Servant Leadership

by the Rev. Jered-Weber Johnson

On that night before his crucifixion, as Jesus dined with his disciples, his closest friends, the community he had called to follow him, he took off his outer robes, and wrapping a towel around his waist, he knelt and began washing their feet. “This,” he said, “this is what your destination looks like and this is how your journey there will be marked. Service. Plain and simple – you will serve one another and you will serve the world in my name.”

And, this community we share and the common destiny we’re all headed towards, we aren’t coerced into being here. We boarded this train headed straight into the world, with all its suffering and need, and we’re on this train surrounded by all the discomfiting realities of life in an intentional community – surrounded by those who interrupt, like crying babies and noisy teens, surrounded by hypocrites and liars, by those who could use a few tips on hygiene and human interaction. This is us. These are the feet we’ve been called to wash first. And, then, take a look out your window. That world we’re headed straight into, it needs serving too. So, grab a towel, roll up your sleeves, its going to get messy.
Dear Friends in Christ,

In May the Men’s Gathering met to discuss the topic of moral formation. I was intrigued by David Brooks’ recent article “What Is Your Purpose” (NY Times, May 5, 2015) about morality and character and I passed along some thoughts from his column. As with much of his work, I found the questions Brooks was asking far more interesting than his answers. From his column we wondered together, in this highly politicized and increasingly pluralist culture, which authorities, intellectuals, institutions, and philosophical frameworks do we draw on to understand the world and our place in it?

The institution from which I’ve taken much of my worldview and to which I’ve dedicated my life, the church, is (if the numbers are correct) declining at least in overall participation and attendance. While much ink has already been spilled over whether this is altogether a good or bad thing, it is worth noting that the decline in participation and attendance correlates to a similar decline in what might be called Christian literacy. We can no longer take for granted that there is a shared language and a common understanding of the scriptures and traditions which shape a Christian worldview – even within the church.

But, the church isn’t the only institution struggling to articulate its shared language and a resulting worldview. In a country so polarized by partisanship, we can’t even be sure we mean the same thing when conversing with other Americans, when we speak of healthcare or free speech, even democracy. Common language is so vitally important for maintaining community and developing a shared sense of purpose and identity for that community.

Of course, the idea that we might one day all share a common worldview is absurd. The world we live in is infinitely diverse and so are the many perspectives of the cultures and peoples who live in it. But, I don’t think it is absurd to expect that each of us would strive to know the language and stories, the perspectives and values of our respective traditions. Knowing our worldview, whether it be Christian, humanist, pragmatist, existentialist, or some crazy combination of the same, will not only help us navigate and make sense of the world, it might also make us better citizens within it. Only as we know what defines us and gives us meaning can we listen carefully and fearlessly to the perspectives and worldviews of others, hearing the subtle and often distinct differences and finding in those nuances the places of overlap and agreement.

So, do you have a sense of where your worldview comes from? Can you think of those major influences, be they great philosophers or public institutions or even personal heroes and life experiences that have been a significant part of your moral formation? And, as you think of how your character and worldview were shaped, what part if any did faith have to do with it? What pieces of Christianity, the teachings of Jesus, your experience of the sacraments and of worship, were influential in your formation? I’d love to hear your stories and responses. I’d very much appreciate the
opportunity to talk to you about your great influences and your worldview.

I look forward to those conversations, informally at coffee hour and around church, or (if you’d like) over coffee or in my office at a time that works for you. You can even send me a note or an email.

I thank God for each of you, for your openness, for the stories you’ve already shared, and for all the ways you are wrestling with faith and growing in it at St. John’s. I’ll see you in church!

Blessings,

Kate

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From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear Friends in Christ,

"What is the most important word in the Bible?" Sarah Miles asked us at clergy conference. Much guessing ensued. Love, God, Jesus, follow. "With," she said, "is the most important word in the Bible." She cited John 1:1 ("In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God") and Matthew 28:20 ("And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age") as she described our relationship with God, and the mutual indwelling of the Trinity.

Crucially, "with" is not "for," Miles said, "God is not triumphantly on some particular person’s side, nor busy doing things for people. God sticks with us, accompanies us."

Understanding the difference between God with us and God for us changes our role as Christians in the world. We are called to be connected with other people the way God is connected with us. Being with other people instead of doing things for them is hard work. Coming closer to one another means becoming vulnerable, and open to the unexpected. We are changed by being in relationship. Relationships are messy and complicated; giving without being open to receiving in return is tidier, but also less holy.

There are many ways we can support one another in the Christian work of building relationships rather than maintaining distance. While I hope that such work will be an ongoing conversation, leading to deepening relationship, here at Saint John’s, you may notice one subtle change in our liturgy already.

In the prayers of the people on Sundays, instead of praying for other people and their needs, we are praying with them. Thus, we are praying with, not for, the Presiding Bishop, the other churches of the Anglican Communion, those who have asked for our prayers, and many others. In our worship, we come to be with one another, and with God.

Faithfully yours,

Kate

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Enriching Our Worship

In the season after Pentecost, you may notice a change in the language of our ten o’clock service. We will be exploring Enriching Our Worship, a collection of supplemental liturgical materials approved by the national Episcopal Church beginning in 1997. What is the difference between Enriching Our Worship and the Book of Common Prayer, you may ask? Simply put, Enriching Our Worship is an extension of the Book of Common Prayer 1979, offering more options for our liturgies, including the celebration of the Eucharist. The language of Enriching Our Worship "represents the recovery of ancient biblical images...including the identification of Christ with Wisdom and language for God that does not use familiar masculine terms." These liturgies offers an opportunity to remember and celebrate the diversity of ways in which Christians throughout the centuries have understood God.

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“Where were the dinosaurs?”
A Portrait of Jay Clark

by Barbara Mraz

Jay Clark has been a Godly Play teacher for 14 years, after arriving at St. John’s 18 years ago. What has kept him here have been the kids and the stories. He is motivated by good discussions, a growing familiarity with the Bible, and a deep affection for children.

“Godly Play is kind of like a sermon, and then the kids get to ask questions and work out the ideas with some kind of hands-on activity. It’s a great structure for them to learn.”

Even though the same stories appear in a two-year cycle, there are always new ideas that pop up. This year one of the children wondered what the disciples did after the death of Jesus. A good discussion followed about how people handle loss and change. And then there was the kid who asked where the dinosaurs were when all this was happening.

“Learning more about the Bible stories by really delving into them each year has kept me going and interested. I find it gratifying when a child recalls something from a previous story they have heard, and when they make a connection between stories. It is also interesting to hear what jumps out to them about a story.”

Do kids seem different today than when he first started teaching? “Oh yes. It takes longer for them to get settled and stay focused. They’re a little more antsy.”

Jay has been a Project Engineer at 3M for 32 years. He oversees equipment that makes a product. His wife Lisa, works at Medtronic in product technical support. Son Sam just finished his freshman year at Creighton University in Omaha and daughter Rachel is a junior at Cretin-Derham Hall.

Jay enjoys sports – playing basketball in the winter and bicycling in the summer, watching hockey, and watching both my kids play soccer. He enjoys British mysteries – P.D. James is his favorite fiction author and Karen Armstrong is his favorite non-fiction author.

“At this point in my life, I think a lot about the importance of countering the thinking that science and faith are not compatible – I think this is one of the crucial issues of our time and try to do what little I can to promote the value and need for both.”

He adds, “I am a strong Myers-Briggs introvert – meaning I need downtime (I can take a long time to learn!) I am also extremely curious – sometimes approaching the Detective “Columbo” point.”

Like many of us, Jay has a “coming to St. John’s” story. They had been attending the University Episcopal Center, and sometimes St. Paul’s on the Hill, when there was a Christmas party in the St. John’s gym for the daycare where the kids went. They didn’t realize that our church was “tucked into the neighborhood.” Soon they attended a service. Jay says, “The old architecture, Michael Tippet’s preaching, the warmth of the congregation – that did it.”

His favorite story to teach? “That’s easy: the Good Samaritan.” Of course.

General Convention

The 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held in Salt Lake City, UT from June 25—July 3. The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori has announced that she will not seek another term, and so one of the major duties of this year’s General Convention is to elect the new Presiding Bishop.

The nominees are:

The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal, Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina


The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida

You can see the full C.V. for each nominee at http://www.generalconvention.org/pbelect.

Please pray for the nominees, bishops, and deputies who will be gathering at the convention and making this and other decisions about our church.
We Are All Theologians: 
The Importance of Faith Formation

“Theology” can sometimes seem to be an esoteric pursuit, reserved for clergy and scholars. But in truth, people from every walk of life are engaged in theological reflection all the time. We speak to God even when we don’t fully understand who God is, and we try to figure out if God is speaking to us. We search for meaning. We question the longing we feel to meet our spiritual needs. We wonder what God’s purpose is for us or what God has in store for us.

Sometimes, the world around us prompts our theological questions. We may need to deal with end-of-life choices for aging parents or face medical difficulties of our own. We may learn about new technologies and try to bring science and faith together in our minds in a way that helps us, as Christians, understand our world. We may consider our political beliefs in light of what we believe God is calling us to do for those God has in store for us.

Robert E. Reber and D. Bruce Roberts write that laypeople of all ages and cultures are searching for meaning and purpose. The church can aid them in that search, but risks losing them if they aren’t able to participate in a range of opportunities for theological reflection. “[T]he possibilities for educational programming for laity are awesome. All of life and faith is out there to chew on.”

It’s important to bring that education into the church. Joan Weber’s study of faith formation found that “community is essential to effective lifelong faith formation.” Faith formation is about people’s relationship with God, with each other, and with creation. Experiencing community creates a desire for faith formation, and faith formation prompts a commitment to community. “Congregations are competing against numerous other things which occupy people’s time and thoughts. The more faith formation efforts are intentional, the better chance congregations have for the formation taking root in their members.”

Reber and Roberts sum up: “There is no end to the corners of life that would benefit from theological reflection and education. ... Millions of laity are eager for the opportunity to expand their horizons, to think differently, to live differently. ... Why would laypeople want theological education, anyway? For life, of course.”
Faith in Action

All About Hallie Q. Brown

Following St. John’s Strategic Plan and the guidance of its congregation, the Faith in Action Commission has been working to find new partnerships and expand existing ones to reflect the mission of Christ and our own mission through Outreach. One program that fit the goal of expanding a partnership is the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center; just six blocks north of St. John’s.

But what is the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center?

The St. Paul Urban League was formed in the 1920s to address the growing social problems facing African Americans in St. Paul. From that process, the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center was founded in 1929. In 1972 HQB moved to its current home in the Martin Luther King Center at 270 North Kent Street. When the current facility was built, their primary service area doubled to include the entire Summit-University community.

While the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center began as a settlement house for African Americans denied services from other agencies, they long ago opened the center’s services to all people. Historically, their service center has been mixed racially and economically. Approximately one-third of St. Paul’s people of color live in the area and nearly 50% of the population is minority residents.

Hallie Q. Brown Community Center currently operates five core program areas along with a number of additional service activities. Core program areas are: Early Childhood Education; Youth Out of School Time (Before/After School and Summer Enrichment program); Basic Needs (Emergency Food Shelf and Clothing Closet); Seniors programming; and the Multi-Service Hub Center Administration.

Through Fields to Families, St. John’s began purchases produce from the St. John’s-Holy Apostles’ Farmer’s Market for the HQB Food Shelf. This important program provides nutritious food to those that would otherwise not be able to afford it.

St. John’s has transferred our goods and goodwill to the HQB Rummage Sale and Closet. We are working with HQB to expand their Rummage Sale.

In upcoming editions of the Evangelist, you will read about ways we can individually can help at HQB. An event that is coming up fast is their Rondo Day Celebration on July 18. Attendees and volunteers are welcome to this family event.

Another way 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: crafts, music, cooking/nutrition, drama/theatre, writing/storytelling – what would you like to offer?

If gardening is your thing, HQB has won a grant to create a garden at the Center this summer. They welcome all green thumbs to help!

If interested in these and other opportunities, please contact Colleen Swope at 651-246-4292 or ccswope50@gmail.com.

Call to Action on Affordable Housing: Get Your Hands Dirty and Do Good!

How can you connect with others who are trying to make a dent in the affordable housing need in St. Paul? Help Faith Builders and Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity! This year, the 2015 Workcamp will be the weeks of June 22-26 and July 6-10 (Monday through Friday each week). Construction takes place from 8:20 to 4:00 each day. We’ll be working on a new Habitat home project at 667 LaFond Ave, St Paul, near last year’s site and only 5 minutes from St. John’s.

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 http://tinyurl.com/faithbuilders2 or contact Don Postema at 651-485-9632 or postema@comcast.net. Anyone over 16 welcome!
The Farmers’ Market is Coming

The St. John’s Holy Apostles Farmers’ Market will officially return to the St. John’s parking lot starting June 21. Please help us host by going to our Signup Genius volunteer page at http://tinyurl.com/farmers15. There, you can volunteer for a time slot or two on any of the Sundays or Wednesdays throughout the growing season. Contact Cammie or Rob Beattie at 651-683-2820 with questions.

The Farmers’ Market also supplies fresh produce from Hmong farmers for our local food shelf through the Fields to Families program. Last year, we were able to purchase 6,000 pounds of nutritious local produce for families in need.

Meanwhile, keep your eye out for Song, who will be in the gathering space on Sunday June 7 and 14 after 10:00am worship with asparagus, beautiful flower baskets, and other early season crops.

Meet the Farmers

Song Yang

Pa and Nor Yeng Chang

Victor Chong Sue Chang and wife Houa Xiong (not shown)

Lao Kiatoukaysy (pictured here with his wife Sao, who passed away last year)

Below, his daughters Wana (left) and Ada

Hearts to Homes Meeting - Thursday, June 25, at 6:00 pm in the Library. To learn more, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.

Faith in Action Meeting - Thursday, August 20, at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Space. To learn more, contact Colleen Swope at ccswope50@gmail.com.
Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Grand Old Day

Grand Old Day will be Sunday, June 5. As part of their fundraising efforts, the youth of St. John’s sell parking spots in our parking lot that day. You may of course park in the church parking lot that morning without having to pay. However, if at all possible, it would be great if parishioners could park on the street that Sunday morning.

Why Intergenerational Events Matter

All generations of our church are important members of the family of God. But there are particular reasons to nurture and value opportunities for intergenerational learning and faith formation.

 Writes Curtis Miller, “There is a common belief in our culture that parents wield less and less influence over their kids these days, and that those kids are increasingly abandoning the beliefs and values of their families of origin. It is not true. It probably never has been.” Parents and other older adults continue to be the greatest influence on their children’s faith. Grandparents who are highly religious are more likely to have religious grandchildren. So if you are looking for ways to enhance your children’s faith formation, Miller suggests you ask, “Is there a grandparent or another senior adult who can reinforce what you hope your kids learn about Jesus? Maybe they can take the grandkids to church one week, pray with them, read the Bible with them, or talk about their own relationship with Christ.” They can also come with you and your children to intergenerational events offered at church.

Young adults and millennials also benefit greatly from adult connections at church. Barna Group’s researchers have identified what is working to keep this generation and engaged with their faith. Young adults who stay active in church are “twice as likely to have a close personal friendship with an adult inside the church” versus church dropouts. They are also more than twice as likely to have an adult mentor at the church other than their pastor. Teenagers and young adults also want to put their gifts and skills to work right away. Older adults helping younger people find their mission in the church is essential to developing a faith that lasts.

No matter your age, your presence in the church, your connection to other generations, and your support of intergenerational events are all essential to building the body of Christ.

Youth Camps This Summer

Episcopal Youth Quest Camp — NEW!
July 12-18, Camp One Heartland, Willow River

The 6-8th grade track will empower students to discover their identity as God’s beloved and grow in their sense of ministry and giftedness. 9-12th grade students will have separate cabins and their own Peer Ministry Leadership track. Both tracks will have a one-night hiking and camping excursion. More info: tinyurl.com/eyqcamp

Episcopal Creative Arts Day Camp
July 27-31, St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral

ECAD will take place at from 9:00am-3:00pm each day. This camp is for children ages four through entering 6th grade. There are also leadership opportunities for grades 7-12. The fee is $90, with scholarships available. Contact Jean Hansen with questions. More info: ourcathedral.org/ecad-2015

Episcopal Youth Music Camp
August 2-8, Camp One Heartland, Willow River

EYMC is an intergenerational weeklong overnight camping experience for youth entering 3rd-12th grade. EYMC also has a Leadership Development Program for ages 18-22. The music camp is a safe place for all to experience the amazing love of God through Jesus Christ. More info: episcopalmn.org/events/episcopal-youth-music-camp-5/
Summer is the time for kids to play and have loads of fun. Technology can be a wonderful part of summer-time fun and learning, as long as it doesn’t become the “default” activity for hours on end. Here are ways to enjoy digital media this summer without letting it crowd out other fun:

**Model healthy media use.** Pay attention to your own media use - are you checking your email at dinner or texting the entire soccer game? Be deliberate about when you are plugged in to family and when you are plugged in to media.

**Start with a media plan.** Talk with your kids about goals and ideas for summer fun. What are the rules and expectations? As your kids get older encourage them to generate ideas.

**Encourage active over passive.** There is nothing wrong with a favorite TV show but encourage your kids to spend their screen time creating content or using apps/games designed to make learning fun.

**Choose high quality fun.** There are a sea of apps and games that promise to be the best, but how do you choose? Check out Common Sense Media’s new curated summer Learning Guide for ideas.

**Use technology to get moving and exploring.** Geocaching, Map My Ride, photo challenges, and digital scrapbooks are just a few ideas.

**Follow your kids to help.** Going on a family trip? Have your kids use their screen time to help map out a route, look for local resources, or learn about a local issue.

**Don’t be afraid of boredom.** Resist the urge to fill boredom with shows or apps. Sometimes young people’s most creative moments emerge from these down times.

**Ask questions.** Ask questions about what your kids are up to online, what they are watching and playing, and what they think about it.

**Set limits.** Enforce your media plan in as calm and clear a way as you can. Check out our tips on setting limits and consequences for more strategies.

**Choose your sacred spaces.** Agree as a family which parts of the day will be unplugged. Make sure everyone in the family sticks to it.

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**Blog excerpt from Erin Walsh, M.A., Mind Positive Parenting**

Join us for four Wednesdays — August 5, 12, 19 and 26 — 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. We will meet at 7:30 in the Fireside room. For a free copy of the book, or questions, contact Jean Hansen at jean.hansen@stjohnsstpaul.org.

“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. Yet 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.

Psychologist Walsh tackles a tough subject in this book on how parents can say "no" to their kids and why they should. In age-by-age chapters, he chronicles the developmentally appropriate use of the word, revealing how it helps children grow into self-disciplined, well-adjusted adults. Peppered with anecdotes of other parents’ struggles as well as examples from raising his own three kids, Walsh’s reassuring voice will give parents the courage to just say "No"—and mean it.
**Composer-in-Residence Report**  
*by Paul John Rudoi, composer in residence*

The pilot year of St. John’s Composer-In-Residence program was a huge success! As a result of this program, St. John’s has a new complete setting of service music, a new hymn and tune, and a new fanfare for Bells and Organ. Beyond the new music, the program helped empower parishioners to think about and act on what/whom/how to celebrate or commemorate moments in the life of the church. We celebrated a parishioner’s four sons through her commission. We also celebrated Kate Graber’s ten years of service with the bell choir. We even supported the Kent hymn through a successful micro-commission which included more than 30 supporters!

As the Composer-In-Residence, I have grown so much while writing these pieces through the support of the parish. Next year, I will be the Composer-In-Residence for a well-known choral ensemble in the Twin Cities. This would not have happened if St. John’s had not taken a chance on this program, or me!

Thank you so much for supporting this new program. Jayson, the Music Commission, and I all hope that the music and principles of the program continue to support and empower you, the parishioners now and beyond!

**Summer Choir**

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

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**Thank You to our Composer in Residence**

The Music Commission extends its warm thanks to Paul Rudoi for taking the initiative in proposing the Composer-in-Residence program, and then doing hours of detailed work to turn that proposal into a reality at St. John’s. Paul came forward with the program, assisted in drafting the contractual parameters to define it, reported on his work at all quarterly Music Commission meetings and in regular submissions to the Evangelist, created several commissioned and non-commissioned musical works, rehearsed them with the performers, and provided a year-end report to the Music Commission. It was a rewarding experience to have Paul create works just for St. John’s, celebrating important events and people in the life of our parish. And, as Paul himself noted, the program served as a reminder that "art comes from anywhere and any impetus." We were thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Paul at the outset of his career as a composer and are delighted that he remains with us as a parishioner at St. John’s. Thank you, Paul for your musical work and for laying the foundation for this program! The Music Commission hopes to continue the Composer-in-Residence program in 2016-17.

**Weekly Compline**

Compline continues through June each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Small professional choral ensembles lead the services and provide anthems and hymns. Please invite friends, relatives, and neighbors. Incense is used.

**Welcome, New Choir Singers!**

We welcome Christine Atchison, Phil Billings, and Paul Hanson into the St. John’s Choir as new members. If you would like to sing for special occasions (i.e, Christmas, Easter, Evensongs) please speak with Jayson Engquist at 651-228-1176 x36.
Thank You, Musicians!

We thank the following parish musicians for their dedicated service and beautiful music through our program year. Most groups will have a summer break and resume in September.

- St. John’s Adult Choir (Jayson Engquist, Director)
- St. John’s Handbell Choir (Kate Graber, Director)
- St. John’s Youth Choir (Mary Kay Knapp, Director)
- St. John’s Children’s Choir (Mary Kay Knapp, Director)
- St. John’s Recorder Consort
- Simply Baroque Instrumental Ensemble (John MacBain, Director)

Do you play the recorder or another instrument?

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 (such as preludes or during communion). We can provide accompaniment for any solo instruments (or duets/trios/quartets). Contact Jayson Engquist at 651-228-1172, x36 if you are interested.

“Celebrate Kate”: thanking Kate Graber for her service as Handbell Choir Director
Faith Formation

“So Build Us Up…”

The popular “Conversations on the Back Porch” series returns over three Wednesday evenings this summer:

**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!

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.

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.

Bible Study

This group meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Library. Participants discuss the lessons for the coming Sunday. This is a great opportunity for community building. For more information, contact Diane Elliott, 804-874-9502.
Welcome, Jim and Tina Harstad!

Jim and Tina Harstad became members of St. John’s after researching nearby Episcopal churches. Together, Jim and Tina have lived in the Twin Cities area and on the Iron Range in NE Minnesota.

Jim works full time for the 934th Airlift Wing of the Air Force Reserves. He is an avid amateur astronomer and a member of the Minnesota Astronomic Society and the Astronomical League. He enjoys running and participates frequently in organized running events. He enjoys history, reading, and a good bottle of wine.

Tina is a proud mom of her 26 year old son, Josiah, who lives in Dallas, TX with his wife of 3 ½ years. Tina enjoys being president of a military spouses group called “Key Spouses” for the 934th Airlift. The group works closely with Airman and Family Readiness, the social services area of the Air Force Reserve. They assist the Airmen and their families during deployments and times of hardship or crisis. Tina is an avid reader and gardener (both vegetable and flowers), and enjoys joining Jim in some of his astronomy activities. She also dabbles in genealogy and family military history.

Jim and Tina have two dogs, one cat, and four fish.

Jim grew up in Mendota Heights, MN. He has lived in and around the Twin Cities and in the Puget Sound area of Washington State.

Tina grew up in Lino Lakes, MN. She has lived in Minnesota her whole life. She was raised in a Baptist General Conference Church. She finds the Episcopal Church a good “compromise” church for the two of them. They find St. John’s a very welcoming and comfortable place to practice their faith.

A Wedding Invitation from Bob & Kate

Bob Linehan and Kate Sigford invite the congregation of Saint John’s to join in the celebration and blessing of their marriage during the ten o’clock service on June 14, 2015. Following the service, all are welcome to join them at a potluck reception in the gymnasium. A main dish will be provided. Please reply to bobkate614@gmail.com, including the number of guests attending and the recipe for any dish you would like to bring. Kate and Bob would like to save the recipes. You are also welcome to attend without bringing a dish to share.

St. Paul’s on the Hill

As of April 26, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church On-the-Hill has moved from their historic facility on Snelling and Summit to Coventry Chapel in the center of the Episcopal Homes complex at University and Fairview, just north of I-94. They celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10:00am every Sunday. The congregation and staff of St. Paul’s On-the-Hill invite our ongoing prayers with them as they make the transition. All questions regarding the transition and future plans for the historic property should be directed to the Rev. John Dwyer, Rector of St. Christopher’s in Roseville, Trustee of the ECMN.

June Meetings

**Prayer Shawl Gathering:** Wednesday, June 3 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-248-8932.

**Men’s Breakfast:** Saturday, June 13 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

**Men’s Gathering:** Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

**Vestry Meeting:** Monday, June 15 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. RSVP to the church office at 651-228-1172, x10

**Down Syndrome Group:** Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft and Nursery. Contact Lindsay Radford, LRadford@kstp.com
Altar Decor Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

June 7—The Second Sunday After Pentecost
Main Altar: Raymond & Florence Merrill
Small Altar: Nelson Seabury, William Nesbitt, & Jerome Buser

June 14—The Third Sunday After Pentecost
Main Altar: Mr. & Mrs. Truman Ask;
Charles & Elizabeth Jackson
Small Altar: Theodore & Genevieve Pilacinski;
Marlene Woelfel

June 21—The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Main Altar: Frank Bacon Sears &
Sharon Patterson Spence
Small Altar: Stuart M. Baker

June 28—The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Main Altar: Judy McDonald
Small Altar: Robert McCrea

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

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.
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**Altar Guild Teams**
- **June 7**: Pat Brynteson, Caroline Krall, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson
- **June 14**: Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Heather Joyce, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall, Ginny Schauss
- **June 21**: Dusty Mairs, Susan Aylesworth, Phillip Baird, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey
- **June 28**: Pam Strom, Kathy Brown, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sue MacIntosh
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