

THE EVANGELIST

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Episcopal Church



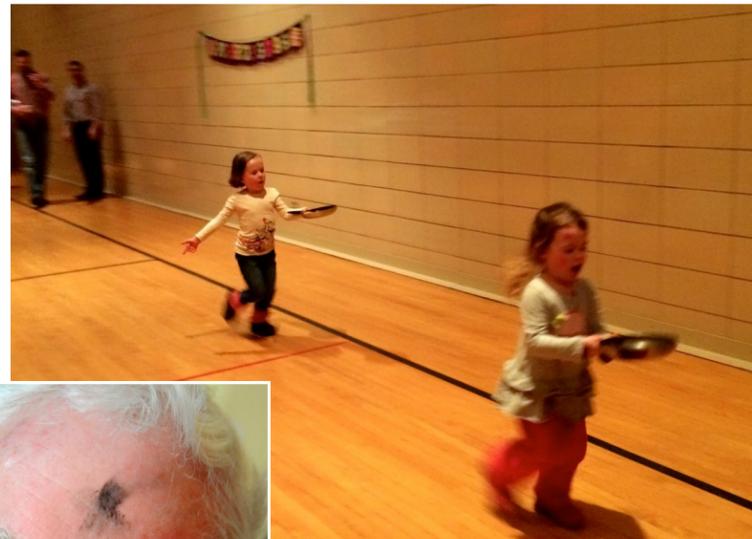
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March Madness at St. John's

Parishioners are photographed by the Pioneer Press at our Ash Wednesday service



Parishioner Shirley Michienzi, resident at Episcopal Homes, was interviewed recently on KSTP in a story about how to stay healthy during flu and cold season. Says Shirley of how she keeps from getting sick, "Well, I'm tough, you know." We'd add a few other adjectives to that—delightful, talented (the interview showed her playing her baby grand piano), and faithful (she's a regular at the EH weekly Eucharist). Well done Shirley!



Pancake races on Shrove Tuesday at the Mardi Gras Dinner



Penguins brave the cold to visit Crocus Hill Preschool



Fun at Evensong



Youth at their Lenten Movie Series

**Come... Join Us as
We Move through
Lent to Easter**

Sundays

8:00 am Service:
Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Sunday Forum:
Fireside Room

10:00 am Service:

April 6 and 13—

Sung Eucharist Rite I

April 20 and 27—

Sung Eucharist Rite II



**Evangelist
Deadline**

May Issue

April 14 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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Monday - Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

Dear Friends in Christ,

As Easter approaches I am conscious of and thankful again for all the ways this church strives to serve the world and the ways in which our many members are serving and caring for one another. I have been struck by the outpouring of care and concern for the families at St. John's that are grieving the loss of a loved one or welcoming a newborn to the world. I am deeply grateful for the men who have stepped up to help park cars for the elderly, disabled, and injured in our congregation. I am wowed by the choirs and altar guild, our vergers and fellowship team, our many committee and commission members, our office volunteers and the dozens of participants in our robust faith-in-action programs who regularly and routinely show up to serve, selflessly, and generously.



In the spirit of counting blessings, I've done some rough estimating of the individual volunteers (choirs, acolytes, altar guild members, readers, lay preachers, etc.) and volunteer hours that go into making Holy Week and Easter happen. I've tried to think of everyone who plays a part, voluntarily, in putting together our observance of these holy days from Palm Sunday through Easter.

80+ volunteers

450+ hours

And, imagine if we paid just the Minnesota State minimum wage (a ridiculous proposition, to be sure, considering the quality of the work each of these volunteers contributes).

\$3,262.50

Of course, it is impossible to fully and completely quantify the gift that so many give to this parish in their numerous hours of time and talent. Easter is but one example of how it takes our whole community to accomplish what we do together.

Thank you for all you do, all the ways you support our ministries and mission in the world. I am so incredibly grateful for this congregation, which daily models to me the importance of service in the Christian life. In this season as we remember again the gift of the resurrection, I invite you to join me in noticing and celebrating all the ways this community reflects the servant life of the one we follow, the crucified and risen Lord.

Blessings to all of you!

Faithfully,

From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear Friends in Christ,

While you will receive this letter in Lent, Eastertide is fast upon us. Saint Paul is thawing as I write, and the 50 degree temperatures remind me of my favorite Easter hymn. John Crum wrote:



*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

New life, that has lain dormant throughout this long winter, and during this season of Lent, comes out of the earth at Easter. Yes, crocuses and maybe daffodils, but also our resolve to love one another better. Drawing on our reflection during the season of Lent and the triumph of the resurrection, we now have the energy and vision to grow into an even stronger community in Christ.

How will you celebrate the love present in the resurrection with this community of St. John's? We have been talking a lot lately about the literal growth of the community, as visitors, new members, and new babies join us. We also rejoice in our spiritual growth, as we move deeper in our relationships with Jesus and one another.

If you have been attending St. John's for a while, and have not yet been received into the Episcopal Church, this Eastertide is an excellent time to consider formally joining us. Reception contributes to both that literal church growth and the spiritual growth of the community and yourself, as you commit to us and we commit to you.

In the service of reception, which takes place with confirmations, we renew our baptismal vows and recognize those received as members of the church. You are received "into the fellowship of this Communion," and we pledge again to support one another, to continue in the teachings of Jesus, in resisting evil and sharing the good news, in seeking and serving Christ in everyone we meet, and in striving for justice and peace. What an opportunity for growing deeper into the spirit of Christ!

If you wonder whether you have been received, or are interested in being received, please speak with Jered or me. The next opportunity for reception into the Episcopal Church here in Minnesota is May 3.

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 Weinkauff, *At Large*
Jerry Woelfel, *Junior Warden*

Volunteer Positions

Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*
Phillip Baird, *Vergers*
Alden Drew, *Historian/Archivist*
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*
Jim Johnson, *Planned Gift Chair*
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*
Diane Riggs, *Communications Assistant*
Chris Tegeler, *Building Manager*
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*
Nancy Wellington, *Interim Children's Choir Director*
Dunfa Weretti, *Building Assistant*

Faithfully yours,

Kate

Looking Forward to Easter



The annual feast of the Resurrection—Easter—is fast approaching on April 20th. This is the highest celebration in the Church’s calendar, and marks God’s triumphal and final victory over sin, darkness, evil, and death in raising Jesus from the grave. This festive celebration coincides with the transition in nature (at least we hope) from winter into spring, as we watch the world break forth with new life and growth. Flowers and leaves will burst forth from their buds, and we will recall Christ, buried for three days, having been crucified on a cross, as he too burst forth from the tomb, proclaiming new life to the world. The promise of new life is also the promise of God’s abiding presence and love with and for us. As the Apostle Paul reminds us—there is nothing, not height nor depth, neither powers nor principalities, nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This year Easter comes much later than usual, all the way at the end of April. As such, we are still in the season of Lent, something we have been talking about much here at St. John’s—a season of fasting and service, and a time of repentance and prayer. We take these 40 days as an opportunity to practice and prepare for an Easter life. If it is true that Easter is the promise of God’s abiding love and of new and abundant life, then we as followers of the Resurrected One, need practice to become Easter people. We need space during Lent to remind ourselves what it means to live with abundance and a calm assurance that we are loved by God.

Lent culminates in what Christians have come to call Holy Week, beginning with our Palm Sunday ob-

servance on April 13th and continuing through to the Triduum—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday and the Great Vigil of Easter) - and finally concluding with our Easter Sunday festal Eucharist complete this year with the music of the Artaria Quartet!

Monday through Friday of Holy Week, as with the previous two years, there will be a simple morning Eucharist at 7:30 am in the chancel with preachers from our congregation.

Maundy Thursday at the 7:00 pm Eucharist there will be foot washing.

Good Friday at noon, there will be a penitential service (see below) using the poetry of Mary Oliver paired with the gospel readings of Christ’s Passion, and that evening at 7:00 pm a service with communion from the Reserve Sacrament and veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday we observe the Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 pm. This service traditionally a time of baptizing new members contains the lighting of the new fire, the reading of our salvation history, and a champagne reception to follow. This is, or has been, by far the highest liturgical moment in the Christian year and is a service full of contrasts between chanted words and spoken stories, between darkness and light, and between mystery and revelation.

We hope you will join us to mark the end of our Lenten fast and the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection here at St. John’s this year.

Good Friday Service

In her poem “Six Recognitions of The Lord,” Mary Oliver wrote:

*I know a lot of fancy words.
I tear them from my heart and my tongue.
Then I pray.*

Our noon Good Friday service this year will not be a Seven Last Words service with music from Artaria, as it has been in the last few years.

Instead, you are invited to a service of prayer and scripture that pairs the passion gospel with the poetry of Mary Oliver. Please join us for this unique opportunity to reflect on the death of Jesus in both ancient and modern voices.

Dear Friends in Christ

Below is a letter from the Reverend Barbara Mraz about some changes she is making in her work at St. John's. She has decided to cease functioning as a deacon on Sundays when she does not preach and will no longer be leading our formation programming.

I am incredibly grateful for the leadership, wisdom, and expertise Barbara has shown in our life as a community, and even more grateful that she will continue at St. John's as preacher and writer (her title will be Preacher and Writer in Residence). Barbara has served faithfully and diligently in these past years at St. John's, developing a parish formation and spiritual life program. While this is not an actual "goodbye," we need to celebrate and give thanks for Barbara's many contributions just as we need to mark this transition as a congregation. To that end, we will celebrate Barbara on May 11 during the Sunday service and the coffee hour when she will transition to her new role. Please help me say "Thank You!" for her years as our deacon and director of formation.

We are in the midst of transforming our Strategic Framework from vision to full-fledged plan, and I am aware that Barbara's transition presents an opportunity to develop formation, building on the fine work she began, in the next phase of our spiritual life. We are glad that Barbara is staying close by and that we can access her wisdom as we plan for the future of formation here. Before we decide how best to deploy our resources, we will see this strategic planning process through and discern as a community what our needs and future goals are. With Barbara's blessing, we have also notified the bishop that we are open to receiving a new deacon (in conversation with the clergy and vestry) to serve our congregation.

In the meanwhile, we extend our deepest thanks to Barbara for all she has given, for all she has added, and for all she has meant to our community. Thank you Barbara. I am glad we will continue to see you in church!

Faithfully, Jered

Dear Friends

"Every day we choose," the writer and concentration camp survivor Elie Wiesel says, "between repeating ourselves and choosing to grow."

I hope to do both, actually: repeat what I love to do and grow by making some changes so as to give these things more time.

While I will continue to preach every month and compose other pieces for St. John's, I am letting go of the Faith Formation piece of my job as of May 1. In practical terms, I will no longer be planning retreats and evening seminars, or coordinating the Sunday Forums.

For the past 32 years, I have served as a deacon in the diocese with very few breaks. That is long enough for me. I will resign my diaconal assignment at St. John's as of May 1 (though once a deacon, always a deacon, unless you do something really bad). I will be vested only on the Sundays when I preach, and will no longer serve at the table, or read the Gospel or prayers.

I am not seeking a diaconal assignment anywhere else, although I may accept some guest preaching gigs on occasion. I will still be working in the church building on a regular basis.

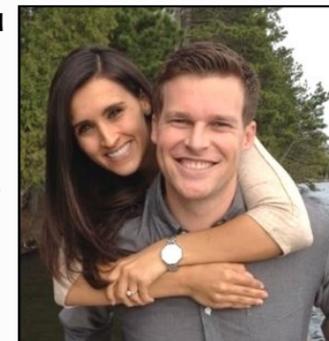
I look forward to serving you in this new role, and am excited about the increased freedom it gives me to do what I love—work with words. And, as always, I will still "see you in church."
Barbara Mraz



Getting to Know You

Alexis Reineke and Sean Ball

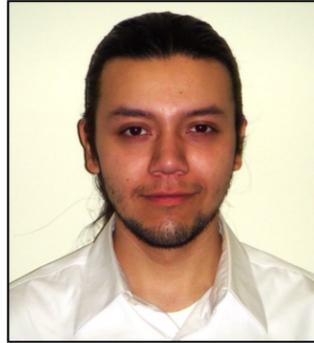
Sean Ball and Alexis Reineke work at BMO Harris Bank and live in downtown Minneapolis. Sean was baptized Catholic, and Alexis was baptized Mormon. Neither were active in their respective religions when they met in college five years ago. But when Sean and Alexis got engaged in 2013, they wanted to get married in a church that would help them build a stable religious foundation for themselves and their future children. Since Alexis had experience with the Episcopal church (attending services with her grandparents in Faribault), they decided to visit St. John's. After their first visit, they felt the church—with its architectural charm and friendly parishioners—was a perfect fit. They plan to get married at St. John's this October 4. In their spare time, the couple enjoys summer weekends at the cabin in Ely, Minnesota Gopher sports, and being with family and friends.



New Faces at St. John's

Building Assistant

St. John's newest building assistant, **Ivan Holguin**, was born in El Paso, Texas and moved with his family to the west side of St. Paul in 1994. Currently he is attending St. Paul College and pursuing a career in music. Ivan is glad to be joining the St. John's community, and is always happy to help, so please say "hi" and introduce yourself if you see him. Contact Ivan at 612-246-6774.



Candidate for Priesthood

Dana Fath Strande is joining us at St. John's as an intern in the formation for priesthood. Dana is a candidate for priesthood in the Episcopal Church of Minnesota. She is on a two month leave from her current position (Parish Life Minister at Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury) and will be here through May 24. She brings with her 25 years of professional lay ministry in the areas of faith formation for children, teens, adults. Her duties at Christ Church also include pastoral care and administration. While Dana is with us she will be observing leadership and participating in worship planning. She also plans to study Christian Ethics during these two months. Dana and her husband Michael (Director for Liturgy at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Oakdale) have two daughters, ages 8 and 11. The family enjoys hiking, swimming, camping, boating, and traveling.



Changes in Nursery Staff



We are delighted to introduce **Nou Pha** (at left) and **Natalie Ramos** (below) as new additions to the St. John's team and to the Nursery. We hope you will stop by the nursery to say hello and to introduce your-

selves to them as they get into the swing of things in our nursery. And, what, you might be wondering, is entailed with nursery work at St. John's?

Nursery attendants manage a room of anywhere from three to 10 children ages infant to four in our nursery in the Undercroft. Our nursery attendants and their youth assistants ensure a safe and fun environment for these children from the moment they are checked in by parents to the moment they are checked back out at the end of services. Parents may drop children off anytime from 9:00 am until noon and pick them up that same morning.

St. John's nursery is just another way we welcome all people into this community of faith, no matter their age! We hope you will get to know this important part of our work, and the people who make it happen.



Communications Assistant

After working at St. John's as a temp since September 2013, **Diane Riggs** officially joined the staff in March as a half-time communications assistant. In this new role, she is responsible for creating the weekly bulletin inserts and printed calendars, posting updates to the web site, creating and distributing the Friday E-news, and working on *The Evangelist*—and helping in whatever other ways she can. Diane grew up in Eau Claire, Wisconsin (so is a Green Bay Packers football fan), got her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, later earned a master's degree in English from Michigan State University, and has been living and working in St. Paul since 1994. Her work experience to this point has largely been in communication positions with not-for-profits, educational institutions, and nonprofits, so St. John's is a good fit.



Kayoro Clinic Update

Achieng Charity

Meet Achieng Charity, the girl who survived a hit and run highway accident last December 2013 as she was returning home late in the afternoon after visiting her play friends. After a speeding vehicle hit her and sped off, she was luckily rescued by on lookers who quickly took her to the Health Centre for first aid. The In-Charge upon receiving her, quickly took her to the emergency room and administered first aid to help with the bleeding from her head and swelling eyes. Charity was then referred to Tororo Hospital for further specialized treatment. Fortunately, she was able to recover from her horrific experience. Below are photos that show part of her recovery process.



Charity waiting to have her wounds checked and dressed at the treatment room.



Charity, shown here with her father, Obonyo John. He told the Nursing Assistant that Charity was much better but still had trouble with her hearing. With time and God's grace, he hopes his daughter will fully recover.



The Nursing Assistant with Charity kicking the blue ball donated by the USA volunteers



The Nursing Assistant helps Charity check her weight.



Charity surprised the Health Centre staff after she said that she could take on some of the world's best fashion cat walk gurus. Who knows, maybe Broadway should be soon expecting Charity's presence.

Give Us Wings Sunday

On Sunday, April 27th, you can attend a Sunday Forum (9:00 am in the Fireside Room) for an update on Kayoro Clinic presented by Give Us Wings. The Clinic Team will be hosting coffee hours after church too. Please contact Jennifer Kinkead (at khunterland@aol.com or 612-750-2541) if you can help.



The Largest Pop-Up Store in St. Paul is coming!

We hope everyone has begun their Spring cleaning. May you all find great items you are ready to part with and donate to the May 2014 Huge Sale.

The Huge Sale going through a bit of a makeover this year. The committee has chosen to run the sale on one day only! The sale will be held on the 3rd of May, the same day as St. Clement's sale and the Crocus Hill sale day. Lots of shoppers will be out. The doors will open at 9:00 am and we will run the regular sale until Noon. At 1:00 pm, the doors will re-open for the Bag Sale which will run until 4:00 pm.

For anyone new to St. John's, our sale brings in a good amount of funds that the Vestry then uses for programs throughout the Church, including our Outreach with Kayoro, Hearts to Homes, Food Shelf among others. We hold this sale twice a year (May and October) and it takes on a festival atmosphere. It is a very fun day!

We are ready to sign up volunteers for sorting and set up, working the day of the sale and the day after to pack up for pick up. Please watch the Sunday Bulletin and the weekly St. John's posts for the SignUp Genius connection and further updates.

We will have Grandma's Bake Shop and sale again this year. Also, we will provide free daycare on the sale day for our volunteers.

Reminder—We **accept** gently used household items, men's/women's/children's clothing, toys, books, home accent, accessories etc.

We **do not accept** these items:

- Large book sets (i.e. encyclopedias)
- Items needing cleaning or repairs
- Hazardous waste
- Appliances w/hazardous waste parts (TVs, VCRs, computers, stereos, turntables, speakers, phones, answering machines, cell phones, tablets etc)
- Children's equipment (car seats, cribs, etc)
- Furniture with cloth and/or stuffing

Faith in Action

- Any large appliances or Microwave ovens
- Mattresses or box springs
- Carpeting
- Curtain Rods
- Generally unsalable/unusable items

For information on the Huge Sale, please contact Jeff Olsen (jolsen1533@wblmn.com).

Faith and Service

“Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you...” *Post Communion Prayer*

In our life together at St. John's, we support one another in joy and sorrow, be it birth, illness, death, or other changes in our lives. The pastoral care working group invites you to offer your care to our community; please tell us how you are best able to do so, including any of the following:

- Praying for one another
- Making meals to share
- Delivering bread to church visitors
- Bringing communion
- Parking cars on Sunday
- Shoveling snow or mowing
- Offering rides to church
- Reading aloud
- Offering rides around the community
- Making social visits
- Other (your unique gift)

Contact The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller at 651-228-1172 x18 or kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org.

Hearts to Homes Mentors Needed

We need more mentors to serve families in the Hearts to Homes Ministry. After training, it takes only about an hour a week. Mentors are trained by our YWCA partners, and make weekly contact with family to provide support and help with planning and other needs. Hearts to Homes is a one-year assistive housing project for families who are working toward financial independence. To learn more or volunteer, contact Reverend Kate Bradtmiller at 651-228-1172, x18 or Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.

Hearts to Homes Meeting- Monday, April 28 at 5:00 pm in the Fireside Room. To learn more, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.

Musical Notes

Compline Cellist

We are blessed to have two remaining Compline services with cellist, Charles Asch playing cello suites of J.S. Bach on Thursday evenings in Lent.

These dates include: April 3 and 10, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary choir stalls. This meditative service is the perfect ending to your day – come to be refreshed and hear this beautiful music.



Your Favorite Things...

Please write to our Director of Music and let us know your favorite hymns. We often schedule these during the summer months. You may write to: Jayson.Engquist@stjohnsstpaul.org and leave the title and/or hymn number.

Easter Choir

You are invited to rehearse (at least three Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the lower level Music Room) and sing with the Easter Choir. Singers include adult and youth choir members (grade 6 through 12).

April Evensong: April 27, 2014 at 4 o'clock

The April Evensong/Concert will feature music of British composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams. His setting of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis* canticles and several anthems (motets) including *O Clap Your Hands, Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* and the beautiful *Serenade to Music* with Violinist Ray Shows and Organist Sharon Kleckner. A reception will follow in our Fireside Room.



Bean Memorial Fund

There is still time become a patron of our special Bean Memorial Music Fund. Please contact the financial office or mail a check with "Bean Fund" listed on the note line. If you would like to receive a copy of the donation invitation, please call the parish office.

Summer Choir "Is a Cumin'In"

Our Summer Choir will begin after Pentecost (mid-June) and all are welcome to rehearse each summer Sunday in the choir stalls at 9:15 a.m. This is the perfect time to sing with the choir and "try us out." By the way, *Summer is a Cumin'in* is an old English traditional round.



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



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

“Spiritual Formation” means learning by engaging in Christian practices and then reflecting on them afterwards. This “doing” and “reflecting” helps us to “form” young people in the faith. Instead of just talking about Christian service, we SERVE. Instead of teaching about prayer, we PRAY. Instead of sharing about Christian Community we actively and intentionally work to BUILD community. Instead of telling our young people how special they are we SHOW them through special liturgical celebrations like the *Rite-13 Liturgy*. Instead of merely talking about Christian journey we actually TRAVEL on Pilgrimage together.

In our society, the line between childhood and adulthood is often a fuzzy one. Unlike other cultures, we don’t have formalized rites of passage that define the points along the path to adulthood. We need ways to tell our young people they are making progress; they are growing and learning; they are becoming adults. The *Journey to Adulthood* program that we use attempts to do just that.

There are three components, each two years long; Rite 13 for sixth through eighth grade, J2A for eighth through tenth grade, and YAC for tenth through twelfth grade.

We are very excited to have our first group of St. John’s youth completing the two year Rite 13 program and moving on to J2A. That means we will be welcoming a new group of Rite 13 youth. **If you know a youth entering sixth or seventh grade this fall and would like to know more please contact Jean Hansen at 952-201-0424 or rjhansen3128@aim.com.**

A significant component of the Rite 13 program is to celebrate those youth turning 13 years old. This is called **The Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood**. Current members of the Rite 13 youth who are turning 13 this school year will attend a rehearsal dinner with their parents or guardians on Saturday, May 3. On **Sunday, May 4 during the 10 am service** we will

recognize the gift of womanhood or manhood that God bestows on each one of us. This is a free gift that we cannot earn and need not prove. This gift is the essence of who we are. As we grow and mature in the journey to adulthood, our knowledge and skills increase, but the magical core of who we are remains the same.

These are the teenagers who we will celebrate and recognize on May 4:

Linnea Krall

Helen Baxter

Vivian Scheel

Thea Bischof

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare and plan to be with us to witness this important event.

Talking to Children about Death

In response to requests, your youth and children’s ministry team and clergy have collaborated to come up with the following resources to aid you in having meaningful conversations with the children in your life who may be grieving the loss of a loved one. Of course, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you personally or with your child.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/advice/explaining-death-to-a-child/2012/08/07/e6de7a3e-d4d8-11e1-b2d5-2419d227d8b0_story.html

<http://childrensministry.com/articles/helping-children-deal-with-death>

Sesame Workshop grief resources: <http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/topics/grief>

Always and Forever by Alan Durant (ages 5-10)

The Tenth Good Thing About Barney by Judith Viorst (ages 4-10)

When Dinosaurs Die by Marc Brown and Laurie Krasney Brown (ages 4-8)

Important Dates

April

- **April 4-6:** TEC
- **April 13:** Confirmation Preparation – 1:00-4:00 pm.
Lunch in gym kitchen - lesson in Green Room
- **April 16:** No Youth Group
- **April 17:** Maundy Thursday Worship - all youth and leaders worship together. Meet in the church by 7:00 pm. No dinner this night
- **April 18:** All Youth Lock-in. Dinner in gym kitchen at 6:00 pm. Worship at 7:00 pm.
- **April 19:** Easter Pie Baking – 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- **April 20:** Easter Sunday
- Huge Sale preparation begins this week. This is a fundraiser for the youth. All youth are needed to volunteer.

May

- **May 3:** Regional Confirmation Celebration - St. Christopher's Roseville – 11:00 am.
- **May 3:** Rite 13 Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood Dinner - 5:30 pm - Fireside Room.
- **May 4:** Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood

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 fundraiser will continue through Sunday coffee hour on Palm Sunday, April 13.

Senior Youth Lock-In and Pie Baking

All youth—Rite 13 and Senior Youth—are invited to spend time together during the night of Good Friday (April 18) through the next afternoon (April 19). To register and pick up consent forms, please contact Jean Hansen (952-201-0424; rjhansen3128@aim.com) or Longkee Vang (651-503-0450; vangx395@yahoo.com).

WHOAll Youth

WHATLock-In/Pie Baking

WHERESt. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

WHEN.....Good Friday, April 18 at 6:00 pm, though Saturday, April 19, at 2:00 pm



Easter Pie Sale

To benefit the St. John's Rite 13 Youth Pilgrimage

Please indicate below the number of each pie you wish to purchase. **Return the form with check attached by Sunday, April 13, 2014.** Forms may be returned in the offering plate, a basket in Undercroft during coffee hour, or directly to Jean Hansen. Each pie is \$15.00.

Cherry pie _____ Key Lime Pie _____
Chocolate pie _____ Apple Pie _____

Pick up your pies in the gym kitchen at St. John's at 9:00 am and 11:30 am on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Total number of items purchased _____

Total Check Amount _____

Please make checks payable to St. John's and in the memo write "Youth Pilgrimage"

Faith Formation

Sunday Forums Are Back

Sundays 9:00 Fireside Room

April 6: *An Altar in the World*. Book discussion of the Parish Lenten reading. Come whether you have read the book or not!

April 13, Palm Sunday: Barbara Mraz discusses the two processions entering Jerusalem on the first “Palm Sunday.”

April 20, Easter Sunday. No Forum

April 27: Give Us Wings gives an update on the St. John’s Clinic in Uganda.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series 2014

**“Are you too distracted to come to this series?
Too busy?”**

This was the title someone suggested for our Lenten programs because, while many of us value “working on our spirituality,” 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

Began March 12

Soup Supper begins 5:30 Program 6:15-7:30

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: “Keeping Sabbath in a Digital Age”

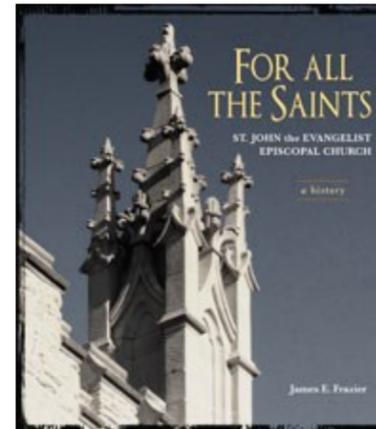
What are the spiritual practices that cope with addiction? Led by Dr. Richard Brynteson of Concordia College and Laura Kinkead.

Not Just for the Ladies

If you would like to take a historical field trip in May, don’t miss the planning meeting in the Library on April 6 at 11:30 am. The Ladies of St. John are hosting a field trip on May 17 (open to all) that will take participants on an in-depth journey into the beginnings of the Episcopal Church in St. Paul, including the story of St. John’s.

Following a continental breakfast in the Fireside Room at 9:00 am, we will depart aboard a chartered bus for a narrated whirlwind tour of our very own *Historical St. Paul*. We will lunch at

Subtext Books on the lower level of the Blair House. Lunches can be purchased from upstairs at Nina’s Coffee Shop, and Patricia McDonald will talk to us about the publishing business and Afton Press’ new book, *FOR ALL THE SAINTS: St. John the Evangelist*



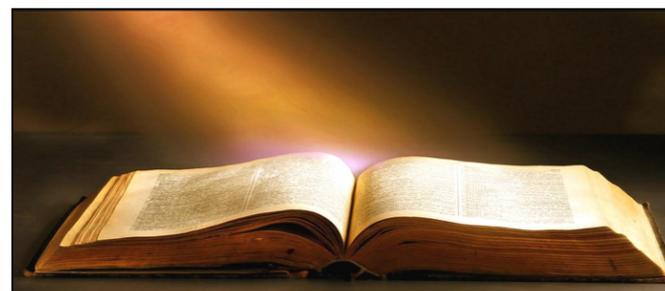
Episcopal Church, by James E. Frazier.

Back on the bus, we will return to St. John’s to meet with Jim Frazier and learn more about the intimate history of our church.

Total cost per person is \$30.00, and space is limited. Sign up will begin on April 6 at the planning meeting. To learn more, please contact Diane Elliott by email at dianelynnelliott@yahoo.com.

Bible Study

A group of St. John’s parishioners meet weekly to study the upcoming bible lessons for Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join, Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Parish Library. For more information please contact Diane Elliott, dianelynnelliott@yahoo.com.

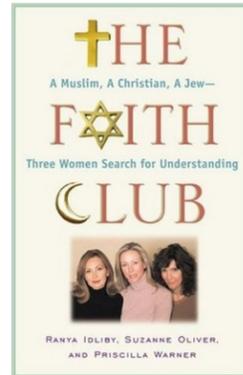




Community Life

Final Book Club Meetings Before Summer

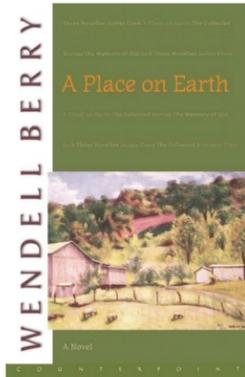
The last two book club meetings will take place in the Fireside Room on April 12 and May 10. The club has decided to meet on the second Saturday of the month.



On Saturday, April 12, at 9:30 am in the Library, the group will discuss the book titled *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding*, by Ranya Idilby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.

On Saturday, May 10, at the same

time and in the same location, the discussion will revolved around *A Place on Earth: A Novel*, by Wendell Berry. Berry is an American novelist, poet, environmental activist, cultural critic, and farmer.



The book Club will take a break in June, July, and August, and resume the second Saturday in September. To learn more, contact Mary Ellen Elliott at 651-426-4146.

April Meetings

Men's Group - Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 11, at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. To learn more, contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

Down Syndrome Group - Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft. To learn more, contact Lindsay Radford at LRadford@kstp.com.

Prayer Shawl - Wednesday, April 2, 9, and 16 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579 to learn more.

Wine, Painting, and Fun! April 10

We will be holding a special Young Women's Group event on Thursday, April 10, and invite all ages to come socialize and get creative while learning how to paint on a canvas. No experience or skill is necessary!



We will meet to socialize at 7:30 pm in the Undercroft, and start painting at 8:00 pm. Beverages, including a tasty non-alcoholic option, will be provided. Just bring a yummy snack to share.

The cost is \$35.00 per person (cash or check), and that covers all painting supplies and instruction. Funds are available for those who cannot afford the cost. Come and bring a friend!

To learn more, contact Erin Weber-Johnson at eweberjohnson@gmail.com.

New Season, New Member Gatherings

Are you new to St. John's and interested in exploring what it means to be a member here? Our next session of New Members Gatherings will be held at 9:00 am in the Green Room (above the side chapel):

- Sunday, April 27
- Sunday, May 4
- Sunday, May 11

Sessions are relaxed and conversational—we spend time getting to know one another, talking about what membership means at St. John's and in the church, and exploring how you can plug in to what St. John's has to offer for growing in faith and serving one another.

New members will be received on the following Sunday (May 18), and are invited to a welcome brunch sponsored by the St. John's vestry after the service.

If you want to participate or learn more, contact the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller at kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org or simply come to the first session.

Happy Birthday to...

April*

1	Emma Brown	13	Ginger Beattie		Carys Dobson
2	Ethelyn Rupp	14	Henry Kansas	23	Alexis Reineke
	Christopher Howie		Isla Peterson	25	Charles Halvorson
3	Coltrane Page	15	mArie Peterson		Alexandra O. Bjorklund
4	Johannah Frisby	16	Charles Orput		Seth Stengle
5	Jeff Olson		Terry Dinovo		Jered Weber-Johnson
	Derrick Berg		Charles Orput	26	Christina Ball
6	Ford Nicholson	17	Michael Stack-Nelson	27	Ethan Furois
8	Milo Brown	18	Nate Lee		Margaret Spainhower
10	Halle O'Falvey	18	Finlay Mason	28	Matthew Brooks
	Reese Berry		Jillian Armstrong	29	Illana Livstrom
	Anne Russell	19	Sabine Krall	30	Anne Thompson
11	Mason Kinhead	20	Adrian Cook		Alex Joyce
	Tricia Armstrong	21	Mary-Louise Clary		
	Marcus Ebenhoch	21	Kathleen Howie		
12	Gail Lorenz	22	Victoria Peterson		
			Christopher Meyer		
			Sean Ball		

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



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

We extend our sympathies to the Plummer family—Bill, Christopher, and Elizabeth—on the death of a wife and mother, Sona. Our thoughts are also with Ginnie Schauss who lost her mother Virginia last month.

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

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

April 6, The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Main Altar & Small Altar

Betty Wann Binger, C. Robert Binger, and Theodore Wann Binger

April 20, The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Main Altar

Brass container on altar, and lilies

Pulpit Cross

John H. Myers, Paul N. and Reine Myers

April 27, The Second Sunday of Easter

Main Altar

In thanksgiving for the life of Jack Lightner

Small Altar

Frances C. and George E. Potter, William R. and Jeanette A. Owen

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 April 2014 Service Schedule

Time	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
April 6, 2014 -The Fifth Sunday in Lent					
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Diane Power	Jeff and Peggy Olsen Jennifer and Peter Rosendale	Judy Southwick Don Weinkauf	Godly Play
10:00 am	A - Chris Howie B - Cammie Beattie				
April 13, 2014—The Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY					
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Dusty Mairs	Patty Byrne Pfalz John McBain George Kinkead Mason Kinkead	Kathy Brown Tiffany Roufs	TEC
10:00 am	A - Judy Southwick B - Keith Davis				
April 20, 2014—The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER DAY					
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Volunteers	Mary and Peter Gilbertson Marvin Cadwell Alex Joyce	Jeff and Peggy Olsen	Bob Baumann
10:00 am	A - Gary Gleason B - Alden Drew				
April 27, 2014—The Second Sunday of Easter					
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Pam Strom	Bob Baumann Cammie Beattie Pat Brynteson Kathleen Hanson	Jennifer Kinkead Suzanne McInroy	Kayoro Clinic Team
10:00 am	A - Joan Potter B - Rick Rinkoff				

April Acolyte Schedule

April 6

Matt Richards
Ailsa Schmidt
Eli Weinkauf
Thea Bishop
Logan Finkel

April 13

Johannah Frisby
Emily Brooks
Maura Lynch
Lucy Grundhauser

April 20

Madeline Weinkauf
Rachel Clark
Will Rinkoff
Matt Brooks

April 27

Tim Krall
Caroline Krall
Linnea Krall
Helen Baxter
Samantha Rosendale

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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)

In loving memory of: _____

Donation given by: _____