St. John’s Mission Trip to Kayoro, Uganda
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Fasting gets a bad rap – or, I should say, personally, I have often given it one. During the season of Lent I have, without much introspection, tended to look upon the act of giving something up as a rather joyless task. Maybe you can relate.

As one recent headline in the Onion reads "Man Brings Lunch From Home to Cut Down On Small Joys", we can and often do view the act of giving things up, particularly those things which are otherwise joyous and pleasurable, as an altogether backwards and even unhelpful practice.

That being said, I intend to give up alcohol for Lent. Let me explain.

Chances are that you've been catching the overwhelmingly sad headlines coming from the Episcopal Church out of Maryland of late. Our church and many in that region are shocked and grieving over the tragic death of a Baltimore bicyclist, struck and killed in what appears to be a drunk driving hit and run by the Suffragan Bishop of Maryland, Heather Cook. Bishop Cook has been charged with manslaughter and vehicular homicide while intoxicated along with several other related charges.

The story is not good. It is hard to even read the details without being overwhelmed simultaneously with anger at the senseless death of an innocent person, frustration at the process that allowed a priest with a serious drinking problem to continue in a bishop search, and sadness that once again the witness of the church is impaired by yet another scandal. And, there has already been much ink spilled on all the above, and I shall leave it to clearer heads and more talented analysts to weigh in on where and if to assign blame and to hypothesize on how best to execute justice. I am interested though in a less explored but growing conversation within the Episcopal Church, in the aftermath of this tragedy, about the place alcohol occupies in our life as a community of Christians.

This conversation is already well under way on these links (addresses shortened for easy following): tinyurl.com/alcoh1, tinyurl.com/alcoh2, and tinyurl.com/alcoh3. I would echo some of the thoughts noted in those places and add that it seems we have a complicated relationship with alcohol. On the one hand, unlike many Christian denominations, we have read our scripture in a generous way with regard to alcohol. We have understood, as the Apostle Paul writes, that moderation is a good watchword when considering most things we consume and do. Alcohol is neither inherently good nor intrinsically bad, but it is powerful. And, its power can delight the heart and crush a life. With the latter reality in mind, Episcopalians have been at the forefront of founding and supporting the recovery movement – being instrumental in founding AA and providing an ongoing physical space to house many of its meetings even to this day. Yet, simultaneously, as a faith tradition we have at times communicated a cavalier attitude seeming to almost push or promote alcohol consumption.
From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear friends in Christ,

At the February vestry meeting, after a discernment process that involved both the Huge Sale committee and the wider community, voted to end the Huge Sale. In the absence of chairs or a full committee, the Sale cannot continue in its current form.

As we grieve the loss of the Huge Sale and celebrate the ministry and community outreach it encompassed, we have the opportunity to serve the wider community in a similar way through one of our partners.

The Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, with whom we already partner in our food shelf ministry and Fields to Families, has an ongoing clothes closet, which includes small household items, and an annual rummage sale. They are excited to have everything we have already collected for the Huge Sale for their March 5-7, 2015. They also welcome volunteers who love organizing and presenting clothes and household goods to help with the sale. If you have a passion for the ministry of the Huge Sale, please consider helping Hallie Q. Brown make their annual sale a shining light in our neighborhood. Colleen Swope, Margaret Thor, or I can help you connect with Hallie Q. Brown.

Our ongoing evaluation of our programs and partnerships include recognizing when we no longer have the capacity to sustain a ministry in its present form, or when one of our community partners is engaged in a parallel ministry where our efforts would be better combined. In the case of the Huge Sale, both are true.

Look for a celebration of the many generations who have served the Huge Sale faithfully at our annual Service Sunday later this spring. May we all serve as faithfully as these people have done.

Grateful for our many opportunities in ministry,
Kate

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8

Remember to set your clocks forward an hour the night before Daylight Saving Time begins March 8.
“Get the chicken out of the house!”

A Portrait of Lea Anne Schmidt

by Barbara Mraz

Removing the chicken from the house was only one of many thoughtful gestures Lea Anne received from her host while preparing for an overnight stay in one of the homes in Kayoro Village, Uganda, near the St. John’s Clinic.

“I think the chicken actually lived in the house where I was supposed to sleep. My host Betty is a single other of seven children—some of them orphans. She wanted me to be as comfortable as she could, so she sent her kids to chase the poor chicken outside into the yard.”

Betty had also gotten hold of a green lawn chair and placed it on the dirt floor so Lea Anne would have a place to sit, other than on the ground. A big meal was prepared, far more extravagant than the family’s usual fare. The most comfortable place to sleep was offered.

“Betty gave me all of what she had. She gave me everything. When I looked at Betty, I saw Jesus.”

Lea Anne said no twice before going to Uganda in January. She is the mother of four children, and the youngest is not yet a year old. She wondered how the family would fare if she was away for two weeks. Money was an issue, too, and she had to get time off from her job as a speech therapist for the St. Paul schools.

But one by one, the roadblocks disappeared.

Money was added to what her family provided, courtesy of generous donors. The job said yes. Her husband Patrick said, “You should do this. Go! We’ll be fine.” Having very capable children also helped: Ailsa, 14; Aiden, 12; Simon, 9; and, of course, Lydia, nine months.

Parts of the trip were painful. “I was most upset during the trip, Lea Anne said, “I waste so much stuff! Food. Buying bargain clothes we don’t need just because they’re on sale. Now I try to be more conscious of that. I also try to look for joy in the smallest things because that is what I saw over and over again in Kayoro. And I wonder why me? Why do I have so much when so many have so little?”

She adds, “The people there are so much like us. When I played hide and go seek with the 30 kids in the village, they laughed, smiled, ran and loved to be noticed just like our kids. When I took pictures of the families in the various neighborhoods, the women smoothed their skirts, fixed their head scarves, gave their children instruction on what to do, and wanted their pictures taken by their houses, because most of them were proud to have a house. And when I would show them the photos and commented on how beautiful their family was, they beamed.”

And the clinic?

“The clinic is in good hands. Lives are being saved. The people there gain way more through our financial support than we sacrifice in providing it.”

Finally: “I was touched by so many things on this trip. Africa is incredible – the avocados are huge! Prayers are said before meals. There is such a strong work ethic. God is everywhere.”
Our Piano Celebration

We celebrated our new Steinway grand piano with a wonderful concert on Saturday evening, February 7. Our featured pianist, Osip Nikiforov, performed works of Beethoven, Scriabin and Mompou. Other performers included Bob Baumann, Sharon Kleckner, Nancy Wellington, John Macbain, Ezra Hathaway, Sam and Emma Richman and Jayson Engquist. The Music Commission coordinated the 6 p.m. Potluck Supper.

The St. John's History Book Committee cordially invites you:

For All The Saints Book Signing Party
Sunday, March 1  4:00-6:00 pm

Come and celebrate the arrival of For All The Saints by Jim Frazier. This detailed and wide-ranging parish history is also a history of this neighborhood and of St. Paul, and there is a good chance your family is included. Join us on Sunday, March 1 in the Fireside Room from 4:00–6:00 pm for wine, hors d’oeuvres, and an opportunity to have your book personally signed by the author. Books will be available for $43.05 (tax incl.) at the party or in church that morning. (Please fill out an order form and make checks payable to The Afton Press). There is great cause for excitement with the publishing of this colorful, 311-page, lavishly illustrated history of our parish, and we hope you’ll share in it with us.
Lent & Easter

Lenten Programming

This I Believe is an international project engaging people in writing and sharing the core values that guide their daily lives. Here at Saint John's, you are invited to reflect on your faith and core values during Lent using the This I Believe series in two ways—through the Lenten read and in crafting your own This I Believe essay during our evening Lenten program. Copies of This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women are available for all who wish to read along during Lent. On Wednesday evenings, join us from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Undercroft as we reflect on some of the This I Believe archive and engage in exercises to help us distill our own faith into a format that finishes the statement, “This I believe...” Get to know your fellow parishioners better and deepen your faith. Talk to Reverend Kate with questions at 651-228-1172 x18 or kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org.

Holy Week Services

Monday through Friday of Holy Week (March 30-April 3): 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 Sacrament.

Good Friday (April 3): penitent 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 with the lighting of the new fire and the reading of our salvation history. This is the highest liturgical moment in the Christian year and is full of contrasts between chanted words and spoken stories, between darkness and light, and between mystery and revelation. A festive reception follows.

Easter Memorial Flowers

You are invited to share in the cost of decorating the church for Easter. Please make your check out to “St. John the Evangelist Church” and mark “Easter Flowers” in the memo space. Then place your donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you would like to make your gift as a memorial to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please include this information, clearly printed, with your contribution.

(Please Print Clearly)

In loving memory of: _______________________
Donation given by: _______________________
Check enclosed for $ _____________________

Memorials must be received in the office by Thursday, March 26 to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Thank you!

Next Baptism Date April 4

The next service at which baptisms will be celebrated is the Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 4. If you are interested in getting baptized or having a child baptized, please contact Jered Weber-Johnson at 651-228-1172, x11. The next baptism day after April 4 will be Pentecost Sunday, May 24.
Vergers: Grave digging and animal control no longer required

by Barbara Mraz
(with help from the Diocese of Texas website)

Vergers add an important ceremonial and symbolic element to a church service. They remind us that a service works best with order and rhythm. They provide a powerful model of moving forward. They help the clergy, freeing them from having to worry about every single element of a service, like getting people lined up for a procession. And they have a very interesting history...

1. Where do they come from?

When St. John’s added vergers to the liturgy a year ago, we were reflecting an ancient practice: *In the Anglican Communion, the Office of Verger dates from the 16th century. As the Protector of the Procession, the Verger led the way for the church procession ... clearing a pathway with his virge (or mace) through the crowds of people and animals.*

Clearly, we have updated the job description.

2. Why does the verger carry a stick?

The verger uses a “verge” to lead the procession into the church and point the way. It has an interesting history, to say the least: *A verge (or mace) is the staff of office carried by a Verger in procession. Originally a weapon of war, the virge was used to clout the enemy from horseback. ... The verge or mace remained popular, however, as a symbol of strength and authority and often has crosses or other Christian symbols on it.*

3. What does a verger do?

A verger leads the liturgical procession by setting a rhythm and, symbolically, pointing a way forward. Back in the day, more was required: *Original responsibilities of a verger included preparation for liturgy, order and upkeep of the house of worship, grave digging, building/grounds maintenance and conduct of the laity.*

Phillip Baird, Joan Potter, and Bob Linehan rotate duties. We thank them.

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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/Welcome*
Judy Stack-Nelson, *Formation*
Colleen Swope, *Faith in Action*
Kevin Wall, *At Large*
Holly Weinkauf, *At Large*
Nancy Wellington, *Music*
Jerry Woelfel, *Junior Warden*

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

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

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*
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*
Faith in Action

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

What is the March Campaign?
A grassroots food and fund drive, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is the only statewide effort where every dollar donated goes directly to food shelves to purchase food for the hungry. In 2014, Minnesota FoodShare partnered with almost 300 food shelves statewide to raise more than $8 million and more than 4 million pounds of food during the month of March, ensuring that thousands of Minnesotans were fed.

Why is it so important?
One in 10 Minnesotans, more than 500,000 residents, experience food insecurity on a regular basis. In Minnesota, each day 3,500 children are served by food shelves. 8.6% of seniors in Minnesota report being threatened by hunger. Senior hunger is expected to rise as more Baby Boomers reach 60. There were more than 3 million visits to Minnesota food shelves in 2013.

What can we do to help?
Bring your donations of nonperishable foods and household goods to church during the month of March, especially on Pack the Pews Sunday, March 22. Leave them at the food shelf area in the Gathering Space. You can also make financial contributions to Minnesota FoodShare in the offering plate. 100% of funds received during March go to food shelves participating in the March Campaign.

Fight hunger and support Minnesota food shelves!

Hearts to Homes Donations

When we see a homeless person, we often feel helpless or uncertain. But there are things we can do—and give. Our Hearts to Homes families have just come out of homelessness and are working hard to stabilize their lives. Keeping the rent paid and food on the table are their most urgent tasks. They often go without things most of us take for granted. Please help make their lives more comfortable and manageable by donating toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, dishwashing detergent, general household cleaners, sponges, lotion (lightly scented or unscented), shampoo and conditioner, and toothpaste. These can be tagged for H2H and left at the church office, where they will be put into storage until they are needed.

Project Home Report

In February, St. John’s provided homeless individuals and their family members with a place to sleep, some snacks, and hosts with compassion for their present situation.

What was the final tally? During the month, 14 Vista volunteers helped set up. 112 volunteer slots were filled for the 28 evenings we hosted. 19 people volunteered more than once. 4 families were served, comprising 7 adults and 12 kids, ages 4 - 17.

3 birthdays were celebrated, thousands of baskets were shot, many books were read, and lots of games were played. For 28 nights in a row, we were able to extend God’s love and abundance to each and every one of our Project Home guests, thanks to the time and efforts of our many volunteers.

We need 10 volunteers to help pack up Project Home on the morning of Monday, March 2. It will be easy and fast if we have many hands to make light work. Please contact Holly Weinkauf at betterwein@gmail.com or 651-724-5100.
St. John’s Mission Trip to Kayoro, Uganda

The region around Kayoro, the village in Uganda where the St. John’s Clinic is located, is known in the local language as Asinget – translated roughly as ‘the sand land’. When she first described the clinic project to our congregation, Barbara Mraz would often allude to the fact that the piece of property where it was to be built (and now stands) was a field of wild mint. The locals consider mint a weed, and to stand in that place, it amazes me that anything more than a common weed could possibly grow – let alone thrive – in Kayoro’s sandy soil.

But, to walk the rutted back roads – paths really – behind the clinic, is to trace the rough contours of an ages old farming community where patches of cotton yield to maize and cassava fields and the odd rice paddy. Even when we visited, in the heart of the dry season, it was apparent that locals have figured out how to grow more than a few things in that challenging soil. And, now our clinic is growing there – with the generous support of Give Us Wings (USA) and partners like us at St. John’s, Give Us Wings (Uganda) is turning our clinic into a thriving resource for community wellness and a center of healing and healthcare for the area. Under the guidance of the in-country board, a new director of Uganda operations, and a very competent staff, the clinic is reaching more. In the coming month our group of volunteers who traveled to Uganda will be offering a Sunday morning forum and in the months to come we’ll be taking advantage of the Evangelist to tell more stories of life in Kayoro and how we can continue to support and deepen our relationships there. It is apparent to me that in and through our partnership with Give Us Wings, lives are being changed, not least of which are the lives of those of us who have had the honor of getting to know our brothers and sisters in Uganda (some in person, and some through the stories that we’ll tell).

Join us to Celebrate One Good Thing
St. John’s Clinic Kayoro

Give Us Wings 16th Annual Celebration, Silent Auction, and Dinner
Friday, March 27 5:30-10:00pm
McNamara Alumni Center
University of Minnesota

This will be a beautiful evening highlighting the clinic that St. John’s has built in Uganda in partnership with Give Us Wings. The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson will speak about his recent travels to Kenya and Uganda.

Individual Tickets $65
Reserved Patron Table of 10: $700
Reserved Patron Table of 6: $420
Patron Tables also include wine with dinner for each guest.

Tickets available through Jennifer Kinkead after the 10:00 service on Sundays or online at www.giveuswings.org.
Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Rhythms of Grace: Worship designed for children on the autism spectrum

Last Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm (In 2015: February 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, September 27, October 25, November 29 and December 27)

Today, a growing number of children and families are affected by autism spectrum disorders (ASD). While many things about ASD are unknown, we do know that there are no churches in the Twin Cities with worship opportunities designed for children with ASD – until now.

Rhythms of Grace offers families the chance to gather for worship that is a hybrid of a traditional service and the more hands-on approach of faith formation. A typical service might include sharing a Bible story, and then exploring the themes of the story at variety of activity stations. The service ends with Holy Communion. This service is meant for children with neurological challenges (and their siblings and families) that make traditional worship challenging.

If you have any questions about whether this service is appropriate for you or your family, please don’t hesitate to email Jean Hansen at jean.hansen@stjohnsstpaul.org. If you are interested in volunteering for this service, please speak with Jean Hansen.

Setting Our Hearts Pilgrim Lock-in: St. John’s J2A Youth

Join us for an evening with lots of fun and little sleep! During our time together we will cook, eat, and play.

Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, and an air mattress if you have one.

Who: All Rite 13 Youth are invited!

When: Saturday, March 7 at 6:00 pm – Sunday, March 8 at 9:00am

Where: Meet at St. John’s

What: Lock-in and with dinner, fun and games, bonding, great discussion, worship, and food!

Youth Lenten Movie Series

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room

March 4: What’s Eating Gilbert Grape – PG-13. Gilbert has to care for his brother Arnie and his obese mother, which gets in the way when love walks into his life. (Eli and Madeline)

March 11: The Truman Show – PG. An insurance salesman discovers his entire life is actually a TV show. (Caroline)

March 18: Glory Road – PG. In 1966, Texas Western coach Don Haskins leads the first all-black starting line-up for a college basketball team to the national championship. (Tim)

March 25: Guardians of the Galaxy PG-13. A group of intergalactic criminals are forced to work together to stop a fanatical warrior from taking control of the universe. (Johannah)
March 15 Lenten Evensong presented by the Bean Memorial Music Fund

Our adult choir will present a lovely service of Evensong on Sunday afternoon, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. The service settings (Magnificat, Nunc dimittis and Preces/Suffrages/Responses) have been composed for the occasion by our Composer-in-Residence, Paul Rudoi. Joan Potter has commissioned the new music. Anthems by Gardiner (Evening Hymn), Bloch (Meditation), and Harris (Bless Us, O God) will also be sung by the choir. Sharon Kleckner will serve as organist and Jayson Engquist will conduct. Please invite your friends and neighbors and spread the word about this beautiful service of evening prayers!

Planning Ahead
(Evensong with concert and reception)

May 17, 2015 (4:00 p.m.): Evensong and Concert (joint program with St. Clement’s Choir singing Handel’s Dixit Dominus and Suffrages by Mark Stuhara, Director at St. Clement’s)

Children’s and Youth Choirs

Youth Choir (grades 5-12) meets each Wednesday afternoon during Lent at 5:00-5:30 p.m. (note earlier time) just before Youth Group. Children’s Choir (grades K-4) meets on Sunday mornings (9:00-9:45 a.m.) in the lower-level Music Room. If your child is interested, please contact director Mary Kay Knapp at 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. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. Please contact Director Kate Graber if you are interested in joining the choir. She may be reached at kate.Graber@yahoo.com or 952-890-3616.

Micro-Commissioning a Hymn to Celebrate the Publication of For All the Saints

You’ve probably heard of micro-breweries, micro-management, and microbes, but are you familiar with micro-commissions of new music? Through a micro-commission, a large number of people contribute any amount, large or small (even $1), toward the commissioning of a piece of music. For example, in 2010, over 400 donors combined their resources to commission a full-blown symphonic work for the Minnesota Orchestra. Here at St. John’s, we have the possibility to participate in micro-commissions as well, through our own ideas, donations, and the involvement of our resident composer, Paul Rudoi.

In celebration of the publication of For All The Saints, Paul is creating a hymn for our congregation, complete with parts for the Adult and Children’s Choirs, hand bells, organ, and other instruments. The hymn will serve as a companion to the book, accessible to the congregation at any point in the future. We invite everyone to join in the commissioning of this hymn to celebrate the history of St. John’s in For All the Saints. Watch for forthcoming details about how you can contribute to the micro-commissioned hymn! For more information about this micro-commission, or to discuss the possibility of future micro-commissions, please contact Paul at pauljohnrudoi@gmail.com or 603-355-7429.

Do you play the recorder?

We will have a “consort” of recorders playing on Easter morning. If you’re interested, speak to Jayson Engquist, 651-228-1172, x36 or jayson.engquist@stjohnsstpaul.org.
Faith Formation

Sunday Forum: Basics Classes
Basics classes are an eight-week faith formation series on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. They give the knowledge and skills that inspire us to live a balanced spiritual life, and they offer a way for individuals to learn and grow in community. The Basics classes engage both the heart and the mind.

They are offered for all parishioners and are a requirement for anyone preparing to mark a significant transition in the church, such as baptism of a child or as an adult, confirmation of an adult, reception, reaffirmation of baptism, marriage, or joining St. John’s as a new member.

Youth and adults are welcome. Child care is available (birth—5 years in the nursery, over 5 in the gym).

**March 1 & 8: Basic Anglicanism** is like a citizenship class. We learn where we came from, how we make decisions and how we worship. We get to know St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, the particular church community in which we are planted.

**March 15 & 22: 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.

**March 29: Basic Discipleship** teaches the essential Christian practices of prayer, stewardship, and telling...

St. Mark’s 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 the cathedral website, ourcathedral.org. Click “Subscribe to Email News” in the Related News section on the right side of the page.

House Groups
House groups are gatherings of 8-12 members who meet regularly for friendship, spiritual support, and building deeper relationships. Some rotate meetings among the members’ houses; some meet elsewhere. Some groups gather to study or have a common interest or focus. Most groups meet monthly. All groups build community around our shared life of faith.

To connect with an existing group or learn about forming a group, contact Kate at 651-228-1172 x18 or kate.bradtmiller@stjohnsstpaul.org.

St. John’s Café
Come for the coffee, stay for the good news! Join us Sundays at 9:00 am 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.

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

St. John’s Parishioner Honored by City

The city of St. Paul gathered to celebrate the work of outstanding volunteers who are a critical part of improving city planning districts. The Summit Hill Association selected three Summit Hill residents to be honored for their years of commitment to community, including St. John’s own Don Husband. His nomination stated that he “faithfully serves on the SHA board and the Zoning/Land Use Committee… [and] was instrumental in organizing neighbors to protect our rich historical character during a recent development project.” The SHA “truly believe[s]” that Don and his fellow nominees “have made a tremendous difference in sustaining and improving the quality of life in the Summit Hill Neighborhood and beyond.” Congratulations, Don!

March Meetings

**Prayer Shawl Gathering:** Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-690-0579.

**Men’s Gathering:** Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004.

**Men’s Breakfast:** Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. Contact Jim Johnson at 651-698-5655.

**Vestry Meeting:** Monday, March 16 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. RSVP to the church office at 651-228-1172, x10

**Down Syndrome Group:** March, February 17 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft and Nursery. Contact Lindsay Radford, LRadford@kstp.com

New Member Profile

Andrew, Meredith, Sam, and Gabe Tessier found St. John’s through preschool. Gabe and Jude Weber-Johnson were in the same class. As luck would have it, while they were looking for a new church, they met Jude’s parents and learned that Jered was the priest here.

Andrew is from Duluth, MN and grew up in a Catholic family. He moved to St. Paul to attend the University of St. Thomas, where he graduated. Meredith is from Davenport, IA, and was raised Methodist. She moved to the Twin Cities seeking job opportunities upon graduating from the University of Iowa. The two eventually met through mutual work friends at a monthly dinner group (which is still going after 15 years!)

The couple loves cooking, the outdoors, and travel, as well as camping, fishing, canoeing, paddle boarding, kayaking, biking, sledding, skating, hockey, skiing… “you name it. We’ll probably try it!” they say. “Just don’t tell that to our 5 year old, whose only interest, much to our frustration, seems to be anything with a screen.” On their most recent trip to Mexico last year, they experienced a 7.5 magnitude earthquake. It will surely be a trip the kids will never forget.

They are so happy to have found their church home at St. John’s. It is a very good fit given their combined backgrounds, and they have found it very open, friendly and welcoming to anyone who wants to come and participate. They look forward to growing in their faith as a family here.

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 David Parrish. May light perpetual shine upon David, and may he and all the faithful departed rest in peace.
Altar Decor Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

March 1—The Second Sunday in Lent
*Main Altar: Theodore & Genevieve Pilacinski, Marlene Woelfel
*Small Altar: Elizabeth & Frank Ward

March 8—The Third Sunday in Lent
*Main Altar: Lola O. & Daniel W. Ferguson
*Small Altar: Sona Plummer, Armen Byron Tufenk & Haig Karakine Tufenk

March 15—The Fourth Sunday in Lent
*Main Altar: Mina M. Collins, Robert Orr & Anabel Baker
*Small Altar: Lisa Richcreek

March 22—The Fifth Sunday in Lent
*Main Altar: Melissa Mosvick
*Small Altar: Gordon Kallstrom, Daniel Kallstrom

March 29—Palm Sunday
*Main Altar & Small Altar: Palms

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