St. John’s 2nd Annual Cabaret

Saturday, November 21, 7-10pm

MPR’s Alison Young, Emcee

An evening of fun including live entertainment by some of St. John’s most talented, a silent auction, a live auction, raffle, and games as well as scrumptious hors d’ouvres and beverages. Auction items include a beautiful necklace and earrings, cabin getaway, wall of wine, mystery dinner, and a night out at the Ordway, as well as many other great items in the silent auction.

Get your free tickets from a committee member or at the office. Bring friends! Raffle tickets are on sale for an iPad through the evening of the Cabaret. Proceeds to benefit the Youth Pilgrimage to Nova Scotia and outreach programs at the St. John’s Kayoro Health Center.

Helpers are needed for set-up and for the night of the event. If you would like to give some time, please contact Cammie Beattie, cbeat-
Dear Friends in Christ,

In 2006, during our year living abroad, Erin and I were sent to Japan as a part of a delegation from the Episcopal Church in Taiwan. A beautiful set of long serving chopsticks was one of the gifts we were given while traveling in Osaka and Kyoto. The story we were told after receiving the gift is an old East Asian parable that goes something like this:

An old man is nearing death and wants to know what heaven and hell are like and so he seeks the counsel of a wise and learned man. The sage takes him on a journey far out into the country and arriving at a large house leads him inside. There at a table laden with the finest foods were many guests, starving and emaciated. Each guest held a set of long chopsticks which were so long as to prevent the guests from feeding themselves. Try as they might, they could not get the food to their mouths. “This is hell” said the sage to the old man. Going down the path a bit further, they encountered another house. Upon entering they discovered a scene quite similar to before. A table laden with a feast and many guests possessed of the same long chopsticks seated at it. Yet, in this house, the guests were sated, looking full and happy and content, having obviously eaten their fill. “How,” asked the old man, “are these guests able, with the same long chopsticks, to eat enough to be full and happy?” The sage replied “In heaven we feed each other."

The parable is often used to explain an ethic of hospitality and clearly has significant lessons about the importance of cooperation and compassion. I think the parable also has a lot to say about our fundamental outlook. In order for the guests to be able to feed one another, they first needed to see the feast on the table as enough. If it was not enough, then clearly they would try to fend for themselves, thinking only of getting what little they could of the scarce resource in front of them. Scarcity and abundance are two lenses through which most of us view the world on any given day. Is there enough for me, or not?

The Christian narrative, the story of Jesus’ life among us, his death on the cross, and the power of God in raising him from the dead, are a continuation of an ancient story that begins in generosity and abundance. Out of abundance God created the world. Out of abundance God loved the world and keeps loving it. Out of abundance God loves you! In the church we practice abundance in acts of charity and forgiveness, in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist (which means “thanksgiving”), and when we put aside our own time to be with others in their hour of need.

In our annual stewardship too, we practice abundance when we give of our treasure, to God, through the church. I know some will say that stewardship is about keeping the lights on or it’s an obligation like paying our dues or our taxes. But, I would say that’s scarcity talking. In the church we offer a portion of our treasure, our hard earned dollars and cents, back to God – a tangible act of gratitude and joy for the enumerable gifts we’ve been given. We give through the church, because this is where we practice being the community of God. The table is laden with gifts given by God – to some of us the gift of...
From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Friends,

Last Monday, our daughter’s glasses arrived. We put them on her face for the first time, sure that a two-year old would immediately rip them off. We had discussed bribes, the use of a band to keep them on, and also the possibility that her twin brother would be wildly jealous. What we had not considered was what occurred; with a huge smile on her face, she turned around in the living room pointing at each object in turn. “That! That! That! That!” she exclaimed gleefully.

As I share this story with people, those who received their own glasses at a young age recall that sense of wonder. Trees have individual leaves. Pictures and words on the page of a book are not simply smudges. People’s faces have features you can see, not only touch.

There are thousands of clips on YouTube of people getting glasses or hearing aids for the first time, and experiencing a dimension of the world from which they had previously been isolated. The joy of discovery, the relief of connecting and understanding are present in each story.

While I hope that my daughter didn’t yet, at two, feel as outcast as the people Jesus healed, that same joy in discovery—that exulting in being able to see or hear or walk free from demons—is present throughout the Gospels. The people who are healed cannot keep from telling the story of the Messiah who touched them, even when he tells them to keep silent and say nothing.

Each of us have places in our lives where a deeper joy has come to us, through suffering, healing, connection, and relationship—with God or with other people. I invite you to share with me and one another the places in your lives where your eyes have been opened or your ears unstopped, literally or spiritually.

Faithfully yours,

Kate

St. John’s Clergy, Staff, and Volunteers

Clergy
The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson, Rector
The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller, Associate Rector
The Reverend Margaret Thor, Deacon

Staff
Sarah Dull, Parish Administrator
Jayson Engquist, Director of Music and Organist
Jean Hansen, Children, Youth, and Family Minister
Ivan Holguin, Building Assistant
Heather Hunt, Children & Youth Choirs Director
Tracy Johnson, Nursery Coordinator
The Reverend Craig Lemming, Compline Coordinator
The Reverend Barbara Mraz, Writer in Residence
John Oldfield, Office of the Treasurer
Chris Tegeler, Building Manager
Longkee Vang, Youth Ministry Assistant
Dunfa Weretti, Building Assistant

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Bob Baumann, Clerk of Vestry
Tricia Durst, At Large
Mary Gilbertson, At Large
Gary Hagstrom, At Large
Vern Kassekert, Fellowship
Tim Krall, Invited Youth (non-voting)
John MacBain, Property
Suzanne McInroy, Communications
Don Postema, Senior Warden
Rick Rinkoff, Treasurer
Lea Anne Schmidt, New Member/Welcome
Judy Stack-Nelson, Formation
Colleen Swope, Faith in Action
Kevin Wall, At Large
Holly Weinkauf, At Large
Nancy Wellington, Music
Jerry Woelfel, Junior Warden

Volunteer Positions
Artaria String Quartet, Artists in Residence
Phillip Baird, Verger
Alden Drew, Historian/Archivist
Dorothy Ek, Music Librarian
Paige Hagstrom, Coffee Hour Coordinator
Jim Johnson, Planned Gift Chair
Joan Potter, Liturgical and Lay Reader Coordinator
Diane Power, Altar Guild Coordinator
George Power, Columbarium Coordinator
Stewardship: Church of the Open Door

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7

It seems like a lot to ask. Not just giving away money we’ve earned, but giving it cheerfully. Perhaps an easier way to put it is that we give whole heartedly. That is how we try to give to our families; sacrificing sleep to care for a newborn, a new car to pay for college, or free time to care for an aging parent. We give whole heartedly to support what we love and value. Our financial pledge to St. John’s is not a tax; it is what we are each asked to give, wholeheartedly, to support this community.

During November we will start our annual pledge drive. This year’s focus is on St. John’s as the Church of the Open Door. Generations of parishioners held St. John’s doors open through their gifts of money and time. It is now our turn to support St. John’s and to sustain that tradition of faithful service through our pledge and our commitment to the ministries of our church.

We have so much to be grateful for at St. John’s.
- Liturgy, sermons, and music that inspire our faith
- Programs for children, youth, and adults that teach us about the nature of God and equip us to live our faith to the fullest
- Outreach programs that encourage us to be God’s hands in the world
- Clergy and staff who guide us in times of joy and of mourning
- Opportunities to gather for fellowship and celebration
- A beautiful space in which to worship our Creator
- Opportunities to share our building and resources with our neighbors
- Fellow Christians who pray with us and for us

Each of us has treasure and talent to share. I ask that you join me in pledging to St. John’s this year. Make your pledge a reflection of the gratitude for all we love about St. John’s and your growing commitment to our common work of building God’s Kingdom.

Lynn Hertz
-Stewardship Chair

Look for your pledge packet in the mail, pews, online, or call 651-228-1172 x10. Thank you!

Reflections from Convention

The 158th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota took place the weekend of September 18-19 at the St. Cloud River’s Edge Convention Center. This year’s focus was “Engaging God’s Mission through Engaging All God’s Creation”.

The focus was thought-proving, timely, and enjoyable. The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham preached at the opening Eucharist about the important link between religious faith and the environment. She challenged us to recognize global warming as a core moral issue and the convention provided several sessions for delegates to see ways to put their faith into action. A group of St. John delegates attended a session on rain gardens and saw what other Episcopal churches are doing to be better stewards of their property. Other sessions focused on going green, recycling and energy stewardship. Participating in this made us think of things to do here at St. John’s and where we live.

It is very clear what a blessing it has been to have Bishop Prior as the head of our diocese. The business sessions of the convention highlight the good management of our church and the great difference our collective focus on mission has made to all parts of our state. The Spirit was with us as we met and is with us as we move forward, engaging in the care of all God’s creation. By Jeff Olsen - St. John’s Delegate

Congratulations to Kate Bradtmiller, who began her Collegeville Institute Fellowship in October!

Bringing together an ecumenical group of gifted Minnesota pastors and ministers, the Collegeville Institute Fellows Program focuses on pastoral leadership development with the goal of strengthening church leaders’ sense of themselves as civic leaders and public theologians.

By connecting church leaders to professionals from other sectors of Minnesota society (in education, business, health care, criminal justice, and social services) the program aims to foster a vision of religious leadership for the good of Minnesota, for the good of the church, and for a common good greater than both.

Kate hopes to bring many resources back to Saint John’s. Look for updates as the program continues.
All Saints Sunday, November 1

On All Saints Sunday, our 10 am worship will be a festive service with baptisms. Please join us in welcoming the newest members to our Christian community.

All Souls Service, November 2

You are invited to join us in the St. John’s Choir Stalls at 7pm for a Eucharist celebrating All Souls Day. Customs and traditions associated with the day vary from culture to culture. For Anglicans, All Souls Day is one day after All Saints Day and is a day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have left for the heavenly abode. On All Souls Day friends and relatives of departed souls often pray, light candles, and offer a requiem Eucharist. The Feast reminds us of our obligations to live lives on the holy path and that there is hope for eternal life for the souls of the departed.

A Lithuanian All Souls Day Prayer

Dear souls of the dead, you are still remembered by my family; You are most worthy of our perpetual remembrance, especially you, my grandparents, my parents, and also our relatives, children, and everyone whom death took away from our home. I invite you to this feast. We pray that this feast be agreeable to you, just like the memory of you is to us. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.

Come, Lord Jesus

Second Annual cross-generational Advent Wreath Workshop

Sunday, November 29, 9am in the Gym

This free workshop will teach you how to make a fresh Advent wreath for your home this year. All materials are provided. It’s a great way to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. Come join us! Refreshments will be served.

If you still have your Advent Wreath ring from last year, please bring it with you. If you need a ring you must be sure to indicate this in your RSVP. In order to have enough supplies, it’s necessary to RSVP to rjhansen3128@gmail.com by Sunday, November 15.

In preparation for this event, we’ll be cutting greens on Saturday, November 28 in the gym. Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer contact Jean Hansen, 952-201-0424 or rjhansen3128@gmail.com.

Turn the clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1st

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.
Strategic Plan Update

By the Vestry, October 2015

Background
Over the course of nearly two years, the faith community of St John’s engaged in a strategic planning process. Supported by prayer and a spirit of discernment, a Strategic Planning team, and later the Vestry leadership group and an independent consultant, held a series of meetings listening to the many voices of our membership as well as our wider community. In October 2014, the Vestry adopted the final plan which outlined specific goals to be achieved over a three year period. Each area of goals is linked to our mission statement which is represented in the beautiful Collect of St John’s that we pray each Sunday.

This is a summary of the progress made in achieving our goals during the first full year.

Faith Formation: Build us up in the knowledge and love of Him......
- A series of “Basics” classes are being offered for adults covering Anglicanism, Christianity, Bible and Discipleship.
- Bible study opportunities are offered weekly in our popular Sunday morning “Café” sessions.
- Four new “house groups” have been formed to enrich our spiritual and community life.
- New youth and family programs have been implemented, including a Faithful Parenting group, intergenerational Advent Wreath workshops, and a Lenten “read a book” together (This I Believe).
- Several members have entered discernment for a clergy calling.
- Pledge cards for stewardship of our volunteer talent pool.

Worship: Proclaim with joy the good news of your Son....
- Weekly Compline services are now supported with professional music.
- Brighter, energy efficient LED light bulbs are installed in our worship space.
- Different music traditions are beginning to be explored at select services eg. Drumming group.
- The Sunday Morning Project is well underway toward identifying ways to improve the overall access available to members for worship activi-

Member Integration: Welcome all people into this community of faith...
- An active New Member committee has updated our welcome process and materials.
- A “Scoot Over” campaign is underway to make our visitor experience more welcoming and to encourage existing members to meet each other.
- A rotating ministry table at coffee hour has been implemented to increase awareness and potential participation in our various ministry activities.
- The Dusty Mairs Servant Leadership Award program has been defined. Ray Frisby was the first award winner honored at Service Sunday.

Programming and Partnerships: Our service to You in our service to others...
- Pastoral care training has been enjoyed by nine members using the Community of Hope curriculum.
- Six new Lay Eucharistic Ministers have been trained and are serving those that find it difficult or impossible to attend Sunday worship.
- A ministry program assessment tool has been created and implemented to aid in ongoing sustainability of our efforts.
- Holy Apostles continues to be an active partner with us, including Worship, Fellowship, Youth Groups and Fundraisers.
- The Hallie Q. Brown center has agreed to be the recipient and distributor to those in need of all our donated household items previously collected for the Huge Sale.

Building Infrastructure and Financial Sustainability: Our tools for mission/vision fulfillment.
- Facility use guidelines and risk management requirements have been updated.
- Annual income from our invested endowment is fully funding the operating expenses of our historic building.
- Ongoing work continues to advance our culture of gratitude and stewardship in all that we do individually and collectively.

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Strategic Plan Update (Continued)

Heartfelt thanks go out to the many people that have contributed to these achievements thus far! We praise God for the opportunities provided for us to serve our community.

There is more work to do to fully realize the mission and plans set forth last year. To review the full Strategic Plan document, please go to St Johns web site. If you would like to be involved in one of more of the efforts outlined in our Plan, contact any of the clergy or individuals named as leaders of those efforts.

Jerry Woelfel
- Junior Warden

Religion and Math

A Portrait of Mike Peterson
By Barbara Mraz

This is a very interesting twenty-two year old.

Now spending a year working with AmeriCorps VISTA -- a federal program whose goal is eliminating poverty -- Mike’s earlier life contained doses of religion, math, and more.

Born and raised in St Paul, Mike’s dad is a medical engineer, and his mom works for the Corrections System providing therapy for sex offenders. The family attended House of Hope Presbyterian where Mike says he “learned how to articulate the big questions.”

He attended Como Park High School, accumulating 40 Advanced Placement credits. He basically took every AP class the school offered and got college credit for all but one (author’s note: this is a pretty amazing accomplishment!). This allowed him to finish college at Luther in Decorah, Iowa in three years. During his freshman year, he took a required course on the Bible and “fell in love with it.” He also was very good at math and minored in it.

A semester at Harvard Divinity School followed where Mike explored politics and ethics, and also public service and non-profits. Though he loved many of the classes, he was now tired of Academia and returned to the Twin Cities (and his girlfriend Laura). For a while he worked at Chipotle, where he says he gained great respect for how hard work can be in the service industry and how much camaraderie with fellow workers can change the workplace environment. In August, he began his work with AmeriCorps VISTA, where Laura also works.

Mike’s job for AmeriCorps is at a program called “RESOURCE: Career Education” in Minneapolis. Here he works to form partnerships with supporting agencies, recruit students, and helps in the office. Most of the students here receive government funding as they prepare to work in the IT industry, or learn soldering to work in manufacturing, or become employed in some kind of medical support. Mike and his coworkers are paid $900 a month to learn what it’s like living on a low income.

Mike has decided he want to work for nonprofits when the AmeriCorps stint ends but had been unclear how that might work out. Then he remembered, “I can do math!” so he is planning to get an accounting degree to use in the public service area.

The most interesting part of my talk with Mike was about religion and church. He says that church is important because we need community, we need dialogue, we need more perspective than our own, adding, “Disagreement can teach us a lot.” He and Laura have joined a house group with this in mind.

In lighter moments, Mike likes to lift weights, cook (“I think I’m actually a baker”), keep up with current events, and read.

I decided to interview Mike Peterson because I had been in a couple Café sessions with and thought he “seemed interesting.” I was right. Hearing his story and his plans gives me hope for the future.

Help Prepare the Evangelist

Are you looking for an opportunity to help spread the good news of all that is happening at St. John’s and would appreciate a couple of hours of fellowship with other parishioners?

Each month we need volunteers to help us prepare this newsletter for mailing. We would love you to join us in the Fireside Room any time between 9 am and 12 pm. Training, coffee, and donuts provided. Call Sarah at 651-228-1172x10 for more information.

The next preparation day is Thursday, November 12.
Faith in Action

4th Annual H2H (Hearts-to-Homes)

Chili Bowl

Sunday, November 8

Pull out your crock-pots! Get ready to put your best chili recipe to the test! The 4th Annual H2H Chili Bowl chili cook-off is on Sunday, November 8 after the 10 am service. Rare, one-of-a-kind, highly coveted trophies will be awarded to the winner of the best red chili, the winner of the best white chili, and new this year...the best vegetarian chili.

If cooking chili is not your talent, please come enjoy the chili of others. Everyone participates in the tasting and voting, then we all enjoy lunch together. H2H will provide additional side dishes, desserts, coffee and lemonade. Men’s Group will provide beer.

As an “admission fee” for this fun and tasty event, please bring household items that current and future H2H (Hearts to Homes) families can use: kitchen, bath or bed linens, cleaning products, food storage containers, paper products, light bulbs, kitchen items, etc. Cash donations to help support our H2H families are gratefully accepted as well!

To enter your amazing chili in this fun and tasty competition, or for more information, please contact Holly Weinkauf at betterwein@gmail.com or 651-724-5200.

2014 Chili Bowl Champions

Meals on Wheels

St. John’s Meals on Wheels group is in need of 1-2 volunteers for its late Monday morning time slot. This is a once a month commitment. Meals are picked up at the West 7th Community Center and taken to 4-6 individuals who live in or near the high rise at Lexington and Edgecombe. Email Diane Power at powerdianep@gmail.com for more information.

Parish Thanksgiving Service Project

First Nations’ Kitchen (FNK) is a ministry of All Saints’ Episcopal Indian Mission in Minneapolis and has been serving healthy, organic, traditional indigenous food in a welcoming, family environment every Sunday evening since 2008.

Every week, First Nations Kitchen also rescues and distributes fresh, organic produce both to dinner guests and to underserved people throughout the Twin Cities. This summer St. John’s has been donating fresh produce to FNK through Holy Apostle’s Fields to Families program.

For our parish Thanksgiving service project, St. John’s volunteers will serve meals at First Nations’ Kitchen (located at 3044 Longfellow Ave. in Minneapolis) on Sunday, November 22. We serve in four shifts, none longer than 90 minutes.

Contact Margaret Thor at 651-631-8308 or margaretcthor@gmail.com for more information. To sign up for a volunteer shift, go to: http://tinyurl.com/nalve68.
Statement of Commitment to St. John’s Clinic Kayoro, Uganda

On Monday, October 19 St, John’s Vestry voted to adopt the following statement of commitment as an expression of St. John’s continuing relationship to the clinic and people of Kayoro, Uganda:

Having fulfilled our original pledge to help the people of Kayoro, Uganda build a clinic, St John’s Church now re-dedicates itself to the clinic and people of Kayoro.

“In fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant and as an expression of the hunger of this church for far deeper communion with all of God’s beloved,”* St. John’s Church pledges itself to help the people of Kayoro, Uganda make St. John’s Clinic sustainable.

This continuing commitment may include, but not be limited to:

• Corporate prayer for the people of Kayoro and our ministry with them,
• Opportunities for members of St. John’s to use our talents and creative energies to serve the people of Kayoro and build stronger ties between our communities,
• Opportunities, in partnership with Give Us Wings, for members of St. John’s to build personal relationships with the people of Kayoro, including travel to Uganda and sponsorship of Ugandan families,
• Funding, from both St John’s budget and special fundraising efforts, to support clinic operations and other health-related community needs.

*From the Episcopal Church 2006 General Convention resolution that originally inspired St. John’s to undertake construction of the Kayoro Clinic.

News from St. John’s Kayoro Health Centre

It was a busy summer at St John’s Kayoro Health Centre! While statistics don’t tell the whole story, they do give us a sense of what our financial support is making possible in this Ugandan community.

During the month of July, a total of 74 patients were treated at the clinic for 82 diseases and conditions, 293 laboratory tests were conducted for 142 patients, and 200 children received immunizations.

On August 27, the Kayoro Health Centre hosted a “clinic day,” when over 30 people received medical care from Dr. Onen Jacob Jabweli. Our funding to the Health Centre covers the costs of the doctor’s services, which are $60 for one day at the clinic.

The number of pregnant women receiving antenatal care is growing steadily. In August, the Health Centre distributed 28 mosquito nets and 15 Mama Kits, containing supplies for new mothers. Our 3rd quarter funding to the clinic included $240 to purchase 30 Mama Kits.

During August, St. John’s Kayoro Health Centre also sponsored 4 community outreaches, which bring health services like immunizations, family planning, diabetes screening, and HIV/AIDS testing beyond the clinic grounds. A total of 540 people attended those outreaches in August. The growing success of the outreaches has been attributed, in part, to the use of a megaphone purchased by St. John’s members who traveled to Uganda last January. The megaphone is used to announce to the community that a clinic outreach is being held and that immunizations are available.

Come to the 2nd Annual Cabaret and Auction on November 21 to help raise funds to support the ongoing work of St. John’s Kayoro Health Centre in Uganda!

Faith in Action Meeting - Thursday, November 19, at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Space. To learn more, contact Colleen Swope at ccswope50@gmail.com.
Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

TEC – Teens Encounter Christ

Sign up for fall TEC – November 13, 14 and 15. Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C) is a non-denominational, 3-day weekend for all high school students – whether you go to church or not!

The weekend is based on a series of talks and small group discussions. T.E.C. offers opportunities for both new participants (“candidates”) and returning youth (“team”) to learn and grow in Jesus Christ. The atmosphere of the weekend makes it easy to develop new friendships and experience being a part of a loving and supportive faith community. The three days of worship, wonderful contemporary Christian music, prayer, great food, fun, and fellowship is led by a team of over 50 teens and adults.

Who may attend T.E.C.?
High school students, grades 9-12, may attend the weekend. The first time you attend T.E.C. you will go through as a “candidate.” After that, you may apply to be on the “team” that puts the weekend together for the new group of candidates.

How do I sign up for T.E.C.?
Fill out an application! Be sure to fill out your application as soon as possible as candidate and team spaces fill up quickly. Ask Jean Hansen for an application. Instructions for mailing are on the application.

J2A Pilgrimage to Nova Scotia
The J2A youth and their leaders are preparing for their pilgrimage to Nova Scotia. Their pilgrimage preparation includes prayer, discernment, study, questioning, listening, sharing, walking and more. Please include the following pilgrims in your prayers:

Faithful Parenting

Our next gathering is Sunday, November 1, at 9 am in the Green Room. Join us for conversation, support, and best practices in Christian parenting. Treats provided. Bring your beverage of choice, and get to know your St. John’s faith family. Childcare for children ages 5 and under is available in the Nursery at 8:45am. For children older than 5, Children’s Choir begins at 9am in the choir room.

The topic for November 1 is: Parenting - how do we move from parenting by control to parenting by influence. For more information contact Jean Hansen, 952-201-0424.

Poinsettia and Greens Sale
Tis the season to think ahead for the holidays! Order beautiful greens and poinsettias from the St. John’s youth and you will have one less thing to think about when the season begins.

Funds raised will help support the J2A pilgrimage trip to Nova Scotia. Sales run through Sunday, November 22. Download and print out the order here: http://tinyurl.com/onywm6t or find them at the back of the church on the usher’s desk, and in the undercroft on the coffee hour table.

Please fill out your order form, attach your check with Youth Pilgrimage written in the memo, and place into the basket located in the undercroft on the buffet nearest the stairs.

Orders are due no later than Sunday, November 22. Pick up is Saturday, November 28, and Sunday, November 29 in the gym.

Contact Todd or Alice Johnson with questions at 651-699-7474.
Musical Notes from the Organ Bench...

Adult Choir Open House Opportunity

The adult choir of St. John’s Church invites you to a Choir Open House, **Wednesday, November 11, 7:15-8:00 pm**. You will experience sitting in the choir (in sections) and hear information about the various opportunities to sing with our choir including Evensong, Christmas, and Easter.

Even if you cannot make the commitment for the entire year, you can still sing with the St. John’s choir for a season. Additionally, our adult choir sings each Sunday morning throughout the year (including Summer months). The choir gathers each Sunday at 9 am to warm-up and rehearse the morning’s music. Join us!

Special Music Dates

**Sunday, December 20 at 4pm**  
*Traditional Lessons & Carols Festival* with all St. John’s choirs and the Artaria String Quartet.

**Saturday, January 23 at 7:30pm**  
*Piano Celebration* featuring area pianists, vocalists, instrumentalists, and our Steinway piano.

**Friday, February 5 at 7:30pm**  
Joint choir festival at St. Paul Cathedral featuring the *Mass* of Charles Marie Widor with eight local choirs.

**Saturday, February 20 at 7pm**  
*Mary’s Lament: Christ Crucified*, the crucifixion narrative, through the eyes of Jesus’ mother, in poems, songs, hymns and narration.

**Sunday, March 6 at 4pm**  
*Lenten Evensong*, works of Leighton, Ray, Hancock and Walton.

**Sunday, March 19 at 1pm**  
*Minnesota Public Radio’s Bach’s Birthday Bash* featuring the St. John’s organ and several area organists.

**Sunday, April 17 at 5pm**  
*Bach-a-Rock Concert* featuring St. John’s vocal choirs.

**Sunday, May 1 at 4pm**  
*Spring Evensong* featuring the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* of Kelly and Honegger’s King David.

**Saturday, May 21 9am-9pm**  
A complete 1982 Episcopal Hymnal Sing Through. You will have the opportunity to sponsor your favorite hymn. The 720 hymns will be scheduled through the day so you will know when “your” hymn(s) is being sung. Money raised will benefit our music program’s special events. Watch for more details!

Ringers Needed

Our St. John’s Handbell Choir is open to anyone older than Middle School age. We need additional ringers in our bell choir. Consider volunteering to ring on Tuesday evenings and/or Sunday mornings. Tuesday evening rehearsals are from 5:45-7:15 pm and occur from September through May each year. We especially need some “ringer ringers” who can help out when our regular members need to be away. Please contact Jayson Engquist if you are interested, orgjre@gmail.com or 651-228-1172 x36.

Weekly Sung Compline

Compline services are held at **7pm in the Chancel every Thursday** from September through June.

**November Compline Musicians:**

5: Lumina  
12: St. John’s Lay Clerks’ Ensemble  
19: Lumina  
26: No Compline due to Thanksgiving
House Groups

House groups are a place to share our lives and journey together. They are gatherings of 8-12 members that meet regularly for friendship, spiritual support, and building deeper relationships. Below a house group member share’s their reflections:

“What began as Camille’s Healing Circle is now simply called the Healing Circle. While the 8 of us who gather each month remain devoted to supporting Camille in her journey with cancer, we’ve discovered that each of us have pain and disappointment, longing and self doubt, joys and frustration, which we carry more easily when we share them with one another.

At each of our monthly meetings, we begin with a poem or short reading that one of us brings to share. This year, the words of Jan Richardson, Eliza Gilkyson, Julian of Norwich, Rainer Maria Rilke, Mary Oliver, Edward Hirsch, Wendell Berry, Marge Piercy, and the Psalmists have inspired and encouraged us. We close each meeting by laying our hands on Camille and reading a healing blessing. For some of us, words come easier than touch. But they are both part of the healing grace of our meetings.

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Faith Formation

Sunday Forum

In November we will start a series on Paul and his Letters. The series begins with an introduction to Paul himself and continues in December with sessions on three of the key letters of Paul—Corinthians, Romans, and Galatians—and what we need to know about the issues and context of these letters in order to hear Paul’s message faithfully and fruitfully in our context.

Although the Apostle Paul wrote more of the New Testament than any other author, many people find his writings difficult to understand, sometimes combative, and sometimes downright offensive. In this first of a series on Paul’s letters, we’ll look at who Paul was. Why did he write the way he did? How should we understand his character and place in church history? Zealous convert and missionary? Misunderstood and persecuted preacher? Long-distance pastor of unruly flocks? The first theologian of Christianity? Come and get a new perspective on this man whose influence on Christianity is second only to Jesus’.

November Schedule:
1 - Fireside chat with the Rector
8 - Stewardship: The Power of pledging to the work of St. John’s.
15 - Paul: Introducing the Problematic Apostle.
22 - TBA
29 - No Forum: Parish Advent Wreath Workshop.

House Groups

House groups are a place to share our lives and journey together. They are gatherings of 8-12 members that meet regularly for friendship, spiritual support, and building deeper relationships. Below a house group member share’s their reflections:

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St. John’s Cafe

Come for the coffee, stay for the good news! Join us Sundays at 9am in the Meditation Room as we discuss the lectionary gospel in the context of the week’s news.
Community Life

St. John’s Christmas Party
A New Tradition
You are invited to join us for a small plates meal prepared by St. John’s own Top Chefs. Our parishioner chefs will prepare and serve a variety of tasty dishes in smaller portions so you can stop and sample at each chef's station. We'll have vegetarian, dairy free and gluten free choices as well as something for meat and cheese lovers. Wine, beer, and festive non-alcoholic drinks will be served and you can mingle, relax at a table, or gather around the piano as you please.

Date & Time: Saturday, December 6, 6 – 9 pm
Place: The Gym, transformed with twinkle lights
Cost: $20 suggested. All are welcome regardless of ability to pay.
Please bring a favorite dessert to share from your cultural heritage, or your recipe book.

Camp Chemo Book Party Thank You
Thank you to the St John's community for sharing in celebrating my book, Camp Chemo, and supporting my family as I live with cancer.
- Camille Scheel

November Meetings


Men's Gathering: Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

Vestry Meeting: Monday, November 16 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Don Postema, 651-485-9632.

Down Syndrome Support Group: Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Contact Ellison Yahner at ellisonyanner@gmail.com.

A Thank You from Holy Apostles
The Craft Sale held on Sunday 27 raised over $1000 towards the refurbishment of Holy Apostles nursery, following devastating water damage.
Donations of furniture, supplies, toys, and cash are still being accepted through the offering plate or church office. Please make checks payable to Holy Apostles.
St. John’s parishioners can also still buy/donate Holy Apostles home made hats and scarves to homeless neighbors. For more information, contact Sarah Dull at 651-228-1172 x10.

New Member Welcome and Brunch
Sunday, November 22
New members will be received into the church on November 22 at the 10 am service. Afterwards, new members are all invited to the Fireside Room for a welcome brunch hosted by the St. John’s Vestry. Please contact Lea Anne Schmidt at leaanne.schmidt@gmail.com with questions.

Women’s AA Basic Text
Beginning November 7, St. John’s will be hosting a women’s AA Basic Text group every Saturday at 10 am in the Fireside Room. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Senum for more information at stephanie.senum@gmail.com.
### Happy Birthday to...

**November**

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

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

**November 1 - All Saints Day**

*Main Altar*: Dorothy S. & Charles Robert Beattie, Jr., Virginia H. & Silas Buck Foot II  
*Small Altar*: Naidean Z. Anderson

**November 8 - The Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

*Main Altar*: Gilbert & Muriel Hamm  
*Small Altar*: Frank E. Ward

**November 15 - The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

*Main Altar*: Phyllis & Dick Stromenger  
*Small Altar*: Rachel Anne Lund

**November 22 - The Last Sunday After Pentecost**

*Main Altar*: Alice M., Carl A., & Stephen W. Diedrich  
*Small Altar*: David & Marguerite Frost, Annie Laurie & William M. Baker

**November 29—The First Sunday of Advent**

*Main & Small Altars*: John L. Hannaford, Getrude Hannaford Jaffray, Caroline S. & Jule M. Hannaford, Jr., Jule M. Hannaford III.

### Altar Guild Teams

**November 1**: Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall, Ginny Schauss

**November 8**: Dusty Mairs, Phillip Baird, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey

**November 15**: Heather Joyce, Kathy Brown, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sue MacIntosh

**November 22**: Pat Brynteson, Caroline Krall, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson

**November 29**: Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall, Ginny Schauss

### 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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### Youth Dinner Schedule
- November 4: Weinkauf
- November 11: Krall
- November 18: Docherty/Conklin
- November 25: No Gathering – Thanksgiving Break

### Godly Play Greeter Schedule
- November 8: Michelle Wall, Stephanie Sommers
- November 15: Leah Brown, Kim Olson, Michelle Wall
- November 22: Marcus Ebenhoch
- November 29: Sarah Lightner
Address Service Requested

Please Rush - Dated Material