



THE EVANGELIST

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOW TO TALK TO SOMEONE WHO DISAGREES WITH YOU

Be brave enough to raise the issue.

"The Marriage Amendment vote is coming up sooner than we think."

Don't lead with anger. It does not advance your position.

Start by **discussing common interests and beliefs, not disagreements.**

"We probably both have concerns about this thing. Kids, marriage itself, commitment -- this is important stuff.

LISTEN CAREFULLY and affirm their interest in a positive way.

"Seems we both think adoption can be a good alternative to abortion.

You know, gays and lesbians adopt a lot of kids, many of them over the age of six when fewer people want to adopt.

End the conversation with respect, repeating what has been good.

Change the subject to something positive if the conversation has not gone well. People remember *the end* of an exchange.

"We may not agree, but thanks for having the discussion with me."

Comments from Mark Osler, professor of law at St. Thomas University, speaking at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, January 18, 2012



Mark Osler



The Rev. Neil Elliot

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Mark Osler's article "Repentance of an Anti-Gay Bigot"

The Rev. Neil Elliot speaks on "The Bible and Homosexuality" Feb.19

9 A.M at Adult Education

COME...
JOIN US IN WORSHIP

TUESDAY

12:00 Noonday Prayer

WEDNESDAY

12:00
Holy Eucharist with Healing

SUNDAY

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

10:00 a.m. Services:
Feb. 5 - First Sunday Holy
Eucharist Rite II
Feb 12- Holy Eucharist Rite I
Feb 19 - Holy Eucharist Rite II
Feb. 26 - Morning Prayer and
Holy Eucharist Rite I



**March Issue - February
15th at 3pm**

All groups & individuals are
ENCOURAGED to submit
news and items of interest to
The Evangelist.

E-mail, mail, or bring your
fully written and titled piece
and/or photos to the church
office on or before the dead-
line date shown above.

Thank you!

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FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my former employers, Trinity Wall Street in lower Manhattan, has been in the news a lot in the past few months. In the ongoing Occupy Wall Street (OWS) movement the parish and the organizers of the protest came to loggerheads over the use of some vacant Trinity real estate. The organizers petitioned for its use as the new location of the occupation after being ousted from a park in the same neighborhood. While sympathetic to the cause Trinity declined the request and in so doing became the target of OWS. While the news coverage hasn't all been positive it still accomplishes something important for the mission of the wider church by shining a light on one local parish caught in the very real struggle of how to live faithfully into some of the most important and complex issues of our day.



Because Trinity sits at the intersection of power and commerce and because of its close proximity to the OWS epicenter, this conflict was in many ways thrust upon the parish. Not every parish sits at the intersection of Broadway and Wall Street just as not every worshipping community sits in the midst of an immigrant community, poverty, or wealth. For those of us who sit far removed from the some of the issues of the day (and admittedly closer to others), it can be easy to breathe a sigh of relief, to thank God and our lucky stars that conflict outside the church is far away and in someone else's backyard. After all, conflict inside the church is prevalent enough. We disagree on matters as important as Eucharistic theology and hymn selection, and as petty as coffee quality and carpet color.

Having to decide where and how God calls us to respond to issues as great as homelessness and war raises the specter of real and divisive conflict. Yet, most of us who read the local paper or are in the smallest ways in touch with the world that surrounds our homes and churches, we know that all of us live our lives at the crossroads of real world issues as great (though perhaps less publicized) as those being raised in lower Manhattan. What do we do as Christians in response to immigration and hunger and gay marriage - how do we faithfully engage in the challenges of our day? These are questions that cannot be avoided - no matter where we worship.

Of course these kinds of questions resist easy answers and require deep engagement, thoughtful conversation and study, and no small degree of prayer. We've been engaging in these kinds of conversations as you may have experienced in our Adult Ed focus on immigration or as you may yet experience as we explore issues relevant to the First Nations People of Minnesota, and as we discuss the ways our faith informs us on matters of sexuality. As with so much of our faith, the conclusions we come to, the new mission and renewed engagement we arrive at, our "faithfulness" as we respond to the issues of the day, all of it will ultimately be judged as much by the *how* as the *what*. How we have our conversations, how we have conflict, how we persuade others of our position or listen to theirs - is as important as the ends we strive toward. As the Apostle reminds us, no matter how much money we give to end poverty, no matter how much we understand the complexities of the world or the answers to deep problems - if we "speak in the tongues of men or of angels but do not have love" we are sounding gongs and clanging symbols. As we strive toward faithfulness, let us remember to do so in the spirit of love.

See you around church.

Faithfully,

Jerad +

PROJECT KATHLEEN

(St. John's Partnership with Episcopal Community Services' Supportive Housing Program)

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

(Hebrews 13:2)

By Robin Clammons

I went to the last Project Kathleen meeting and discovered that in this sixth year, we have come full circle. I walked in the room and there was our third mom (from 2008) and her first grandchild. I remember well the shower that our own Kat Bourque hosted in our gym for this mom's first grandchild. I got to visit with our mom, her mom, her expecting daughter, and the sister and brother, and also meet their many other friends and family members who braved a genuine Minnesota blizzard to shower blessings on this unborn child – now hanging onto the door of our meditation room to walk on his own little feet and peer into the greater Undercroft.

Grandmother has now returned, still grateful for the support of her mentor and the other committee members who validated her, encouraged her, and helped her cope with three teenagers, working from a home too small for the family, struggling to pay bills and all the usual challenges that face single moms. And she wants to mentor our next family! (our 11th)

Alice Johnson brought word that the family she mentored lost everything in a fire but the mom said: "The Lord works in mysterious ways." They have very comfortable quarters in an inn with a kitchen and bedrooms for the two children, insurance is going to provide them with plenty of new stuff, and they will be moving into a larger apartment.

And our first mom, Kat(hleen) has just welcomed her fourth grandchild (Mia) into the world!

The mom that is currently being mentored by the Kinship group at St. Mary's felt such thankfulness for the wealth and abundance that has been showered on her that she invited all of the residents of her apartment complex who have no family to share in their Thanksgiving feast.

Many thanks come perpetually from our Project Kat families through the committee for all the financial and real time support of our St. John's family members.

I guess we've cast our bread upon the water al right. And oh boy - it is coming back. Good theology well practiced.

...and from Mary Francis Palmer:

Project Kathleen welcomes a new family--two adults with two preschool boys (ages 4 and 18 months), recently arrived from Florida. In anticipation, we have both money and a mentor ready and waiting. These parents are frugal and ambitious, working at one part-time job while looking for an additional full-time job. Eventually they see themselves taking college courses and working towards degrees. PK will provide an outstanding boost toward self-sufficiency for this family.

Also happening with Project Kathleen...

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But.... It Was Just Christmas!

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Ash Wednesday is **FEBRUARY 22**.

It derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads as a sign of our mortality ("Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return). The ashes used are typically burned from the previous year's [Palm Sunday](#). We will have services that include the Imposition of Ashes at noon and seven p.m.



Consider a Lenten practice or discipline for this Lenten season, not necessarily something you give up (although I recommend turning the radio off in the car) but something you commit to *doing* (ten minutes of quiet reading and prayer at the beginning of the day, contacting someone who needs a phone call or visit once every week, etc.)

LENTEN PROGRAMS

As usual, we will have the five Wednesday evening Lenten programs, including dinner at six and a program at 6:30. Our theme this year will be HUNGER: physical, spiritual, emotional. WE WILL BE SHARING THIS TIME WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM HOLY APOSTLES, alternating meeting sites every other week, beginning with St. John's on Feb. 29.

The Rev. Barbara Mraz

Baptism at St. John's



Baptized on Jan. 8 was Martin John Brown III (Jack), here with his family, Marty Jr., Sara and sister Elizabeth





January 10, 2012

Greetings from ECS,

On behalf of all of us at Episcopal Community Services (ECS), thank

you for your role in making this Christmas special for **198** families. You helped make Christmas wishes a reality for **594** Children and **304** adults!

With your help, nearly **900** individuals received Christmas gifts and nourishing holiday meals this holiday season!! As the need in our community grows, your support is needed and appreciated more than ever.

Your generosity put joy in the hearts of parents who could not have provided gifts for their children without you. You helped create Christmas morning memories for nearly **600** children as they opened their gifts and then enjoyed a family holiday meal.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a thank you card from a family who experienced holiday miracles this year. We hope their words of thanks will illustrate the true difference you made through our 2011 Adopt-a-Family Program.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness directly impacted the families served by the programs of Episcopal Community Services. We truly appreciate your support this holiday season!

We are already looking forward to our 2012 Adopt-a-Family Program. We hope you will consider joining us again next holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mary Schatzlein



Mary Schatzlein
ECS Director of Family Support Services

Note: Episcopal Community Services has not provided any goods or services in exchange for this gift. Your donation is fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Happy Birthday to... February

- 2 Luke Hansen
Peter Wood
- 3 Faith Westerhaus
Fred Myers
Gretchen August
Elizabeth Plummer
- 5 Patty Byrne Pfalz
Victor Brasch
- 6 Sarah K. Smith
Samuel Andrews
- 7 Peggy Jewett
Barbara Karkie
- 8 Patricia Myers
- 9 Eloise Teisberg
- 12 Jennifer Frost Rosendale
- 13 Clif Spainhower
Barrie Svec
- 14 Becky Garthofner
- 15 Nina Georgeson
Chris Hartnett
- 18 Sally Allen
David Finley
- 19 Julia Lightner
- 20 Anne Debertin
Keegan Gourlie
- 22 Greg Schaffner
- 27 Lucy Grundhauser
Don Postema

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



THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with Adopt-A-Family for Christmas 2011. Thanks to all the donations of funds, shopping, wrapping, etc., we were able to support 16 families ranging in size from 2 to 8 members, in the ECS program

Sung Compline



Please join us for Sung Compline **Second Thursdays** of the month. Compline is 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. This is a short service of prayers, psalms, chanting, and short passages from scripture.

The next Sung Compline is on Thursday, February 9th at 7pm in the Choir Stalls.

Incense will be present at this service as well as the Holy Spirit so beware.

Weekly Compline will be back during the season of Lent!

Please mark your calendars for Thursday nights @ 7pm starting **March 1st**. These Compline services will feature musical talent from our parish and beyond. You won't want to miss this opportunity to come, be silent, and reflect on the mysteries of life.

For more information please contact the Rev. Keely Franke – keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-228-1172, ex. 18.



Young Adult Group

Who knew?! St. John's is teaming with a group of up and coming young adults who gathered for the first time in December for dinner and conversation.

This group will meet monthly on the second Thursday of the month before Compline @ 5:30 for dinner and conversation. Next month we will meet **Thursday, February 9th** in the undercroft and our topic will be relationships. If you consider yourself to be in the 20s and 30s range or are simply young at heart please join us!

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Marsch and Debra Mitts Smith

NEW MEMBERS

Meet Marsch and Debra who joined us this past November. Debra was born and reared in the western suburbs of Chicago and holds a PhD from the University of Illinois. She now teaches Children's Literature at the University of Illinois and is the author "Picturing the Wolf." Marsch was born in Texas and he is the father to five children and seven grandchildren. Marsch is the Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs and General Counsel for 3M Company.

Together they parent their three dogs and seven cats and divide their time between a lovely home in St Paul and a small farm near Scandia, MN where they raise chickens and ducks. Both Marsch and Debra enjoy reading, cooking, gardening and farm chores. Marsch reads a lot of history, whereas Debra prefers physics and cosmology. Marsch comes to us as a cradle Episcopalian and Debra a former German Reformed/Presbyterian who is getting used to all of our kneeling and bowing. A little pew aerobics never hurt anyone...did it?!

Come One, Come All, to the Episcopal Youth Music Festival

The St. John's Evangelist Choir is preparing to participate in the Episcopal Youth Music Festival on Saturday, March 3, 2012. The festival gathers Children's and Youth choirs from around the diocese (over 100 singers) to sing in a Lessons and Carols format service at St. Mark's Cathedral. The children and youth attending the festival have a full day of rehearsals and activities, and conclude the day at 4:00 with a wonderful service of young voices singing beautiful music. Come and support our young singers, and be uplifted by their extraordinary sound and joyful praise.



Youth Ministry Schedule

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1: Our Whole Lives – Sexuality and Our Faith
Dinner – Frisby
- Feb. 8: Our Whole Lives – Sexuality and Our Faith
Dinner – Furois
- Feb. 15: Our Whole Lives – Sexuality and Our Faith
Dinner – Weinkauf
- Tuesday Feb. 21: Pancake Dinner – all youth & parents help arrive at 5pm**
- Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday – Youth to Attend Service
Dinner – Krall
- Feb. 29: Lenten Movie Series 5-8pm – Rob Johnson**

Coming in March

- March 7: Lenten Movie Series Cont. Sexuality and Faith
Dinner—Frisby Family

Vestry corner

By Libby Snelson

Vestry candidates were introduced and welcomed to observe how Vestry operates. Our stewardship team was acknowledged as hard work with a wonderful conclusion.

Our Rector's report started with congratulations and gratitude for Deacon Barbara Mraz's 30 years as a Deacon. Barbara introduced the Adult Ed sessions planned for the coming year, including addressing issues of sexuality and the Bible. Our Lenten series will focus on issues of hunger-physical and emotional- led by Jered, Keely and Barbara.

We discussed our connections with other Episcopal parishes.

Several Vestry and congregation members, and our clergy attended a very civil discussion on civil discourse at St Mary's Episcopal Church on January 18. Introduced by Bishop Prior, the main speaker, Mark Osler of the St Thomas University Law School faculty, addressed the importance of fostering inclusive and supportive discussion on issues that can divide congregations. The discussion provided good insight as we prepare to participate in the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota's support of Minnesotans United for Families, organized to oppose the campaign to amend the Minnesota constitution to prevent same sex marriage. Vestry members and other St John'sers planned to participate with other East Metro diocese in the Mission Area Gathering at the end of January to exchange plans, hopes and dreams on how to "mission."

Your vestry prepared for the St John's Annual meeting by passing a beautifully balanced budget. Amen! The meeting concluded with Communion, to celebrate our old and new leadership.

Meet the New Vestry Members

(Serve through 2014)



Rex Haberman

Rex Haberman and his family have been active members of St John's since 2003. Rex served as co-chair of the Discovery Team and served on the Search Committee during the parish's rector search. His 2 younger children have been baptized at St John's and his older daughter was confirmed and was an active member of the Youth Group. He is married to a former Vestry member, Jennifer Durst. He is a practicing ear, nose, and throat doctor in St Paul with an academic affiliation with the University of Minnesota. This year, Rex and Jennifer co-chaired the Stewardship Drive, surpassing their initial stated goal in dollar pledges.

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Don Postema

Don first came to St. John's in 1997 for love – for love of Gabrielle Lawrence, that is. Don and Gabrielle were married at St. John's in 1998, and have been involved in the life of the parish since that time. They revived the Faith in Action Commission in 1999, and Don has been on the steering committee for Faith Builders, a coalition of St. Paul churches that work on a Habitat for Humanity home each summer, since that time. His last year on the Vestry (2010) coincided with his serving as co-chair of the Search Committee that brought our new rector from Washington, D.C. to St. Paul. Don currently is a member of the Building Commission, a Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer. Over his lifetime he has traversed the denominational spectrum from Baptist to Christian Reformed to Presbyterian to Methodist until finding his true home in the Episcopal Church. Don is a Professor of Philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences at Bethel University teaching ethics, bioethics, philosophy of art, and film studies. He is also the Ethics Consultant for Regions Hospital and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, and chairs the HealthPartners Ethics Committee. In his past lives he has been a carpenter, flooring installer, and painter. He enjoys canoeing and camping in the BWCAW, cooking and baking, and is still searching for the perfect pastry. Gabrielle and Don have five adult children who are living in a marvelous array of US cities they love to visit.



Marilyn Conklin

Marilyn and her family, husband John Docherty, and children Charlie and Helen, joined St. John's in 2009, shortly after relocating back to St. Paul from the Netherlands.

Marilyn, a lawyer, works as a career law clerk to a federal judge in St. Paul. She has also clerked for judges at the U.N's International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in the Hague. In Minnesota, she practiced law at Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi for several years. While at Robins, she was a member of the litigation team that represented the State of Minnesota and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota in Minnesota's tobacco litigation in the late 1990's. She is a former board member of the Minnesota Association for Non-Smokers.

Outside of work, Marilyn has been involved in music throughout her life. She participated in various musical groups while growing up in South Dakota and continued to do so at the University of Minnesota, where she was a member of the U of M's Chamber Singers. More recently, she was a member of the Cecilia International Choir, a mixed chorus of expatriates and Dutch nationals, in the Hague. Currently, Marilyn is a member of the Adult Choir at St. John's, serves as a member of the Music Commission, and her son Charlie sings in the Children's Choir.

Phyllis Goff



My name is Phyllis Goff, and I am one of the candidates on the slate of new vestry members for 2012. My professional career includes having worked in the telecommunications industry for over 25 years (Northwestern Bell, US West, and Qwest) and at Hamline University for five years before retiring in 2006. In that time, I worked in the areas of community relations, customer service, government affairs, and board governance. My volunteer involvement includes having served on several boards, including The Saint Paul Foundation, the Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce, Penumbra Theatre, the Mardag Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society. Since joining Saint John's, I have volunteered for

The Big Sale, the Rector Search Committee and as a back-up helper for the Altar Guild. I believe that my background and experiences will allow me to serve the vestry in ways that will help to position our parish for a strategically and financially sound future.

My husband, Bob, and I have been members of Saint John the Evangelist for three years. We feel blessed to be a part of the Saint John's family of parishioners.

Gerald Woelfel

Jerry and his spouse, Becky Garthofner, began attending St John the Evangelist about 10 years ago. He has served in several volunteer roles, most recently as a member of the Search Team that called Jered. After many years of serving on St John's Personnel Committee, he will serve as Chair of that group in 2012. Jerry also serves on the Personnel Committee for the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. He has also served on the Stewardship Committee at St John's and chaired the annual campaign several years ago. He and Becky live just down the block from church on the corner of Holly and Mackubin Avenues, and feel very blessed to be able to walk to church. Historical Fact: The building they live in actually was moved to it's current location from the corner of Holly and Kent to make way for the expansion of St John's building in the 1950's.



Patrick Schmidt



Patrick Schmidt, his wife Lea Anne and their three kids have been members at St. John's for a couple years. They visited St. John's at the invitation of Libby Snelson, and were drawn by the warmth of the liturgy and the welcome provided by Godly Play. Patrick started exploring the Anglican church while he and Lea Anne lived in England, and then they attended an Episcopal congregation in Dallas before returning to Minnesota in 2006. Patrick teaches political science at Macalester College.

From “Repentance of an Anti-Gay Bigot” by Mark Osler

“When I was in law school at Yale, I had a small number of friends who were gay and out. I didn't become friends with them because they were gay. I probably did not even realize that they were gay until after that friendship had been formed. The shape of their kindness was subtle and powerful. At the time, they must have realized that I was a bigot, but they befriended me anyway. This was undeserved grace. Though some of them were not Christian, it was one of the more Christ-like acts I have experienced.

It was these friendships that shook my religious beliefs not only about homosexuality, but my own relationship with God. I had been taught to judge, reject and condemn these friends, but found myself unable to do so. In time, I replaced those teachings with beliefs that reflect the gospels I came to embrace. In those gospels, Christ directs us to harshly judge our own sins, but does not command us to go out into the world and judge those we think are sinners, to change people, or to push people away. His command was to love.

Are gays and lesbians sinners? It doesn't seem that way to me (other than the way in which we are all sinners), but at some level I really don't care. If it is a sin, it is not my sin. The sin that I need to discern, root out and identify is my own. One of those sins has been bigotry and senseless cruelty. I atone for and seek forgiveness for that now and here.”

~*Huffington Post*, Jan. 23, 2012

Mark Osler is Professor of Law at St. Thomas, argued and won the Supreme Court decision on crack vs., powder cocaine; and is the author of *Jesus on Death Row*, which explores the issue of capital punishment.

“The Stars, the Saints, the Sheep”

This was sent to me by parishioner, choir member and long-time friend Nancy Wellington, after the E and E post “The Invitation” referencing Galla Placida. If the place is half as beautiful as the description.... Barbara



“Have you been there yet? Have you seen this exquisite, deep sky?

We went to Ravenna once, en route between Croatia and Geneva. My organ prof had told me: “Don't bother with Venice, the real beauty is in Ravenna - and remember that, but for the action of a single American airman, the town would have been bombed completely.”

We got a map and maneuvered our way from one chapel/church/baptistry/tomb to the next, hoping we'd have the right size coin to drop in the box and turn on the electricity so we could see these mosaic masterpieces of more than a millennium. They're worth the trip. We were exhausted, didn't speak Italian, couldn't figure out the sandwich bar so used the American Express card at a restaurant way beyond our capacity at the time to enjoy; but I remember the stars, the saints, the sheep, the shepherd, the doves at the fountain - and the depth of the colors.

I hope you can go to Ravenna sometime, if you haven't already been there.”

Nancy

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

TIME	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
February 5, 2012—The Holy Name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Dusty Mairs Team	Cooper Olson Madeline Weinkauf Rachel Clark Wyatt Furois	Gus & Anders Axelson Brad & Mary Louise Clary	Diane Norman Erin Weber-Johnson	Michael & Sara Georgeson Mike Richards George & Jennifer Kinkaid
10:00 am	Reader A Jeff Olsen Reader B Don Postema					
February 12, 2012—The First Sunday after Epiphany First Sunday—Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Pam Strom Team	Charlie Olsen Tim Krall Emily Brooks Lucy Grundhauser	Ian Ball Jay Debertin Alden Drew Mimi Pollard	Gabrielle Lawrence Don Postema	Ed and Monica Cook
10:00 am	Reader A Jill Thompson Reader B Shirley Sailors					
February 19, 2012—The Second Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Pat Brynteson Team	Cameron Gemlo Ethan Furois Matt Richards Ashlyn Andrews	Aimee and Tom Baxter Shirley Sailors Bob Baumann	Patricia Durst Kathleen Hanson	Shirley Cooper And Mary Ann Mason
10:00 am	Reader A Cammie Beattie Reader B John Docherty					
February 26, 2012—The Third Sunday after Epiphany Morning Prayer—Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am	Alden Drew	Diane Power Team	Emma Grundhauser Alex Joyce Eli Weinkauf Johannah Frisby	Lee Bradford Hank Snyder Marvin & Sue Cadwell Alex Joyce	Cammie Beattie Phyllis Frisby	Rhonda Miller
10:00 am	Reader A Greg Schaffner Reader B Bill Smale					
March 4, 2012—The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	TBD	Dusty Mairs Team	Cooper Olson Madeline Weinkauf Rachel Clark Emily Brooks	George & Mason Kinkead Kathleen Hanson Helen Boyer	Jeff and Peggy Olsen	Wade & Camille Scheel Pam Bloomquist Andrew & Anneke Krall
10:00 am	TBD					

WHAT WE DO

a series on how St John's members make a difference in the world)

This month:

So THIS is Retirement? PAT BRYNTESEN

After getting up and going to work five days a week for many years, Pat Bryntesen wanted the days to have some structure when she retired five years ago. She certainly succeeded.

Besides playing Bridge three times a week, swimming and tennis, Pat is involved in countless projects that use her energy and skill.

She covers the front desk at The Jeremiah Program in St. Paul a half a day a week and has done this since it opened in 2007. The Jeremiah Program houses 38 single mothers who work and go to college. She explains, "I've recently begun to mend clothes for residents and staff members while I'm sitting at the desk. This generation doesn't mend! They use masking tape, safety pins or throw the clothes away."

She also spends a half a day a week at an elementary school helping a kindergarten teacher, where she works as a teacher's aide in a room full of "25 wiggly children," many of whom have English as a second language.

She also delivers Meals on Wheels once a month, and serves on the Altar Guild for the Episcopal Church Home Chapel, as well as on the St. John's Altar Guild.

Pat and her husband emphasized the importance of education with their three children as they were growing up, and Pat kept this focus with her family after her husband died in 1972, when their youngest child was 13. Two of the children, Julie and Jim, went to Harvard, and Richard went to Dartmouth and on to become a professor at Concordia (along with remaining a parishioner at St. John's). All of Pat's grandchildren attend or have attended college, some continuing the tradition at Harvard.

Pat has had two major careers, most recently spending 16 years as the parish administrator at nearby St. Clement's, two years in this job at St. John's, and before that was a baker at First Bank, working in investments and later credit card sales to non-profits. She recalls that at first no one believed that people could possibly want to make contributions to things such as public television using a credit card!

Thank you, Pat, for your service, commitment, steadfastness and, most of all, for the example you set so beautifully for all of us.

~ Barbara Mraz



VESTRY MEMBERS

Jay Debertin, *Senior Warden*
Libby Snelson, *Junior Warden*
Anneke Krall, *Youth*
Rob Beattie, *Music*
Fred Berndt, *Stewardship*
Sue Cadwell, *Clerk of Vestry*
Gary Gleason, *Spiritual Life*
Pam Richards, *Children's Ministry*
Lynn Hertz, *Adult Education*
Kathy Brown, *Membership*
Terri Fishel, *Communication*
Diane Norman, *Fellowship*
Jennifer Kinkead, *Faith in Action*
Tony Grundhauser, *Finance*
Don Weinkauff, *Property*
Jim Johnson, *Treasurer*
Rick Rinkoff, *Assoc. Treasurer*

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Kent Furois, *Head Usher*
Jill Thompson, *Lay Reader Coordinator*
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*
Dusty Mairs, *Parish Coordinator*
Fred Myers, *Historian*
Diane Power, *Altar Guild*
George Power, *Columbarium*
Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*

CLERGY

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*
The Rev. S. Grayson Clary, *Rector Emeritus*
The Rev. Keely Franke, *Assistant Rector*
The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*

STAFF

James Frazier, *Director of Music & Organist*
Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*
Lizza Berry, *Youth & Children Choirs Director*
Jean Hansen, *Youth and Family Minister*
Ellen Harrington, *Children's Minister*
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*
Nina Costello, *Nursery Supervisor*
John Oldfield, *Office of the Asst. Treasurer*
Sherry Christiansen, *Office Administrator*
Chris Tegler, *Building Manager*
Chris Henry, *Building Assistant*

Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of **News from the Nursery** God in Memory of:



Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

Feb. 5 – 5th Sunday After Epiphany

Main Altar

Robert Orr and Anabel Baker

Small Altar

Armen Byron Tufenk

Haig Karakine Tufenk

Feb. 12 – 6th Sunday After Epiphany

Main Altar

Janet O. and George E. Potter, Jr.

Small Altar

Jennie and Alfred Merrill

Feb. 19 – Last Sunday After Epiphany

Main Altar

John Snowfield

Small Altar

In loving memory of George and Rita Richcreek on their wedding anniversary

Feb. 26 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Main Altar

Mary Zierdt

Small Altar

Mary Zierdt

ALTAR FLOWERS 2012:

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 **Sherry** in the office to find out the available dates for each altar.

By Ellen Harrington

Nina's absence from the nursery has been noticed! And rightly so - she's a terrific "over 18" nursery attendant and worked with us for over a year. Her weekday job begins at 6:30am...as does mine, so it makes sense that she really just wanted her week-ends back. She loves the kids and families at St. John's but wanted to move on. We wish her well.

Chelsea Olson is replacing Nina. We do want to have two "over 18's" in the nursery. If anyone knows a person who would be interested, contact me for a job description.



GODLY PLAY WINTER/SPRING STORY SCHEDULE 2012

In the Winter/Spring part of the program year, Godly Play focuses on the Jesus way. We do this through parables, the Mystery of Easter and stories about how the early church formed - stories like the Road the Emmaus, and the work of Paul.

Feb 05 - First Sunday – NO GODLY PLAY – and Annual Meeting

Feb 12 - Pre K-K – Follow Me
Gr 1-2 – Parable of the Sower – Winter Presentations

Gr 3-4 – Jesus & the Paralytic
Feb 19 - PreK-K – Parable of the Sower – Winter Presentations

Gr 1-2 – Jesus & the Paralytic
Gr 3-4 – Follow Me

Feb 26 Feast Parable of the Good Samaritan – Winter Presentations

Mar 04 - First Sunday –NO GODLY PLAY

New Beginnings in Youth Ministry

By Jean Hansen

This past year of Youth Ministry has been filled with many opportunities to learn, grow, share and serve. As we continue to minister to, with and for one another, our bond as a community grows stronger. Our youth group is a place where everyone is accepted for who they truly are. We strive to love each other unconditionally using Jesus' teachings as our example.

This spring will mark the beginning of a new spiritual formation program for the youth of St. John's. We will begin with a special dinner honoring our current youth. The following day we will have a special liturgy celebrating them as wonderful, unique and beautiful males and females, created in the image of God. We will then spend the 2012/2013 program year planning and preparing for pilgrimage the summer of 2013.

Journey to Adulthood: A Program of Spiritual Formation for Young People

"Spiritual Formation" means learning by engaging in Christian practices and then reflecting on them afterwards. This "doing" and "reflecting" helps us to "form" young people in the faith.

Instead of just talking about Christian service, we SERVE. Instead of teaching about prayer, we PRAY. Instead of sharing about Christian Community we actively and intentionally work to BUILD community. Instead of telling our young people how special they are, we SHOW them through special liturgical celebrations like **Rite-13 Liturgy** or the **Litany of Dedication**. Instead of merely talking about Christian journey we actually TRAVEL on Pilgrimage together.

Journey to Adulthood is a six-year program. We will officially begin this program in the fall with the 6th and 7th graders participating in **Rite 13**. These 6th and 7th graders will spend two years together in **Rite 13**. After those two years they will move from **Rite 13** into **J2A** for two years. After two years of **J2A** they will go on pilgrimage together. After their pilgrimage they will move into **YAC**.

To learn more about this program of spiritual formation for youth, please join us Sunday, February 12 at 9am in the Green Room. All are invited and welcome to come and learn more about this exciting program. Parents of current 5th and 6th graders are specifically invited and encouraged to attend.

Parents are invited to be actively involved in **Journey to Adulthood**. Moms and Dads play roles in liturgical celebrations and are invited to occasional parent meetings. Parents are also asked to take a turn or two in chaperoning special events and assisting in organizing fundraisers. It is our sincerest hope that parents of our youth experience, **Journey to Adulthood**, will be life-giving, too, as they guide and nurture their children through adolescence.

This passage from childhood to manhood and womanhood is the first thing to celebrate. Parents must be willing to affirm the young man's or young woman's first steps toward independence with the sure and certain knowledge that their gender has been established as a gift from God. The Church should declare that this gift is not because of the parents' procreative ability, but is a gift beyond the parents' ability, which reflects the image of who God is—both male and female.

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting will be held in the gym on
Sunday, February 5*, 2012,
after the 10:00 service.

Have lunch, thank outgoing vestry members and wardens, approve the new
slate of parish leadership and learn about the 2012 budget.

Most importantly, come celebrate the wonderful work being done at
St. John's!

Childcare provided but please call the office to let us know how many
children are coming,

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

Last Names A—L Bring a Side dish to share

Last Names M—Z Bring a Dessert to share

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