

# *THE EVANGELIST*

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# welcome



## **Welcome Sunday**

September is rapidly approaching, and with it a great St. John's tradition of gathering-in our congregation from wherever the winds of summer have taken us. This year we will celebrate this tradition once again with a subtle twist – in addition to being a time to reconnect with one another, the vestry and staff of St. John's would like to encourage you to consider inviting a friend to come to our fall reunion with you. This year we are calling our first Sunday of the program year, Welcome Sunday, and our hope is that you will invite a friend or a family you've been wanting to introduce to St. John's, or that you think would benefit from being a part of our community so that we can welcome them. Please begin thinking and praying now for the person or people you would like to invite, and in the next few weeks consider inviting them to join you for worship **on September 9th (8 AM & 10 AM) and for a ministry fair after.**

The day should be both fun and festive. Our worship and music will be lively as ever, our ministry fair will showcase the best of our community, and there will be tours of our Godly Play rooms and the Crocus Hill Preschool. And, of course, in great St. John's fashion, there will be food and fellowship to be had by all. St. John the Evangelist like the Episcopal Church of which it is a part is something of a hidden treasure in the wider community with so much to offer and so much to be discovered. Help us share this treasure by inviting someone to come for a visit. We look forward to welcoming your neighbors and friends and to welcoming each of you back at the end of an amazing and busy summer.

COME...  
JOIN US IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY

8:00 am Service:

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am Services:

August 4 -

First Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II

August 11 -

Holy Eucharist Rite I

August 18 -

Holy Eucharist Rite II

August 25 -

Morning Prayer

Holy Eucharist Rite I



**September Issue**

**August 14 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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FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON



Dear Friends in Christ,

In every chapter of the church there emerges a strain of thought that would seek to define (or confine) God to the ethereal reaches of human imagining. The medieval church placed God on a heavenly throne, a monarch aloof and perched far out of reach and far removed from the concerns of his lowly subjects. The Deists like the Epicureans thought of God as far removed from the world, a deity in absentia, a creator who set objects in motion and then stepped back to observe.

Of course the notion of an absent God comes with problems, not least of which is that such a description is not consistent with the Old and New Testament. Take the Creation story of Genesis, for instance, which places God both in the heavens, speaking creation into existence, and then (in the next chapter) actively engaging that creation, walking in the Garden, speaking with the people he has made. Abraham hosts three divine visitors, Jacob wrestles with the angel, Elijah is whisked into the presence of God by fiery chariots, and the psalmist describes a God who tends his people as a shepherd guides sheep and who joins his people at table. And, then, there is the entirety of the gospels – a sustained narrative of God breaking into time and space in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

As biblical scholar N.T. Wright says, “In the bible, God and the world, heaven and earth, kind of mesh together. And, you find Jesus in the middle of that... and you should find yourself in the middle of that. Part of the point of being a Christian is that we are meant to be living at those strange overlap points.”

If God really is absent, if these strains of thought that emerge from time to time are true, then we are free to develop power, to grapple for control, to manage the world according to what we believe is best. However, if God is intimately involved in God’s world, then God doesn’t need us to be in control. Then the story shifts to one of collaboration and co-creation. If God is with us, then the story, complex though it may seem, is about dwelling in the overlap. If God is with us, then we must deal with our reluctance toward intimacy, we must face our resistance to vulnerability, and live in the tension between heaven and earth – between contemplating things divine, and serving the needs of the people and places in which we live.

One of the key ways we practice this living is in our worship, in the regular practice of our sacraments. As we learned in our conversations on the back porch, how we worship shapes our beliefs about God and through those beliefs shapes the way we live. If we worship a God who is aloof and removed, closed off and unknowable, then our relationships will languish. If our worship centers us on “God with us”, on the suffering servant, on the Prince of Peace, then we hold the hope of embodying humility, vulnerability, service, and peace in our lives and through those things of finding deeper and transformative connection with each other.

Be watching for news of Episcopal 102: Worship, coming in the fall. I hope to see you there as we continue the conversations we began this summer.

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## FROM BARBARA...

Thank you so much for the cards, food, email, flowers, offers of help, phone calls, and good wishes you so generously extended to me over the past month. Your generosity and thoughtfulness have overwhelmed me.

In case any of you wonder if it's worth the time to reach out to those among us who, at a given moment, are vulnerable and off their game (so to speak), let me assure you that it can be a lifeline and a gift, as it has been for me. Whatever effort you put in is received with more gratitude than you can imagine.

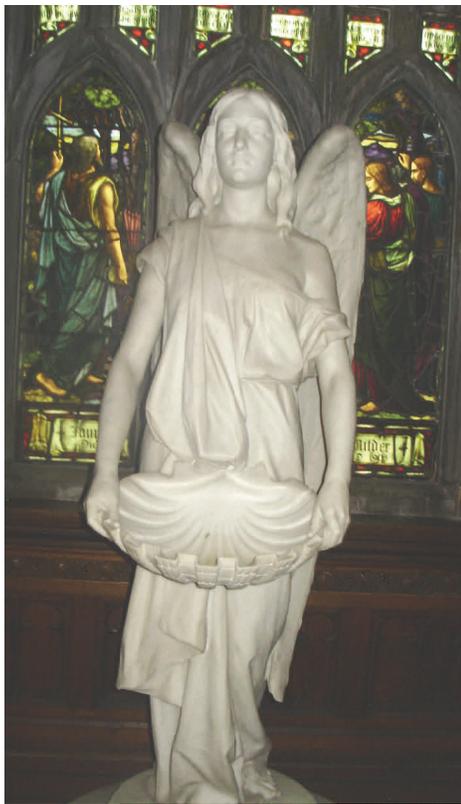
Being in a wheelchair for six weeks is a humbling experience. I feel, well, short! I meet the kids at eye level; adults tower over me; I have gotten used to asking for help:

"Please push me over this bump."

"Would you bring me some ice?"

"Put THAT over THERE."

A big shout out to our sexton, Chris Tegeler, who has gone over and beyond helping me. Often in the rain!



## Baptismal Shells

When I was a child growing up in rural southeastern Alaska, summers were spent at the beach. We would spend whole days there, building bonfires, having picnics, beachcombing for treasures, and collecting shells. We never came home from the beach without at least a small handful of shells. We filled jars with them and lined railings and put the special ones in baskets in the bathroom or on shelves next to our favorite tchotchkes. The shells were each a memento of trip to the beach, the small reminder of our journey there, the memories created, and the return home.

I'm sure many of you have your own shell collections from your travels and trips to the beach. Shells are, and have been, such popular souvenirs for travelers that they have come to be the symbol of pilgrims. As such, it is appropriate that shells are also the symbol for baptism. As the entryway and starting point for the pilgrim journey that is the Christian life, baptism is often administered by the pouring of water out of a shell, or a shell-shaped vessel. In this way, the baptized are reminded that like all pilgrims, traveling the life of faith is as much about the journey as it is the destination.

At St. John's we have long celebrated baptism in a font that was shell-shaped. And, as of this last Pentecost St. John's now celebrates baptisms with shells made for the occasion. Our own resident potter, Wade Scheel, crafted and fired shells that will now be used at each baptism and given to the baptized (or their parents) as a beautiful and meaningful reminder of the pilgrim journey, that God is at the beginning and the end of that journey, and, we believe, a constant companion along the way.

Thank you Wade for lending your talents in this way, and thank you St. John's community for always seeking to find new ways to celebrate God's gifts in this parish.



## Tell Us Your Story

Each of us has a story about why we love and care for St. John's. Are you willing to share your story with others?

At its Annual Retreat, the Vestry discussed the importance of moving away from the "fear" and trepidation that can sometimes accompany the annual Stewardship Campaign, and move into a place of "gratitude" for each of our gifts.

Do you have a story of gratitude for St. John's, and are you willing to share how that gratitude informs your reasons to give back our faith community? What is it that you value about St. John's that causes you to want to attend service on Sunday, volunteer for a project, or make your stewardship pledge? When are the times you feel the love of Christ most present in our community? Who is that person that provides hope and inspiration in times of need or sadness? The Stewardship Committee would like to collect your stories, and with your permission, share them with others during the fall campaign.

Your story can be as short as a sentence or two, or as much as a few paragraphs. Please submit your "stories of gratitude" to Sarah at [church@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:church@stjohnsstpaul.org) by July 26. If you would prefer to speak with someone please call Tony Grundhauser at 651-925-6501. Thank you for sharing your story with us.

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## Thanks to Phil Rose



It is my pleasure to say thank you to the Reverend Phil Rose for his service and leadership during his Field Education placement at St. John the Evangelist, over these last several months. Phil was a regular and welcome presence in the clergy and staff conversation and planning time. His ideas were creative, and his insights were a breath of fresh air in an already lively and talented group. We were grateful for his leadership particularly of our New Member incorporation and Compline ministries, and we will miss having him as a regular member of our community. Thank you, Phil, for your time and energy and all your many gifts to our congregation, and God's blessings on you and your wife Sheryl wherever you go next in ministry.

Phil was ordained as a priest in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church on June the 27th, at Breck School, in the Diocese of Minnesota. He will continue in his current job at Youth Frontiers, and will be a part of the non-stipendiary clergy at St. John's in Minneapolis.

-The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

## Strategic Planning Commission Update by Alden Drew

In order to plan for the future, it's important to take a look at the past, assess the present and then dive into the future with at least a modicum of context.

One of the telltale signs of the health and stability of the parish is attendance. Obviously, if nobody is showing up, something is wrong; and if there are attendance trends, either up or down, we should find out why. The Reverend Dr. Neil Elliot presented a good chronology of the ups and downs of the Episcopal Church over the past few hundred years, noting the attendance peak in the early 50's and the overall decline in subsequent years. St. John's history follows a similar curve from the late 60's through the nineties, followed by a resurgence at the beginning of the 21st Century.

Over the past 12 years, St. John's average Sunday attendance has held fairly steady at about 235, including the 8:00 o'clock service and the occasional Evensong. It was somewhat lower during the interim period but has come back since 2011. This puts St. John's in the mid range between a Pastoral Congregation and a Program Congregation. In short, Pastoral means inner-looking, taking care of our own needs first with limited staff to oversee programs. A Program Congregation typically has a larger staff to conduct multiple programs in outreach, spiritual formation, etc. St. John's, being in the middle, is doing some of both, and in fact exhibits more characteristics of a Program church in that we have lots of programs, some of which are led by staff and others by the members.

The inherent danger of being in the middle is that often the programs become too much for the limited resources, resulting in disappointing results or volunteer burn-out and ultimately more turnover than is desirable. The options for a congregation are to grow in numbers to support the programs, or to limit the number of programs that the size of congregation can support successfully. This requires a prioritizing of the programs to determine which fit best with our needs and resources, or a workable plan for growth.

This is the task of the Strategic Planning Commission and, as you can imagine, it won't be a simple one. Over the next few months, we will be hearing from all of the programs we currently run and getting a sense of what is working best and is of most value to the Parish. We will be getting facts and opinions about both programs and growth which we will attempt to sort out so that ultimately we can make recommendations for our future course that will be the most satisfactory to the most members.

Wish us luck.

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### This Month in St. John's History

#### 70 Years Ago

C. Wesley Anderson replaced George H. Fairclough as Organist and Choirmaster on Sunday July 4th, 1943. Mr Fairclough had served for 42 years. Mr. Anderson went on to serve for 29 years.

#### 50 Years Ago

July 1963: Mrs. Thomas (Betty) Garrett became Director of the Senior Altar Guild succeeding Mrs. Adrian (Dorothy) Drew of whom The Reverend William Mead wrote: "Under her leadership the Guild has functioned 'quietly and efficiently' – an accurate reflection of the kind of person she is."

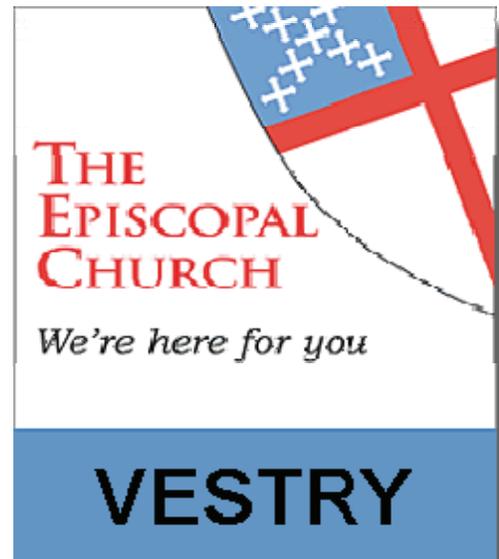
#### 25 Years Ago

July 1988: The Vestry called The Reverend Richard B. Lampert to be the 13th Rector of St. John's.



## **Vestry Musings** by Don Postema

Looking ahead to the second half of 2013, what's in store for the Vestry and the congregation? The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson, no longer our "new rector," will celebrate the second anniversary of his arrival at St. John's. This time has been productive – not only in terms of the health of St. John's but also in terms of the increase in his family size by 33%. Our staffing structure is taking shape around parish needs and the emerging vision of our future. Searches are currently underway for an Assistant or Associate Rector and a Music Director. The former is in its second stage, considering a slate of promising candidates after our first stage yielded insight but not the right person for our position. The latter is at the point of winnowing down a substantial list of applicants, leading to interviews and hopefully an appointment by mid-summer. The children's, youth and family ministry is taking stock of how best to involve our current staff and parish members in an integrated program to inaugurate the new Church school year in the fall.



The relocation of the Crocus Hill Pre-School to St. John's experienced a resurrection from a near death last month. A St. Paul architectural firm, Pope Associates, offered its experience and expertise to reconfigure our approach to the changes required by the City. As a matter of principle as well as code, the Executive Committee committed to creating an ADA accessible bathroom on the second floor of our education building, incorporating what used to be the sexton's apartment into the design of the preschool areas. Pope Associates creatively reconfigured existing space, then met with City inspectors and drew plans for the modifications so that a building permit could be filed. As of this writing, it looks like the timeline will be tight, but that Crocus Hill will start its fall at St. John's. The capital expenses required for the modifications will be amortized over a five year period drawing on the revenue generated from the pre-school lease.

Speaking of finances, it appears that our budget for 2013 is an accurate prophecy of our expenses and revenues to this point. Pledge income is about at expected levels, and we are most grateful to all those parishioners who faithfully support our ministries. Staffing changes over the last half year have resulted in a positive balance on the compensation side, generating what is anticipated to be an adequate amount to fund our two new persons. The challenge will be in 2014 as we plan to increase the Music Director to a ¾ time position and support a second full-time ordained clergy person, as we did in 2012. Our stewardship program is being re-envisioned under the capable leadership of Tony Grundhauser, supplemented by a new Stewardship Commission. Communicating with the congregation on a continuing basis regarding all things financial, effecting a cultural change to see stewardship as an expression of our generosity, and sustaining a stewardship program throughout the year are on this new commission's agenda.

The new Formation Commission, under the capable leadership of Patrick Schmidt, is in its formative stage and will consolidate its membership and vision over the summer. The goal is to integrate the places and programs at St. John's where spiritual and faith formation occur so that common themes and experiences can be created. The Strategic Planning Committee has stepped up its meeting schedule and scope, and will be bringing its recommendations to the Vestry by the end of the year. Their vision, grounded in St. John's traditions and possibilities, will inform our current parish programs and generate new forms of ministry for our faith community. The remainder of 2013 and the years beyond portend well for the people of St. John's parish.

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# Faith In Action

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## Did You Miss Your Chance to Work on This Summer's Twin Cities Habitat For Humanity Project?

St. John's is a charter member of Faith Builders, a coalition of five area congregations also including Assumption Catholic Church, the Cathedral of St. Paul, House of Hope Presbyterian, and Unity Unitarian. We support Faith Builders and Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity with volunteers and over \$2,000 in financial gifts to improve affordable housing in the Twin Cities.

This year, the 2013 Workcamp includes the weeks of June 24-28 and July 8-12 (Monday through Friday each week). You can still volunteer for the July week! Construction takes place from 8:20 to 4:00 each day. We'll be working on a new Habitat cluster homes project on 99th Street in Cottage Grove, about 10 miles south and

east of St. Paul. This is the 11th Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity summer project Faith Builders and St. John's volunteers have participated in.

Each day there will be a work crew of 14-16 volunteers, and 2 volunteers preparing and serving snacks and lunch. All skill levels are welcome – you'll be provided with tools and friendly instructions, if you need them. You'll work with like-minded folk, people of faith from other local congregations, and you'll be addressing the need for affordable housing in a concrete way. There may still be slots available for the July 8-12 week. To view available volunteer days and to sign up, visit the website, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4EA4A92AA20-faithbuilders>, or contact Don Postema, 651-483-3062, [postema@comcast.net](mailto:postema@comcast.net).

You'll have to wait until next summer to do your Habitat for Humanity gig if you pass this up!

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A day center for families living without permanent housing

Thanks to all who have helped, in any way, this past year with serving dinner at The Family Place. Please note that our next serving date is **Sunday, August 11**. If you'd like to help please contact Sue Cadwell at 651-489-1741 or at [marvin1947@live.com](mailto:marvin1947@live.com). We do the preparation at our homes, then transport the food to The Family Place for serving followed by clean-up. We meet around 4:00pm and we finish by 6:30pm.



## St. John's Clinic Kayoro JUMP! for Africa

Since 2008, St. John The Evangelist has been in partnership with local non profit *Give Us Wings* on the building and support of St. John's Clinic Kayoro in Kayoro, Uganda. The doors of the clinic opened in January of 2012 and life for the people of Kayoro and the surrounding area will never be the same. Travelers from St. John's have twice journeyed half way around the world to get to know the people of this community. We brought with us ideas about health care and nutrition and family planning. We brought with us clothing for the orphan children, a grain grinder that makes processing nuts infinitely easier than it was before, and we brought with us supplies for the shelves of the clinic that the congregation of St. John's raised the money to build. Along the way we have built relationships with the people and the community. We have learned to ask the community what their priorities are and work with them to bring those ideas to fruition. Last year we formed a sky diving team to participate in the annual Give Us Wings JUMP! Take Wing For Africa event. We had 4 team members, The St. John's JUMPERS!; Joan Potter, Lydia Morley, Alsion Young and John Kinkead. We raised \$5,424 to bring clean water to the clinic. We are participating again this year with a jump team and would love your participation! The return of St. John's JUMPERS! is a great way to show support for the clinic and our renewed commitment to "One Good Thing." Please consider how you can be part of this event, JUMP! from an airplane, sponsor the participation costs of our jumpers, donate money through our RAZOO fundraising page (or the collection plate on Sunday by designating the money in the memo line to St. John's Clinic Kayoro) and come out to Skydive Twin Cities on August 10, 2013 to cheer on our team.

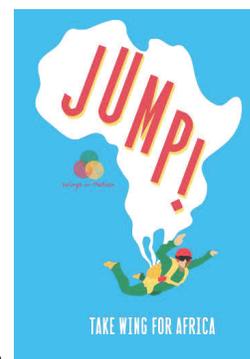
To sign up to JUMP! please email me, Jennifer Kinkead. I will get the proper paperwork lined up for you and get you listed on the fundraising RAZOO page.

To support our work in Africa financially and cheer on our jumpers please visit our RAZOO site and donate or donate on Sunday in the collection plate.

<http://www.razoo.com/story/2013-Jump/share>

If you would like to generously cover the participation costs of the jumpers, each jumper incurs approximately \$210 in expenses. Just let me know if you wish to do this and I will keep you in the loop.

Thank you for supporting this amazing project in all of the ways that you do. One Good Thing has changed many lives in Uganda and right here at St. John's in St. Paul.



## Hearts to Homes

Hearts to Homes has had a great 2013, so far! We received our two families, had our first Giving Tree and a wonderful picnic. And still half a year to go!

Our committee wants to thank everyone that gave to our H2H First Annual Giving Tree during the first part of May. We and our moms are grateful for the items received from the tree AND the donations from the Huge Sale. As usual, this congregation was very, very generous.

If you are interested in still providing an item, the families are in need of:

Kitchen utensils (tongs, spatulas, mixing spoons, mashers, timers, can openers, etc etc)

Face/hand/bath towels

- Beverage Pitchers

Roasting pans

- Cooktop pots and pans

Cookie sheets

- Brooms/dustpans & Mop/buckets

Hand-held vacuums

- Mixing Bowls

Measuring Devices (dry & liquid)

(when dropping items off, please be sure to leave a note with your name and phone number)

Hearts to Homes committee members and our families were blessed by Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson and the congregation on May 5th for our work. We were the featured speakers on the same Sunday for the Adult Education. It means a lot to us to have your support and prayers for our work.

The **H2H Families Picnic** on June 2 was a very fun day. Our Mom Lori and her son were able to make it. The day was perfect, weather-wise. The children played croquet and enjoyed the equipment at the picnic site. Food, drink and conversation flowed. A day enjoyed by all!

Updates on our families:

Mentor Phyllis Merrill tells us Mom Lori enjoyed meeting our "graduated families" at the picnic and the conversational interchange led to some useful information for her. Her son will be going into the fourth grade and Lori's hard work in getting him into a Lutheran parochial school paid off. He has been accepted as his grades are good and Lori hopes to get a partial if not a complete scholarship. Lori's work schedule has improved.

Mentor Paige Hagstrom and her YWCA caseworker are working on meeting times with our second Mom Atlanta. We will have an update in August.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our **H2H Second Annual Chili Cook-Off** will be held on November 3, 2013 following the 10:00 am service. More details to come. Start perfecting your red, white or vegetarian chilis.

If you are interested in joining us, our next meeting is **July 22 in the Fireside Room at 6:00pm**. We would love to see more members to help us grow our mission. Contact Colleen Swope @ 651.246.4292 with any questions.



### July Meeting

**Faith In Action** - Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft. For more information, contact Jennifer Kinkead, khunterlane@aol.com.



# Youth Ministry

## Reflection's of Our Pilgrimage to Juneau, Alaska

Alaska was an amazing experience and I am so grateful I went. I really enjoyed working at Glory Hole, a homeless shelter in Juneau. Glory Hole serves people who are trying to get back on their feet in a very complete way. I loved their rooftop garden. I also enjoyed meeting all the people at Glory Hole - both those who receive services and those who work at the shelter. It was truly inspirational!

- Madeline Weinkauff

I was walking to my cabin with other guys when I thought I heard dolphins. I stopped. I said, as a joke - "That was a whale!" We all turned around and we saw it. We ran down to the water, but it was gone. We thought we had lost it.... then it breached right in front of us. I was wonderstruck!

- Eli Weinkauff



# Musical Notes



## Update from the Music Director Search Committee

The search for our new music director is going very well. We are thrilled with the caliber of our applicants, both in terms of organ and choral skills, and personality and sense of purpose. We have held telephone interviews with several of our top candidates, and by the time this issue of the "Evangelist" reaches you, we will have invited a select number for in-person interviews and auditions. We expect these to take place in July, after which we will make a recommendation to the rector and the vestry. Please keep the committee in your prayers as we make these difficult and important decisions.

- Marilyn Conklin, Chair

## An Invitation to Summer Choir

During the summer months, the St. John's Adult Choir takes a break from weekly evening rehearsals and meets only on Sunday mornings. This summer choir is open to anyone in the parish who would like to join in leading the music for that Sunday. Come to the choir stalls at 9:15 am on Sunday morning, when we learn an easy anthem and go over the hymns and liturgical music for the service.

Singing in the choir will add a whole new dimension to your worship experience. If you're a singer, summer is the perfect time to take part in this ministry without a major time commitment. Welcome!

- Nancy Wellington (Interim Music Director)

## Four Singers Move to New Plateaus

Four singers in the Adult Choir will be undertaking new adventures next fall, having served the parish and the choir well for several years.

Eva Gemlo, a recent graduate of Central High School in St. Paul, will be going to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, to major in music education, with a concentration in voice. Eva has played cello in the Shepherd Band and sung in the Youth and Adult Choirs for several years.

Bob Horn has decided to hang up his music hat, after several years in the choir, as he approaches his 78th year. Thanks, Bob!

Will Bryan, the baritone Choral Scholar, has been offered a very generous package by Florida State University in Tallahassee, to do graduate work in voice. Will has a promising career on stage for opera and musical theater.

Seth Stratton, the tenor Choral Scholar, is completing his undergrad degree in art education at Hamline University and next fall will be student teaching, which will make it difficult for him to continue with the choir. Seth has brought a youthfulness and a zaniness to the choir and the parish which all have appreciated deeply.

Our thanks and best wishes to them all.

## Building Our Memories

Do you have pictures, information, memories of Winifred Bean, Howard Don Small, or Evensong at St. John's? We would love to talk with you and, with your permission take copies of your pictures. Please contact Aimee Baxter, 651-699-4929 or [aimee@baxtercreek.com](mailto:aimee@baxtercreek.com). Any memory or picture, recent or old, momentous or small is a treasure we would like to capture. Please help us *Build Our Memories* for generations to come. Thank you!



# Community Life

## Book Club

Thank you to over thirty people who have attended and made our first book club season a success. To those of you who are interested, here is a list of the great books we've read this season:

*The Late Homecomer*

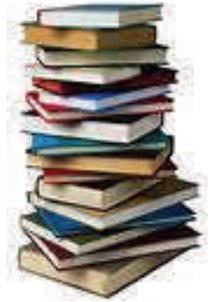
*Beloved Child*

*American Nations*

*And the Wilderness Shall Blossom*

*The Love of Impermanent Things*

*What's the Matter With Kansas?*



We want to stress that all are welcome, male and female. It's not just a gathering for women. Also, please feel free to come if you haven't read the book. Our discussions are stimulating and branch off on to all kinds of related topics!

We will be taking a break this summer but will meet again Saturday, September 7 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room, reading *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova.

## July Meetings

**Prayer Shawl Group** - Wednesday, July 3 at 10:00 am in the Library and on Friday, July 19 at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Anneke Krall, 651-690-0579.

**Men's Group** - Tuesday, July 9 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Josh Colton, 612-275-6004.

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, July 13 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. For more information, contact Jim Johnson, 952-476-4585.

**Down Syndrome Support Group** - Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft. For more information, contact Lindsay Radford, LRadford@kstp.com.

**Young Women's Group** - Thursday, July 25 at 7:30 pm at the home of Julia Ferguson, 590 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul. For more information, contact Erin Weber-Johnson, eweberjohnson@gmail.com.

## Summer Plans

Not going on the road this summer? Take a test drive with the altar guild. Church goes on and members of the altar guild will be working Saturday and Sunday mornings. Consider working with us some weekend this summer to see what we do. Contact Diane Power at 651-222-1031 or dianepower@comcast.net to find a Saturday or Sunday that will work for you.



## Bible Study:

Continues all "Summer" long!  
Every Wednesday at 11:00 am  
in the Library.



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# In Memory

With sadness we announce that our sister in Christ, **Lucy Brown**, died Thursday, June 13. Lucy was a long-time parishioner of St. John's and is survived by her two daughters Lee and Linda, and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Gordon C. Brown. Lucy was the first enlisted U.S. Naval Reserve (Women's Reserve) during World War II. She took Officer Candidate Training, and served at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. A memorial service was held at St. John's on Saturday, June 22. Please keep the family in your prayers.

With sadness we announce that our brother in Christ, **Jerome Wagner** died Saturday, June 15. Jerry was a friend of St. John's parish and husband of long-time parishioner, Barbara Lindeke. He is survived by 11 children, 29 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Jerry was preceded in death by 1 grandchild. Jerry taught high school biology for 40 years, many of those years at Anoka High School. There will be a memorial service at St. John's in July. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

### **July 7 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*Main Altar*

James H. and Ada O. Baker

*Small Altar*

William J., Ruth O., Dorothy E. Abler

### **July 14 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Main Altar*

Gladys and Richard Ordway

*Small Altar*

Open

### **July 21 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Main Altar*

Burton Anderson

*Small Altar*

Grenville and Annie McMillan Baker

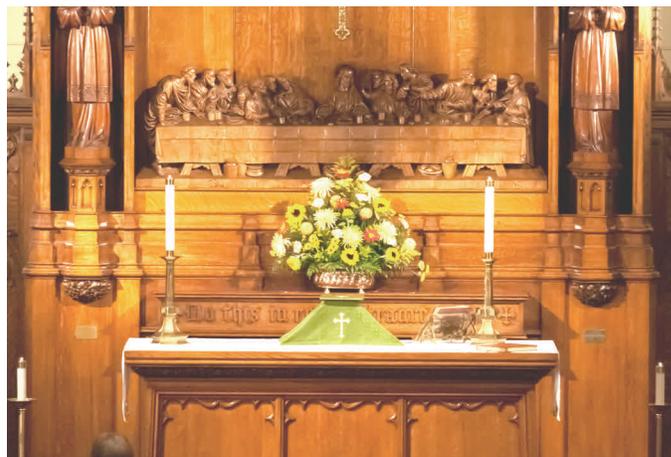
### **July 28 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Main Altar*

John C. and Elizabeth M. Parish

*Small Altar*

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## Altar Flowers 2013

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 \$40 for the Main Altar and \$10 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.

# Happy Birthday to...

## July\*

- 1 Cammie Beattie  
Jim Frazier  
Ashley Roehrlich
- 2 Joyce Johnston
- 3 Judy Kinkead
- 5 Henrik Axelson  
Brett Gemlo  
Laura Haseman  
Reverend Cecie Titcomb
- 6 Thea Bischof  
Robert Kendall
- 10 Josie Kuhn
- 11 Francesca Ramos  
Kris Longley-Postema  
Peter Myers  
Samantha Rosendale
- 12 Oliver Lowe  
Wyatt Furois  
Jonathan Frost
- 13 Eliana Avery
- 14 Meghan Longley-Postema  
Amelia Ryan
- 15 Jay Debertin  
Anthony Specht
- 16 Harriet Page
- 18 Missy Thompson  
Jeshua Livstrom  
Paul Savage
- 19 Anneke Krall  
Dick Lyman
- 20 Rick Olson  
James Orput  
Linnea Pedersen
- 21 Melissa Brown  
Ellen Brynteson  
Kimberly Burrows  
Mark Maronde
- 22 John Docherty
- 23 Nancy Martin  
Reverend Mary Ramos
- 26 Peggy Olsen
- 27 Charles Swope
- 28 Megan August-Hau

- 28 Monica Ropal  
Dorothy MacDonald
- 29 Don Rudnik
- 31 Logan Finkel

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

### VESTRY MEMBERS

- Libby Snelson, *Senior Warden*
- Don Postema, *Junior Warden*
- Bob Baumann, *Clerk of Vestry*
- Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*
- Kathy Brown, *Membership*
- Tony Grundhauser, *Stewardship*
- Jennifer Kinkead, *Faith in Action*
- Anneke Krall, *Formation*
- Marilyn Conklin, *Music*
- Phyllis Goff, *At Large*
- Rex Haberman, *At Large*
- Jerry Woelfel, *Personnel*
- Tricia Durst, *Fellowship*
- Mary Gilbertson, *At Large*
- Gary Hagstrom, *At Large*
- Suzanne McInroy, *At Large*

### VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Kent Furois, *Head Usher*
- Jill Thompson, *Lay Reader Coordinator*
- Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*
- Dusty Mairs, *Parish Coordinator*
- Alden Drew, *Historian/Archivist*
- 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 Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*

### STAFF

- Nancy Wellington, *Interim Music Director/Organist*
- Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*
- Lizza Berry, *Youth and Children Choirs Director*
- Jean Hansen, *Youth and Family Minister*
- Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*
- Chelsea Olson, *Nursery Supervisor*
- John Oldfield, *Office of the Treasurer*
- Sarah Dull, *Office Administrator*
- Chris Tegeler, *Building Manager*
- Dunfa Weretti, *Building Assistant*

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST JULY SERVICE SCHEDULE 2013

TIME	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
<b>July 7, 2013 - The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost First Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>					
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Dusty Mairs Team	Terri Fishel, Shirley Sailors	Diane Norman, Erin Weber- Johnson	Sarah K. Smith
10:00 am	A - Peggy Lemmon B - Cammie Beattie				
<b>July 14, 2013 - The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>					
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Pam Strom Team	Julia Ferguson, Rick Rinkoff	Gabrielle Lawrence, Don Postema	Diane and George Power
10:00 am	A - Judy Southwick B - Sarah K. Smith				
<b>July 21, 2013 - The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>					
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Pat Brynteson Team	Dave Barrett, Patty Byrne Pfalz	Don Weinkauf, Libby Snelson	Dusty Mairs
10:00 am	A - Joan Potter B - Alden Drew				
<b>July 28, 2013 - The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>					
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Diane Power Team	George and Mason Kinkead	Phyllis Goff, Diane Norman	Susan and Chris Johnson
10:00 am	A - John Docherty B - Don Postema				

### Acolyte Schedule

August 4:  
 August 11: Samantha Rosendale, Helen Baxter, Will Rinkoff  
 August 18: Emily Brooks, Logan Finkel  
 August 25: Matt Richards, Tessa Johnson, Matt Brooks

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## Sunday Worship Service and Annual Parish Picnic

Please join us on Sunday, August 4th, for the joint Saint John's - Holy Apostles annual summer picnic celebration.

The 10:00 am worship service will be at Crosby Farm park followed by a picnic lunch. We've booked the park until dusk, so please stay as long as you'd like for games, fellowship and more delicious food.

WHEN: Sunday August 4th

- 10:00 am Worship Service with Baptism
- Picnic Lunch following the service

WHERE: Picnic area in Crosby Farm park - 2595 Crosby Farm Rd., Saint Paul, MN 55116

(Entrance at Shepard and Gannon Road intersection)

St. John's will provide burgers and brats. Holy Apostles will provide chicken and pork.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

- If your last name begins with A-G: please bring a salad or side dish
- If your last name begins with H-Z: please bring a dessert

