

# THE EVANGELIST

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Saint John the Evangelist  
Episcopal Church



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## Confirmations and Receptions

Six youth and one adult from St. John's were confirmed on May 30 at St. Marks Cathedral in Minneapolis: Matthew Porter, Madeline Weinkauf, Elliott Allen, Sam Edgerton, Michaela Allen, Julia Debertin, and Caroline Krall. Lea Anne Schmidt and Colleen Swope were received by the Bishop into the Episcopal Church. Please join us in congratulating all the candidates in the reaffirmation of their Christian faith and baptismal promises.

"We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion" (BCP, p. 418).



## Come... Join Us This Summer!

### Sundays

#### 8:00 am Service:

##### Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 St. John's Café

(Meditation Room)

9:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal

(Chancel)

9:00 Farmers' Market

(Parking Lot)

#### 10:00 am Service:

##### Sung Eucharist Rite II

11:15 Coffee Hour

(Parking Lot)



### Evangelist Deadline

August Issue

July 15 at 4pm

All groups and individuals are *encouraged* to submit news and items of interest to *The Evangelist*. Email (church@stjohnsstpaul.org), mail, or bring your **written and titled piece and/or photos** to the church office *before* the deadline shown above. Thank you!

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#### Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

## From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every summer my family takes a trip to a place near Detroit Lakes. The cabins are rustic, the dock and boats are ancient, and the scheduled entertainment is usually a bonfire and s'mores at the days end. We fish and we swim and we float on rafts down the Ottertail River. It's a treat to have a week to rest and retreat and be a family unencumbered by the usual schedule of chores and work. And, usually, I drive up to the lake after a meeting or after worship on a Sunday morning, and find the family already ensconced in cabin life. I have come to enjoy the long drive, usually on a warm July night. I love rolling down the window, cranking up the music (usually after I leave St. Cloud the only stations are country and classic rock) and the letting the noise spill over me, like standing under a waterfall, the steady thump of wind and bass wash the worries of home behind. I usually arrive at the cabin after everyone is asleep, and for the last quarter mile, I turn off the music. As I pull into the drive I even dim the headlights so I don't wake anyone. And, after I arrive, I walk down to the dock and stand in the dark under the stars in the silence. It is such a beautiful moment every year.

When I think of that moment, invariably the Celtic notion of "thin places" comes to mind. It is a place and time when I sense very clearly that God is near at hand. Kate and I have been doing a lot of preaching and talking about the theological importance of the word "with". We have been encouraging our congregation to begin shifting our focus away from how we do things *for* one another, and how we can, like God, be *with* one another. The shift is profound. Theologically it means dwelling as much on the incarnation as the cross and resurrection. That God came into the world to be with us as much or more than for what God might do for us.

So, this summer, we invite you to think about and consider those places where you have encountered God *with* you. Does God seem near at hand in moments of rest and retreat? Or, as Anne Lamott describes, is God with you in adversity? She says "God's everywhere. God's in the effort, God's in the struggle, whether that's for civil rights or creative expression. God's always in the struggle with us."

I know that summer can take us many places. My hope is that wherever you go, you will sense God is with you. And, please, tell us your stories of where you've sensed that presence in your work and play in your home or in the world. Please send me an email and we'll collect your stories to share (anonymously if you want) with the community.

And, always – see you in church!



## From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear Friends in Christ,

May and June are the months here at Saint John's when we welcome many people into new places in the household of God. This year we've had baptisms at Pentecost, confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations on May 30 at the cathedral, a



wedding on June 14, an ordination on June 20, and Eucharist each Sunday at eight and ten o'clock.

These are the people we celebrated with: Andrew, Sam, and Gabe Tessier, Jemma Berry, Colleen Swope, Lea Anne Schmidt, Elliot and Michaela Allen, Julia Debertin, Madeline Weinkauf, Caroline Krall, Sam Edgerton, Reese Berry, Bob Linehan, Kate Sigford, and Craig Lemming.

Bishop Prior said that he has confirmed, received, and ordained more than 200 Episcopalians since March 1. God is indeed at work in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and here at Saint John's.

With each of these sacraments, we have promised to support one another in a new life in Christ. We welcome the baptized, affirm the desire of those being confirmed, received, and reaffirmed, bless the wedded, and invoke the Holy Spirit to be present with the ordained. In our congregation each week, we pray with one another, share communion, and work together in service of God's mission in the world.

Each of these liturgies represents a moment when we ask God and the community to be with us. Some of them are large steps into a new life; some mark the weekly and seasonal turning of our lives. In every instance, we support one another as we make a choice to move towards God.

We are blessed to walk together as a part of the Body of Christ.

Faithfully yours,  
Kate

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Kate Sigford, Verger

## “A Thrilling Soprano” A Profile of Shirley Michienzi

by Barbara Mraz

Several years ago it was my great privilege to interview Shirley Michienzi for the Evangelist. Shirley died on May 9th. There will be a memorial service for her at St. John's on July 2 at 2pm, with a musical prelude by Artaria starting at 1:30pm. It now seems appropriate to rerun this piece. Jim Frasier also writes about Shirley in the parish history, *For All the Saints*.

This is how Shirley Michienzi is described in *The Centennial History of St. John's (1881-1981)*, and by all reports, it's true.

Many times, she performed as a soprano soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra, under conductor Dimitri Metropolis. When she was forty and performing in Brahms's "German Requiem," visiting conductor Robert Shaw praised her work, she finally concluded, "Maybe I am a good singer."

In addition to other performances with the Minnesota Orchestra, she has soloed with the St Paul Chamber Orchestra, and countless other groups.

For thirty-five years, she was paid to sing at services at Temple Israel, the largest Reform Jewish congregation in the state. She was there during the tenure of three senior rabbis, "all wonderful, learned men," she says. "It was a privilege to hear them explain the Hebrew Scripture." During the High Holidays services would sometimes last for five hours, and at Yom Kippur, all day. Saturdays were bar/bat mitzvahs, and she was on deck again.

When asked to explain the difference between the services at the temple and St. John's, she notes the feeling of past oppression that pervaded the Jewish worship, a raw awareness of how often the Jews had been persecuted, especially in the Holocaust.

In 1944, she was persuaded to come back to St John's and the choir. She did, and not only sung in the St John's choir for 44 years, but also as a soloist at countless weddings and funerals. She was a mainstay in the annual spring musical performed by the choir on the stage in the gym. "My usual schedule would be choir practice Wednesday night, Friday night and

Saturday morning at the Temple, and Sunday at St. John's."

With her friend Prentice Harris, from St. Phillips, Shirley founded a musical school for underprivileged children, located at St. John's. Children from the old Rondo neighborhood would come to St. John's for music lessons, singing groups, and even painting classes taught by Nil Hillsley. Eventually, the school was moved to the Dr. Martin Luther King Center (home of the Penumbra Theater) where it remains to this day.

Shirley recently returned to John's "full-time" after a twelve-year absence, during which time she attended services at the Cathedral with her second husband



Leonard Michienzi, a Roman Catholic who died at the end of last year. Upon her recent return to St. John's, she notes that she encountered a much more diverse institution, in membership, programming, and clergy. "The place had done a 180 degree turnaround!" she says. She is quick to praise the changes and atmosphere.

Shirley's early life is intriguing. At age thirteen she won a citywide contest for a year of voice lessons from the baritone soloist at St. John's (a former performer at the Met). It was also at this time that she was asked by a wealthy parishioner to stand behind the Boy's Choir to keep them on pitch. A curtain concealed her! This arrangement lasted for years.

It was at that time that she also received an anonymous scholarship for four years at the storied Oak Hall School, an elite prep school for girls located around the corner from St. John's. There were only twelve girls in each class, and Shirley remembers that while she took the streetcar to school, the others arrived in limousines. She did well at the school, and went on to get a degree from Hamline University. Although she took every music class the school had to offer, she wanted a degree in languages and focused on French. She already spoke German since a grandmother had begun teaching her at age five. She went on to teach voice at Hamline.

Following college, she received a lot of encouragement to go to New York and further her career, but calls herself a homebody who preferred to stay in the Twin Cities. She married and had two children, Mark and Laurel. Her husband Henry was

an engineer and a World War II veteran who was afflicted with MS at age 30. The family thrived in spite of the illness, however, and Shirley looks at it as a blessing. "He was home with the children when I was off performing, and he and I had wonderful times during the week when we would drive to Wisconsin and take pictures." Shirley says that she actually took the pictures; Henry would point the camera but was unable to push the button due to his M.S. so Shirley did it.

She kept on singing through it all, and also became the president of the Schubert Club.

Henry died at age 76, and Shirley went on to marry a second time. Her husband, Leonard Michienzi, was the team physician for the Minnesota Twins for 32 years. He died at the end of last year and Shirley had recently moved to the Cornelia House at Episcopal Homes.

"Music has been my art, my therapy, my healing, and my joy. It is what has pulled me through the hard times and helped me celebrate the good times. I don't know how I could have coped with two children and a husband in a wheel chair without it."

She goes on, "My voice is a gift from God. I had very little to do with it. Each day I continue to be blessed by Him."

*"I will sing unto the Lord  
As long as I live.  
I will praise my God  
While I have my being."*

(From "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain" which Shirley sang at her mother's funeral and at countless funerals at St. John's)



Shirley at her grandson's baptism - still in her choir robe!

Holy Apostles & St. John the Evangelist

# Church Cookout

## Sunday, August 2

**10:00am Service in the Park followed by  
Picnic Lunch and Baptisms in the River**

**At Crosby Farm Park Picnic Area  
(in case of rain, at St. John's Gym)**

### Remember to Bring:

- Lawn chairs or picnic blankets
- Sunscreen and hats
- Bug spray
- Outdoor games
- Beverages other than those provided
- Umbrellas or raincoats
- Dessert (last name A-Q)
- or Salad (last name R-Z)

Holy Apostles and St. John's will provide grilled meats, egg rolls, fried chicken, and beverages including lemonade, tea, and water.

### **Crosby Farm Park Picnic Area 2595 Crosby Farm Road**

Due to road construction, the only way into the park is via the Shepard Road entrance. Get onto Shepard Road at **South** Davern Street and turn left onto Crosby Farm Road.



# Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, May 31, we welcomed 11 new members to the St. John's family:

## Lucille DeCoux

Grew up in Minneapolis and was a child of Catholic schools through the 8th grade. Stumbling on St. John's while in search of a new home, she was taken aback by the warm welcome she received here. She found herself attracted to the beautiful space and music at St. John's, the "inspiring" sermons, and the "healthy mix of young families and older parishioners," and the commitment to service in the congregation. She reports feeling welcomed already. An important factor, as well, has been the quality of the Sunday programming in the Godly Play program. Her two young children are now excited to attend church and to participate, while they also feel welcome in the worship space-plenty of understanding neighbors in the pews when her kids have been "noisy or spirited", In short, she says, "This community is full of love."

Lucille enjoys walking, gardening, and drinking tea. She invests much time and energy making her garden her special place for drinking tea and listening to classical music. With her husband, David, she seeks out beautiful places in their vacation time, which they take to state and national parks. Walking in nature, and encouraging the love of the outdoors in her children, Lucille sees beautiful places as opportunities to "celebrate God's blessings." Without a doubt, she has kindred spirits among many at St. John's!



## Betsy Bailey

grew up outside of Washington, DC and learned to swim, boat and crab on the Chesapeake Bay.

During college she got involved in organized sports, playing Basketball at Maryland – College Park and the University of Colorado in Boulder. She was recruited to play professionally overseas in Germany and then in Turkey, returning to the U.S. in 1995.

She relocated in New Mexico and worked for Dale Carnegie Training until moving to St. Paul in March of 2014. She currently works for the Metropolitan Council.

Betsy and her children, Jon Morris and Austin Marie, enjoy outdoor activities and plan to really get to know at least three state parks this year. She says that St John's is beginning to feel like home.



Welcoming our New Members

## **Pamela Talley**

found St John's after extensive church shopping—online. She perused many of the local Episcopal church web sites after relocating to St Paul for her job. She sensed a dedication to high quality church music and a focus on service on our site and decided to visit. After experiencing Sunday worship and meeting a few people, she decided no further visits would be needed, and joined St John's.



Pam works for the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer. This is a second career after serving as a Family Physician for many years. Pam does disease investigation and education wherever the CDC sends her. While her office is just a few blocks from her home in downtown St Paul, a recent assignment found her in Eugene, Oregon following up on a meningitis outbreak. Last fall she spent a month in Nigeria working on the Ebola crisis. Pam enjoys the many and varied challenges of her work.

Pam was born in Rochester, New York and has lived in several US cities. She holds degrees from Dartmouth, University of Rochester, and University of Colorado. Her two sons are currently in college at Dartmouth and Bucknell, and she is happy to report they are doing fine. She is a runner and a snowboarder and enjoys the great outdoors whenever she can. Pam is enjoying getting to know the people and ministries at St John's. She has served in several volunteer and leadership positions in prior churches. As a doctor, she was also a longtime volunteer in medical clinics for homeless individuals.

## **Barbara Ballou**

comes to us by way of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Barbara moved to St. Paul to be closer to her daughter and first discovered St. John's before moving here on a visit. Barbara has a background in journalism and politics. She started out covering politics in Iowa and later got involved as a writer with campaigns on both sides of the political aisle. Barbara is a painter and shares a love of art that runs through her family - including grandchildren who write and make movies.



## **Dick Slade**

and his wife Ella Slade have homes both in Minneapolis and on the shore of Lake Superior. They have four children and have been married nearly 60 years.



Educated at a boys' school in Connecticut and at Yale, Dick is a retired banker, and for eight years was the president of the Minnesota College of Art and Design.

Raised a Roman Catholic, he decided that it was time for him and Ella to start going to church together and St. John's, where Ella has been a long time member, got the nod.

## **Brother Anselm Phillip and Jason King-Lowe**



have been attending St. John's since November of 2014. They had their civil marriage vows solemnized At St. Mark's Cathedral on August 2 of that year. They have both been active in the work of LGBT equality since they met in 2009. They currently live in Richfield.

Br. Anselm Philip grew up in W. Wareham, Massachusetts and is one of three children. He has a B.A. in Church Music and was a Roman Catholic director of music and an organist for 23 years. His past public organ recital was at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York in 2006. He is a Novice to the Companions of St. Luke/Order of St. Benedict. He is interested in religious art, contemplative and centering prayer, and Benedictine spirituality. He is also a personal care giver for his mother.

Jason King-Lowe is the oldest of four children and grew up near Dallas, Texas. He was raised in the Church of Christ and has sung in church choirs. He is part Choctaw. He works at a Computer Help Desk for 3M and enjoys reading, The Muppets and his family. He also likes to make puppets.

Both Jason and Brother Anselm are drawn to the beauty of the church, the liturgy and music, the preaching and the variety of parish activities. They have found people warm and inviting and see opportunities for each of them to get involved over time.

# Faith in Action



## Fields to Families Matching Grant

We have again been offered a \$1,500 matching grant for Fields to Families! Currently, donations to the program are collected at our farmers market and used to purchase produce from the farmers. This produce is then delivered to our neighborhood food shelf, Halle Q. Brown. Last year we were able to donate over 6,000 lbs of fresh food, feeding hundreds of families with healthy produce and supporting Hmong farmers from our companion parish, Holy Apostles. With your help we can once again meet our goal of raising \$1,500, which will trigger an additional \$1,500 from our anonymous donor, effectively doubling the funds and serving twice as many families facing food insecurity. For those interested in ending hunger and malnutrition, this matching grant is a wonderful opportunity to make your money go further.

Donations can be made at the Farmers Market on Wednesday afternoons, from 2 pm to 5 pm, and Sunday mornings, from 9 am to noon. Donations can also be sent to the Parish Office, marked for Fields to Families. No amount of money is too small, and every penny is used to buy food.

## Be a Farmers Market Host

Please help us host the market by going to our Signup Genius volunteer page at <http://tinyurl.com/farmers15>.

For more information regarding the Farmers Market, Fields to Families or the matching grant please contact Cammie or Rob Beattie at 651-683-2820.

## School Tools

If you see great deals on school supplies, you may want to pick up a few extra. St. John's is taking part again in the St. Paul Area Council of Churches School Tools drive. We will begin collections on July 26, for 3 weeks. Look for the special School Tools containers in the office hallway and at coffee hour at the Farmers' Market.

## Hallie Q. Brown Happenings

Many of our parishioners have been asking about opportunities to help the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. There are several events and missions that those at HQBCC would welcome your help with.

If you like helping those in need of household goods and clothing or shopping for food, volunteering at **The Closet** or **the Food Shelf** front desk is always needed. You can work two-hour shifts or staying for the day.

Another is working with their **Summer Youth Enrichment Program** where mentors with different interests and skills work with the children and open their worlds to different activities. This would be one hour to the number of hours you want to work with the children each week. These activities can cover many experiences: all crafts, all music, cooking/nutrition, drama/theatre, writing/storytelling – what would you like to offer?

A chance to volunteer and be part of the history of St. Paul is working HQBCC's **Rondo Day celebration on July 18**. This is a day that all in the St. John's neighborhood and the old Rondo neighborhood remember the vibrant African-American community that gave St. Paul life through culture and business. Volunteers are needed for preparation, the day of the event and the take down.

If you are interested in any or all of these events, please contact Hannah Ellis, 651-224-4601 x113 or [hellis@hallieqbrown.org](mailto:hellis@hallieqbrown.org).



## Habitat For Humanity

This year we're working on a Habitat house **July 6-10**, you can still join us! Construction takes place from 8:20 to 4:00 each day.

Each day there will be a work crew of 18 volunteers, and 2 volunteers preparing and serving snacks and lunch. All skill levels are welcome – you'll be provided with tools and friendly instructions, if you need them. You'll work with like-minded folk, people of faith from other local congregations, and you'll be addressing the need for affordable housing in a concrete way. To view available volunteer days and to sign up, visit the website, <http://tinyurl.com/faithbuilders2>, or contact Don Postema, 651-485-9632 or [postema@comcast.net](mailto:postema@comcast.net).

## Hearts to Homes

During April and May St. John's hosted a cooking series for YWCA families overcoming homelessness. Safe Church trained committee members, youth, Sarah and Ellie helped with the child care of up to 16 children each of the 6 evenings while their parents attended the class in St. John's gym kitchen. One evening Jayson Engquist gave a very nice organ lesson to the older children. It was great! Reprinted, with permission, from the YWCA newsletter:

### Cooking Matters

YW Families Learn to Shop Smart & Eat Healthy

This spring, eight parents overcoming homelessness at the YWCA got a taste of shopping and eating healthy on a budget.

Thanks to funding from St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church's Hearts to Homes program, they learned how to make nutritious, affordable meals as part of Cooking Matters® Minnesota.

Once a week, participants gathered at St. John's for a cooking demonstration and nutrition discussion led by instructors from Cooking Matters. Through the program, they explored the importance of cooking at home, practiced preparing healthy recipes and learned how to make cost-effective purchases at the grocery store.

"Making healthy choices can be challenging for parents overcoming poverty," explains Jaime Stampley, Director of Housing & Supportive Services. "To stretch their budget, they frequently forgo buying items like fresh fruits and vegetables for cheaper, processed foods that are high in sugar and fat."

Not only are healthy options generally more expensive, but access to them is often limited within low-income communities—factors that contribute to higher rates of obesity and diabetes. In fact, children who live in poor neighborhoods are nearly 30 percent more likely to be obese than those living in affluent areas.

Thanks to Cooking Matters, parents at the YWCA are now equipped with the knowledge and skills to shop smarter and help their families eat healthier. "I'm excited to start making more meals at home with my kids," said one participant.



## Support Our Food Shelf

Summer vacation is upon us, and many children in our community will no longer be getting additional food at school through free breakfast and subsidized lunch programs. Won't you please join your fellow parishioners and help add inventory to our local food shelves?

Food items that can always be used and are especially in demand during the summer months are:

- Pasta & sauces
- Peanut butter & Jams and jellies
- Vegetable and Olive oils
- Oatmeal and other breakfast cereals
- Rice and dried beans
- Juices or juice drink mixes
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Canned meat i.e. tuna, chicken or salmon
- Flour: white, wheat, gluten-free
- Hamburger Helper
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Toilet paper & Paper towels
- Diapers & Personal products

As always, you can drop off food at St. John's in the Undercroft or the barrel in the back of church any time.

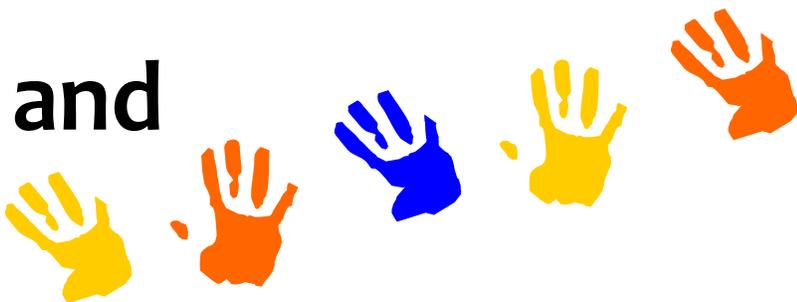
### Save the Date - Cabaret on Nov. 21!

The 2nd Annual Cabaret to benefit Kayoro Clinic & St. John's Youth Pilgrimage will be the evening of Saturday, November 21. This is a fun evening of live entertainment, live and silent auctions and great food. Plus, this year we are introducing some fun games of chance to win great prizes.

We are looking for donations for our auctions and game prizes. These can be sculptural pieces of art, textile art, gift cards for dining, spas, museums, specialty foods, dining experiences, what ever you can think of. We would love to have great life experiences donated for our live auction (ie. a week at your cabin, a day on your boat, tickets to various cultural or sporting events).

If you would like to be part of our entertainment, please contact Joan Potter at 651.492.8837 or jepotter60@gmail.com. If you would like to donate or volunteer, please contact Cammie Beattie at 651.683.2820 or crbeattie@att.net.

# Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



## Save These Dates!

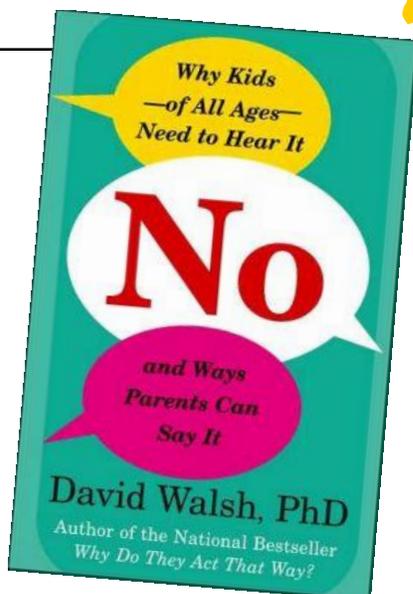
**Wednesdays,  
August 5, 12, 19 & 26  
7-8:30pm**

*Join us for four Wednesday evenings in August, as we read and discuss, "No, Why Kids - of All Ages - Need to Hear It, and Ways Parents Can Say It", by Dr. David Walsh.*

No. It's not just a one-word answer, it's a parenting strategy. By saying no when they need to, parents help their children learn skills, such as self-reliance, self-discipline, respect, integrity, the ability to delay gratification, and a host of other crucial character traits. Although the importance of no should be obvious, many parents have a hard time saying it when other parents and the culture around them are being permissive, even when they know they should.

**This series is open to all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, faith parents, Godparents and other adults who care about kids.**

Books are available beginning on Sunday, July 5, on the buffet in the Undercroft, or by contacting Jean Hansen.



Upon your return, make monkey bread or decorate cupcakes to look like animals. Play a game of animal charades or animal races (hop like a kangaroo, slither like a snake, or walk like an elephant.)

**2. The Beach:** Another display of God's handiwork. Build a sandcastle near the tide, on the sand. Build another one on a rock on higher land. Discuss the wise man and the foolish man. How does that apply to us? Sing "The Wise Man Built his House upon the Rock."

Fill a small container with sand. How many granules would you estimate are in there? Talk about Psalm 139:17-18, "How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand." Find a recipe for a "sand dirt dessert" and make it when you get home.

**3. The Farm:** A place where man's hard work meets God's provision. Ask a local farmer if you can assist him for the day (or even an hour). Ask him questions about his job. Discuss how it relates to scripture. Try to find the four soils explained in Matthew 13. Go berry picking. Talk about God being the vine and His people being the branches. Eat some of the fruits of the labor.

**4. The Backyard:** Go cloud watching. Read Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." Replicate the clouds with a cotton ball art project. Read *It Looked Like Spilt Milk*, by Charles G. Shaw.

Plant a vegetable or flower garden. Take care of it daily. (Even dead plants are a great object lesson if things don't work out!) Read Mark 4:30-32, the Parable of the mustard seed.

Play games, have fun, and be silly. Jesus promises us life to the full. What does that mean?

Hunt for bugs. Find a caterpillar and a butterfly. Discuss 2 Corinthians 5:17.

At night, chase fireflies. Notice how they stand out in the darkness. Play flashlight tag. Sing, "This Little Light of Mine." Search for constellations.

## Summertime Family Devotions

**1. The Zoo:** A showcase for God's creativity. Hunt for five of the most bizarre animal facts. Discuss God's purpose in His specific design of each animal. Try to find an animal for each letter of the alphabet. Make an A to Z book. Talk about Adam's job to name the animals. What names would you have chosen? Discuss Noah's faith in building the ark. Sing the "Rise and Shine" song. Eat animal crackers.

## Summer Opportunities for Children and Youth

### Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp – ECAD

I am part of the team that is putting together ECAD. This is a great week of faith formation, worship and fun for kids. Please consider sending your child for a couple of days, or for the whole week. We can work out a carpool schedule to make sure that anyone who wants to participate can participate. If you have any questions I'm happy to talk - Jean Hansen.

Who: Children age 4 through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade\*\*

Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral,  
519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis

When: July 27-July 31, 9am – 3pm

Cost: \$90 Scholarships available [contact: MaryL@OurCathedral.org](mailto:MaryL@OurCathedral.org)

Web: <http://ourcathedral.org/ecad-2015>

\*\*Adults and youth older than 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join the fun!

### Episcopal Youth Music Camp August 2-8

EYMC is an intergenerational weeklong overnight camping experience for Children and Youth entering 3rd-12th grade. EYMC also has a Leadership Development Program for Young Adults post high school ages 18-22. The camp is staffed by volunteers which include professional musicians and music ministers, clergy, youth ministers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, and the list goes on. EYMC is a safe place for all to experience the amazing love of God through Jesus Christ. We use music, drama, band, orchestra, handbells, guitars & drumming, (and much, much more) as a vehicle to build bridges between each other and God. Contact [eymcdean@gmail.com](mailto:eymcdean@gmail.com) with questions and for more information.

### EYQC - Episcopal Youth Quest Camp

The Episcopal Church in MN is offering a new summer camp experience! Through fun, friendship, and formative outdoor experiences, the **6-8th grade** track will empower students to discover their identity as God's beloved, develop leadership and confidence, and grow in their sense of ministry and giftedness. The **9-12th** grade students will have separate cabins and their own Peer Ministry Leadership track, which will include opportunities to lead activities for the 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Both tracks will have a one-night hiking and camping excursion. Please join us for a fantastic week at camp!  
Location: **Camp OneHeartland**

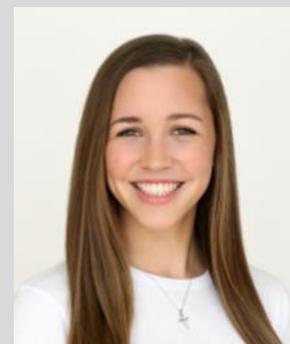
## 2015 St. John's High School Graduates

### Johannah Frisby

I'm attending College of Saint Benedict/ Saint Johns University, where I will be a part of the swim and most likely frisbee team. And I plan on majoring in education with a minor in Spanish and art.



### Lauren Debertin



I graduated from Visitation High school on June 7th. At Visitation, I played volleyball, was a part of the orchestra, and led a peer mentoring group. In the fall, I will attend Marquette University. I have been accepted into their honors college and plan to major in biomedical sciences. I hope to continue on to graduate work in occupational therapy.

### Elliott Allen

I graduated from Mounds View High School this year and will be attending the University of St. Thomas in the fall to study environmental science. Throughout high school I played soccer, ultimate frisbee, and tennis, and I also was involved with the theater department.



### Payton Kinkead



I just graduated from Minnehaha Academy. Next year I am going to be a Demon Deacon at Wake Forest University and can't wait to explore all that North Carolina has to offer. I plan to double major in Political Science and History with a minor in Latin American

Studies. My dream is to work in the state department specifically the branch that focuses on foreign policy. I can't wait to start this next chapter in my life but want to make sure that I keep in touch with everyone at St. John's.

# Musical Notes

## Special Concert

The women's vocal ensemble Angelus will present a concert of sacred vocal works on Saturday, July 25 at 7:00pm. Repertoire includes medieval chant and polyphony, Sacred Harp as well as contemporary American and Irish works. The concert is free and a free-will offering will be accepted. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this program. For more information about Angelus visit their website: [www.mvhsfinearts.com](http://www.mvhsfinearts.com).



## Summer Choir

Our St. John's Volunteer Summer Choir sings each Sunday June thru August. We gather each Sunday at 9 am in the choir stalls to rehearse the anthem and service music. All ages are welcome – this is an intergenerational ensemble. Please come at 9 am any Sundays in the summer months. We welcome all summer singers, regardless of ability.

## New Choir Singer and Ringers are welcome in the Fall

If you have been thinking about trying out one of our singing or ringing choirs, please consider starting in September. If you would like to sing for special occasions (i.e, Christmas, Easter, Evensongs), we have a choir for you! Please speak with Jayson Engquist, 651-228-1172 x36.

## Calling All Musicians

We would like to have a "consort" of recorders play several times over the summer months. We also invite instrumentalists to play during summer church services. We can provide accompaniment for any solo instruments. Contact Jayson Engquist at 651-228-1172, x36 if you are interested.

# Faith Formation



## "So Build Us Up..."

The popular "Conversations on the Back Porch" series returns over three Wednesday evenings this month:

**July 15, 22, & 29 from 7:30—9:00 PM**

July 15: Jered's house (1765 Jefferson Ave, St. Paul)

July 22: Kate's house (3140 30th Ave S, Minneapolis)

July 29: Jered's house (1765 Jefferson Ave, St. Paul)

Our conversation will focus on a phrase from the Collect for St. John's, our parish mission statement—*"so build us up in the knowledge and love of Him"*.

Our Strategic Plan identifies this piece of our mission with the work of Faith Formation, stating "Faith formation involves nourishing our spiritual development so that we are prepared to live out the Saint John's mission and identify strongly as committed Christians."

Formation happens in forums and Bible Studies, small groups and on retreats, where we learn the stories of our faith and the spiritual practices that can deepen it. But, it also happens in corporate worship and in our community life too. Everywhere we are being intentionally enriched, challenged, and shaped—these are the places where we are being built up in the knowledge and love of God.

Our three sessions will look at the work of being "built up" through 1. Formation, 2. Worship, and 3. Community. Come for one or come for all three. We'll leave plenty of time to enjoy the back porch and one another's company. Hope to see you there!



# Community Life

## Yoga invitation

Have you ever thought about prayer and your body? Yoga is one of many ways we can deepen our relationship with our bodies and with God. Kate Bradtmiller will be offering yoga with meditation on Mondays at 9:30am in the undercroft. Classes will be held from July 6-August 10. Come as your schedule allows; attending all classes is not required. Please contact Kate with any questions at 651-228-1172 x18 or [kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org).



## House Groups

House groups are a place to share our lives and journey together. They are gatherings of 8-12 members who meet regularly for friendship, spiritual support, and building deeper relationships. Some rotate meetings among the members' houses; some meet elsewhere. Some groups gather to study or have a common interest or focus. Most groups meet monthly. All groups build community around our shared life of faith.

To connect with an existing group or learn about forming a group, contact Kate at 651-228-1172 x18 or [kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org).

## St. John's Cafe

Come for the coffee, stay for the good news!

Join us **Sundays at 9:00am in the Meditation Room** as we discuss the lectionary gospel in the context of the week's news.

All are welcome!

Contact Kate for more info at 651-228-1172 x18 or [kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org).



## Community of Hope International

There are many needs in our congregation and our community. You may find yourself drawn to meet those needs in the area of pastoral care but be unsure how to begin or continue in a sustainable way. You might be drawn to the idea of a community where compassion is the practice, where pastoral care is connected with Benedictine spirituality.

Beginning on September 21 at 7pm, we are offering an eleven week lay pastoral care training in partnership with the East Metro Mission Area. The training is under the auspices of Community of Hope International, a pastoral care organization founded by Helen Appelberg, an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Texas, and based on the principles of the rule of Saint Benedict.

Kate Bradtmiller will be facilitating our cohort and the creation of a monthly Circle of Care, where our lay pastoral care givers will support one another in their ministry with congregation and community.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Kate with any questions at 651-228-1172 x18 or [kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org).

## Office Closed for Independence Day

The church office will be closed Friday, July 3 for the Independence Day holiday.

## July Meetings

**Prayer Shawl Gathering:** Wednesday, July 1, at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-248-8932.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

**Men's Gathering:** Tuesday, July 14 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

**Vestry Meeting:** Monday, July 20 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. RSVP to the church office at 651-228-1172, x10

**Down Syndrome Group:** Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft and Nursery. Contact Ellison Yahner at [ellisonyanner@gmail.com](mailto:ellisonyanner@gmail.com).

# Happy Birthday to...

## July\*

1	Cammie Beattie Patricia Durst Jim Frazier Ashley Roehrich	12	Oliver Lowe Wyatt Furois Jonathan Frost	21	Melissa Brown Ellen Brynteson Kimberly Burrows Mark Maronde
2	Joyce Johnston	13	Eliana Avery	22	John Docherty Andrew Tessier Gabe Tessier
3	Judy Kinkead	14	Meghan Longley-Postema Amelia Ryan	23	Nancy Martin The Reverend Mary Ramos
5	Henrik Axelson Brett Gemlo Laura Haseman Reverend Cecie Titcomb	15	Jay Debertain Jason King-Lowe Anthony Specht	25	Adele DeCoux
6	Thea Bischof Charlie Johnson Robert Kendall	16	Harriet Page	26	Peggy Olsen June Owen
10	Josie Kuhn	17	Gemma Berry Joan Norton	27	Charles Swope Hannah Stengle
11	Francesca Ramos Kris Longley-Postema Nicholas Morawiecki Peter Myers Samantha Rosendale	18	Missy Thompson Jeshua Livstrom Paul Savage	28	Megan August-Hau Dorothy MacDonald
		19	Anneke Krall Dick Lyman		
		20	Rick Olson James Orput Linnea Pedersen		

\*If your birthday was missed, please call or email the church office so our records can be updated.

## Congratulations Bob and Kate!



## Altar Decor Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

### July 5 —The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

*Main Altar:* John Snowfield

*Small Altar:* William J., Ruth O., Dorothy E. Abeler

### July 12—The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

*Main Altar:* Gladys & Richard Ordway

*Small Altar:* Jim & Virginia Kerr

### July 19—The Eight Sunday After Pentecost

*Main Altar:* Burton Anderson

*Small Altar:* Grenville & Annie McMillian Baker

### July 26—The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

*Main Altar:* John C. & Elizabeth M. Parish

*Small Altar:* John Ward



# St. John the Evangelist July 2015 Service Schedule

TIME	READERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR	ACOLYTES
<b>July 5 —The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost</b>					
<b>8:00 am</b>	Craig Lindeke	Bob Bauman Pat Brynteson	Cammie Beattie Phyllis Goff	Diane & George Power	Tim Krall Caroline Krall
<b>10:00 am</b>	A—Judy Southwick B—Gary Gleason	Jay Debertin John MacBain	Jennifer Kinkead		Linnea Krall Sabine Krall
<b>July 12—The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</b>					
<b>8:00 am</b>	Joan McCanna	Peter & Jennifer Rosendale	Kathleen Hanson Gabrielle Lawrence & Don Postema	Don Husband	Tessa Johnson Maren Johnson
<b>10:00 am</b>	A—Terry Dinovo B—Diane Wallace- Reid	Holly & Don Weinkauff			Will Rinkoff Ailsa Schmidt
<b>July 19—The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost</b>					
<b>8:00 am</b>	David Aylesworth	Patty Byrne Pfalz Marvin Cadwell	Vern Kassekert Judy Southwick Jerry Woelfel	Dusty Mairs	Eli Weinkauff Roan Weinkauff Aidan Schmidt Elliot Wall
<b>10:00 am</b>	A—Bob Linehan B—Mark McInroy	Terri Fishel Alex Joyce			
<b>July 26—The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost</b>					
<b>8:00 am</b>	Brad McCanna	Gary & Paige Hagstrom Lynn Hertz	Phyllis Frisby Suzanne McInroy Colleen Swope	Susan & Chris Johnson	Madeline Weinkauff Thea Bishof Charlie Docherty
<b>10:00 am</b>	A—Troy Stack- Nelson B—Jill Thompson	Barbara Lindeke			

## Altar Flowers 2015

Memorial flowers on the Main and Little Sanctuary altars are given by parishioners on a perpetual calendar basis. A few Sundays are available for donors to sign up to give the flowers for either of our altars. If you are interested, please contact **Dusty Mairs** or **the Church Office** to find out what dates are open for each altar.

## Altar Guild Teams

**July 5:** Pat Brynteson, Caroline Krall, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson

**July 12:** Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Heather Joyce, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall, Ginny Schauss

**July 19:** Dusty Mairs, Susan Aylesworth, Phillip Baird, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey

**July 26:** Pam Strom, Kathy Brown, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sue MacIntosh



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