Gathering Sunday, a day full of celebration, marks the return of fun events and programming for the whole parish. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your church family and introduce friends and neighbors to the community of St. John’s.

**Ministry Fair**
Stop by the tables and booths set up in the gymnasium after the 10:00 am service to learn what each ministry at St. John’s is doing throughout the program year. Our partners Artaria String Quartet, Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, and Crocus Hill Preschool will be there as well! Holy Apostles will be providing a "sneak preview" of their Sept. 27 craft fair (see pg. 4 for more).

**Parish Potluck**
Following the 10am worship service, concurrent with the Ministry Fair, please join us in the gymnasium for the annual potluck. If your last name begins with A-O, please bring a side dish; P-Z, please bring a dessert.

**Face Painting**
Provided by our Children, Youth and Family Ministry. If you would like to assist, please contact Jean Hansen at jean.hansen@stjohnsstpaul.org.

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**Fall Programming Schedule**

The new program year at St. John’s is arriving now! See below for all the events and see pg. 10 for full details on all music programming.

- **Thursday, Sept. 3:** Weekly Sung Compline services resume.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 8:** Handbell Choir rehearsals resume.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 9:** Adult Choir and Youth Choir rehearsals resume.
- **Thursday, Sept. 10:** Weekly Sung Compline resumes.

- **Sunday, Sept. 13:** Children’s Choir rehearsals resume. Also, it’s Gathering Sunday!
- **Wednesday, Sept. 16:** Senior Youth and Rite 13 programs resume.

**Sunday, Sept. 20:**
- “Peace Sunday” – we acknowledge the violence in the world and find a way to do something in response through prayer. The 10:00 am Eucharist will begin with a candlelight vigil and end with a Blessing of the Peace Pole.
- Sunday Forum resumes (see pg. 11).
- Godly Play resumes (see pg. 8).
Dear Friends in Christ,

This time of year is always bittersweet for me. The days get shorter and with the fading warmth so goes the end of many things I love – baseball and picnics and afternoons swimming and grilling out. I joked with a friend recently that the Great Minnesota Get-Together, our State Fair, is really an opportunity to eat my feelings. Sad about summer’s end? Have some chocolate covered bacon. Grieving the loss of extended blocks of sunshine and grass under your toes? Have a Belgian waffle drowned in whipped cream on a stick to ease your melancholy. With the last sparks of the last fireworks over the Grandstand and as the last gondola on the Skyride slides into its station, summer is officially over.

But, as with most transition, endings mean beginnings. The end of summer is also the advent of fall, when the kids resume their schooling, structure and consistency return to our schedules, and the parish hums back to full speed with programs and events for everyone. I always love the kick off of our program year, here at Saint John’s, with the Gathering Sunday festivities (September 13) and seeing all the familiar faces together again in one place. Committees and commissions and ministry teams are already hard at work preparing to kick the year off with a bang. Stewardship has begun planning the fall annual pledge drive with speakers and themes and a spiritual focus. The formation commission has a forum series planned in the early fall (read more about it on page 11) on the intersection of faith and science – a series which, as luck would have it, discusses something of the nature of origins and beginnings! Children, Youth and Family, which has been chugging along with programming all summer, is ready to kick off the program year with Godly Play and Journey to Adulthood. And the list goes on and on.

It is an exciting time at Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, when we can hear the sound of rushing wind, of God’s Holy and life-giving Spirit stirring us to ministry and sending us out to join in the mission of God in the world beyond our doors. As we begin anew this fall, my invitation to you is that you begin with God in mind. If we truly believe that God is our source and our final end, then our life in faith is an invitation to see how all that we have and all that we are is flowing from and to the same. I hope that you will find in this, your faith community, Saint John’s, the tools and resources to deepen your awareness of God present with you in all the transitions of life – from beginning to end, and beginning again.

See you in church!

Faithfully,

PS – Let me make a special invitation to you to join me on September 27 for a Fireside Chat with the Rector in the Fireside Room at 9:00 am. This summer’s back porch series focused on our formation life at St. John’s. That conversation was step on the journey of the Sunday Project. Come to the Fireside Chat to hear what we learned together, and what this might mean for next steps toward reorganizing our worship and formation schedules to better meet our mission of building up all our members “in the knowledge and love of God.”
From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Friends,

My children have been in the water before—we have no shortage of beautiful lakes in Minnesota, and they have spent time along the Mississippi. Yesterday was the first time they walked into the ocean under their own power. They splashed gleefully, held hermit crabs of many sizes and shells, and petted a brittle star brought to the surface for their inspection.

They were clearly enchanted by having creatures scuttling visibly around their feet in the water. They love the minnows they see in lakes as well, but neither they nor the larger land animals—squirrels, chipmunks, and snakes that live in the woods near our house—hold still long enough to be petted, not surprisingly.

Staring a hermit crab in the face and feeling it in your hand is a very immediate experience of the variety of all creation. The crabs change shells as they grow, always borrowing from another species; many of their shells have barnacles or lady’s slippers along for the ride, making them a study in three or even four species in a square inch of handheld ecology.

I hope that my children, with a priest and an Environmental Studies professor for parents, grow up to feel a responsibility to care for the earth and its inhabitants; however, I know that such respect is discovered as much as it is taught.

Finding the place where we are most aware of the infinite complexity of God’s world and our role in it does more for our understanding of why we care for creation than a thousand reminders to turn off lights, recycle cans, or walk instead of driving.

This month, as a faith community, we at Saint John's are part of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota’s Convention, the theme of which is Engaging God's Mission Through Engaging All God’s Creation. I would love to hear your stories, as we prepare for Convention, about the places that have taught you about the sacred present in creation, whether a bus stop in our cities or a hermit crab’s shell. The more stories we share, the deeper an understanding of our individual experiences our Convention delegation can bring with them to Saint Cloud.

Faithfully yours,
Kate
Holy Apostles Craft Fair & Nursery Fundraiser

At St. John’s, we are proud and honored to have Holy Apostles as our companion parish. In ten short years, Holy Apostles has grown from a very small congregation on the verge of closing to a vibrant Christian community led by exceptionally talented Hmong elders and leaders. They take seriously the development and formation of their youngest congregants and serve over 150 children, including 93 under the age of 5.

Unfortunately, water issues in their basement have left them with little in the way of materials for their children’s program. Now that they have worked hard to repair the issues and invested in preventative landscaping, they are ready to reinvest in the interior classroom and programming spaces.

For those things they cannot accomplish through volunteer efforts, they will be fundraising by selling homemade crafts and their delicious egg rolls at St. John’s on Sunday, September 27 in the Gym. Come enjoy delicious egg rolls and get a jump on school and Christmas shopping! They will have hats, scarves and mittens that you can donate to the homeless through The Family Place.

They are also interested in donations based on their wish list items (new, unused items, please):

- Flatscreen TV, DVD player, TV stand
- Large cork bulletin boards
- Toys such as Lego table, doll house, play kitchen
- Puzzles
- Religious movies & videos for kids
- Art supplies such as washable paint, rolls of paper, easels
- Laminator
- Kids’ area rugs or play mats
- Baby gear such as changing table, playpen, jumper/bouncer
- Furniture such as rocking chair, book shelf, shoe organizer, couches and lounging chairs

If you are unable to attend the fair, you may also make a donation of funds in the offering plate or at the church office, made out to Holy Apostles.

Please join them in this effort to serve their children. They welcome your interest and partnership!
He worked on the Christmas windows at the old Minneapolis Dayton’s Department Store, and helped set up the antique ox-cart brought in to anchor a clothing display in the men’s department. He was an advertising manager at Best Buy in the early 2000’s and later at Super Valu. And in 2010, he went in a different direction.

Throughout these changes, Peter Rosendale has been adaptable, energetic, and always saw what had to be done for his own career and for his family's financial future.

Peter’s parents moved a lot due to his father’s position with Honeywell that demanded constant relocation. Massachusetts, California, South Carolina, and Minnesota were all home for the family at various times. “My dad had a ‘sink or swim’ attitude and he adapted to what the job demanded and the family followed. I suppose all the moving was like being an army brat.”

Peter’s career began at Donaldson’s Department Store in St. Paul, working in “visual presentation” (advertising) from 1985-86. He set up displays, worked on store windows and did other things to create the visual environment in the store.

Then he moved to Dayton’s for some of the most exciting years of his career. “Dayton’s hired a well-known art designer to oversee everything and who was fun to work with. The store spent money on displays then! Big stores had stock rooms then so there was more room on the sales floor for large displays. Now stock rooms have disappeared and all merchandise is on the floor, crowding out most displays. They want people to just see the merchandise.”

In 2000 he was offered the job of advertising manager at Best Buy. “Things were moving to online, standardized systems and they weren’t as concerned with an interesting or artistic Sunday insert or catalog.”

Two years followed at Super Valu, where Peter helped construct an image database to facilitate “drop and pop,” where standard images could be accessed and dropped into an ad. No need for any new photography or design.

So in 2010, after getting licensed and trained in the insurance business, Peter set up his own branch of Farmer’s Insurance. He has been working hard at building a customer base — not easy. He works far more nights and weekends now, attempting to accommodate customers. He observes, “There are challenges, but you persevere because your family is depending on you. You learn more and you push forward.”

Peter and Jennifer Frost met when both worked at Donaldson’s, and got married in 1989 at St John’s. Jennifer’s parents, Newton and Sally Frost, were long time members. Son Skyler was born in 1993 and Samantha in 2000. Skyler is a senior at St. Thomas and is spending time abroad at the London School of Economics this semester. Sammi is a sophomore at Central High School. Peter is clearly proud of them both.

He says that he loves the beautiful architecture at St. John’s with all of the wood and the great acoustics. He also likes the cross section of ages and the “quiet liberalism” of the place. He speaks with pride of the many “firsts” the Episcopal Church has pioneered: ordaining a gay bishop and coming out for equality in marriage rights.

And then there’s Jennifer, who works now with Peter in the insurance agency. He says: “The kids and I would be lost without this remarkable, lovely presence in our lives. Many couples couldn’t work together like we do but, as in so much of our earlier life, we both know what we need to do and we do it without asking or needing to define responsibilities. I am one of the genuinely lucky ones who found someone to love and to be loved by. Throughout all the trials of life, we have been pretty darn happy.”

What a privilege to speak with this truly good-hearted and thoughtful man, who keeps on getting it done.
Farmers’ Market and Fields to Families

We are having another great year at the St. John’s & Holy Apostles Farmers’ Market! Neighborhood support of the Farmers continues to grow as we see more and more shoppers. The increase foot traffic has led to an amazing response to our Fields to Families matching grant. We have raised $1,901! Donations can still be made at the Farmers Market on Sunday mornings, from 9 am to noon. **Our Wednesday markets will not be held any more this year, but the market will still be held Sundays.** 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.

The Market continues through September. We still need help in covering the shifts on Sundays. Please help us host the market by going to our Signup Genius volunteer page at http://tinyurl.com/n2eougy.

We have received $1,901 for Fields to Families!

Green Bag Ladies at Farmers’ Market

A group of good-will, environmentally conscious women who call themselves “The Green Bag Ladies” create cloth shopping bags that they are giving away at the Farmers’ Market on Sundays. Be sure to stop by on Sunday to get yours!

News from Hearts to Homes

It has been a busy summer for our families. The family headed by Eileen moved and is settled in a nice apartment, much more affordable than the duplex they were in. Our second family headed by Cora moved from a 1-bedroom apartment to a 2-bedroom apartment in the same building, giving her and her son their own bedrooms. Eileen has finished her year with our program and has met most of the goals she set for herself. Cora is meeting many of her goals as well and she has a few more months to go on her program.

Holly Stoerker volunteered to mentor our new family headed by Jesse. They started August 1. Jesse has two young sons and has attended the nutrition classes we offered last spring.

The Chili Cook Off is coming up on November 8 just after the 10:00 service. We hope that you will consider entering your favorite chili or come by to taste them and cast your vote. Remember, to attend we ask for donations to the H2H closet of household items we can give our families. The closet is really bare right now and we could use donations of bathroom and kitchen linens, dish detergent, cleanser, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste… Watch for a more complete list in an upcoming bulletin.

Recently, the mentor of our first family had a visit with them. Kat and her husband Andre moved to Oregon for work a number of years ago and were here to see family. Project Kathleen (which became Hearts to Homes) helped this family get on their feet in 2006 and helped the children through school and even helped Kat through much needed surgery. They are doing really well and are even looking at retiring in St. Paul. This follow-up report is good news.

**Hearts to Homes Meeting** - Thursday, September 24, at 6:00 pm in the Library. To learn more, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.

**Faith in Action Meeting** - Thursday, October 15, at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Space. To learn more, contact Colleen Swope at ccswope50@gmail.com.
St. John’s Kayoro Health Center II

Our faith teaches us the importance of giving our gifts as well as how we receive the gifts of others. The work of the St. John’s Health Center in Kayoro, Uganda is teaching us about both of these things. Over 5 years ago, we raised enough money to build a clinic, in collaboration with the non-profit Give Us Wings. We have sent travelers and been hosted by families in Kayoro. We have learned about resilience and faithfulness in the face of unrelenting hardship. We have watched as our first gifts—a generous offering to be sure—have multiplied and grown into something far greater than we ever first imagined. Below, parishioner and a member of our Kayoro Committee, Shirley Sailors offers some highlights from a recent report by Therese Anderson, Director of Give Us Wings, USA.

Since the beginning of 2015, the St. John’s Kayoro Health Clinic has seen:

* A nearly 500% increase in the number of children immunized – from 301 in the first six months of 2014 to 1,438 in the first six months of 2015. The increase was partially attributed to the use of a megaphone provided by St. John’s travelers in January, which allows clinic workers to promote vaccination over a distance when visiting local villages.

* The creation of a Water Users Committee to work on the use and maintenance of the standpipe on the clinic grounds. Availability of water continues to be an important issue for the community.

* A very positive evaluation by a branch of USAID, PACE Uganda, and Marie Stopes organizations—two of the clinic’s partners in the work of providing adequate healthcare in the region. The clinic scored highly on drug management, patient and record management, and overall cleanliness.

At our meeting, the SJE Kayoro Committee approved the Health Center’s request for $4,433 in funding to supplement the $12,017 provided by Give Us Wings. Our funds will be used to continue successful programs initiated earlier in the year:

* Maternal and child healthcare. In addition to emphasizing immunizations, mothers are provided antenatal care and Mama Kits with items that greatly benefit a mother adjusting to a new baby in the home.

* Three clinic days during which a medical doctor will provide consultations and treatment. Over 290 people were served by five clinic days during the first six months of 2015.

* Using local councilor and Kayoro Health Team workers, the clinic will continue their outreach into the community providing some health services outside of the clinic (and increasing awareness of the clinic’s existence and services).

* “Lunch and Learn” seminars during which participants receive a meal and learn about sanitation, hygiene, and palliative care.

* Radio Programs and Advertising. Radio is a commonly used method of communicating information since most families have access to battery-operated radios.

The funding will also allow for a program to provide adolescent and reproductive health care in two secondary schools by offering counseling and services. A feasibility study conducted by Ugandan GUW staff early in 2015 demonstrated the need to offer this educational service.

The Committee was impressed by the increased professionalism and detail being shown by the Ugandan GUW staff in their Workplan and Reporting. It’s hard to overstate the impact our initial gift has made. Literally hundreds and thousands of lives are being changed and even saved as a result of our first gift and how it is being multiplied. Our hope in reporting these important statistics and figures is that the success stories will somehow be a gift back to the St. John’s community - that our joy will increase as we hear how our initial gift is being stewarded and cultivated and grown. Lives are changing because of the clinic—our lives here in St. Paul, and the lives of our brothers and sisters in Kayoro, Uganda.

Please remember to keep the ministry there in your prayers, and stay tuned to hear more about a forthcoming program from Give Us Wings that might help us connect with individual lives of families on the ground in Uganda.
To Love Every Child of God

by Jean Hansen

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and you are acquainted with all my ways.

- Psalm 139:1-3

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, or height, nor depth, or anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:38-39

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. - John 15:12

Three things are clear from these scriptures: God knows us uniquely, loves us unconditionally, and sends us into community—in our homes and in our congregations—to love every child of God uniquely and unconditionally. So how will we begin?

Knowing

So, how can you know a child uniquely? First, an adult needs to be fully present with the child or youth.

Observe. What do you see with your eyes, hear with your ears, know with your heart and intuition? When you listen to a child, what are the words you hear? Do the words and tone and body language coincide, or is there a disconnect? Does the child say, "I'm fine," but the tone of voice and facial expression or stomping feet say something different?

Ask good questions—those questions that can never be answered with a grunt, a shrug, or a single word. Examples include, "What are the things you most enjoyed today?", "Tell me about why you came home, instead of going to your friend's house", "What are your favorite things about being this age?", "What disappointed you about the teacher's comments on your paper?" If you don't get much of a reply, say, "Tell me more."
Knowing a child’s **temperament** is crucial to understanding how this child views the world and gets what he or she needs. If your child is an **introvert**, they are not necessarily shy or quiet, but take more time to consider their answers. They recharge their batteries by being alone or with one trusted person. An **extrovert** will begin chatting as soon as you pause for breath, but won’t necessarily get to their final conclusion until they have verbally explored a number of possibilities. They are not more socially skilled than their introverted counterpart, but get energy by being with others. Is your child high energy or more chill, positive in their interpretation of life or negative?

Make sure that you know about **normal growth and development** to appreciate the breadth of what is “normal” at each age and stage. Please don’t pressure your child to master behaviors, understandings, or skills that are beyond their capacity.

**Learning styles** vary—visual, auditory, kinesthetic—and impact how receptive children are to different teaching styles, how quickly they learn, and how open they are to different learning opportunities. Try varying the ways you present things, in order to determine how they are wired to learn.

Adults can learn to appreciate **multiple intelligences**, knowing that each human is a unique blend of them, including musical-rhythmic, visual-spatial, verbal-linguistic, logical-mathematical, bodily-kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal, naturalistic, existential, and moral intelligence. Look for opportunity for every form of intelligence to be valued and exercised.

**Supporting**

When others label a child or youth negatively, can you supply a more positive alternative? For example, when a child, who is demonstrating leadership, is called “bossy” or “aggressive,” can you suggest that these are the qualities that are assertive or show leadership? When another child is labeled “shy” or “reticent,” can you point out that this child surveys the situation and decides how and when and with whom to engage?

**Find the good gifts** of every child and name them, seeking activities that fit their interests and gifts, predicting the difference they’ll make in God’s world.

**Loving**

You already love the children and youth in your midst. What are some of the best things you can do to express that love and to make sure that the recipient really believes you?

- Separate behavior from personhood and love the person, no matter what they have done. Personhood cannot be changed. Correct or affirm the behavior. Behavior can be changed. Never conflate the two!
- **Forgive** one another. One of God’s best gifts to all of us is that we are simultaneously God’s beloved and forgiven children. Model that by apologizing when we have wronged a child and ask them for forgiveness. When a child apologizes, be swift to forgive.
- **Love** one another, no matter what. Tell the child or youth that your love is unconditional—but only if it really, truly is. This is the love Christ calls us to lavish on others. Let’s answer that call.
- **Love** your child enough to correct behavior and say “No.” One of the ways in which we are shortchanging our children is not teaching them boundaries and enforcing them. I realized when my firstborn was very young that part of my job was to shape her into a person others can love, too. The only way we can change overindulgence and a raging case of entitlement is to exercise a judicious use of “No” and to mean it.
- **Love** the “otherness.” Those of us privileged to have children in our lives will quickly discover that they are not all just like us in gifts, intelligences, temperament, or preferences. Let us embrace God’s creative genius and abundance in the variety God lavished on the human family. It is one of the ways we say “thank you” to God.
- **Express love** every day. No one has ever voiced a deathbed regret that they wish they had expressed love less often. Now is the time to begin.
- Say, “I love you.” Period. Never put a comma where that period should be. It implies that “I love you, when ...” or “I love you, except” or “I love you, until ...” I love you. Period.
Greetings from Heather Hunt!

Dear Choirsters, prospective choristers and families,

I was thrilled to meet some of you in the parking lot after the August 9 service. Thank you for the warm welcome.

As we get ready to start the church and school year, I want to share my hopes and dreams for the youth and children’s choir ministry.

I grew up singing in “junior choir” from an early age, and it was a formative experience for me. Not only did I love the routine but the friendships of my fellow choristers and the support of the adults made for a wonderful, secure, and happy time. I hope I can help continue this atmosphere with you!

Singing is a wonderful way to worship. Children of all ages and abilities can benefit from participating in worship in a meaningful way. We will have a friendly, supportive environment. We will talk about the words we are singing and how they fit into our faith formation. We will learn the meaning of the choral art in worship and we will strive to make beautiful music that we enjoy singing and our congregation enjoys hearing. We will stretch and grow. I hope to plan some special events and collaborations with other parishes as well.

I can’t do this without you! I welcome returning choristers and hope that any who would like to try it but are unsure will give it a shot! Nobody will be put on the spot if they don’t want to be.

We will start on September 13, singing a familiar anthem (Non nobis, Domine) with all the choirs at the 10 AM service. I will send a PDF of the music ahead of time. SO, please get your name on the roster as soon as possible! Send me an email at Hhuntenp@gmail.com. If you want to visit more about this ministry, email or call me on my cell phone at 612-408-5049. Make a Joyful Noise!
BEYOND CONFLICT: Faith and Science in Dialogue

New Sunday Forum Series

Many people today think that science and religion unavoidably conflict with one another. Anti-religious scientists and science-denying creationists fuel this perception, but the reality is that people of faith and scientists have been in fruitful dialogue for quite some time.

This Sunday Forum series will explore the fascinating ways Christian faith and science are informing and enriching each other in our contemporary world. We will host a number of speakers who will discuss topics such as: theology and current cosmology; contemporary bioethics; theology and the environment; and conceptions of human beings in light of modern science. A captivating conversation is taking place these days between theologians and scientists. We hope you will come be a part of it Sundays at 9:00am in the Fireside Room.

Sept. 20 – Panel discussion on John Polkinghorne (Anglican priest and theoretical physicist at the University of Cambridge)

Oct. 4 – Dr. Don Postema on Bioethics

Oct. 11 – Dr. Ken Reynhout on Human Beings in Light of Evolution

Oct. 18 – Dr. Nate Van Yperen on Theology and the Environment

Oct. 25 – Dr. Philip Rolnick on the Origins of the Universe

Stewardship

1 Peter 4:10-11
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.

All of us are stewards. God has entrusted us with this church and God uses our collective gifts of time and money support the people, programs and physical resources of St. John’s. St. John’s thrives because of our gifts of time and treasure, as well as those of the generations before us.

We call St. John’s “The Church of the Open Door.” As members and seekers we are welcomed through the open door. Inside our faith is nurtured and we are encouraged to discern and share the particular gifts God has given each of us. Strengthened, we take our gifts and our faith back through the doors and into the world.

This year as we think about stewardship we hope to reflect upon the many ways St. John’s serves us and the world outside our doors, and how each of us can best fulfill our role as a steward of St. John’s.

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.
Camp Chemo Book Party
On Tuesday, October 6, we’ll celebrate Camp Chemo: Postcards Home from Metastatic Breast Cancer by Camille Scheel. The event will be 6:30-8:00 p.m in the Fireside Room and will include book signings and excerpts from the book that feature St. John’s. This celebration is free and open to the public. Proceeds benefit the Scheel family.

September Meetings
Prayer Shawl Gathering: Wednesday, September 2 at 9:30 am in the Gathering Room. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-248-8932.

Stewardship Meeting: Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 pm. Contact Sarah Dull at 651-228-1172 x 10.

Men’s Gathering: Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

Men’s Breakfast: Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

Down Syndrome Group: Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft. Contact Ellison Yahner at ellisonyanner@gmail.com.

Vestry Meeting: Monday, September 21 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. RSVP to the church office at 651-228-1172, x10.

Community of Hope International
Beginning on September 7 from 7-9:30 pm, St. John’s is offering an eleven-week lay pastoral care training program 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 the Rev. Helen Appelbert, an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Texas, and based on the principles of the rule of St. Benedict.

The goal of Community of Hope International is to “create and sustain Christian communities of lay pastoral care givers united in prayer, and shaped by Benedictine spirituality.” Kate Bradtmiller will be facilitating our cohort. For more information, contact her at kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-228-1172 x 18.

Pottery Open House
Wade Scheel’s pottery is a familiar sight around St. John’s. He made the mugs for coffee hour, and the shells for baptisms.

You’re invited to his pottery open house at 2032 Berkeley Ave. St. Paul, Saturday September 12 from 10am-4pm and Sunday, September 13 from noon to 2pm.

Wanted!
Do you have surplus wooden coat hangers that you no longer need? We need to upgrade and expand our eccentric collection in the narthex. Please hang any donated hangers on the narthex coat rack.
Office Closed for Labor Day
The church office will be closed Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day Holiday.

Safe Church Training
In order to be a leader in the Episcopal church, you are required to complete Safe Church Training, which needs to be renewed every five years. You can contact the church office to find out the date of your last training and to find out if you are required to complete the adult or the child portions.

The child portion of Safe Church Training (“Safeguarding God’s Children”) will be offered at St. John’s on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 am—noon. A meal will be provided, so RSVP to the office at 651-228-1172, x10 or church@stjohnsstpaul.org.

Office Volunteers
Would you be interested in helping out in the St. John’s office? Do you have experience with Publisher, Constant Contact or WordPress? We would greatly appreciate your help! Contact Sarah Dull at 651-228-1172 x10.

Annual St. John’s & Holy Apostles’ Summer Picnic
Partner parishes St. John the Evangelist and Holy Apostles had their Annual Summer Picnic with a service in Crosby Farm Park. Baptisms were held in the river. Picnic activities included a cookout, potluck, games, and most importantly, fellowship between the two parishes. Thanks to all who participated!

Cabaret November 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 (e.g. 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.
Happy Birthday to...

September*
2  Jill Thompson
   Libby Collins
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   Dennis Collins
   Thomas Armstrong
5  Joey Goodall
   Christa Rutherford
   Debra Smith
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   Benjamin Thompson
   Sam Edgerton
7  Brad Clary
   Thomas Finneran-Flyckt
   Cheryl McMahan
8  Jennifer Gross
   Galawe Alcenat
   Paige Hagstrom
   Beverly Meloche
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   Diane Norman
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   Barbara Snowfield
   Bobby Strom
   Chelsea Olson
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   Oren Lowe
   Catherine Burke
   Wyatt Ropal
   Bob Goff
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   Devin Bruce
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   David Wellington
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   Martin John Brown III
   Don Weinkauf
26 Carly Allen-Tice
27 John Lawyer
28 Jonathan Roe
   Scott Sullivan
   Michael Garner
   Ian Andrews
29 Emma Grundhauser
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   Ruth Bradtmiller
   Kevin Hertle
   Mary Gilbertson
   Eric Thor
   Casper Polinske
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   Drake Lightner
   Sam Woodman

*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:

September 6 — The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Main Altar: Marjory L. & William S. Pearson
Small Altar: Annie & Thomas Newton

September 13 — The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Main Altar: Vernon F. Olson
Small Altar: Bram Drew

September 20 — The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Main Altar & Small Altar: Thomas W. & Doris N. Dunlop, James G. Ek

September 27 — The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Main Altar: Frank & Esther Snyder
Small Altar: Elizabeth & John Stromenger

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.
### St. John the Evangelist September 2015 Service Schedule

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| **September 13—The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost** |
| 8:00 am  | Joan McCanna    | Jay Debertin, Diane Power, Jennifer Rosendale, Peter Rosendale | Kathleen Hanson, Suzanne McInroy, Sally Sand | Gathering Sunday           | Helen Baxter, Roan Weinkauf, Charlie Olson, Chris Olson |
| 10:00 am | A—Cammie Beattie, B—Terry Divino |                              |                                |                        |                               |

| **September 20—The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost** |
| 8:00 am  | David Aylesworth, Gary Hagstrom, Paige Hagstrom, Holly Weinkauf, Don Weinkauf | Jennifer Kinkead, Ella Slade, Jerry Woelfel | Kolu Paye Wilson | Madeline Weinkauf, Eli Weinkauf, Tessa Johnson, Maren Johnson |
| 10:00 am | A—Rick Rinkoff, B—Alden Drew |                              |                                |                        |                               |

| **September 27—The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost** |
| 8:00 am  | Brad McCanna, Jeff Olsen, Peggy Olsen, Shirley Sailors, Sally Sand | Vern Kassekert, Gabrielle Lawrence, Don Postema | Sally Sand/Durst Haberman | Tim Krall, Caroline Krall, Linnea Krall, Sabine Kraff |
| 10:00 am | A—Troy Stack-Nelson, B—Holly Stoerker |                              |                                |                        |                               |

### Altar Guild Teams

**September 6:** Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall, Ginny Schauss

**September 13:** Dusty Mairs, Phillip Baird, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey

**September 20:** Pam Strom, Kathy Brown, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sue MacIntosh

**September 27:** Pat Brynteson, Caroline Krall, Heather Joyce, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson

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