

# THE EVANGELIST

Newsletter for  
Saint John the Evangelist  
Episcopal Church



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## Join Us on Gathering Sunday

### September 14

**Worship, contest and raffle,  
ministry fair, potluck, and more!**

Gathering Sunday, a day full of celebration and marking the return of fun events and programming for the whole parish is coming on September 14. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your church family and introduce friends and neighbors to the community of St. John's.

#### **Ministry Fair**

Learn what each ministry at St. John's is doing throughout the program year. Please stop by the tables and booths set up in the gymnasium during the Gathering Sunday activities after the 10 am service.



#### **Trivia Contest and Raffle**

At the Ministry Fair, you'll get a card, with questions that can be answered by talking to the people at the booths. (An example would be, "What is the liturgical color in Lent?" and could be answered by the Altar Guild.) An answer gets a stamp on your card, and a completed card is your entry into a raffle for gift certificates from our friends at the Daily Diner!

#### **Parish Potluck**

Following the 10am worship service, concurrent with the Ministry Fair, 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](mailto:rjhansen3128@aim.com).



Come...

## Join Us This Fall!

**Sept 7:** at the 10:00am service  
Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sept 14:** Gathering Sunday!  
(see page 1)

**Sept 21:** at the 10:00am service  
Peace Pole Rededication

**Sept 28:** Godly Play returns  
(see page 10)

### Sundays

8:00 am Service:

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am Service:

Sung Eucharist Rite II



## *Evangelist Deadline*

**October Issue**

**September 12 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,

Usually around this time of year, as summer begins to transition into fall, I find that the world around me is picking up speed. Like a squirrel storing up acorns for winter, I begin to attack summer activities with renewed fervor and haste, knowing that the opportunities of this season of leisure are about to wane. I call this rush of activities my summer "Bucket List". I'll take in one or two final baseball games (Twins or Saints - doesn't matter). I'll try to make one more trip to fish. Visit the pool as many times as possible before the temperatures dip. And, finally make at least one trip to the Great Minnesota Get Together.

This September, more than most, I am attuned to the shift of the season from summer into fall. As this issue of *The Evangelist* is being published, my oldest son, Jude, will start his first year of school as a kindergartener. All of the saccharine pictures of kids' first days, the parenting articles that wax nostalgic for diapers and naps and tantrums, fluffy media that I used to eschew with high-minded disdain, now hits me right in my gut. I am approaching this transition with a bit of a lump in my throat.

One of my friends, sensing my state of mind, recently assured me, "I'm praying for you and Erin this fall." And, the expression of solidarity in prayer really did calm my nerves and lent me some peace. Not that I am particularly certain that his prayers will alter the course of history or somehow alter my own sense of loss. Rather, his assurance of prayer affirmed that he cared - that he was remembering, within the context of his own intimate relationship to the Divine, my life and my own concerns.

It helps. Kate has already written well about the vitality of prayer in the life of faith, last month and this. I will only add, that we, Kate and I, are praying for each of you, specifically by name, this summer (and into the fall). We are going through the directory and praying over you and your household, and then calling you to let you know and to invite you to tell us about how we can pray for you and your family. If your phone number isn't in the directory, I invite you to call us with any joys or concerns we can specifically hold up to God together, and apart.

You are so very, very important to us as the leaders in this faith community, just as, no doubt, this place is important to you. As you prepare to begin the fall with all it brings—new classes, new work, and life, transitions aplenty—know that you are held in the prayers of a community that loves you, cares about you, and wants to know what is happening in your lives.

With fall and the return of the program year, I look forward, with great anticipation, to seeing so many of your faces, hearing stories of your summers, and to continuing to deepen together our life of prayer that we share here at St. John's.

Blessings to each of you in these final days of summer—I can't wait to see you in church!

Faithfully,



## From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear friends in Christ,

Listening to National Public Radio, as is my morning custom, has become increasingly upsetting of late. The many crises—violence, disease, and natural disaster—form a litany I have trouble listening to at all, let alone absorbing and bearing my part of the responsibility and response.



In a world where our access to news is global and virtually instantaneous, our neighbors in the kingdom of God seem under a siege we cannot help to break. The problems seem too large. What, I ask, can I do? And will it matter? The other concern for me is, “What is the church doing?”

The answer to that last question is, “Quite a lot, actually!” much of it coordinated by Episcopal Relief and Development, the body of our national church that works globally to fulfill the gospel mandate to care for the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the sick and those in prison, just as we would care for Jesus.

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with both the Anglican Diocese of Bo in Sierra Leone and the Episcopal Church of Liberia in response to the Ebola epidemic. We are providing education, personal protective equipment, and disinfectants to hospitals and clinics within the outbreak area.

We are also supporting the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem’s Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City with funding for food and fuel. Despite structural damage to the hospital as a result of Israeli airstrikes, they are still open 24 hours a day, caring for the most vulnerable regardless of faith or ability to pay.

We as a national church are also supporting the Dioceses of Texas, West Texas, Fort Worth, Rio Grande, Oklahoma, Arizona, Los Angeles and San Diego as they respond to the immediate needs of migrants crossing the border to escape violence in their countries of origin.

We can provide support for these efforts through donations, volunteering, and other advocacy work. Those opportunities are available on the Episcopal Relief and Development website.

The primary request, however, is for prayer. When you hear the news, say a prayer. When you read the story of a child affected by the violence, say a prayer. When you think of the world, and the people in it, say a prayer. Any prayer, no matter what the form, strengthens our family in Christ. Below is a prayer from the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. When you think you can do nothing, pray.

Faithfully yours,

Kate

*Lord God, we pray for all the bombed out, burned out, driven out, relocated, wondering, wandering, unwilling pilgrims in this world. Forgive us for our part in uprooting them. Restore their lives, and make us partners in that rebuilding. We pray in the name of the Son of Man, who had no place to lay His head. Amen.*

### **Fifth-Sunday Morning Prayer ends with the current church year**

As the new church year begins this Advent, St. John’s will not be continuing its tradition of Morning Prayer with Eucharist on the fifth Sunday of the month. Since there are not any more fifth Sundays between now and Advent (which begins November 30), there will not be any more Morning Prayer on Sundays this year.

### **Crocus Hill Preschool back in session**

Crocus Hill Preschool, which moved into St. John’s last year, has a few openings left. It operates weekdays from 9 to 11:30 am, with early drop-off beginning at 8 am. Extended day sessions are available until 4 pm. Children can attend daily, or just a few days a week.

Classes begin the first week of September and run until Memorial Day. Crocus Hill accepts children between 2½ years and five years of age, and does not require children to be toilet-trained.

The school is organized into three age-based classes. Class placement is subject to adjustment, to accommodate individual stages of development.

There are openings for children beginning this fall.

Interested parents can email the school at [crocushillschool@gmail.com](mailto:crocushillschool@gmail.com), or call (651) 222-5854.

**There is a 10% discounts available for members of St. John’s.**



# Truffle

## Retrieves the Answer



Allow me to introduce myself. I am Truffle, a purebred black Labrador Retriever, and, not coincidentally, your Resident Church Dog (RCD).

What, you might ask, is the function of a church dog? What indeed! Quite simply, I dig, I retrieve, and I drop the prize at your feet: the answer to a question you didn't know you had.

Shortly after coming to St. John's via the Huge Sale (the less said about that, the better), I discerned my "call to mission" is to do what I do best: sniff out answers. My role is not to supplant the rector but to champion the rights of the curious.

Since I've been a puppy, I've been largely home-schooled, and this could serve me well in doggedly pursuing Truth. Knowledge is my catnip, so to speak—with apologies to my journalistic predecessor in the Evangelist, the late Lulu Berg, D.C. (Domestic Cat).

Although many of you are not dogs, still YOU may have questions, so please send them to *The Evangelist* c/o Truffle, RCD. I will do my best to dig out an answer. I'm especially curious about the Sunday goings-on here, so will begin there.

Again, my role is not to replace the clergy. I will not let the cat out of the bag, but find out if there is a cat IN the bag, starting with what they call liturgy.

I say again: I'm not a threat. I'm a retriever.

Until next month...

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### Vestry Members

Bob Baumann, *Clerk of Vestry*  
Marilyn Conklin, *Music*  
Tricia Durst, *Fellowship*  
Mary Gilbertson, *At Large*  
Phyllis Goff, *At Large*  
Rex Haberman, *At Large*  
Gary Hagstrom, *At Large*  
Vern Kassekert, *At Large*  
Suzanne McInroy, *At Large*  
Don Postema, *Senior Warden*  
Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*  
Lea Anne Schmidt, *New Member/Welcome*  
Colleen Swope, *Faith in Action*  
Kevin Wall, *At Large*  
Holly Weinkauff, *At Large*  
Jerry Woelfel, *Junior Warden*

### Volunteer Positions

Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*  
Phillip Baird, *Verger*  
Alden Drew, *Historian/Archivist*  
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*  
Jim Johnson, *Planned Gift Chair*  
Craig Lemming, *Compline Coordinator*  
Joan Potter, *Verger*  
Diane Power, *Altar Guild*  
George Power, *Columbarium*  
Jill Thompson, *Lay Reader Coordinator*

### Clergy

The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*  
The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller, *Associate Rector*  
The Reverend Margaret Thor, *Deacon*

### Staff

Sarah Dull, *Office Administrator*  
Jayson Engquist, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*  
Jean Hansen, *Children, Youth, and Family Minister*  
Ivan Holguin, *Building Assistant*  
Mary Kay Knapp, *Children's & Youth Choirs Director*  
The Reverend Barbara Mraz, *Writer in Residence*  
John Oldfield, *Office of the Treasurer*  
Chris Tegeler, *Building Manager*  
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*  
Ellie Watkins, *Communications Assistant*  
Dunfa Weretti, *Building Assistant*

# New Staff

## **The Reverend Margaret Thor, Deacon**



Hello to all! I am a cradle Episcopalian, baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church. I am also an Air Force "brat," so I attended many different Episcopal churches around the country. I graduated from both high

school and college while living in northern California. I am a UC Davis graduate with a degree in Psychology.

My husband, Eric, and I met in CA, were married in an Episcopal church in the San Jose area and moved to MN in 1989 so that he could attend graduate school at the U. I work fulltime for the IRS and was able to transfer from the San Jose office to the St Paul office when we moved. I now work in Brooklyn Center and currently manage a group of employees who audit small businesses. When we moved to MN, we joined Resurrection Episcopal church in Spring Lake Park and attended there until it closed in 2004. We then joined St John in the Wilderness in White Bear Lake, our home parish. We live in Arden Hills.

Our children, Caryn and Peter, were confirmed at St John's. Caryn graduated in December 2012 from U of WI and works in Chicago. Our son is entering his third year at the U of MN studying Chemical Engineering. (The Gopher-Badger football game is quite the ordeal in our household!) We also have an old basset hound named Stuart that has attended many pet blessings but is still affectionately called our demon dog.

To save you from guessing, I'm 53 years old. Eric and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary last January. I love a good cup of coffee, reading mysteries, and traveling. I traveled to my 50th state in April when my husband and I took a belated anniversary trip.

I am very excited to be at St John the Evangelist. I look forward to working with the Faith in Action Commission. In addition, I enjoy working with youth and hope that I can lend a hand as time allows. I participated on the Episcopal Church in Minnesota's Mission Opportunity team for 2014, which focused on resources for faith communities willing to reach out to school age youth in their neighborhoods. I've been a

Lay Eucharist Visitor and Minister, LEM, lector and verger. I've also been the senior warden, treasurer and Christian Ed instructor. I currently volunteer one Friday morning a month at the Episcopal Homes.

I look forward to getting to know you all as my journey with Christ takes me to St John's.

## **Mary Kay Knapp, Children's & Youth Choirs Director**



Mary Kay's thrilled to be joining the music staff at St. John's. She understands the unique power of music to enrich and enhance singer's spiritual lives, and looks forward to sharing those

gifts with the young people of St. John's.

Mary Kay did her undergraduate study in Music/ Music Education at Clarke College, and her Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She recently moved to the Twin Cities from Iowa City where she taught at West High School. Her goal is to develop a mature and natural ensemble sound while aiding in the development of each singer's individual vocal technique, and she can't wait to get started!

## **Ellie Watkins Communications Assistant**



Ellie is very excited to be working at St. John's. She can be found in the church office from 3-7pm weekdays. In the mornings, she's the secretary at Elim Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale. Her home church

is St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Hill.

She grew up in South Dakota and majored in English at the University of Tennessee. Her husband David works in IT at The Sportsman's Guide catalog, and their six-month-old baby Clark is still considering his career options. Ellie enjoys learning to sew, photography, football, cats, Tumblr, and lots and lots of spicy food.

She looks forward to meeting everyone at St. John's and encourages their questions and advice as she gets in the groove of communicating all the great things happening in this church community.

# Sarah Dull

by Barbara Mraz

She's a Brit by birth, a single mom, and once turned down a post-graduate scholarship from Harvard. She is now a member of the largest Lutheran church in the world (Mount Olivet in Minneapolis) and is the granddaughter of a Methodist preacher. She has been "paid to shop," and is currently our Office Administrator at St. John's.

Sarah Dull was born in Devon on the west coast of England. Her family moved a lot when she was little since her parents were both chefs and also managed restaurants and hotels. Her father even worked for a time at the famed Café Royale in London. The young Sarah, the oldest of three children, was a precocious child who enjoyed greeting customers at hotel receptions desks. She describes herself as sociable and adventurous and often "fearless." Not always easy for her parents.

Her parents eventually settled in Great Yarmouth where they still live. She visited them last Christmas.

She earned a B.A in Retail Studies at Bournemouth University on the south coast, being named "Top Retail Student in Europe" when she graduated. Harvard offered her a full scholarship for post-graduate work but she had enough of school at that point so went to work for a series of stores where she served as a buyer (hence "paid to shop"). Her first job was for a London store where she was the assistant buyer for shoes.

In 2000, she married an American and relocated to the Twin Cities where her husband was employed. A son, Gabriel was born five years later, and for a while she was a stay-at-home mom. The family joined Mt. Olivet, whose membership "absolutely surrounded us with care" when her husband's illness took a toll and a divorce followed.

Sarah returned to work as a buyer for Christopher and Banks retail stores but decided that the hours and the travel were not compatible with her life as a single mother. She has always had the heart of a volunteer, working three years in London at a suicide prevention hotline, and her experience at Mount Olivet had a deep spiritual impact. So she decided to seek out employment at a non-profit, faith based organization. She began work on a certificate in Nonprofit Management at St Paul College. Then the job as Office Administrator at St.



John's beckoned, and she has been here for just over two years now.

Her years in the corporate world have been useful since Sarah's job description here is broad.

As the Office Administrator, she is in charge of record keeping and reporting,

working closely with the vestry and diocese, contract negotiations for office equipment as well as making sure they are in good working order. She supports the staff on tech issues and ensures they have the necessary supplies as budget allows.

She also manages the parish calendar, coordinates scheduling for all events, negotiates agreements for non-parish groups that want to use our space – making sure liability and legal policies are adhered to. She is the safe-church administrator and supports volunteer coordinators as they recruit and lead people to help out with various ministries. She assists with membership management and has just finished setting up the new database -- a huge undertaking – which will be used to keep parishioner information current and also facilitate staff communication with various member groups. She is in charge of all parish mailings and postal accounts, also supervises the half-time communications assistant (see article in this issue) who produces the *Evangelist*, bulletin inserts, and the Friday e-news, along with performing other duties

There is a strong pastoral care component to the job. Sarah is often the first to learn of deaths and illnesses, and sometimes people come into the office in crisis. Also, since she is the weekday face and of voice of St. John's, she fields the Monday morning reactions to the previous day's service that come in via phone and email:

"Why did we sing all of the verses of that long hymn?"

"Why do we (or don't we) pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury?"

"Where I was sitting, the lights were too bright" (or too dim).

"That was a terrific sermon yesterday!"



And then there was the man who came into the office and asked, “Do you have any meat?”

Nonetheless, Sarah concludes, “I really like it here very much.”

What have been the biggest adjustments to living in the USA?

The food! “I’d never seen so many carbohydrates on a single plate in my life! And everything – even potato salad—seems to have sugar in it.”

The language “I used to think I’d speak the same language over here as in England but it’s been a real adjustment. My son is correcting me all the

time.” (And the staff always likes to hear Sarah say “contribute” as *con-tri-bute*).

Social norms such as time: “In England, a ten o’clock meeting meant everyone would be there at 9:55, dressed in business attire, ready to go. In the corporate world here, it often means that people stroll in after ten, take their time getting coffee, and are dressed much more casually.”

Sarah and her son Gabriel, now nine, live in Linden Hills in Minneapolis and Gabriel attends Clara Barton School. Mount Olivet is a big part of their lives, and now St. John’s, is too.

Sarah is anything but dull!



St. John’s &  
Holy Apostles  
Parish Picnic  
August 10, 2014



# Faith in Action

## Project Home In Need of Leaders

Very few things are more comforting than crawling into a warm bed with a good roof over your head and resting peacefully until the morning. There are so many parents and children in our community that do not know that comfort.

At St John's, we are entering our 14th year of working with St. Paul Area Council of Churches in providing a safe place for homeless families through Project Home. We are looking for two to four people to lead this mission in February of 2015. You will join and lead a ministry that has taken care of 236 families in our last thirteen (13) years. These families included 317 adults and 459 children! It was calculated that our beds have been slept in 4,717 times! One shudders to think what would have happened to those families if St John's, SPACC and Project Home hadn't joined forces.

Not only will you be working with your fellow members at St. John's, but you get to meet wonderful families. The children are so much fun to play with (once homework is done!) and the parents enjoy talking with new people. It opens your world and your eyes. The families' stories often reinforce that all it takes is one false step or one miscalculation, and anyone of us could be sleeping in the beds in our gym.

During your time with Project Home, you will help plan the families' arrival with support from SPACC, St. John's Faith In Action commission and the St. John's clergy. Beginning in November, you will recruit and train parishioners who will fill the evening and overnight shifts during the month of February. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Swope at [ccswope50@gmail.com](mailto:ccswope50@gmail.com) or the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller at [kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org).

Please consider joining Project Home and help change our world with much needed TLC!

**Hearts to Homes Meeting** - Monday, September 22 at 5:00 pm in the Fireside Room. To learn more, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.

**Faith in Action Meeting** - Thursday, October 16 at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft. To learn more, contact Colleen Swope at [ccswope50@gmail.com](mailto:ccswope50@gmail.com).



**October 11**

Save the date for our new and improved ONE DAY Huge Sale on October 11th, 2014!

This twice-a-year sale raises money that is used by St. John's Vestry to fund various outreach programs. It draws in over 900 of our members and neighbors to see and learn more about St. John's community. Oh, and they find great deals, too! A very fun day for shoppers and volunteers!

The week of October 5th will be our sort and set up week. We will need volunteers from 11:30am to 2:30pm and 5:30pm to 8:30pm each day, Monday through Thursday.

On the day of this event, our regular sale, bake sale and coffee shop will run from 9:00 am to 12:00pm. We then close down, have lunch, reorganize the sales floor and open for the bag sale from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Lunch is included for all volunteers on Sale Day!

Please see signs posted in the Kent Street entryway for what we do and do not accept for donations.

Volunteer sign-up coming soon for set-up days, both sale day shifts and the closing teardown. Watch the Sunday and electronic bulletins for the Sign-Up Genius link. Contact Jeff Olsen at [joslen1533@wblmn.com](mailto:joslen1533@wblmn.com), Colleen Swope at [ccswope50@gmail.com](mailto:ccswope50@gmail.com), or Mary Gilbertson at [gilbertsons-mbag@integrity.com](mailto:gilbertsons-mbag@integrity.com) for more information.





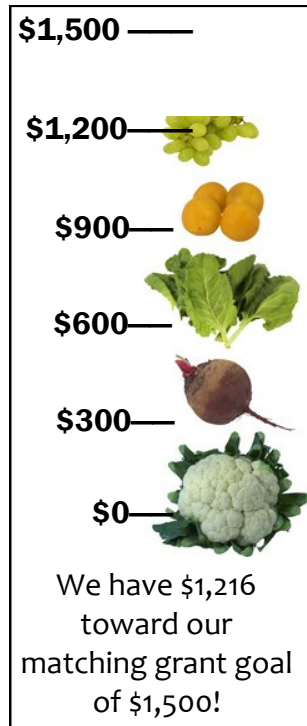
## Farmers' Market and Fields to Families

We are having a great year at the St. John's & Holy Apostles Farmers' Market!

We have seen an increase in foot traffic from our neighborhood. Our Wednesday business has gone from just 7 sales to over 40 in the past week! There has been a concentrated effort to get the boulevard signs out early each Wednesday and Sunday. This has contributed to the drive-by trade increasing as, well.

The increase in foot traffic has led to an amazing giving trend toward our Fields to Families matching grant program. We have received the \$1,500 check from our anonymous donor. Not only have we received several designated checks for the grant, the neighbors and parishioners have grown the Sunday and Wednesday receipts with their contributions of \$1, \$5 and onward to \$20 drops in our giving box. We are currently standing at a total match of \$1,216! We at St. John's, Holy Apostles and the Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf cannot thank all of you enough for the generous giving in this matching grant program!

The Market will continue for a few more weeks. We can still use help in covering the shifts on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please contact Cammie and Rob Beattie to find a shift that fits your time (crbeattie@att.net).



## A word from our new Hearts to Homes mentor

by Patty Byrne Pfalz

When I first arrived at St John's, I looked for different ways to get involved in the church activities. It was a way for me to get to know people and make new friends. I wanted to do some kind of outreach, something that would give back to the community. One of the H2H members invited me to a meeting, and I knew right away that this was where I could help out. Over the past several years, I have monitored the H2H budget, fund raised, planned picnics, collected household items, helped out with the Chili Cook Off, and now I am mentoring our new family.

When I look at my own life so far, I think of how fortunate I am to be surrounded by good family and friends who have lifted me up when I was down and been there to celebrate my successes. The H2H program offers just that for our families. The commitment of the Hearts to Homes program is to help a family rise above poverty.

Our new family is a mother with two teenaged sons. She is hoping to move to a different two-bedroom home that will not be too expensive to heat. One of her sons likes playing basketball and her other son is working at Arby's. The family needs a coffee table (game table sturdy) and a dining table to seat 4-6.

If you are interested in learning more about Hearts to Homes, I invite you to come to one of our monthly meetings (the next one is September 22 and every 4th Monday after that) or our mentor training session Saturday, September 13 at 8:30am in the Undercroft. And, of course, I am always happy to talk about the program. You can reach me at 651-224-7784.

## Second Biennial Cabaret

When: Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 6:30-9:00 pm Where: St. John's Auditorium

Who: St John's parishioners and friends, ages 12-112

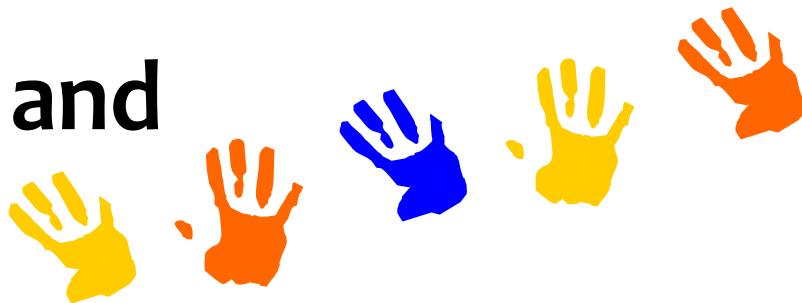
Why: To raise funds and awareness about St. John's Clinic Kayoro, and the biannual youth pilgrimage. This is the perfect opportunity to showcase your hidden talent, spend an exciting evening with your St. John's friends, and raise money for two causes near and dear to our hearts.

Special Features: A night of entertainment including the much-loved MC WCCO's John Hines, silent auction, live auction, fabulous talent show, good food and good friends.

**Get it on your calendar!**



# Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



## Godly Play

**Who:** All Children preschool through grade 6

**When:** Sundays at 9:45am. Begins Sunday, Sept. 28

**Where:** PreK/K – Undercroft next to nursery  
Grades 1-6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor classrooms

**Registration:** Please register your child for Godly Play at: <http://stjohnsstpaul.org/faith-formation/children>

What is Godly Play? Godly Play is a Montessori method of telling Bible stories, developed by Jerome Berryman, using parables, sacred stories and liturgical lessons about religious traditions using simple materials. It invites the listener to connect faith stories with personal experience through wondering questions and open-ended response. Godly Play can be a way of preparing children to join the worship life of their congregations as they experience sacred stories, symbols and rites and encounter the religious language associated with worship within the context of our faith tradition.

A Godly Play session includes time to:

- Get ready
- Experience a story
- Explore the story with questions “I wonder ...?”
- Respond to the story with a free choice of creative experience
- Enjoy a simple shared feast

There will be a Godly Play Open House on Sunday, September 21 at 9:45 am.

## Important Dates

Wednesday, Sept. 10:

First Youth Gatherings: Rite 13, J2A and Senior Youth

Sunday, Sept. 14:

Gathering Sunday Potluck and Ministry Fair

Sunday, Sept. 21:

Godly Play Open House

At 10:00am Worship: Godly Play and Youth Leader Commissioning

Sunday, Sept. 28:

9:00-9:45am: J2A Fundraising/Pilgrimage planning in the Meditation Room

## Godly Play Volunteers Needed

**Storytellers:** 2 hours per week, including preparation and classroom time for story-telling, arts, feast, and prayers.

**Classroom Assistants:** 1.5 hours per week; greet families, keep attendance, and support storytellers with classroom management.

**Greeters:** 30 minutes per week; greet families, find classrooms, and answer questions.

Training, stories, and supplies all provided. We would like a commitment for the program year, which is 26 Sundays, Sept. through May. No classes on the first Sunday of each month. Option of co-teaching alternate weeks, so only 13 weeks per year. For more information, please contact Jean Hansen at 952-201-0424 or [rjhansen3128@aim.com](mailto:rjhansen3128@aim.com).

## Dinner Schedule

Wednesday, Sept. 10: Welcome Dinner

Wednesday, Sept. 17: Rinkoff Family

Wednesday, Sept. 24: Weinkauff Family



## Confirmation Schedule

**What:** Confirmation Preparation

**Where:** St. John's Undercroft

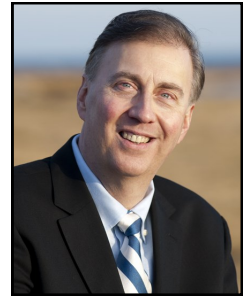
**When:** 1:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month  
Confirmands – please mark your calendars with our meeting dates. Confirmation will meet at 1:00pm on the first Sunday of the month October through March, with the final meeting on Sunday, April 12.

October 5	January 4	March 1
November 2	February 1	April 12
December 7		



# Musical Notes

from the  
Organ Bench...



## Summer Choir

Our Summer Choir continues one more Sunday, September 7, 2014. 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 Jayson Engquist at 651-228-1172 x36. WE WANT TO THANK our faithful Summer Choir members who have volunteered each week.

## New Children’s and Youth Choirs Director

We are thrilled to announce our new Children’s and Youth Choirs Director, Mary Kay Knapp. She can be contacted at [mkksings@gmail.com](mailto:mkksings@gmail.com) or 515-991-8757.

## Tower Bells Tunes

You may have noticed the new “tune” ringing daily at Noon and 5 p.m. Can anyone identify the hourly “ring tune?” HINT: it is used in one of England’s most famous (and longest) cathedrals. If anyone can notate the tune and bring to the Music Office a prize will be awarded to the first correct submission. Listen in at Noon and 5. We are also playing short 10-minute recitals on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. and Wednesdays at 2:15, during the Farmer’s Market in our parking lot.

## Planning Ahead: Bean Memorial Evensongs with Concerts followed by receptions

- November 2, 2014 at 4 pm: All Saints’s Evensong and Concert (including a portion of Brahms’ *Requiem*)
- December 21, 2014 at 4 pm: Annual Lessons & Carols (Including Harp and Bells)
- February 15, 2015 at 4 pm: Evensong and Concert
- March 15, 2015 at 4 pm: Evensong and Concert
- May 17, 2015 at 4 pm: Evensong and Concert (Joint Program with St. Clement’s Choir Singing Handel’s *Dixit Dominus*)

## 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).

## Choir Rehearsals Resume This Fall

Information about all music rehearsals will be sent to all previous participants (from last year) and will be listed on the website calendar. Contact the directors directly with any questions.

### Adult Choir

Wednesdays beginning September 10 at 7:30 pm and Sundays beginning September 14 at 9 am Director: Jayson Engquist, 651-228-1172 x36 or [jayson.engquist@st.johnsstpaul.org](mailto:jayson.engquist@st.johnsstpaul.org).

### Handbell Choir

Tuesdays beginning September 2 from 5:45-7:15 pm. All are welcome to join. Director: Kate Graber, 952-890-3616 or [kate.graber@yahoo.com](mailto:kate.graber@yahoo.com).

### Youth Choir

Wednesdays beginning September 10 from 5:30-6:15 pm. Director: Mary Kay Knapp, 515-991-8757 or [mkksings@gmail.com](mailto:mkksings@gmail.com).

### Children’s Choir

Sundays starting September 7 from 9:00-9:45 am. Director: Mary Kay Knapp, 515-991-8757 or [mkksings@gmail.com](mailto:mkksings@gmail.com).

### Youth Choir and Children’s Choir Mini Retreat

Saturday, September 6 from 10:00 am until noon at St. John’s in the Music Room.

### Adult Choir Retreat

September 19-21 at Dunrovin Retreat Center (north of Stillwater).



# Faith Formation

*Being built up in the knowledge and love of God.*

## Fall Program

Faith formation at St. John's covers the spectrum of ages and is designed to nourish our spiritual development, better enabling us to live out the mission of the church and strengthen our commitment to be the Body of Christ in the world.

In direct response to the early findings of the Strategic Plan, this fall our Adult Faith Formation program for Sundays will take three distinct tracks. During what has been called the Sunday Forum hour (9:00am-10:00am) there will be two programs offered in the Fireside Room in alternating 6 to 8 week blocks. The first of these will be the "Basics Class", one piece of a comprehensive faith formation program called the Restoration Project ([www.therestorationproject.net](http://www.therestorationproject.net)).

Classes will be offered consecutively until we have covered the four categories of Basic Anglicanism, Basic Bible, Basic Christianity, and Basic Discipleship (See below for a longer explanation of the courses). As with our Back Porch Conversations this summer, we invite all parishioners to attend who desire to brush up on their knowledge and understanding of the Basics. These classes will also replace our new member classes and become a training ground for baptismal candidates (or their families), adult confirmands, couples seeking marriage, and anyone exploring or reexamining their faith. The classes are by no means "basic" and will engage both the heart and the mind so that we might, as a congregation, deepen our faith and draw closer to the One who is its source.

Following the Basics Class, our Formation Commission in collaboration with the clergy, have designed a speaker series (akin to our previous Sunday Forum) over a period of Sundays (beginning in November) to address the topic "Meeting Race and Inequality as Christians". Forums will be presented by theologians, civic leaders, and faith leaders from the Twin Cities and beyond, whose expertise and experience uniquely qualify them to speak with us on this vital issue. Forums will be challenging, and, we hope, inspiring.

At the same time every Sunday, all program year long, and occurring in the Undercroft Library (as space permits), there will be an ongoing clergy-led discussion

in a "café" format around the weekly gospel reading ([www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)), current events in the news, and what is happening in our personal lives. Bring your coffee (or fill up with St. John's brewed, direct trade, Café Palmira), and a copy of whichever paper you read, and engage faithfully, thoughtfully and critically in a conversation that connects our lives, our faith, and the world around us.

**September 21 – Fireside Chat with the Rector.** Come for an overview of the program year, the new Strategic Plan, discussion of the new formation program, and bring any questions or concerns you might have about life at St. John's.

**September 28 to Late November – Basics Class.** All are invited

These classes tell the Christian story, teach how to read the Bible and teach the basic Christian Disciplines.

**Basic Anglicanism** is like a citizenship class. We learn where we came from, how we make decisions as a community and how we worship. We get to know St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, the particular church community in which we are planted.

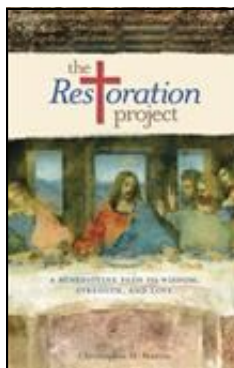
**Basic Bible** teaches the skills for reading the Bible intelligently and prayerfully. It combines contemporary scholarship with the traditional four senses of scripture so that we can make the ancient practice of lectio divina our own.

**Basic Christianity** tells the whole story of our faith from the beginning of time until the end. This section aims to give participants the narrative framework we all need for a lifetime of growing in faith.

**Basic Discipleship** teaches the essential Christian practices of prayer, financial stewardship and of telling our own story. It encourages students to adopt the Rhythm of Life as set forth in the Restoration Project.

**Late November to Mid January – Meeting Race and Inequality as Christians.** Speakers and topics TBA.

Children and youth are welcome at all the classes and discussions but if you, or they, would prefer the nursery is available for birth through age 5 or the Children's Choir will be rehearsing in the music room for kindergarten through 4th grade.





# Community Life

## OWLs Luncheon

**Wednesday, September 24**

If you are an OWL (Older, Wiser Laity), please mark your calendars for a luncheon to be held on Wednesday, September 24.



Come for Noonday Prayers at Noon in the Chapel, and then join your fellow OWLs in the Fireside room for a relaxing luncheon provided by St. John's clergy and staff.

The luncheon menu will be:

Chicken breast with Lemon-Leek Cream Sauce  
Parsley Potatoes

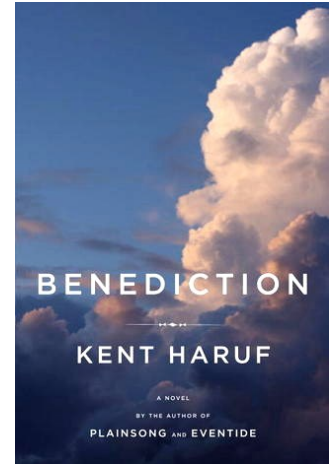
Corn and Tomato Salad with Champagne Vinaigrette  
Caramel Peach Cake

Please let the church office know whether or not we can plan on enjoying luncheon with you on September 24. Call the office to RSVP at 651-228-1172 x10.

## Book Club

**Saturday, September 13**

The St. John's Book Club resumes this fall. The group reads fiction and non-fiction suggested by its members. We will discuss *Benediction* by Kent Haruf at our next meeting on Saturday, September 13 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Elliott, 651-426-4146.



## Bible Study

This group meets on Wednesdays, beginning September 10, at 11:00 am in the Library. Participants discuss the lessons for the coming Sunday. This is a great opportunity for community building. For more information, contact Diane Elliott, 804-874-9502.

## September Meetings

**Prayer Shawl Gathering:** Wednesday, September 3 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579.

**Men's Gathering:** Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, September 13 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

**Vestry Meeting:** Monday, September 15 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Don Postema at 651-483-3062 or [postema@comcast.net](mailto:postema@comcast.net).

**Women's Gathering:** Tuesday, September 23 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Erin Weber-Johnson at [eweberjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:eweberjohnson@gmail.com) or Lea Anne Schmidt at [leanne.schmidt@gmail.com](mailto: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 family of Heather Johnson.

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



# Happy Birthday to...

## September \*

2	Jill Thompson Libby Collins	11	Eli Brown	24	David Wellington Savannah Joyce
4	Samuel Clary Dennis Collins Thomas Armstrong	13	Joshua Parton Wendy Olson Mary Ann Dailey	26	Martin John Brown III Don Weinkauff
5	Joey Goodall Christa Rutherford Debra Smith	14	Scott Norton Ava Ebenhoch	27	Carly Allen-Tice John Lawyer
6	Rachel Clark Benjamin Thompson Sam Edgerton	15	John Edgerton III Annie Beattie	28	Jonathan Roe Scott Sullivan Michael Garner, Ian Andrews
7	Brad Clary Thomas Finneran-Flyckt	16	Robert Edman Barbara Snowfield	29	Emma Grundhauser Paul Bradtmiller Ruth Bradtmiller Kevin Hertle
8	Jennifer Gross Galawe Alcenat Paige Hagstrom Beverly Meloche Emily Spainhower Emily Spainhower Diane Norman	17	Bobby Strom	30	Mary Gilbertson Jack Sand Drake Lightner
10	Grace Dueber	18	Chelsea Olson		
		20	Oren Lowe Catherine Burke		
		21	Wyatt Ropal Bob Goff		
		22	Glen Lindeke Devin Bruce Shirlee Gooch Lynn Hertz		
		23	Benjamin Clary Mary Beth 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:

### Sept. 7, the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Main Altar:* Marjory L. & William S. Pearson

*Small Altar:* Annie & Thomas Newton

### Sept. 14, the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Main Altar:* Vernon F. Olson

*Small Altar:* Bram Drew

### Sept. 21, the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Main Altar & Small Altar:* Thomas W. & Doris N.

Dunlop, James G. Ek

### Sept. 28, the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Main Altar:* Frank & Esther Snyder; in celebration of the marriage yesterday of Dennis & Crissy Collins

*Small Altar:* Elizabeth & John Stromenger



## 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 September 2014 Service Schedule

Time	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
<b>September 7, 2014—The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Dusty Mairs	Cammie Beattie Marvin Cadwell Alex Joyce	Gabrielle Lawrence Don Postema	Gathering Sunday
10:00 am	A - John Docherty B - Jeff Olsen				
<b>September 14, 2014—The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Pam Strom	John MacBain Kevin Wall Don Weinkauff Holly Weinkauff	Jeff Olsen Peggy Olsen	Garden Circle - Julia Ferguson
10:00 am	A - Terry Dinovo B - Jill Thompson				
<b>September 21, 2014—The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Pat Brynteson	Terri Fishel George Kinkead Mason Kinkead Shirley Sailors	Barbara Lindeke Tiffany Roufs Lea Anne Schmidt	Kolu Paye
10:00 am	A - Shirley Sailors B - Keith Davis				
<b>September 28, The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
8:00 am	Alden Drew	Diane Power	Bob Baumann Pat Brynteson Jennifer Rosendale Peter Rosendale	Cammie Beattie Kathleen Hanson Libby Snelson	Sally Sand Jennifer Durst Rex Haberman
10:00 am	A - Peggy Lemmon B - Joan Potter				

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