

# THE EVANGELIST

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## For All The Saints Book Signing



A congregation is not a club. Nor is it a party or a bloodline. We do not join it by having the right credentials, by paying dues or by knowing the right people. Some may be rich while others are destitute. We do not have to be beautiful or healthy to join; indeed all have warts, wrinkles and painful secrets to bear. Some arrive and stay for generations while others drop by for a moment or a season, virtually unannounced and unnoticed, and slowly disappear.

But all are saints. And together they constitute a congenial mix of ordinary and extraordinary folks who cherish knowing that they all belong. But to what? Though they may not all be able to articulate it, they

belong to a community that seeks the Holy. In worship, in service and in community they seek the divine. It may invigorate them, it may challenge them, it may baffle them, or it may completely escape them. But they all seek the indefinable, the unfathomable, the inestimable, whatever they believe gives ultimate meaning and sense to their sometimes incomprehensible lives. This book is about all of these people. Those named and those unnamed. The well-remembered and the largely forgotten. All deserve our holy regard.

-from *For All The Saints* by Jim Frazier

Books are available for purchase from the parish office. Stop by M-F, 9am-4pm.

## Come... Join Us!

### Sundays

8:00 am Service:

**Holy Eucharist Rite I**

10:00 am Service:

**Sung Eucharist Rite II**

9:00 Sunday Forum  
(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  
(Classrooms)

11:15 Coffee Hour  
(Gathering Space)



**May Issue**

**April 14 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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## From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been less than a year since the approval of a final draft of St. John's Strategic Plan and already parish leadership teams, guided by the vestry, are making significant strides toward implementing the priorities and goals of our guiding document. In response to a desire for more opportunities to deepen our understanding of the Bible and the core tenets of Christianity and Anglicanism, we've offered two rounds of an eight week course called Basics and each Sunday we now offer the Café Bible Study and spiritual formation opportunity in the Undercroft. Staff and lay leaders have created new opportunities for intergenerational formation experiences like our Advent wreath making, and new pastoral care initiatives like Community of Hope International and our Lay Eucharistic Visitors are well underway. Compline has moved from a monthly special service into a place of weekly consistency, creating an "alternative" venue and mode of worship from Sunday mornings, each Thursday evening in the chancel.



Of course, the Strategic Plan is not only about creating something new. This guiding document also calls us to assess, fine tune, reinvigorate, and in many ways address our existing ministries and programs. Among other things, this has prompted us to begin looking at models of program assessment so that we can see that each of our initiatives is operating in a sustainable way and helping us fulfill our larger mission articulated in the Collect for St. John's. This process of spiritual discernment and practical assessment has led us into some difficult, but ultimately life-giving decisions—most recently as we transitioned our twice annual Huge Sale over to our neighborhood partner Hallie Q. Brown. While it is painful to say goodbye to a ministry that has given so much joy to our congregation, we celebrate the chance to take our excess household goods and clothes and turn them into real change for people in need. Where once our rummage benefited the bottom line at St. John's, it now benefits those poorest residents of our city and our neighborhood through the rummage sale and clothing closet at Hallie Q.

In this edition of the Evangelist we are beginning to explore another connected set of priorities set forth in the Strategic Plan—namely, how to increase access to worship and formation for a greater portion of our congregation. As it stands, our congregation finds itself segregated by age and interest as well as by volunteer duties and responsibilities during our primary worship and formation time of Sunday mornings. Those involved in worship preparation (altar guild, ushers, greeters, choirs, and vergers) are less able or unable to participate in formation. Households with families cannot attend formation because children's programming doesn't begin until 9:45, which also means children are in formation during a significant portion of worship.

It would be naïve of us to think that everyone wants (or is able) to worship or participate in formation opportunities at the same times or together. Nevertheless, it is clear in the Strategic Plan priorities that our congregation

has interest in exploring how we can increase access to both of these vital components of our life together while also looking at how we can better reflect our intergenerational diversity. Page 4 of this Evangelist includes an article looking at the importance of faith formation for all. Page 9 includes an article that reflects a theory of why intergenerational worship is vital to the spiritual health of our youngest members and the viability of passing on the faith to future generations. In the coming weeks a large number of parish leaders will be meeting together to pray about and create means of assessing and surveying our congregations needs and interests on these very topics. A survey and opportunities for the whole congregation to discuss our findings and ideas will be coming in May. We are calling this process "The Sunday Project". Stay tuned for more to come, and, as always, please drop me a line or stop me on Sundays if you have a question about the Sunday Project or ideas to contribute. Please be praying for this process too.

See you in church!

Faithfully,



## Holy Week & Easter Services

**Monday — Friday of Holy Week (March 30-April 3):** A simple morning Eucharist at 7:30 am in the chancel with preachers from our congregation.

**Maundy Thursday (April 2):** Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and reserving of the Holy Sacrament.

**Good Friday (April 3):** Penitential services at noon and 7:00 pm with communion from the Reserve Sacrament and Veneration of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday (April 4):** The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 pm, lighting the new fire, recitation of our salvation history, and baptisms. The highest moment in the Christian year full of contrasts — chanted words and spoken stories, darkness and light, mystery and revelation. A festive reception follows.

**Easter Sunday (April 5):** A joyous Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:00 am with musical accompaniment by Artaria.

## From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our composer in residence, Paul Rudoi, composed a new setting for the Précis, Magnificat, and Nunc Dimittis, which the choir sang at our Lenten Evensong. They are beautiful, and we are blessed to have such gifts in our faith community.



What struck me most about them, though, listening to the choir sing, was the role reversal. Paul put the solo parts for the Magnificat in the mouths of the tenors and basses, and the solo part for the Nunc Dimittis in the mouth of a soprano. I had never heard either of these prayers sung in this way, although my experience of them is limited mostly to Episcopal services.

Hearing the words of the Magnificat in the mouths of men was arresting. It felt to me as though the traditionally powerful were affirming the story of one whose voice would not normally have been heard, whose song would never have been heard. And such a story of God's transforming spirit! *The proud are scattered in their conceit, the rich are sent empty away.* Expectations are upended, and the world changes.

Perhaps because of that Magnificat, I was listening for the voices of the women in the Nunc Dimittis, and they were there, singing the praise that comes from a man in the Bible. *Lord, you now have set your servant free, for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior.* The affirmation and peace filled the church on the strength of their convictions.

It was lovely music, and it was full, with its unexpected voices, with the promise of God's presence in the world. God is here for all of us, Paul's composition asserted; we can exult in God's love and find peace in God's power. The story of God lives in all of our voices, not just in the voices of the first to tell their story.

What's your story of God?

Faithfully yours,  
Kate

## Why is Faith Formation So Important?

Faith formation is an important complement to worship. Two priorities of the Strategic Plan highlight that St. John's would "Provide access to education related to our worship and theology, e.g., online, in-person, etc.", and "Increase access and explore alternatives within the context of worship." And, the Collect for St. John's, our parish mission statement invites us to be built up (formed) "in the knowledge and love of [God]".

But *why* is faith formation important? What makes it more than just a scheduling puzzle to juggle on a Sunday morning along with the Eucharist?

First, it serves to help us each fulfill our mission as Christians. Writer Jane Regan charges, "Adults have the responsibility both to know their faith and to consider critically how the local parish or the wider church is true to that faith" and states that faith formation "is not information for its own sake, but information that is in service of formation and transformation."

Second, faith formation helps keep members engaged with the church. A study by the Barna Group (which focused on millennials but also speaks to a wide range of parishioners) found that active churchgoers "are more than twice as likely to say they 'learned about how Christians can positively contribute to society' compared to those who drop out (46% versus 20%). Actives are also nearly four times more likely to say they 'better understand my purpose in life through church' (45% versus 12%). " Faith formation helps keep church members spiritually connected to their faith community.

Because faith formation is important, it is also important to consider the times when it is offered and its availability to all members who might wish to attend. We must contend with a theological and spiritual call that our community worship reflect the true and complete diversity that is the Body of Christ, and we are invited to respond to the need to engage a greater proportion of that Body, here in this Church, in the serious inner work of spiritual formation.

As we move forward throughout this year, we will be paying more attention to when things are scheduled and how easily everyone who wishes to attend is able to do so.

## New Staff Member: Tracy Johnson

Meet our new parish Nursery Coordinator. Tracy Johnson joined our staff in March and is already getting to know our community through her work in the nursery.



Having a father who was an Officer in the United States Navy, meant Tracy's family moved every couple of years to various naval stations across the country. After graduating high school in Norfolk, Virginia, she attended Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. After her undergraduate studies, Tracy nannied for a family with twin boys in Palm Beach, Florida, and applied to law school.

Tracy attended the University of South Dakota School of Law and received her Juris Doctorate in 2008. Upon graduation, she clerked for a district court judge in north eastern Minnesota and then joined a small practice law firm in Duluth specializing in insurance defense.

Tracy and her husband moved to St. Paul in 2013 to be closer to family. They have three children; Sonya is two and their twins, Fredrik and Annika, are six months old. Tracy enjoys spending time with family and friends and running when the weather is nice.

She will be overseeing the running of the church nursery and non-educational childcare. She will help develop, communicate, and enforce nursery policies; establish and administer family registration and check-in/out procedures; manage nursery personnel; oversee the maintenance, cleanliness, and safety of the nursery area and equipment; and manage budget and expenditures of the nursery ministry.

Make sure to stop by the nursery on Sunday mornings and welcome Tracy to St. John's!



## A Conversation with the New Vestry Members

Our newly elected leaders are hardworking, in the tradition of all St. John's volunteers, and they're also humble. Ask them about their goals, and they're quick to make it clear that none of them joined with an ironclad agenda

in mind. Instead, they all began their service on the vestry because they were approached and asked to serve. Nancy Wellington and Judy Stack-Nelson came as representatives from the music and faith formation commissions, respectively. John MacBain was asked to represent the property committee, and Kevin Wall began his service last year filling the final year of a member who was unable to complete their term.

All four are both excited and deliberate about the process of learning the ropes of the vestry. Nancy found her first vestry meeting an enjoyable experience and was pleased to notice how everyone is on the same page, communicating and cooperating with each other. John is focused on learning the purview of the property commission and how all the commissions function in overall church governance to "support and strengthen each other," he says. "The vestry is here to support the life of the parish, everything large and small, abstract and concrete." For Kevin, his first year was a learning term, and he continues to discover how the "moving pieces" at St. John's work together. Judy also spoke of "learning what it means to be on the vestry" and growing in her awareness of the visibility of a leadership role.

It becomes clear after a little conversation that the reason these vestry members didn't show up with agendas of their own is that they already appreciate and believe in the things St. John's is doing and the goals the church has for itself. They appreciate St. John's strong traditions of Anglican music, inclusiveness, contemporary theology, and high-quality preaching. They want to continue and keep renewing what we have here. "As the hymn says," quotes Nancy,



*John MacBain, Property; Nancy Wellington, Music; Kevin Wall, At-Large; Judy Stack-Nelson, Faith Formation*

"to 'move from strength to strength.'" Nancy would like to see more classes and talks about current Biblical scholarship.

Kevin's work on the vestry strives to

support current programs and proposed initiatives involving faith formation, building improvements and children's programs. His particular focus centers on music and worship, and he hopes to work more closely with Jason and Mary Kay, as well as the music commission, to support the specific initiatives in this area. He also stresses the importance of prioritizing the strategic plan initiatives with the hope of not stretching our volunteer staff too thin.

John has found his house group experience rich and meaningful, and wants everyone to be able to enjoy a similar experience themselves by growing the house group program. He also looks forward to continuing the intelligent and logical financial planning that the vestry has done so far.

Judy hopes the traditions of worship and excellent preaching can be a springboard for increased faith formation and education, showing that it's not just clergy who can think about Scripture and draw spiritual inspiration. She noted that during the strategic planning process, people were hungry for faith formation and had a lot of good ideas. She hopes the church can help people move forward in their faith in a structured way and give them tools to sort and articulate their faith and "connect the head and the heart." She thinks the spirit of the congregation is very welcoming and outward looking, wanting to grow not just numerically but "to do well the things we are called to do in the community."

The coming years certainly promise great things for the vestry and for the church as we strive to "be a better St. John's" and live out our mission together.

## Schooled in Kindness: A Portrait of Tisha Colton

by Barbara Mraz

She is a physician, a wife and mother, and a native of the Philippines, where she lived until she was 27.

Tisha went to medical school in Manila and came to Minnesota to do her residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, under the auspices of the University of Minnesota. She met her husband Josh, a gastro-intestinal specialist, during her residency. Her medical specialty is Geriatrics, the care of older people (which her field defines as sixty or older).

She says she went into Geriatrics for several reasons. "I like older people, and in my native culture we had tremendous respect for elders. They were given authority and honored. I also enjoy the stories so many of my patients tell me, and I think they are more complex in every respect than younger people."

"My job also forces me to be kind, especially in the face of the vulnerability I see. It schools me in kindness and the necessity for forgiveness. It forces me to live a grateful life when I see the difficulties many people face."

She sees high rates of depression among the elderly: "Many times a spouse has died and they are losing friends, too. Seventy percent of the elderly are on antidepressants. Often children have moved away. They are afraid of immobility and falling and what will happen then. So there are also very high rates of anxiety among the elderly and many of them take medications because of it." Sometimes this can contribute to falls, a major problem among this age group.

A firm believer in the mind-body connection, Tisha says that positive thinking, a sense of humor, and having support groups often make the difference in how people age. It is also important not to see the



limitations that accompany getting older unique to you and a result of your failings to "do more" to protect your health, and also to understand that we are all mortal.

What about memory loss? "Diet and exercise are the only known things that help reduce or prevent it."

Does having a lot of money help with all of

this? "Yes, definitely. You can buy a certain amount of comfort."

Tisha is a firm believer in "a good death," that is an end of life that comes in a way that a person wants. Some times individuals will keep undergoing difficult treatment with few results, yet are afraid to stop. They just can't accept that their life is winding down. People often feel ashamed of "disappointing the doctor" by not getting better. She is a major supporter of hospice care, especially at home. She notes that sometimes people need *permission* to die, from their family and from their doctor.

Dr. Tisha Colton has been married to Dr. Josh Colton for eight years. They have two sons, Jacob (8) and Caleb (5). The family enjoys skiing and Tisha likes reading and biking.

Raised strictly as a Roman Catholic, her parents were unhappy when she left that church for the Episcopal Church but she is finding her way here. She and Josh have been Rite 13 youth mentors and she notes, "I like the way I feel when I go to church. It helps me."

Tisha says that aging is a challenge, but a large number of older people she sees are living rewarding lives, and are hopeful and optimistic. The ones who are cared for lovingly by their families are especially lucky.

"And many of these elders bring out the best in their doctors."

# Faith in Action

## Project Home Reflections

I spent most of my time during Project Home evenings visiting with our parent guests and was struck by the hope and dreams they have for their children. We talked about their education plans and job searches. I went home those evenings more appreciative of my life and my church community, and I prayed for our PH guests that their hopes and dreams would come to pass. I was also very grateful that our church can open their doors to this program, especially during the coldest and bleakest part of the winter.

- *Patty Pfalz*

One ten-year-old talked about her classes, her love of science, and demonstrated her spoken knowledge of Spanish and Ojibwe. Using my phone, she introduced me to sites

featuring anime and manga (Japanese animation). I asked her if she had any



manga books, and of course she gave me a look like I was crazy. She didn't have a home, let alone books.

I have a friend who teaches anime and manga at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. I called her later that morning. She gathered a whole bag full of manga books, which she had first checked for appropriateness of content. I brought it to St. John's and left the bag with the student's parents, who seemed startled to see me again (so many people daily pass through their lives) and then genuinely touched. I don't even know if Project Home policy permits this type of gift, but I felt so content that night to have anonymously brought together two individuals sharing a common passion.

This family hopes to get an apartment in Highland this spring. I am convinced they will prosper.

- *Rich Laffin*

The process was excellent. It is always an important reality check to meet these families and to experience a night on a lumpy cot in a strange place. The children have a special place in my heart.

- *Linda Lindeke*

It was wonderful to help. It seemed that the families felt very comfortable in their space. I really enjoyed playing with the children and helping them with their homework. Next time I will definitely wear athletic shoes!

- *Lucy DeCoux*

The most powerful part of the experience for me was connecting with others on a personal level – both Project Home guests and fellow St. John's parishioners. It's amazing how spending time together sharing the frustration, joy, and sense of accomplishment of assembling a jigsaw puzzle can build human relationships.

I thought it was particularly fitting that the Project Home guests were invited to share our meal and fellowship on Shrove Tuesday and the first Wednesday evening Lenten supper. It broadened the welcome to more of our building and our lives. And I hope it served as an example of what a community of faith does when they are together. In my other Project Home hosting experiences, the host congregation has been relatively invisible to the Project Home guests, with the exception of the 2 greeters or overnight hosts. At St. John's, they had a opportunity to see the body of Christ being the body of Christ.

- *Holly Stoerker*

I volunteered for one of the evening shifts at Project Home in February, and brought along two granddaughters, Emma and Elena. It was a most rewarding experience in the value and importance of helping others in need. Plus, because there were families with children of all ages using Project Home, it was a great opportunity for my granddaughters to help out by playing games with the kids and serving them treats, and to also learn how to give back.

- *Phyllis Goff*



## Kayro, Uganda: “Why Do We Go?”

by *Cammie Beattie*

When asked to write an article for the Evangelist about our African trip, my response was “Of course!” Then I began to think what I might write. By now most of you have heard stories from our rector, from various parishioners, from Shirley’s blog, and from reports by Give Us Wings on the fabulous, funny, heartwarming and tear-jerking events and feelings from our trip to Uganda and Kenya. Today I would like to address the question, “Why do we go?”

In 2011, motivated by curiosity and a desire to use my health care background in a different way, I joined the GUW trip to Uganda and Kenya. I knew little of GUW and was shell-shocked by the incredible needs that we encountered. Following Mary Steiner as she made her farewell visits, we were simultaneously greeted with overflowing enthusiasm and devastating hardship. It was difficult to get past either of these to see the individuals. As the 2 weeks wore on, as I became acquainted with Grace in Kayoro, as my host mother in Nyaoga watched over me when I was sick, as we danced and prayed with the Masaai in the Rift Valley, and as we shopped for school uniforms and a commode for Joseph, I began to see the individuals behind the poverty: their hopes, their fears, their commitments to their children for a better life.

Our 2013 trip was bittersweet. The budding relationships from 2011 were renewed and strengthened and new ones were formed. A staff of good people had been assembled to help the clinic transition from an empty building to a vibrant health center. Sadly, though, people were reluctant to use the clinic, citing fees as the primary reason. There was even talk of converting the building to a community center. Neither Give Us Wing nor St. John’s was prepared to give up that easily.

With the hard work and dedication by Give Us Wings in Uganda to improve smooth operation at the clinic, by guidance and financial support from Give Us Wings USA, and the ongoing support for outreach programs provided by you at St. John’s, the St. John’s Kayoro Health Center II is now an active clinic able to provide diagnosis and treatment for a wide variety of illnesses, prenatal care, immunizations, family planning, and well baby care.

The members of the Kayoro community groups are proud of their work, their clinic, and their advancing

knowledge of safe health and sanitation practices. They are proud of their association with Give Us Wings and with St. John’s. They are proud of their St. John’s Kayoro Health Center II. The St. John’s in this name provides hope. It promises a connection with people who care. We go there to put a face to that connection. We go to keep the energy of hope alive.



**Hearts to Homes Meeting** - Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 pm in the Library. To learn more, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at 651-224-7784.

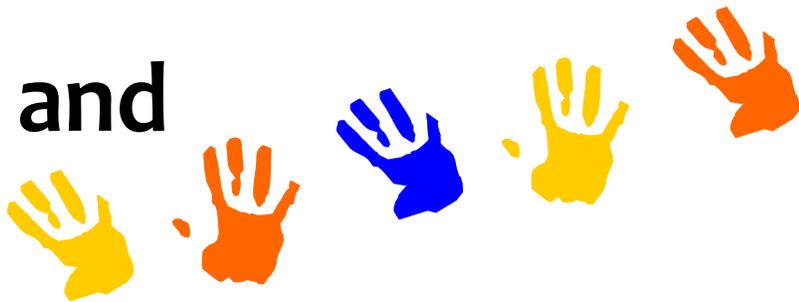
**Faith in Action Meeting** - Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Space. To learn more, contact Colleen Swope at ccswope50@gmail.com.



### Hearts to Homes: Cooking Matters

Want to learn more about nutritious meal planning and cooking? Sign up for Cooking Matters, being offered at St John's with H2H and YWCA. The program will be facilitated by members of the U of M Extension Service. The class is held Mondays, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27 and 5/4 between 5:30 and 7:30. A meal is prepared at each class. Childcare will be available, so an RSVP is required. For more information, contact Patty Byrne Pfalz at pbp19@yahoo.com or Lona Hinrichs at 651-265-0748. Space is limited.

# Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



*From Jean Hansen:* I have been working with Marilyn Sharpe, a congregational coach, writer, and teacher, who will be our guest preacher on April 26. My time with Marilyn has focused on the strategic priorities under Faith Formation: "to engage, educate, and foster a greater sense of community across generations and families." As we raise our children, it's important to remember that parents are the first face of God for their children. In fact, if we want our children to know and love God, we must first know and love God ourselves. Marilyn recently shared with me this parable about the faith lives of children.

"Peter and Penny Go Swimming" by Janet, Laurie, Jennie and Victor Metcalfe is excerpted from *God, Kids, & Us: The Growing Edge of Ministry With Children and the People Who Care for Them* by Janet Marshall Eibner & Susan Graham Walker, pp. 49-50.

## Rhythms of Grace

**Rhythms of Grace** is adaptive Christian worship service designed for children on the autism spectrum and their families. A typical service might include sharing a Bible story and a selection of activities and crafts. The service ends with Holy Communion. It meets the last Sunday of every month at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave in St. Paul. Contact Susan Mallison with questions at 651-228-1164 or [formation@stcstp.org](mailto:formation@stcstp.org).

## Sign up for Spring TEC – April 17, 18, 19

**What is T.E.C.?** Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C.) is a non-denominational, 3-day weekend for all high school students – whether you go to church or not! The weekend is based on a series of talks and small group discussions. The three days of worship, wonderful contemporary Christian music, prayer, great food, fun, and fellowship are led by a team of over 50 teens and adults.

**How do I sign up?** Talk to Jean Hansen at [jean.hansen@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:jean.hansen@stjohnsstpaul.org) or 952-201-0424.

## Peter and Penny Go Swimming: A Parable

Soon after Peter and Penny were born, their parents began taking them to the local pool every weekend. The parents were enthusiastic swimmers, and they hoped their children would be, too. Of course, Peter and Penny were not allowed to go into the pool itself; they were looked after in a little room nearby. Sometimes they cried because they wanted to stay with their parents, but that wasn't allowed because they might disturb the adult swimmers. Besides, they were too young to understand swimming and they wouldn't appreciate it fully.

When Peter and Penny were three years old, they went to another room where they heard stories from the Swimmer's Manual and colored pictures of people swimming. When they were six they went to a big room with lots of children. For the first ten or fifteen minutes they were allowed to take off their shoes and splash around in the wading pool. They then went to classes with other children their own age to learn more about swimming. They were taught by dedicated people who loved swimming, but who hardly ever swam any more because they were busy with the children.

By the time Penny and Peter were thirteen, they had studied the Swimmer's Manual and learned the rules of the swimming pool by heart: "You shall not run on the deck; you shall not bring flotation devices into the pool area..." They had studied great swimmers of the past. They had heard about swimmers who went to other countries such as Africa or India to teach swimming. On special occasions, Peter and Penny had been allowed to go with their parents into the pool as long as they didn't splash around too much and disturb the other swimmers or bother the life guard.

At last Penny and Peter finished swimming school and were allowed to accompany their parents into the swimming pool every week. They tried it a few times. Much to the disappointment of their parents, Peter and Penny had lost interest.

## Rite 13 Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood: Sunday, April 12

In our society, the line between childhood and adulthood is often a fuzzy one. Unlike other cultures, we don't have formalized rites of passage that define the points along the path to adulthood. We need ways to tell our young people they are making progress; they are growing and learning; they are becoming adults. The Journey to Adulthood program that we use attempts to do just that.

During the regular 10:00am worship service on Sunday, April 12, we will celebrate an important Rite of Passage with three of our teens. During the ceremony, we recognize the gift of womanhood or manhood that God bestows on each one of us. This is a free gift that we cannot earn and need not prove. This gift is the essence of who we are. As we grow and mature in the journey to adulthood, our knowledge and skills increase, but the magical core of who we are remains the same.

### Elliot Wall

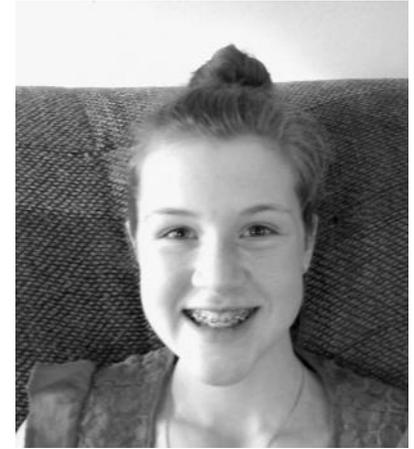
Elliot's interests include: drumming and percussion, music -- especially rap and hip-hop, much to his parents' dismay -- and golf, swimming and snowboarding. He is a very caring, sensitive and compassionate kid, and shows tremendous loyalty to his friends. He's funny, witty, creative, sometimes quirky and always persistent. One thing we love about Elliot is that he has true spark -- a real joy for life. We count ourselves lucky that he openly shares what he's thinking and experiencing, something that can be rare in a kid his age. We are proud of Elliot, and love him very much.



### Sabine Krall

Sabine is in 7th grade at Highland Park Middle School, where she loves science and math, but wishes they would let her write what she wants in English. She is very musical and would like to start the oboe. She has a lot of fun with friends, and wants the whole family to move closer to school so she wouldn't have to ride

her bike. While she loved her years as a speedskater, she switched to Nordic skiing after breaking her jaw last winter -- this winter's icy hills do not make her feel like skiing is any less dangerous. Sabine has personally raised over \$18,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and would love it if they find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. The youngest of four children, Sabine insists life would be better if she didn't have to share a room.



### Charlie Docherty

Charlie Docherty was born in Minneapolis in May 2002. When he was three, Charlie's hope for a baby sister was fulfilled and he has since learned to be careful about what he wishes for.

At age four, Charlie and his family moved to the Hague, the Netherlands. He had numerous adventures in Holland: walking over two miles to school and back each day, usually in a downpour; witnessing a media circus when a horse moved into a house down the street; and swinging from a school gymnasium rope to the apparent satisfaction of Queen Beatrix.

In 2008, Charlie and his family moved back to St. Paul and began attending church at St. John's shortly thereafter. Charlie enrolled in Capitol Hill Magnet School, where he is currently in seventh grade. When he's not fine-tuning his Star Wars knowledge or building Lego sets, Charlie occasionally practices piano and trumpet, plays soccer, encourages his cat Polly to exercise, channels his inner Viking at Leif Ericson YMCA Camp in South Dakota each summer, perfects his debate skills with his sister, and reads and watches the Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings books and movies, over and over. He hopes to one day become a movie critic.





# Musical Notes

from the  
Organ Bench...



## Weekly Compline

Each Thursday at 7:00 pm, we offer a sung service of Compline (evening prayers and special meditations). On Thursday, April 9, we will have a special “musical meditation postlude” by the MacBain Baroque Instrumental Ensemble with recorder, violin, viola da gamba and harpsichord. Incense will be used during the service. A festive reception follows.

## Artaria Chamber Music School Concert

Join us for a free chamber music concert on Friday, April 24 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. These young students from our resident string school play at a very high level. The concert is open to the public.

### Volunteer Positions

Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*  
Phillip Baird, *Verger*  
Alden Drew, *Historian/Archivist*  
Dorothy Ek, *Music Librarian*  
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*  
Jim Johnson, *Planned Gift Chair*  
Bob Linehan, *Verger*  
Joan Potter, *Liturgical and Lay Reader Coordinator*  
Diane Power, *Altar Guild*  
George Power, *Columbarium*  
Paul Rudoi, *Composer in Residence*

### Staff

Sarah Dull, *Parish Administrator*  
Jayson Engquist, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*  
Jean Hansen, *Children, Youth, and Family Minister*  
Ivan Holguin, *Building Assistant*  
Tracy Johnson, *Nursery Coordinator*  
Mary Kay Knapp, *Children's & Youth Choirs Director*  
Craig Lemming, *Compline Coordinator*  
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*

## Children's and Youth Choirs

Youth Choir (grades 5-12) meets each Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 pm before Youth Group. Children's Choir (grades K-4) meets on Sundays (9:00-9:45 a.m.) in the lower-level Music Room. If your children are interested, please contact Director Mary Kay Knapp at [marykay.knapp@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:marykay.knapp@stjohnsstpaul.org) or 515-991-8757.

## Handbell Choir

Our Handbell Choir rehearses each Tuesday evening at 5:45 p.m. and welcomes ringers of all ages. Please contact Director Kate Graber if you are interested in joining at [kate.Graber@yahoo.com](mailto:kate.Graber@yahoo.com) or 952-890-3616.

## Evensong with Concert and Reception

Join us at 4:00 pm on May 15 for a program with St. Clement's Choir singing Handel's *Dixit Dominus* and *Suffrages* by Mark Stuhara, Director at St. Clement's.

### Vestry Members

Bob Baumann, *Clerk of Vestry*  
Tricia Durst, *At Large*  
Mary Gilbertson, *At Large*  
Gary Hagstrom, *At Large*  
Vern Kassekert, *Fellowship*  
Tim Krall, *Invited Youth, non-voting*  
John MacBain, *Property*  
Suzanne McInroy, *Communications*  
Don Postema, *Senior Warden*  
Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*  
Lea Anne Schmidt, *New Member/Welcomes*  
Judy Stack-Nelson, *Formation*  
Colleen Swope, *Faith in Action*  
Kevin Wall, *At Large*  
Holly Weinkauff, *At Large*  
Nancy Wellington, *Music*  
Jerry Woelfel, *Junior Warden*

### Clergy

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

# Faith Formation

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The Art of Dying in  
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A forum series in Eastertide exploring a Christian understanding of death, dying, grief, and resurrection. Presentations and conversations will be led by chaplains, theologians, clergy and medical professionals.

*Join Us:*  
Sundays at 9 AM  
April 19 - May 17  
In the Fireside Room



## Small Groups for Women

Would you like to gather with other women from St. John's? Small groups are a place to share our lives and journey together. Our new small groups for women are gatherings of 6-8 members meeting regularly for friendship, spiritual support, and building deeper relationships. Some will meet at members' houses, some elsewhere, as the group determines. Most will meet monthly. Each group determines how often to meet and what to do in their time together, with facilitation and support from Kate Bradtmiller. One group has started meeting, with more forming this spring. If you are interested in being part of a women's small group, please contact the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller at [kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org) or 651-228-1172, x18.

## 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!

Contact Kate for more info  
at 651-228-1172 x18 or  
[kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org).



## 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.



# Community Life

## Welcome, Susie!

Meet Susie Ragland, a transplant from Austin, Texas. She was active in St. Mark's parish in Austin. Susie came to Minnesota after reuniting with an old friend and now her spouse Larry. About a year ago, Susie was looking for a church when she found St.



John's. She fell in love with the beauty and quietness of the church. Susie was also attracted by the warmth and friendliness of fellow parishioners and the clergy. She felt like she was home.

Susie is a retired social worker and one of her interests is volunteering. She volunteers for the HCMC Emergency Room helping patients to their rooms and assisting the nurses. The first time Susie saw Kate preach at St. John's she thought Kate looked familiar, and she was right. Kate used to be a chaplain at HCMC. It's a small world.

Welcome to St. John's, Susie!

### April Meetings

**Prayer Shawl Gathering:** Wednesday, April 1 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

**Men's Gathering:** Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

**Vestry Meeting:** Monday, April 20 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. RSVP to the church office at 651-228-1172, x10

**Down Syndrome Group:** Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft and Nursery. Contact Lindsay Radford, LRadford@kstp.com

## Lay Eucharistic Ministers Visit Homebound Parishioners

Saint John's has revived an old pastoral care ministry: the practice of bringing communion from the Sunday celebration of Eucharist to our parishioners who can no longer, for reason of illness or infirmity, attend church. We have three pairs of Lay Eucharistic Ministers who visit, with more people being trained.

We send our ministers out from worship with these words from the celebrant: *In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.*

The congregation responds: *We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

Four parishioners, thus far, are visited monthly, and we hope to reach more people as the program grows. Our life as a parish is extended when we can bring some piece of our worship together to those members of our community who would otherwise not receive communion.

If you are interested in being trained as a Lay Eucharistic Minister who visits others, would yourself like to be visited with communion, or know of someone who might like to be visited with communion, please contact the Rev. Kate Bradtmiller at 651-228-1172 ext. 18 or [kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org).

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

We extend our sympathies to the families of Ian Llewellyn Dailey, Ted Ellsworth, and Herb Vogel.

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



# Happy Birthday to...

## April\*

1	Emma Brown	12	Gail Lorenz	21	Kathleen Howie
2	Ethelyn Rupp	13	Ginger Beattie	22	Victoria Peterson
	Christopher Howie	14	Henry Kansas		Christopher Meyer
3	Coltrane Page		Isla Peterson		Sean Ball
4	Johannah Frisby	15	Marie Peterson		Carys Dobson
5	Jeff Olson	16	Charles Orput	23	Alexis Reineke
	Derrick Berg		Terry Dinovo	25	Charles Halvorson
6	Ford Nicholson		Michael Stack-Nelson		Alexandra Bjorklund
8	Milo Brown	17	Nate Lee		Seth Stengle
10	Halle O'Falvey	18	Finlay Mason		Jered Weber-Johnson
	Reese Berry		Jillian Armstrong	26	Christina Ball
	Anne Russell	19	Sabine Krall	27	Ethan Furois
11	Mason Kinkead		Harrison Hennessy		Margaret Spainhower
	Tricia Armstrong	20	Adrian Cook	28	Matthew Brooks
	Marcus Ebenhoch		Mary-Louise Clary	29	Illana Livstrom
	Fiona McInroy		Lydia Schmidt	30	Anne Thompson
					Alex Joyce

\*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:

### April 5—Easter Sunday

*Main & Small Altar:* John H. Myers, Paul N. and Reine Myers

### April 12—The Second Sunday of Easter

*Main & Small Altar:* Betty Wann Binger, C. Robert Binger, Theodore Wann Binger

### April 19—The Third Sunday of Easter

*Main Altar:* Frank Tamble Stegbauer  
*Small Altar:* OPEN

### April 26—The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Main Altar:* Jack Lightner  
*Small Altar:* Frances C. & George E. Potter, William R. & Jeanette A. Owen

### ALTAR GUILD TEAMS

**April 5:** Volunteers

**April 12:** Pat Brynteson, Caroline Krall, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson

**April 19:** Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Heather Joyce, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall, Ginny Schauss

**April 26:** Dusty Mairs, Susan Aylesworth, Phillip Baird, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey



### Altar Flowers 2015

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 April 2015 Service Schedule

Time	READERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR	ACOLYTES
<b>April 2—Maundy Thursday</b>					
7:00 pm	Terry Divino Judy Southwick	Wuyah Koroma Lea Anne Schmidt			
<b>April 3—Good Friday</b>					
Noon	Brad McCanna	Dick Lyman Wuyah Koroma			
7:00 pm	Don Postema Joan Potter	Lea Anne Schmidt			
<b>April 4—The Great Vigil of Easter</b>					
7:00 pm	Keith Davis Holly Stoerker Shirley Sailors Alden Drew Margaret Thor	Wuyah Koroma			
<b>April 5—Easter Sunday</b>					
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Cammie Beattie Julia Ferguson	Sally Sand Ella Slade	Easter	Aidan Schmidt Rachel Clark
10:00 am	A—Gary Gleason B—Chris Howie	Barbara Lindeke Rick Rinkoff	Don Weinkauff Holly Weinkauff		Madeline Weinkauff Charlie Olson
<b>April 12—The Second Sunday of Easter</b>					
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	George Kinkead Mason Kinkead Jeff Olsen Diane Power	Jennifer Kinkead Gabrielle Lawrence Don Postema	TEC	Roan Weinkauff Johannah Frisby Eliot Wall Will Rinkoff
10:00 am	A—Jeff Olsen B—Diane Wallace-Reid				
<b>April 19—The Third Sunday of Easter</b>					
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Cammie Beattie Mary Gilbertson Peter Gilbertson Sally Sand	Cammie Beattie Kathleen Hanson Suzanne McInroy	Bob Baumann	Matt Brooks Madeline Weinkauff Thea Bishof Ailsa Schmidt Charlie Docherty
10:00 am	A—John Docherty B—Cammie Beattie				
<b>April 26—The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>					
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Bob Baumann Alden Drew Mimie Pollard Bill Sherfey	Vern Kassekert Barbara Lindeke Sally Sand	Phyllis Merrill	Helen Baxter Tessa Johnson Maren Johnson Roan Weinkauff Vivian Scheel
10:00 am	A—Camille Scheel B—Mark McInroy				



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### **Garden Circle**

Spring is in the air, and gardening season is not far behind. Are you interested in helping with garden planning, garden clean-up, and planting at St John's? The garden circle works on the north, west & south sides of the church and in the parking area. Contact Jeff Olsen or Julia Ferguson if you can help. Jeff and Julia welcome conversations at church, so please feel free to talk to them about your interest, or reach Jeff at [jolsen4338@gmail.com](mailto:jolsen4338@gmail.com) or Julia at [Julia\\_ferguson@mac.com](mailto:Julia_ferguson@mac.com).



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