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Come Gather



Holy Apostles and St. John's parishioners gather on the banks of the Mississippi for a baptism at the joint annual parish picnic, August 5th 2012.

FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON



COME...

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

10:00 a.m. Services:
September 2 -
Holy Eucharist Rite II

September 9 -
Holy Eucharist Rite II

September 16 -
Holy Eucharist Rite II

September 23 -
Morning Prayer
Holy Eucharist Rite I

September 30 -
Holy Eucharist Rite II



October Issue

September 10th at 4pm

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 before the deadline date shown above. Thank you!

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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Maybe you missed the joint Holy Apostles/St. John's Parish Picnic on August 5th – having been there, I can assure you it is something I won't soon forget. It was quite the event with a sumptuous potluck lunch prepared by both congregations, games for the kids, and worship in both Hmong and English. We gathered on the edge of the Mississippi River, at Hidden Falls Park, for a joint Eucharist, offering our prayers and praises while the smell of Hmong dishes and homemade desserts wafted on the breeze. Then, with a baptismal song rolling out over our heads, we meandered like the great river, down the path to the water for a baptism. Our combined congregations crowded together on the sandy banks and leaned forward as the baptizing waters were poured and we heard again, "you are sealed by the Holy Spirit...and marked as Christ's own forever." And, as the body of Christ gathered there that morning, hearing those words together became not only a blessing for the baptized, but for us, the gathering, as well. As if to punctuate that point, just as Keely was praying over the water, an eagle, the symbol of St. John, and (I believe) a manifestation of God's Spirit, descended over our gathering at the river's edge.

As the late, great Episcopal liturgical theologian Leonel Mitchell once wrote, "[t]he Church is first and foremost a worshipping community. It is ...the gathering together of the people of God for corporate worship, which is the heart and soul of the Church's life." Before social justice, before acts of mercy and compassion, before belief and all the words we can summon about God, there stands a community at worship. In that gathering we hear and receive our story, we are reminded who and whose we are, and we are emboldened to go forth into the world proclaiming in word and deed the saving power of God.

Gathering regularly for worship is, as Mitchell says, our "heart and soul". In worshipping together in community we share together in a conversation, not only *about* God, but *with* God. In our prayerful gathering, we put words to our deepest longings and highest aspirations. In worship, we hear and are reminded that we are beloved, forgiven, and reconciled with God. In worship, we are challenged to live in the world in such a way as to make these realities self-evident to others.

On September 9th we will celebrate our annual ritual of gathering in from wherever the winds of summer have blown us. We will congregate and sing and pray and bless and offer our lives up to God. Then, when we have been made new, reformed into the body of Christ, we will carry our celebration down to the gym for food and fellowship, and an opportunity to find out how each of us can "love and serve the Lord" in and through the ministries of St. John's. My hope and my prayer is that you will join us for this gathering and those that follow it each Sunday, not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but hungry for the opportunity to hear again who you are and to come into God's presence and know whose you are. For God is surely present. Just as that eagle swooped in and hovered over us at the edge of the Mississippi during our baptismal services, God is present in our midst when we gather, and that presence will follow us wherever we might go.

Faithfully,

Gathering Sunday

On **September 9th** we welcome the choirs back to the **10 am service**. After the service please come to the gym; enjoy some great food, fellowship and reconnect with your parish community after the summer break. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a dessert. If your last name begins with M-Z please bring a salad or side dish.



Blessing of the Backpacks

We will again be Blessing the Backpacks at the **10 am service on Sunday, September 9th**. Please bring the backpacks of people you care about so we can bless them as they start the new school year.



Ministry Fair

September 9th after the 10 am service. Please stop by the gym to find out how you can be a part of all that is happening at St. John's.



Summer Picnic & Baptism

St. John's gathered for the second annual joint parish picnic with our companion parish Holy Apostles Episcopal Church at Hidden Falls Park on the Mississippi River. This year's picnic included both communion as well as a baptism in the river. It was the perfect weather and the perfect day complete with volleyball and games and a delicious potluck spread. The Hmong egg rolls were, as always, a big hit! As last year, the offering was taken up on behalf of our joint ministry Fields to Families. We were able to raise \$464, which was promptly redistributed among the farmers from the St. John's/Holy Apostles Farmer's Market and a full pickup truck load of vegetables was purchased and dropped off at an area food shelf. With most of their customers at the picnic, the sales secured by the offering were well received by our farmers, and the produce was gratefully received by the shelf – a win-win for everyone.





Farm Visits

On a warm day in July, Jered and Keely joined Holy Apostles' clergy, Letha and Christopher, for a day at the farm.

The morning began at Pa's farm close to Stillwater and the day ended at Lao and Shao's farm in Rush City. These are two of the five farmer families who have provided produce for the Holy Apostles and St. John's Farmers Market. We spent time exploring the farms, doing some weeding, but mostly listening to stories.

There were stories of hard work: Some days Pa only gets four hours of sleep. She lies down to take a short nap in her fields at night and then is right back up harvesting in order to make it to the markets in the morning.

There were also love stories. Lao and Shao met in Laos many years ago and are still madly in love with one another and with their life on the farm. These are truly faithful people – faithful to their land, to one another, and to their God. What a blessing to spend the day with our friends.



By Keely Franke

Faith In Action

St. John's Jumpers

St. John's Clinic Kayoro in Uganda opened its doors to serve the community on January 30, 2012. Since then people have been treated for a variety of ailments including malnourishment, malaria, injuries due to car accidents, and many other issues as well as being educated about dehydration prevention and treatment, family planning and many other issues.

The people of Kayoro Village are proud of the clinic and would very much like to have running water in the clinic. With running water the clinic can offer additional services as the current water source, the water catchment tank, will not provide water during the dry season. So the community petitioned the government of Uganda to dig a bore hole and was successful. The bore hole has been dug!

The next step is to pipe the water to the clinic. Give Us Wings, our partner in our relationship with the people of Kayoro Village, is getting quotes on piping the water. St. John's decided to take part in a fundraiser that Give Us Wings was organizing with the commitment that funds raised by St. John's will go towards St. John's Clinic Kayoro.

The people of St. John's formed a skydiving team to raise money for the water project at St. John's Clinic Kayoro. Saturday, July 21 was the day of the jump! Our team consisted of Joan Potter, Alison Young, Lydia Morley and John Kinkead. These four brave souls jumped out of a plane at 13,000 feet to raise money and awareness of the needs of the people of Kayoro Village, Uganda. The St. John's JUMPERS raised \$5,074 and a generous, anonymous donor paid for the fee for each jumper so that all of the money raised will go directly towards work on the clinic!

If people would like to continue to donate they can visit the Razoo site at www.razoo.com/team/St-John-S-Jumpers or leave a donation in the collection plate on Sunday.



Adopt-A-Household - May House

The Episcopal Church Homes is made up of households with residents ranging from independent to assisted living. St. John's adopted the May House at the Episcopal Church Homes last year. Rather than doing larger gatherings this year we're going to encourage parishioners to develop one-on-one relationships. If you are interested in volunteering with elders this is a great opportunity. The Episcopal Church Homes is a wonderful facility, very clean and comfortable. The May House has a range of residents with different abilities. Volunteer opportunities could be set up as often or as little as your schedule allows and would include activities such as reading to residents, doing a puzzle, playing cribbage, telling stories, etc. This is a great way for individuals or families of any age to get acquainted with our community outside of St. John's and to make some new friends.

For more information on how to get involved please contact the Rev. Keely Franke, keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-228-1172 x18.

ATTENTION ALL TRAVELLERS

Give Us Wings will be offering two trips in the next year to Uganda and Kenya:

- **January 27 - February 9** to Uganda (including our clinic).
- **June 22 - July 6** to Kenya and Uganda (visiting the clinic, of course).

We would like to get an early estimate on how many people are interested, assuming that financial aid may be provided. Please contact Cammie Beattie at 651-436-5576 or crbeattie@att.net. **Please note date change.**

HEARTS TO HOMES

Project Kathleen has a new name (above) and a new look.

Project Kathleen was established in 2005 in response to the many displaced families due to Hurricane Katrina. Most of those displaced families never moved as far north as Minnesota but we

became aware of the need to support transitional housing in our own community. To date we have served 11 families and helped them establish better homes.

We have helped mothers who have lost jobs find new ones. Some of the mothers pursued higher education and training while working and raising their families. One of our moms has returned as a mentor and valuable asset to our committee.

The children in the families have gone on to finish high school and vocational school or college, and have gone on to work in management, sports, theater and journalism programs. One of the daughters just graduated from Dartmouth and is working for Ameri-Corps. Our parish has supported this program through budgeted funds, donations and with personal participation.

This summer the Project Kathleen Committee decided to change the name of the program to **Hearts to Homes**. Along with this new name we created a new logo. We feel that **Hearts to Homes** better describes our mission: working with Episcopal Community Services to help families stay in their own homes by providing rent subsidies, social services, and one-on-one mentorship by volunteers in our community.

Hearts to Homes will be holding different events over the course of the coming year. To celebrate the new name we are hosting a **Chili Cook Off on October 28th**. Please save the date and watch for more details to come. During the winter we will hold a retreat for the mentors and mothers who have participated in the program in the past and present. Then in the summer we will hold the annual family picnic where all are invited to join.

We hope that you'll consider getting involved with this life-changing program.

For more information contact Patty Byrne Pfalz, pbp19@yahoo.com or 651-224-7784, Colleen Swope, coco65@mac.com or 651-246-4292.



The **Fall Huge Sale** be held on **Saturday, October 6th** from **9:30 am till 1:00 pm**.

Books, clothing, house wares, furniture, linens and more!

There will be a **Bag Sale on Monday, October 8th** from **9 am till 11 am**.

Donations are being accepted now at: St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, 60 Kent Street, St. Paul.

For more information please call 651-228-1172.

Bring in donations by October 5

Watch for times to help set up

Save the Dates

St. Francis Day Celebration - Wednesday, October 3rd at 6pm in St. John's parking lot. We will be blessing the animals at the Farmers Market, all welcome!

Women's Book Club - starts on Friday, October 5th at 7pm. For more information contact Mary Ellen, 651-426-4146.

Owl's Luncheon - Wednesday, October 10th starting at 11:30 am with a Noonday Prayer service in the Chapel. For more information contact Barbara Mraz, 651-228-1172 x12.

Prayer Shawl Group - starts on Friday, October 19th at 7 pm. For more information contact Anneke Krall, 651-690-0579.



Youth Ministry

GENERAL CONVENTION: Each Perspective Mattered

This July, I was blessed with the incredible opportunity of attending the 77th triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church as a part of the Official Youth Presence, a group of eighteen high school students (two from each of the Church's nine provinces) chosen to present the official voice of youth at Convention. It was a positive, rewarding, and edifying experience that has empowered me to engage in further ministry in the church and throughout the world.

General Convention is the church's primary governing body. Resolutions are submitted in a variety of ways (via interim bodies, bishops, dioceses, or deputies to Convention), go through a committee hearing at Convention, and then see the floor of the legislative houses—the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies (lay and clergy). As an Official Youth Presence member, I was allowed seat and voice on the floor of the House of Deputies and a voice at all committee hearings, which are open to any registered Convention attendee.

It was in this legislative process that I found my fulfillment. There was an inherent sense of respect in the process— all speakers in committee and on the floor were listened to and their voices considered and appreciated, the parliamentary procedure on the floor of the Houses maintained a sense of decorum and dignity even among those with contradicting opinions, and we were unified as brothers and sisters in Christ through daily prayer and worship. I learned very quickly not to see those speaking to beliefs I may disagree with as wrong, uninformed, or crazy. Instead, I learned that the most productive discussions come when all participants come with hearts and minds open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

There were plenty of opportunities for dissenting (yet respectful) opinions and open dialogue. This Convention faced some big issues and we came away a stronger church because of the healthy way in which we handled them. We approved a trial rite for the blessing of same-sex unions, agreed to language that prohibits the discrimination of transgendered people in the life of the church, and used the Five Anglican Marks of Mission to create a budget that garnered widespread approval.

Finally, the decision that really blew me away was our resolution to "establish a Task Force ... whose purpose shall be to present the 78th General Convention with a plan for reforming the Church's structures, governance, and administration" (Resolution C095). This was scary at first to many people. As Episcopalians, we rely heavily on our traditions, and the notion of change can be intimidating. However, after a period of reflection through which we were able to discern that our church is being called in new directions, this resolution passed both Houses unanimously. Sitting in the vast convention center hall and hearing hundreds of "ayes" ring out as we took our first step as a church in the direction of new life was a moment that I will never forget, and I look towards the future of the church with an immense sense of hope.

One of the biggest lessons I learned at Convention is that each voice and each perspective matters to the body of Christ and strengthens our presence in the world. I hope that you will keep your eyes and ears open to the movement of the Spirit and contribute to our church-wide discussions as you feel called, so that we may take on the next phase of our life together!



By Emma Grundhauser



Summer Stretch

For four weeks this summer youth from St. John's and Holy Apostles participated in Summer Stretch, a Gospel-centered approach to community service. The purpose of Summer Stretch is to give youth in grades 6-12 a safe and healthy place to belong where they can contribute to their community and build healthy friendships. This has been a great way to stay connected to our youth during the summer months when church attendance seems to drop off.

The mornings were spent doing service projects, and our afternoons were spent doing recreational activities.



Each week we had 10 – 15 youth in grades 6 – 12 participating. The first three weeks were spent at Merrick Food Shelf on the east side of St. Paul. Our final session was a morning at Feed My Starving Children. We also had some exciting recreation – water park, bowling, Skyzone and Grand Slam.

By Jean Hansen

Dates for Summer Stretch 2013:

Thursdays – July 11, 18, 25 and August 1

Valley Fair and Lock-in: Friday –
Saturday, August 16-17

Journey to Adulthood – Rite 13



Rite-13 is the first two-year phase of our Journey to Adulthood curriculum and is made up of either 6th and 7th graders or 7th and 8th graders, depending upon the year. The design of these first two years is to celebrate the individuality of each young person and their creative potential. Class time revolves around a variety of topics that help each participant reflect upon their individuality within the context of a loving faith community. The Rite-13 portion of our youth curriculum culminates in the Rite-13 Ceremony, which is a rite of passage loosely akin to a Jewish Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah.

Among other things, the class deals with prayer, with the ways they see and encounter God, with possessions and their importance in our lives, with trust in God in a faith journey together. Every effort is made to keep the process experiential, with a hands-on and "hearts-on" focus. Perhaps more than anything else, all activities are geared to build community among Rite-13 participants, to establish trust and safety, to remind young people again and again that this is their church, and that they are safe and welcome within it.

**Register for Youth Ministry
Programming on Sunday, September
9 at the Gathering Sunday Ministry
Fair.**



Godly Play starts on Sunday, September 16th!

Rite-13

If you are in grades 6 and 7 this year you will be in the **Rite-13** Group led by Mark McInroy, Tricia Durst, Josh Colton and Tisha Colton.

Senior Youth

If you are in grades 8 through grade 12 this year you will be in the **Senior Youth** Group led by Jean Hansen and LongKee Vang.

2012 Schedule – September through December

Wednesdays: 6:15 – 8pm
Sundays: 9 – 9:50am

A detailed calendar of all youth ministry programming will be available at the Ministry Fair, as well as emailed to all youth families.

All youth in grades 6 through 12 will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 – 8pm. We'll begin the evening with dinner in the gym kitchen. At 7pm Rite-13 youth and Senior youth will separate for the evening program.

Although Sundays are a bit busier with choirs and acolyting, all youth who are able will meet at 9am in the Green Room for Gospel Based Discipleship.

Here is what you need to know:

- Please register your children during the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 9th.
- The group structure will be a little different this year so that every two years we have a grade 5-6 cohort ready for Rite-13. Grade level signs will be posted by the classroom doors on the 16th.
- The Godly Play rhythm is as follows:

1st Sunday of the month—children are in church either singing in the children’s choir or sitting with their families. There is no Godly Play.

2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month - children are in Godly Play until about 10.40 am at which time they join their families in church for communion.

4th Sunday of the month - children are in Godly Play for the duration of the service. We will have a Godly Play Feast which is a children’s introduction to the Circle of the Holy Eucharist.

All children age 4 through 6th grade welcome!

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone as well as the start of an engaging program year. For more information please contact Ellen Harrington at 651-228-1172 x21.

Acolyte Schedule



September 9:
Matt Richards, Rachel Clark, Madeline Weinkauf

September 16:
Emma Grundhauser, Eli Weinkauf, Emily Brooks

September 23:
Tim Krall, Alex Joyce, Johannah Frisby

September 30:
Cooper Olson, Ethan Furois, Lucy Grundhauser

October 7:
Rachel Clark, Madeline Weinkauf, Wyatt Furois

October 14:
Charlie Olsen, Caroline Krall, Eli Weinkauf

October 21:
Matt Richards, Tim Krall, Emily Brooks

October 28:
Emma Grundhauser, Alex Joyce, Johannah Frisby

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. Providing 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, and 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 8, 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 stop by. Come and meet other new and returning choir members.

We will meet at 9:00 on **Gathering Sunday, September 9** to review and prepare to participate in the 10:00 service. Regular rehearsals will continue on **Sunday, September 16, 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.



Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

The **St. John's Youth Choir** welcomes all 6-12 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 doing some stuff just for fun! New and returning Youth Choir members are invited to sing on **Gathering Sunday, September 9**. We will "tune-up" on **Wednesday, September 5, from 5:30-6:15**. 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 12**. For more information, please contact Lizza Berry at 651-698-4269, or Jim Frazier.

Musical Notes



Choir Retreat

Sixteen members of the choir, plus Jered, Keely and I, went on retreat at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville on August 3-5. After a wretched drive through rush-hour traffic on Hwy 94, on Friday afternoon, we settled in our congenial rooms in the Abbey Guesthouse, and went down for a scrumptious dinner in the dining room. The Guesthouse is situated adjacent to the Abbey Church, overlooking Lake Sagatagan. The elegant but simple Guesthouse includes a small oratory, a library, meeting rooms and a kitchen that produces prodigious amounts of fabulous food for all of the three daily meals.

After dinner, St. John's contingent joined the monks in the Abbey Church for Evening Prayer, and after that we had a rehearsal in the Choral Rehearsal Room in the Music Building of St. John's University, which boasts risers and a nine-foot Steinway.

In addition to Evening Prayer, we joined the monks for mass on Saturday and for Morning Prayer and Mass on Sunday. Keely led us in our own Compline on Friday and Morning Prayer on Saturday, which took place in the Choir Room.

The main purpose of the retreat is to begin work on the music that we will be singing through All Saints Day in November, so we had a number of rehearsals. But there was also ample time to relax, and on Saturday afternoon we went hiking, swimming and fishing. The camaraderie, in fact, is one of the greatest benefits of the retreat. Indeed, we had well-plenished soirees on Friday and Saturday nights. All seemed to agree that the retreat was a success in every way.

Jim Frazier

Organ Recital by Dr. Gregory Hand

Organist Gregory Hand will perform the complete Gospel Preludes for Organ on St. John's Skinner/Schantz organ on **Sunday, September 23 at 4 pm.**

Based on familiar gospel tunes, such as *What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Just As I Am, Jesus Loves Me, Shall We Gather at the River*, and *Amazing*

Grace, the pieces were composed by the great American composer William Bolcom (b. 1938) who is on the faculty at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Hand is assistant professor of organ on the music faculty at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and holds a doctorate from the University of Michigan. He has presented recitals in the United States, France, Germany, Spain, and Brazil. His recent recording of the complete Gospel Preludes was recently released on the Naxos label.

The recital will be co-sponsored by St. John's and the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A free-will offering will be received to benefit St. John's Organ Fund. A festive reception will follow the recital, to which all are invited. For further information contact Jim Frazier at 651 228-1172 x38 or james.frazier@stjohnsstpaul.org.

Sung Compline

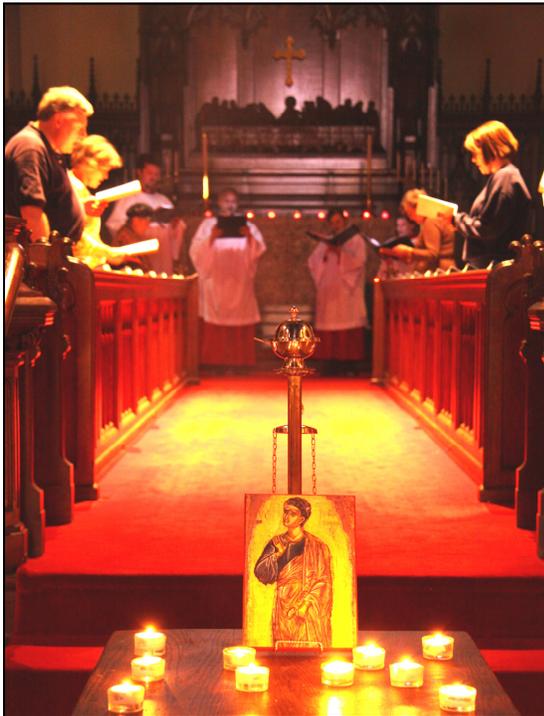
Sung Compline resumes this September on the **Second Thursdays** of the month at **7pm**.

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 beautiful, short service filled with mystery, prayers, psalms, chanting, and short passages from Scripture. Our Compline Choir Quartet provides an anthem and leads us in the singing. It truly is a peaceful and prayerful way to end the day.

We hope you'll consider joining us for the following services: **September 16th, October 11th, November 8th, and every Thursday in Advent.**

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

For more information please contact the Rev. Keely Franke – keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org or Craig Lemming – clemming@hotmail.com.



VESTRY MEMBERS

Libby Snelson, *Senior Warden*
Don Postema, *Junior Warden*
Kathy Brown, *Membership*
Marilyn Conklin, *Music*
Terri Fishel, *Communication*
Phyllis Goff, *At Large*
Tony Grundhauser, *Finance*
Rex Haberman, *Stewardship*
Jennifer Kinkead, *Faith in Action*
Anneke Krall, *Youth*
Patrick Schmidt, *At Large*
Don Weinkauf, *Property*
Jerry Woelfel, *At Large*
Bob Baumann, *Clerk of Vestry*
Rick Rinkoff, *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 Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*
The Reverend S. Grayson Clary, *Rector Emeritus*
The Reverend Keely Franke, *Assistant Rector*
The Reverend 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*
Chelsea Olson, *Nursery Supervisor*
John Oldfield, *Office of the Treasurer*
Sarah Dull, *Office Administrator*
Chris Tegeler, *Building Manager*
Chris Henry, *Building Assistant*

Faith Formation



Sunday Adult Education A Gospel-Shaped Politics

The separation of church and state is absolute....

Politics should not be discussed in church....

Are these statements still true? Were they ever? Key issues in contemporary politics were dear to the heart of Jesus: Justice for all; care for the poor and “the least of these;” protecting children; equitable distribution of resources; the pervasiveness of greed.

The Religious Right has also put moral issues into the political forefront: abortion, rights of homosexuals and women; prayer in the schools; taxation, Bible verses as the basis for policy. Moral issues are often religious issues. Come and join the discussion, 9 am in the Fireside Room.



Bible Study: Something to think about!

Wednesday mornings at
11am in the Library (Come
as you are!)

Fall Schedule

September 16 General Convention

Emma Grundhauser speaks about her thoughts and experiences as a youth delegate. The Rev. Barbara Mraz introduces the upcoming series on faith and politics.

September 23 Generational Differences in Politics

Richard Bryntesen is a professor at Concordia College, an author of two books on business practices, an international consultant on business management, and a St. John’s parishioner.

September 30 Faith and the Constitution

Professor Brad Clary of the University of Minnesota Law School speaks about the intersection of individual faith with some of the foundational elements of our Constitution, as in the concept that the government ought to stay out of religious disputes.

October 7 My Faith and My Vote

Lynnell Michelson is a journalist, activist, advocate for quality public education, devoted Episcopalian, and engaging speaker!

October 14 The Marriage Amendment proposal as a moral issue.

The Episcopal Church has gone on record as opposing the amendment that limits marriage to a single man and single woman. Hear more from the opponents of the law.

October 21 Politics and Technology

Frank Loiseaux-Purcell, Tech Person Extraordinaire, speaks about the capabilities of technology and the potential impact on elections.

October 28 Our Faith, Our Votes

A panel of parishioners discuss if and how their faith impacts their vote.

Spiritual Life program

HOW TO HAVE A CIVIL CONVERSATION

...with a Republican, a Democrat, your child, your friends, or those who irritate you the most.

Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00pm in the Fireside room.

Mark Osler, Professor of Law at the University of St Thomas. Author of *Jesus on Death Row*, challenging the death penalty based on the experience of Christ as a criminal defendant. Interviewed on CNN, NPR's Morning Edition, ABC's Good Morning America, and in hundreds of newspapers. Author of "Confessions of an Anti-Gay Bigot" published in *The Huffington Post*.

All are invited to join the conversation!



Note: for those of you who may want an in-depth examination of Christian faith, this course is being offered by The Rev. Mary Ellen Ashcroft, a priest of the Diocese, former college professor, and a wonderful teacher.

Deepening Roots: A Course for Formation

Many good church-goers realize that their knowledge of their own tradition is a little sketchy. Sunday School and confirmation classes seem distant, Sunday readings and sermons a bit hit-and-miss. Deepening Roots offers a chance to sink roots more deeply into the tradition - to explore the depths of the Judeo-Christian heritage, grow a clearer sense of God, and begin to think theologically about life and the world around.

The course will meet 9-1:00 at nearby St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on these Saturdays: September 29, October 13, November 10, December 8, January 19, February 9, March 9, April 13, Retreat May 9-12, 2013. There is a cost for the series. Check the Diocesan Website for more information. (Episcopal Church in Minnesota).

House Groups are coming!

St. John's will be sponsoring House Groups this Fall.

What is a House Group?

A House Group is an intentional family group of 10-12 adult parishioners within the larger parish family of St. John's Episcopal Church. House Groups typically meet in a designated parishioner home.

What does a House Group do?

Components of a house group meeting, to be held in balance, include Bible Study, Prayer, Worship and Fellowship.

How often do House Groups meet?

The House Group meeting commitment is once a month. House Groups may decide to meet more often.

What are some benefits for me if I decide to join a House Group?

These comments are from the Frisby House Group members.

"It's an amazing demonstration of Christ as seen in each other."

"House Groups are intentionally composed of strangers that come together in love for each other."

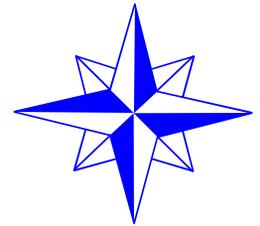
"House Groups are a place to share successes and troubles in confidence."

If you are interested, sign up now by calling Barbara Mraz at 651-228-1172 ex.12 or email at Barbara.mraz@stjohnsstpaul.org

House Groups will start in October/November 2012, so don't delay!



Community Life



Young Adults

Young Adults will be gathering once again on a monthly basis starting in September. We've decided to meet on **the third Sunday of the month from 5-7pm**. Please note the changed time from Thursday evenings. This will give us more time to prepare food, eat together and discuss. These are potluck events. Following are a list of suggested items to bring: Wine, Salad, Bread, Main dish, Dessert, Flowers for the table. Please coordinate with Craig Lemming what you would like to bring. Our first gathering will be **September 16th 5-7pm**.

Sarah Goodall has been chosen to go to the Episcopal **"Eco-Justice Immersion Experience 2012"** this summer. This is a gathering of about 20 young adults in the Church helping to discern and develop the gifts of young adults in the Episcopal Church so that they may better engage in and lead efforts around the environmental issue resolutions set out at General Convention. Sarah will be leading a discussion on her experience at the conference. You won't want to miss it!

For more information and to sign up for a dinner item please contact Craig Lemming, lemming@hotmail.com.

Ladies You Are Cordially Invited To:

~God's Bountiful Harvest~

A Salad Supper * and Exploration of Volunteerism at St. John's

This is the first meeting of St. John's Ladies Group ~ S.O.S. (Serving Our Sisterhood)
In the **Undercroft** on **Monday, September 24th** from **5:30 - 7pm**

*Please bring a "Salad Fixing" to share.

(Fixings include "ready to add to the bowl" salad makings)

Rolls and beverages will be included.

For more information contact Diane Elliott ~ 804.874.9502

St. John the Evangelist

Serving Our Sisterhood!



S.O.S.

"She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out
her hands to the needy"
Proverbs 31:20-21

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, September 8th at 9 am** in the Gym Kitchen. For more information contact: Jim Johnson 952-476-4585.

Men's Group

The next Men's Gathering will be on **Tuesday, September 11th** in the Fireside Room. Come for good conversation and a libation. For more information contact: Josh Colton 612.275.6004



St. John's Members Suzanne, Mark and baby Oliver McInroy moved into their new house with help from fellow parishioners and St. Thomas colleagues.





**Congratulations Ramiro and Anna Alvarez,
married August 10th 2012**

Transferred to the Church Triumphant

With sadness we announce that longtime St. John's parishioner **C. Robert Binger**, "Bob" to most of us, died peacefully in his sleep at his home in White Bear Lake early Tuesday morning, August 14th. All are invited to a service in celebration and thanksgiving for his life, which will be held at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church **Saturday, September 8th at 2 pm**. The service will be followed by a reception in the Fireside Room at St. John's. Bob is survived by four children, Thomas, Robert B. and Robert M. Binger and Erika Binger Roberts. Our prayers will continue for them and so many of his friends and parish family who will dearly miss him.

*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Happy Birthday to...

September*

- 2 Jill Thompson, Libby Collins
- 4 Samuel Clary, Dennis Collins
- 6 Rachel Clark, Benjamin Thompson,
Sam Edgerton
- 7 Brad Clary, Thomas Finneran-Flyckt
- 8 Jennifer Gross, Paige Hagstrom
Emily Spainhower, Diane Norman
- 10 Grace Dueber, Eli Brown
- 11 Joshua Parton
- 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
- 20 Oren Lowe
- 21 Wyatt Ropal, Bob Goff
- 22 Glen Lindeke, Shirlee Gooch, Lynn Hertz
- 23 Benjamin Clary, Mary Beth Edgerton
David Wellington
- 24 Savannah Joyce, Martin John Brown III
Don Weinkauff
- 26 Carly Allen-Tice
- 28 Jonathan Roe, Michael Garner,
Ian Giuliani Andrews
- 29 Emma Grundhauser, Kevin Hertle
Mary Gilbertson
- 30 Jack Sand

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

With sadness we announce that our brother in Christ, **Harlan "Bill" Newell** died Saturday, August 4th. Bill was a long time parishioner of St. John's and is survived by his wife Ria and children. A private service was held at St. John's Sunday, August 12. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

September 2nd

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Main Altar

(Available)

Small Altar

Alice D. and George R. Hunt

September 9th

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Main Altar

Marjory L. and William S. Pearson

Small Altar

Annie and Thomas Newton

September 16th

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Main Altar

Vernon F. Olsen

Small Altar

Bram Drew

September 23rd

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Main Altar

Thomas W. and Doris N. Dunlop, James G. Ek

Small Altar

Thomas W. and Doris N. Dunlop, James G. Ek

September 30th

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Main Altar

Frank and Ester Snyder

Small Altar

Elizabeth and John Stromenger

ALTAR FLOWERS 2012:

The memorial flowers on the Main and Little Sanctuary altars are given by parishioners on a perpetual calendar basis. 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 Church Office** to find out the available dates for each altar.

Stewardship 2013

Last year at St. John's we were blessed to meet all of our stewardship goals: 10% increase in pledging members and overall dollars pledged as well as significant increases in online pledging and participation in our "sustaining" direct deposit pledges. In addition to the goal of \$520,000 in pledges, 2012 saw additional special unbudgeted year-end gifts, which have allowed us to not increase our endowment draw, and to responsibly begin paying back the debt on our roof loan. St. John's is on very stable financial grounds. And, we are continuing to grow. In order to grow our ministry to match God's mission for us, we are planning and preparing for another successful stewardship campaign for 2013. God is calling us to great things!

Our annual stewardship campaign commences on **September 23rd**, look for packs in your mail. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support the ministry of St. John's through your pledge.

Planned Gifts

At its May meeting, the vestry elected me Planned Gift Chair. St. John's has never had a planned gift chair before and it seems like a logical role for someone who has just completed over a decade as Treasurer. In comparing notes with other parishes, I find that we are somewhat behind in highlighting planned gifts. While we have not given planned gifts much publicity, our results are quite spectacular.

So far this year, three members of the congregation have asked me for help with planned gifts. One of these members has shared the news of her gift with me. We all thank her for her thoughtfulness.

Perhaps you have made a planned gift that we don't know about. As a parish, I think our next step should probably be to form a planned gift club. If you have included a gift to St. John's in your estate plan, I would appreciate knowing that. There is no reason to give me the details, but just the fact that you have made a provision for a gift will qualify you for the club.

In future newsletters, I will tell you about our Cornerstone Trust and how to go about making a gift. In the meantime, let me know if you have any questions.

Jim Johnson, Planned Gift Chair

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE 2012

TIME	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
September 2nd, 2012—The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Pam Strom Team		Lee Bradford Roger Bowman Mary-Louise and Brad Clary	Diane Norman Erin Weber- Johnson	Don Husband
10:00 am	A—Jill Thompson B—Paige Hagstrom					
September 9th, 2012—The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost First Sunday—Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Pat Brynteson Team	Matt Richards Rachel Clark Madeline Weinkauff	Holly and Don Weinkauff Peter and Mary Gilbertson	Gabrielle Lawrence Don Postema	Gathering Sunday
10:00 am	A—Keith Davis B—Joan Potter					
September 16th, 2012—The Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Diane Power Team	Emma Grundhauser Eli Weinkauff Emily Brooks	Mimie Pollard Alden Drew Pat Brynteson Patty Byrne Pfalz	Kathleen Hanson Patricia Durst	Garden Circle - Julia Ferguson
10:00 am	A—Gary Gleason B—Paige Hag- strom					
September 23rd, 2012—The Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost Morning Prayer—Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am	Alden Drew	Dusty Mairs Team	Tim Krall Alex Joyce Johannah Frisby	Jennifer, Peter and Samantha Frost-Rosendale Helen Boyer	Phyllis Frisby Erin Weber- Johnson	Gary and Paige Hagstrom
10:00 am	A—Jill Thompson B—John Docherty					
September 30th, 2012—The Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Pam Strom Team	Cooper Olson Ethan Furios Lucy Grundhauser	Terri Fishel Lee Bradford Julia Ferguson Rick Rinkoff	Peggy and Jeff Olsen	Sally Sand Jennifer Durst Rex Haberman
10:00 am	A—Mark McInroy B—Jeff Olson					



HOLY APOSTLES AND ST. JOHN'S
FARMERS MARKET

**Sundays 9 am -12 noon and
Wednesdays 3 pm - 6 pm**

St. John's Parking Lot, Corner of Summit and Kent

The Farmers Market continues to grow and we need volunteers to assist on the information table. Please sign up with The Reverend Keely Franke, 651-228-1172 x18, or at the back of the Church.

This Farmer's Market is a collaboration between Hmong farmers attending Holy Apostles Episcopal Church and St. John the Evangelist in St. Paul. It also supports Fields to Families, a project providing fresh, local produce to area food shelves.

Please keep encouraging your friends and neighbors to come!

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