



THE EVANGELIST

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Welcome Back after a Beautiful Summer!

Match the Pictures with the September Events



THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

1. **Celebration of a New Ministry** and reception Thursday, September 8th @ 7pm.
2. **Bible study** resumes September 7th on Wednesdays @ 11 in the library. Join us!
3. **"Blessing of the Backpacks"** September 11th @ 10am service – Bring your schoolbags to church.
4. **Gathering Sunday and Picnic** Sept. 11th. Stop by the Ministry Fair to learn about your church.
5. **Godly Play** resumes Sept. 18th @ 9:45am. Welcome all Children Grades 1 – 6!
6. **Worship** St. John's offers many opportunities for worship and prayer each week – see back cover
7. **Fireside Chats with the Rector** beginning Sept. 18th @ 9am come join our monthly chats with our new rector as part of the Adult Education Program – see the brochure enclosed.
8. **Presentation on the St. John's Bible** Tuesday Sept. 27th – see article in this issue.

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The Rev. S. Grayson Clary, *Rector Emeritus*

The Rev. Keely Franke, *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*

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Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*

Jean Hansen, *Youth and Family Minister*

From The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson

I've always had a fascination with trees. Living at the edge of a temperate rainforest in a rural town, there wasn't much for a kid to do except spend time out in the woods. My friends and I were prone to climbing the gnarled spruce trees near a favorite river. There we would string old fishing nets, great behemoth hammocks taken from an old seiner's junk heap, and would lie there on our backs staring up through the branches at night to watch the dancing light of the borealis. Trees lent themselves easily to the imaginations of young boys. We could build forts and wage wars and hide from girls and create whole civilizations out amid the hemlocks and cedars of our hometown. In my mind trees seemed to spring from the ground in a rush, their trunks and limbs soaring into the sky almost as if they were taking flight.

I am still fascinated by trees. It may sound silly, but to this day I will pause to examine a tree, to note how its bark bears the marks of a particularly bad winter or how a single branch can contain a small ecosystem of birds and fungi and insects. On a visit to Thailand I once spent a good half hour



examining a banyan tree, wrapped in festive gossamer garlands. The roots were like a cathedral in miniature, branching out and plunging deep into the soil, almost a whole other tree beneath the tree! I remember circling this old giant and noting the existence of a crumbling brick wall hidden beneath a tangle of stout roots.

Trees make for wonderful metaphors too. We've all heard them. Apple doesn't fall far from the... Barking up the wrong...

You get the picture.

Even the various authors of Holy Scripture were drawn to trees over hundreds of years. In that well known passage from his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle prays:

"Be strengthened in your inner being ...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."

Such a great image –

rooted in love just as a tree puts down roots into deep soil or over crumbling brick walls. Be rooted in love! It is a prayer that I share for all of us at St. John's, that we would be sustained by deep connections to our source – that we would be rooted and grounded in love. There are so many things that ground us and root us and sustain us here in community and in our relationship to Jesus. This issue of the Evangelist contains many of those things – our community and connection to others (see pictures of the picnic), our rich worship, our deep tradition in Anglicanism, and our outreach to the world. This year's Adult Education focus, under the excellent guidance of Barbara Mraz and the Adult Ed. Committee, is going to plunge in to examine some of these ways we are all rooted in faith and love. I encourage you to check out the schedule included with this edition of the Evangelist, and join us as we discover our roots. See all of you soon in church, at Gathering Sunday (Sept. 11), or at our Celebration of New Ministry (Sept. 8).

Blessings,

Jered

**Youth Ministry
Important Dates -
Please Mark Your
Calendars!!!**

September 8
**Celebration of New
Ministry: Installation of the
Rev. Jered Weber-
Johnson** (7pm)
* Check the acolyte
schedule for this event]

September 10
Youth & Children's Choir
Workshop (10-12:30pm)

First Lock-in (5pm – Sunday
after picnic clean up)

September 11 **Gathering
Sunday, Ministry Fair, and
Parish Picnic hosted by
youth group**

September 14
Youth Group Gathering –
Welcome (6:15pm – Gym
Kitchen)

September 18
First Youth Encounter

September 21 & 25th
Youth Group – *Faith* (9am -
dinner – Green Room)

October 1 **Acolyte
Training** (10-2pm –
lunch provided)

October 2
Youth Encounter (9am –
breakfast – Green Room)

Youth Blast (1-5pm – St.
Luke's Episcopal Church –
Minneapolis Book of
Common Prayer, Baptismal
Covenant

October 5
Youth Group – *Fellowship*
(6:15pm – dinner and
program – gym kitchen)

October 8
Mother's Retreat (9-
5pm – Mt Olivet Retreat
Center – Farmington, MN)

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Greetings!

Gathering Sunday is also the time to visit the Ministries Fair. Stop by the Youth and Family Ministry table to register your youth for all of the exciting things happening this program year. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with youth and youth leaders about any questions you may have.

We will begin the program year with Youth Group on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:15pm – right after youth choir rehearsal –

with dinner in the gym kitchen. Our first Youth Encounter meeting is on Sunday, September 18th at 9:00am, with breakfast in the Green Room. youth group.

One of the Wednesday Youth Group traditions is that families take turns providing the dinner. Families have both cooked meals, and ordered meals to be delivered. Families are always welcome and encouraged to sit and share dinner and conversation with the

Dinner Schedule

September 21:	Gemlo Family
September 28:	Grundhauser Family
October 5:	Frisby Family
October 12:	Furios Family
October 19:	Weinkauff Family
October 26:	Krall Family

Youth Activities This Year

The St. John's Youth Program is excited to invite all youth to join the ministry this fall. Whether you are a senior in high school or just entering the 7th grade, St. John's Youth Program has activities and experiences for you! From service to socializing, and Wednesday night and Sunday morning meetings

to overnight lock-ins, this program is designed to create an environment where youth can experience God through faith formation, fellowship, mission, and spiritual practices. Our youth are a vital part of our church community, and this year we are planning a variety of activities to support that role in the community,

culminating in a youth trip to the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, IN summer 2012. Take this opportunity to grow in your faith, be a missional presence in your community, and build relationships with awesome youth and adult sponsors!

Acolyte Ministry

by Jean Hansen

A very important ministry at St. John's is the Acolyte Ministry. An acolyte serves God through his or her service in the church. Acolyte means "one who serves". Acolytes aid in the worship of the Congregation and are leaders in the church through the examples they set at the altar and we are grateful for their service.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

It would also be helpful if there were some parent volunteers to help with

training and shepherding the acolytes. One of the responsibilities is to be there in the morning at the same time the acolytes are required to be there to check them in and recruit a last minute substitute if needed. Acolytes are arranged by senior, junior, and apprentice. Schedules will be in the *Evangelist*, and reminder postcards will continue to be mailed through the church office. At our first **training on October 1**, we will organize the acolytes into teams. At that time I will ask families to let us know of any times they will NOT be at church, and then I will assign the teams to

specific dates accordingly.



Temporary Acolyte Schedule

September 4: Cameron Gemlo, Tim Krall, Lucy Grundhauser
September 8: Eva Gemlo, Madeline Weinkauf, Johannah Frisby
(Celebration of New Ministry: Jered's installation)
September 11: Charlie Olsen, Wyatt Furios, Tim Krall
September 18: Emma Grundhauser, Johannah Frisby, Eli Weinkauf
September 25: Cooper Olson, Alex Joyce, Miranda Cygan
October 2: Ethan Furios, Madeline Weinkauf, Rachel Clark
October 9: Cameron Gemlo, Ashlyn Andrews, Samantha Rosendale
October 16: Eva Gemlo, Lucy Grundhauser, Wyatt Furios
October 23: Charlie Olsen, Tim Krall, Emily Brooks
October 30: Cooper Olson, Miranda Cygan, Alex Joyce

It is essential that acolytes arrive 15 minutes before the service begins. If you are not able to acolyte on your assigned day, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Youth Ministry Important Dates - Please Mark Your Calendars!!!

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October 9

Youth Encounter (9am – breakfast – Green Room)

Crop Walk – Sponsored by the St. Paul Area Council of Churches (1pm – Intergenerational Event)

October 12

Youth Group – *Mission* (6:15pm – dinner and program – Gym Kitchen)

October 16

Youth Encounter (9am – breakfast – Green Room)

October 19

Youth Group - *Leadership* (6:15pm – dinner and program – Gym Kitchen & Green Room)

October 23

Youth Encounter (9am – breakfast – Green Room)

Confirmation (1-4pm)

October 26

Youth Group – *Faith* (6:15pm – dinner and program – Gym Kitchen and Green Room)

October 28 & 29

Convention

October 30

Youth Encounter (9am – breakfast – Green Room)

Life is What You Make It

By Jennifer Kinkaid

July 26 was an amazing day for the Kinkaid family. After seven years of sponsoring Joseph, a sixteen-year-old Masai boy who lives in the Rift Valley of Kenya, our families were together.



Joseph and his mother

Joseph was chosen by *Give Us Wings* as a person that really needed a sponsor family. Joseph is very intelligent and dreams of one day being a doctor, despite the fact that he has Spina Bifida and, as a result, has had both legs amputated. In Kenya, without a sponsoring family, most people do not have the means to acquire an education, and without an education, a person makes their living through physical labor and Joseph could not do physical labor to support himself.

Over the years, we have sent letters and video and watched video taken by *Give Us Wings* director Mary Steiner as she delivers our gifts to

our letters. It has been a wonderful relationship.

We have learned so much about the life of a Masai boy in Kenya. We learned that although Joseph loves to get a delivery of Legos and clever toys, he is much more concerned about the future of his family and would prefer a goat or a cow to add to his herd. At the age of 16, he has a great deal of responsibility and his number one concern is the future of his family.



Joseph and his new wheelchair

In January, I met Joseph for the first time when I traveled with Cammie Beattie, Bob Horn, Shirley Sailors and *Give Us Wings* to Uganda and Kenya. Earlier, Shriners Hospital in Minneapolis had offered to create prosthetics for Joseph so that he could walk. This has been an enormous goal for Joseph. There was a great deal of joy in meeting Joseph for the first time during that trip but also a lot of fact-finding that needed to be done to determine if

prosthetics.

Cammie Beattie is a physical therapist at Gillette Hospital and has a great deal of experience in working with people with Spina Bifida. She and another *Give Us Wings* traveler with a medical background did a complete assessment of Joseph's physical situation. In the end, they concluded that in fact Joseph would not be able to use prosthetics. It was difficult news but it was very important for Joseph to hear and understand this information. He has spent many years focusing on his dream of walking and to some extent that has stood in the way of finding solutions for the challenges that are part of Spina Bifida.

My family has been very involved with *Give Us Wings* for many years. Each of us, George, John, Payton, Mason and I have found something in our work with *Give Us Wings* that helps us to feel connected to the people in Africa that we work with.

After so many years of talking, writing and exchanging letters, we decided to all go to Kenya and meet Joseph as a family, with the new

information that Joseph would *not* be coming to the US to have prosthetics made here. There were still many things that he could benefit from and we worked hard to gather those items and personally deliver them.

Joseph lives in a mud dung hut that has a very narrow doorway. He also goes to school in a tin shack with a rubble floor that has a narrow doorway. He needed a wheel chair that was very narrow and a desktop attachment because a wheel chair would not allow him to work at a desk. Joseph also suffers from pressure point sores and we were able to have a gel pad donated for him so that the sores would not continue to develop. We brought lots of other things that would help.

We flew into Nairobi, Kenya on July 24, and on July 25 traveled into the Rift Valley to stay with a social worker that manages the care of 23 orphans. It was amazing to watch our kids connect immediately with the eight orphan children that live with Grace and John, the social workers that we were staying with.

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Life is What You Make It – *cont'd*

The road to Joseph's house is a dusty, red desert and after an hour of driving from Grace's house to Joseph's house, there he was. Sitting waiting for us! Joseph yelled, "WOW!" as our van approached. My kids were jumping out of their seats. There he was! Sitting waiting for us! Joseph yelled, "WOW!" as our van approached. My kids were jumping out of their seats.



Kinkaid children with Joseph

In January, we had made arrangements for an outhouse to be built at Joseph's house and that was the first thing that Joseph showed us: a tour of the latrine. It was fantastic!

We immediately got the wheel chair out of the van and got Joseph situated in it. After a couple of hours of sharing gifts, reading books, playing with the siblings and Joseph, we took the mile walk from

Joseph's house to his school. The walk was so exhausting and hot, but Joseph was so excited to get to school and introduce us to his teachers and friends that he flew down the road.

We met with the head of school at Joseph's school, a soft-spoken man who was so grateful when we explained that our kids had raised enough money to build a latrine at the school. It was a big moment for our kids to have that conversation and to realize that their hard work at home, telling the story of Joseph and asking for financial support to bring about some permanent changes, would make a difference in the lives of many people.

We went from the school to the Association for the Physically Disabled in Kenya, a hospital in Nairobi, to have protection made for Joseph's legs.

There are no appointments available at the hospital. People just show up and wait. Joseph has spent many hours waiting at this hospital.

With our presence, he was seen immediately.

We made arrangements for Joseph to have

protective caps made for his legs. The doctors work with almost no instruments. They are trained and compassionate but have no tools. It was difficult to believe that people live in this way.

We worked the rest of the day on placing Joseph in a boarding school for disabled children. Joseph was to go through academic testing the day after we left. so we are waiting to hear the results of those tests.

Our work with Joseph has been very rewarding. It has been very sad at times, but he is a person with a magical spirit. He is faced with such adversity but he continues to dream of the future and envision a life for himself that is positive and fulfilling.

Joseph truly exemplifies the idea that "Life will be what you make of it."



Joseph's School

ALTAR FLOWERS 2011:

The memorial flowers on the Main and Little Sanctuary altars are given by parishioners on a perpetual calendar basis. For next year, 2011, there are a few Sundays available for donors to sign up to give the flowers for either of our altars. The cost is \$35 for the Main Altar and \$15 for the Little Sanctuary altar. If you are interested please contact **Dusty Mairs** or the office to find out the available dates for each altar.

Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

Sept. 4th – 12th Sun. of Pentecost

Main Altar - Open

Little Sanctuary Altar - Alyce D. and George R. Hunt

Sept. 11– 13th Sun. of Pentecost

Main Altar - Marjory L. and William S. Pearson

Little Sanctuary Altar - Annie and Thomas Newton



Sept. 18 – 14th Sun. of Pentecost

Main Altar - Vernon F. Olson

Little Sanctuary Altar - Bram Drew

Sept. 25 – 15th Sun. of Pentecost

Main Altar - Thomas W. and Doris N. Dunlop, James G. Ek

Little Sanctuary Altar - Thomas W. and Doris N. Dunlop, James G. Ek

The Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners of

Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

60 Kent Street

Saint Paul, NB 55102

Request your prayers and presence

For the Celebration of a New Ministry

At the institution of

The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

As rector of Saint John the Evangelist

On Thursday, September 8, 2011

Seven o'clock in the evening

The Right Reverend Brian N. Prior, presiding

Clergy: Alb and white stole

Reception to follow

September Birthdays



- 2 Jill Thompson, Libby Collins
- 4 Samuel Clary, Dennis Collins
- 6 Rachel Clark, Benjamin Thompson, Sam Edgerton
- 7 Bradley Clary, Thomas Flyckt Finneran
- 8 Jennifer Gross, Paige Hagstrom, Emily Spainhower
- 10 Grace Dueber, Eli Brown
- 11 Bob Binger, Joshua Parton
- 12 Elizabeth Hatfield
- 13 Wendy Olson, Mary Ann Dailey
- 14 Scott Norton
- 15 John Edgerton, III, Annie Beattie
- 16 Robert Edman, Barbara Snowfield
- 17 Bobby Strom
- 18 Chelsea Olson
- 21 Waytt Ropal, Bob Goff
- 22 Glen Lindeke, Shirlee Gooch, Lynn Hertz
- 23 Benjamin Clary
Mary Beth Edgerton
- 24 Savannah Joyce
- 26 Carly Allen-Tice
- 28 Jonathan Roe, Michael Garner, Ian Giuliani Andrews
- 29 Emma Grundhauser, Kevin Hertle
- 30 Jack Sand

Youth Blasts

Youth Blasts are a new and collaborative way for the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to do Christian Formation for Junior and Senior High Youth. It's Sunday School for Teens.

How does this work?

There will be five gatherings sprinkled throughout the 2011-2012 program year, each with a different focus. Each will be hosted by a different congregation. Clusters of 2-3 congregations per gathering will collaborate on the program. Young people, youth ministers, and clergy will design and lead each gathering. Each event will have a similar structure:

Welcome/Intro
Connecting/Reconnecting activities
Closing Prayer

Also, each event will contain these elements in some way:

Teaching forms of prayer/spirituality
Bible – interpretation, application, 101
Theological Reflection on current issues
Dabbling in the BCP
Snacks
Fun!

What are the different areas of focus?

- Book of Common Prayer/Baptismal Covenant
- Other faiths/Other Christian Denomination/Religious Extremism
- You, the Church, and Your Life (which includes taking leadership in the church and gifts discernment)
- Sexuality, Race, Class, Culture
- Episcopal/Anglican Identity, Episcopal Church in Minnesota identity – where we came from, where we are going

Are you crazy? Those topics are huge!

Yes, these are huge topics, none of which can be covered completely in any session. Youth Blasts will revisit each of these topics every year. Each time the topics will be presented from a different perspective.

Who is this event for?

Junior High (as each congregation defines it) and Senior High, but we plan on dividing into more age specific groups for reflection times, and to have more age-appropriate discussions related to the topic.

- Jean Hansen

Confirmation

Youth, 9th grade and older are invited to participate in confirmation. The curriculum is on a two-year cycle.

Students will be given the opportunity to explore and take responsibility for their Christian faith. They will develop personal and communal spiritual practices (prayer, scripture reading), and as usual, participate in various mission opportunities.

Confirmation Class meets one Sunday a month from 1-4 pm, alternating between St. John's and Holy Apostles. We'll use parts of various curriculums such as *I Believe* from Leader Resources, *I Will With God's Help* from Church Publishing, and *My Faith, My Life*, by Jennifer Gamber.

Practicing Our Faith: Once a month, at various times, the confirmation class will take "field trips" into the community for worship, mission and learning. For example, we'll do a group service project (preparing nutritional food packets for "Feed My Starving Children" or plan and lead a worship service at a nursing home) or we might visit another church to experience a different worship setting. Students are invited to participate in all of these activities, but we realize that high school students are often busy, so each student is required to participate in at least half of the experiences.

Additional expectations:

1. Regular attendance at confirmation class sessions.
2. Attend Sunday service regularly.
3. Attend Wednesday night and Sunday morning youth ministry regularly.
4. Complete assignments in preparation for the monthly class.
5. Participate in at least half of the *Practicing Our Faith* experiences.
6. Students will be asked to choose some way to serve at our church. This could be one of the following: acolyte, lector (read scripture in Sunday service), help with the nursery, usher, youth choir or Shepherd Band, and/or help with altar guild (setting up the altar for Communion and cleaning up afterward).

First year students will be confirmed in Spring 2013.

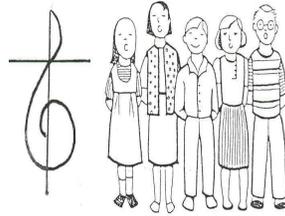
MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE !

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord with the St. John's Children's Choir!



The St. John's Children's Choir welcomes all children in grades 1-6. The Children's Choir provides an opportunity for children to develop vocal and musical skills, learn about liturgy, and participate in worship. The Children's Choir participates in the 10:00 First Sunday Service from September through May. The Children's Choir meets weekly on Sundays from 9:00-9:45 in the Music Room. Rehearsals include learning hymns and anthems, musical games and activities, stories of our faith, movement, and fun!

Anyone interested in singing with the Children's Choir is encouraged to join us for a **Children's Choir Workshop** on **Saturday September 10**, from **10:00-12:00** in the Music Room. We will review some choir "basics", and prepare to participate in the Gathering Sunday Service. This is a great chance for anyone who would like to "try it out". Come and meet other



new and returning choir members.

We will meet at 9:00 on **Gathering Sunday, September 11** to review and prepare to participate in the 10:00 service. Regular rehearsals will continue on **Sunday, September 18, from 9:00-9:45**. We enjoy having visitors, and encourage anyone who is interested to "try it out". Parents are always welcome at Children's Choir rehearsals. Please contact Lizza Berry at 651-698-4269.



The **St. John's Youth Choir** welcomes all 7-12 grade youth. The youth Choir is a great opportunity for youth to take part in musical activities at St. John's and participate in the worship life of the church. The Youth Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:15, and participates in the Sunday liturgy once or twice a month. We will be honing our vocal and musical skills while exploring a variety of musical styles, biblical and liturgical texts, and some stuff just for fun!

New and returning Youth Choir members are invited to sing on **Gathering Sunday, September 11**. We will have a brief rehearsal from 12:00 – 12:30 on Saturday, September 10, following the Children's Choir Workshop. We will meet again on Gathering Sunday at 9:00 to warm up and participate in the 10:00 service.

Look for sign-up and registration materials at the Ministry Fair on Gathering Sunday, or just show up on **Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15** starting **September 14**. For more information, please contact Lizza Berry at 651-698-4269, or Jim Frazier.

Praise, Praise,

Praise the Lord!



Some dates to be aware of:

A Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson - Sept 8

Gathering Sunday & Ministry Fair - Sept. 11

Wed. Youth Group begins - Sept. 15

Godly Play and Youth Encounter begin - Sept. 18

The HUGE Sale - Oct. 1

Blessing of Animals - Oct. 5

Diocesan Convention - Oct. 28-29

All Saints' Evensong - Nov. 6

Teens Encounter Christ - Nov. 18-20

The Christmas Party - Dec. 3

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Blast - Dec. 4

The Christmas Pageant - Dec. 11

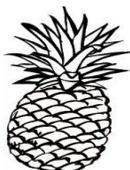
Hanging of the Greens - Dec. 14

Lessons and Carols - Dec. 18

Corner of Hospitality

By Rev. Keely Franke

Did you know that since colonial times the pineapple has been known as the fruit of hospitality? Its qualities are rare and exotic, and especially due to slow trade routes in the 17th century between the Caribbean Islands and America, it was considered a significant act of hospitality to be able to provide a ripe pineapple for guests.



If you look closely at the glass in the door to my office or at the windows overlooking the Kent Street entrance, there are pineapples at the center with three leaves coming off at the top. The three leaves represent the Holy Trinity, which is of course rooted in hospitality. As Christians we worship a

God who is, by God's very nature, in relationship.

The members of the Trinity are about as diverse and different from one another as possible. Part of being a Christian means we are called to be in relationship with others different from ourselves and to welcome the stranger into our midst.

There are many official ways we do this here at St. John's.

The Newcomer Group's sole purpose is to help our newest guests feel welcome and become integrated into the fabric of our community.

The Fellowship Committee plans events and parties (with lots of food) following a worship experience or during a specific season of the year.

The Ushers are the frontline people who welcome people into our church building Sunday morning and help people

maneuver through the service.

Greeters will be a new ministry we add to the Sunday morning experience. Even before the ushers offer a bulletin, the greeters will welcome people in the doors, help find a name tag, and make sure our newest guests are known to clergy.

Sometimes the most important ways we welcome new guests into our midst, however, are all the unofficial encounters. When we turn around and greet someone we don't recognize sitting in a pew close by. Or talk to someone new to you at coffee hour. Or come to coffee hour or offer a smile. Offer a piece of pineapple.

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the ministries mentioned above, please contact the Rev. Keely Franke – keely.franke@stjohnsstpa.org or 651-228-1172,

Remembering George

In a tribute to the success of the company he co-founded and which is still a star in the investments field, here is part of what the Minneapolis *Star-Tribune's* financial page had to say about our beloved parishioner

George Mairs, who died last year:

"George Mairs, a gentleman of the investment industry who died last year at 81, outperformed 90 percent-plus of the country's hot

shot fund managers for a half-century and was better known for modesty and philanthropy than flashy cars and mansions. *He gave money a good name.*"

*Minneapolis Star-Tribune
August 13, 2011*

Compline

By the Rev. Keely Franke



The Contemplative Service Group responsible for creating "The Still Point" has been meeting this summer every Thursday evening at 7pm in the small chapel for *Compline*. This group has found that worship on a weekly basis has been very important for spiritual

formation. Therefore we will be continuing to hold *Compline* every Thursday evening in the small chapel at 7pm, with the exception of the second Tuesday of the month when we will chant *Compline* in the Choir Stalls.

We invite you to join us any Thursday evening for *Compline*, the last of the daily offices. In keeping with the earliest practices of the monastic communities, *Compline* is offered by candlelight at a

time when the work of the day is finished and the quietness of evening begins to settle over the hearts and minds of those gathered in prayer. It is a short service of prayers, psalms, canticles, and passages from scripture.

Please join us for **the first Sung Compline on Thursday, October 13th at 7pm in the Choir Stalls**. Incense will be present at this service, as well as the Holy Spirit, so beware.

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

An Evening with the St. John's Bible

Tuesday, September 27 at 7pm in the Undercroft

The Saint John's Bible is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible to have been commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press. It is a work of art and a work of theology and will have cost \$4 million by the time it is completed.

In connection with a major exhibit that is upcoming in the Twin

Cities (soon to be announced), St. John's will welcome back Tim Ternes for his third visit to our church. This time, he will talk about the recently-completed Historical Books of the Bible.



Tim is director of exhibition and programming for *The Saint John's Bible* and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library. He works with public access, tours, exhibitions, presentations and educational program development for the Bible project and library collections. He is a dynamic speaker and has filled the Fireside Room during his previous visits.

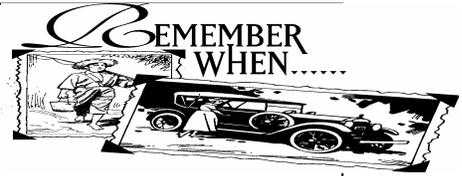
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AVAILABLE!**

Be sure to pick up your updated September '11 phone directory at the Ministry Fair on Gathering Sunday or in the parish office. Thanks!

**Thursday,
September
8**

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

A SEPTEMBER 1936 – 75 YEARS AGO



”CHURCH SCHOOL OPENING SET FOR SUNDAY”

The boys and girls of St. John's Church School will be welcomed back next Sunday morning at 9:30 at the Parish House. The Parish House rooms are in readiness to attractively house the individual classes. The Church School staff has been carefully selected. Never were the prospects for a good school year brighter than they are today. The School can satisfactorily handle from 50 to 75 more pupils than it contained last year. Classes to accommodate young people of late high school and early college years have been instituted. Mr. Gerald Seabury and Miss Betty Erickson will have charge of a course in religious drama. Mr. John H. Myers has succeeded Mr. Frederick Wigginton as superintendent of the upper school. The total of 32 men and women on the Church School teaching staff includes 10 new members. Parishioners and friends of St. John's can materially assist the director of Religious Education and staff by furnishing the names of possible prospects for the Church School. Please do this at once.

Note: There were a total of 225 pupils and teachers present at the opening of Church School!

Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. Services:

1st – First Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II

2nd – Holy Eucharist Rite I

3rd – Holy Eucharist Rite II

4th – Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist

5th – Holy Eucharist Rite II

Weekdays

12 p.m. Noonday prayer (every day except Wednesday)

12 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing – Wednesdays

7 p.m. Compline – Thursdays

Blessings of Backpacks - Sunday, October 2

As a piece of the whole Gathering Sunday, September 11th we will be doing a "Blessings of the Backpacks" for all our kids, youth, and others going back to school this fall. Bring your backpack and school supplies to be blessed during the service before the Peace. In addition to blessing our own school supplies, we will take this moment to bless all the back packs, notebooks, and pencils received at St. John's as part of the Annual School Tool Drive to be used by children in need from across the Twin Cities.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Monday:

6:00pm - Men's St. John's Alanon

Tuesday:

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

Thursday:

5:30pm - Job Seekers Mtg.

6:00pm - Stories AA Group

7:30pm - Women's Recovery Group

Friday:

9:00am - Organ Practice

Sunday:

8 & 10am - Services

MONTHLY MEETINGS

2nd Saturday:

9:00am - Men's Breakfast

3rd Monday:

4:30pm - Finance

6:00 pm - Vestry

4th Thursday:

6:30pm - Project Kathleen

2nd and 4th Tuesdays:

7:00pm - The Big Net

Seminars

3rd Tuesday:

5:30 pm - The Big Net
Congregational Planning Mtg.

Project Kathleen

by Robbin Clammons

Through our partnership with Episcopal Community Services' supportive housing program, our Project Kathleen has so far enriched the lives of 10 families with 28 children (infants through age 17) and 13 caregivers (10 moms, 2 dads, 1 big brother). These working parents, on the cusp of independence, were striving to overcome poverty, medical crises, employment and underemployment problems, transportation

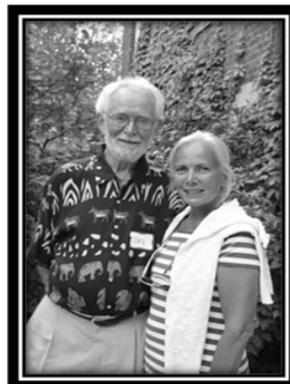
difficulties, community violence, and other challenges, while at the same time providing loving homes for their children. These families have been able to achieve greater stability in their lives because we have been willing to serve Christ in the world.

Thanks to those who have mentored our families: Teri, David and Marc from St. Mary's; Linda, Holly, Alice, Phyllis, Elizabeth, Kat, Heidi, and Robbin from our fold. Thanks to the

many members of St. John's parish who have served on the Project Kathleen Committee and to all who have served in many other ways such as providing rides, helping with fund raising, penning documents, giving welcome baskets, donating furnishings for homes, bringing food for events, donating funds, supporting St. John's budget, serving on the vestry, and praying for our service to these families.

Congratulations!

Max and Debbie



Married Aug 18th at St. John's

Pam and Dave



Married Aug 6th at Minnehaha Falls

Episcopal House of Prayer Retreat

Just a reminder that our popular retreat, **COOKING YOUR LIFE**, is coming up soon and there are still openings: **September 8-11**. So integral to our spiritual work is food and its preparations that we've set aside a whole retreat to address this important topic. Many people have witnessed that this retreat has changed their lives. We will engage ourselves in four days of food as nutrition, food as commodity, and food as spiritual nurturance. PLEASE PASS THE WORD TO FRIENDS who would benefit (and have FUN) from this work. \$355 includes all materials, tuition, board and room.

houseofprayer.com;
320-363-3293.

Blessings on YOUR journey, Ward Bauman, Director

Farewell Barb!

By Barbara Mraz



Barb Schaer-Mady has been the public face of St. John's for six years, the first person most people encounter when they come through the Kent St. doors during the week. She has been a greeter, a listening ear and a pastoral presence, a bastion of dedication and professionalism, and a true friend to many of us. She probably knows more secrets about the place than anyone except Dusty. She has done her work with professionalism and heart, going beyond what we could reasonably ask. It has been an honor to have her name confused with mine so

often, and many of us will miss our friend dearly.

Barb is moving on to a new job, and I asked her to write a few things about herself:

"For a good part of my work life, I have been involved in education. First as an art teacher and then as a corporate training specialist. I was fortunate to live in some interesting places and travel a bit before meeting my husband Mike. We settled in Minneapolis twenty years ago and have a 17-year-old daughter, Melissa.

I started working at St. James on the Parkway part-time when Melissa was young and then was hired by St. John's where I have been for six years.

When I arrived, Frank took me on a tour of the building and I was awestruck by the architecture, windows and woodwork in

the church and the lovely remodeled Undercroft.

Without a doubt, the people at St. John's were the best things about the job. Every job has its challenges, and there was hardly ever a dull moment here. There are certainly some fond memories I will treasure--such as the Christmas parties with the Women of St. John's and the church decorated with the fresh greens for the Christmas season.

This is my daughter's last year of high school so many plans will revolve around her swim team activities and helping her with graduation plans and preparing for college next year.

My sincere thanks to all those who sent e-mails, cards, and gifts during my last two weeks at St. John's. Your kind words and good wishes meant a lot."



The Men's Breakfast Group

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9:00 A.M. IN THE GYM KITCHEN.

BE PREPARED FOR GOOD FOOD, GOOD FELLOWSHIP, AND LIVELY CONVERSATION. WE MEET ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Welcome Kolu!



St. John's is pleased to introduce our interim administrator, Kolu Paye. She was born in Liberia and raised here in the Twin Cities. She has also been a member of St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church in North Minneapolis for about 20 years where her mother serves as the Senior Warden.

Kolu received her Bachelor's of Science in Urban Studies from the University of Minnesota. After college, she worked as a Community Organizer for three years. She recently graduated from law school in Arizona and passed the Arizona

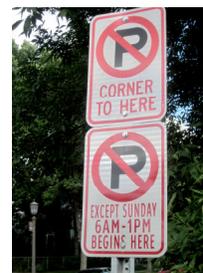
Bar Exam. She will take the Minnesota Bar Exam in February.

As an Episcopalian, Kolu has been awed by St. John's Church's space, staff, and stewardship. She has been welcomed with open arms and sees every day as a new adventure. Kolu looks forward to meeting more parishioners, so please feel free to stop by and say hello.

THE GREAT PARKING ADVENTURE

Part Two

By Barbara Mraz



The Public Works Department has come out, taken a look, and put up new signs at the corner of Kent and Holly.

The PWD replaced the missing sign (bottom) alerting people that there is no parking on the south side of Holly except on Sunday mornings. Even though this restriction refers to the whole block, previously the only sign about this was not visible from Holly and Kent.

AND they added the requested sign indicating the point at which parking is legal (30 feet from the corner).

This is progress.

I have called them and reminded them that we also need signage at the corner of Kent and Portland. They're going to come out, take a look, and get back us.

The saga continues...stay tuned.

Episcopal Homes Art Affair 2011!

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 – 5:00

Sunday, October 2, 12:00 – 5:00.

You're invited to see the work of many quality Twin Cities area artists in one place--paintings, pottery, and photography. If you find a piece you can't resist, a portion of the sales proceeds will help support the senior housing and services that

Episcopal Homes provides. Come browse, and invite your friends to join you! **Where: Our campus in the Midway at 1840 University Avenue West, Saint Paul (University and Fairview Avenues) in Cornelia House and Coventry**

Chapel. University Avenue is undergoing construction, but the driveway to our campus is open! Visit our website at www.episcopalhomes.org for additional information or call 651-632-8855.

Choir Retreat in July





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

Come to St. John's During the Week!

Midday Prayers:

Noonday prayer will be said in the chapel AT NOON each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, beginning Monday, September 12. Everyone is welcome for this short service.

Eucharist and Healing Service:

On Wednesdays, at noon, this service is in the chapel.

Bible Study:

On Wednesdays at eleven, there is Bible Study in the library led by one of the clergy and focusing on the lessons for the coming Sunday. A rocking good group awaits you!

THE NEW HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S

Jim Frazier has nearly completed work on the first eight rectors for the new history of St. John's. He is reading all the vestry minutes and every *Evangelist*, has spent many hours at the Ramsey County Historical Society and the Minnesota Historical Society, and is in the process of interviewing parishioners, old timers who have long memories of their days in the parish.

If you have a story that should be included in the book, or a photo, or just some anecdotes about people who exercised leadership here, please contact Jim right away. He would particularly appreciate good wedding photos, photos of any of the buildings under construction, shots of the famous Christmas pageants (when angels stood above the altar), of the spring concerts, ordinations, consecrations or Christmas parties...virtually any photo that is well-composed and in good condition, as long as it communicates something about a person (or persons), a building or event in the life of the parish. Remember that space is limited.

The Advisory Committee that meets regularly to guide the process includes Alden Drew, Jim Johnson, Dusty Mairs, Patricia McDonald, Betty Myers and Fred Myers. Feel free to contact any of them if you have questions about the book or the process of producing it. It will be published in 2012 by the Afton Historical Society Press and will be available for purchase by anyone wanting a copy.

By the way, the photo of the congregation standing outside on Portland Avenue on Easter Day is terrific! It will appear prominently in the book, and perhaps elsewhere in coming months.

Jim can be reached at the church: 651 228-1172, x38; or james.frazier@stjohnsstpaul.org

Newcomer Gatherings

Welcome to St. John's!! If you are new to St. John's or want to learn more about your church we invite you to this series of gatherings created especially for you.

Exploring Membership Classes

October 9 – Getting Acquainted: Sharing our journeys of faith

October 16 – All About the Episcopal Church

October 30 – "Sundaes on Sunday"



This will be a 3-week series, repeated several times through the year. The first two sessions on will be held at 9am during our Sunday Education Hour in the Meditation Room and the third session will be held Sunday in the afternoon at a parishioner's home or at church. We will then be welcoming our newest members on All Saints Sunday November 6th at our 10am service.

If you have questions or want further information, please contact the Rev. Keely Franke at 651-228-1172, ex 18 or the Newcomers Chair Kathy Brown at 651-456-0000

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Ellen Harrington

Welcome back to the new program year!

Registration for Godly Play is on Gathering Sunday, September 11 and continues the first Sunday of Godly Play on Sunday, September 18. Registration information is used for the Godly Play Roster and for weekly attendance sheets. It is really helpful data, so I'll be trying to catch as many Godly Play folks as I can. Then they'll be lots of time to eat and chat!

Here's our monthly schedule:

1st Sunday - Children who are not in Children's Choir attend church with their families. *There is No Godly Play.* After church, three Godly Play families provide coffee hour treats and get to know one another. Children can take home a seasonal/topical craft project; adults too. See the poster in the hall for more info.

2nd & 3rd (and 5th) Sundays - Godly Play is in session. We begin about ten o'clock after the choir children come upstairs. After the class, children come down to church in time for Communion with their families.

4th Sunday - Godly Play is in session for the duration of the church service.

A Godly Play Session runs as follows: Children arrive, are greeted and sit in the circle. The Godly Play storyteller helps the group sing so they are calm and ready to hear the story. Then they hear the story and see it acted out with wooden and felt materials. After the story, children chose some "work." They can use story sets or art materials to reflect on the day's story. Then we gather in a circle, we say prayers, and children are escorted into church to sit with their families. On Fourth Sunday, after prayers the children sit in the circle and share juice and a snack. They serve each other. This functions as an introduction to the Eucharist

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and to a great program year.

Contact me with question of concern: ellenrhar@gmail.com or godly.play@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-699-4867.

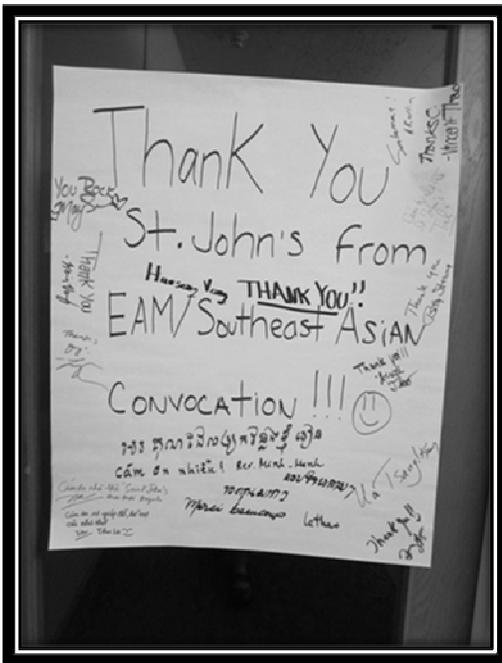
Scenes from Summer



Choir Members on Retreat



Lucy and Johannah Play Bells at Episcopal Music Camp



This August St. John's Hosted The Southeast Asian Convocation



Summer Stretch with Holy Apostles



Summer Service & Picnic with Holy Apostles



Thanks to:

**Rex's Band "Neil and Haberman",
the Fellowship Committee,
and
Holy Apostles for a great day.**

