Thank you Keely!
Dear Friends in Christ,

“The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. “

So says the lesson from the prophet Jeremiah on the first Sunday of Advent. In their own way, this sentiment will be echoed by many more prophets as we progress through this season toward Christmas – “The days are surely coming...” During Advent we look forward, we look with expectant hearts to the coming of some promised blessing, to something better, to something that will bring joy and release and restoration.

At the same time, during this season, we look back. If you read the same prophets during Advent, and you find that as much as they speak of the blessing that is to come, so too they are quick to connect the promise with the experience of some happier and better bygone time. The “promise” of what is to come is the restoration of a former glory – the good ol’ days.

Looking back in order to look forward is fairly commonplace for us as humans – our minds cannot conceive of an unknowable future except by approximation and by correlation. We can only anticipate what we have already experienced. And, yet, the future does indeed remain unknowable. As one theologian says of the promise of Advent, that it is “the promise of uncertainty”. The kingdom of God is coming, and its coming cannot be fully fathomed or adequately anticipated.

You’ll notice in this “holiday” edition of the Evangelist that we are trying our best to strike a balance between covering the expected celebration of the season and, perhaps just as apropos to Advent, to planning for the future. As we say thank you and farewell to our beloved Assistant Rector Keely, so we begin to plan for the transition to a new future. Our vestry musings include talk of a strategic plan, and just as we did throughout the Stewardship gatherings in late October and early November, we are dusting off that not so long forgotten Discovery Document for the community to consider and remember. We are looking back, being reminded of who we are, where we’ve come from, and we are looking ahead in hope to where God is calling us.

During this month we hope you will join us in our historic worship and in our rich traditions – for Lessons and Carols, the Pageant, the Christmas Party, and, of course, for our Festal Christmas Eve services. So, too, appreciating what makes us who we are, loving our traditions and where we come from, I hope you will join us in taking some time this Advent to listen intently and to reflect carefully on where God might be calling us, and where we are possibly being invited to encounter the kingdom of God in our midst and beyond our doors.

Faithfully,

FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON
St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
2012 Advent Program

Sunday, December 2nd - Silent Auction Commences at 9:00 am, Undercroft

Thursday, December 6th - Compline starting at 7:00 pm, Choir Stalls

Saturday, December 8th - Christmas Party starting at 5:45 pm, Fireside Room

Saturday, December 8th - Silent Auction starting at 6:00 pm, Undercroft

Sunday, December 9th - Silent Auction starting at 9:00 am, Undercroft

Wednesday, December 12th - Women of St. John's Christmas Lunch at 12:30 pm, Fireside Room

Wednesday, December 12th - Hanging the Greens starting at 6:00 pm, Church

Thursday, December 13th - Compline starting at 7:00 pm, Choir Stalls

Saturday, December 15th - Christmas Boutique starting at 9:00 am, Gym

Sunday, December 16th - Christmas Boutique starting at 9:00 am, Gym

Sunday, December 16th - Christmas Pageant during the 10:00 am service

Sunday, December 16th - Lessons and Carols starting at 4:00 pm, Church

Thursday, December 20th - Compline starting at 7:00 pm, Choir Stalls

Monday, December 24th - Festival Services starting at 4:00 and 10:00 pm, Church

Tuesday, December 25th - Christmas Day Service starting at 10:00 am, Church
Welcome New Members
On Sunday, October 28th, we welcomed 19 new members to our St. John's community. Below are a couple of profiles. Please extend a warm St. John's welcome as you see each other around church.

John Lawyer
My name is John Lawyer and my wife is Lyn Lawyer, who has been a deacon in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota for almost 30 years. She is remaining active at St. Christopher’s, Roseville, due to on-going commitments there. We have four children, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and we’ll be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2014. Family drew me to St. John's. On a full Sunday, we have seven people in the pew spanning four generations: my daughter, three grandchildren, a grandson-in-law, a great-granddaughter, and myself. My wife and I have lived in Minnesota since 1976. Prior to that I was an Air Force navigator, worked in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a civilian, and earned a PhD in International Relations. I taught at Bethel for 33 years and am now retired. My interests are wide-ranging but include reading, gardening, travel, and current events.

Jody Tigges
I was directed here by friends of mine. I looked it up online and saw that New Member classes were starting on October 7, I thought that would be a good opportunity to learn about St. John's. I chose St. John's because of the energy of the people, the 'just right' size, the warm welcome and the outreach that is done in the community. I love to read, write for myself, and spend time with my goddaughter (2 1/2). I enjoy taking adult education classes and volunteering. I collect quotes on many different subjects. I am from Wadena, MN which is north of Alexandria. My day job is being an Administrative Assistant. My passion is pastoral ministry, which I have a certificate in, especially in the areas of elder care, families with newborns, and those in hospice care. I am co-developer and facilitator of a mini-retreat on simplicity. I'm glad to be here and I look forward to becoming more involved in this wonderful community.
Welcome Phil Rose

St. John's is pleased to welcome Phil Rose to serve our parish as a seminarian and transitional deacon (Phil will be ordained to the transitional diaconate in January). As Phil writes, “I am privileged to be able to have the opportunity to serve St. John the Evangelist as a seminarian.” Born and raised in Minnesota, the youngest of five boys, and brought up in the Roman Catholic Church, Phil has found a home over the past several years in the Episcopal Church, specifically, at St. John the Baptist in Linden Hills where Phil was sponsored for ordination to the priesthood.

Phil began his formation at United Seminary here in the Twin Cities and completed it last year in Berkeley, California, where he attended the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP). Phil was joined at CDSP by his wife, Sheryl, on sabbatical from her own ministry. Sheryl serves as the Parish Director at St. Richard’s Catholic Community in Richfield. They have two children: Sarah, 27, an English teacher at Seward Middle School in Minneapolis who will be marrying her partner next summer, and Justin, 23, who recently returned from a year doing volunteer work in Guatemala and who is studying for the LSAT.

Phil began at St. John’s on November 11 and will be working primarily with New Member Ministry and Compline. Please welcome Phil and Sheryl the next time you see them.

Baptisms on All Saint’s Sunday, November 4th

At a festal celebration of All Saint’s Day, St. John’s welcomed three new members into the body of Christ: Carys Evelyn Dobson, Galawe Tolabelle Alcenat, and Jonas Abbott Brown.

Have you been thinking you might like to be baptized? Would you like to have your child baptized? If so, one of our five annual dates for baptisms at St. John the Evangelist is just around the corner, on Sunday, January 6th (at either the 8 or 10 AM service).

If you are considering baptism, either for you or a child, one of the clergy at St. John’s would like to meet with you at least once for a conversation about baptism, Christian faith and commitment, and what it means to be incorporated into the Body of Christ for you and for this community.

At St. John’s we believe that baptism is first and foremost not about us, but about what God is doing through the Spirit and about what God is up to in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. For us, Baptism is less about a rite of passage or even about one individual, but rather about locating our individual lives in the wider life and story of God and God’s grace. If you are interested, please contact the parish office: church@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-228-1172 x10.

If January 6th is too soon, please consider the following dates:
- March 30, 2013 – The Easter Vigil (Saturday evening)
- April 19, 2013 – Pentecost/Whitsunday
- August 11, 2013 – Transfiguration Sunday
Vestry Musings
by Don Postema

The Vestry Fall Retreat occurred on Friday evening and Saturday morning, October 26-27, at St. John’s. At the evening session the Vestry informally reviewed the past year in the light of our goals. You might remember that more than two years ago the Discovery and Search process included several surveys and focus groups resulting in the formulation of four goals that were to guide us, not only in discerning our next rector, but also in setting the trajectory for our future. These goals were:

- **Sustain our traditional forms of worship while creating new opportunities for individual and community spiritual development.**
- **Provide opportunities to connect with our living, evolving church.**
- **Build and strengthen our welcoming community.**
- **Broaden our spiritual response to God’s call to mission through philanthropic and stewardship opportunities.**

On Saturday morning we gathered in the Green Room to report how our current commissions and committees were functioning with an eye to proposing a restructuring enabling us to more effectively pursue these four goals. For many on the Vestry this was an eye-opener, and not just because it was early Saturday morning! Learning that the various groups’ levels of activities ranged from moribund to energized, and, more important, just how much good is being done in these different venues and by whom, was telling. We all came away with a renewed appreciation for what all of you do for St. John’s, our neighborhood, and our world.

We also came away with promising ideas for organizational change (Don’t worry! Nothing radical). It readily became apparent that the work of **Formation** is central to the life of our church and to the realization of our goals. In place of separate commissions focused on adult, youth, and children’s ministries, a single commission may be better able to coordinate the spiritual/faith formation efforts of the whole parish, and as such a Formation Commission comprised of smaller subgroups focused on adult, youth, and children’s ministries was proposed (a potential positive outcome of such an entity, a thematically integrated curriculum for all ages). Some scheduling challenges may currently be exacerbated by separate planning groups; a single commission may alleviate these tensions. Forging this new commission in connection with seeking Vestry members for the new year is our current plan to make this change.

The work of the Discovery Team and the Search Committee laid the foundation for our goal-directed growth. Beginning with the call of our rector, the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, this process is now extending to a realignment of staff responsibilities subsequent to Rev. Keely Franke’s recently announced departure and Rev. Barbara Mraz’s decision to reduce her workload to half-time in 2013. Our current stewardship campaign emphasizes growth in line with our goals, reflecting intentional church leadership. How to further coordinate and implement our goals in programmatic ways will require a Strategic Planning Group to translate our vision into objectives for the next 5 and 10 years. There are talented individuals within St. John’s who are able to develop a strategic plan that will unify our efforts, and we will be recruiting them for this Group in the near future. It will report to the Vestry and will include representatives from the major ministry and leadership sectors of St. John’s.

In short, give us a couple of days together, unburdened by the usual monthly Vestry business, and we see visions of the future at St. John’s! As always, we are pleased to hear your suggestions and concerns to make sure our visions mesh with your realities.
Excerpts from St. John’s Discovery Document

Sustain our traditional forms of worship while creating new opportunities for individual and community spiritual development.

Gracious God, by your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your son...

We proclaim our joy in worship services using variety in liturgy and excellence in music. Though there is satisfaction throughout with our current services, there is interest in exploring liturgical forms and service and music styles which may appeal to a broader demographic.

WE SEEK to explore liturgy and music, which maintains our current standard of excellence while providing opportunities for more contemporary, meditative, or multicultural worship experiences.

Provide opportunities to connect with a living, evolving church.

So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him ...

Lay ministry training and small groups may help our congregation grow without sacrificing the intimate spiritual relationships that we currently cherish.

WE SEEK to be intentional about leadership development within the parish, strengthening current programs and developing new opportunities for learning and involvement.

Build and strengthen our welcoming community.

...that we may welcome all people into this community of faith...

Newcomers and visitors alike highlight the welcoming nature of St. John's. We are working to foster a sense of belonging for a growing number of young families and aspire to nurture their development. We also recognize the lack of racial diversity despite our location near an area of significant racial and cultural diversity.

WE SEEK to be more organized and intentional in our welcoming, both in our manner and in our practices.

Broader our spiritual response to God's call to mission through philanthropic and stewardship opportunities.

...and show forth our service to you in our service to others...

Service to local, national, and world communities has always been a priority of St John's. In recent years service has taken on a new vitality. Still, there is room to improve connectedness and participation.

WE SEEK to expand the focus on service and its delivery to incorporate a greater portion of the St John's community, thereby becoming a stronger arm of God's work in the world,

Our stewardship, while generally strong, has seen no increase in the number of pledges in the last several years.

WE SEEK to restore the emphasis on pledging to support God's work in the world.

...through Jesus Christ Our Lord...
Faith In Action

Hearts to Homes Chili Bowl!

They cooked, they came, they tasted, they voted! The first annual "Chili Bowl" cook off-event to benefit the Hearts to Homes families was a great success. Thirteen different chili’s were entered and many lined up to taste and vote on their favorites. The room went quiet as the winners were announced. Third runner up was Rosanne Kassekert, second runner up was Anneke Krall and Jennifer Kinkead took the first place trophy with her delicious white chili. After the voting, everyone went back for larger helpings of chili accompanied by a variety of toppings, salad and corn bread. The organizers felt all of the goals of the event were met. We gathered donations and household supplies for our Hearts to Homes families, raised awareness about our mission, and created a fun new event for the St. John’s community.

A big thank you to all who entered their chili’s and came out to taste. Also to those who worked behind the scenes and helped with set up, clean up, and vote counting.

Start refining your recipes and we will look forward to next year!

The Winning Recipe

Jennifer says she clipped it from the newspaper years ago and has won two chili competitions with it. Enjoy!

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December Meeting:

Hearts to Homes Meeting - Thursday, December 27th at 6:30 pm in the Meditation Room. For more information contact Patty Byrne Pfalz 651-224-1184.

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Project Home is Coming

St. John’s hosts Project Home in February and sign-ups are now open. Please consider taking a shift to serve the homeless during one of this region’s coldest months. If you are interested please contact John Edgerton, johnedgerton@usfamily.net or Gary

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Chili Blanco (White Chili with Chicken)

Serves 8.

A surprisingly nice dish, with heat for those who want it but a wonderful velvety creaminess, too.

- 1½ tbsp. oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
- 2 c. cooked chicken or 2 single chicken breasts, cooked and shredded or cubed
- 1 (4-oz.) can chopped mild green chilies
- ½ to 1 tbsp. diced canned or fresh jalapeños, or more, to taste
- 1½ tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 (10-½-oz.) can condensed chicken broth
- 1 can water
- 1 (14½- to 16-oz.) can Great Northern beans
- ½ tsp. cayenne (ground red pepper), optional
- Salt to taste
- 1½ c. (6 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- ½ c. dairy sour cream
- Chopped green onions, optional, for garnish

Heat the oil in a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic and cook, stirring frequently, until onions are translucent. Add the chicken, mild chilies, jalapeños, cumin, oregano, beans, water, beans, cayenne if using and salt to taste. Stir well. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered, 10 to 15 minutes. Just before serving, add cheese and sour cream, cooking over low heat just until cheese is melted. Serve at once, garnished with chopped green onion, if desired.

Nutrition Information per serving:

- Calories ............ 211
- Fat .................. 10 g
- Sodium ............... 545 mg
- Carbohydrates ...... 13 g
- including sat. fat .. 6 g
- Calcium .............. 215 mg
- Protein ................ 17 g
- Cholesterol ........... 46 mg
- Dietary fiber ........... 3 g
- Diabetic exchanges per serving: 2 vegetable exch., and 2 medium-fat meat exch.
Christmas Boutique
Do you have Christmas decorations you no longer use? Do you have “treasures” that would make a nice Christmas gift?
Please donate them to the Huge Sale’s FIRST EVER Christmas Boutique. With your help, we are planning to display and sell a great variety of Christmas ornaments, decorations, lights, candles & greens, as well as any items you may have that would make great Christmas gifts – treasures you no longer display, gifts you may not have used, books, linens, vases, toys, etc. We will be offering new donated merchandise as well as Huge Sale bargain merchandise.
The Huge Sale’s Christmas Boutique will be held on Saturday December 15th from 9 to noon and on Sunday December 16th between the 8 & 10 am services and after the 10 am service until noon.
Please put your donations at the bottom of the stairs next to the gym. Then plan to shop the Christmas Boutique. As always, Huge Sale proceeds support the mission of St. John the Evangelist Church.

ST JOHN’S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
St John’s will participate in a Christmas Giving Tree this year. This program is set up through the YWCA Housing and Support Service. The Giving Tree contains wish lists on tags from each member of participating families.
Our Giving Tree with Tags will be in the back of the church on Sunday, November 25. All are invited to participate at whatever level you feel comfortable. Please note, this year’s turnaround time is shorter than it has been in the past. The unwrapped gifts are due back at the YWCA (375 Selby Ave) by Friday, December 7th at 10:00am. At that time, they are hosting a gift wrapping party to which all are invited as well.
We will also need some Shopping Helpers to shop for those who have donated but are unable to do the shopping themselves.
There are many ways you can participate: provide gifts for a whole family or just one person in a family or donate money to have others shop for you, or wrap gifts at the YWCA.
If you’d like to help, please notify Sue Cadwell as soon as you’re able, 651-489-1741 or sue.m.cadwell@usps.gov.
**Youth Ministry**

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**Silent Auction**

The youth are getting ready for one of their bigger fundraisers of the program year – the Silent Auction. This has been a great, fun event in years past, and we hope you will join us and bid on some of our wonderful items. Some of the items up for bid are: gift certificates to many of the local area businesses, yummy baked goods, hand-made items like mittens and hats, babysitting, yard work, photography packages, a massage certificate, jewelry, dinners with friends, and lots more. You won’t want to miss out on any of it!

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our Silent Auction fundraiser. **We will continue to accept donations up until the day before the auction - Saturday, December 1st at noon. Dates, times and location for the Auction:**

**Sunday, December 2nd - 9am till noon, Undercroft**

**Saturday, December 8th - 6 till 9 pm, Undercroft**

**Sunday, December 9th - 9am till noon, Undercroft**

(.winners will be contacted in the following week)

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**Youth Pilgrimage to Alaska in June, 2013**

Hello! My name is Lucy Grundhauser, and I am a freshman at Central Senior High School. When I heard that our youth group had the option to travel to Alaska for a pilgrimage, I was ecstatic. Alaska is a beautiful wilderness where I think that all of us will be able to complete our mission of the pilgrimage which is to find God and develop our faith. Personally, I am excited to go to Alaska, because I want to continue my spiritual journey throughout high school without losing track of my faith, and I think that going on this trip will help me achieve that goal. This will also be a great time for the youth to bond and grow together spiritually, and become better friends with one another. What I hope to receive from this experience is simple: a closer relationship with God. I hope that all of us on the trip will be able to see God clearly in our everyday lives after the pilgrimage.

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**Acolyte Schedule**

December 2:  Madeline Weinkauf, Cooper Olson, Rachel Clark, Will Rinkoff, Matt Brooks

December 9:  Tim Krall, Alex Joyce, Samantha Rosendale, Emma Grundhauser, Helen Baxter, Linnea Krall

December 16:  Johannah Frisby, Charlie Olsen, Emily Brooks, Logan Finkel, Mason Kinkead

December 23:  Madeline Weinkauf, Cooper Olson, Rachel Clark, Will Rinkoff, Matt Brooks

December 24-4pm:  Johannah Frisby, Charlie Olsen, Emily Brooks, Logan Finkel, Mason Kinkead

December 24-10pm:  Madeline Weinkauf, Cooper Olson, Rachel Clark, Will Rinkoff, Matt Brooks

December 30:  Matt Richards, Eli Weinkauf, Lucy Grundhauser, Tessa Johnson, Caroline Krall

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**Dinner Schedule**

December 5:  Ferguson/Rinkoff Family

December 12:  Allen Family

December 19:  Rosendale Family

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Musical Notes

Pageant Update for Kids and Parents

PAGEANT DATE - DECEMBER 16

Parts are picked and people are practicing. Parent notes and the Pageant Rehearsal Schedule is below:

PARENTS

• If your child signs-up for a speaking part, they will need to attend all rehearsals.
• We need at least 3 volunteer parents to help with costumes and 3 parent volunteers to be at rehearsals to guide groups of Shepherds/sheep, Angels, and Beasts. Sign-up for parent volunteers will be next to the cast sign-up.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

• Sunday, December 2nd - 11:15 to 12:00 - meet in Choir room.
• Sunday, December 9th - 10:00 to 11:15 - meet in Choir room and 11:15 to 12:15 for speaking parts and narrators – meet in Sanctuary.
• Saturday December 15th - Dress Rehearsal - 9:00 to 10:30 – speaking parts and narrators meet in Sanctuary, other cast members meet in gym for costumes.

PAGEANT - SUNDAY DECEMBER 16TH - 9:30 – All cast meet in gym to put on costumes.

Sung Compline

Weekly Compline is back during the season of Advent!

Please mark your calendars for Thursday nights @ 7pm Dec 6, 13, and 20th.

These Compline services will feature musical talent from our parish and beyond. You won’t want to miss this opportunity in the midst of a sometimes hectic season to come, be silent, and reflect on the mysteries of life.

Compline is the last of the daily offices. In keeping with the earliest practices of the monastic communities, Compline is offered by candlelight at a time when the work of the day is finished and the quietness of evening begins to settle over the hearts and minds of those gathered in prayer. This is a short service of prayers, psalms, chanting, and short passages from scripture.

Incense will be present at this service as well as the Holy Spirit so beware!

For more information contact Craig Lemming, clemming@hotmail.com.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 16 at 4 pm by the Adult Choir, the Evangelist Choir and the Handbell Choir with organist Michael Ferguson.

Familiar Christmas carols and choral works by Berlioz, Biebl, Whitbourn, Darke, Holst, Manz and Maud. A free-will offering will benefit the Bean Fund. A festive reception will follow in the Fireside Room.
Faith Formation

Sunday Adult Education

December Schedule

December 2nd - “Getting into Advent” Dan Johnson from the Loyala Center for Spirituality

December 9th - Fireside Chat with the Rector

December 16th - Help plan Adult Education for Winter and Spring

Bible Study: The True Meaning Of Christmas.

Every Wednesday at 11:00am in the Library!

Happy Birthday to...

December*

11  Sue Cadwell
    Jody Dueber
    Roan Weinkauf
    Phyllis Frisby
    David Lilly
    Alison Young Rasch
    Charles Beattie
    John Thompson
    Caleb Olson
    Brett Berry
    Delaney Grundhauser
    Alden Drew
    Sarah Reynolds
    Thomas Edman
    Joan Potter
    Gary Gleason
    Frank Wiecher
    Caroline Sullivan
    Lisa Hertle
    Henry Snyder

12  Mary Ellen Elliott

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    Elizabeth Brown
    Henry Sluka

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    Isabella Frost

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26  Walt Cygan
    Holly Weinkauf

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28  Leo Dueber
    Neil Elliott
    Cathy Grundhauser
    Catherine Nicholson

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30  Laura Kochevar

31  Imogen Clamons
    Ian Dobson
    Jill Ross

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

Young Adults - Books For Africa

On a crisp, autumn afternoon of Saturday, October 20, the St. John's Young Adults gathered at the Books For Africa warehouse on the east side of St. Paul. Eloise, Ettore, Ashley, Joe, Hilary, Keely, and Craig rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into a two-hour shift of sorting used books into age- and genre-appropriate categories that would eventually be packaged and shipped to Atlanta en route to thousands of students on the African continent. Spirits were high as we hummed along to the rock and pop ballads from the 80s and 90s that played on the warehouse radio, and thoughts about how each of the books we sorted might eventually introduce an African child to a fascinating new world of ideas.

Books For Africa collects, sorts, ships, and distributes books to African children in an effort to end the book famine in Africa. Books For Africa remains the largest shipper of donated text and library books to the African continent, shipping over 27 million books to 48 different countries since 1988. Over the past 12 months BFA has shipped 2.2 million books valued at $28.3 million to 22 African countries, with an additional 616 computers and 15 brand new law libraries. The St. John's Young Adults were thrilled to have the opportunity to assist Books For Africa in sending even more books to children who are hungry to read, and hungry to learn.

New Down Syndrome Support Group

When a child enters the world with Down syndrome, the parents face challenging questions. Will my baby have medical issues? Will people accept my child? What is possible for my son or daughter as they grow? The Down Syndrome Association's St. Paul Parent Group will meet in the Undercroft to try answer those questions, plus have some fun! The group will meet every third Tuesday of the month from 6-7pm. If you are a parent, grandparent or friend to a child with Down syndrome, please join us. Childcare is provided. Contact Lindsay Radford with any questions, 651-247-0373 or lradford@kstp.com.

Saint John’s Annual Christmas Luncheon

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Scandinavia in Minnesota

Who: Women of Saint John’s and guests
When: Wednesday, December 12th, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Why: to celebrate one another, our heritage, traditions, and the season
Details: no gift exchange this year but some wonderful surprises
childcare and transportation provided (please contact Joan Potter, 651.492.8837 or jepotter60@gmail.com )
lunch and brief program
RSVP: Church Office, 651.228. 1172 x10 or church@stjohnsstpaul.org
The memorial flowers on the Main and Little Sanctuary altars are given by parishioners on a perpetual calendar basis. There are a few Sundays available for donors to sign up to give the flowers for either of our altars. The cost is $35 for the Main Altar and $15 for the Little Sanctuary altar. If you are interested please contact Dusty Mairs or the Church Office to find out the available dates for each altar.

ALTAR FLOWERS 2012:

December 2nd
The First Sunday of Advent
Main and Small Altar
John H. Hannaford
Gertrude Hannaford Jaffray
Caroline S. and Jule M. Hannaford Jr.
Jule M. Hannaford III
Small Altar
C. Wesley, Lillian and Paul Andersen

December 9th
The Second Sunday of Advent
Main Altar
Ralph E. Hagstrom
William E. and Lois King
Margaret P. and Jack Rasmussen
Small Altar

December 16th
The Third Sunday of Advent
Main and Small Altar
Charles Read Gleason

December 23rd
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Main and Small Altar
Open

December 24th
Eve of Nativity
Main Altar
Louise S. Andrews
John Seeger
Martha and Gustav Seeger

Small Altar

December 30th
The First Sunday after Christmas Day
Main Altar
Newton B. and Sarah S. Frost
David R. and Elizabeth Frost
Robin and Marguerite Baker Frost
Small Altar
Ruth and Ralph Brooks

The Ladies of St. John’s
Invite all Parishioners to
Participate In:
~A Parish-Wide Read of~

BELOVED CHILD
by Diane Wilson

In commemoration of the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, join us for an evening of discussion moderated by parishioner Steve Elliott, President of the Minnesota Historical Society, on January 4, 2013 at 7pm in the Fireside Room, here at St. John’s. This evening promises to be an inspirational start to our New Year!

The book is available at local bookstores and on Amazon. You are welcome to attend and hear Steve whether you read the book or not.

December Meetings

Young Adults Winter Skate - Saturday, December 1st at 3pm at Landmark Plaza, St. Paul. For more information contact Craig Lemming, 857.891.8780 or clemming@hotmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Group - Wednesday, December 5th at 10 am in the Library and on Friday, December 21st at 7 pm location to be advised. For more information contact Anneke Krall, 651-690-0579.

Men’s Breakfast - Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. For more information contact Jim Johnson 952-476-4585.

Men’s Group - Tuesday, December 11th at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information contact Josh Colton 612-275-6004.
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You are invited to the very best party of the season
Church of St. John the Evangelist Annual Christmas Party
Saturday, December 8th, 2012
5:45 pm - Appetizers in the Fireside Room
7:00 pm - Dinner in the Gymnasium
If your last name begins with A-H, please bring an appetizer to share
If your last name begins with I-Z, please bring a dessert to share
Make your reservation by signing up:
∗ at the Usher's Desk, in the Undercroft or Fireside Room
∗ or by contacting the parish office, 651-228-1172 x10 or church@stjohnsstpaul.org
Suggested donations: $20 per person or $50 per family (payable at the door)
All are welcome regardless of ability to pay. Additional contributions are welcome.

Free childcare with meal available with reservation only. Please indicate how many children when making reservations. Childcare cannot be provided without reservations.