The Farmer’s Market will be returning to the south side of the parking lot before we know it! Throughout the summer, on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings, fresh produce will be available from the talented farmers of Holy Apostles, our companion parish. Once the season opens, we will also enjoy our Sunday coffee hour outside at the market, weather permitting.

Cammie and Rob Beattie can be reached at 651-436-3576 or crbeattie@att.net.

Our Farmer’s Market is a unique opportunity to reach out into our neighborhood while simultaneously deepening our relationship with Holy Apostles. In addition, we continue to support Fields to Families, a project that provides produce from the market to area food shelves. Please join us to volunteer at the market, donate to Fields to Families, and shop for vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Invite your friends and neighbors to explore our market as well!

What $5.00 can buy at the Farmer’s Market.

Boxes of produce for the Fields to Families project.

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Our Farmer’s Market chairs are Cammie and Rob Beattie; Shirley Sailors continues to oversee our part of the Fields to Families effort. To learn more, contact the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller at kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org.
**From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year at Easter I resist the temptation to quote the entirety of John Updike’s *Seven Stanzas at Easter* as my Sunday sermon. It is a beautiful and brilliantly worded praise to the resurrection of Jesus written for the modern mind. I love it, partly because it celebrates the earthiness of the resurrection, the importance of recognizing Christ’s rising not only as a spiritual reality, but also as a physical one.

Updike makes a powerful claim that resonates with the heart of Christian teaching: if the resurrection isn’t flesh and blood, then everything we are about as a church, at St. John’s or anywhere else, is moot. We do not exist purely for spiritual contemplation or to seek a reward in the hereafter. The church, the Easter People, is about embodying the spiritual, of making the reconciliation work of Jesus an incarnate reality in our day. The church is about bricks and mortar and people and plans and meals and furniture and programs and so much more.

It is entirely appropriate then that we are engaging in earnest this month in the work of planning for the future. Our vision document, the Strategic Framework presented at the Annual Meeting in January, presents us with a picture of the future and outlines the contours of our values and hopes at St. John’s. But, that vision needs flesh and bones – in corporate speak, it needs S.M.A.R.T. goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound). And, since the church is not one person or one committee, we want, no we NEED, your input to help us generate those ideas, goals, and feedback necessary to put this next part of the plan together.

You will read in these pages about some of the ways you can participate with the vestry and commissions of St. John’s in the work of the Strategic Plan, which will shape our next three to five years of ministry at St. John’s — specifically, I would urge you to come to one or all of the four Sunday Forums during May (9:00 am in the Fireside Room) as we solicit your ideas and input for the four focus areas (Formation, Programming & Partnerships, Membership, Worship) of the Strategic Framework.

Of course, within these pages there are stories and reports of ways we are already hard at work as Easter People, incarnating the mission of God and the ministry of Jesus in the world and in our church. Thanks for all you are already doing and for the many ways you support this community.

See you in church!

Faithfully,

**St. John the Evangelist May 2014 Service Schedule**

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

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.

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The Daily Diner

By Alden Drew

When an opportunity arises to indulge yourself and do a good deed, who wouldn’t jump at it? That’s what eating at the Daily Diner on University and Dale is all about.

The Daily Diner opened last year as part of Frogtown Commons, a joint development of Episcopal Church Homes and NEDU, the Northeast Dale and University Development Corporation. Above the Diner is Kings Crossing, Episcopal Homes’ most recent low-income housing project (which looks and feels like a luxury apartment building). But another faith-based organization is behind the Diner: Union Gospel Mission. Their mission is to provide opportunity for people who might not otherwise have any.

The staff of the Daily Diner is mostly interns and trainees who are overcoming a variety of obstacles, like homelessness and addiction, while learning a job skills by dishing up some of the best comfort food to grace this part of town in many years. During a 12-week program, they work in all areas of the operation before being listed as available for hire. One partnership the Diner has formed is with Key’s Restaurants, who hire the students ready for permanent employment.

This June, as part of the Twin Cities Jazz Festival, there will be a stage at the Daily Diner featuring local jazz artists. Plan on stopping in the weekend of June 27-28 for a double dose of food for the body and soul.

Celebrate a Wonderful Year with Crocus Hill

With the long-awaited arrival of spring, we are beginning to reflect on our first year at St. John’s and to anticipate the year ahead. The entire Crocus Hill community (children, parents, and teachers) has been so graciously welcomed in helping us. Words cannot express our excitement at the opportunity to create a new and vibrant preschool in this space.

We began the year anticipating how the children would react to the new space. Naturally, they adjusted in a matter of minutes. All our teachers returned and we were able to continue their lesson plans about hibernation, nocturnal animals, and space. We offered field trips, in-house and in the community. Docents, who recently guided us through the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, were amazed at our children’s enthusiasm and wonder.

We continue to honor our founder, Kate Tanner, by celebrating the end of the year with our Annual Art Show. This year’s show will be held in St. John’s gym on Thursday, May 29, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and see all that has happened at Crocus Hill this first year in our new home. We are looking forward to a long relationship with the parish.

Final Book Club Meeting Before Summer

The last book club meeting before summer will take place in the Fireside Room on May 10. The discussion will revolve 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 break for June, July, and August, and resume the second Saturday in September. To learn more, contact Mary Ellen Elliott at 651-426-4146.

Bible Study

Please join us Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Library to study upcoming Bible lessons. Contact Diane Elliott, dianelynnelliott@yahoo.com, to learn more.

May Meetings

Prayer Shawl - Wednesday, May 7 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579 to learn more.

Men’s Breakfast - Saturday, May 10, at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. To learn more, contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

Men’s Gathering - Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

Young Women’s Gathering - Tuesday, May 15, at 7:30 pm. Contact Erin Weber-Johnson, eweberjohnson@gmail.com.

Down Syndrome Group - Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft. To learn more, contact Lindsay Radford at LRadford@lutspt.com.

Attention all Gardeners!

Gardens around St. John’s need your help. We will be setting up and planting the gardens at our Portland Street entrance, north of our Kent Street entrance, and then the Holly Street Gardens. Your input and participation is welcome and appreciated.

Each garden is different and needs attention and loving care, both now and throughout the summer. We are hoping to set up and plant the gardens in mid to late May. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Julia Ferguson or Jeff Olsen at church or contact Julia_ferguson@mac.com or jolsen1533@wblmn.com.

Time is of the essence now that winter is finally behind us. Please help make St. John’s gardens a welcoming and inviting presence for the church and our neighbors.

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 continue at 9:00 am in the Green Room (above the side chapel):

- Sunday, May 4
- Sunday, May 11

New members will be received on the following Sunday (May 18), and are invited to a welcome brunch sponsored by 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.
Sunday Forums

Sundays | 9:00 am | Fireside Room

During May, the vestry and our consultant will be leading Sunday mornings sessions to gather ideas and input on how we can implement this grand vision. Do you have new ideas for existing programs and worship? What do you wish could be tried? Come share your thoughts at the following Sunday morning All Parish Vision and Planning Meetings.

- May 4: Faith Formation
  From the Strategic Framework – “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” so that, as our collect says, we can be built “up in the knowledge and love of [God]…”

- May 11: Programming & Partnerships
  From the Strategic Framework – “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” so that, as our collect says, we can show forth our service to God “in our service to others.”

- May 18: Worship
  From the Strategic Framework – “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” so that, as our collect says, we can “proclaim with joy the good news of [God’s] Son….”

- May 25: Member Integration
  From our Strategic Framework – “We will thrive as ‘the church of the open door,’ and we will be known across the community for our inviting spirit” so that, as our collect says, we might “welcome all people into this community of faith…”

May 17 Field Trip
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. To learn more, please contact Diane Elliott by email at dianelynnelliot@yahoo.com.

Book Discussion at Barbara’s
Come and discuss the Lenten reading book, An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor and also hear excerpts from Taylor’s new book, Learning to Walk in the Dark. Even if you haven’t read the book, you are still welcome.

Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm
1666 Jefferson, St. Paul
Maybe we can even be outside!

Please let Barbara know if you’re coming. Call 651-698-2152 or write to barbara.mraz@stjohnsstpaul.org.

Come and visit me in my new office — behind these doors in the Fireside room!

Strategic Planning, Phase 2
Over the past year our Strategic Planning team chaired by Phyllis Goff and Gabrielle Lawrence worked diligently to assess the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and future challenges to St. John’s as well as listen to the hopes and dreams of individual parishioners for that same future. In January, the vestry approved their work by accepting the Strategic Framework, which was then presented to the congregation at our Annual Meeting.

With that work as a base, we now enter or second phase of the strategic planning process. We have secured the services of Steve Manderscheid, a respected organizational development and strategic planning consultant, to guide this phase of our work. Steve’s wisdom and skills and wealth of knowledge (in addition to consulting, Steve teaches in the College of Business and Organizational Leadership at Concordia University in St. Paul) are perfectly suited to helping our parishioners lay leaders, and vestry create the concrete, achievable, and measurable goals that are the next phase of our planning process.

During the Sunday Forum this month (see schedule on page 12), we will be discussing aspect of the plan. Please take part in these discussions if you can.

The Reverend Barbara Mraz’s New Space
Starting in May, as Writer-in-Residence, Barbara will preach each month, contribute regularly to the parish blog, epistlesandepiphonies.wordpress.com, and write profiles of parishioners for the Evangelist. She is also the coordinator of the OWLs lunches (older, wiser laity) that are held three times a year.

Barbara has been a deacon in the Episcopal Church of Minnesota for over 30 years and enjoys reading, gardening, her kids and grandchildren, theater, and films. She is the author of Finding Faith at the Movies (Morehouse, 2004).

And, though her office has moved, you can still email Barbara at barbara.mraz@stjohnsstpaul.org. Please join us to celebrate Barbara’s ministry at coffee hour on May 11.

Getting to Know You
Terry Dinovo and Diane Wallace-Reid
Diane Wallace-Reid, a retired teacher and school librarian, and husband Terry Dinovo, a Learning Materials Manager with Minneapolis Public Schools, live in the Highland Park neighborhood of St. Paul. Their two married daughters also live in the Twin Cities. Their sons live farther afield—one in Nebraska, the other with his family in Massachusetts. Diane, who grew up in Nebraska, was raised as a Missouri Synod Lutheran and attended a Lutheran College. Terry’s faith background is Catholic and Lutheran. In 1998, the couple decided to become Episcopalian. They were drawn to the Episcopal Church by the liturgy and music, as well as the emphasis on social ministry. Diane and Terry tried a couple Episcopal churches in the Twin Cities, and then a church in Phoenix, but when they moved back to Minnesota in 2012, they decided to look at a new church. They decided on St. John’s due to its welcoming members, good preaching, and many social ministry programs. When they aren’t working or volunteering, Diane and Terry enjoy biking, hiking, reading, watching shows on PBS, collecting first editions and Native American pottery, and spending quality time with friends and family.
Faith in Action

Ready, Set, Build!
Join Faith Builders for this Summer’s Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Project

St. John’s is a charter member of Faith Builders, a coalition of St. Paul churches organized in the fall of 2002 to participate in the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Summer Work camp program. Faith Builders consists of five area congregations: Ascension Catholic Church, the Cathedral of St. Paul, House of Hope Presbyterian, St. John’s Episcopal, and Unity Unitarian. Committed to putting their faith into action, the members of Faith Builders work to meet the need for affordable housing in the Twin Cities. Our Faith in Action Commission supports Faith Builders financially ($2,750.00 this year to Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity) and with volunteers.

This year, the 2014 Workcamp will happen over the weeks of July 14-18 and July 21-25 (Monday through Friday each week). Construction takes place from 8:20 am to 4:00 pm each day. We will be working on a new Habitat home project at 675 LaFond Avenue in St Paul, only five minutes from St. John’s. It will be an important addition to the stock of affordable housing for those with limited means. This is the 12th Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity summer project Faith Builders and St. John’s volunteers have participated in!

Plan ahead to join us for one or more days working in general construction or on the food crew. Each day there will be a work crew of 14-16 volunteers, and two volunteers preparing and serving snacks and lunch. All skill levels are welcome. You will be provided with tools and friendly instructions, if you need them. You will also be working with like-minded folk, people of active faith from other local congregations, and you’ll be addressing the need for affordable housing in a concrete way.

For information on St. John’s role in Faith Builders and how you can volunteer, please contact Don Postema at 651-483-3062 or postema@comcast.net. To view available volunteer days and to sign up, visit the website, http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4A4A92AA20-faithbuilders.

When you see the smiles on the faces of the new owners of these homes at the dedication open house, you’ll know you shared in the work of faith building!

Hearts to Homes Meeting
Monday, May 26 at 5:00 pm in the Fireside Room. To learn more, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.

Hearts to Homes Needs Ears to Hear
Are you a good listener?
Can you make weekly phone calls or sometimes visit with a mom and family nearing financial independence?
Can you attend a Hearts to Homes committee meeting once a month?
Can you be the compassionate contact relaying current concerns and needs to the committee?
Can you sometimes suggest helpful tips and advice from your personal experiences?
Can you celebrate success?
Can you say “yes,” and volunteer to lend an ear?
Then from you we’re now waiting to hear. Become a Hearts to Home Mentor today!
Call 651-228-1172, x18, Reverend Kate Bradtmiller.

Musical Notes

May 8 Compline
We are blessed to have a May Compline service with the Mirandola Ensemble. This meditative service, held on Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 pm, is the perfect ending to your day – come to be refreshed and hear this beautiful music.

May 11 Evensong 4 o’clock
The May Bean Memorial Evensong with Concert will feature music of two composers. Our St. John’s Choir will perform works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Charles Villiers Stanford: Mozart’s Missa brevis in F (literally “short Mass”) accompanied by a chamber orchestra, and Stanford’s Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in G Major will feature soloists Brittany Pitts and Paul Rudoi. Stanford’s lovely anthem, Beati quorum via, will also be performed. Organist Sharon Kleckner will accompany the service. A reception follows in our Fireside Room. It is a Mother’s Day treat!

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 the week after Pentecost on June 15, 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. For more information, contact Jayson Engquist at 651-228-1172, x36.

Your Favorite Things...
Please write to our Director of Music and let us know your favorite hymns. Write to Jayson.Engquist@stjohnstpaul.org and leave the title and hymn number.

Children’s Choir and Youth Choir
The Children’s Choir will sing their final anthem for the season on May 4, with regular rehearsal also on April 27 at 9:00, before Godly Play. All children grades 1-6 are welcome to close out the season with the choir!

The Youth Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:15, before Youth Group, on April 23. All Youth Choir singers are welcome to sing with the joint choir at Regional Confirmation, Saturday, May 3, at St. Christopher’s in Roseville, and sing for our own Tim Krall! Members are also welcome to join with Holy Apostles youth at their concert on May 10. Sunday, May 18 will be the last Sunday of the season for Youth Choir. Both choirs will join for a year-end party after church on Sunday, May 18.

Diocesan Music Camp: Choristers - and anyone in grades 3-12 - contact Jean Hansen about this great summer opportunity to spend a week up north growing musically and spiritually, and having a lot of fun.

Holy Apostles Episcopal Church Presents
A Free Family Concert • Saturday May 10, 2014 at 6pm
At St. John the Evangelist

Featuring:
- Superbly Talented Musicians
- Ensembles and Solos
- Children, Youth, and Professional Musicians
- Instrumental and Vocal Performances
- A Variety of Musical Styles

Free will offering to benefit Holy Apostles youth music program.

Contact: Mary Chang at malya22978@gmail.com
Confirmands at St. John’s
The three youth pictured below are being confirmed on May 3, at 11:30 am at St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church in Roseville (2300 Handline Ave. N.).

Lucy Grundhauser
Lucy is a sophomore at St. Paul Central. She enjoys participating in church and diocesan events. She loves writing, singing, and playing A LOT of volleyball.

Tim Kral
A sophomore at Highland Park Senior High School, Tim has been a familiar face at St. John’s for the past 10 years. He has participated in the Children’s and Youth Choirs, and Youth Group, and regularly served as a Sunday acolyte. Tim is also huge sports fan, and runs track and cross country at school, skis on the Nordic team, and plays summer baseball. In adition to his challenging academic and sports schedule, he also works as an umpire and scoreboard operator, and plans to take up coaching next year.

Payton Kinkead
Payton Kinkead is a junior at Minnehaha Academy. She enjoys debate, soccer and volunteering for Amnesty International. She also feels lucky to work with the children who play in St. John’s nursery on Sunday mornings. She has enjoyed being part of the St. John’s community and is looking forward to her confirmation on May 3. She is grateful for the support of Bob Horn and the guidance he has given her as her sponsor.

East Metro Mission Area Gathering
May 3 – 5, 2014 Below is the schedule for gatherings with each other and the Bishop.

Saturday, May 3
11:00 am Confirmation at St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church, 2300 Hamline Ave. N, St. Paul, MN 55113
1:00 pm Hop Around the Globe: An International feast and silent auction to benefit the Hmong Ministry Planting Initiative (also at St. Christopher’s)
Sunday, May 4
4:30 pm Hymn Sing, Dinner and Night Prayer at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave, St. Paul, MN 55108
1:00 pm Tea at Episcopal Homes, 1879 Feronia Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104
7:00 pm Gathering of wardens and treasurers at St. John The Evangelist, 60 Kent St, St. Paul, MN 55102

Faith in Action Thank You Letters
Many of our Faith in Action projects generate thank you letters from those whom we help. Below is a sampling of “Thank You” messages we received last fall.

From Saint Paul Area Council of Churches’ Executive Director, Pastor Patricia Lull: “...I thank you for making this year’s School Tools drive so successful. On August 26-27, we received over $21,000 worth of school supplies. By noon on the 27th, we sent 435 backpacks and additional classroom supplies out the door...to:

- Department of Indian Work, Project Home, and Project SPIRIT at the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches
- American Indian Magnet School
- Emma’s Place
- Wilder Foundation
- Community School of Excellence
- Project REACH with Saint Paul Public Schools

What we know is that more than 400 children and youth started the school year more ready to learn and confident of their place with their peers. These backpacks are about so much more than school supplies. They convey a message of hope and encouragement to children from families living in poverty.”

From Chuck Neve, Minister of Administration at Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church: “I just found out that one of our volunteers had come over after your “Huge Sale” and obtained a huge amount of leftovers. They will not go to waste. Thank you for the donation of linens, men’s jeans, and women’s lingerie. It is a real blessing to have such a partner for many years.”

From Robert W. Radtke, President of Episcopal Relief and Development: “Thank you for St. John’s generous contribution of $125. Your commitment to fighting poverty and disease is essential as we continue our work in support of the Millennium Development Goals and communities around the globe...
Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Journey to Adulthood Observed May 4

A significant component of the Rite 13 program is to celebrate those youth turning 13. This is called The Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood. On Sunday, May 4, during the 10:00 am service, we will recognize the gift of womanhood for the four young women described below.

Linnea Krall

Linnea (13) is finishing 7th grade at Highland Park Middle School, where she runs cross-country and track, skis on the Nordic team, and plays clarinet in the band. She enjoys cooking, reading and doing puzzles, and is always looking to add to her babysitting client list. Since first grade, Linnea has been part of the St. John’s Children’s and Youth Choirs. She plays clarinet in the Shepherd Band and is a regular acolyte. She does very well academically, and is an enthusiastic participant in the Rite 13 group.

Helen Baxter

Since her baptism at St. John’s, Helen has been an active member of this parish community. Each week she looks forward to Wednesdays nights with her friends in Rite 13, many of whom she has known since Godly Play. The talent and love of musical worship she brings to the choir has been nurtured since, as a 5-year-old, she first put on a children’s choir robe and climbed the stairs to sit in the choir stalls. Her confidence and strength has grown since, expressed now in ushering and acolyting, cultivated by the kindness of those who share God’s peace with us. Today at age 13, her faith is strong and we see the world being made new in her bright and hopeful soul to be a place filled with God’s promise and joy.

Vivian Scheel

Vivian Ilane Scheel is generous, compassionate, and smart. She loves spending time with her family, nature, and her dog and cats. She is a voracious reader and has raised thousands of dollars for Susan G. Komen Foundation in honor of her mom who is living with metastatic breast cancer. Vivian is an excellent visual artist having learned from her dad, Wade Scheel. Vivian is in seventh grade at St. Thomas More Catholic School in St. Paul. She began performing as a singer and dancer at age 5 and got her first big break at age 10 on the Ordway stage. She continues to work at becoming a musical theater triple threat. Her dreams are to find a way to harness the power of singing, dancing, acting and art to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

Thea Bischof

Theodora Jean Bischof was born in Minneapolis and has lived in St. Paul, California, and Germany. She is in the 7th grade at the St. Thomas More Catholic School in St. Paul, where she participates in many activities from Girl Scouts and Quiz Bowl to soccer, basketball, and softball. Her favorite class is social studies because it is all about what has happened in the world. Her hobbies are cooking, dancing, gardening, kickboxing in the basement, and reading. She also likes hanging out with her friends and family. Theo's grandparents are from Germany, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Arkansas. She has a spunky, fun-loving, affectionate yet sometimes sassy personality. Theo brings joy and smiles to her family.

We are excited to have these youth completing the two-year Rite 13 program and moving on to J2A. If you know a youth entering 6th or 7th grade this fall who would like to know more about Rite 13, please contact Jean Hansen at 952-201-0424 or rjhansen3128@aim.com.

Final Youth Gathering

Please note the time change for our final youth group. Our final gathering is Wednesday, May 21 from 6:15 pm to 8:45 pm for “Church Basement Bowling.” We’ll meet at St. John’s and carpool to St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in St. Paul to bowl on the lanes in their basement. Please Note: We need volunteer drivers to help transport youth.

Summer Events

Grand Old Day

Summer is fast approaching, and that means that Grand Old Day—Sunday, June 1—will be here before we know it. As part of their ongoing fund-raising efforts, St. John’s youth sell parking spots in our parking lot on that day. Church parking in the morning, of course, is still free.

Summer Stretch

Mark your calendars now for our fourth annual Summer Stretch. What is Summer Stretch? It is a service and recreational program that is based on Gospel values. We will meet three Thursdays during the summer.

Who: Youth entering grades 6 through 12 in the Fall of 2014

When: July 17, 24, and 31

Time: 9:00 am to 4 pm

This program is designed for junior high and high school youth at St. John’s as well as any similarly aged friends, relatives, or neighbors. Please, encourage other teens you know to join you for Summer Stretch.

Important May Dates for Youth

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- May 4: Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood
- May 7: Dinner with Kinkead Family
- May 14: Dinner with Ferguson Family
- May 21: Final Youth Gathering—Bowling

The cost for each Thursday is $10.00 per youth. The cost covers recreational entrance fees and miscellaneous supplies. In addition to the fees, we need parents to commit to driving one of the three Thursdays.

SUMMER STRETCH

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- 10:00 am – Bowling

- 11:00 am – Lunch

- Fireside Room.

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- May Godly Play Schedule

Sunday, May 4—First Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts—Marilyn Conklin, Erin Weber-Johnson, and Leah Brown

Sunday, May 11—Pre-K/K and 1st/2nd Graders—Good Shepherd and World Communion

3rd/4th Graders and 5th/6th Graders—Easter Eggs

Sunday, May 18—Pre-K/K 1st/2nd Graders, 3rd/4th Graders, and 5th/6th Graders—Pentecost

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