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Pentecost Sunday Pictures

On Pentecost Sunday (June 8), we celebrated two significant events: the formal commissioning of the Steinway piano generously donated by Robert Horn, and the baptism into the church of three young boys.

Our new members through baptism are Andrew Giambetti, Henry Powers, and Harrison Hennessey. Each family received a symbolic pottery sea shell used in the service.

Please Rush - Dated Material



Sarah and Nathan Hennessey with young Harrison Hagstrom Hennessey



Andrew poses with his godfather.



Come... Join Us in Pentecost

Sundays

8:00 am Service:

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am Service:

Sung Eucharist Rite II

Try out choir this summer. Summer Choir meets at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings to practice before the 10:00 am Service.



Evangelist Deadline

August Issue
July 15 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 was deeply moved when reading a recent article in the *Christian Century* by the world renowned preacher and pastor Samuel Wells, the former chaplain at Duke University, and current vicar of the vibrant St. Martin-in-the-Fields parish in London. Wells wrote of the sin, which we as clergy often commit, of assuming that it is our job to be “more human than God.” That somehow it is our warmth, our ability to remember each member of our flock’s individual needs and trials, their struggles and victories, with great clarity and specificity, that assures each of them of God’s abiding love and care.



“This,” says Wells, “is the banality of clergy failure—that we put ourselves between people and God. That we tacitly assume God is distant, remote, occupied, distracted, and so we, to compensate, must be present, intense, hearty, and inspiring.”

I am convicted by these words, as I’m sure are many if not most of my colleagues in ministry, as I have been guilty far too often of trying to stand between the faithful and God, of trying to stand in the place of God. And, the sad part is that to stand thusly, is to impede the one thing I was called to facilitate—an encounter and a connection with the God of all creation. And, so, I must learn to step back, to allow the church to be the church, and God to be God, and to lead not always from up front, but often from the side and from the back, encouraging and enabling the community to care for one another, and to allow God, who doesn’t always need my help, to shine forth in ways I could never have hoped for or imagined.

This is, in an interesting way, what so many of you have been saying. Through our Strategic Planning process, and especially the All Parish Planning meetings in May, you articulated a strong desire to know one another, and to know God better. We are nearing the end of that process, and I am heartened by the hard work of the vestry, stakeholders, and the input of so many of you, where ideas and goals are emerging that will help us grow more into a community of care and support, where opportunities for knowing and deepening our relationship with God and one another will be more abundant and apparent. At our vestry meetings in July and August we will be finalizing those plans and making them public. I encourage you to be in prayer for those who lead and participate in these final stages, that their work may be guided by the Spirit and help us to proclaim with joy the good news better here at St. John’s.

As Wells concludes, in the end, “it’s not really about us, it’s about Christ and Christ’s body, the church” the community here at St. John’s and beyond. I’m learning to embrace that truth every day in my ministry, and I pray too that you will as well, and that you will, through your participation and presence in the life of St. John’s, be enabled to know and encounter God in Christ in this place and in this time.

See you in church!

Faithfully,

St. John the Evangelist July 2014 Service Schedule

Time	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
July 6, 2014 -The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Diane Power	Helen Boyer Jay Debertin Gary & Paige Hagstrom	Jeff & Peggy Olsen	Sarah K. Smith
10:00 am	A - Chris Howie B - Cammie Beattie				
July 13, 2014—The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Dusty Mairs	Kathleen Hanson John MacBain George & Mason Kinkead	Patricia Durst Jennifer Kinkead	Diane & George Power
10:00 am	A - Judy Southwick B - Keith Davis				
July 20, 2014—The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Pam Strom	Marvin Cadwell Alex Joyce Holly & Don Weinkauff	Barbara Lindeke Tiffany Roufs	Dusty Mairs
10:00 am	A - Gary Gleason B - Alden Drew				
July 27, 2014—The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Pat Brynteson	Alden Drew & Mimie Pollard Jennifer & Peter Rosendale	Gabrielle Lawrence & Don Postema	Susan & Chris Johnson
10:00 am	A - Joan Potter B - Rick Rinkoff				

July Acolyte Schedule

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Johannah Frisby	Emily Brooks	Madeline Weinkauff	Tim Krall
Thea Bischof	Matt Brooks	Rachel Clark	Caroline Krall
Logan Finkel	Maura Lynch	Vivian Scheel	Linnea Krall
Will Rinkoff	Helen Baxter		Sabine Krall

Happy Birthday to...

July*

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

*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:

July 6, The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar :

Small Altar: William J., Ruth O., Dorothy E. Abeler

July 13, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar : Gladys and Richard Ordway

Small Altar: Jim and Virginia Kerr

July 20, The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar : Burton Anderson

Small Altar: Grenville and Annie McMillian Baker

July 27, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar : John C. and Elizabeth M. Parish

Small Altar: John Ward



Altar Flowers 2014

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

From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear Friends in Christ,

With very little skill other than having worked as a landscaping grunt and hammered on theater sets, I didn't expect to enjoy building houses. I first volunteered with Habitat for Humanity when I was in high school, and immediately fell in love with the process. Following a gifted contractor's instruction and guidance, a team of enthusiastic semi-skilled workers can indeed build a home. In the space of two weeks, I saw our site go from bare ground to a finished house, just waiting for paint and furniture.



We worked alongside the new home owners, who had sweat equity hours to complete. As we cut boards and screwed in drywall, they shared their hopes for this house: that it would be a place where their two and four year old could grow up with a working kitchen, a yard, and a future.

We promise, in the baptismal covenant, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and honor the dignity of every human being; Habitat builds were one of the first places I realized what those promises meant. Our Faith in Action Commission here at St. John's provides us with many opportunities to live out our baptismal covenant.

This July, Faith Builders, our partnership with Habitat for Humanity and other churches in St. Paul, will build a house just a few minutes from St. John's, at 675 LaFond Avenue. You don't need experience in building, and opportunities to serve include feeding the other volunteers, if you have no desire to wrestle a hammer or screw gun.

For more information, visit the "Faith Builders" section of our website, under the "Faith in Action" tab.

I've already signed up for my first work shift, and I hope to see some of you out on the job site!

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/Welcomer*
 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*
 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*
 Nancy Wellington, *Interim Children's Choir Director*
 Dunfa Weretti, *Building Assistant*

The Ditch

By Barbara Mraz

“The good news is that the west basement wall foundation of the 1902 section of the church did not leak significantly for over 100 years. The bad news is it’s now more than 100 years old and it’s leaking.” —Don Postema, Senior Warden

You may have been wondering about that ditch, and, no, St. John’s is not adding a lap pool. Experts have been brought in: drainage experts, infiltration experts, structural engineers, and contractors. St. John’s leaders, wardens, vestry members, staff members, and the rector have all been consulted. They have determined that the watermarks on the wall of the Meditation Room are indeed wet and also extend to other areas of the church structure.

It is being fixed. It will be expensive.

The vestry is considering financial options, and have approved a loan request for \$150,000.

Says the rector, “We are hopeful that it will come in well under that cost... hopeful, but the scope of the project is still being determined.”

Meanwhile, the four-foot (and going to eight feet) deep ditch that runs along the wall is generating comment since it’s really big and often contains a lot of water due to the excessive rain we’ve been experiencing:

Phillip Baird: “Some people have always thought St. John’s should have a moat.”

Fred Berndt (currently running point on this project for the Building Committee): “We had a plumber with a remote video camera run it down the length of the downspouts and drain connector but they could not find any problems.” (My observation to rector: “Aha! Once again, visual technology disappoints.”)

Don Postema: “Once the ditch is dug to the foundation, we can sell tickets for an archeological tour.”

The Rector: “I am checking daily for images of the Virgin Mary in the stains on the Meditation Room wall so that



we can (a theme emerges) sell tickets.”

My two cents: Make the whole thing into a glass wall and install sea creatures in a permanent pond and we can watch them frolic.... Whoops, and sell tickets.

Tuck-pointing, waterproofing and drainage are in order, which pretty well kills my Glass Wall of Living Water idea. The 100 year old wall has never been waterproofed and is acting as a sponge absorbing external moisture and residual groundwater.

Then there’s the dirt problem. Since the Ditch has to be dug four feet deeper along the entire length of the west wall, the city has to be petitioned to allow us to “store” the dirt in the street —Yes, somewhere in city files there is a form entitled “Dirt Storage Petition.” Of course, that would mean taking away the handicap parking spots. They could be moved further down Kent. That might present challenges with our neighbors. We could let them park in our lot temporarily. Or else the dirt will be there and the dirt will take parking spaces. That might present challenges for our parishioners. We can’t just haul the dirt away because we will need it to fill in when the repairs are done and John Oldfield probably wouldn’t let us just order that much dirt from a garden store.

Not all contingencies have been exactly worked out yet. Again, the Rector, “The old hymn ‘The Church’s One Foundation’ assures us that our faith is built upon Christ alone. While I can’t argue with that, sometimes our literal foundation, the one made out of limestone and mortar, springs a leak, and we need to fix it. Then, we can get back to the more important work of showing forth our service to God in our service to others.”

Leadership hopes that this project will only take 6-8 weeks. And, while one always hopes a generous donor steps forward to help offset the costs of this project (it is recognized that it’s hard to put a plaque in a hole in the ground – “This former hole in the ground was given to the glory of God by....”) it is likely that this project will become part of our finance conversation as we conclude the strategic planning process.

More later, I’m sure.



Community Life

A Couple Summers in St. John’s History

70 Years Ago

(From *The Evangelist*, July 1, 1944: ARCHBISHOP OF YORK OPPOSES NEGOTIATED PEACE)

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Forster Garbett, in a sermon in London, expressed disagreement with Pope Pius XII on “moral grounds” over the issue of a negotiated peace.

“Our moral conviction prevents us from attempting to make terms with those who have broken, and exult in breaking, every law of humanity, who have been deliberately guilty of fearful crimes against God and man and who justify the breach of any treaty if it is not convenient to observe it,” he said.

(From *The Evangelist*, July 8, 1944: THE LAYMAN’S CORNER)

The following suggestion in regard to morning services on Sunday was received in the mail this week. We urge all parishioners who have any suggestions as to how the attendance may be increased to kindly send these suggestions to the parish office. No signature is needed – we will print any items of interest in this column—**The Layman’s Corner**.

A Parishioner writes: “I think if the Sunday morning services were **not** longer than **an hour**, there would be a larger attendance. These days people haven’t maids, and with a family, even if you don’t have a roast, you have to be on hand to prepare a meal!... I, myself (nearly every Sunday) have to leave before the end of the service! And, not everyone has a car.”

40 Years Ago

(From *The Evangelist*, June 5, 1974)

This coming Sunday everyone is especially encouraged to be present at the ten o’clock service as we celebrate with our rector, the 25th anniversary of his ordination. (And we also express our appreciation to him and Jean for their 10 years of sharing our caring community.)

It was on June 10th, 1949 in St. Andrew’s Church, Lawrenceville, VA, that Sidney Grayson Clary was ordained by the Rt. Rev, William Ambrose Brown, D.D. Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. His ordination fol-

lowed his graduation from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg and from the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria.

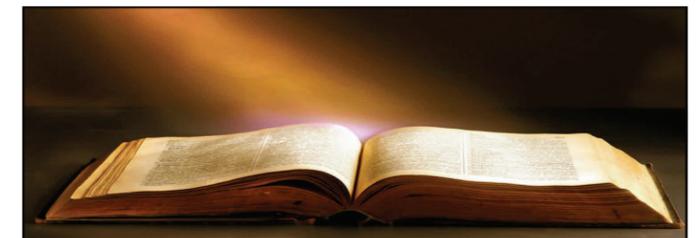
We commend to God those who have died recently and we hold in our prayers those who grieve:

We extend our sympathies to the family of Walter “Fred” Myers” who passed on Thursday, June 19 2014. A memorial service was held at St. John’s on Monday, June 23 2014.

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

Bible Study—See You in September

The Wednesday morning Bible Study group is taking a summer time break. Our last meeting will be on July 9, and we will resume again on September 10. God Bless! Contact Diane Elliott, at 804-874-9502, to learn more.



July Meetings

Prayer Shawl - Wednesday, July 2 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579.

Men’s Gathering - Tuesday, July 8, at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

Men’s Breakfast - Saturday, July 12, at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

Vestry Meeting - Monday, July 21, at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Don Postema at 651-483-3062 or postema@comcast.net.

Women’s Gathering - Tuesday, July 22 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.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp – ECAD

Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp is a great week of faith formation, worship and fun for kids. Please consider sending your child for a couple of days, or for the whole week. We can work out a carpool schedule to make sure that anyone who wants to participate can participate. If you have any questions Please contact Jean Hansen at 952-201-0424 or rjhansen3128@aim.com.

Scholarships are available. To learn more, contact Mary Lusk at MaryL@OurCathedral.org.

- Who** Children ages 4 through entering 6th grade**
- What** Episcopal Creative Arts Day Camp-ECAD
- Where** St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral
519 Oak Grove St.
Minneapolis, MN 55403
- When** July 28 to August 1; 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Cost** \$75.00 (plus \$5/hour for early drop off or late pickup)

Please use this link for online registration: http://ourcathedral.org/event/UsSvCAEAAEMS_-qg/episcopal-creative-arts-day-camp-ecad.

Or find the registration through ourcathedral.org.

**Adults and youth older than 6th grade are welcome to join the fun! Training events are on June 26 and July 26.

Children, Youth, and Family Commission

To help guide faith formation activities for children, youth, and families, the Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Commission will begin working in August. We welcome members who can represent a wide range of perspectives and viewpoints—from parents, to grandparents, to youth, to other adults with a vested interest in the commission's work at St. John's. One of our first tasks will be to create a mission and vision for CYF faith formation based on the Strategic Framework we adopted earlier this year. To learn more, please contact Jean Hansen, our Children, Youth, and Family Minister.

Creative Ways to Incorporate Prayer into Your Family's Daily Life

The hectic pace of family life can often mean that prayer gets lost in the shuffle. Here are five simple, practical tips to encourage families to pray more often:

1. When you rise from bed, get down on your knees

Try this method for morning prayer: Put your bedroom slippers or shoes far under your bed at the end of the day. Each morning, while on your knees retrieving your footwear, say a quick prayer offering the whole day to God.

2. Communicate with God whenever you climb into the car

Many families spend a whole lot of their time in the family vehicle. As you buckle up, say a quick prayer that you will be aware of God's presence in your day.

3. Place a prayer jar in the kitchen

Keep a jar in the kitchen in which each family member, each day, places a note listing a "special intention" that others in the family can pray for. Before each family member goes to bed, he or she pulls a note from the jar and prays for that need.

4. Fold your hands before you unfold your napkin

Before each meal, take a few moments to thank the One who provides all that you need and blesses you with the lives of those around the table. Try mixing up rote prayers with spontaneous prayers, silent prayers with sung prayers.

5. Pray when people or events upset you

If you want a sure-fire way to pray more each day, make a habit of saying a short prayer whenever someone irritates you. A quick "Help me, God!" is sufficient. You'll never run out of opportunities!



St. John's Inaugural Service Sunday

On Sunday, June 15, St. John's celebrated the service of our amazing volunteers who share their gifts, time, and passions to enrich the lives of others and keep our beloved church operating at its most effective and beautiful. We also blessed the work to come from over 200 members who have pledged to serve this year, fully living into the collect written especially for St. John's:

Gracious God: By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your son: So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

If you were unable to attend the celebrations, please stop by the church office to pick up your "Thank you coffee mug" a proud addition to any coffee table...

If you are looking for ways to live into your Christian life of service please consider some of the current needs at St. John's listed below and in further articles.

Volunteer as a Special Service Usher

If you have ever wanted to usher, but not on a regular basis, we have a new opportunity for you. St. John's is hoping to develop a special unit of ushers who are willing to cover special services, like Evensong or Lessons and Carols; in short, services *not* held Sunday morning.

You need not have prior experience as an usher, or have reached your 21st birthday. We don't even require a high school diploma. We will train any responsible youth or adult who is willing to help out. To learn more or sign up, please contact the church office: church@stjohnsstpaul.org.

Include Altar Guild in Your Summer Plans

Not going on the road this summer? Take a test drive with the altar guild!



Church goes on over the summer and members of the altar guild will be working Saturday and Sunday mornings. Consider working with us some weekend this summer to see what we do.

All members of the parish, ages 13 and older, can participate in the Altar Guild. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Diane Power at 651-222-1031 or dianepower@comcast.net.

Prepare The Evangelist for Mailing

Every month a fun group of parishioners join together in the Fireside room over coffee and donuts to prepare



this newsletter to spread the word on all that is happening at St. John's. Dates are posted in the bulletin insert or you can contact Sarah at church@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-228-1172, x10.

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.

A Conversation on the Back Porch

“A Conversation on the Back Porch” is a summer series hosted each year by St. John’s clergy. During three Wednesday evenings in July, our rector and associate rector will be leading casual conversations about Episcopal and Anglican identity, answering frequently asked questions about the Episcopal Church, and guiding participants through a frank and candid discussion about Episcopal belief, practice, and worship.

Are you an Episcopalian, but wonder what that means? Are you a member of St. John’s but still unclear how we are connected to a wider Episcopal Church? Have you ever wondered what makes the Episcopal Church different or similar to other Christian traditions? If you were asked right now for a three sentence elevator pitch on “Why I am an Episcopalian,” could you do it?

Come for conversation, fellowship, food, and an opportunity to bask in the beauty of a Minnesota summer’s evening on the back porches of your Rector and Associate Rector’s homes.



Each session will be held from **7:30 to 9:30 pm**, at the following locations:

July 9: The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson’s House—1765 Jefferson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105

July 16: The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller’s House—3140 30th Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55406

July 23: Jered’s House.

Contact Jered (651-228-1172, x 11) or Kate (x18) to learn more.

Want to get copies of the sermons and other happenings at St. John’s?

Sign up on the Website

1. Go to <http://stjohnsstpaul.org/>.
2. Scroll to the bottom of the front page, where you will see the following in the lower right corner:

SUBSCRIBE FOR UPDATES

Enter your email address to subscribe and receive notifications of new posts by email.

3. Enter your email address and click *Subscribe*.
4. You should receive a confirmation email. Find the email; if it is not in your inbox check, spam/junk folders. Click the *Confirm Follow* link in the email to start receiving notifications.

Getting to Know You

The Kansas Family

Please welcome the Kansas family! Dave and Monica Kansas, along with their two children, Henry (age 3) and Mary (age 1), have been attending St. John’s for quite some time now, but were formally welcomed to the church last Fall. You may recall seeing Mary baptized at our parish picnic in August. Dave is a native to St. Paul and Monica grew up outside Chicago. After moving from London, where Henry was born, to St. Paul, they knew they wanted to find an Episcopal church to join. Dave and Monica were drawn to St. Johns for a number of reasons. First, they were touched by the incredible hospitality of the congregation (such as receiving bread at their door after filling out a visitor’s card). They next appreciated the wonderful clergy and were impressed by the nice facilities for the children. In their spare time, the Kansas family likes to be active. Henry is passionate about trains and pirates right now. Dave is an avid cyclist. To keep the family moving in the winter, they enjoy ice skating together.

Musical Notes



Diocesan Youth Music Camp
The Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota sponsors a week-long music camp each summer for youth. This year it will be held Sunday, August 3 through

Saturday, August 9, 2014 in Willow River, Minnesota (Camp Heartland) near Hinkley. More information is available through the Diocesan website or by contacting either Jayson Engquist or Jean Hansen at the church.

Summer Choir

Summer Choir is in session now through the beginning of September. We rehearse each Sunday (in the choir stalls) at 9:15 am. This is the perfect time to sing with the choir and “try us out.” For additional information, please call Jayson Engquist at 651-228-1172, x36.

Search for New Children’s and Youth Choirs Director

We will be looking for a new director (over the summer) for our children’s and youth choirs. If you 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).

Your Favorite Hymns

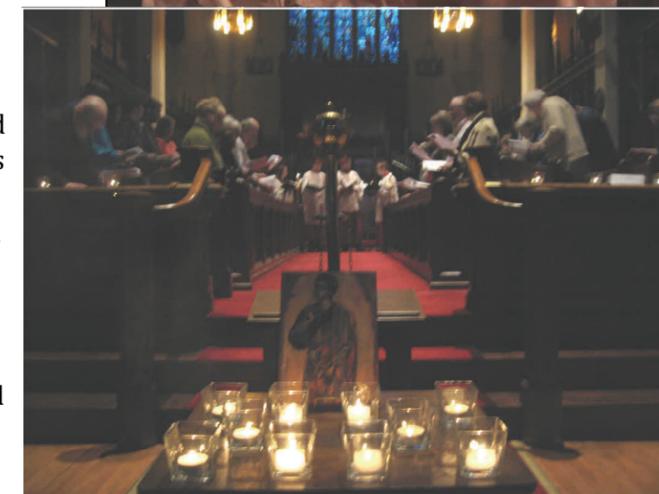
Please write to our Director of Music and let us know your favorite hymns. We often schedule these during the summer months. Contact Jayson.Engquist@stjohnsstpaul.org and leave the title and/or hymn number.

Tower Tour

If you have interest in a tour of our St. John’s bell tower, please be in touch with Jayson or Jered. We have been waiting for warmer weather to schedule a time to climb and see the top of our tower. Please let us know.

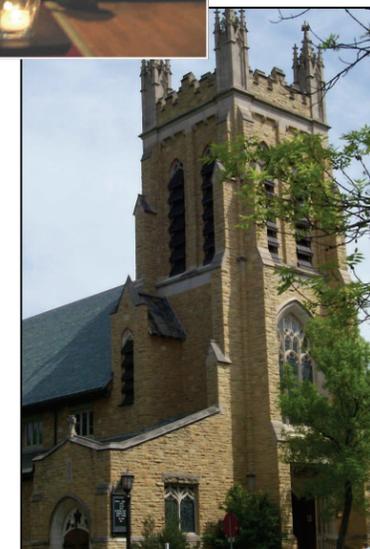
Planning Ahead

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.



Images from an April Evensong and a March Compline Service

St. John’s Bell Tower



Faith in Action

Farmer's Market Now Open for Business

By now you may have met some of our farmers at the Farmers' Market. Most all, including Song, Neng Cha, and Pa have fresh vegetables for sale. Below are some photos and a little more information about Song.

Singlehandedly, Song farms at least four acres (equivalent to several long city blocks) near Hastings, Minnesota. The landowner allows Song to farm in exchange for help in his dozen or so greenhouses—most of which are filled with very early tomatoes.

Farming is in Song's blood. She had a smaller garden in Laos, where the first of her seven children were born. Her second child was born in Thailand after her family escaped Laos, and the rest were born in the U.S.

Though she farms in Hastings, Song just moved to Fridley, so she commutes back and forth in an old Chevy panel truck that, on a good day, might get 10 mpg. It's a long and expensive drive to tend to planting, tilling, and nurturing her growing crop. But Song seems to accept that a farmer's work is really never done.



Song, tilling her field in Hastings.



Above, Song stands with some of her produce.

Left, Song's Earthquake Gear Drive tiller.



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 recently.

From Patty Healy Janssen, Director of Development at Jeremiah Program:

"Thank you for [St. John's]... gift in the amount of \$125.00 in support of Jeremiah Program. ... Your investment in Jeremiah Program provides single mothers and their children with a safe, affordable place to live, quality early childhood education, life skills and empowerment training and support for career-track education. ... Thank you for your support in furthering Jeremiah's mission. As the new Director of Development, it is an honor to partner with donors like you."

From Connie Bowers-Capen, Chief Development Officer, YWCA-St. Paul:

"Thank you for supporting the YWCA St. Paul through your gift of \$250.00... By supporting the YWCA, you are not only supporting mothers like Mylissa, (but) a man who earned his Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and landed a living-wage job, an at-risk teen who defeated the achievement gap and is now working toward earning her college degree; or a man who enjoyed a smooth recovery following Hip-replacement surgery - your generosity empowers people of all ages to toward self-sufficiency."

August 10: Annual Summer Picnic

Please mark your calendar now and plan to 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 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 more tasty food.

When: Sunday, August 10

10:00 Worship Service with Baptism

Picnic lunch following the service

Where: Picnic area at Crosby Farm park -2595 Crosby Farm Rd, St. Paul, MN 55116

The entrance is at the intersection of Shepard Rd and Gannon Rd (just south of Buca di Beppo's)

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

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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



Summer Picnic, August 2013



Welcome Sunday September 14

Though it may feel that summer hasn't even really started yet, we wanted to get you thinking about the start of the new program year at St. John's. This year, Welcome Sunday will fall on the second Sunday in September.

The 14th was deemed a good date for several reasons. First, it follows after the first regular choir rehearsal on September 10, so the choir will be better prepared. Second, for any who are even slightly superstitious, it seemed wiser to welcome parishioners on the 14th Sunday after Pentecost instead of the 13th Sunday after Pentecost. Finally, the additional week gives families a little more time to settle back into the regular school routine before adding on educational activities at church.

On Welcome Sunday, we hope to see many of you who may have been absent during the summer. We also hope you will invite a neighbor or friend to join us in celebrating the return to regular programming for children, youth, families, and all other parishioners.



Some reflections from last year

The launch of Crocus Hill Preschool at St. John's; Welcoming The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller and Jayson Engquist, Blessing of the Backpacks; Reconnecting with our Church Family.



September is a full month of new beginnings:

- September 10 - First regular Choir rehearsals
-Senior Youth and Rite 13 begins
- September 13 -Choir retreat
- September 14 -Welcome Sunday
- September 21 -Open house for Godly Play families
-Sunday Forums begin again
- September 24 -Noonday Prayers and OWLs luncheon
- September 28 -Godly Play lessons commence



Faith in Action



Jimmy Carter Worked on a Habitat Home Last Year When He Was 89 Years Old. Think You Can Do It At Your Age?

Don't Miss Your Chance to Work on This Summer's Twin Cities Habitat For Humanity Project With Faith Builders!

St. John's is a charter member of **Faith Builders**, a coalition of five area congregations including Assumption Catholic Church, the Cathedral of St. Paul, House of Hope Presbyterian, and Unity Unitarian. We support Faith Builders and **Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity** with volunteers and over \$2,500 in financial gifts to improve affordable housing in the Twin Cities.

The **2014 Workcamp** will be **July 14 -18** and **21 - 25** (Monday through Friday each week). Construction takes place from 8:20 to 4:00 each day. We'll be working on a new Habitat home project at 675 LaFond Ave., St Paul, only 5 minutes from St. John's. This is the **12th** Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity summer project Faith Builders and St. John's volunteers have participated in.

All skill levels are welcome—you'll be provided with tools and friendly instructions if you need them. You'll work with like-minded folk, people of faith from other local congregations, and you'll be addressing the need for affordable housing in a concrete way. Each day there will be a work crew of 18 volunteer builders, and two volunteers preparing and serving snacks and lunch.

To view available volunteer days and to sign up, visit the website, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4EA4A92AA20-faithbuilders1?uToken=26E3C0FEFC06FF075EC2DCCE02E8>, or contact Don Postema at 651-483-3062 or postema@comcast.net.

By the way, Jimmy and Rosalynn are already signed up for the fall of 2014 for their next Habitat project (he'll be 90 then). You'll have to wait until next summer to do your Habitat for Humanity gig if you pass this up!

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

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.

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