

THE EVANGELIST

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Episcopal Church



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Episcopal Youth Event

Three of our St. John's youth - **Johannah Frisby, Michaela Allen, and Elliot Allen** participated in **EYE14 - Episcopal Youth Event 2014** - in Philadelphia.

Here is what two of them had to say about their experience:

"Our trip to EYE was full of adventures, learning, and worship. I met so many incredible people from all over the US and a few other countries including the Virgin Islands, Taiwan, and Honduras. I loved getting to spend more time with the other kids in our diocese that I know from TEC and other church events. My favorite part of EYE was the singing during worship every night. The

energy was incredible. I could tell that everyone there was excited to be there and wanted to participate. During our services, we heard from many influential speakers including our presiding bishop Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, the bishop of North Carolina, Michael Curry, and Rev. Becca Stevens, the chaplain at Vanderbilt.

Each speaker spoke to us about many different things ranging from Episcopalian mice to women on the streets and drug addicts to unbelievable transformations. All these talks all tied into the 5 Marks of Mission (Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, and Treasure). When we weren't at the services, we got to hang out at Villanova and had the option of going to workshops that taught us about different types of service support-

ed by the Episcopal church or let us embrace our creativity through Legos and bracelet making. On our second to last day, everyone piled onto 20 busses and we headed into the city of brotherly love. We toured the city and visited a bunch of different churches in downtown Philadelphia. At the end of our tours we got to run up the "Rocky steps" and we're welcomed with

food, music, and dancing. This is when all the participants of EYE really got to spend time with each other. I learned so much and I'm so excited to GO! out and serve The Lord in my everyday life. "

-Michaela



Pictured top row, third from the left is Michaela Allen, and bottom row, third from the left is Johannah Frisby, and fifth from the left is Elliot Allen.

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Come... Join Us in Pentecost

Sundays

8:00 am Service:

Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m.

Farmers' Market Opens
Summer Choir Practice

10:00 am Service:

Sung Eucharist Rite II

Following Services

Coffee Hour in the Parking Lot, on the corner of Kent and Summit. Otherwise, in the Undercroft.



Evangelist Deadline

September Issue

August 13 at 4pm

All groups and individuals are **encouraged** to submit news and items of interest to *The Evangelist*. Email (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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Office Hours:

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

From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

Dear Friends in Christ,



I've been enjoying listening to and reading some of the articles, blog posts, tweets, and sermons coming out of the Episcopal Youth Event 2014 (EYE14) based in Philadelphia these past weeks. I was delighted to learn (see our cover story) that three of our youth were able to attend the event as representatives from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. As I prayed for them I was reminded of some of my own formative experiences in the faith, of conferences and conventions of a similar sort that I attended, and I prayed with special intention that this experience might somehow bless and equip them for rich and committed spiritual lives, and that through this time they might come to see more clearly how their lives are designed to be vessels and signs of Christ's love for the world.

One of the sermons posted from the event (one that is mentioned by our youth, and understandably so, as being quite memorable and inspiring) was preached by Bishop Michael Curry, Diocese of North Carolina, at the closing Eucharist. In his inimitable style, and with the raucous encouragement of the nearly thousand youth present, Curry proclaimed that perhaps of all the words God has spoken, one of his favorites is "Go!". The bishop reminded the gathering of Jesus' commission in Matthew that we should "go into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

Bishop Curry's remarks, indeed the focus of EYE14, and I would argue a primary focus of our faith, is on this very active word, on our sent-ness - "Go!" We are sent into all the world, loving, serving, healing, and praying for others. I've said before that one of my favorite moments in the whole of the Eucharistic liturgy comes at the very conclusion, after we have blessed and been blessed, after we've confessed and been absolved, after we have praised God in the beauty of holiness - the deacon dismisses us by saying "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!"

Go - to the farmer's market and greet your neighbors with the same hospitality and peace of Christ you have just received within these walls. Go praise the creator in his creation. Go walk in love just as Christ loved you and gave himself for you. Go and serve, at food shelves and home builds and in homeless shelters. Go and love. Go!

This summer, no matter where you are going, know that you are sent from this place in love, that you go with the blessings of a community of fellow disciples who care deeply for you, that you go with our prayers, and more than anything, I hope you know that you go with God. Thank you for all the ways you go forth from this place into our community and into the world and make a difference for the sake of the gospel.

See you in church!

Faithfully,

From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am part of a Facebook community who pray for one another. Each Saturday, our convener, Steven Charleston, posts the following invitation:



Saturday is our day for prayer requests. Please leave your request here. I will pray with you, and I know that many others in our community will too. Please note that we use the "like" option only to let our friends know that we are praying with them. The prayers of persons of all traditions are welcome. May God be with us each and every one.

Knowing that every week, I could post my prayer, and pray for others at the same time, was what kept me connected to my faith in the first weeks after I birthed the twins, and Louisa and I were beginning to figure out what it means to be parents. Caring for twins is such a loving, wonderful, complicated and challenging task. It was a relief to know that, once a week, I could share my largest challenge or gratitude, and a hundred others would join me in lifting it up to God. It is a privilege to be able to do the same for those hundred others.

Praying is a fundamental practice of our Christian life. It connects us with God and one another; Jesus tells the disciples, and us, to pray. As a community of faith, here at St. John's, we commit to praying for one another, for our concerns large and small. We pray aloud, together, on Sunday mornings, naming our thanksgivings, sorrows, and concerns in the Prayers of the People. We have a prayer chain, connected over email, who each commit to praying for those who ask. And individually, we pray.

At times, prayer may seem challenging or simple. When I am exhausted or angry, even the idea of prayer can be daunting. What I forget, in those times, is that prayer need not be complicated. Recalling someone's name, and saying it silently to God is prayer. "Help!" and "thank you" are prayers. The Lord's Prayer, and the grace you learned as a child, are prayers.

How much difference can we make for one another when we offer the assurance, "I am praying for you."? Supporting one another in the body of a Christ need not be complicated.

Faithfully yours,

Kate

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*
Dorothy Ek, *Music Librarian*
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*
Jim Johnson, *Planned Gift Chair*
Craig Lemming, *Compline Coordinator*
Jennifer O'Neill, *Assistant Music Librarian*
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*

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*
The Reverend Barbara Mraz, *Writer in Residence*
John Oldfield, *Office of the Treasurer*
Chris Tegeler, *Building Manager*
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*
Dunfa Weretti, *Building Assistant*

August 10: Annual Parish Picnic

Please join us on Sunday, August 10 for the joint St. John's/Holy Apostles annual summer picnic celebration.

The 10:00 am worship service (with river baptisms) will be held at Crosby Farm park, and will be followed by a picnic lunch. We have booked the park until dusk, so please stay as long as you'd like to play games, enjoy fellowship with St. John's and Holy Apostle's parishioners, and eat some delicious food.

Holy Apostles
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When: August 10, 2014
10:00 a.m. worship service and baptism in the park
Picnic lunch following service

Remember to bring...

- Lawn chairs or picnic blankets
- Sunscreen, hats
- Bug spray
- Outdoor games
- Umbrellas or raincoats
- Beverages other than those provided

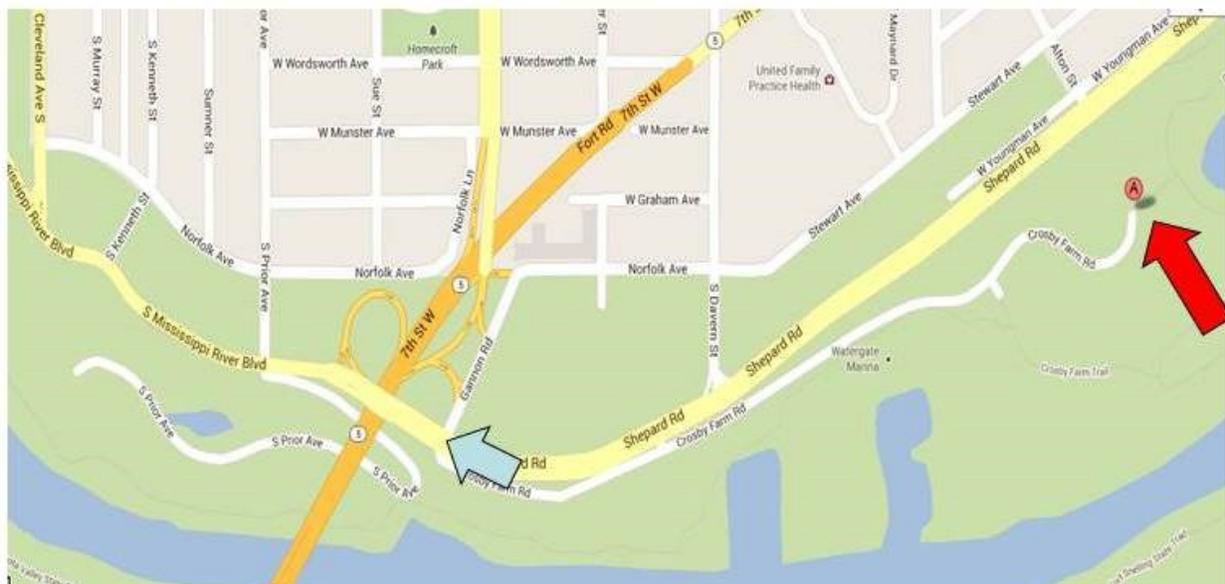
Where: Crosby Farm Park Picnic Area
2595 Crosby Farm Road
St. Paul, MN 55116
(entrance at intersection of Gannon and Shepard Road)

Details: Holy Apostles and St. John's will provide grilled meats, egg rolls and other Hmong side dishes, watermelon, and beverages including lemonade, tea, and water.

St. John's families, please bring a salad or dessert to share:

Last names A - M: dessert

Last names N - Z: salad



Gathering Sunday and Fall Preview

The new program year at St. John's is just around the corner!

To kickoff the new program year we will hold our annual **Gathering Sunday, September 14**, a day full of celebration and the return of fun events for the whole parish.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your church family and introduce friends and neighbors to the community that is St. John's.



Activities on Gathering Sunday:

Ministry Fair

Learn what each ministry at St. John's is doing throughout the program year. Please stop by one of the tables or booths set up in the gymnasium during the Gathering Sunday activities.

Parish Potluck

Following 10am worship service, please join us in the gymnasium for the annual Potluck. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a side-dish, M-Z please bring a dessert.

Face Painting and Games

Provided by our Children, Youth and Family Ministry. If you would like to assist, please contact Jean Hansen at rjhansen3128@aim.com.

Music

St. John's Adult Choir returns from their Summer hiatus to lead us in inspiring worship.

Beginning in September:

Blessing of the Backpacks

On September 7th there will be a blessing of all backpacks and anyone beginning a new school year.

Choir Rehearsals

Regular rehearsals begin September 10.

Senior Youth and Rite 13

These programs resume September 10.

Children's and Youth Choirs Mini Retreat

September 13, 9am-noon at St. John's.

Sunday Forums

Begins September 21. New topics and speakers begin for the year. In addition, the clergy are developing a series that addresses the fundamentals of Christianity, Discipleship, and Scripture in response to the findings from the Strategic Plan. More exciting news to come.

Adult Choir Retreat

September 19-21 at Dunrovin (offsite).

Service Opportunities

Gathering Sunday

As we commence our new program year, please consider volunteering your time. Please stop by a table or booth on Gathering Sunday, September 14, to learn more about what our ministries have coming up for the year and how you can help.

Worship Ministries

Worship is at the heart of our life together as a community, and volunteers are always needed. To join our team of:

- *Greeters and Ushers* contact Anne Russell at church@stjohnsstpaul.org, or 651-228-1172, x10.
- *Lay Readers* contact Jill Thompson at jillg0902@gmail.com or Jill.G.Thompson@wellsfargo.com.
- *Altar Guild* members contact Diane Power at dianepower@comcast.net.
- *Acolytes* contact Longkee Vang at vang-x395@yahoo.com or 651-503-0450.
- *Coffee hour* hosts contact Paige Hagstrom at gphagstrom@gmail.com

FAITH IN ACTION

The quarterly Faith in Action meeting will take place August 7 at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft. Join us in identifying ways the St. John's Congregation can serve the community and to discuss current and future projects. For more information please contact Colleen Swope at ccswope50@gmail.com. Check our current service opportunities on page 8.

OTHER NEEDS

- *Gardeners*, if you are interested in helping, please contact Jeff Olsen (jolsen1533@wblmn.com) or Julia Ferguson (julia_ferguson@mac.com).
- *Video and Sound Recording*, if you are interested, please contact Jayson Engquist (jayson.engquist@stjohnsstpaul.org).
- *Office Assistance*, such as answering the phone, greeting visitors, and preparing the Evangelist. Please contact Sarah at 651-228-1172 x10 or church@stjohnsstpaul.org.

Welcome a New Verger

We are pleased to introduce a new addition to our liturgical team. Last year we expanded the volunteer leadership of our worship by incorporating the position of verger to our Sunday morning team. Up till now, that position has been faithfully and excellently filled and executed every Sunday by Phillip Baird, and now he has a fellow verger with which to collaborate and share his duties – he'll get a well-deserved day off from time to time. Joan Potter has been active and involved at St. John's for eighteen years as a choir member, search committee member, vestry member, and Music Commission Chair, and this fall she is joining the verger team. Phillip and Joan will share the duties of verger by vesting and leading our processions, acting as MC in our larger services, and helping plan and direct the liturgy along with the clergy and director of Music, in our weekly liturgical planning meetings. To borrow a metaphor from baseball, a verger is like a combination utility infielder and base coach. They can easily, because of their knowledge of and comfort with the service, jump into any non-ordained role (reader, chalice bearer, crucifer, and acolyte) if need arises, and can also instruct and guide other participants in the liturgy from the side (adding guidance to a confused acolyte, for instance, or discreetly carrying a message to the organist in another instance). Joan's breadth of experience at St. John's combined with her years directing theater means she brings new and helpful insight to our liturgy team, and we are delighted to have her on board. Welcome Joan!



Safe Church Training: August 16, 17, & 20

The Children's portion of Safe Church training will be offered at St. John's on Saturday, August 16 (9-noon), Sunday, August 17, (Noon to 3), and Wednesday, August 20 (6-9). Everyone who works with children, and or youth, as well as vestry members and key holders are required to attend the training every 5 years. Lunch will be provided for volunteers and staff who attend, so please RSVP by email or phone (or to check on your renewal date) to Sarah Dull, by Friday, August 8 - church@stjohnsstpaul.org, or 651-228-1172, x10.

Journey of Grace

By Barbara Mraz

Jeff Olsen is a grateful man. Grateful for his family, grateful for St John's, grateful for the blessings that have entered his life in a constant stream. A "nice guy" in the best sense of the word, humble to a fault, Jeff and his wife Peggy have been members at St. John's for 25 years, a timespan that also has brought them the two biggest gifts of their lives.

Born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, college at the U of M, a stint as a radio broadcaster, law school at Hamline, and a marriage to then- ski-instructor Peggy, are Part One of his story. Now Jeff work as a technical claims specialist at Northland Insurance and Peggy works for Wells-Fargo

And then there are Andrew and Charlie. "Before them," Jeff says, "I was not an emotional person. Now I choke up at just about everything, even stupid movies."

Parenthood can do that to you.

"We knew families at church who had adopted kids and when we were ready, we sent out 'business cards' one year with our Christmas cards saying that we wanted to adopt and we started to get responses.... The first situation we had set up didn't work at the very last minute and that was really painful."

"We came to church the next day and the people who sat in front of us had adopted two children from Korea. At one point Peggy and I looked at each other and we both broke into tears. One thing led to another and suddenly we were looking at international adoption."

"We went to a class at an adoption agency the next week and there was a picture of Andrew with a Swedish flag behind him! That caught our attention! He was nineteen months old and we started the process to adopt him."

Three months later, Peggy went to Korea to get Andrew. Jeff had selected a card for Peggy for every day of the seven days she would be gone. In the card store, Jeff broke into tears. It had begun.

An emotional meeting at the airport followed. This was 19 years ago.

A short time later, six-month-old Charlie became available and this time Jeff got ready to go to Seoul to pick him



up from the foster parents (there are few orphanages in Korea). However, everything was delayed for seven weeks because, as Jeff points out, "The government shut down." Not the Korean government, but the *U.S. Government* since President Clinton and Congress could not agree on a budget.

Jeff describes the flight home with ten-month old Charlie: "A kind stewardess walked Charlie up and down the aisle to greet people; there was a lot of seating space and every time I got up to take Charlie to the bathroom, a guy seated nearby came to clean up the Cheerios and the mess we had made." (On the other hand, Peggy had Andrew on her lap – often jumping up and down-- for the whole twelve-hour trip!)

The boys finished high school. Andrew played sports and Charlie was into Scouting. They were active in the youth group at St. John's, including "great trips." As a Scout project, Charlie planned and helped plant the garden behind the church.

In 2005 the family made a trip back to Korea and then made a second family trip earlier this year. On one or both trips, meetings with foster and birth families occurred. The foster families who had cared for each boy as well as the birth mothers and everyone's extended families were met. There were opportunities for thank you's, heartfelt, on all sides. One huge difference on the second trip was that Charlie had been living in Seoul for nine months, had become fluent in Korean and so served as host, translator and tour guide for the family.

The late Bob Binger, a long-time member of St. John's, made an after-church connection with Charlie, talking first about summer camp in Ely and then Korea. Bob had been there in the military during the Korean War so there was a lot to talk about. Right before Bob's death, Charlie was in Korea and was able to talk about a mountain they had both visited, communicating via "Korean Skype."

It's quite a story: following your heart across an ocean, if need be. Love without boundaries. Grace and blessings. And deep gratitude encompassing it all.

Faith in Action



School Tools

St. John's takes part in the St. Paul Area of Council of Churches' School Tools Drive each August. We collect school supplies that SPACC distributes to homeless and low-income children. SPACC

asks that the supplies be new. Items needed include:

- backpacks
- three ring binders and trapper keepers
- calculators
- pocket dictionaries
- facial tissues in boxes or individual packs
- spiral note books and loose leaf paper (narrow and wide ruled)
- composition notebooks
- science calculators
- pencils/colored pencils
- pens and erasable pens
- markers and highlighters
- folders
- school boxes
- pencil sharpeners, erasers
- rulers
- glue sticks and bottles
- scissors, crayons (large and regular size)
- white out/correction tape
- poster and display boards
- watercolor paints

Supplies are collected in the Undercroft through **August 15**. Contact Jennifer Kinkead (612-750-2541; khunterlane@aol.com) with any questions.

Thank You Letters

Many of our Faith in Action projects generate thank you letters from those whom we help. Below is a excerpt from a "Thank You" messages we received recently. **From Kathy Denman-Wilke, Director of the Department of Indian Work at SPACC:**

"Thank you very much for your congregation's two recent gifts on April 8, 2014, gifts of \$75.00 and \$175.00 to the Department of Indian Work Food Shelf. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. It is very encouraging to be supported in our work!

Your ongoing support of the Council of Churches enables us to continue addressing critical needs in the East Metro area. Through your contribution to the food shelf, you are helping to meet a very important need in our community. The food shelf serves thousands of people throughout the year, and provides special food baskets during the holidays."

Support Our Food Shelf

During summer, children in our community miss out on food provided through schools' free breakfast and subsidized lunch programs. Please join your fellow parishioners and help add inventory to our local food shelves. Food items that can always be used and are especially in demand during the summer months are:

- Juice boxes
- Mac and cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut butter
- Sugar, salt, flour, and baking supplies of all kinds
- Canned vegetables such as corn, peas, and beans
- High protein foods in cans like tuna, chicken, and salmon are staples that many families have a difficult time purchasing

As always, you can drop off food at St. John's in the Undercroft or the barrel in the back of church any time.

God bless, Vern Kassekert

How Many Pounds of Food?

Each week St. John's collects donations for the Fields to Families Program. These donations are used to purchase fresh produce from the Holy Apostles farmers, which is then donated to the Hallie Q. Brown food shelf.

See below for an idea of the impact that these donations are making every week!

Pounds of Food:

- June 23: **104.6** lbs.
- June 30: **62** lbs.
- July 7: **84** lbs.
- July 14: **241** lbs.
- July 21: **417** lbs.



Faith in Action Meeting - Thursday, August 7 at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft. To learn more, contact Colleen Swope at ccswope50@gmail.com.

Hearts to Homes Meeting - Monday, August 25 at 5:00 pm in the Fireside Room. To learn more, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.



Fields to Families Matching Grant

We have been offered a \$1,500 matching grant for Fields to Families! Currently, donations to the program are collected at our farmers market during the summer and used to purchase produce from the farmers. This produce is then delivered to our neighborhood food shelf, Halle Q. Brown. Since 2011, tens of thousands of pounds of fresh produce have been donated through Fields to Families, feeding hundreds of families with healthy produce and supporting Hmong farmers from our companion parish, Holy Apostles. If our goal of raising \$1,500 is achieved, an additional \$1,500 will be donated to the program, effectively doubling the funds and serving twice as many families facing food insecurity. For those interested in ending hun-



ger and malnutrition, this matching grant is a wonderful opportunity to make your money go further.

Donations can be made at the Farmers Market on Wednesday afternoons, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and Sunday mornings, from 9:00 am to Noon. Donations can also be sent to the Parish Office, marked for Fields to Families. No amount of money is too small, and every penny is used to buy food.

For more information regarding the Farmers Market, Fields to Families or the matching grant please contact The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller at 651-228-1172 x18.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



Continued from front page... "Our EYE14 trip to Philadelphia was filled with so much more than just "brotherly love". It was amazing to be around so many people that shared the same faith as well as being within the same age group all the while living in different parts of the country, even the world. Though getting teased for our Minnesota accents was a bit of an eye opener, as well as most of them not knowing what a loon is, worshipping and being together was so powerful and often times almost overwhelming. Every day we were blessed to be given such powerful sermons and be surrounded by such influential, spiritual, and generous people. Those who stood out most to me would be the Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, Becca Stevens, who spoke to us about her organization, Thistle Farms, and the Bishop of North Carolina, Michael Curry, who gave us the sermon at our last Eucharist which I have found myself watching on YouTube multiple times within the last few days.

The four days we had in Philly were so interesting. We filled our days with either workshops ranging from building your own city of God with Legos, to learning about healthy relationships, to talking about the Episcopal Service Corp. We had one day to explore the churches and city of Philadelphia, but because there were over a thousand of us partaking in EYE different groups went to different churches. We gathered in a church that George Washington attended and Benjamin Franklin is buried, as well as attending a High Church service, and learning about the history of the African Episcopal church, followed by the St. James church that had recently opened a school where kids can learn in a safe environment. Each of these churches had something amazing to offer. As our four days came to a close and as we attended our Last Eucharist we were reminded through Bishop Michael Curry's sermon that the reason we came together, was so that we could GO! We are marked for mission, as well as being the future of the church, and we are so blessed."

-Johannah

Ceremony

I will tell you something about stories,
(he said)

They aren't just entertainment
Don't be fooled.

They are all we have, you see,
all we have to off
illness and death.

You don't have anything
If you don't have the stories.

Their evil is mighty
but it can't stand up to our stories.
So they try to destroy the stories
let the stories be confused or forgotten.

They would like that
They would be happy
Because we would be defenseless then.

He rubbed his belly.
I keep them here
(he said)
Here, put your hand on it
See, it is moving.
There is life here
for the people.

And in the belly of this story
the rituals and the ceremony
are still growing.

Taken from Ceremony by Leslie Marmom Silko
New York: Penguin books, 1986



Musical Notes



Church in downtown Minneapolis (a new bell tour with carillon recently built). Should you be interested in a group tour at either venue, please contact Jayson Engquist.

Summer Choir

Our Summer Choir continues Sunday mornings through the beginning of September. All are welcome to rehearse each Sunday in the choir stalls at 9:00 AM. This is the perfect time to sing with the choir and “try us out.” For additional information, please call the Jayson Engquist at (651-228-1172, x36).

Bats in the Belfry?

You may have noticed our tower bells ringing at various times. We have implemented a short “carillon recital” during the Farmer’s Market (on Sundays and Wednesdays). In addition our “noon ring” is now the Winchester Chime Tune (instead of Westminster)

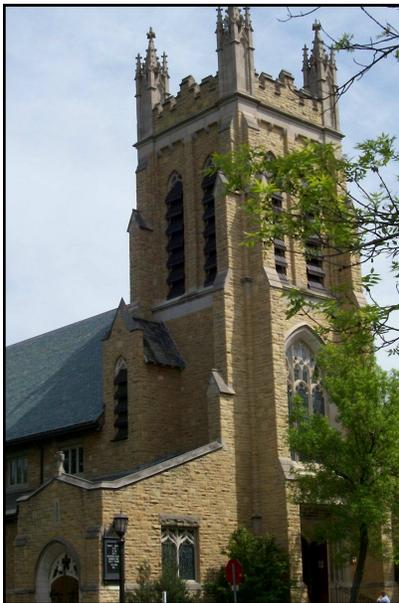


preceding the 12 tolls for the hour. And, we’ve added the ancient “Angelus” (a call to prayer

often tolled three times a day) at 6 p.m. on weeknights. If you would like to suggest tunes to be played during the recitals, please be in touch with Jayson Engquist in the Music Office (x36). Our church bats have told us they like the new bell music, by the way!

St. John’s Tower Tour Update

After carefully looking into a tour of our bell tour, it has been determined we cannot bring people up into the tower. There are no stairs (only rungs in the stone from 1902) and our liability would not extend to this area of the church. We encourage you to check into tours of other bell tours in the Twin Cities including The House of Hope Presbyterian Church (carillon recitals on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m.) or Central Lutheran



New Children’s and Youth Choirs Assistant Director

We are interviewing candidates for our new Children’s and Youth Choirs Director. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the position or have any suggestions or thoughts about the process or position, please speak with either Jayson Engquist (Director of Music) or Marilyn Conklin (Music Commission Chair).



Private or Group Music Lessons

If you are interested in private or group music lessons (i.e., voice, piano, or organ) please contact Jayson Engquist in the Music Office: 651-228-1172 [x36]. Several of our professional musicians teach lessons (all ages including adults).

Planning Ahead

There are two special services in the Fall as follows: All Saints Evensong will be presented on November 2, 2014 at 4:00 pm. Our annual Lessons and Carols Service will be presented on December 21, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

Faith Formation

Sunday Forum gets a Face-Lift!

During the work on the Strategic Plan, we heard lots of requests for more 101 classes covering the fundamentals of our Christian beliefs. In response, the clergy are developing a curriculum for Sunday Forum that will provide a balance between the previous format, incorporating speakers from the community, and basic courses that cover topics from Basics of Discipleship, Basics of Christianity, Basics of Anglicanism, and Basics of Scripture.

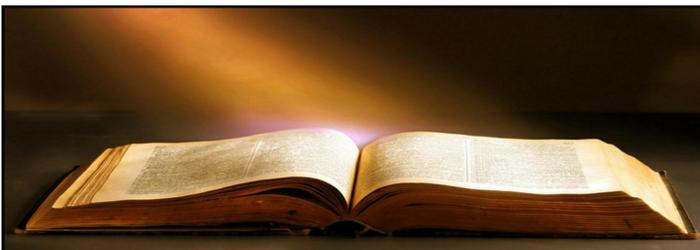
The formation commission is currently developing the schedule and topics for the speakers and presenters. If you have suggestions please contact Mark McInroy at 617-943-0964, or at mmcinroy@gmail.com.

We look forward to announcing the fall schedule soon.

August Vestry Meeting

Would you like to take part in a discussion and contribute your suggestions regarding our Worship and Membership Integration? You can make a difference in the decisions that result from these sessions!

Please join our August 18 Vestry meeting at 6:00 pm to discuss the final steps of the Strategic Planning process and help put our vision into action. Bring your creative energy and teamwork. Dinner will be provided. If you are interested, please RSVP to the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson at jered.weberjohnson@stjohnsstpaul.org.



Bible Study—See You in September

The Wednesday morning Bible Study group is taking a summer time break. Meetings will resume again on September 10. God Bless! Contact Diane Elliott, at 804-874-9502, to learn more.

99 Years ago at St. John's

The St. John's Evangelist. August 7, 1915

The Rector's Current Comment

This season has been exceptionally cool so far. It could not be truthfully said that "It is so hot this morning" on any Sunday. And yet the absence of occasion for this popular excuse for non-attendance at church has made no appreciable difference in the size of our congregations at either the 8 or 11 o'clock services from what it was during the really hot weeks of former years. Why?

Our Lord has not revoked the law nor annulled the promise of blessing which attaches to a right observance of His day; nor are souls less in need of both the duty or the benefit of worship in summer than the other seasons of the year, And yet large numbers of Christians shirk their responsibility and impair their spiritual life by absence from the House of God on summer Sundays. Why?

Perhaps it is all a matter of habit – this absenteeism. If so, it is a bad and injurious habit which, like any other of its kind, ought to be resisted and overcome. No one would think of trying to excuse the violation of the sixth, seventh or eighth commandments by saying that they "got out of the habit" of keeping it, or in the habit of breaking it. Why try to excuse the violation of the fourth commandment, regarding the Lord's Day, on this ground?

Look upon Sunday not only as a day for physical relaxation, but also as an opportunity to brace yourself spiritually for the life in the week to come.

-The Rev. Julius A. Schaad

(Editor's note: How much have things changed in 99 years?)



Community Life

Parishioners Blogs

Get to know your fellow parishioners a little bit better by checking out some of their exciting blogs! See below for a few excerpts.



A Balkan Spring—hosted by Patrick Schmidt

“...Minnesotans and Macedonians must be birds of a certain feather. Maybe not the same species, but the same genus...The handyman who had come by to install a shower curtain for me (himself an archeologist by training), when I told him I was interested in visiting Scupi, the ruins of Roman Skopje sitting just outside the city, volunteered to take me there along with an archeologist friend, to give me a guided tour.” Read more from Patrick at: www.balkanspring.blogspot.com

Tie Your Own Shoes—hosted by Anneke Cooper Krall

“...I've learned that grocery shopping and planning is overwhelming, annoying and time consuming no matter who is doing it. That just demonstrating the process week after week to the children is not enough to give them the skills they need to hit the ground running themselves. And that, given opportunity and guidance, teens can take on a large project and be successful, even if the measure of that success is different for each of them.” Read more from Anneke at: www.trainingmyteens.blogspot.com

RBDinMauritius—hosted by Richard Brynteson

“...I was riding out of the capital of Mauritius, Port Louis, in a bus this morning and passed some slum-like areas only to emerge at the Mercedes and Jaguar dealerships. Similarly, several years ago, I found a bunch of homeless people sleeping on the steps of the Lamborghini dealership in Shanghai, China. What is going on here?” Read more from Richard at:



www.brynteson.wordpress.com

If you would like to share your blog(s) with our parish, please contact the office at church@stjohnsstpaul.org.

Summer Yoga for All Levels

Connect your body and spirit this summer at St. John's with our Summer Yoga classes. The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller will lead a weekly class open to all age and experience levels, running through the end of August.

These hour and a half long classes meet Thursdays at 7:30pm in the undercroft. Class will not meet on August 21. If you are interested or have questions please contact The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller at Kate.Bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org or at 651-228-1172, x18.

August Meetings

Prayer Shawl-Wednesday, August 6 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579.

Men's Gathering-Tuesday, August 12 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

Men's Breakfast- Saturday, August 9 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

Vestry Meeting- Monday, August 18 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Don Postema at 651-483-3062 or postema@comcast.net.

Women's Gathering- Tuesday, August 26 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Erin Weber-Johnson at eweberjohnson@gmail.com or Lea Anne Schmidt at leanne.schmidt@gmail.com.

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

We extend our sympathies to the families of:

Mary Griggs who passed on Tuesday, June 22. Mary and husband Bayliss Griggs were active members of St. John's from the fifties until retirement.

Joseph Elsinger who passed on Thursday, July 17. Joseph was the husband of long time parishioner, Anne Elsinger.

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

Happy Birthday to...

August *

1	Emily Brooks	10	Richard Dunlop		Rob Beattie
	Bree Yaeger		Sally Sand		Ella Bloomquist
	Sam Clark		Peter Rosendale		Liz Connor
	William Rinkoff	11	Amy Johnson	27	Mary Frances Palmer
	Erika Binger	12	Ginny Lund		Zoe Weber
2	Scott Edgerton	13	Michael Brooks	28	John Mercer
	John Gross		Cameron Norman		Polly O'Brien
	Phillip Baird		Edward Johnson		Sarah Goodall
3	Marty Brown	14	Marjorie Dow	30	Rita MacBain
4	Helen Docherty	15	Erika Sullivan		Margaret Jeffery
	Gary Hagstrom		Liliane Jurayj		Archer Lightner
5	Caroline Krall	16	Eric Husband		Tony Clark
6	Allan Klein	17	Henry Olson	31	Lauren Debertin
	Piper Wilson		Sara Maronde		Alyson Westerhaus
7	Zander Brooks	18	Jessica Drucker		Brad McCanna
	Mike Dueber		Cheri Wiegand		Dorothy MacDonald
8	Kathleen Moberg	20	Mimie Pollard		
	Jody Tigges		Glenn Kimball		
9	Michael T. Ganzel		Alexander Cook		
	Richard Dunlop	22	Jennifer Kinkead		
	Jessica Schreifels	23	Andrew Krall		
	James Morley	25	Olivia Mulvey		
			Dale Niesen		
			Andrea Edgerton		

*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:

August 3, The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar : Open

Small Altar: Jessie Beney

August 10, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar : George A. Mairs

Small Altar: Mary S. and William T. Platt, Sandy Vogt

August 17, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar : William August & Alma C. Lindeke *Small Altar*: William E. Ward, Sr.

August 24, The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar : Charles R. Brynteson, Ralph & Estelle Draught

Small Altar: Mary Clapp Ward

August 31, The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar : Alyce D. & George R. Hunt

Small Altar: Alyce D. & George R. Hunt



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 August 2014 Service Schedule

Time	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
August 3, 2014—The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Diane Power	Bob Baumann Cammie Beattie Terri Fishel Shirley Sailors	Suzanne McInroy Tiffany Roufs Don Weinkauf	Volunteer
10:00 am	A - Greg Schaffner B - Bob Linehan				
August 10, 2014—The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Dusty Mairs	Pat Brynteson Mary & Peter Gilbertson Diane Power	Phyllis Frisby Kathleen Hanson Lea Anne Schmidt	Picnic
10:00 am	A - Volunteer B - Don Postema				
August 17, 2014—The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Pam Strom	Jay Debertin Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff Diane Power	Phyllis Goff Jeff & Peggy Olsen	Liz & Pat Collins
10:00 am	A - Diane Wallace-Reid B - Mark McInroy				
August 24, The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Pat Brynteson	Lynn Hertz Don Husband Jeff & Peggy Olsen	Jennifer Kinhead Libby Snelson Judy Southwick	Dusty Mairs
10:00 am	A - Bob Horn B - Paige Hagstrom				
August 31, The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Diane Power	Patty Byrne Pfalz Gary & Paige Hagstrom Kathleen Hanson	Patricia Durst Gabrielle Lawrence & Postema Don	Don Husband
10:00 am	A - Troy Stack-Nelson B - Gary Gleason				

August Acolyte Schedule

August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Thea Bishop	Matt Brooks	Madeline Weinkauf	Johannah Frisby	Tim Krall
Logan Finkel	Maura Lynch	Rachel Clark	Sabine Krall	Caroline Krall
Will Rinkoff	Helen Baxter	Vivian Scheel		Linnea Krall

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Hour at
the
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Market



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Burger
Night



Back Porch
conversations



Faith Builders
build site in St.
Paul

