

# *THE EVANGELIST*

Newsletter for  
Saint John the Evangelist  
Episcopal Church



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## St. Johns 2nd Annual Cabaret



## Parish Advent Wreath Workshop



## Annual Christmas Party



## Join Us This Epiphany:

### Sundays

**8:00 am Service:**

#### **Holy Eucharist Rite I**

9:00 St. John's Café  
(Meditation Room)

9:00 Sunday Forum  
(Fireside Room)

9:00 Choir Rehearsals  
(Music Room & Chancel)

9:45 Godly Play  
(School)

**10:00 am Service:**

#### **Sung Eucharist Rite II**

11:15 Coffee Hour  
(Gathering Space)



**February Issue**  
**January 13 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. Thank you!

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#### **Office Hours:**

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

## From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this in the early hours of a Friday morning, the church is silent and glimmering with the soft light of dozens of candles. Outside snow is finally falling. Inside, the air is still redolent with incense from last night's Compline service, and the smell is mingled with that of the pine trees and garlands that tell us Christmas is almost here. As I peer through the doors of the church I can see heads bowed and eyes closed as supplications for the needs of the world are lifted up in the midst of our prayer vigil. Soon these faithful will trudge out into the still dark morning as others come in, and light a candle, and join their prayers with the candle light and the prayers of those who have come before. And, this will all mingle with the smell of our pine and incense and, we believe and hope, will become a fragrant offering of prayer and thanksgiving and faithfulness to God.

This is church, a community bound together in prayer. We pray for light in the darkness, for hope in the face of fear, for healing in the face of sickness and death, and for peace in the face of so much violence. We also pray for ourselves, for the regrets of a year gone by, for renewed faith, for our loved ones and those we hold dear. And we pray not primarily to rouse God to action on our behalf, but because we believe prayer will rouse us to action. In prayer we are being transformed into people capable of hope, healing, and peace. In prayer we come to realize God's forgiveness, faithfulness, and unfailing love for us and for those we hold dear. In prayer we increase our capacity to live into our true, God-given identities as his beloved children.

As I look beyond the safe enclosure of our faith community, I can see so much hurt in the world, so many people struggling to make ends meet, so many people living in fear, so many people living life unaware that they are blessed, forgiven, and beloved of God. As I see these things I am even more firmly convinced that the world needs church, not to be shown the truth or to save it from hell, but, to be a witness for all that is good and hopeful and life-affirming. In its best moments the church can be a light in the darkness. At its most faithful, the church rejects fear, welcomes strangers and refugees, speaks out for the oppressed, consoles the mourning, and challenges the ambivalent. When the church is really living into its calling, it looks less like a club or an insular community or a collection of arcane traditions, and more like the living, breathing, passionate body of Christ.

This Christmas season as all before it, we celebrate the Incarnate one, Jesus, God born as a human, living among us and reconciling us one to another. This is who we are called to be.

So, we gather. We pray. We kindle one more flame of hope against the darkness of the world.

Merry Christmas to you and yours and a blessed Epiphany as well!

I'll see you in church.

Faithfully,



## From the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

Dear Friends in Christ,

Prayer time with toddlers looks like running before dawn most mornings. I read my morning devotional before the dog and I head out the door, and I follow the scripture of the day into one prayer or another as my feet hit the pavement.



These last few weeks, I've been running between a sky thick with planets--Jupiter, Venus, and Mars are brilliant--and a neighborhood crowded with manger scenes--Mary, Joseph, and Jesus huddle among sheep and magi. With each spotlighted holy family, I find myself aware of all those who have no safe place. I recall, again and again, the temporary sanctuary of the stable, and the flight into Egypt ahead of armed soldiers. I wonder whether families in refugee camps are looking up at those same planets, waiting for word of safe passage.

Epiphany is a season of light, of following the star. As I run, I remember the times in my own life when I have been in the darkness, able to see the light, but not yet able to move to it. And I am grateful for each step I have taken out of the darkness, guided by the light of God present in friends, family, and my own soul.

Where have the places of darkness in your life been? What has moved you towards the light? How are you called, out of your own experience, to help others into light and safety?

Faithfully yours,

Kate

### Office Closed

The church office will be closed January 1 for the New Year's Day holiday and January 18 for Martin Luther King Day.

## St. John's Clergy, Staff, and Volunteers

### Clergy

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

### Staff

Sarah Dull, Parish Administrator  
Jayson , Director of Music and Organist  
Jean Hansen, Children, Youth, and Family Minister  
Ivan Holguin, Building Assistant  
Heather Hunt, Children & Youth Choirs Director  
Tracy Johnson, Nursery Coordinator  
The Reverend Craig Lemming, Compliance Coordinator  
The Reverend Barbara Mraz, Writer in Residence  
John Oldfield, Office of the Treasurer  
Chris Tegeler, Building Manager  
Longkee Vang, Youth Ministry Assistant  
Dunfa Weretti, Building Assistant

### 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 Weinkauff, At Large  
Nancy Wellington, Music  
Jerry Woelfel, Junior Warden

### Volunteer Positions

Artaria String Quartet, Artists in Residence  
Phillip Baird, Verger  
Alden Drew, Historian/Archivist  
Paige Hagstrom, Coffee Hour Coordinator  
Paul Hanson, Music Librarian  
Jim Johnson, Planned Gift Chair  
Joan Potter, Liturgical and Lay Reader Coordinator  
Diane Power, Altar Guild Coordinator  
George Power, Columbarium Coordinator  
Jill Thompson, Music Vestment Coordinator

# Engaging Inequality

By Jered Weber-Johnson

“Who in the room has been pulled over by the police or detained by the police more than once, when you weren’t speeding or breaking any laws?” boomed the facilitator.

Over three quarters of the African American males in the room stood up. In a room of over 220 people, not a single white face was standing.

I’ve read the statistics, and so have many of you. African American males are detained, stopped, charged, tried, and convicted at rates that dwarf statistics for white males – often when no crime has been committed. It has resulted in the gallows humor in the black community that the charge was “driving (or walking, or sitting) while being black”. As I say, we’ve seen the data, and unless you believe the racist lie that African American males are more inclined or disposed to criminal activity, you would agree that we, (and by “we” I mean black AND white Americans, we) have a problem. These are OUR sons and husbands and uncles and friends who are somehow unjustly being targeted and funneled into the criminal justice system.

I had read the statistics, and I believed there was a problem. But, never before had I sat in a room and actually seen, met, related to, and shaken hands with the statistics. These were good men – teachers, wardens, parole officers, concerned fathers, and leaders. I shared this story with a friend, himself African American, how even knowing the data before this, how seeing it in front of me had kind of shattered me momentarily. He confirmed that yes, even he had shared this experience, once in his twenties and once in his thirties.

This experience happened as a part of “Engage!”, a facilitated evening event, the second of three conversations sponsored by Saint Paul Public Schools and Ramsey County Corrections and the Wilder Foundation. The conversations aim at naming resources and key stakeholders in the work of preventing youth of color from being funneled into the criminal justice system from our public schools. There were teachers, Ramsey County corrections employees, school board members, and concerned community members in attendance. Saint John’s sent 9 of our community members including myself and another staff member, 3 youth, 2 vestry members, a seminarian, and one of the Crocus Hill School teachers. Over the course of the evening we

were asked questions designed to help us understand the context and experience of those in the room we might not normally interact with or know. We had discussions at our tables on challenging questions about the role of race in education, how communities throughout the city can support one another and get stronger so we don’t let more youth slip through the cracks. The room was packed with well over 100 youth from the Saint Paul Public Schools, and the noise level and energy were high. I left feeling overwhelmed and exhausted. I was out of my element and clearly lacked the answers. Which leads me to believe I was in the right place. I’m going to go to the third and final conversation, Engage! part 3 (preliminarily scheduled for February) once it is advertised. If you’d like to join me, I hope you’ll drop me a line. I want to stay engaged in this conversation and I want to help our community deepen our understanding of the larger issues of race and inequality in the city around us. Our faith calls us to break down barriers that divide people, to proclaim peace and to work for justice. We are called to that work around the world and in our own back yards. I hope you will join me.

## Annual Meeting and All Parish Lunch

Please join us in the Gym following the 10 am Service on **Sunday, January 24** for St. John’s Annual Meeting.

We will celebrate the wonderful work being done at St. John’s with an all-parish lunch. The church will provide lunch and asks that you bring a dessert to share. Childcare will be available, but please contact the office to let us know how many children will be coming. You can email [nursery@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:nursery@stjohnsstpaul.org).

At the Annual Meeting we’ll thank outgoing vestry members, approve the new slate of parish leadership and learn about the 2016 budget. Candidate profiles for vestry members will be shared in the coming weeks.



## Office Volunteers

Would you be interested in helping out in the St. John’s office? Do you have experience with Publisher, Constant Contact or WordPress? We would greatly appreciate your help! Contact Sarah Dull at 651-228-1172 x10.

# “I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD”

## A Portrait of Gary Gleason Part 1 (Part 2 in Feb.)

By Barbara Mraz

*“I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green;  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean  
God help me to be one too.”*

One of Gary Gleason’s first memories from his family parish, All Saints Episcopal in Northfield, was learning to sing the saints-of-God hymn with full organ accompaniment. “Now there was something that spoke to a six-year-old!”

Many years later, attending his first General Convention in New Orleans in 1982, the Hymnal was being revised and updated to be more compatible with the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Gary recalls being in the House of Bishops chamber which was full to capacity with those who wanted this hymn retained in the proposed hymnal. The Bishops voted to do so overwhelmingly and the visitors’ gallery of the house erupted with approval.

Gary is a true churchman, and one of the saints, I am sure.

Born in Northfield to a family of fourth-generation Episcopalians, Gary is the oldest of five. His grandparents helped to continue the Laura Baker School, founded in 1897 by his great-great aunt, to help children with developmental disabilities. Gary grew up with sensitivity and understanding towards people of all abilities. Gary’s father subsequently became a prominent Northfield businessman, and his mother was the business manager at Laura Baker School. Both his parents were actively involved at All Saints.

“I had the privilege of spending a lot of time with my grandparents growing up. They modeled good behavior, and from them I learned good manners and respect for the dignity of every human being. When someone later said to me that I reminded them of my

grandfather, it was one of the finest compliments I ever received.”

Gary went to college at Hamline University in St. Paul. “People always ask why I didn’t go to Carleton or St Olaf. I explored both places all the years I was growing up and needed a new environment.” After graduating with majors in American Studies and Education, Gary returned to Northfield and began working on a Master’s degree at Mankato. He served on the vestry at All Saints and was elected senior warden before he was thirty years old. Two years after he took office, the rector resigned and Gary learned a lot about interim ministry – since the warden is technically in charge of a parish in the absence of a rector. He believes that churches can do some of their best work during interim periods.

An election to the Standing Committee of the Diocese followed and Gary soon became president of this group, the first time that a layperson and not a clergy person had held this position. Three months later, Bishop Robert Anderson resigned and another interim period followed, this one for the Diocese.

When the rector of a successful parish in San Francisco, James Jelinek, was elected as the eighth bishop of Minnesota in 1993, Gary was intrigued. “He was more of a spiritual person than a traditional religious one, and was deeply committed to listening carefully. He wanted to know all about Minnesota.”

And so it was that after a Diocesan meeting in Minneapolis before the soon-to-be-bishop’s consecration, Gary found himself approaching Jelinek and asking, “So what if you hired me to work for you?”

**Favorite movie:** “The King’s Speech”

**Favorite books:** any book I don’t want to end

*The President’s Club* by Nancy Gibbs

*The Nine* by Jeffery Toobin

*Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson

*Dakota* by Kathleen Norris

Gary notes: “Barnes and Noble does a drop at my house a couple of times each week!”

**Favorite quotation:** “Be patient towards everything that is unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions.... And perhaps someday you will gradually live your way in to the answers.” - Rainer Maria Rilke  
“Solitude is the blast furnace of transformation.”

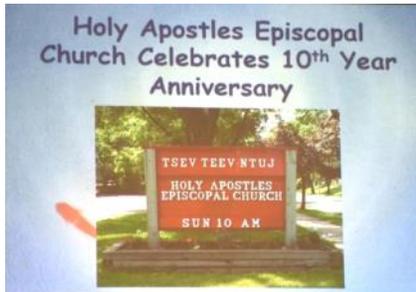
- Heri Nouwen



## Holy Apostles Celebration

By Shirley Sailors

On December 13 our friends at Holy Apostles celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Hmong Faithful being received into the Episcopal Church. Through a skit and a variety of speakers who had been involved in the process, they remembered conversion to Christianity in Laos with the help of a French missionary priest, the years in refugee camps in Thailand, coming to Minnesota and forming a Roman Catholic congregation with the help of an understanding priest, and being abandoned by the Archdiocese that was unwilling to work with and support them.



Because of some personal ties that had been established between Sy Vang Lo and her husband, leaders in the Hmong congregation, and the Rev. Susan Moss, connections were made between the Hmong elders and the Rev. William Bulson, Rector of Holy Apostles, and the Rt. Rev. James Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota. A series of discussions ensued with the Holy Spirit clearly at work as concerns on both sides were worked out. The culmination was a service at St. Mark's Cathedral in November, 2005, in which 275 of the Hmong Faithful were received and confirmed into the Episcopal Church, a service that, even with three bishops, took over 3 hours. Since then, Holy Apostles has grown and strengthened with old-time and new members joining together as the Holy Spirit continues to work.



The youth group presented a Hmong fashion show as a break in the program, and the event concluded with a wonderful meal of Hmong food, including a large quantity of the famous egg rolls! It was a marvelous celebration of an exciting event in the lives of Holy Apostles and the entire Episcopal Church.



## Thank You from the St. John's Stewardship Committee

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver – 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Thank you to everyone who pledged their time and treasure to St. John's this year. Your gifts of money and time will allow St. John's to continue to build our faith and fulfill God's commandment to love and serve our neighbors in St. Paul and beyond.

Gratefully,

Lynn Hertz, Aimee Baxter, Sarah Dull, Vern Kassekert, Suzanne McInroy, Erin Weber-Johnson, Jerry Woelfel

## Valet Parking

The Men's Group is offering valet parking starting at 9 am each Sunday. Avoid walking on the icy sidewalks from the parking lot if you are concerned about slips or falls. Just pull up to the door and someone will park your car for you.



## Help Prepare the Evangelist

Are you looking for an opportunity to help spread the good news of all that is happening at St. John's and would appreciate a couple of hours of fellowship with other parishioners?

We would love you to join us in the Fireside Room any time between 9 am and 12 pm. Call Sarah at 651-228-1172x10 for more information.

**The next preparation day is Friday, January 22.**

## Wanted!

Do you have surplus wooden coat hangers that you no longer need? We need to upgrade and expand our eccentric collection in the narthex. Please hang any donated hangers on the narthex coat rack.

# Faith in Action

## H2H (Hearts-to-Homes) Chili Bowl

Here is another Winning Recipe from the Chili Cook off last month. This month's winning feature is the Vegetarian Winner—Thank you Laura Dale Bischof



### Ingredients

- 1 recipe pintos
- 2 tablespoons grapeseed, sunflower or canola oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 large or 2 medium carrots, cut in small dice
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tablespoons mild ground chili (ancho)
- 1 tablespoon lightly toasted cumin seeds, ground
- 1 28-ounce can chopped tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon dried Mexican oregano
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste dissolved in 1 cup H2O
- 2 cups diced winter squash (about 3/4 pound)
- Salt to taste
- ½ cup chopped cilantro
- Crumbled queso fresco for garnish (optional)

### Directions

1. Soak 1lb pinto beans for at least 4 hours. Simmer beans together with a halved onion, garlic, bay leaf and salt until tender. (About two hours).
2. Heat the oil over medium heat in a heavy nonstick skillet and add the onion, carrot and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until the vegetables are tender and beginning to color, about 8 minutes. Stir in the garlic, stir together until fragrant, 30 seconds to a minute, and add the ground chili and cumin. Cook, stirring, for 2 to 3 minutes, until the mixture begins to stick to the pan. Add the tomatoes and oregano, and salt to taste. Bring to a simmer and cook, stirring often, until the tomatoes have cooked down and the mixture is beginning to

stick to the pan, about 10 minutes. Stir in the tomato paste dissolved in water and bring back to a simmer. Season with salt to taste and simmer, stirring often, for 10 minutes, until the mixture is thick and fragrant.

3. Stir the tomato mixture into the beans. Add the winter squash and bring to a simmer. Simmer, stirring often, for 30 to 45 minutes. Taste and adjust salt.

4. Shortly before serving stir in the cilantro and simmer for 5 minutes. Top with crumbled queso fresco.

## Project Home Starts in February

During the month of February, St. John the Evangelist will provide homeless families with a place to sleep, snacks and hosts with compassion for their situation.

We need four volunteers each day to help provide these services - 2 evening volunteers from 5:30 - 8:30 and 2 overnight volunteers from 8:30 pm - 7:30 am. Training will be available after Church on January 17. To learn more about this important ministry, please contact:

Holly and Don Weinkauff at 651-724-5200/  
betterwein@gmail.com,

Steve Sims at 952-484-9292/ swiss7615@msn.com

The Rev. Margaret Thor at 651-631-8308/  
margaretcthor@gmail.com.

A sign up link is on the church website under PROJECT HOME 2016. Holly, Don, Margaret and Steve will also help people sign up on Sundays.

## 2017 Trip to Kayoro

A trip to visit the people of Kayoro, Uganda and the St. John's clinic is being planned for January 2017. For more information contact Lea Anne Schmidt 612-385-6379 or LeaAnne.Schmidt@gmail.com or come to an informational meeting on Sunday, January 10 at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room.

**Hearts to Homes Meeting:** Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Contact Patty Bryne Pfalz at 651-696-6442



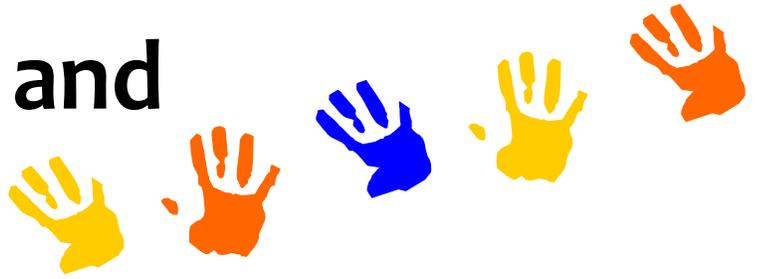
With your support of the  
St. John's Cabaret, we raised  
**\$5290**  
for Kayoro Clinic in Uganda.



For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

*Epiphany Psalter  
Psalm 72:12-13*

# Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



## Nova Scotia 2016

by Linnea Krall

The youth group is going on a pilgrimage to Nova Scotia in 2016. Here is a reflection from a future pilgrim: "I am excited to go on a pilgrimage because I want time to focus on finding myself and God. I often find that I spend a lot of time among other people, working to make sure they are happy and content. Sometimes, I forget to focus on myself and my faith. The pilgrimage to Nova Scotia will provide me with the opportunity to encounter God and understand my spirituality. I know that Nova Scotia is a beautiful place, and I will enjoy looking for God in nature."

## 2015 Fundraiser Update

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended and participated in our Cabaret. This joint fundraiser, with St. John's Clinic Kayoro was a huge success. Thank you also to Todd and Alice Johnson for organizing and executing the poinsettia and wreath fundraiser. And to all of you who purchased a poinsettia, wreath or garland, we appreciate your support of our pilgrimage. With those two fundraisers combined, the youth raised over \$6,000!

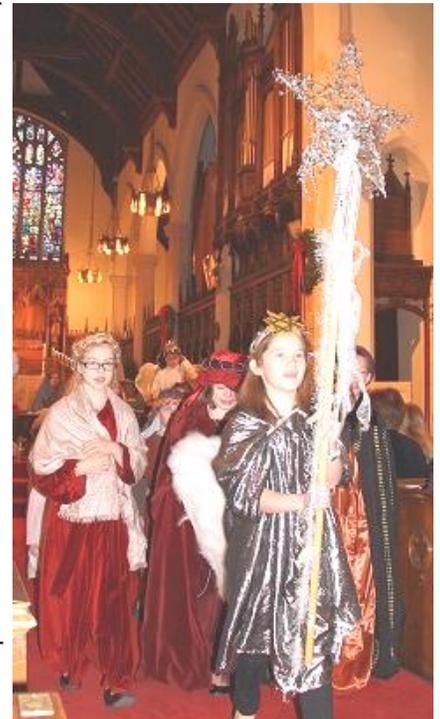


## Next Fundraiser

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Mardi Gras celebration will take place on **Tuesday, February 9 and be held in the Undercroft from 6pm – 8pm.** Tickets will be available starting Sunday, January 24, for \$5 per person, or \$20 per family of four or more. All proceeds will go toward the youth pilgrimage fund.

## Pageant

It's that time again! Time to prepare for the annual St. John's Christmas Pageant, and we would like to invite all children to participate in this year's production. **The Christmas Pageant will be presented during the 10 am service on Sunday, January 3.** Christmas lasts 12 days and so should our celebration of it! This will be a fun and faith-filled experience for the children and for our parish alike. For more information, contact Heather Hunt at 612-408-5049.



There are speaking and non-speaking parts, songs, animals, scripture quotes, something for everyone. The roles include: The Narrator, Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, Star, Innkeepers, Shepherds, Sheep, Beasts, Angels, Pages, and the Three Kings. There is a **dress rehearsal on Saturday, January 2 from 4-6pm, with pizza dinner.**

## Faithful Parenting

Faithful Parenting meets on **Sunday, January 3** at 9 am in the Green Room. Join us for conversation, support, and best practices in Christian parenting. Treats provided. Bring your beverage of choice, and get to know your St. John's faith family. Please note – adult volunteers are scheduled to support your children during the pageant rehearsal so you can attend to the Faithful Parenting group.

# Musical Notes from the Organ Bench...

## Annual Piano Celebration Concert

On Saturday evening, **January 23, at 7:30 pm** we will celebrate our Steinway grand piano with a concert featuring several musicians in concert. Our featured performer will be OSIP NIKIFOROV, pianist, who played our first piano program in 2014 when Bob Horn first donated this wonderful instrument. The piano will be utilized as a chamber instrument with vocal and instrumental musical works in addition to piano solos. The piano has been completely regulated and tuned for this special occasion. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come to St. John's for this evening of special music.

## Biography: OSIP NIKIFOROV, Pianist

Born in Abakan, Siberia to the family of musicians, Osip started studying piano with his father. Osip began competing and winning while still living in Russia.

Osip was 14 in 2008 when he competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> International e-Piano Junior Competition in Minnesota. He shared the honor of Third place with Jan Lisiecki! Just a few weeks later, he won the Dorothy McKenzie Award in New York at the International Keyboard Institute and Festival Competition.

He is invited by many prestigious, top-level piano competitions all around the world, including the Hamamatsu International Piano Competition in Japan, the Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition in Israel, the list goes on and on!

Since 2010 Osip resides in the US, where he has graduated from Shattuck St. Mary and is attending the University of Minnesota studying piano with Alexander Braginsky. He regularly visits his homeland to perform solo, as well as with national orchestras. In the US Osip has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra. Besides performing, Osip also enjoys making his own transcriptions for piano.



## Compline

Compline services are held at 7pm in the chancel every Thursday from September through June (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Maundy Thursday).

This is a short service of ancient prayers, psalms, chanting, and mystery. Incense will be present at this service, as well as the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

A generous gift from John Graham provided the seed money to begin offering Compline as a weekly service. To sustain it on an ongoing basis, the fund will need your continued financial support. If you would like to make a donation to the John Graham Compline Fund for the future sustainability of this service, checks can be made to St. John's with the word "Compline" in the memo line.

## January Compline Calendar:

January 7 and 21: Lumina

January 14 and 28: St. John's Lay Clerks' Ensemble

## Planning Ahead...

### Adult Choir Concert at the Saint Paul Cathedral

On February 5 at 7:30 pm, our Adult Choir will join several other choirs in a special concert at the Saint Paul Cathedral on Selby Ave. The featured work is the Mass by Charles Marie Widor. The cathedral has incredible acoustics and recently restored pipe organs. Jayson R. Engquist will be playing the front choir organ for this concert.

### Mary's Lament: Christ Crucified

Saturday, February 20 at 7 pm the crucifixion narrative, through the eyes of Jesus' mother, Mary, in poems, songs, hymns and narration. Joan Potter, director, has selected narrations and special music to be presented in this moving evening. Solo works of Samuel Barber (*Crucifixion* and *St. Ita's Prayer*) and Carlisle Floyd (*The Pilgrimage*) will be sung by Krista Palmquist, mezzo-soprano. Several works from Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* will be sung by sopranos, Emily Greenleaf and Shanta Hejmadi. Our adult choir will be performing works by Morton Laurdisen (*Sure On This Shining Night*), Handel's *Behold, the Lamb of God (Messiah)* and Widor's Mass (*Kyrie and Agnus Dei*). This will be a memorable evening you will want to attend.

# Faith Formation

## Sunday Forum

*Sundays at 9am in the Fireside Room*

### **Faith and Violence: History, Theology & Response**

Our world exposes us to violence in an increasing variety of ways. How should we as Christians respond? In January we will start a new Sunday forum series which explores Christian understandings of violence throughout the history of the church. Topics examined include biblical violence, “just war” theory, Christian pacifism, and the role of the church in the state.

### **January Schedule:**

- 3 - No Sunday Forum
- 10 - A continuation of Letters from Paul the Apostle
- 17 - A continuation of Letters from Paul the Apostle
- 24 - No Sunday Forum
- 31 - Texts of Terror: Violence in the Old Testament

In Lent, a Wednesday evening series will invite us as Christians to grapple with contemporary issues such as police, domestic, and gun violence, along with other topics. Look for more information in the February *Evangelist*.



## House Groups

House groups are a place to share our lives and journey together. They are gatherings of 8-12 members that meet regularly for friendship, spiritual support, and building deeper relationships.

Do you wish for a deeper spiritual conversation and have no time during the week? Are Saturdays or Sundays your Sabbath time?

**Please contact Kate Bradtmiller if you are interested in being part of a spiritual group that meets on the weekends.**

To explore how you and your friends can form a house group, connect with an existing group, or with others interested in forming a group, contact Kate at 651-228-1172



## Epiphany Retreat

*An Invitation to Encounter: an Epiphany Retreat.*

Please join us on **January 9, from 9 am-3 pm at St. Clement's** Episcopal Church (901 Portland Ave, St Paul, MN 55101), for a community retreat day with the parishes of Saint Clement's and Saint Mary's.

The retreat will include opportunities for writing personal faith stories, prayer, worship, and fellowship. Please **RSVP to Kate Bradtmiller at 651-228-1172 x18 by January 4.**

## St. John's Cafe

Come for the coffee, stay for the good news! Join us **Sundays at 9am in the Meditation Room** as we discuss the lectionary gospel in the context of the week's news. Bring your coffee and whichever newspaper you read and come for thoughtful conversation. Youth and adults are welcome.

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



# Community Life

## New Member Profiles

On Sunday, November 22 we welcomed 25 people to the St. John's family. Below are some of their bios, please say "Hi" and welcome these new parishioners to our community.

### Steve Spencer, Stephanie Sommer, Jonah and Maxwell

Meet Steve Spencer, Stephanie Sommer, and their two boys, Jonah and Maxwell. Steve, Stephanie and the boys are an active family, who enjoy running, skiing, reading, and playing the string bass. St. John's is delighted to welcome this new family into our community. Former Catholics, Steve and Stephanie wanted to find a church that was a good fit for their family and thought the Episcopal church might be it. Julia Ferguson and Rick Rinkoff, friends of theirs, suggested they try St. John's. Having attended for nearly a year now, Steve and Stephanie are ready to become members. Their boys are active in the youth and godly play programs, and Stephanie and Steve continue to attend Sunday services while learning more about SJE and the Episcopal church. Stephanie commented that they appreciate the liturgy and community at St. John's along with the teachings of the Episcopal church. Please keep your eyes open for them and help them to feel welcome here at Saint John's.



### Dave Borton

"It's a good place to be for today and tomorrow" says Dave Borton when asked why he decided to join St. John's. Upon retirement two years ago Dave and his wife (of 45 years!) Dee moved to Como Park to be closer to their two daughters and 15 month old grandson. Since that



move, Dave has done a fantastic job staying busy. He continues to work part time for a coffee distributor. He describes himself as a "coffee snob" having been to Central America ten times. Dave loves to read, watch baseball, cook, and spend time with his family. When he was ready to find a church, Dave tried several. He was drawn to St. John's because of the preaching, the warmth of the building and the Cafe Forum led by Kate. Dave has jumped right into sharing his gifts with St. John's. Several years ago Dave completed seminary, but decided leading a parish was not for him and returned to Human Resources. In his retirement Dave is part of the newly formed Community of Hope International cohort and will soon put his 40 years of experience interacting with people in the work force combined with seminary and COHI training to good use at St. John's.

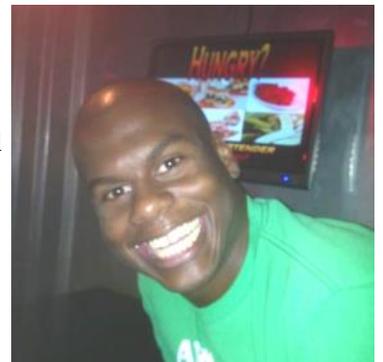
### Jenny Koops

Jenny Koops came to Minnesota from rural Kansas to attend Bethel University. She is now a senior at Bethel studying biology, and after she graduates she plans to apply to graduate school. Jenny's interests include reading, coffee, and travel. Her last adventure took her to rural Cambodia through an internship working with a community development organization's clean water project. Jenny feels that her passion for global and public health aligns with St. John's community action efforts and deep conversations about our world.



### Mike Hobbs

They say location is everything. In the case of finding a church, that was certainly true for Mike Hobbs. Recently relocated with his partner Drew, Mike moved to Saint Paul this summer to work for the Saints as a Ticket Sales Account Executive. Because of the busy



schedule of summer baseball, Mike needed to find a church close to his apartment near downtown. He slipped in one morning between services and asked if he could receive communion. Our rector, Jered, was happy to oblige, and Mike transferred his membership the next week. Mike served in the military in Iraq and majored in Finance at Tulane University. Please welcome Mike to St. John's.

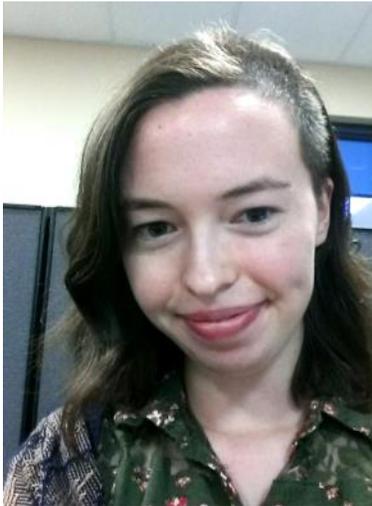
### James Ryan

James Ryan has been attending St. John's for well over a year now. Only recently having graduated from law school, has life slowed down enough for him that he felt the time was right to become a member of St. John's. Since graduating, James is now searching for the right place to launch his career as a civil litigation attorney. When not studying or working, he enjoys playing the violin and being a referee for community soccer teams. James was raised Episcopalian. When searching for a church he chose St. John's because of the quality of the preaching and the friendly clergy.



### Laura Holland

Laura Holland has lived in Minnesota since 2000. After graduating from University of Minnesota, Morris in psychology and anthropology, Laura was hired by Americorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service to America). She currently works for the Hmong American Partnership. When her internship ends this summer she hopes to continue working to help immigrants and refugees in whatever way she can. In her free time, Laura enjoys spending time with her significant other, Michael, reading, visiting museums, completing jigsaw puzzles, and attending various festivals. St. John's commitment to prayer and social justice is what drew Laura to this parish. She is a regular at the Cafe on Sunday mornings. Please welcome Laura to St. John's!



## Congratulations to...

Director of St. John's Children and Youth Choirs, Heather Hunt and new husband George Osland on their recent marriage!



## Young Adult Dinner

The next young adult gathering will be at **7pm on January 20** at Kate and Louisa Bradtmiller's house, 3140 30th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN, 55406. Bring a dessert or a game to share; dinner and some board games will be provided. Please RSVP or address questions to the Rev. Kate Bradtmiller at [kate.bradtmiller@stjohnstpaul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnstpaul.org).

## GLBTQ Potluck

If you identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer, you are invited to a potluck on **January 16 at 6pm at the Baumann-Sherfey home**, 806 Linwood Ave Apt 2, Saint Paul, MN 55105. Bring a dish to share and meet others from the Saint John's community. For questions or to RSVP please contact Bob Baumann ([Bob.Baumann@anoka.k12.mn.us](mailto:Bob.Baumann@anoka.k12.mn.us)) or the Rev. Kate Bradtmiller ([kate.bradtmiller@stjohnstapul.org](mailto:kate.bradtmiller@stjohnstapul.org)).

## January Meetings

**Prayer Shawl Gathering:** Wednesday, January 6 at 9:30 am in the Gathering Space. Contact Anneke Krall at 651-248-8932.

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

**Men's Group Gathering:** Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Josh Colton at 612-275-6004

**Down Syndrome Support Group:** Tuesday, January 19 at 6pm in the Gathering Space. Contact Ellison Yahner at [ellisonyanner@gmail.com](mailto:ellisonyanner@gmail.com).

# Happy Birthday to...

## January\*

1	Patrick Giese	11	George Power		Mary Soie Haberman
2	Olivia Bloomquist		Dorothy Ek		Josephine Lottsfeldt
	Thomas Giambetti		Shirley Jeddelloh Berg		Shirley Sailors
	Peggy Lemmon		Charlotte Rose Peterson	21	Stephen Brown
	Margaret Monette	12	Vivian Scheel		Cormac Graupman
3	Juliana Berg		Josh Colton		Ashlyn Andrews
4	Daniel Brian Ropal		Julia Ferguson		Kat Zerebiec
5	Keith Davis		Joan McCanna	23	Beth Bowman
	Ella Ebenhoch	13	Dick Slade		Elisa McCann
	Payton Kinkead		Barbara Mraz		Katherine Meyer
	Austin Bailey-Zimmerman	14	Megan Richards	24	Nancy Wellington
6	Michael Richards	15	Judy Stack-Nelson	25	Lauren Westerhaus
7	Anne Hodgson		Mary Ann Mason	27	Colleen Wheeler
	Tamra Borton	16	Kim Olson	27	Marilyn Conklin
	Bob Horn		Ann Booth	29	Marty Brown, Jr.
	Tasman Peterson		Marge Jeddelloh		Kennedy Albrecht
	Dorothy Thompson	17	Perrin Lilly		Gretchen August
8	Joe Johnson	18	Dusty Mairs		Elizabeth Plummer
9	Anne Elsinger		Sandra Francis		Alexander Ramos
10	Pat Brynteson	19	Elliott Allen	30	Jonas Brown
			Ray Frisby		

## Altar Decor Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

### January 2:

*Main Altar:* Newton B. & Sarah S. Frost, Robin & Marguerite Baker Frost, David R. & Elizabeth Frost  
*Small Altar:* Peter & Jennifer Rosendale

### January 10:

*Main Altar:* Dorothy & Adrian Drew  
*Small Altars:* Virginia Lauren

### January 17:

*Main Altar:* Phyllis & Edward C. Brown  
*Small Altar:* Debbie Pilacinski, Tom Woelfel, Bert Smith

### January 24:

*Main Altar:* Nathaniel P. & Theodosia Langford, Nathaniel P. & Mildred Milton Langford. Joseph & Louise Milton, Ted Lottsfeldt  
*Small Altar:* Phyllis & Allen Acosta

### January 31:

*Main and Small Altars:* Audrey & Roger Olsen

## Altar Guild Teams

**January 3:** Dusty Mairs, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Bryne Pfalz, Phillip Baird, Bill Sherfy

**January 10:** Heather Joyce, Pam Strom, Kathy Brown, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sue MacIntosh

**January 17:** Pat Brynstedon, Caroline Krall, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson

**January 24:** Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall, Ginny Schauss, Terri Fischel

**January 31:** Dusty Mairs, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Bryne Pfalz, Phillip Baird, Bill Sherfy

## Altar Flowers 2016

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 January 2016 Service Schedule

TIME	READERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR	ACOLYTES
<b>January 3 - The Second Sunday after Christmas Day</b>					
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Cammie Beattie Jay Debertin Mimi Pollard Alden Drew	Phyllis Frisby Phyllis Goff Vern Kassekert	Pageant Jeff Olsen and Rick Olson Families	Matt Brooks Charlie Docherty Will Rinkoff Thea Bishof
10:00 am	Pageant - No Readers				
<b>January 10 - The First Sunday after the Epiphany</b>					
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Julia Ferguson Rick Rinkoff Jennifer & Peter Rosendale	Jeff & Peggy Olsen Colleen Swope	Open	Helen Baxter Roan Weinkauff Charlie Olson Chris Olson Aidan Schmidt
10:00 am	A—Mark McInroy B—Carole Selin				
<b>January 17 - The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b>					
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Barbara Lindeke Jeff & Peggy Olsen Shirley Sailors	Kathleen Hanson Suzanne McInroy Lea Ann Schmidt	Shirley Sailors	Madeline Weinkauff Eli Weinkauff Tessa Johnson Maren Johnson Elliot Wall
10:00 am	A—Paige Hagstrom B—Chris Howie				
<b>January 24 - The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b>					
8:00 am	Open	Paige and Gary Hagstrom Lynn Hertz Don Husband	Gabrielle Lawrence Don Postema Barbara Lindeke	Annual Meeting	Tim Krall Caroline Krall Linnea Krall Sabine Krall
10:00 am	A—Shirley Sailors B—Rick Rinkoff				
<b>January 31 - The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>					
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Bob Bauman John MacBain Holly and Don Weinkauff	Jennifer Kinhead Sally Sand Judy Southwick	Lea Ann Schmidt	Tim Krall Caroline Krall Linnea Krall Sabine Krall
10:00 am	A—Diane Wallace-Reid B—Terry Divino				

*\*If your birthday was missed, please call or email the church office so our records can be updated.*



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