

# THE EVANGELIST

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Episcopal Church



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**Celebration  
&  
Welcome**

On April 24 (top), we honored our 13-year-olds with the Celebration of Adolescence. On May 1 (middle), we welcomed new members from 13 families into our faith community, followed by a New Member Brunch hosted by the St. John's vestry (right).



## Join Us on Sundays:

### 8:00 am Service:

#### Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 St. John's Café

(Meditation Room)

9:00am-Noon Farmers' Market

(Parking Lot)

9:15 Music Rehearsal

(Choir Stalls)

### 10:00 am Service:

#### Sung Eucharist Rite II

11:15 Coffee Hour

(Gathering Space)



July/August Issue

June 14 at 4pm

All groups and individuals are **encouraged** to submit news and items of interest to *The Evangelist*. Email (church@stjohnsstpaul.org), mail, or bring your **written and titled piece and/or photos** to the church office *before* the deadline shown. Thank you!

Please note that this deadline is for the July AND August Issue (see pg. 6 for more details).

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Monday - Friday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

## From the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

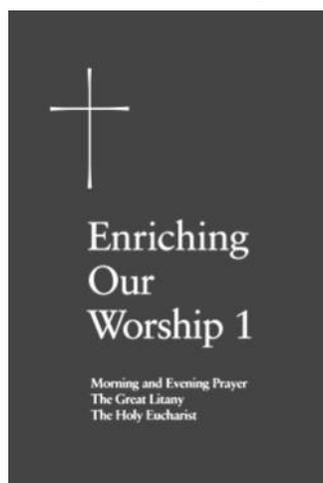
Dear Church,

It is the role of liturgy to instruct the faithful and to transform them into disciples of Jesus and agents of God's grace in the world. Yet, liturgy exists as more than a means to an end, a path to change, or a catalyst for deeper understanding. Liturgy is, in and of itself, an end. After all, liturgy puts us in contact with the sacraments—which we believe to be outward signs of God's inward grace. Put another way, to enter into the liturgy is to enter into an encounter with God's grace. The words and actions and form of the liturgy are freighted with more than just meaning and intent—they are laden with the very presence of God.

So it is that we take great care with all things liturgical. As symbols and signs and conduits of grace, the words and objects of worship teach and transform and place us into contact with the Holy, and are themselves at times the bearers of the Divine. What they teach us and transform us into depends a great deal on what we choose and how we use the various components of liturgy. How we encounter God depends in part on the same components.

In this way, liturgy works best when it is simultaneously consistent and yet diverse. We achieve these two ends at Saint John's by sticking to the Book of Common Prayer and its authorized supplements and by sticking with the Hymnal 1982 and its supplements as much as possible. We find consistency in the form and frame of these documents, given to us by the councils of our Episcopal Church. Yet within these forms there is much diversity—different rites, languages, theological emphasis, and cultural influences. From season to season, we try to lift up a different theme or rite and let it have sway over our worship, giving it enough time and space to have it feel regular and consistent while opening our eyes to some new or different aspect to God. We are always learning, being shaped, and encountering God in worship.

This summer, during the first half of "Ordinary Time" (the season after Pentecost), we will once again be using the rite for Holy Eucharist found in the General Convention authorized liturgical supplements called *Enriching Our Worship* (EOW). These prayers focus on themes of creation and growing, and deemphasize some of the often gendered references to God that we hear in the Prayerbook. We will encounter the Eucharist with our eyes opened once again to the ways God is present through his creation in our lives and in our community. We invite you this summer to listen to and learn from EOW. What is it teaching us about God, and in what fresh new ways does it bring God's grace into our lives?



There will be a few other structural and physical changes to our 10am worship this summer. As usual, the choir takes the summer off. Instead of having a pickup choir this summer, there will be music rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the choir stalls, and then those who have "practiced" will sit in the



congregation helping us infuse that practice into the singing of the whole community. Please consider coming to some of our rehearsals this summer!

Another significant shift will be moving from two lessons to one. There will be one lesson read by one of our Lay Readers, a Psalm, and then the Gospel. Our scheduled second readers will be leading us in a new form of the prayers of the people. The elimination of a reading is intended to create some much needed space in the liturgy. No matter its form, the liturgy is often saddled with so many words that it becomes hard to hear them and sit with them. We truly hope that creating this space will allow for deeper reflection, rest, and restoration.

Finally, a note about the use of space. At various times at Saint John's, we have used the small portable altar for special liturgies and feasts. It has been placed on a temporary "stage" or platform that comes off the chancel steps into the nave of the church. During the course of the summer, we will be using this set up. The moving of the altar will no doubt stir deep feelings and strong reactions (both positive and negative) for many in our congregation. We want to invite you to share those feelings and thoughts. After all, the space and how we use it speaks loudly about how God is with us. You might reflect this summer on how moving the Eucharist into the midst of the people renews or changes your perspective on how God's grace comes to us. What difference do proximity, location, lines of sight, and even the aesthetics of a makeshift altar and platform make to you when compared to our high altar with its beautiful carvings and elevated location?

As in all liturgical shifts, it is important to note that this is an experiment of sorts. We will return the altar to its storage closet in the fall and the Rite will shift back to the prayerbook then as well.

Liturgy is the work of the people: the peculiar rituals that lift up our hearts, that return thanks and praise and glory to God, and that shape us into God's people following in the way of Jesus. This work requires thought and intention and care, and we hope you will see all of that in the course of our summer liturgy.

Thanks for all you do. We'll see you in worship!

Faithfully,

## 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 R. Engquist, 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  
Jane Johnson, Office of the Treasurer  
Chris Tegeler, Building Manager  
Longkee Vang, Youth Ministry Assistant  
Ellie Watkins, Communications Assistant  
Dunfa Weretti, Building Assistant

### Vestry Members

Bob Baumann, Clerk of Vestry  
Jay Clark, At Large  
Marilyn Conklin, Junior Warden  
Mary Ellen Elliot, At Large  
Tom Evans, At Large  
Vern Kassekert, Fellowship  
John MacBain, Property  
Peter Rosendale, At Large  
Rick Rinkoff, Treasurer  
Lea Anne Schmidt, New Member/Welcome  
Judy Stack-Nelson, Formation  
Kevin Wall, At Large  
Diane Wallace-Reid, At Large  
Holly Weinkauff, At Large  
Nancy Wellington, Music  
Jerry Woelfel, Senior 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  
Jeff Olsen, Head Greeter  
Diane Power, Altar Guild Coordinator  
George Power, Columbarium Coordinator  
Jill Thompson, Music Vestment Coordinator

## New Vestry Members: Hopes & Goals

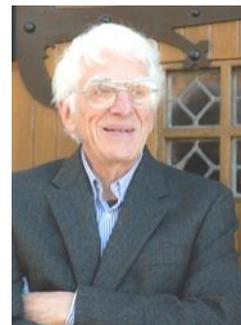
At the annual meeting in January, the members of St. John's elected five new members to the vestry: Mary Ellen Elliot, Tom Evans, Diane Wallace-Reid, Peter Rosendale, and Jay Clark. They accepted invitations to serve from former Senior Warden Don Postema and from the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson because this community is important and meaningful to them. Peter was looking forward to the opportunity to serve as a vestry member and support its valuable missions. Mary Ellen says, "I feel very fortunate being at a church which can tackle the complexities and mysteries of the Christian experience through enlightened discussion and preaching. I'd like to see this style of progressive and thoughtful worship continue."

They have now been serving for a few months, and recently returned from a vestry retreat. Diane says that she is "just starting to understand the workings of the vestry. I am impressed with the dedication of each member to the life of St. John's." Mary Ellen is "delighted to serve with such a friendly, intelligent group of people!" Tom said that, "from the recent retreat I feel that the vestry is united behind the 2014 Strategic Plan and is focused on improving the Mission of the Church through the 6 areas in the plan." He added that they especially focused on programs and tools the vestry could use in looking at current and future programs.

These vestry members look forward to their terms and what St. John's will be able to do in the coming years. Mary Ellen says, "Here at St. John's, I hope to see our finances become more stable but within the guidelines of our mission statement." Tom agrees that his thoughts are for St. John's "programs and financial condition remain strong now and in the years to come." Diane hopes that "we will continue to meet the goals of our strategic plan and fulfill our purpose of serving God in this place. I am always interested in outreach to the community as a way to really live our faith among the hurting, needy and powerless; of opening ourselves to share God's love just as Jesus did. I hope as a representative of the Faith in Action Commission that I can provide leadership and support to all the work we are doing with the homeless, the clinic in Kayoro, the hungry and immigrants." Jay hopes the vestry can "help St. John's to continue and expand its social ministries, and also help the church to continue to provide forums for discussions about the Bible, religious thought, and a presence in the greater community. I also hope I can

help with the discussion on how to modify and expand access opportunities for all generations in both formal worship and education as well as informal networks."

We thank them for sharing their thoughts and for their service as we work together in the St. John's community.



Tom Evans



Jay Clark



Mary Ellen Elliot



Peter Rosendale



Diane Wallace-Reid



## Save the Date for the Annual Picnic!

St. John's and Holy Apostles annual picnic will be **Sunday, August 21** at Wabun Park. We will celebrate the 10:00am service with baptisms at the park, followed by a picnic. Bishop Prior will be in attendance as well (see page 11).

## Getting to Know Communications Assistant Ellie Watkins

By Barbara Mraz

A friendly face surrounded by striking blonde hair sits in the office, ready to help whoever comes in needing information, assistance with the copier, or just an encouraging word.

She works on the *Evangelist* and the Friday e-news, updates the website, and maintains the church calendar. She is the person to contact if you want to schedule an event or get something listed in the weekly announcements.

Ellie Watkins has worked in the office since August of 2014, taking off several months when expecting twins Calvin and Cordelia, siblings of two-year-old Clark. She works 10am-2pm Mondays-Thursdays and Sundays from 8am-noon. The Sunday slot means someone is in the office to answer questions and take photos.

Born into a Roman Catholic family of six children near Brookings, South Dakota, Ellie graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in English. Her husband David is “a computer guy” who works at The Sportsman’s Guide, a mail-order catalog company. They take “stroller walks” around their neighborhood and watch a lot of Netflix. They were members of St. Paul’s on the Hill until it closed, both singing in the choir.

Ellie says that she loves working at St. John’s, especially the friendly people and the vibrant, active ministries. As a bisexual person, she values the commitment to equal rights for all people.

I have personally witnessed Ellie’s amazing communications skills in her work with the *Evangelist* as well as what she contributes to the general atmosphere of St. John’s. We are very lucky to have her!

Favorite food: Indian curry (“or anything spicy – I like my food to hurt me!”)

Favorite TV shows: *Firefly* and *Project Runway*

Favorite quotation: “Somewhere in the heaven of lost futures / the lives we might have lived / have found their own fulfillment.” – Derek Mahon



## Pat Brynteson Receives Dusty Mairs Servant Leadership Award

On Service Sunday, May 22, Pat Brynteson was given the Dusty Mairs Servant Leadership Award in honor of her tireless volunteering. Nominees Joan Potter, Jeff Olsen, Lea Anne Schmidt, and Don Husband were also recognized for their service and given gifts of appreciation made by potter Wade Scheel. All the volunteers in the St. John’s community were celebrated with thanks, prayer, small seed pots, and chocolate cake.



## Crocus Hill Preschool Year Ends with Art Show June 2

The end of our third year at St. John's will culminate with our Art Show. We save samples of the children's art work from the entire year and display them in the gym for families and friends to enjoy. It is a good way to close out the year and celebrate all that happened. The Art Show is **Thursday, June 2nd from 5:30 – 7pm**. You are welcome to stop by the Gym and enjoy the children's work.

Since we have settled into our space so well, we decided to take this year to evaluate and organize our program. As a staff, we decided to pursue NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation. We spent countless hours collecting the information our assessor would need. We had a successful visit at the end of April and we should hear by the end of the summer if we are accredited. This process enabled us to evaluate what we do well and to document it in written forms. All in all, this was a very beneficial process.



It has been a busy and lively year in the classrooms. We have gone on a variety of field trips to the Children's Theater, Minnesota Art Institute, Minnesota Orchestra and on a special caboose ride, to name a few. We continue to bring in specialists to enhance classroom learning. This year the children enjoyed

Creative Movement with Fran, Music with Wendy, and the Wonder Weavers Storytellers. Como Zoo brought penguins into our classroom, and Rob Ellos continues to amaze the children with his Science presentations. Our days are busy!

The staff continues to thrive in our space. We hired one new teacher this year to accommodate our growing student population.

We are grateful to be a part of the St. John's Community. We would welcome any visits next school year.

## Evangelist Format Changing Next Month

When you pick up your copy of the Evangelist next month or look at the PDF online, you'll see that it looks different—and that it covers both July and August.

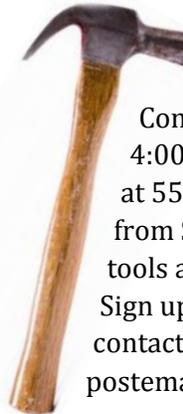
The Evangelist is shifting away from a "newsletter" feel that focuses on notifications of upcoming events. It's moving to a "magazine" feel, with more articles and content on our theology, mission, and ministry. It will be published every other month. The calendar information about upcoming meetings and program offerings will be moved into four seasonal mailings.

The office will not be making any changes to the mailing list; anyone who receives a paper copy of the Evangelist will continue to do so (and likewise anyone who receives notifications of PDF versions at the website will continue to receive those emails). Since the new publication schedule is every other month, don't worry when you don't get one in August!

This change is very exciting for our communications team, and we can't wait to share all the new things this format has to offer.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact Ellie Watkins at 651-228-1172 x10 or [elizabeth.watkins@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:elizabeth.watkins@stjohnsstpaul.org).

## Summer Habitat for Humanity Project



This year, the project will be **June 13-24 (Monday through Friday each week)**.

Construction takes place from 8:20am to 4:00pm each day. We'll be working on a project at 552 Charles Avenue, St Paul, only 5 minutes from St. John's. All skill levels are welcome, and tools and friendly instructions will be available. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/faithbuild16](http://tinyurl.com/faithbuild16). For more info, contact Don Postema at 651-485-9632 or [postema@comcast.net](mailto:postema@comcast.net).

Our June 19 Mustard Seed Offering will go to Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity.

## Farmers' Market Sunday Mornings



We're again partnering with Holy Apostles Episcopal Church to host a farmers' market in our parking lot, for local Hmong farmers to sell their produce. The market runs **from 9am-noon every Sunday morning**.

Volunteer for a hosting slot at [tinyurl.com/farmers16](http://tinyurl.com/farmers16).

## CONNECTION: Hearts to Home Mentors Share Their Stories

By Barbara Mraz

Hearts to Homes is an outreach project of St. John's and the YWCA. Each volunteer mentor is assigned to a family and stays in touch with them once a week by phone or text and once a month in person, providing emotional and moral support. A social worker from the Y monitors the family's progress and is an additional support. Many families do not have a car or driver's license and many are single parents with school-age children. These families are transitioning from homelessness to having a home.

**Diane Wallace-Reid** recently completed eighteen months working with the family of "C" (confidentiality is important in the program, so initials will be used). She has worked with this program for two years. **Holly Stoerker** has been serving as a mentor for nine months with "J's" family.

### *Why did you volunteer to do this work?*

**Diane:** I'm interested in homelessness issues.

**Holly:** Because I was asked! And also because I am interested in developing connections with other people.

### *Besides the required contact, what did you do?*

**Holly:** Initially, I tried to establish trust by listening as well as I could, always showing up, and serving as a cheerleader for J's progress. Besides the usual weekly conversations, I met J in coffee shops and also visited the family in their home. A couple times I brought pizza. There's something about sharing food that can open people up.

**Diane:** In various ways, I tried to be supportive of C, who had some really big challenges in front of her. Sometimes I drove her to the grocery store or to appointments or to do essential errands. Occasionally I took her out to lunch. We always talked about what she was going through and her progress.

### *What did you learn?*

**Holly:** I learned how little support people sometimes get, and also how easily similarities between people can be discovered. J talked about what it was like to sit at the bedside of her dying grandmother. She talked about fears and vulnerabilities she had in her workplace. I could relate to both of these situations, although I didn't



share this because I thought things should be about her, not me. In retrospect, perhaps I could have offered more of my own story, not in the way of advice, but just to let J know she's not alone and we may be more alike than she thinks.

**Diane:** I was very impressed with C. She has had to live through so much at her age compared to my own kids, and had virtually no family support. I am in awe of her resilience. I also learned about navigating your way through the legal system and what resources are out there for help. I realized that so much of what you have in life is due to the luck of the draw, the accident of birth. I wondered if I had experienced what she has, how I would have coped.

### *What were the emotional aspects of this experience?*

**Diane:** It was very difficult to let go when the program ended. C had become such a part of my life. When the program ends, the families can call you but you can't contact them. Some of what C went through was traumatic and very hard to watch. You realize a lot about women's vulnerabilities and how hard so much can be for them. Being a mentor isn't about fixing someone's life or giving advice but more about walking beside them on the journey.

**Holly:** I realized again how difficult it can be to live alone, no matter how smart you are, how physically strong, when no one has your back. This program helps women with this to some degree. You learn what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes in some pretty specific ways. Connections are out there to be made.

# Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



## A Letter of Thanks and Good-bye

By Longkee Vang



If you were to ask me at the beginning of 2010 where I saw myself in 8 months, sitting in the St. John's Fireside Room was definitely not on that list.

I had just started volunteering as Youth Minister at Holy Apostles, and was still learning the art of the job. That summer, Holy Apostles and St. John embarked on a

weeklong pilgrimage to experience the manner in which Native American, Minnesota, and Episcopal Church of Minnesota history connected with one another. It was after the pilgrimage and spending a week with Jean Hansen that I was invited to help shape the relationship of the two churches.

That September, Jean, Keely, Neysa, and Barb sat me down and asked how I could fit into this puzzle they were trying to put together. I remember giving some sort of wordy response about how I wanted to help mold youth into Men and Women of God. I also remember thinking that I had no idea what I was talking about. Luckily for me, they bought it! Haha...

Unfortunately, once in a while, puzzles this big and important may need new perspectives to help put them together. I am saddened to say that at the end of this program year, I will be leaving my position here as Assistant Youth Minister. It has been an amazing 6 year journey with all of you. All though I will not officially be on staff, I will still be around and on-call for anything. I am excited for the future of St. John and definitely do



not want to miss out. I have been so blessed to have been a part of so many lives, and have been blessed to have you all be a part of mine. It has been awesome to see new families and friends enter St. John's, awesome to see Jered and Erin find a home in St. Paul, and awesome to keep doing God's work here.

Of course, the best moments have come from spending time with the youth. I have been blessed to be given the opportunity to touch so many lives, and see so many grow up. When I started 6 years ago, we had 1 youth group with most of the students in middle or early high school. As I look back, some of the youth will soon be graduating college, others are in the middle of their programs, and others on the cusp of beginning. I thank them all for every memory and moment they have given me. From renovating the Episcopal Church in White Earth, to the many Grand Ol' Creamery walks, to seeing a humpback whale up-close in Juneau. These and many other moments are things I will cherish forever.

Lastly, I want to thank Jean Hansen for everything. None of this would be possible without Jean. It was her spirit in making the Youth program the best it could be that drew me here. It was her steadfast dedication to the families that inspired me to walk through the doors whenever I did. It was her faith in God and the community that allowed me to make St. John a second home.

Thank you for everything you have given me, and may God continue to do great things at St. John the Evangelist.

## Youth Pilgrimage to Nova Scotia

On **June 15**, ten youth pilgrims and three adult chaperones—Helen Baxter, Thea Bishof, Logan Finkel, Tessa Johnson, Linnea Krall, Matthew Brooks, Will Rinkoff, Vivian Scheel, Ailsa Schmidt, Samantha Rosendale, Trish Durst, Vern Kassekert and Jean Hansen—will set out on a pilgrimage to Nova Scotia, Canada.

Our week will begin with heart-stopping beauty as we focus on the promises of our baptismal covenant, on our journey towards the heart of God. We will spend seven days together, filled with prayer, hiking, worship, and service. We will visit St Paul's Anglican Church – the oldest surviving Protestant church in Canada, and the oldest building in Halifax – for a special pilgrim Eucharist. One of the guiding questions on our pilgrimage is “where did we see our baptismal promises in action today?”

Please pray for us as we seek the face of God in each other and in our surroundings.



## Summer Camp Opportunities

The Episcopal Church in MN offers three camps: Episcopal Youth Music Camp, Episcopal Youth Quest Camp, and Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp.

If you are planning to have your child attend camp, we think that would be terrific! St. John's has made funding available to support St. John's youth and children at 1/3 of the program cost to each. The camps may also provide some funding upon parent request (see the registration form) but no more than 1/3 of the cost. Families are asked to pay what they can, but no less than 1/3 of the cost.

Music Camp is \$545 early bird and \$595 late registration (so 1/3 of the cost is \$180). Quest Camp is \$445 (so 1/3 of the cost is \$147). Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp is \$100.

Learn more by going to the websites listed:

- Music Camp: <http://episcopalmncamps.org/>
- Quest Camp: <http://episcopalmn.org/jul-2016-episcopal-youth-quest-camp>
- Creative Arts Daycamp: <http://ourcathedral.org/ecad2016>

## Correction – Grand Old Days on June 5

The May Evangelist said the youth would be selling parking spots on June 4 and 5th. The youth will not be selling parking on the 4th. They will only be selling spots on **June 5**. You may, of course, park in the church parking lot that Sunday morning without having to pay. However, if at all possible it would be great if parishioners could park on the street that Sunday morning. Also, please note that the Farmers' Market will begin on Sunday, June 5, so a portion of the parking that morning will be taken up by the farmers.

## Faithful Parenting

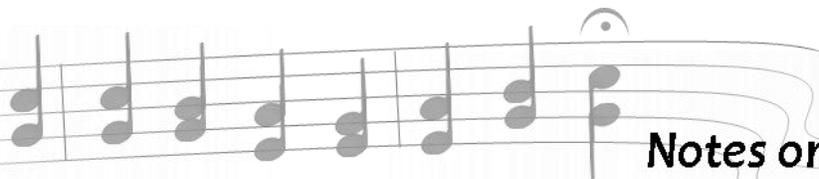
Faithful Parenting will take the summer off for June-September. We will resume on **Sunday, October 2**.

## Rite 13 Lock-in

On May 23, the Rite 13 youth and their leaders celebrated their adolescence and participation in youth ministry at St. John's with a lock-in. We made dinner together, played together, and worshipped together. The next morning, nine youth—Ian Finkel, Maren Johnson, Aidan Schmidt, Roan Weinkauf, Thomas Rinkoff, Anton Osland, Chris Olson, Charlie Olson— were recognized and named during the 10am liturgy as on a path toward adulthood.



# Music



## Notes on Notes!



### Season Thanks!

We thank all our directors and musicians—singers, ringers and other instrumentalists in all our choirs—who have offered sacred music during the past program year. Our anthems, chanting, hymns, and service music have really been beautiful!

Special thanks to Heather Hunt (Children’s and Youth Director), Craig Lemming (Compline Coordinator and Youth Choir Advisor), Nancy Wellington (Chair of Music Commission), Joan Potter (Liturgical Coordinator), our Music Commission members and our wonderful Lay Clerks (the professional singers in our adult choir including sopranos Brittany Pitts and Jessica Bandelin, altos Krista Palmquist and Valerie Weaver, tenors Craig Lemming and Mark Spitzack, and basses Eric Sorem and Erik Erlandson). Thank you!

We are blessed at Saint John the Evangelist to have many and varied groups of musicians including our Adult choir, our Children’s Choir, our Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, Recorder Ensemble, Percussion Group, Evensong Festival Choir, Compline Choir, and many individual singers and instrumentalists who all give of their time and talents throughout the year.



### Summer Singing and Playing Opportunities

**Every Sunday at 9:15am**, we will rehearse the day’s music in the choir stalls. We will then sit in the congregation for the service to share our practice with the whole community. Please join us for practice whenever you like.

If you would like to sing or play during summer months for preludes, communion, anthem spots or postludes, your musical gifts are very welcome. Please contact Director of Music & Organist, Jayson R. Engquist at 651-228-1172 x36 or [orgjre@gmail.com](mailto:orgjre@gmail.com).

### Making Music at the Church Picnic

Please consider singing or playing at our **August 21** morning picnic. The Bishop will be with us. We’d like to make a joyful noise at the park. If you’re interested, talk to Jayson Engquist at 651-228-1172 x36 or [orgjre@gmail.com](mailto:orgjre@gmail.com).

# Faith Formation

## The Bishop is Coming: Baptism, Adult Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptism

**On Sunday, August 21**, the Right Reverend Brian Prior, bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, will visit St. John's and Holy Apostles Episcopal Churches simultaneously during our joint parish worship and summer picnic.

What does that mean? Well, a lot of things. The picnic is one of five Sundays annually when we celebrate baptisms. And, since the bishop is our chief pastor and priest, when he or she is present for baptisms, it is customary to have the bishop celebrate Eucharist and preside at baptisms. What's more, the bishop is the person set apart by the church to welcome new members into the communion of our particular faith tradition through confirmation and reception.

So, if you're an adult (youth confirmations will happen at another time dependent on the youth confirmation program) who has joined St. John's as a member but never been confirmed an Episcopalian (or if you were confirmed Lutheran, Catholic, or Orthodox) and would like to be received, this is a wonderful opportunity to take that step in the midst of a community you know and love. If you've been considering baptism for yourself or a child, this could be a unique and special context to celebrate that rite! Our picnic will be



outdoors (weather permitting) at Wabun park just across the Ford River Parkway on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi in Minneapolis, and baptisms will happen down the hill in Minnehaha Creek.

Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptism are moments of new beginning, an entrance into the body of Christ or the local expression of that body in the Episcopal Church. These are moments when God's grace is made present and real, and these are moments when we deepen our journey in the Jesus Movement.

If you are interested in any of these rites for August or a later date and want to discuss it and find out more, please contact Jered Weber-Johnson at 651-228-1172 x11 or [jered.weberjohnson@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:jered.weberjohnson@stjohnsstpaul.org).

See you at the picnic!

## ECMN Diocese School for Formation

Our diocese offers opportunities for learning to help your faith formation journey. If you have discerned a call to serve, or if you have a longing to deepen your understanding of God and of our tradition, then you can find in the School for Formation the preparation and the learning you need. All are welcome! To learn more, visit [www.schoolforformation.org](http://www.schoolforformation.org).

## Online Formation Resources

Our website has a section of online resources that can help you in your journey of faith formation, chosen by the rectors. View them at <http://stjohnsstpaul.org/faith-formation/additional-resources>.



## 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. Youth and adults are welcome. Contact Kate Bradtmiller for more info at 651-228-1172 x18.



# Community Life

## Join St. John's at Twin Cities Pride

The Episcopal Church nationally, and we here at Saint John's, have a long history of welcoming and including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Join us for Twin Cities Pride as we celebrate the unique gifts of God's GLBTQ children!

The Saint John's community will be participating in two ways: attending a Saint Paul Saints game at CHS Field and marching with the Episcopal Church in Minnesota in the Pride Parade.

**Saint Paul Saints Game:** Twin Cities Pride is presenting the **Friday, June 24** match between the Saints and the Winnipeg Goldeneyes. St. John's has 20 tickets for the standing room only section of the Saints stadium. The game starts at 7:05pm; we will gather in the standing room only section **at 6:45pm**. Bring a lawn chair or claim an empty seat in the section, first come, first serve. Our tickets are free to anyone who wants them; a donation of \$9 is also welcome. Please sign up in the undercroft during coffee hour or speak with a member of the clergy.

**Pride Parade:** the morning of **Sunday, June 26**, Saint Mark's Cathedral is inviting all Episcopal congregations in Minnesota to join them in marching in the 2016 Ashley Rukes GLBT Pride Parade. We will meet in the Cathedral parking lot, 519 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis, MN, **at 9:45am**. Saint Mark's is running a bus to the start of the parade route. You can also meet us at the start of the parade route, at the intersection of Hennepin Ave. and N 3<sup>rd</sup> St., around 10:15am. Please sign up in the undercroft during coffee hour or speak with a member of the clergy; we need to give Saint Mark's a head count for the bus.

Learn more about all the events at Twin Cities Pride by visiting [www.tcpride.org](http://www.tcpride.org).



St. John's members Jerry Woelfel and Becky Garthofner met former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords at a Coalition for Common Sense reception in St. Paul on May 3. The organization brings together civic leaders to advocate for stronger background check laws on firearm purchases.

## Meeting St. John's New Members

Continued from last month, here are profiles of the families who joined St. John's in May. Read through to get to know them a little better and say hello to them next time you see them in the pews!

### Meet Jo Lottsfeldt

Jo Lottsfeldt doesn't really feel like a newcomer at St. John's. In fact, she was baptized here in 1932 and attended until high school, when she transferred to St. Paul's on the Hill. The Langford and Cary families, longtime parishioners of St. John's who are mentioned in *For All the Saints*, are her relatives.

She got her master's degree from St. Margaret's House in Berkeley, where she also met her husband, who became a priest. They had 4 children. Jo worked at Catholic Charities for 25 years running a program for vulnerable adults. Jo's husband passed away 10 years ago, and she is retired now.

She spends her free time doing volunteer work, reading, going to book groups, and canoeing. But mostly, she says, "I have a dog that takes up a lot of my time" — a 14-year-old Shih Tzu/Bichon.

Welcome back to St. John's, Jo!

## Meet Emily Hogstad



Upon moving from her childhood home in Eau Claire, WI, finding a church home that was beautiful and welcoming at the same time was important to Emily. She felt instantly at home when she walked into St. John's. Given her love of architecture, art, and history, alongside her attraction to the Episcopal faith, St. John's is a

good fit. One of Emily's favorite things that St. John's offers is Compline. Thursday night Compline services have become a regular part of her week.

Emily moved to St. Paul last year following the death of her mother and grandparents. She now lives just two blocks away from St. John's. She is a freelance writer for the arts who during her spare time loves to travel, go out with friends, and play the violin and viola.

As Emily continues to get settled here in St. Paul, she looks forward to getting to know the St. John's community better. When you see Emily in the pews, please say hello to her! Welcome to St. John's, Emily!

## Meet Cora Greenawald

Cora Greenawald started worshipping at St. John's sometime around Christmas—she can't recall if it was before or after, but she does know that coming here was a bit like coming home. "It was comforting," she says, "to learn there were other people out there who think and believe the way I do." Growing up in a home that identified more as "spiritual but not religious" Cora says she came to the Episcopal Church after reading and re-reading Thich Nhat Hanh's *Living Buddha, Living Christ* and realizing that she wanted spiritual disciplines in her life. Religious words like "grace" began to make sense to her.



Cora and her husband Todd have twins, Lilly and Elliot, who are seniors this year and off to college in the fall. She works as a science teacher in the Saint Paul Public Schools at Maxfield Elementary.

We are glad to have you here with us, Cora!

## Meet Gregory Torrence



Greg likes to attend the 8am service on the Sundays he's in town. Greg began attending St. John's occasionally beginning in 2004 when he moved to downtown St Paul. However, a 5-year adventure living in Switzerland between then and now delayed his decision to actually become a member of our faith community.

Greg grew up with a Catholic mom and a missionary Baptist dad in Sacramento CA. He frequently attended services at the Baptist church with his grandparents until he was a teenager and no longer felt the need to be part of a religious institution. Then a co-worker invited him to services at St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Church in San Diego in 2002, and he welcomed God back into his life.

He found St. John's by Googling nearby Episcopal churches after moving to St Paul. He feels very comfortable with our size, liturgy and was impressed early with some sermons delivered by Barbara Mraz.

By day, he works as a Human Services Judge for the Minnesota Department of Human Services, hearing appeals from citizens regarding benefits eligibility and employees regarding their qualifications to provide services, such personal care for those with special needs. Greg is a licensed attorney with a law degree from the University of Oregon after doing his undergraduate work at UC Davis in CA.

When not working, he enjoys all kinds of sports. Although he no longer plays basketball, he is still an avid fan of the college PAC-12 conference and the Gophers basketball team. He also enjoys participating in softball and bowling. He has learned the rules of hockey and enjoyed several Wild games with friends.

Greg and his husband Nate have been together since 2002, and married in 2007 while living in Switzerland. Nate currently works for MNSure after retiring from a long career with Thomson Reuters.

Welcome, Greg!

# Happy Birthday to...

## June\*

3	Linda Zelig	12	Justin Gourlie	22	Theodore O'Brien
4	Christopher Matter		Richard Neuner	23	Pash Clamons
5	Dick Diedrich		Hannah Ross		Eva Gemlo
	Kathleen Hanson	13	Craig Lindeke		Laura Kinhead
	Mary Johnson		Delilah Page		Jeff Olsen
	Barbara Sommers		Sam Ryan	26	Sharon Kleckner
	Harrison Smith	14	Peter Lund		Genevieve Solid
6	Jamie Wood		Laura Holland	27	Caroline Jaffray
7	Oliver McInroy	15	John Trerotola		Henry Powers
	Jonas Rutherford Grill	16	Miles Bowman		Susie Ragland
8	Patrick Schmidt	17	Clifford Brown	29	Whit Morley
			Dagan McCann		John Kinhead
9	Betty Myers	18	Ed Cook		Sandy Stratton-Rusch
	Benoni Grimes		Diane Wallace-Reid	30	Cindy Bachman
	Joe Vangsgard				Dean Ramos
10	Don Husband	19	Bill Sherfey		Peter Fish
	Phyllis Goff	20	Lara Strom		Craig Solid
11	Sue MacIntosh		Charles Foote		
	Edward Pfeiffer	21	Rianna Matter		
	Elise McCray				

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

## Meet the Garceau Family



Michael, Sarah, Julia (4 ½) and Paul (2) found Saint John's through our website. The child and family oriented programming, music focus, and friendly congregation is what keeps them coming back.

Sarah's family are long time Episcopalians. Parts of her family were clergy

and parishioners in the Anglican church since its beginning. Her great-great grandfather was a vicar in Wales during the late 1800s and early 1900s. She also has an ancestor, 11x great grandfather, who was a vicar, rector, and then prebendary in Durham, England during the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I.

Sarah is from Florida and Michael is from Ohio. They met in Michigan while both working on their MBAs. The Garceau family have lived in Minnesota now for several years. They enjoy spending time together as a family, playing outside, and reading books together.

Welcome to St. John's!

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

### June 5:

*Main Altar:* Raymond & Florence Merrill

*Small Altar:* Neilson Seabury, William Nesbitt, Jerome Buser

### June 12:

*Main Altar:* Mr. & Mrs. Truman Ask, Charles & Elizabeth Jackson

*Small Altar:* Theodore & Genevieve Pilacinski, Marlene Woelfel

### June 19:

*Main Altar:* Forest Frank Bacon Sears & Sarah Patterson Spence

*Small Altar:* Stuart M. Baker

### June 26:

*Main Altar:* Judy McDonald

*Small Altar:* Robert McCrea

*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.*

# June 2016 Service Schedule

TIME	READERS	VERGER	USHERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	COFFEE HOUR
<b>June 5 — The Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
8am	Craig Lindeke	Phillip Baird	Patty Byrne Pfalz Terri Fishel Mary Gilbertson Peter Gilbertson	Barbara Lindeke Lea Anne Schmidt Colleen Swope	Matt Brooks Madeline Jacobs Elliot Wall Roan Weinkauf	Kathy Brown
10am	Judy Southwick Jeff Olsen	Joan Potter				
<b>June 12 — The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
8am	Joan McCanna	Phillip Baird	George Kinkead Mason Kinkead Holly Weinkauf Don Weinkauf	Phyllis Frisby Ella Slade Judy Southwick	Eli Weinkauf Tessa Johnson Maren Johnson Aidan Schmidt	Wavenly Bishop
10am	Carole Selin Chris Matter	Keith Davis				
<b>June 19 — The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
8am	David Aylesworth	Phillip Baird	Julia Ferguson Rick Rinkoff Jennifer Frost-Rosendale Peter Rosendale	Bob Baumann Judy Stack-Nelson Don Weinkauf	Ailsa Schmidt Will Rinkoff Helen Baxter Thea Bischof	Joanne & Rod MacDonald
10am	Holly Stoerker Mark McInroy	Joan Potter				
<b>June 26 — The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
8am	Brad McCanna	Phillip Baird	Bob Baumann Cammie Beattie Barbara Lindeke Shirley Sailors	Vern Kassekert Jennifer Frost-Rosendale Peter Rosendale	Caroline Krall Linnea Krall Sabine Krall Charlie Docherty	Phyllis & Ray Frisby & friends
10am	Chris Howie Cammie Beattie	Bill Sherfey				

## Altar Guild Teams

**June 5:** Diane Power, Colleen Swope, Paige Hagstrom, Sue MacIntosh, Ginny Schauss, Sarah K. Smith

**June 12:** Dusty Mairs, Phillip Baird, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey

**June 19:** Heather Joyce, Kathy Brown, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sabine Krall, Pam Strom

**June 26:** Terri Fishel, Caroline Krall, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson

## Community Prayer on Facebook

We offer a community prayer time on our Facebook page each Saturday morning. You are welcome to post your prayers in the comments section, and to pray with others on their prayer requests by liking their comments.



To follow along and participate, "like" the St. John's Facebook page at <http://fbl.me/sje>.

## Missing Cross

One of the crosses on display in our Cross Exhibit has gone missing. (See at right for a drawing of the cross and a photo of its beaded lanyard.) St. John's is offering a \$100 reward for the immediate return of the cross, no questions asked.



In a community our size, located in a well-trafficked part of town, things do sometimes get taken or go missing from our building. Such is the vulnerability of being "the church of the open door." While this is true, we do still take every precaution possible to be secure without sacrificing hospitality and welcome. And, when things do go missing, our hope is always to restore the item taken, if possible, to its owner and to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to the individual or individuals who took it. If you have information that could lead us to the missing cross, please contact the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson at 651-228-1172 x11.



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