The Evangelist

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"We can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world."

-Dorothy Day (1897-1980)
Journalist, activist

Project Home

COME…
JOIN US IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Service:
Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. Services:
February 3 -
First Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite II

February 10 -
Holy Eucharist Rite I

February 17 -
Holy Eucharist Rite II

February 24 -
Morning Prayer
Holy Eucharist Rite I

March Issue
February 7th at 4pm
All groups & individuals are ENCOURAGED to submit news and items of interest to *The Evangelist*. E-mail, mail, or bring your fully written and titled piece and/or photos to the church office before the deadline date shown above. Thank you!

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FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON

Dear Friends in Christ,

During our year in Taiwan, like many expats living abroad, Erin and I experienced more than a few moments of desolation and disconnection. Feeling at times as if our lives were not our own, as if we were not in control and in the dark on so much of what was happening around us, we were grateful for the small gifts, for the light of phone calls and emails with friends and family, of care packages, and especially our daily devotions – for prayer and reflection and quiet.

One resource that truly got us through our most difficult days was a daily meditation written by author Henri Nouwen in his devotional Bread for the Journey, which we endeavored to make a part of our morning routine. We have been so uplifted and edified by his words, in fact, that we chose Nouwen's first name as our new son Simon's middle name.

One meditation, written after the feast of the Epiphany and which I read again following Simon Henri's birth, is especially appropriate for new parents, and, I think, for all of us who face the vast unknown of a new year, of new challenges and new opportunities. He writes:

"Often we want to be able to see into the future. We say, 'How will next year be for me?'... There are no answers to these questions. Mostly we have just enough light to see the next step… The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with the trust that we will have enough light for the step that follows, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we go. Let's rejoice in the little light we carry and not ask for the great beam that would take all shadows away."

Of course, this is the season of planning and preparing at St. John's. We've just completed a challenging stewardship season – a process that led us to the annual meeting and our balanced budget, a financial plan if you will, for 2013. Our Strategic Planning team is up and running under the able leadership of Phyllis Goff and Gabrielle Lawrence – a team whose work will point us in the direction we want to go, despite not knowing what the future will hold. Nouwen's words are a faithful exhortation to us as we move forward, to resist the temptation to turn our planning into certainty, and our preparing into a defense against the vast unknown of a future we can neither control nor contain.

These moments home with my family I am daily struggling to rejoice in the light of the present. I am resisting the urge to define Simon Henri before I even know him, and pushing back the desire to describe his future world before he can even describe the present. The truth of now, indeed the truth of the whole of our life in faith, is that there is enough. There is enough love and life and hope for each of us if we will open our eyes to the light shed in each moment. God is in our midst, here, now, and always.

I am immensely grateful for that light, just as I am grateful to each of you for your generosity in allowing me this time away. St. John's is, as our recent Stewardship campaign will attest, a place of great abundance and giving – a place generous and courageous enough to take each step in the light of grace toward a brighter future which God holds in store for all of us. May you discover this truth in this season before Lent, and may that discovery bring you joy.

See you in church!

Faithfully, Jered +

Coming Home…..to St. John's Gym

By Barbara Mraz

Whenever I return from a trip, I am always glad to sleep in my own bed.

On winter nights, I pull up the covers and often read until mid-night, especially aware of the warm comforts I have while the snow falls outside or the winds blow… a heated home, the down comforter on the bed, peace and quiet, the kitty purring next to me, a phone at the ready.

Someone wrote, "Wherever I lay my head is home" but that must be a hard way to live indeed, especially if that place changes frequently. Yet that is the situation for the homeless who visit us during the month of February for Project Home. They sleep in our gym on cots provided by the Council of Churches, be-hind cardboard "walls" to give a modicum of privacy. They arrive around 4:30 and leave at 7:30 the next morning to go back to their main base where they can clean up and have breakfast.

St. John's has been doing this outreach project for many years now. It is an ambitious one, organizing (and finding!) four volunteers each night to be there (two for the evening; two who stay overnight). Getting things moved into the gym and out again. Setting out snacks. Conversations with the guests and their children. We have stepped up in love and we need to do it again.

Gary Hagstrom and John Edgerton have volunteered for the huge job of getting volunteers. We owe them big thanks. Please help as you can. Sign up on Sundays or on the website.

This year I have set the task for myself to bring in things that might make the guests' life more comfortable – things I'd like to have and certainly have to much of in my home: hand lotion and moisturizers, new socks, some scarves I've knit, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookies, stuffed animals, children's books.

The theme for winter and spring at St. John's is "Coming Home." St. John's is, literally, home for many in February. Help make it a gracious one. See article on page 6.

St. John's New Website

Members of St. John's may have noticed that the front page of the website has a new look. Along with a change in the front page, there have been navigation changes as well. New drop-down menus highlight available content on the pages. Additional pages have been added to include more content and more features including policies and procedures. Links to the blog, *Epistles and Ephiphanies,* along with our Facebook page are featured prominently at the top of every page. Please note that you may occasionally find a blank page or a page that is outdated, but there is a lot of content that needs to be updated and added and each page will be edited as quickly as possible. If you would like to help with updating the content, we would very much appreciate your help. Please contact the Church Office, 651-228-1172 x10. We appreciate your patience as we complete the updating and revision of St. John's website.

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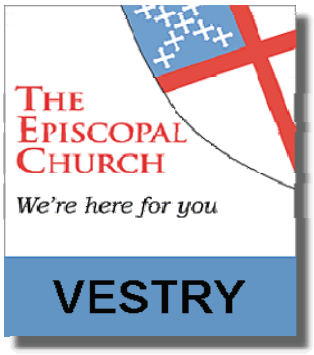
Vestry Musings

by Don Postema



With the end of the year approaching, your Vestry met on December 17th to consider many of the same year-end concerns you probably faced. What will next year's **budget** look like? Where will the money come from? **Pledges** for 2013 were around $450,000, and the proposed budget was built on a goal of $550,000. Pledges for 2012 totaled $509,000, and one-time gifts raised that total to about $550,000. In short, we're trying to replace those special gifts with regular pledges to remain at the same budget level in 2013.

Discussion on how to increase pledge income and cut the budget was robust. Contacting those who have not yet pledged is a priority; encouraging increased generosity is another. Making clear the purposes and benefits of pledging, especially to new members, was also addressed. Possible budget cuts focus on reducing personnel and program costs from current levels, a process not only painful but also a setback in realizing our vision. Review of the **Stewardship** campaign to enhance it next year is also a priority.

Recent attendance figures for worship services show an increase in the numbers of young families and youth at St. John's. While the **demographics** of St. John's may be changing, your leadership is committed to preserving all the good things that make St. John's the vibrant community it has been in the past while extending our vision to connect with current realities. This is a challenging process. For example, the Vestry discussed the impact of our position on the Marriage Amendment on the congregation. Some disagreement with our action was noted, as well as strong support. The Vestry respects these differences but remains committed to prayerfully and thoughtfully reflecting the message of the Gospel in our community and world.

The Vestry also considered several **routine matters**. A set-aside from this year's budget was approved to cover the cost of clerestory masonry repair approved earlier, to be done in early 2013. With gratitude to Jerry Woelfel for his leadership, we approved a new policy manual for St. John's employees. Faith in Action reported our Christmas gift program made the holidays brighter for 16 families through the YWCA program. Six parishioners are scheduled to travel to Uganda in January to visit the Kayora clinic, bringing supplies, energy and good will on our behalf. Project Home will occupy St. John's in February, the St. Paul Council of Churches shelter program for homeless families. Gary Hagstrom and John Edgerton are recruiting volunteers to welcome guests—if you've participated before, you know how much this means to us and our guests. Here's your chance to do so again, or to join us for the first time!

The Crocus Hill Pre-School move to St. John's is still in the works, with an architect working with the City of St. Paul to determine what accommodations need to be made to bring this well-established program under our roof. We're hopeful this will come to pass early in 2013. Once the year-end budget matters are resolved, your Vestry anticipates a stellar year for St. John's in which God's Spirit will continue to work in our midst. As you discern opportunities and challenges to this movement, please let us hear from you.

Sexton Saves a Life

Note: On November 27th, Chris Teglore captured a bat in the church and, being a humane and caring man, he transported it to The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Here is the note he received last week:

"Hi Chris — The adult big brown bat you brought to us on November 27 was examined and found to be thin, dehydrated and having trouble flying. Our vet gave him some food and water, then admitted the bat into our mammal ward for our volunteers to fatten up a it. He did begin to gain weight but after two weeks was still reluctant to fly – our vet felt this was probably due to a lack of practice and conditioning. She had the volunteers exercise him daily and in a couple of days was doing much better. By December 2, the okay was given to release the critter back into the wilds in the Lilydale caves in St Paul."

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
2013 Lenten Program

Shrove Tuesday
February 12th

Pancake Dinner, 5:30 pm
in the Undercroft

Ash Wednesday
February 13th

Services at Noon & 7 pm
in the Church

Weekly Compline
Thursdays at 7 pm

February 12th through March 21st
in the Choir Stalls

Weekly Lenten Study
Wednesdays at 6 pm

February 20th through March 20th
in the Undercroft

New Member Welcome Prayer
Sunday Welcome ~ February 10th

If you've attended one or more of the New Member gatherings this winter or previously and feel it's time to join St. John's, there will be a short service of welcome at the 8 am and 10 am services. If you would like to be part of the new member welcome prayer, please send an email to Phil Rose at phil.rose@stjohnsstpaul.org or call the church office, 651-228-1172.

We are happy to welcome you to St. John's!

Holiday Boutique

The First Annual Holiday Boutique took place this year on December 15th and 16th from 9:00 to 12:00 each day. It was well received, raising $500. Over the years we have received many holiday items for The Huge Sale and the plan was hatched to have a sale during the holiday season. It was a huge success. The items that were not purchased were donated to the Union Gospel Mission. Thanks to the Huge Sale team for making this happen!

Faith In Action

Project Home 2013

Beginning February 1st and for the entire month, St. John's will again be a participant in Project Home, which provides housing for homeless families. They come to us through the St. Paul Area Council of Churches. Last year we averaged about 15 individuals per night.

To make this successful, we need at least 4 volunteers per evening, two or more for the period 5:30 to 8:30 pm and preferably two for 8:00 pm to 7:00 am, when the guests will be picked up. This amounts to 112 different slots, although not necessarily 112 different persons.

What is asked of the volunteers is rewarding and not difficult. The evening volunteers will greet the guests, show them the layout and probably prepare a small snack from food that Project Home provides.

The overnight/morning volunteers will wake then, and provide them with some breakfast such juice and a bowl of cereal. For those still hesitant, we will provide some training in the near future.

The success of this program depends on its volunteers' so we are always looking for those with an interest. There is a link on the St. John's web site if you with to enroll that way. And don't be shy – feel free to sign up as many times as you want. Also, someone will be in the Undercroft after the 10:00 service to help you sign up.

If you have any questions, you can also call Gary Hagstrom at 651-459-2969. Thanks for your support of this worthwhile project.

WANTED: Mentors for Families Emerging from Homelessness

Hearts to Homes is dedicated to stabilizing the lives of families at risk by providing financial assistance toward safe, affordable housing and volunteer mentors to help heads of household become financially independent under the professional supervision of a YWCA case worker. Over the past several years, we have worked with 11 families with 25 children. We have supported heads of households through technical school, helped children get into tutoring programs and summer athletics, and helped families find safe, affordable housing. Be part of this amazing outreach!

DESCRIPTION: Work with a family on problem solving, budgeting and parenting. Advice and direction on job search and training also welcome. Advocate for a family's success and celebrate achievements. Mentors receive training through the YWCA and full support from Hearts To Homes committee.

TIME COMMITMENT: One phone meeting a week with parent(s) and one face to face meeting a month for 12 months. Monthly communication with the Hearts To Homes committee.

BENEFITS: New friends and the knowledge that you are making positive and lasting changes in our community.

Working with these families has been a very rewarding experience for several members of our church over the years and we hope that you might consider becoming a mentor, too. For more information, contact Colleen Swope, 651-246-4292.

Youth Ministry

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Lent begins this month, and with it comes the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. This year we're doing things a little differently. The **St. John's Men's Group** has volunteered to cook and serve at this annual event, and help the youth raise funds for their pilgrimage to Juneau, Alaska this summer.

Youth are asked to arrive at 5 pm to set up and help cook dinner. Pre-sale tickets are available for a suggested amount of $5 per person, or $20 per family of four or more. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:45pm.

All proceeds will go to benefit the youth pilgrimage as well as all further pilgrimages and mission trips.

Silent Auction Update

The youth wrapped up the silent auction. They worked very hard soliciting and setting up donations. It was a wonderful team effort. Thank you to all who made donations and bought items. Your help brings us closer to our goal of raising $12,000.

***Correction to January article:** The Silent Auction goal was $4,000. The actual amount we earned was $3,300, not $5,000.

2013 Youth Lenten Movie Series

The youth of St. John's will begin their annual Lenten Movie Series on **Wednesday, February 20th.** The theme this year is "Responsibility." Every day we make choices. Our choices have consequences. One of our most important priorities as parents, mentors, youth ministers, etc. is to gradually empower teenagers to take control of their own lives and take responsibility for their own actions. The films in this series will provide a context to discuss responsibility in all areas of life.

The movies will begin promptly at 5 pm with discussion to follow. Dinner will be provided. A flyer and parental consent form will be emailed to families, available in hard copy at church from Jean Hansen and on the St. John's website. The movies will be viewed as a group and shown in this order:

Chronicle – PG 13: While attending a party, three high school friends gain superpowers after making an incredible discovery underground. Soon, though, they find their lives spinning out of control and their bond tested as they embrace their darker sides.

Craigslist Joe – PG: In a time when America's economy was crumbling and sense of community was in question, one guy left everything behind to see if he could survive solely on the support and goodwill of the 21st century's new town square: Craigslist.

Life of Pi – PG: A young man who survives a disaster at sea is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery. While cast away, he forms an unexpected connection with another survivor ... a fearsome Bengal tiger.

Forgiving Dr. Mengele – PG 13: This film follows the life of Celie, a young black girl growing up in the early 1900's. The first time we see Celie, she is 14 - and pregnant - by her father. We stay with her for the next 30 years of her tough life...

The Hunger Games – PG 13: Katniss Everdeen voluntarily takes her younger sister's place in the Hunger Games, a televised fight to the death in which two teenagers from each of the twelve Districts of Panem are chosen at random to compete.

Musical Notes

Sung Compline

Weekly Compline services will be sung throughout Lent. As we observe this season of spiritual preparation, come and be nourished by the beauty of quiet, meditative liturgy and reflect on the mysteries of life. The Saint John Choral Scholars, The Mirandola Ensemble (specialists in Renaissance music) and members of Saint John's Choir will provide Lenten hymns, chants and anthems from Renaissance England by Richard Farrant, William Byrd and Thomas Tallis.

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 be prepared.

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

Evensong for Lent

With *The Peaceable Kingdom*

On March 10th at 4 pm, the parish choir will sing Evensong for the season of Lent, including a poignant setting of Psalm 102, one of the most beautiful of the seven penitential psalms. Following the service they will present a performance of *The Peaceable Kingdom* by the American composer Randall Thompson, a sequence of sacred choruses for unaccompanied choir, with texts from the prophet Isaiah, inspired by Edward Hick's painting of the same title. One of the more prominent movements is for double chorus.

Randall Thompson attended Harvard University and became assistant professor of music and choir director at Wellesley College, and he received a doctorate in music form the Eastman School of Music. He went on to teach at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, at the University of Virginia, and at Harvard University. Leonard Bernstein was one of his students at Harvard.

Evensong is one of the most treasured liturgies of the Anglican tradition. It features scripture readings, a psalm, and gospel canticles, with an anthem and congregational hymn, as the shadows in the church lengthen and candle light replaces the light of the sun, lending a quiet peacefulness to our hurried lives.

A free-will offering will be received to benefit the Winifred Bean Evensong Fund. A festive reception hosted by the Fellowship Committee will follow the service. Please join us for this service, and bring a friend who has not been to church in a while.

Come One, Come All, to the Episcopal Youth Music Festival

The St. John's Evangelist Choir will participate in the Episcopal Youth Music Festival on Saturday, February 23rd, 2013. The festival gathers Children's and Youth Choirs from across the Episcopal Church of Minnesota to sing a service at St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis. This year, the combined choirs will sing an Evensong service led by the Cathedral Canon Musician, Raymond Johnston. The children and youth attending the festival have a full day of rehearsals and activities, and conclude the day with a wonderful service of young voices singing beautiful music. Please join us for Evensong at 4:00 pm. Come and support our young singers, and be uplifted by their extraordinary sound and joyful praise.

Evensong at Episcopal Homes

The parish choir will sing Evensong at Episcopal Homes on Sunday, February 3rd at 4 pm. Among other residents of the home are Shirley Kartarik Michienzi, long-time soprano of St. John's choir, and the former rector, the Reverend Grayson Clary, and his wife Jean—the parents of parishioner Brad Clary. The chaplain of Episcopal Homes is the Reverend Kay Provine. The service will last less than one-half hour. Parishioners are welcome to come and meet the grateful residents who attend this service.

Artaria String Quartet Gets Rave Review

St. John's is the home base for a nationally-known string quartet named Artaria, which was founded in Boston in 1986. They were recently engaged by the Schubert Club to present a series of four weekly concerts on Thursdays in January, featuring the music of various nationalities, which they presented in the acoustically-impressive Courtroom 317 at the Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul. They combined all four programs into two Minneapolis concerts on January 19th and 20th.

Their concert on January 3rd, which featured three British composers—Frank Bridge, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Benjamin Britten—received a rave review from Ron Hubbard in the Pioneer Press. He wrote that the quartet "displayed exceptional ensemble work and impressive confidence in its interpretations," … letting "darkness seep to the surface on each piece." In the Britten, they "made extraordinarily graceful leaps from singing to strumming to plucking to vigorously violent strokes, often within a matter of measures." The work by Vaughan Williams gave the hint that the quartet was "likely to give eloquent voice to whatever work it tackles this month."

St. John's extends its warm congratulations to the members of the quartet, with continuing gratitude for being our resident string quartet.

Bon Voyage to the Parish Choir Going to Carnegie Hall

Fifteen singers from St. John's will be participating in the performance of the bluegrass mass at Carnegie Hall on the night of Presidents Day. All of them are members of the parish choir except for one, as the Rev. Keely Franke will also be singing.

The mass is formally titled *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass* and it was composed by Twin Cities composer Carol Barnett, with lyrics by Twin Cities resident Marish Chamberlain. The band that accompanied our performance here at St. John's was Monroe Crossing, also resident in the Twin Cities, and they will accompany the performance at Carnegie Hall. The band is gaining an international reputation and, on the basis of their performance here at St. John's, they recommended that our choir be invited to perform the work with a larger chorus at Carnegie Hall.

The performance is hosted not by Carnegie Hall, but by a for-profit organization called Distinguished Concerts International New York, which rents various venues in the city, such as Carnegie Hall, for these types of performances.

Most of the parish singers will be staying not in a hotel, but in an elegant mansion built between 1914 and 1916 for the great granddaughter of the industrialist and philanthropist Cornelius Vanderbilt. Among its other architectural features is its fifteenth-century library, which was transported from a ducal palace in Urbino, Italy, to be re-erected in the new house on New York's upper east side ("pearls and poodles" country). The house was designated a New York City Landmark in 1974 and is considered by many architectural historians to be one of the most distinguished examples of early twentieth-century residential architecture in New York City. After the death of the granddaughter the house was deeded to the Episcopal Church, and today it serves as the House of the Redeemer, a retreat center for people of all denominations. (The cost of lodging at the House of the Redeemer is much lower than virtually any hotel in the city, so despite its architectural distinctions, it's a bargain for St. John's singers.)

The cost of this trip has required a major financial commitment on the part of the singers, but several people who could not afford the costs involved have been enabled to go through the generosity of four households in the parish, whose thoughtful gifts will ensure great musical memories for a lifetime for those who could not have gone otherwise. Six other parishioners have plans to fly to New York to attend the concert, including Phyllis Merrill, Dusty Mairs, Cammie Beattie, Betty Myers, Brett Gemlo and Senior Warden Libby Snelson.

To all the singers, we say "break a leg!"

Faith Formation

ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:00 am, Fireside Room

February 3rd - *Bringing Simon Home*: Fireside Chat with the Reverend Jered and Erin Weber-Johnson and perhaps a visitor.

February 10th - *A New Home in America:* Lala Alcenat, our parishioner from Nigeria, talks about coming to Minnesota (and St. John's) with her children Galawe and Figencia.

February17th - *Culture Invading Home:* The Reverend Phil Rose's topic: "Gathering Around the New Hearth: Media Literacy in the 21st Century." How media habits can help or hurt young people's behavior. PARENTS: DON'T MISS THIS - AND BRING YOUR KIDS.

February 24th - *"Gathering Around the New Hearth"* continues.

March 10th - *Give Us Wings*: The travelers report about the clinic in Kayoro.

March 17th - *When Home is Unsafe:* A speaker from the recovery community discusses alcoholism as a family disease and how to get help.

March 24th - *The Importance of Palm Sunday:* The clergy give their takes on Palm Sunday.

March 31st - *Easter*: No class.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES

"There's no place like home." The Wizard of Oz

Join us in the Undercroft at 6:00 pm on the Wednesdays of Lent to share a soup supper, get to know your fellow parishioners better and deepen your faith.

February 20th - *Where and What is Home?*
The Reverend Barbara Mraz leads a discussion on this topic, using excerpts from several films, including "Hoosiers."

February 27th - *Home as Refuge*
Parishioner, consultant and experienced retreat leader Laura Kinkead guides us through this topic. (note: We *loved* her work at the "Going 60" retreat).

March 6th - *Leaving Home and Making a New One*: Our assistant youth director, Longkee Vang, will moderate a panel of parishioners from Holy Apostles, our companion parish, who will speak about the major transitions involved in moving from one country to another. What has been the heartbreak and where is the joy?

March 13th - *Creating a Holy Home*
Two women – one an observant Jew and the other a committed Christian -- discuss how they make their homes places that reflect and nurture faith.

March 20th - *Our Heavenly Home*
"And grace will bring me home" … The clergy each weigh in on their beliefs and understanding of heaven.

Bible Study: A New Year's Resolution

Every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Library

Community Life

Women of St. John's

Please join us for an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
Welcoming our new Interim Assistant Rector
the Reverend Susan Moss

Monday, February 4th, 7-8 pm in the Fireside Room

S.O.S. This is a NEW time, topic and location!

For more information, transportation or childcare needs, contact Dianne Elliott, 804-874-9502

February Meetings

Women's Book Club - Friday, February 1st at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Elliott, 651-426-4146.

Prayer Shawl Group - Wednesday, February 6th at 10 am in the Library and on Friday, February 15th at 7 pm, location to be advised. For more information, contact Anneke Krall, 651-690-0579.

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

Men's Group - Tuesday, February 12th at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Josh Colton, 612-275-6004.

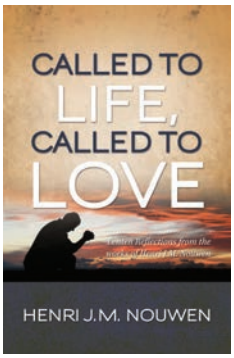
Young Adults Dinner - Sunday, February 17th at 5 pm in the Undercroft. For more information, contact Craig Lemming, 857-891-8780 or clemming@hotmail.com.

Down Syndrome Support Group - Tuesday, February 19th at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft. For more information, contact Lindsay Radford, LRadford@kstp.com.

Daily Reflections for Lent

To help you make Lent a time of increased awareness and yes, even discipline, The Spiritual Life Commission is offering you a booklet of short reflections by the beloved writer and mystic, Henri Nouwen.

Pick up a copy of "Called to Life, Called to Love" at the back of the church, in the Fireside Room, or in the undercroft. Copies will be available on Ash Wednesday and during Lent.



Simon Henri Weber-Johnson

Announcing Simon Henri Weber-Johnson
Born December 28th, 2012

A note from Jered: "Both mother and baby are doing well. We'd like to send our thanks to the St. John's community for your generosity—for gifts and visits and food, and, most especially, for the gift of time. This short leave has been everything it needed to be—space to tend to my growing family, to give Erin some much needed rest and support, and to bond both with Jude as a new big brother, and with Simon. We are blessed to have such a generous parish community and we can't wait to introduce you all to our new little guy."

Happy Birthday to...

February*

1 Pat Schaffner
2 Luke Hansen
Peter Wood
3 Faith Westerhaus
Fred Myers
Gretchen August
Elizabeth Plummer
5 Patty Byrne Pfalz
Victor Brasch
6 Sarah K. Smith
Samuel Andrews
7 Barbara Karkie
8 Patricia Myers
9 Eloise Teisberg
12 Jennifer Frost Rosendale
13 Clif Spainhower
14 Becky Garthofner
15 Nina Georgeson
18 Sally Allen
David Finley
19 Julia Lightner
20 Anne Debertin
Keegan Gourlie
22 Greg Schaffner
Caroline Pedersen
Colleen Swope
27 Lucy Grundhauser
Don Postema
28 Annabella Ruby Powers

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

Youth Dinner Schedule

February 6: George and Jennifer Kinkead Family
February 12: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
February 13: Senior Youth Cook -Ash Wednesday Worship
February 20: Movie Series Begins – Dinner Delivered
February 27: Movie Series Begins – Dinner Delivered

Acolyte Schedule

February 3: Madeline Weinkauf, Cooper Olson, Rachel Clark, Will Rinkoff, Matt Brooks
February 10: Tim Krall, Alex Joyce, Samantha Rosendale, Emma Grundhauser, Helen Baxter, Linnea Krall
February 17: Matt Richards, Eli Weinkauf, Caroline Krall Lucy Grundhauser, Tessa Johnson,
February 24: Johannah Frisby, Charlie Olsen, Emily Brooks, Logan Finkel, Mason Kinkead

Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

February 3rd
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Main and Small Altars
Audrey and Roger Olsen

February 10th
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Main Altar
Janet O. and George E. Potter, Jr.
Small Altar
Jennie and Alfred Merrill

February 17th
The First Sunday in Lent
Main Altar
John Snowfield
Small Altar
In loving memory of Rita and George Richcreek on their wedding anniversary

February 24th
The Second Sunday in Lent
Main and Small Altars
Mary Zierdt

Altar Flowers 2013

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 $40 for the Main Altar and $10 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.

Vestry Members

Libby Snelson, *Senior Warden*
Don Postema, *Junior Warden*
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Marilyn Conklin, *Music*
Terri Fishel, *Communication*
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Patrick Schmidt, *Personnel*
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Jerry Woelfel, *At Large*
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Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*

Volunteer Positions

Kent Furois, *Head Usher*
Jill Thompson, *Lay Reader Coordinator*
Paige Hagstrom, *Coffee Hour Coordinator*
Dusty Mairs, *Parish Coordinator*
Alden Drew, *Historian/Archivist*
Diane Power, *Altar Guild*
George Power, *Columbarium*
Artaria String Quartet, *Artists in Residence*

Clergy

The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*
The Reverend S. Grayson Clary, *Rector Emeritus*
The Reverend Susan Moss, *Interim Assistant Rector*
The Reverend Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*

Staff

James Frazier, *Director of Music &Organist*
Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*
Lizza Berry, *Youth & Children Choirs Director*
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Ellen Harrington, *Children's Minister*
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*
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John Oldfield, *Office of the Treasurer*
Sarah Dull, *Office Administrator*
Chris Tegeler, *Building Manager*
Chris Henry, *Building Assistant*

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE 2013

TIME	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	USHERS	GREETERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
February 3rd, 2013 - The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany First Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Diane Power Team	Pat Brynteson, Terri Fishel, Mary and Peter Gilbert-son	Cammie Beaty, Phyllis Frisby		Morton-Cox Docherty Schmidt
10:00 am	A - Sarah K. Smith B - Rick Rinkoff					
February 10th, 2013 - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Dusty Mairs Team	Karin, Kent, Ethan and Wyatt Furois	Peggy and Jeff Olsen	Colton Sullivan Bloomquist	Ed and Monica Cook
10:00 am	A - Gary Gleason B - Peggy Lemmon					
February 17th, 2013 - The First Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Pam Strom Team	Patty Byrne Pfalz, Kevin Wall, Mary Louise and Brad Clary	Diane Norman, Lib-by Snelson	Brown Docherty Olson	Shirley Cooper and Mary Ann Mason
10:00 am	A - Judy Southwick B - Jill Thompson					
February 24th, 2013 - The Second Sunday in Lent Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Pat Brynteson Team	Roger Bowman, Mary Ann Mason, Mimie Pollard, Alden Drew	Gabrielle Lawrence, Don Postema	Ellen Dueber Schmidt	Rhonda Miller
10:00 am	A - John Graham B - Mark McInroy					

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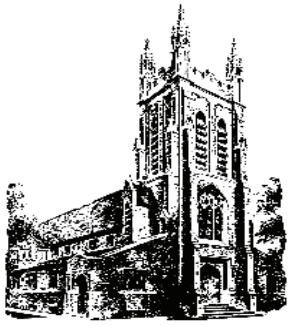
We are currently seeking volunteers to prepare the next edition of *The Evangelist* on **Tuesday, February 18th at 9 am** in the Music Room. For more information, contact the Church Office, 651-228-1172, x10. Volunteers for *The Evangelist* are also needed on:

* **Thursday, March 21st**
* **Thursday, April 18th**
* **Tuesday, May 21st**