

THE EVANGELIST

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Episcopal Church



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Welcome New Members

The vision of a thriving, and nurturing, and growing congregation is featured prominently in our new strategic framework (see page 4). So it was fitting that, on Sunday, February 9, we welcomed eight new members to St. John the Evangelist.

As before, our liturgy of welcome included these words:

We welcome you to Saint John's. What you have to give we gladly receive. What you need from us we gladly offer.

We will be here to celebrate your joys and comfort your sorrows. Join us in our work and in our study, as we sing and pray our way through the seasons and cycles of this Christian life. Together, let us pattern our lives after Christ, walking in his ways of compassion and justice, and inviting all people to God's hold table.

Our new members responded:

We accept your welcome and are happy to join with you in this ministry.



Left to right: Rector Jered Weber-Johnson; new members Bob Linehan, Kate Sigford, Rianna Matter, Christopher Matter, Terry Dinovo, Diane Wallace-Reid, Alexis Reineke, and Sean Ball; and new member commission member Lea Anne Schmidt.



In these pictures, our new members enjoy the tasty brunch hosted by the new member committee, vestry, and a group of past new members.



Our newest members are already involved in a wide variety of ministries here, from choir to adult formation to volunteering in the church office. Please introduce yourselves to them, and look for their stories in more detail in the Getting to Know You sections of upcoming issues of this newsletter.

Come...
Join Us In Lent

Sundays

8:00 am Service:
Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Sunday Forum:
Fireside Room
10:00 am Service:
Sung Eucharist Rite I

**7:00 pm Thursday
Compline Services** week-
ly starting March 6.

**9:30 am Wednesday
Prayer Shawl gatherings**
weekly starting March 5



**Evangelist
Deadline**

April Issue

March 13 at 4pm

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

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From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson



Dear Friends in Christ,

Winter is a march — a long march down a rutted road. It is cold wind in the face and long nights, wet boots and ice in the beard. Winter is, as the Christmas hymn claims, bleak — snow on snow on snow, and water like a stone. Or, such were my grumbling thoughts as I whipped north to join the choir on retreat in Collegeville last month. As the city gave way to trees and fields and the usual grey sky became a thin blue, my grumbling was silenced by the sight of snow geese in flight. Our paths crossed only for an instant, but that was enough to shift my mood, and my thoughts flew to a poem. Mary Oliver writes of her encounter with a flock of snow geese:

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| <i>...catching the sun</i> | <i>sometimes</i> |
| <i>so they were, in part at least, golden. I</i> | <i>to stop time</i> |
| <i>held my breath</i> | <i>when something wonderful</i> |
| <i>as we do</i> | <i>has touched us...</i> |

This winter has not only been bleak, it has been hard. Not more than a few hours after my sighting of the geese, I was at a hospital bedside praying last rites. Too many times praying those prayers of commending to God another sister or grandfather or friend or spouse, makes for a hard winter. Perhaps it is winter that brings death, or perhaps it is in winter, when leaves are gone and when color fades, that we are more attuned to loss. So it was that those geese shifted my perspective for a moment, from the bleakness of winter to the loveliness of creation. And I was grateful for the shift. As Oliver writes “Oh, to love what is lovely, and will not last!”

But, it is winter here now, still. There is no green blade as yet. The losses we have incurred are still fresh and real as the ice on the window’s ledge. As I write this my weather alert forecasts more snow, and I am hopeful for another encounter with something like the geese. I am so grateful for the gift they gave and left behind.

As Oliver writes:

*What matters
is that, when I saw them,
I saw them
as through the veil, secretly, joyfully, clearly.*

From our vantage on this side of the veil, life and beauty are fleeting, but, so too is winter. Here for a moment, grey and cold, and then melting like so many puddles of slush in our parish parking lot. Here, then, will be the crocus and the daffodil, and the robin and the geese will return. Like the seed that lies dormant, our faith teaches us that life returns in an unending song. What we see only now through a glass dimly, there will come a time when we will see and know it just as we are fully known.

With whatever losses or difficulties you have faced this winter, I pray that you will encounter too the glimmer of grace, the persisting and unending beauty of God, which lies beneath and runs through all things. And when you perceive it, I pray you will give thanks.

Blessings to you and yours in what remains of winter, in this Lent which is to come, and in all things.

I’ll see you in church.

Jered +

From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear People of God,

Below are some of the reflections you shared with me about your Project Home experiences. As always, we gained more than we gave, as we were entrusted with the families' stories, hopes, and confidences.

Faithfully yours,

Kate

From many voices:

Hosting Project Home is the Collect of St. John's. It is an honor and privilege to support the families and guests at Project Home.



I had a deeply rewarding experience volunteering for Project Home; I certainly received much more than I gave....I found myself chatting and joking around with a number of our guests and their lovely children....There is such a stigma surrounding homelessness in our culture, but I was struck during that evening by the many ways in which our guests are not that different from you and me. They hope to raise their children well, they want to provide for their families, and they are striving to improve themselves and their situation. I expect that many of them have reason to be bitter, but I only saw kindness and appreciation from them that evening at Project Home. I am... looking forward to next year!

I noticed the families had each other's backs. I mean they didn't know each other before and now, they cared for each other, not only the kids but the parents too.

How do families cope with the stress...of homelessness? How would I? An accident, the loss of a job could mean homelessness. These things, a job, a house, are an illusion, a house of cards. What can I depend on? Christ is with me and lives in me. I am not alone! I saw that last night as families saw and served the Christ in each other. They made the best of a very, very difficult situation. The night was cold yesterday. I hope everyone had a warm place to sleep...although I doubt it.

Humbled by the steadfast strength of parents, enchanted by innocent children caring for each other, awed by their infinite energy, startled by the tug on my coat as I leave and touched as I stoop to meet imploring eyes and hear, "Are you coming back?"

It really put a face on something we hear about but don't really think about. we get from the media that homeless people are mentally ill, filthy, pushing shopping carts

Vestry Members

Bob Baumann, *Clerk of Vestry*

Marilyn Conklin, *Music*

Tricia Durst, *Fellowship*

Mary Gilbertson, *At Large*

Phyllis Goff, *At Large*

Rex Haberman, *At Large*

Gary Hagstrom, *At Large*

Vern Kassekert, *At Large*

Suzanne McInroy, *At Large*

Don Postema, *Senior Warden*

Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*

Lea Anne Schmidt, *New Member/Welcome*

Colleen Swope, *Faith in Action*

Kevin Wall, *At Large*

Holly Weinkauf, *At Large*

Jerry Woelfel, *Junior Warden*

Volunteer Positions

Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*

Phillip Baird, *Verger*

Alden Drew, *Historian/Archivist*

Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*

Jim Johnson, *Planned Gift Chair*

Dusty Mairs, *Kitchen Coordinator*

Diane Power, *Altar Guild*

George Power, *Columbarium*

Jill Thompson, *Lay Reader Coordinator*

Clergy

The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*

The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*

Staff

Sarah Dull, *Office Administrator*

Jayson Engquist, *Director of Music and Organist*

Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*

Jean Hansen, *Children, Youth, and Family Minister*

Ivan Holguin, *Building Assistant*

John Oldfield, *Office of the Treasurer*

Chris Tegeler, *Building Manager*

Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*

Nancy Wellington, *Interim Children's Choir Director*

Dunfa Weretti, *Building Assistant*

around with all their stuff....It really struck me how normal the Project Home people were. It just drove home how homelessness can happen to anyone.

Strategic Plan: Executive Summary



Our Mission -- The Collect of St. John's:

"Gracious God, by your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son. So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him that we may welcome all people into this community of faith and show forth our service to you in our service to others."

Our Vision

At St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, we pride ourselves on being more than simply a church building or even a worshipping congregation. We will be a thriving and nurturing community that cares about its members and serves Christ in the world. In the years ahead, we will build on our strong foundation. We will offer vibrant and meaningful worship, music, programs, and faith formation opportunities. We will cultivate innovative partnerships in the city around us, responding to our evolving community's needs. We will serve as an inclusive cultural center in our neighborhood, nurturing and welcoming both longtime members and visitors of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences.

The Process

In 2013, a Vestry-appointed strategic planning commission began developing a three-to five-year framework to identify and work toward the vision for the church's future. The entire congregation engaged in the process through Evangelist summary updates, stakeholder interviews, Sunday conversations, surveys and discussion groups. After collecting and assessing data, the commission identified recommendations for six priority areas:

I. Faith Formation: "Build us up in the knowledge and love of Him...."

Faith formation involves nourishing our spiritual development so that we are prepared to live out the Saint John's mission and identify strongly as committed Christians. Everything, from our worship and Faith in Action service work to our community life and welcome ministries, should contribute to this effort. Saint John's will support Christian formation for members of all ages through new and existing programs and through external partnerships. Our programs will include existing and new formation and instruction, and will seek to in-

fuse all of our gatherings with intentional spiritual practice. We will emphasize building healthy and strong relationships among members and the leaders who serve them and invite all to walk together with us, learning and growing in our journey of faith and discovery.

Priorities

- Provide opportunities for parishioners to deepen their relationship with God, including programs and conversations that build on the Sunday worship and other services.
- Encourage spiritual growth both individually and as a community by increasing opportunities for all adult members to discern and reflect on their relationship with God and prayer. Multigenerational programming will be incorporated into this effort.
- Strengthen the vitality and continuum of children's and youth programming.

II. WORSHIP: "Proclaim with joy the good news of your Son...."

We aim to engage a diverse community of faith and enrich each member's spiritual development through our worship. Our liturgical practice, highlighted by excellence in preaching, will draw from both traditional and contemporary Anglican practices. Our music program, with opportunities for participation from parishioners, will provide a broad repertoire and facilitate other special visual and performing arts events.

Priorities

- Attract, welcome and engage a diverse cross-section of our community through liturgy and the performing and visual arts.
- Continue the growth and excellence in liturgy and music programming, including recruiting new talent into our choirs and other liturgical ministries.
- Maximize and enhance our church space's beauty and utility in more creative ways to further enhance the liturgy and the music.

III. PROGRAMMING AND PARTNERSHIPS: "Our service to You in our service to others...."

We will be a parish that seeks to understand the issues in our community. We will provide opportunities for meaningful involvement, from social activities to outreach beyond our walls. We will pursue partnerships with others in our community, using our shared assets to develop collaborative programming. This sustainable programming, along with thriving fellowship groups and opportunities—supported and led by staff and church members—will be available to parishioners. Service to community and pastoral care will be hallmarks, their comforting resources integrated into everything that we do.

Priorities

- Reinvigorate our volunteer engagement and management approaches so that communication is comprehensive and the availability of volunteer opportunities is well-integrated.
- Deepen community partnerships that leverage mutual strength; continue to strengthen our Holy Apostles partnership.
- Expand the objective assessment of current programs to ensure mission alignment and effective use of resources.
- Develop an effective, sustainable model of lay and ordained pastoral care.

IV. MEMBER INTEGRATION: “Welcome all people into this community of faith...”

We will thrive as “the church of the open door,” and we will be known across the community for our inviting spirit. We will nurture a growing congregation and invite visitors to consider making Saint John’s their spiritual home; and we welcome into our community every person who enters our building no matter where they are in their spiritual journey. We cherish a community that is diverse in all ways.

Priorities

- Develop clarity around the process of becoming a member, including the opportunities, expectations and criteria.
- Involve parishioners in welcoming visitors and encouraging membership; plus, identify and reach out to members who have become inactive.
- Seek new ways to welcome people who may be different from us.
- Cultivate a culture of invitation - equipping and encouraging our members to communicate the joy of our parish community and the faith it holds to the city around us.

V. BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE: (Our tools for mission/vision fulfillment)

- Our beautiful building in the heart of a vibrant neighborhood is an historic landmark and one of St. John’s many treasures; it is a resource to be well-maintained and used faithfully for ministry. Our vision is to maintain and regularly update a building that serves our mission and community, a space that draws hearts and minds toward God.

Priorities

- Determine the best way to plan and fund our ongoing and future capital needs.
- Develop and implement strategies to make the most efficient and effective use of our physical space.

VI. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY: (Our tools for mission/vision fulfillment)

Generosity, gratitude, hope and charity are at the core of St. John’s. We strive to make stewardship part of the fabric of our daily life together: for all of our members to take ownership and support our church’s programs and future by pledging toward our annual campaign and considering planned giving options. We will use our endowment judiciously and evaluate our plans for the future through an ongoing appraisal of our current resources and program impacts.

Priorities

- Create and deepen a culture and expectation of stewardship, and develop that value across all aspects of what we do, including new and existing member integration, programming and faith formation.
- Develop a financial plan that provides adequately for ongoing facility maintenance and replacement, funding from reserves for periodic capital replacement, and long-term preservation of endowment principal.
- Increase the endowment and planned giving program.
- Determine strategic ways to use our physical plant’s assets to generate additional revenue.

Next Steps

Now that the commission’s findings have been presented to the Vestry and at the congregation’s annual meeting in January, the congregation will have the opportunity to provide further feedback. Parish commissions will begin to develop specific work plans for the years ahead to address the identified priorities and build a dynamic, vibrant future for St. John’s.

Are You Confirmed?

Have you been confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? Do you want to reaffirm your baptism and confirmation from when you were younger? Not sure what all of this means?

The Episcopal Church offers the Rite of Confirmation as a means for Adults to express to the world and to their worshipping communities their intent and commitment to be an active and engaged member in the ministry of Christ and the mission of God in the world. Many of us were baptized in other traditions or as an infant, and confirmation allows us to recommit to the baptismal life in the context of this tradition, the Episcopal Church.

Confirmation is also one of the steps toward becoming a “member in good standing” able to vote in the parish, to stand for vestry, to be married, or to pursue ordination.

If you were confirmed as a Lutheran, Orthodox, or Roman Catholic, but not as an Episcopalian, and you want to live out your faith in the Episcopal Church, you can participate in the same service, in the Rite of Reception – and be received by our bishop into this branch of the Church. Because Lutherans, Orthodox, and Roman Catholics place an importance on the role of the bishop in the rite of confirmation and reception, we can recognize one’s previous confirmation in these traditions, at the hands of an ordained bishop. Bishops in these traditions trace their ministry right back to the first apostles, and are set apart by each of our denominations as a chief pastor and elder. In the Episcopal Church, we find our unity around the ministry of the bishop and it is the bishop that welcomes us into the Episcopal Church.

You might be thinking, “but, I was welcomed at St. John’s on a Sunday morning – am I still not a member?” We believe that being formally welcomed here is important and a vital part of our faith experience. Standing in front of your peers and saying, I’m here with you, and we responding the same, is a necessary step in joining the local community. When you’ve been welcomed, we believe you are members. You worship with us, support us with your time, talent, and financial gifts, and we support you through the ups and downs of life. You can be involved in the ministries and serve on committees and commissions. To honor the Episcopal Church’s theology and rules governing further leadership, as noted earlier, we ask that you also be baptized and confirmed (and/or received) to serve on the vestry or to take the vows of marriage here.

If you are already a confirmed or received member of the Episcopal Church, but have been sensing that your faith needs some renewal, that you need a spark, and a moment to mark your journey towards deepened faith and a new beginning, you may also want to participate in the Rite of Reaffirmation. During this part of the service you will recommit, publicly, to the committed life of faith as a baptized and confirmed Christian, and to the work of joining others in the ministry of Christ and the mission of God.

If you are interested in any of the above, our clergy are eager to meet with you to discuss further and to help you prepare for one of these rites. The next service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation will be held in connection with the Bishops visit to the East Metro Mission Area (EMMA), of which we are a part. The service will take place at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at St. Christopher’s Church in Roseville.

Getting to Know You

Kathryn Allen, Elliott and Michaela



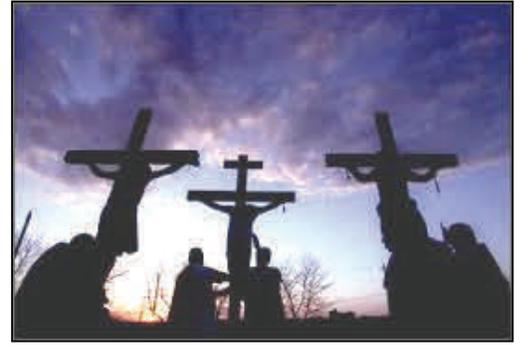
The Allen family are long-standing members of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota. In the past they were involved in Cass Lake

and TEC. When they moved to Tennessee in 1997, they became involved with the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of East Tennessee. Elliott and Michaela attended elementary and middle school at the Episcopal School of Knoxville, where Kathryn taught third grade.

After the family returned to Minnesota last year, Kathryn’s daughter and son-in-law (Jessica and Brett Berry) invited them to St. John’s. As Kathryn explains, “The beauty of the bells and building drew us into worship” and the church community warmly welcomed them.

Elliott and Michaela attend Mounds View High School, and Kathryn is pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota. School activities, including theater, frisbee, and volleyball, keep them busy, and their border collie, Toby, likes to tag along on outings to local parks and the beautiful outdoor spaces of Minnesota.

Lenten Programming



This year the season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5. We will observe **Ash Wednesday** with two services, 12 noon and 7pm in the Sanctuary.

During Lent we will hold **Compline** services every Thursday at 7pm in the Choir Stalls. For more information see schedule to the right or contact Craig Lemming at 857-891-8780 or clemming@hotmail.com.

Our **Prayer Shawl** ministry will also meet weekly, Wednesdays at 9:30am in the Undercroft. Lent is the perfect time to offer your prayers and create a blessing filled gift for a fellow parishioner. To learn more, contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579.

Looking to develop your **Faith Formation** this Lent? Join the parish wide read, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown. Books are available in Barbara's office and at the back of the church. See page 12 for more details.

Barbara will also be hosting Wednesday Evening Forums; supper is served at 5:30 and the programming runs 6:15-7:30pm in the undercroft. This year's theme is *Finding Hope in an Addicted Culture*, see page 12 for full schedule.

Our **Youth Ministry** are offering a Lenten Movie Series, on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Fireside Room. This year's theme is *Community*. See page 10 for a full schedule.

St. John's youth will also be working on two fundraisers this season; Easter Pie Sale and 100 Envelope Fundraiser. See page 11 for how you can support their efforts to raise funds for their next pilgrimage.

All those working with **Faith in Action** are invited to read *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (and How to Reverse It)* during Lent. There will be a book discussion on Sunday, April 6 after the 10:00 am service in the Fireside Room. Copies of the book are available from The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller. See page 8 for more details.

St. John's **Music Ministry** will be presenting a Lenten Evensong on Sunday, March 16 at 4pm in the Sanctuary. Featuring anthems and canticles by British composer Herbert Howells. See page 9 for more details.

The **Episcopal Church of Minnesota** is inviting all parishioners to a series of Lenten gatherings, "Participating in God's Mission: Building Whole Communities," on March 10, 17, and 24 at King's Crossing (500 North Dale St. in St. Paul). Each session will run from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and feature speakers, conversation, and refreshments. To learn more, please contact Margy Mattlin at m.mattlin@comcast.net.

Lenten Sung Compline Series

7:00 pm - 7:45 pm: Sung Compline Liturgy, featuring The Mirandola Ensemble and St. John's Compline Ensemble

7:45 pm - 8:15 pm: Postlude Meditations on J.S. Bach's Six Cello Suites, featuring cellist Charles Asch.

Thursday, March 6:

The Mirandola Ensemble
Cello Suite #1 in G Major - Reuben Verdoljak (cellist)

Thursday, March 13:

The Mirandola Ensemble
Cello Suite #2 in D Minor - Charles Asch (cellist)

Thursday, March 20:

The Mirandola Ensemble
Cello Suite #3 in C Major - Charles Asch (cellist)

Thursday, March 27:

Saint John's Compline Ensemble
Cello Suite #4 in E-flat Major - Charles Asch (cellist)

Thursday, April 3:

The Mirandola Ensemble
Cello Suite #5 in C Minor - Charles Asch (cellist)

Thursday, April 10:

Saint John's Compline Ensemble
Cello Suite #6 in D Major - Charles Asch (cellist)



Faith in Action

At St. John's, we are known as the Church with the open door, welcoming all who enter. We are also the Church that is happy to push those doors open in the other direction and go into our world. Our congregation believes in using our respective

strengths and talents to help those in our community whose needs are greater than our own. We are very lucky to have many ways to contribute to the world around us.

The Faith in Action (FIA) outreach committees cover areas such as hunger and nutrition, housing and shelter, and unique fundraising events. You can find your passion and let it lead you.

The opportunities in St. Johns FIA reflect many ways to connect in our community that fit into your busy lives. Some are an hour a month over the year, some are intense 8-10 weeks once or twice a year and some are a 2 or 4 week commitment once a year.

In the coming months, we have an opportunity for involvement with your fellow congregants and the world at large.

Farmers' Market Leader

We are looking for someone who loves fresh food and fresh air and will lead the Farmers Market this year. Duties include getting contracts and insurance coverage completed with our farmers from our sister parish, Holy Apostles. The Market Lead will also recruit, train and schedule volunteers for Sunday and Wednesday market shifts. The office will assist in creating the Sign-Up Genius site. The market runs from mid-May to mid-September.

Please contact Colleen Swope (651-246-4292 or ccswope50@gmail.com) for this and other opportunities within Faith in Action at St. John's.

Huge Sale Transformation

Look for something new at the Huge Sale this spring, and **Mark Your Calendar for May 3**. Instead of a three day sale, we will have a one day sale, with individual pricing of items in the morning, and a bag sale in the afternoon. Join us to staff the sale and to shop as we all put our energy into the main event!

Faith In Action Committees

Below is a list of the committees covered under Faith in Action.

- Hearts to Homes
- Faith Builders
- Farmers Market/Fields to Families
- Food Shelf Delivery
- The Huge Sale
- The Christmas Giving Tree
- St. John's Clinic Kayoro
- Project Home
- Meals on Wheels
- Annual School Tools Drive

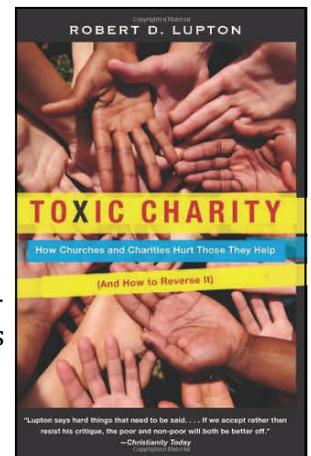
Faith in Action Reading during Lent

Here at St. John's, we know how important partnering with the local community is to our Faith in Action work. We have learned that sustainable outreach comes only with full collaboration.

In Lent, all those working with Faith in Action are invited to read *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (and How to Reverse It)*. This book will help us create a vision for our existing programs and future initiatives.

On Sunday, April 6, after the 10:00 am service, we will have an opportunity for group discussion about the book. Sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a dessert or salad to pass.

Copies of the book are available from The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller (651-228-1172, x18; kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org).



Hearts to Homes - Monday, March 24 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. To learn more, contact Colleen Swope at 651-246-4292.

Musical Notes

Don't Know Beans about Evensong Services?

Have you never attended Evensong and wondered what the service is like? Then consider attending an upcoming Evensong as part of your Lenten journey this year! Have you always attended Evensong? We can't wait to see you! St. John's offers the following Evensong services in the coming weeks and months: March 16 (featuring the music of Howells), April 27 (featuring the music of Vaughan Williams), and May 11 (featuring the music of Stanford and Mozart). All services begin at 4:00 pm and last approximately one hour. Child care for young children is available. A festive reception in the Fireside Room follows each Evensong service (even during Lent!) to which you are warmly invited. Our March 16 reception even involves a theme! Inspired by the traditional Lenten practice of going meatless, and, in recognition of the Bean Fund, the food and appetizers following the March 16 Lenten evensong will feature bean dishes, in all of their glorious varieties. You will be full of beans by evening's end!

Spilling the Beans about the Bean Fund

You don't know beans about the Bean Fund? Many of you may have recently received the Bean Fund's annual appeal in the mail, inviting you to support and participate in St. John's Evensong services. Evensong services at St. John's are supported by generous contributions to the Winifred Bean Memorial Evensong Fund. The Bean Fund was established by Howard Don Small, former St. John's organist, in memory of Winifred Bean, an Episcopalian philanthropist and supporter of sacred music. How does St. John's use your contributions to the Bean Fund? The Bean Fund has made it possible for St. John's to present performances of works by Faure, Brahms, Durufle, Handel, Bach, and Mozart, among many others, often with orchestra. Your contributions go directly toward the hiring of orchestral musicians, guest organists and singers, as well as toward purchase of musical scores and other things we need.

Importantly, the Bean Fund keeps alive the memory and legacy of Winifred and Atherton Bean and their many contributions to the cultural and civic life of Minnesota. You too have the opportunity to contribute to the Bean Fund and support the Evensong series at St. John's with your tax deductible donation. We invite you

to join in our community of worship and music. Donation forms are available at all Evensong receptions. We look forward to your participation and support!

From The Organ Bench

Choir Retreat

The adult choir was on retreat at the Benedictine Abbey of St. John in Collegeville, Minnesota over the weekend of February 1-2, 2014. The choir was able to rehearse many works for *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, performed as part of the Evensong service on February 16, 2014. Special thanks to Michael Stack-Nelson (Amahl), Krista Palmquist (Mother), the three kings: Craig

Lemming, David Winkworth and Brian Jeddelloh, and Valerie Weaver (the Kings' Page). Many of the adult choir members were part of the villagers and Shepherds' Chorus.

Easter Choir

If you would like to sing with the adult choir on Easter morning (April 20, 2014), you may attend a minimum of three Wednesday evening rehearsals in the Music Room at 8:00 pm (for 30 minutes). Several Evangelist Choir members will also be singing with the Easter Choir. Call the Music Office (651-228-1172 x38) to learn more, or contact Jayson R. Engquist at x36. The Artaria String Quartet will be playing for the 10:00 am service on Easter morning. They will begin with a 20-minute prelude at 9:40 am.

Evensong: March 16, 2014 at 4:00 pm

The choir is preparing several anthems and canticles by British composer Herbert Howells for the March Lenten Evensong. The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis they will sing were originally commissioned for use by the Royal Family at their "royal peculiars" at Westminster Abbey and St. George's Chapel at Windsor. Herbert Norman Howells (1892-1983) was also an organist, and teacher, most famous for his large output of Anglican church music.



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



Important Dates

- March 2: **Confirmation Preparation** - 1:00-4:00 pm. Lunch in gym kitchen; lesson in the Green Room
- March 4: **Pancake Dinner Fundraiser** - 5:30-8:00pm
- March 5: **Ash Wednesday** - youth and leaders worship together. Meet in the church by 7pm. No dinner this night.
- March 12: **Youth Lenten Movie Series** begins. The series runs from 5:00-8:00 pm for five Wednesdays.

Youth Lenten Movie Series:

This year's theme focused on community:

October Sky - The true story of Homer Hickam, a coal miner's son, who was inspired by the first Sputnik launch to take up rocketry against his father's wishes. Rating: PG.

Freedom Writers - A young teacher inspires her class of at-risk students to learn tolerance, apply themselves, and pursue education beyond high school. Rating: PG-13.

Invictus - Nelson Mandela, in his first term as the South African President, initiates a unique venture to unite the apartheid-torn land: enlist the national rugby team on a mission to win the 1995 Rugby World Cup. Rating: PG-13.

Happy - HAPPY takes us on a journey from the swamps of Louisiana to the slums of Kolkata in search of what really makes people happy. Combining real life stories of people from around the world and powerful interviews with the leading scientists in happiness research, HAPPY explores the secrets behind our most valued emotion. No rating.

Remember the Titans - The true story of a newly appointed African-American coach and his high school team on their first season as a racially integrated unit. Rating: PG.

Revision

In the February issue of *The Evangelist*, we mistakenly paired Josh Colton with Tricia Durst. Our most humble apologies. Below are the correct Rite 13 biographies.

Tricia Durst— Rite 13 Leader

Being a Rite 13 Leader has inspired me to think more seriously about my own spirituality. It has always been a private, contemplative thing or something I express with song or on Sunday with the congregation.



The time we spend with the youth on Wednesdays has helped me grow and be more open with my spirituality while encouraging the youth to do the same. Formation is a process and I am honored and moved to be a part of that important process. We are learning and growing in faith together.

Josh and Tisha Colton—Rite 13 Leaders

We have been married for seven years and have two boys: Jacob, 6, and Caleb, nearly 4. We both are physicians in St. Paul and started servicing through Rite 13 almost two years ago. It has been both a joy and a revelation. We are repeatedly amazed at the insights offered by several young adults in the group, as well as the candidness and humor we have experienced. Rite 13 helps remind us that there is work in having and maintaining faith, and that it is okay to find that work sometimes challenging. We have also enjoyed working and getting to know the other Rite 13 leaders, whose passion for working with the youth group has been inspirational.

Youth Dinner Schedule

Volunteers are still needed to fill in. Please check your calendars and sign up on Volunteerspot.com. Please let us know if you need another invitation emailed to you.

March 12: Bloomquist/Richards Family

March 19 and 26: Volunteer Needed

Update: Children and Youth Music Ministry

As many of you know our Children and Youth Choir Director, Lizza Berry, has been on a leave of absence from St. John's over the past month and a half. As she informed the parents of our children and youth choir members in her letter sent to them this week, she has come to the difficult decision not to continue working at St. John's. We are conscious of and grateful for her many faithful hours served in her years at St. John's. It was evident to me and those with whom she served that Lizza loved this work and the families and children she served here, and we are grateful for that love and care over the years. We wish Lizza all blessings and prayers for her health and treatment, and assure her of our love and thanks.

The Children and Youth Choirs have already prepared a gift for Lizza in gratitude for her service, but we know that many of you would like to personally express your thanks to Lizza as well. Emails to Lizza can be sent to lizaberry@aol.com and notes and cards can be mailed to 1847 Princeton Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.

If you would like to contribute a meal to Lizza and her husband David, we ask that you contact the parish office to notify us - we will be collecting freezable meals here

100 Envelope Fundraiser

This fundraiser is a direct appeal fundraiser for the Journey to Adulthood Pilgrimage fund. Many of our Senior Youth went on pilgrimage last summer to Alaska. Soon there will be another group of young people ready to pilgrimage. On Sundays during Lent, the Senior and Rite 13 Youth will be in the Undercroft during coffee hour sharing stories of past pilgrimage and hopes for future pilgrimage. There will also be a bulletin board in the Undercroft with 100 envelopes with labels numbered from 1 to 100.

So how does this Envelope Fundraiser work? It is really fairly simple. You just choose an envelope and donate the same amount of money as the envelope number. If you choose envelope # 5, donate \$5. If you have \$7, choose envelope #7. If you want to donate \$78, choose both envelopes #8 and #70.

If all 100 envelopes are filled and returned, we will raise more than \$5,000. We can do it!

The Envelope Fundraiser will begin on Shrove Tuesday, March 4 during the Pancake Dinner and remain up in the Undercroft during Lent.

and delivering them as Lizza indicates need.

In the weeks to come the Music Commission and our Director of Music Jayson Enquist will be conducting a search process to hire someone to continue the children and youth music ministry at St. John's. We would appreciate hearing from you if you would like to add your input to that search process. In the interim, we are grateful for Nancy Wellington and her willingness to continue shepherding this vital program. Nancy and Lizza have been in conversation to ensure no momentum is lost in this transition.

While we work and plan for the future of the children and youth music ministry at St. John's, we also continue to pray for Lizza and her family. Again, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the gifts she has given, the lives she has touched, and the devotion she has shown here at St. John's.

Faithfully,

Jered Weber-Johnson



Easter Pies

The Senior Youth are making Easter pies again this year! Please support the youth and their future pilgrimages by ordering a yummy pie.

Pre-order forms available Sunday, February 23

Forms will be in the back of the church on the usher's desk, and on the St. John's website - www.stjohnsstpaul.org

Pre-orders are due March 30, 2014. Orders can be placed in the box on the usher's desk, or in the box on the buffet in the undercroft. Orders can also be filled out and submitted electronically on the St. John's website.

Flavors include: Apple, Cherry, Key Lime and Chocolate
Pies are \$15 each

Checks made payable to St. John's - memo Youth Pilgrimage

Pick up in Gym Kitchen on Sunday, April 20 after the 8am and 10am services

Faith Formation

Sunday Forums Are Back

Sundays 9:00 Fireside Room

March 2: "What I Learned from Project Home." A panel of parishioners will reflect on their experience volunteering with Project Home. Everyone welcome to join the discussion.

March 9: "First Nation Kitchen." A speaker will be here from this outreach program of All Saint Mission in Minneapolis—a program that has been serving healthy, organic meals to the indigenous population in the area since 2008.

March 16: "Remembering the Forgotten." Halle O'Falvey talks about the work she has done identifying the graves of forgotten people with disabilities and the art work created by the disabled to remember their predecessors.

March 23: Fireside Chat with the Rector Jered Weber-Johnson

March 30: Fireside Chat with Associate Rector Kate Bradtmiller

Lenten Reading

An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith, a book by celebrated Episcopal preacher and teacher Barbara Brown Taylor is an enthusiastic choice for your Lenten reading.

From the introduction: *"If you are tired of arguing about religion, tired of reading about spirituality, tired of talk-talk-talking about things that matter without doing a single thing that matters yourself, then the pages that follow are dedicated to you in the hope is that reading them will help you see the red X under your feet,,,, that it will help you recognize some of the attars in this world – ordinary –looking places where human beings have met and may continue to meet up with the divine More that they sometimes called God."*

Taylor talks about what to DO to encounter the Sacred; walking, working, getting lost, carrying water, even feeling pain can be pathways.

This volume has been used by dozens of parishes with great success; it's time now for us. There will be several

opportunities during Lent to gather and discuss what you find in this book.

Paperbacks available in Barbara's office and at the back of the church. A check or cash for \$12 is a welcome donation.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series 2014

"Are you too distracted to come to this series? Too busy?"

This was the title someone suggested we use for our Lenten programs because while many of us target "working on our spirituality" as a goal we value, so much can get in the way. What is really the difference between distraction and addiction?

Many of us "overdo" in at least one part of our lives whether it is through work, alcohol drugs, food, obsession with the right parenting, preoccupation with growing older, even technology.

Much of this results from the overwhelming number of messages we receive in our culture to be perfect in all aspects of our lives. As a result, rates of addiction shame, anxiety, and depression are at record level.

As Paul said, "For the good which I will I do not; but the evil which I will not that I do." (Romans 7:19)

Finding Hope in an Addicted Culture

Begins March 12

Soup Supper begins 5:30

Program 6:15-7:30

March 12: What is addiction? Are we all addicts—or just distracted? Bill Alexander has written five books on addiction, has taught at Hazelden, and speaks nationwide on addiction.

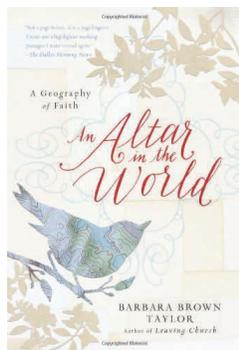
March 19: Technology and Addiction Nicole Reiter from Fairview Health Services.

March 26: Blame, Perfectionism, and Addiction David M. Engelstad is Lead Chaplain at Fairview Southdale Hospital and also an ELCA pastor as well as a certified spiritual director.

April 2: Our Culture's Obsession with Food

Keri Clifton works for The Emily Program, an award-winning organization that helps people recover from eating disorders.

April 9: "Chased by the Light" What are the spiritual practices that cope with addiction? Led by Dr. Richard Brynteson of Concordia College and Laura Kinhead.





Community Life



This Month in St. John's History

90 Years Ago

The Evangelist, March 15, 1924

ST. JOHN'S STARTS LENT WITH VIGOR

The Rector has said "In observing any period of time devoted to the consideration of some subject, especially if it be of a religious nature, the way we think and act on the first day of the period is usually indicative of our interest in the whole matter."

If this always hold true, then the initial Lenten services at St. John's speaks well for the interest of St. John's people in the week-day Lenten services.

60 Years Ago

The Evangelist, March 27, 1954

PARISH HOUSE

As previously announced, the Vestry has adopted plans for our new Parish House as recommended by the Parish House Planning Committee. The Architect is working on the plans and specifications and before long they will be completed. Then after securing bids we will know exactly how much the new Parish House will cost.

In the meantime the canvass for the Parish House under the direction of Mr. N.P. Langford is progressing. We have a considerable number of people who have not yet pledged. We hope that if you have not given anything so far you will do so soon. The amount we need to secure the \$35,000 which has been promised is \$23,702....

Lunch with an Old Friend

Former Assistant Rector Keely Franke stopped by to introduce herself to the residents of Carty Heights and share lunch. A nice turn out, around 25 residents. Was nice to be able to give her a hug and chat

March Meetings

Book Club - Saturday, March 1, at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. The group will discuss the book titled Sarah Thornhill, by Kate Grenville. To learn more, contact Mary Ellen Elliott at 651-426-4146.

Prayer Shawl - Weekly through Lent, starting Wednesday, March 5 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579 to learn more.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. To learn more, contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

Men's Group - Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

Down Syndrome Group - Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft. To learn more, contact Lindsay Radford at LRadford@kstp.com.

Young Women's Group - Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 pm at Sara Georgeson's house (145 W Robie St, St. Paul, MN 55107). To learn more, contact Erin Weber-Johnson at eweberjohnson@gmail.com.



We commend to God those who have died since January and we hold in our prayers those who grieve:

We extend our sympathies to Barbara Mraz on the death of her brother, Gordy; to Lee Henderson on the death of his grandmother, Corky; and to the Clary family on the death of their mother, Jean.

May light perpetual shine upon them, and may they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

A note from the Reverend Barbara Mraz:

Thank you for the generous outpouring of presence, prayers, cards, messages, food, and flowers after the sudden death of my brother Gordy on February 3. Each and every gesture has gone straight to my heart.

Happy Birthday to...

March*

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|----|---|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Maverick Tiller Ezra, Kusa | 13 | William Latta Eli Weinkauff | 19 | Elliott Rutherford Grill Helen Baxter |
| 2 | Linnea Krall | 14 | Lauren Haberman Cynthia Heath | 20 | Rick Rinkoff |
| 3 | Gabrielle Lawrence | | Bill Lightner Charlie Olsen | 21 | Tim Krall |
| 4 | Libby Snelson Lyelle Palmer Louis Gilbertson Hannah Gilbertson | 15 | Kathleen Stuart Charlie Olson Chris Olson | 23 | Richard Rasch |
| 5 | Pamela Bloomquist Carole Selin | 16 | Sara Schmitt | 24 | Priscilla Farnham Alexa Avery Asher Edgerton-Dodes |
| 6 | Becky Debertain | 17 | Diane Power Meredith Hansen | 25 | Linda Lindeke |
| 7 | Alex Diaz Craig Lemming | | Kathy Yaeger Sandra Roe Rick Rusch | 27 | Lucy Grundhauser Don Postema |
| 9 | Hannah Kuhn Ronald Armstrong | 18 | Daniel Brown Michael Jurayj Mary Kansas | 31 | Marguerite Baxter |
| 12 | Richard Gross | | | | |

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

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

March 2, The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Main Altar

Theodore and Genevieve Pilacinski; Marlene Woelfel

Small Altar

Elizabeth and Frank Ward

March 9, The First Sunday in Lent

Main Altar

Lola O. and Daniel W. Ferguson

Small Altar

Armen Byron Tufenk and Haig Karakine Tufenk

March 16, The Second Sunday in Lent

Main Altar

Robert Orr and Anabel Baker

Small Altar

In loving memory of Lisa Richcreek

March 23, The Third Sunday in Lent

Main Altar

Melissa Mosvick

Small Altar

Gordon Kallstrom and Daniel Kallstrom

March 30, The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Main Altar

Small Altar

Christina Ward



Altar Flowers 2014

Memorial flowers on the Main and Little Sanctuary altars are given by parishioners on a perpetual calendar basis. A few Sundays are available for donors to sign up to give the flowers for either of our altars. If you are interested, please contact **Dusty Mairs** or the **Church Office** to find out what dates are open for each altar.

St. John the Evangelist March 2014 Service Schedule

| Time | READERS* | ALTAR GUILD TEAMS | USHERS | GREETERS | COFFEE HOUR |
|---|--|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| March 2, 2014 - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Craig Lindeke | Pat Brynteson | Pat Brynteson Patty Byrne Pfalz Don Husband George Kinkead | Kathleen Hanson Don Weinkauf | Godly Play |
| 10:00 am | A - Jeff Olsen B - Greg Schaffner | | | | |
| March 9, 2014 - The First Sunday in Lent | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Joan McCanna | Diane Power | Tom and Aimee Baxter Mary and Peter Gilbertson | Jennifer Kinkead Libby Snelson | Tom and Aimee Baxter |
| 10:00 am | A - Gary Gleason B - John Docherty | | | | |
| March 16, 2014 - The Second Sunday in Lent | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | David Aylesworth | Dusty Mairs | Bob Baumann Cammie Beatty Marvin and Joyce Cadwell | Jeff and Peggy Olsen | Brad and Mary Louise Clary |
| 10:00 am | A - Terry Dinovo B - Mark McInroy | | | | |
| March 23, 2014 - The Third Sunday in Lent | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Brad McCanna | Pam Strom | Holly and Don Weinkauf Kathleen Hanson | Gabrielle Lawrence, Don Postema | Phyllis Merrill Pat Brynteson |
| 10:00 am | A - Shirley Sailors B - Troy Stack-Nelson | | | | |
| March 30, 2014 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent | | | | | |
| 8:00 am | Alden Drew | Pat Brynteson | Jay Debertain Terri Fishel Lynn Hertz Shirley Sailors | Patricia Durst Phyllis Frisby | Becky Garthofner Jerry Woelfel |
| 10:00 am | A - Joan Potter B - Peggy Lemmon | | | | |

March Acolyte Schedule

| March 2 | March 9 | March 16 | March 23 | March 30 |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Matt Richards | Johannah Frisby | Madeline Weinkauf | Tim Krall, | Matt Richards, |
| Ailsa Schmidt | Emily Brooks | Rachel Clark | Caroline Krall, | Ailsa Schmidt, |
| Eli Weinkauf | Maura Lynch | Eli Rinkoff | Linnea Krall, | Will Weinkauf, |
| Thea Bishop | Lucy Grundhauser | Matt Brooks | Helen Baxter, | Thea Bishop, |
| Logan Finkel | | | Samantha Rosendale | Logan Finkel |

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Easter Memorial Flowers

You are invited to share in the cost of decorating the church for Easter. Please make your check out to "St. John the Evangelist Church" and mark "Easter Flowers" in the memo space. Then place your donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you would like to make your gift as a memorial to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please fill in this form and return it with your contribution.

Memorials must be received in the office by Thursday, April 10, 2014 to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

(Please Print Clearly)

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Donation given by: _____

