

THE EVANGELIST

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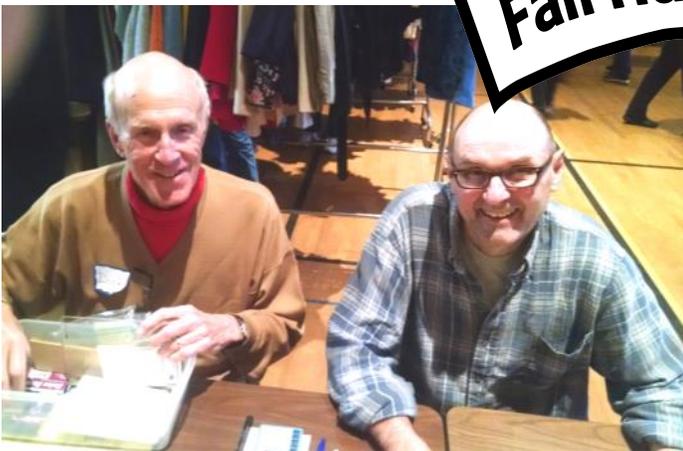
November 2014

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Fall Huge Sale



Marathon Procession

Come... Join Us!

Sundays

8:00 am Service:

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am Service:

Sung Eucharist Rite II

9:00 Sunday Forum:

Restoration Project: The Basics (Fireside Room)

9:00 St. John's Café

(Meditation Room)

9:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal

(Chancel)

9:00 Children's Choir Rehearsal

(Music Room)

9:45 Godly Play (Gathering

Space & Classrooms)



**Evangelist
Deadline**

December Issue

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

From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, the drifts of leaves against the side of the church are growing, a stiff breeze is blowing, and all around are sure signs that fall is here. This is a time of taking stock, of preparing for the seasons ahead, of harvest and of laying up provision. In the church we take this transition as an appropriate time to plan and prepare and particularly to think clearly about what is needed to sustain our community for the year to come.

Of course, in the life of faith, as with almost everything else, planning and preparing take a slightly different approach. In the church we believe and profess that all our lives take shape, all our plans unfold from, and all our preparing aims toward and is defined by our relationship with God in Jesus. If we take stock, we measure the good things that come from God. If we harvest and lay up provision, it is so that we might better serve others and return a portion as thanks to God. If we make plans, we do so by listening to the call of Christ. As always, the call is to come and follow, and as such, the theme for this year's annual pledge campaign is *Called to Follow Christ*. Building on the language and themes of the recently approved Strategic Plan (approved unanimously at the October Vestry meeting), the Stewardship Team have broken down that call to reflect five of the areas of the Strategic Plan.

We are Called to Follow Christ into :

Service (what the Strategic Plan calls "Programs and Partnerships"), Formation, Worship, Community (what the Strategic Plan calls "Member Integration"), and to Build a Strong Foundation (what the Strategic Plan calls "Buildings and Infrastructure, and Fiscal Sustainability").

Answering the call in all these ways will require generosity and courage. But, we know, as Christ calls us to follow, so too he never fails to send his Spirit to accompany us



along the way. The practice of giving of our time, talent, and treasure, shapes us into courageous and generous people, capable of living into the vision God has given us, of a community of faith that welcomes all people, and that shows forth its service to God in its service to others.

In the weeks to come you will be receiving a pledge packet and on Sunday mornings during the campaign you will hear from speakers with more information about the vision of St. John's as detailed in the Strategic Plan, and how you can give to support it. As always, the spiritual goal is a tithe—10% of your annual income as a gift through the church, back to God—but, I encourage you to give in a way that feels sacrificial and appropriate to the connection you share with this place and to the God who calls each of us to follow.

On each morning of the campaign during coffee hour there will be members of the parish present representing stewardship, the strategic plan, and the ministries you can support. They will have copies of the Strategic Plan and pledge campaign materials. I encourage you to stop and speak with one of those representatives about how your giving can support our community and our ministries. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity to this place, and thank you for answering again and again, the call to follow Christ here in this place in this time.

Faithfully,



Baptism Sunday November 2 and New Member Sunday November 23

During the month of November, we will celebrate two special days welcoming new members into our St. John's community. On November 2, All Saints' Sunday, our 10:00 am worship will be a festive service with baptisms. On Sunday, November 23, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the church year. We will welcome our new members at the 10:00 am service.

From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear friends in Christ,

Bishop Steven Charleston was the dean of my seminary when I was a student there. His preaching, which I can best describe as a mash-up of Baptist style engagement, with a strong devotion to Mary the Mother of Jesus, and a healthy respect for Benedictine contemplation, continues to inspire me. These days, I follow him on Facebook, where he posts a reflection each morning. This morning, Steven shared the sacred process of reflecting, day after day, week after week, for years at a time. "What you believe is what you do, one day at a time," he wrote.



It is this repetition that is crucial to our lives in faith. Our daily acts define who we are: the care with which we make food for our families; the decision to recycle anything that can be; the books we read, alone and with our children and grandchildren; the prayers we make, silently and aloud.

Our relationship with God, and with one another, finds form in these rhythms. "Our selves, our souls and bodies", as the Book of Common Prayer says, grow each day into a deeper understanding of the world around us.

Some days, some seasons, the task of moving through our lives seems impossible. At other times, it is light, easy work on the journey. Each day, as Christians, we are called to tend our relationship with God, no matter how challenging. We have a choice, every morning, to move toward that relationship rather than away from it. When we turn toward God to express our experience of our lives, whether to yell, to cry, to rejoice, or to plead, our selves, our souls and bodies, become more fully ours, and God's. What we believe is what we do, one day at a time.

Faithfully yours,

Kate

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed the night before.

Bishop Prior Visiting St. John's November 16

The bishop is coming! The office of the Right Reverend Brian N. Prior, ninth bishop of Minnesota, has informed us that he will be visiting our parish in conjunction with the annual East Metro Mission Area Gathering. He will be here at 10:00 am and following on Sunday, November 16. +Brian will preach and celebrate Holy Communion at our principal service as well as preside over confirmations, reaffirmations, and receptions of any adult parishioners at St. John's who would like to be welcomed into the Episcopal Church (please contact the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson ASAP at 651-228-1172 x11 if you are interested in one of these rites). After the service, there will be an opportunity to greet our bishop and celebrate having him in our midst at a reception in the gymnasium. Because the bishop's visitation also coincides with Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), the reception is being co-hosted by St. John's and youth from TEC.

In the Episcopal Church it is customary for diocesan bishops to visit each congregation in their diocese at least once every three years. At St. John's we have been fortunate to have +Brian visit our faith community more often than that—in the past three years for confirmations and, prior to that, when we welcomed and installed the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson as our new rector. The bishop's visits are intended to strengthen the relationship between +Brian as our chief priest and pastor in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, and to help us as one of his faith communities to be better informed of the mission and ministry being carried on throughout the diocese and the wider church. We are delighted to have +Brian here, and to celebrate together the mission and ministry we are accomplishing in partnership with God in this neighborhood at this time.



Community of Hope Lay Pastoral Care Chapter

You are invited to attend one of two information sessions in November (Sunday, November 2 at 11:30 am and Wednesday, November 5 at 7:30 pm) about a program new for us at St. John's: Community of Hope International.

Community of Hope is a model for training and supporting lay pastoral caregivers that began in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. It is rooted in the principles of the Rule of St. Benedict and shaped by clinical pastoral practices. There are chapters throughout the United States and internationally In Canada, Mexico, and Malawi.

Saint Benedict lived in central Italy in the sixth century. Through his own experience as a monastic, he came to realize that we come to God with and through other people.

The fourteen week curriculum includes: an introduction to Benedictine spirituality; theology of pastoral care; pastoral identity; listening skills; prayer, Christian meditation, and silence; motivational spiritual gifts; pastoral visiting and boundaries; confidentiality; family systems; coping with loss and grief; pastoral care for seniors; care for the caregiver; commitment to ministry; and practice visits.

At the end of the training period, the commissioned pastoral caregivers form a Circle of Care, wherein they meet once a month to pray, share, enjoy continuing education, and provide one another with mutual encouragement and support.

Both sessions will be held in the Fireside Room. For more information, please contact Kate Bradtmiller at 651-228-1172 x18.

Safe Church Training: November 30

The Children's portion of Safe Church training will be offered at St. John's on Sunday, November 30 from noon-3:00 p.m. Everyone who works with children or youth, as well as vestry members and key holders, are required to attend the training every 5 years. Lunch will be provided, so RSVP to the office by Friday, November 21 at church@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-228-1172, x10. You can also contact the office to find out the date of your last Safe Church Training.

Ebola and the Church

by the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson

What should we do about keeping Ebola out of the church? The question has emerged at St. John's and around the country in churches like ours as news of this particularly deadly and grim disease has made landfall in the US in recent weeks. It is a natural question that emerges both out of our deepest fears as well as our very healthy inclinations to keep ourselves and those we love safe from harm. Of course, doctors and epidemiologists tell us that the possibility of a large outbreak of the disease in the U.S. is low. So, while safety is a very real concern, it appears that our energies are best spent striving for safety in light of more common and prevalent (and preventable) illnesses like the flu. At St. John's, we respond to the specter of communicable illnesses, particularly in this season, by being vigilant as a staff for our own health. I ask that each staff member attend to their personal health, staying home when fever and other symptoms might put them at risk of infecting other staff and parishioners, and taking measures like flu vaccines, to ensure they are lowest risk possible for infections. I encourage all our parishioners to do the same. Our task as members of a parish community and as members of the body of Christ, is to treat one another with dignity and care—loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Which, brings me back to that first question. What should we do about keeping Ebola out of the church?

Because we share in the body of Christ and are a part of a community and communion that exceeds the walls of our parish and the boundaries of our city, state, and country, the reality is that Ebola is already in the church. With our brothers and sisters in Christ dying each day in greater and greater numbers in places like Sierra Leone and Liberia, our faith teaches us that these losses are ours here. The pain experienced in flesh and blood communities across the ocean and around the globe is our pain to share. For some parishes and communities here, this may make sense in theory (or theology) but may still seem like an idea removed from our daily lives and experience.

At St. John's sharing in the pain and tragedy of Ebola is more than a theory or a theology. For some here at least, the losses incurred by this deadly outbreak are very real and quite personal. Over the past few months, one of our committed members, Wuyah Viviane Koroma, originally from Liberia, began to

receive word of cousins and other relatives who had been stricken with this dread virus. First four then six then a beloved sister, and later a niece, would all be taken by Ebola. In total, over a dozen of her family members have been claimed by this disease. When Wuyah heard that family members in the States would be convening here in the Twin Cities to mark and celebrate her completion of a masters degree, she asked if we might be able to hold some sort of service to celebrate and commend to God the lives of those she had lost. At home in Liberia, because of necessary precautions to prevent further spread of Ebola, no services were held for each of these deaths. Wuyah's family has a long history in the Episcopal Church, with her father having even served as Chancellor of his home diocese in Liberia, and it seemed fitting to honor those lost with a service and liturgy in the Anglican tradition. So, if our shared humanity were not enough, this shared faith called us to see and recognize these losses as not some far away tragedy, but as a grief born right in the very midst of our own community, and in mid-October we held a beautiful memorial service at St. John's for Wuyah and her family.

The disease of Ebola, like so many a tragedy around the world, touches our church, intimately and personally. The wounds that are inflicted by it in Liberia are wounds we feel here. And, so, what can we do about Ebola in the church? We can pray. We can do our best to have compassion on those who suffer, opening our lives and our pocketbooks to those who suffer throughout the church and beyond – giving to relief efforts and listening for ways we can serve those in need. We can demand reasonable and compassionate legislation from our leaders. And, when we are asked, we can hold those suffering from Ebola, and all God's children with special intention in the worship of our church. While the virus will likely not show up at our doorstep, the pain and tragedy it has inflicted is well within our walls here, and around the church.



Episcopalians Meet Paul Bunyan!

by Jerry Woelfel

On the shores of Lake Bemidji stand the iconic figures of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. Just a mile or so east of them sits the Sanford Convention Center and Arena where the 157th annual convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota met the last weekend in September.

St John's was represented by delegates Becky Garthofner, Jeff Olsen and Jerry Woelfel, as well as Jered, Kate and our deacon, Margaret Thor. It was a wonderful weekend to see fall color and the diversity of the Episcopal faith communities in our state. Holy Apostles leaders and members also filled a table next to us as we sang, prayed, learned and conducted necessary business for the diocese.

A brief summary of the highlights:

- The financial health of the ECMN continues to be strong with delegates approving a balanced budget that included no increase in the "dues" owed by faith communities.
- Keynote speech from the CEO of Second Harvest Heartland in which he clearly explained the great work being done by many partners trying to end hunger in MN. "Food is Hope. Food is Love. Food is Faith."
- The Community Engagement Fair focused on organizations trying to end hunger and included a booth featuring many programs developed with our companion parish Holy Apostles such as Fields to Families and the Farmers Market.



- Breakout sessions offering education and advocacy for improving food development and distribution, as well as introducing the ECMN Mission Opportunity 2015: Engaging The Spirit in Haiti. There are seven faith communities around the state already participating in mission work in Haiti that will lead this effort next year.

- Saturday morning worship led by Bishop Prior with guitar music and a sermon from the Rev. Dr. Mark Olson, Missioner for Leach Lake Reservation faith communities.

Most of the convention took place on the floor of the hockey arena which was covered with wood. Liberal use of the jumbotron video screen made it easy to see speakers and song lyrics, as well as video clips featuring various ministries like Episcopal Youth Camps. One resource that St Johns members may not be aware of is the School for Formation. There are a multitude of on line and in person classes and other resources to help us develop and grow on our faith journey. I would encourage everyone to check out schoolforformation.org.

Also know that you do not have to be an elected delegate to attend this annual meeting. Visitors are welcome to register and enjoy the education, inspiration and social time available. Next year the meeting will be in St Cloud Sept.18 and 19.

The Essence

by Barbara Mraz

Joan Potter was studying Haiku poetry with a Japanese master. Poetry must strip away nonessentials, he said, reducing everything to “only essence.” Increasingly in her own life, Joan has followed this philosophy: aiming for the heart of things, in spite of the obstacles.



Joan knows that art can require fierceness. A Wisconsin theater group had been invited to Japan to be part of a play festival, and Joan was directing the show. The script she had written herself was based on the life of writer Laura Ingalls Wilder. At one point in the play, the Ingalls family does a simple square dance, and the Japanese director of the festival told Joan that the cast should put taps on their shoes (perhaps referencing American tap dancing?).

Joan said no. He closed in within an inch of her face and yelled that there would be taps on the shoes! It ended when Joan calmly reiterated that there would not be taps on the shoes.

The group was invited back to Japan to perform again a year later and over 50,000 people eventually saw the show.

Joan is living her life committed to the power of words and the ability of art to touch the human heart. She worked for many years as an educator in Menomonie, Wisconsin, and then spent 11 years heading the drama program at Wayzata High School. Here she put up three shows a year (usually including a musical such as *West Side Story* and a Shakespeare play) and also taught English and Theater. She brought groups of students to perform and tour theaters in Europe.

She also has done many stagings for Project Opera (the youth branch of Minnesota Opera) and the Greenwood Players in Wisconsin, and she is directing a February production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* for St Paul's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis.

Joan is also a published poet. A recent poem about a

childhood memory appeared in the literary journal, *Generations*. An excerpt:

*I would give-up my bed for my grandparents'
annual visit, helping Mother
with crisp sheets sun-bleached and wind dried;
to fill a glass vase with peonies
heavy with fragrance
set next to the new pillows Mother bought yesterday
because they only come once a year to this dusty town
squatting along the South Dakota border,
pinned to the prairie by a water tower...*

Joan has been part of the choir since she moved here from Wisconsin in 1996 and music continues to be a passion. Three years ago she and musician and choir member Richard Raasch, composed a Christmas choral piece called “Shepherd’s Star” which melded the English horn and Anglican chant. The piece has been performed on Christmas Eve at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. The Augsburg choir performed it at the annual Christmas Vespers concert at Central Lutheran Church in December, 2012.

The refrain of the piece is this:

*Silent hills, whispering pines,
guardian starlight, older than time:
sing to my flock. Hold back the dark,
the loss and the longing, the waiting for joy...*

Today, she is working on several projects, including the upcoming Cabaret fundraiser at St. John's. She is also busy as grandmother of three children and the mother of four grown sons from her first marriage whom she raised largely as a single mother. Today Josh is an executive at Apple in Austin, Texas; Sam is a filmmaker and former Fulbright Scholar who lives in the Bay Area of California; David is a psych major at the U of M; Joel just received an MFA in writing and is currently at Headlands Artist Colony in Marin County.

Joan was recently appointed verger and liturgical coordinator at St. John's, bringing her director's eye and poet's ear to work with the clergy to constantly improve our services.

Joan will tell you that “show, don't tell” is a fundamental maxim in writing, especially in poetry. This lovely life is showing us a lot about spirit, resilience and articulating the essence of what life puts before you.

Faith in Action

St. John's Christmas Giving Tree

St. John's will participate in the Christmas Giving Tree project again this year. This program is set up through the YWCA Housing and Support Services. The Giving Tree contains wish lists on tags from each member of participating families.

Wish tags will be hanging on the Christmas tree located at the back of the church beginning in November.

There are many ways you can participate: you can select however many tags you wish to fulfill, or donate funds to either purchase \$50 Cub food certificates or to have others shop for you.

Once purchased, the unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the YWCA Exercise area. There they will be wrapped and distributed in time for a Christmas celebration.

This year we have committed to providing gifts and \$50 grocery certificates for 14 families in the YWCA Support Services.

EMMA (No More) Hunger Event

This event, sponsored by the East Metro Mission Area, will be Saturday, November 15 from 9:30 am—3:30 pm at St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church, 2175 1st St, White Bear Lake. Hear from guest speaker Noya Goodrich, CEO, Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Enjoy face time with others. Share ideas and strategies to end hunger. Motivate yourself and others to participate fully in God's mission to end hunger in MN. Share Eucharist and a meal with Bishop Prior. Register at <http://episcopalmn.org/events/no-more-hunger-event>. For more information, email stormcrow2@yahoo.com or call 651-210-4461.

Hearts to Homes Meeting - Monday, November 24 at 5:00 pm in the Fireside Room. To learn more, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.

Faith in Action Meeting - Thursday, December 11 at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft. To learn more, contact Colleen Swope at ccswope50@gmail.com.

Donate to the Food Shelf

Our local food shelf still needs our donations. Kids are back to school, so lunchbox items are welcome (individual cups of applesauce or Jell-O, juice boxes, etc.). Soup, Manwich, and Spaghetti-O's are also easy-to-make meals that kids can prepare on their own. All



non-perishables are always welcome. Donations can be left in the Gathering Space or in the barrel in the back of church. Thank you!

3rd Annual "H2H Chili Bowl" Cook-off set for Sunday, November 9

Pull out your crock-pots! Get ready to put your best chili recipe to the test! The 3rd Annual H2H Chili Bowl chili cook-off is on Sunday, November 9, after the 10:00 am service. Rare, one-of-a-kind, highly coveted trophies will be awarded to the winner of the best red chili and the best white chili.

If cooking is not your talent, please come enjoy the chili others have made. Everyone participates in the tasting and voting; then we all enjoy lunch together. H2H will provide additional side dishes, dessert, coffee and lemonade. Tuesday Men's Group will provide beer.

As an "admission fee" for this fun and tasty event, please bring household items that current and future H2H (Hearts to Homes) families can use: kitchen, bath or bed linens, cleaning products, food storage containers, paper products, light bulbs, kitchen items, etc. Donations to H2H gratefully accepted as well!

To enter your amazing chili in this competition, or for more information, please contact Holly Weinkauf at betterwein@gmail.com or 651-724-5200.



Fall Huge Sale Report

Once More, Louder! Give a Cheer:

H - HOW can we handle so much STUFF?

U - Upstairs Treasures, Oval Room & Books

G - Give away kids books, cookie tins, tote bags, coffee and donuts

E - Everything Must Go! Jackets, ornaments, shoes, housewares, costumes, Bake Sale treats

S - Shoppers eager and grateful

A - Always enjoy the lunch break

L - Loyal connections plan to return next Sale

E - Each HS worker has a story of gratitude for a day

The Huge Sale Committee worked around the clock to prepare for Sale Day on October 11. Volunteers included many veterans & some new recruits, who took shifts sorting evenings and after services. Fellowship in the Gym kept the “fun” in “fundraising” for Fall shoppers, who found something they happily took home!

Greeters enjoyed meeting and chatting with the shoppers in our Church building. All who volunteered at the Sale dined on a delicious Alden Drew pasta lunch! Then, the Bag Sale helped clear almost every item. Shoutouts go to our “Pack Up for Pick Up” helpers who got the remaining goods up to the Kent Street entrance for pick up by St Vincent DePaul, who distributes to the larger city community.

This sale, we were honored to be part of a mission that helped 17 newly relocated families in the local

Ka’ren community affiliated with Holy Apostles to purchase goods through the generous support of an anonymous donor (\$1,200). All of these families were so grateful for the goods they received as they begin their lives in their new homeland. We even helped a 17-year-old find a tux that fit perfectly. He said he was now ready for prom and church! More importantly, we were impacted by their plight, their quiet resolution and their joy in their futures. We are not sure who benefitted most from this event within the event—us or Ka’ren community.

On the Monday after the Sale, the office received a call from a very happy customer saying that the Huge Sale was “the best church sale she had ever been to; everyone was so friendly and welcoming, the merchandise was so nicely organized and displayed, the coffee and cookies were wonderful....” Now that is customer satisfaction we all like to hear!

Faith In Action ministry outreach provides funding to important connections St John’s shepherds in the area. We are so happy to report that the Fall Event brought in a total \$6,402.50, bringing our yearly total to \$12,451.12! We were charged with raising \$11,000 for 2014.

Such hands-on efforts really brought our Sale mission to light. Thanks to ALL who donated, baked, sorted, moved, sold and smiled this Fall Huge Sale!



Help Wanted: Helping Hands at First Nations Kitchen

St John the Evangelist has volunteered to staff serving and cleaning up at First Nations Kitchen on Sunday, November 23, 2014. We all are grateful for any number of things in our lives. By serving others, we are able to honor God with thanks and praise for the gifts He bestowed on us. It is particularly fitting that we can offer out thanksgiving on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving Day.

We serve in two shifts:

5:00-6:30 - Beverage server, kitchen servers, dining room servers, bus tables, dishwashers (need seven workers)

6:15-7:30 Clean up crew (need four workers)

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. We do ask that a parent or guardian volunteer with their children to ensure that all are safe in the dining and kitchen area.

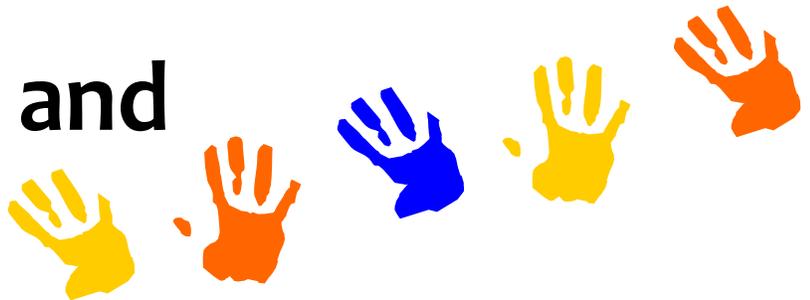
It is a wonderful experience and lots of fun. It is casual, easy and a great opportunity to carry out God's mission to serve the poor and the oppressed.

Please sign up by emailing the Rev. Margaret Thor at margaretthor@gmail.com and letting her know which shift you'd like to do.

First Nations' Kitchen (FNK) is a ministry of All Saints' Episcopal Indian Mission located at 3044 Longfellow Ave in Minneapolis.

While all are welcome at the table, FNK serves primarily indigenous people in the Twin Cities, particularly residents of nearby Little Earth of the United Tribes, the largest indigenous urban housing community in the U.S. FNK also rescues and distributes fresh organic produce to underserved people throughout the Twin Cities. Last year alone FNK distributed over one million pounds of produce and served more than 31,000 meals. For more information about First Nations' Kitchen, go to <http://firstnationskitchen.org/about-2/>.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



Youth Dinner Schedule

November 5: Olson Family, Kim and Jeff
 November 12: Johnson Family, Todd and Alice
 November 19: Brooks Family, Cathy and Mike
 November 26: OPEN
 December 3: Krall Family, Anneke and Andrew
 December 10: Baxter Family, Aimee and Tom

Godly Play Schedule

First Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts:

Nov. 2: Docherty, Ebenhoch, and Dueber families

Greeters:

Date	Pre-K/K	1st/2nd or 3rd, 4th, 5th:
November 9	Kevin or Michelle Wall	Josh or Tisha Colton
November 16	Chris or Katie Howie	Jeff or Kim Olson
November 23	Erin Weber-Johnson	Sara Georgeson
November 30	Cliff or Leah Brown	Diane Norman

Come, Lord Jesus: First Annual Cross-generational Advent Wreath Workshop

Join us Sunday, November 30, at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. This free workshop will teach you how to make a fresh Advent wreath for your home this year. All materials are provided. It's a great way to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. Come join us! Everyone is welcome, both families and individuals of all ages. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Jean Hansen at rjhansen3128@gmail.com or 952-201-0424 . To make sure we have enough supplies, please RSVP by November 16.



Musical Notes

from the
Organ Bench...



All Saints' and All Souls' Evensong

Plan to attend the special Evensong and Concert on November 2, 2014 at 4 p.m. The St. John's Adult Choir will be presenting part of the Requiem of Johannes Brahms in its original version with 4-hand piano accompaniment (provided by pianists Helen Jensen and Sharon Kleckner). The choir will also be singing a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by David Hogan, an American composer. This setting of the canticles was commissioned by the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. A reception will follow in the fireside room. Child care is available. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Composer In Residence Program to Begin at St. John's Church

Have you ever wanted to commemorate or celebrate a moment in your life at St. John's? Have you ever wanted to help support and create art specifically for our congregation? From October 2014 through June of 2015, the St. John's Music Program will include a pilot year for a composer-in-residence program! Our St. John's Music Commission and Vestry have created a pilot program for this year with Paul John Rudoj, former tenor section leader from our St. John's Adult Choir, and a member of Cantus. The residency program gives individual parishioners the opportunity to commission new works, designed for use within St. John's liturgy. Whether for the Adult or Children's Choir, for the Shepherd Band or Handbell Choir, or a combination of ensembles, if you have an idea or event you'd like to commemorate, Paul and Jayson would love to speak with you more about it! In addition to any commissioned musical works, Paul will also be composing pieces for our use at St. John's as his gift to our parish.

Compline

Join us for the candlelit Sung Compline service on Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 pm in the Choir Stalls. Quiet your mind and nourish your heart with this contemplative service. To learn more, contact Craig Lemming at clemming@hotmail.com or 857-891-8780. Note: Incense will be present at this service, as well as the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

Violin/Piano Recital November 10

Join us in the Church on Monday, November 10 at 7:30 pm for a concert with Ray Shows, violin and John Jensen, piano. The program will feature Handel's Sonata in A major, Beethoven's Sonata No.7 in C minor, Lutoslawski's Subito, and Saint-Saëns' Sonata. Admission is free.

February Concert to Celebrate Our New Steinway Grand Piano

As many of you know, Bob Horn generously donated a Steinway grand piano for our church sanctuary. The piano was dedicated in June in memory of Bob's wife with family members present. We are planning to celebrate this new instrument with a concert in February 2015. We would like to have members of St. John's who have studied the piano for a number of years perform on this program, in addition to a recitalist we will be announcing soon. Watch for details from the Music Commission.

Upcoming Musical Events

Dec. 21, 2014 (4:00 p.m.): Annual Lessons & Carols (including harp and bells)
Feb. 15, 2015 (4:00 p.m.): Celebratory Piano Concert
March 15, 2015 (4:00 p.m.): Evensong and Concert
May 17, 2015 (4:00 p.m.): Evensong and Concert (joint program with St. Clement's Choir singing Handel's *Dixit Dominus*)

Faith Formation

Sunday Forum:

November 2: No class

November 9: 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.

November 16 & 23: 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.

November 30: Cross-generational Advent Wreath Workshop (see page 10)

St. Mark's Cathedral Midweek Morning Meditation

St. John's parishioner Keith Davis is an At Large member of the Spiritual Life Committee at St Mark's Cathedral, a resource for spiritual opportunities within and beyond the St Mark's community. The group offers weekly inspirational messages via email. The St. Mark's Midweek Morning Meditation arrives in email boxes on Wednesday mornings. These messages, generated from diverse cultural and spiritual sources, may help provide a moment of calm reflection in hectic lives. Sign up for these reflections at ourcathedral.org. Click "Subscribe to Email News" in the Related News section on the right side of the page.

St. John's Cafe

Come for the coffee,
stay for the good news!
Join us Sundays at 9:00am in
the Meditation Room
as we discuss the lectionary
gospel in the context of
the week's news.

All are welcome!

Please contact Kate Bradtmiller,
651-228-1172 x18,
with questions.



Advent Retreat

Come away from the business of the season, and join us as we wait once more for the birth of Jesus. Our Advent retreat will be Friday, December 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and December 6 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. here at St. John the Evangelist. Through conversation, prayer, worship, and creativity, we will explore the places in our lives where we are pressed into waiting and where we choose to wait for God's time. The retreat will include a simple soup supper, compline, a book arts project with our own Sarah Stengle, lunch, and a shared Eucharist. Contact Kate Bradtmiller at 651-228-1172 x18 with questions or to register.



New Addition to St. John's Library: The Stained Glass Book of Common Prayer

This stained glass artwork was designed by parishioner Helen Boyer to be a three-piece companion for her glass-art Bible series inspired by the Illuminated Bible project of St. John's University and Abbey. The Book of Common Prayer [BCP], based on a tradition dating back to Elizabethan England in the 1500's, served as the foundation for development of this stained-glass version and translation of the 'Book of the Anglican and Episcopalian People'. The BCP provides a common ground for worship, prayer, and performance of rites with flexibility for specific beliefs. Use of the BCP makes Episcopalians unique while its contents reflect key connections to other Christian sects. The various editions of the BCP currently in use reflect both traditional and contemporary approaches and allow for the diversity that exists within the church.

The colors and forms contained within the glass panels reflect a range of symbolism. Viewers are invited to "see" what is meaningful for them in the BCP and to get acquainted or re-acquainted with St. John's library, located in the Church Gathering Space.



Community Life

New Member Reception and Welcome Brunch November 23

New members will be received into the church on November 23 at the 10:00 am service. Afterwards, new members are all invited to the Fireside Room at 11:15 for a welcome brunch hosted by the St. John's Vestry. Please contact Kate Bradtmiller at 651-228-1172 x18 with questions.

Bible Study

This group meets on Wednesdays 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.



Save the Date for the Annual St. John's Christmas Party!

Celebrate the joy of the holiday season!

Saturday, December 13

5:45 pm - Appetizers in the Fireside Room

7:00 pm - Dinner in the Gymnasium

Make your reservation one of these 3 ways:

1. In church at the Ushers' Desk or Gathering Space
2. Call the parish office at 651-228-1172, x10
3. Via email at parishevents@stjohnsstpaul.org

Suggested donations: \$20 per person or \$50 per family (payable at the door). All are welcome regardless of ability to pay. Additional contributions are welcome.

Free childcare with meal available with reservation only. Childcare cannot be provided without reservations.

November Meetings

Prayer Shawl Gathering: Wednesday, November 5 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, November 8 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

Men's Gathering: Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

Vestry Meeting: Monday, November 17 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Don Postema at 651-483-3062 or postema@comcast.net.

Down Syndrome Group: Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft and Nursery. Contact Lindsay Radford, LRadford@kstp.com

Women's Gathering: Tuesday, November 25 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.

Parishioners' Blogs

Get to know your fellow parishioners a little better by checking out their blogs! See below for an excerpt.

Stage IV—hosted by Camille Scheel

"...Tomorrow I'll start a new chemo, Gemzar. It sounds like something very magical and even pretty. The Abraxane, which sounds abrasive only worked for a few months. Abraxane is made from the bark of the Pacific Yew tree, but I can't find the source of Gemzar. The Abraxane infusion looked like watered down skim milk. The white color inspired me to imagine little white angels going into my body and fluttering away the cancer with their tiny wings. I hope Gemzar is also white, so I can recycle this meditation." Read more from Camille at www.caringbridge.org/visit/camille651.

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

Happy Birthday to...

November *

1	Joseph Elsinger Michelle Wall Gwyneth Sluka	14	Sarah Hagstrom Elizabeth Lindeke	28	Cheryl Hanson Karen Stuhlfeier
2	Margot Keeler Kevin Wall	15	Sarah Harrington	29	Sarah Diaz Sarah Johnson
3	Kelly Geise Jean Hansen Andrew Morley Ward Moberg	16	Lydia Morley Mary Kay Knapp Jerry Woelfel	30	Gabriela Ramos Dick Yore Susan Aylesworth
9	Brian Otto	17	Malcolm McDonald		
10	James Moore	19	Ella Slade		
11	Theodore Ellsworth Sean Ryan	20	Lisa Lindeke Madeline Weinkauff		
12	Peter Grills, Jr.	21	Vinetta Polinske		
		24	Aimee Kern Sarah Spainhower		
		25	Nan Lightner		
		27	Lea Anne Schmidt Kathryn Allen		

*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:

November 2, All Saints' Sunday

Main Altar: Dorothy S. & Charles Robert Beattie, Jr.;

Virginia H. & Silas Buck Foot II

Small Altar: Naidean Z. Anderson

November 9, the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar: Gilbert & Muriel Hamm

Small Altar: Frank E. Ward

November 16, the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Main Altar: Phyllis & Dick Stromenger

Small Altar: Rachel Anne Lund

November 23, Christ the King Sunday

Main Altar: Alice M. Diedrich; Carl. A Diedrich;

Stephen W. Diedrich

Small Altar: David & Marguerite Frost; Annie Laurie Baker; William M. Baker

November 30, the First Sunday in Advent

Main Altar & Small Altar: John Hannaford; Gertrude Hannaford Jaffray; Caroline S. & Jule M. Hannaford, Jr.; Jule M. Hannaford III



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 November 2014 Service Schedule

Time	READERS	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
November 2, 2014—All Saints' Sunday					
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Dusty Mairs	George Kinkead Mason Kinkead Don Weinkauff Holly Weinkauff	Cammie Beattie Jeff Olson Peggy Olson	Godly Play families
10:00 am	A - Greg Schaffner B - Bob Linehan				
November 9, 2014—The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Pam Strom	Pat Brynteson Diane Power Jennifer Rosendale Peter Rosendale	Kathleen Hanson Lea Anne Schmidt Libby Snelson	"Chili Bowl" Cook-off
10:00 am	A - Shirley Sailors B - Keith Davis				
November 16, 2014—The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost					
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Pat Brynteson	Bob Baumann Cammie Beattie Mary Gilbertson Kevin Wall	Patricia Durst Jennifer Kinkead Don Weinkauff	TEC
10:00 am	A - Diane Wallace-Reid B - Mark McInroy				
November 23, 2014—Christ the King Sunday					
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Diane Power	Alden Drew Lynn Hertz Barbara Lindeke Mimie Pollard	Phyllis Frisby Phyllis Goff Jerry Woelfel	Linda Lindeke
10:00 am	A - Bob Horn B - Paige Hagstrom				
November 30, 2014—First Sunday of Advent					
8:00 am	Alden Drew	Dusty Mairs	Terri Fishel Kathleen Hanson Don Husband Shirley Sailors	Barbara Lindeke Libby Snelson Colleen Swope	John Edgerton Heidi Gesell
10:00 am	A - Troy Stack-Nelson B - Cammie Beattie				

November Acolyte Schedule

November 2: Johannah Frisby, Thea Bishof, Logan Finkel, Will Rinkoff

November 9: Madeline Weinkauff, Matt Brooks, Tessa Johnson, Helen Baxter

November 16: Eli Weinkauff, Rachel Clark, Vivian Scheel, Ailsa Schmidt, Elliot Wall

November 23: Tim Krall, Caroline Krall, Linnea Krall, Sabine Krall

November 30: Johannah Frisby, Thea Bishof, Logan Finkel, Will Rinkoff

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