing, I may take another interim. God willing, I may retire.

***What things most feed your faith?***

The most unexpected opportunities to be Christ to another person. Last year when I was preaching at St. Martin's by-the-Lake I had the gospel lesson of the Good Samaritan. Anyone who has ever gone to church is familiar with that lesson. The most mundane words began to appear on the computer screen. And then one more time, God took over. It was one of those experiences that happens on occasion, I wish more often, when the sermon is written by the Other, the Holy Spirit, God present with me. Those epiphanies truly feed me. It is the unexpected intervention of the Holy Spirit into my life, my struggles and those of others, those are the moments that catch me up short, those, those are the things that feed my faith. Of course reading scripture, praying, sharing life with loved ones, all of those feed my faith but not like those unexpected moments when God breaks into my life and takes over.

**Thank you, Peggy. We wish you God's blessings and peace.**



Summer Youth Ministries for  
Students entering grade 7  
through finishing grade 12



# Summer Stretch

**It's the thing to do and the place to be  
on Thursdays this Summer for Service and Fun!**

## **What is Summer Stretch?**

Summer Stretch is a service and recreational program, centered on Gospel values.

***Summer Stretch isn't just a program...  
it's the thing to do and the place to be !!***

### **Service Sites may include:**

Feed My Starving Children  
Environmental projects  
Food Shelf Work

### **Recreational Sites include:**

Bowling//Movies  
Swimming - water parks and beaches  
Outdoor parks and recreation

**Participant Age Range:** This program is designed for those who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall through those who will be graduating from high school. Friends of our teens are also welcome to register and participate. So, talk it up among your friends and neighbors.

**Cost:** covers recreational entrance fees, food and misc. supplies. **The cost for each date is \$10 per youth.** Along with paying the fee, we need parents to drive one Thursday out of the schedule to assure that we have enough drivers.

You will find a registration form at St. John's website: or you can pick one up from Jean, Keely, LongKee or Rev. Letha.

### **Summary of Summer Stretch Dates:**

June 30, 2011, St. John's	First Summer Stretch Session	10:00am to 5:00pm
July 7, 2011, St. John's	Second Summer Stretch Session	10:00am to 5:00pm
July 14, 2011, St. John's	Third Summer Stretch Session	10:00 am to 5:00pm
July 21, 2011, Holy Apostles	Fourth Summer Stretch Session	10:00 am to 5:00pm
July 28, 2011, Holy Apostles	Fifth Summer Stretch Session	4:00pm to 11:00pm

# Wholly Imagination! Holy Imagination!



## Episcopal Creative Arts Day Camp

At Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

August 1-5, 2011 · 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

For children 4 years through entering 6th grade

Fee: \$50.00 (early & late dropoff available - \$5)

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Child's name (child 1): \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Fall 2011: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name (child 2): \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Fall 2011: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name (child 3): \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Fall 2011: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Registration by July 18 would greatly help with our planning.***

Early drop-off (\$5 per day per child): 8:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ Late pick-up (\$5 per day per child): 5:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to St. Mark's Cathedral

\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I have a child (entering 7th grade in Fall 2011 or older) who is interested in helping.  
(Training would be provided and required.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a monetary donation to the ECAD program. I have enclosed my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Permission**

I give my permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend Wholly Imagination! Holy Imagination!, Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp, to take a field trip to the  
Walker Art Museum on August 4, and to be outdoors daily, chaperoned by ECAD adults.

I understand that all care will be taken to ensure the safety of my child. In the event of an accident, I will  
not hold St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, the teachers, or the owners of the property responsible. Should my  
child need emergency medical treatment and I cannot be reached, I give permission for my child to receive  
treatment, x-rays or other emergency procedures deemed necessary by a competent physician.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent or guardian signature

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician/Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company and ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, medical concerns or anything else we should know: \_\_\_\_\_

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*ECAD is a collaboration of several metro area Episcopal churches. Contact ECAD0811@gmail.com.*

**ALL are welcome!**



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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC AT COMO PARK**

Please join us on Sunday, August 14 for Saint John's annual summer picnic. The 10:00 worship service will be at the Como Pavilion, followed by a picnic lunch. This event will be a joint celebration with parishioners from Holy Apostles.

**WHEN:** Sunday August 14

- Worship Service at 10:00 am
- Picnic Lunch following the service

**WHERE:** Como Park Pavilion – 1199 Midway Parkway

We'll provide picnic food (Burgers, brats and veggie options), beverages, games, and music. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share:

- A-G: salad or side dish
- H-Z: dessert

*Please RSVP to the Church Office: [church@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:church@stjohnsstpaul.org) or use the sign-up sheet at the usher's station or in the Undercroft.*

