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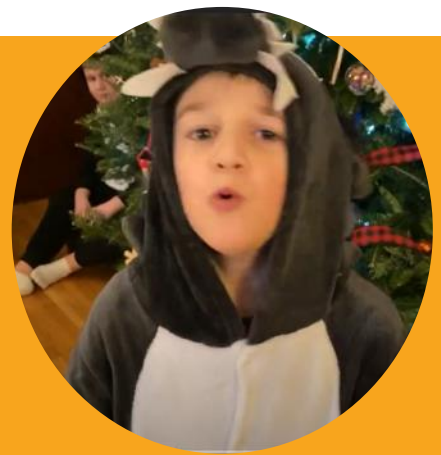
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ON THE COVER:

Angels, innkeepers, kings, and animals of all species (not to mention shepherds, a narrator, and an extremely cute baby Jesus) all came together via clips filmed at home to make an incredible virtual Christmas pageant.

[Click here to watch it!](#)

NEXT DEADLINE

for the March/April Issue:

February 12

Everyone is *encouraged* to submit reflections or to suggest ideas for articles. Please email church@stjohnsstpaul.org before the deadline shown. Thank you!

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FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON

Dear People of God,

Common ground is difficult to find under even normal circumstances. Finding space for unity and healing amidst the deep divisions in our current culture might seem unrealistic, even naive. Human divisions are as old as time itself, and the deep rivalries we see in our present climate are nothing new. As long as humans have existed, we have been at odds with each other over land, resources, power, ideology, and slights both perceived and real.

On Prince of Wales Island, where I grew up, no one can remember precisely when the first people settled the land. But anthropology tells us that Tlingit people have lived there for hundreds of years at least. Almost as long ago (historically speaking), the Haida moved to the island. Elders still tell stories about the rivalry between the two groups. The rivalry faded but the tribes remained apart, living in two distinct villages on the island.

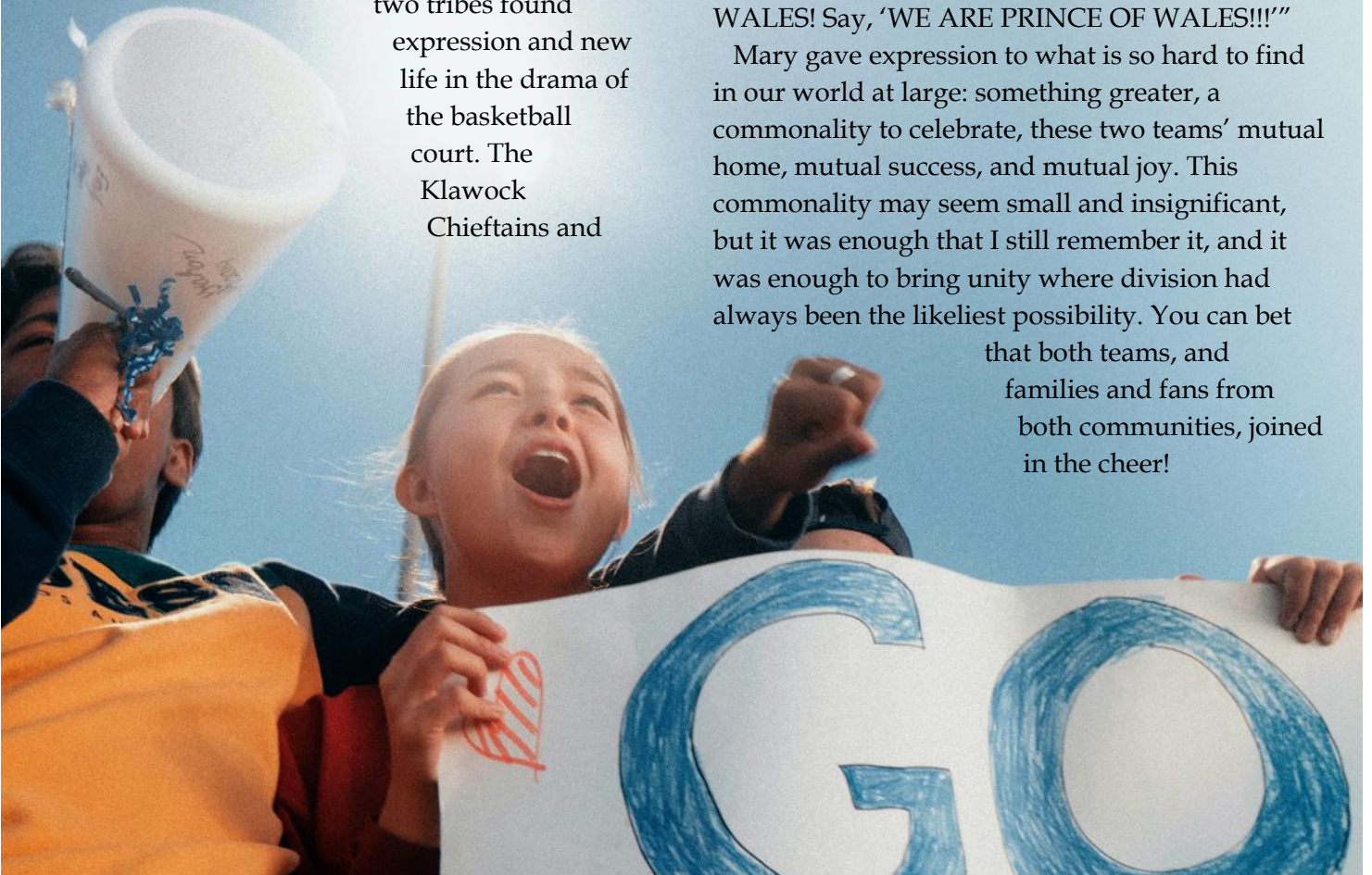
During my childhood, the former rivalries of these two tribes found expression and new life in the drama of the basketball court. The Klawock Chieftains and

the Hydaburg Warriors were bitter opponents. On Saturday nights as the corrugated metal walls in the gym rattled and the bleachers rumbled under the stomps of avid supporters, Mary was sure to be there. She wasn't just a fan, but a super-fan, really, for the Chieftains. One of her favorite chants, win or lose, was, "We are proud of you! Say, 'We are proud of you!'" Her voice always rose above the fray and she never failed to bring the crowd along in her cheer for her hometown heroes.

But at the State level, the Chieftain girls and the Warrior boys dominated their respective championships. This meant that the two groups were thrust into the awkward role of supporting their "rivals" from their shared island against the more distant Alaskan foes. One year at the State championship award ceremony, as the Warrior boys and Chieftain girls once again swept first place, Mary spontaneously burst out with a new rendition of her cheer. "WE ARE PRINCE OF WALES! Say, 'WE ARE PRINCE OF WALES!!!"

Mary gave expression to what is so hard to find in our world at large: something greater, a commonality to celebrate, these two teams' mutual home, mutual success, and mutual joy. This commonality may seem small and insignificant, but it was enough that I still remember it, and it was enough to bring unity where division had always been the likeliest possibility. You can bet

that both teams, and families and fans from both communities, joined in the cheer!





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After all, in the Latin, *humus* (good earth) and *human* share the
same root—and common ground is what we need.

Theologian and poet Pádraig Ó Tuama writes often about the intractable divisions in our current humanity. For the majority of his career, Ó Tuama has lived and worked at Corrymeela, a residential community in Northern Ireland that uses “dialogue, experiential play, art, storytelling, mealtimes and shared community to help groups embrace difference and learn how to have difficult conversations.” The work of reconciliation at Corrymeela is born out of the longstanding religious, cultural, and ideological differences in Northern Ireland and the simple but profound affirmation “*Because together is better.*”

In a poem that reflects this affirmation and speaks out of Ó Tuama’s deep theological wisdom, he writes about the biblical brothers Jacob and Esau:

One day I repented my
resentment because I realized I’d
forgotten
to repeat it. For a while -- no, for
a long while -- it was like a prayer,
rising to the skies, morning after
morning, like a siren that
wouldn’t quiet.
And then I remembered other
things: the way I walk lighter
these days...the way I am tired
of being
forced among the new; and the
way I miss having someone to
speak to about
things I don’t need to explain;
the way we shared a name.

The truth is that people like me, who look like me, who have experienced great privilege as I have, are quick in times of divisiveness and discord, to make

grand appeals for unity and reconciliation. Yet the path to healing usually leads by quiet ways through simple but difficult paths like this — letting go of resentment; silence, listening, and telling the truth; naming aloud that we miss our fellow humans when they are alienated from us. Sometimes the move to unity merely tries to smooth over difference, but sometimes it finds that sameness *is* the greater truth; that we shared a name or that we share a common home.

To find common ground is to find common humanity. After all, in the Latin, *humus* (good earth) and *human* share the same root — and common ground is what we need. Like Mary the super fan, it might be found in celebrating the little things like mutual joy or shared land. It also might be found in prayer, in expressing that we are, at times, all of us, broken and in need. However we come by common ground, we need it now more than ever.

In this edition of *The Evangelist*, you’ll find an exploration of what it means to come together. There are some intros to our new children, youth, and family volunteers who are faithfully leading and creating space for our young people to grow into the communion of the Body of Christ, and to our newest member who has found common purpose in a shared life at St. John’s. There is Barbara’s piece exploring the upcoming Inauguration and transition in the civic sphere. There are details about our annual Project Home ministry, where we come together as one community to affirm the humanity of families experiencing homelessness. And there’s even a story of two young men pulling weeds (from the *humus*) and all that comes together out of that.

I commend all of this and the common life we share as participants in the life and way of Jesus together here at St. John’s. See you all in worship!

Faithfully,
Jered

MEET THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM!

by the Rev. Craig Lemming

The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

– Ephesians 4:11-13

The transformation of our personal and social identities as followers of Jesus Christ is a theme that undergirds the entire Epistle to the Ephesians. This truth is reflected in the myriad ways our faith formation programming at St. John's continues to call each of us to reorient our lives – our time, our presence, our creativity, and our identity – to realize

God's loving purposes within this family of faith to which we all belong. At St. John's, we're delighted to introduce, celebrate, and give thanks for our diverse team of leaders who are investing their God-given gifts in equipping our Children, Youth, and Families to be and to become courageous and compassionate agents of God's reconciling love at St. John's and in the world.

Our Catechism teaches us that the mission of the Church – to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, promotes justice, peace, and love – is carried out through the ministry of all laity, bishops, priests, and deacons. We are incredibly fortunate that this remarkable team of lay and ordained ministers have said yes to God's call to use their gifts for building up our youngest saints and their families as they grow in Christ's love.



Rianna Matter, Youth Leader

I have been a member of St. John's for 5 years. When we first came to St. John's I remember being in awe of how full of life and community spirit the members were and it's what keeps us here today. I am so excited to begin working with Youth ministry because I love the unique perspective it brings to discussing faith and how faith plays out in our day to day lives.



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Johannah Frisby, Youth Leader

I came to Saint John's with my grandparents over 12 years ago. I'm looking forward to being a part of the youth ministry because it was a vital part of my experience growing up. I simply would not be the person I am today without my time in youth group, and I'm truly honored to be able to be a part of the next generation's experience.



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Cynthia Bronson Sweigert, Youth Leader

I've been a member for about 3 1/2 years; like many people I was drawn in by the wonderful preaching and liturgy. COVID has been and will continue to be a challenge for all of us; I'm happy for our Sunday online community – and also that I can continue being part of the Liturgy Commission, Faith Formation Commission, and the Book Group. I am very much looking forward to meeting more youth and families and learning about this vibrant part of our common parish life. The parish where I was rector in Pittsburgh utilized Journey to Adulthood and Rite 13 liturgies so I am also pleased to be reunited with this fine program.

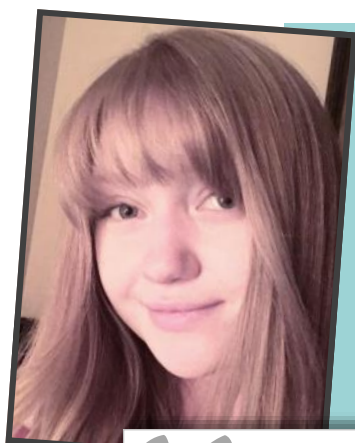
“I am very much looking forward to meeting more youth and families and learning about this vibrant part of our common parish life.”



Anne Debertin, Youth Leader and Convener of the Young Adults Group

My name is Anne Debertin (she/her/hers). I came to St. John's by the guidance of my parents, and I continue to come to St. John's because it makes growing in my faith a challenge and a joy! I am looking forward to being a part of the youth ministry because it offers an opportunity to share in joyful innocence that celebrates such joyful faith!

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Abigail (Abbie) Mitchell, CYF Staff Intern and Circle of the Beloved Fellow

I'm serving with the Circle of the Beloved this year (a chapter of the Episcopal Service Corps) with placement sites at St. John's and First Nations Kitchen. I am assisting with CYF operations while Katie Madsen is on maternity leave. I am behind the scenes of these great people making sure everything is running smoothly. St. John's has been such a welcoming and wonderful community and the families and children are such a joy to work with. I am looking forward to the rest of the year with y'all.

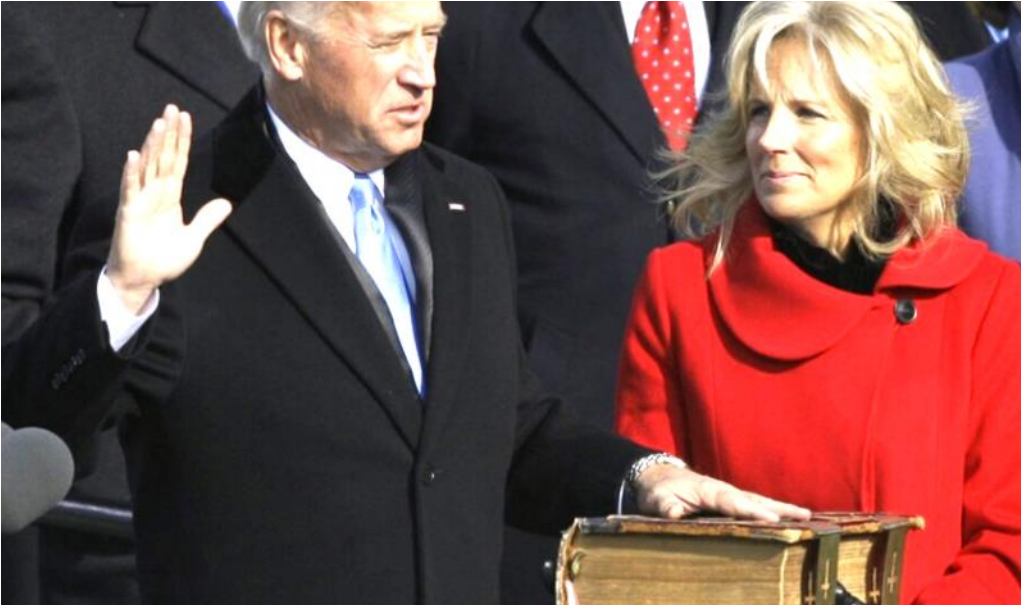
“St. John's has been such a welcoming and wonderful community...”

Our Catechism invites each of us to prayerfully discern ways God is calling us to use our gifts “to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take [our] place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.” If you would like to

discuss and discern how you feel called to invest your gifts in continuing the work of ministry at St. John's, please email Associate Rector, the Rev. Craig Lemming at craig.lemming@stjohnsstpaul.org to schedule a Zoom meeting.

INAUGURATION 2021:

ENDLESS FLAWS, BOUNDLESS LOVE



When Joseph R. Biden lays his hand on the Bible to take the oath of office, it will be a significant moment ... and a complicated one. What does the Inauguration mean—what should it mean—to us as Christians?

by the Rev. Barbara Mraz
(written December 15, 2020)

This year's event will be marked by what is not there: a parade, an array of dignitaries, balls and dances, a festive luncheon, and due to President Trump's preference as of this writing, no presence of the retiring president, no note of good wishes left in the desk of the Oval Office. The prescribed dress for the occasion will be masks. The protocol will be "distancing." The effect will be memorable. But what does it all *mean*?

CHRISTIANITY AND INCLUSION

Most U.S. Presidents have claimed Christianity as their religious faith, although Thomas Jefferson separated from Christianity at an early age and later produced a Bible that left in the teachings of Jesus but removed all references to his miracles. Lincoln never joined a church and his Christianity has been described as "murky." However, despite the oft-quoted phrase "separation of church and state," virtually all U.S. presidents reflect Christian "values" in their inaugural speeches. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, for instance, observed in his speech that "our true destiny is not to be ministered unto but to

minister to ourselves and to our fellow men." Ronald Reagan opined that "Those who say that we are in a time when there are no heroes just don't know where to look. You can see heroes every day." It might almost seem that a presidential inauguration is one of the more popular and enduring displays of Christianity that can be found in this country.

Of course, it is unfair for Christianity to lay exclusive claim to basic moral values such as compassion, justice, and humility since they are also reflected in all of the major world religions. It's noteworthy that *only recently* those without religious belief have been acknowledged at inaugurations. In his first inaugural address twelve years ago, Barack Obama explicitly named religious diversity as an essential American ideal: "We are a nation of Christians and Muslims," he said, "Jews and Hindus, and non-believers."

CHURCH AND STATE REVISITED

Christianity has always existed in a political context, sometimes in harmony with it but most times not. The truth is that much of the message of Jesus is incompatible with political platforms as they currently exist.

Jesus preached and modeled equal justice for everyone, care for the sick and the poor, food and shelter for all. He was executed for being a threat to the Roman establishment who was unwilling to implement anything near what he called for since it would come at too high a price to those in power. Comparisons to the present are relevant and painful when we look at how many in our own country are without basic necessities such as food, shelter and medical care and the fact that the top 1% of Americans have nearly 40% of its wealth.

Christianity cannot be contained by political structures. It is a matter of the heart, of the mind, and the Scriptures that guide us. The answer to the question “what does the inauguration mean to us as Christians?” might in fact be that, like so many other things on this earth that will pass away, we should be cognizant to keep it in perspective.

And yet, the inauguration is just one part of the powerful and painful transformation that has already begun to take place.

RESURRECTION?

When it comes to the office of the presidency, a new beginning on January 20 is, at best, blurred. The current president has not conceded the election but continues to argue that it is fraudulent, and 74 million Americans say they agree with him (ABC News, November 20, 2020). So there has been no definitive “death” or ending. This makes a fresh beginning impossible in any traditional sense.

Many have experienced a cumulative sense of loss and death as President Trump’s administration has proceeded. Some have watched longstanding institutions or friendships crumble. Others are grieving loved ones lost to deportation or the pandemic. For all Joe Biden’s presidency promises a return to normalcy, their lives will never be “normal” again.



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**—GEORGE HW BUSH,
1989 INAUGURAL
ADDRESS**

Yet the Bible insists that death and loss must precede resurrection. The Inauguration will be a rebirth, a new beginning, a time to breathe again. Resurrection and rebirth are all around us, even in the political sphere, as these reflections from some in our community reveal:

Melissa M.: “I will feel absolutely elated when I see Kamala Harris sworn in as the Vice President... long overdue!”

Terri F.: “If not for the pandemic, I would travel to D.C. to witness the most important election in my lifetime.”

George K.: “I hope the term ‘I respect your position’ can once again become common and that people will start to ask, ‘What life experience leads you to feel that way?’ as opposed to ‘you are just wrong.’”

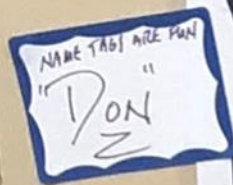
David B.: “The Inauguration is like lighting a candle that brings light to the darkness in which I have been stumbling around, or like the freshness of the church bell ringing on a cold, clear January morning.”

Things may have changed since this article was written in mid-December, but faith is timeless and the bright light of hope refuses to be dimmed. I am always inspired by the words of the monk, Thomas Merton:

But the fact remains that our task is to seek and find Christ in our world as it is, and not as it might be. The fact that the world is other than it might be does not alter the truth that Christ is present in it and that His plan has been neither frustrated nor changed: indeed, all will be done according to His will. Our Advent is a celebration of this hope.

As a nation and as individuals, our flaws are indeed endless, yet we are surrounded by the boundless love of the Creator and of each other, right here, right now, and on the twentieth day of January, 2021.

AN ACT OF BLESSING: PROJECT HOME IN 2021



**WELCOME
VOLUNTEERS!**
**PLEASE READ THE
BOOK FOR ALL
YOU NEED TO
KNOW!**



by Holly Weinkauff

For several years, St. John's has partnered with Project Home, a program of Interfaith Action that provides emergency shelter space and volunteer support for families facing homelessness in Ramsey County. Each February, we've opened our doors to host Project Home guests in our gym, sharing meals with them and offering welcome and compassion.

It's a special ministry because it's one of the few things we regularly do that involves people of all ages from our congregation. Many of us work together to make this happen and it gives us an opportunity to bring our faith into action. It also gives our SJE community a chance to "be with" a few families as they navigate their challenges. All of us who volunteer gain a better understanding of those challenges and an appreciation of the incredible resilience of the parents and kids. Project Home allows our parish to be part of and connected to a bigger effort that is supported by many diverse faith and spiritual communities.

This year, of course, Project Home looks a little different. Families are no longer moving each month; they now stay at a central location to ensure that families and volunteers are as safe as possible during the pandemic.

This February, we will not be welcoming the families into our building as we have in the past. But we can share our support and compassion through socially distanced meals and activities.

I want to help provide food. What can I do?

Project Home is asking us to provide weekend meals for about 20 guests. You can prepare a meal yourself or join with a few other St. John's households to each prepare one dish. You can also order takeout to be delivered to the Project Home location. We'll have more sign-up information available as the date gets closer.

Where is that location?

We can't say for sure yet where the families will be staying in February. At the time of this writing, Project Home is being hosted in Hotel 340 in downtown St. Paul, but there are plans underway to move elsewhere at a date yet to be determined. We'll let you know as soon as we know for sure, as well as any additional details that will help in your planning (such as whether there is a kitchen facility on site to allow for socially distanced cooking).

I want to help provide activities for kids. What can I do?

Contact parishioner Ellie Watkins at afterwards@gmail.com. She will be coordinating donations of activity bags, craft projects, virtual classes and tours, "theme nights," and whatever else we can generate to give the younger guests something outside their usual routine and give their parents and caretakers a little break and a chance to hopefully feel like a "self" again.

We all need moments that give us a "boost" and moments that surprise us with something a bit different from our routines. By providing weekend meals and creating activity kits for families, we can provide a few of those moments for a few families. By doing something as simple as arranging for a take out meal, we're giving the families a break from their routine and letting them know we care.

Our involvement with Project Home allows us to practice the Way of Love habits of "Blessing" and "Going." Food and faith are deeply connected. Gifting a meal to someone is an act of blessing. It is always a wonderful way to be with someone, even if you're not with them physically. By partnering with Project Home in this way, we are "going" outside of our immediate circle and touching many families (in a COVID-safe way, of course!)

All of these actions speak to new life, new beginnings, and hope. Interfaith Action has incredible programs in place to give families hope by building economic opportunity. Project Home is just one of those programs.

Through our gifts that we share with the families, we are able to contribute to that hope by showing the families that we see them and are compassionate to their circumstances.

If you have any questions, you can always reach out to me at betterwein@gmail.com.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!



On December 6, we celebrated New Member Sunday and welcomed Nathan Michael Black as he formally joined the parish.

He writes, **"My name is Nathan Black and I'm so grateful to be joining such a beautiful and loving community. I'm a hospice chaplain in Owatonna and though I am fairly new to the Episcopal Church, it feels like the spiritual home I never knew I had. I'm excited to get to know you and I welcome your friendship and prayers."**

We're excited to get to know Nathan, too! Be sure to say hello to him when you "see" him around our virtual worship and programming!

Click to watch the portion of our December 6 worship service where we welcomed Nathan and be sure to read the Live Chat replay for his lovely response!

Celebrant On behalf of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, I formally recognize you as members of our congregation.

People We welcome you to Saint John's. What you have to give we gladly receive. What you need from us we gladly offer. We will be here to celebrate your joys and comfort your sorrows.

Join us in our work and in our study, As we sing and pray through the seasons And cycles of our Christian life. Together let us pattern our lives after Christ.

Walking in his ways of compassion and justice, inviting all people to God's holy table.

New members We accept your welcome and are happy to join with you in this ministry.

Top chat replay

- Gretchen, whose mother died unexpectedly on Friday, and for her mother.
- girldefective18 For the patients with COVID at St. Joseph's Hospital
- Lynn Hartmann For all doctors and nurses and other healthcare workers helping all of us at this time.
- Laura Smith The doctors, nurses, and staff running our hospitals.
- Judith Stack-Nelson For St. John's clergy and staff
- Barbara Lindeke in thanks for the life of Eliana Patricia and the safe delivery for Lisa.
- St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church** Prayers for Eliana and her family.
- Dan Vogel For the repose of Timothy Connely
- Courtney Veszi Mike Yates
- Lindsay Sheffert For Mr. Miller, Mr. Line
- St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church** To make your pledge payments click here <https://www.givingsystem.com/Join/Join.asp> or text 651-273-0753 with the amount and where you'd like the funds to go, e.g. "\$100 Pledge."
- Jill Thompson Thanksgiving for Anna and her words of yearning and hope this morning
- Rob Beattie Peace to all, Cammie and Rob
- Marilyn Conklin Welcome, Nathan!

HIDE CHAT REPLAY

GROWN HERE AT ST. JOHN'S

by Scott Jungbauer

It's the time of year when snow usually covers the ground . . . and unfortunately that means the hard work done by Aidan Schmidt and Henry Makarios will go unseen from now until springtime 2021. Until then, I'll just have to describe it to you so you can imagine it.

They started off this past summer by pulling and hauling five truckloads of dead weeds and branches to the nearest compost site, giving St. John's exterior a much-needed and long-overdue facelift. The display was shared with farmers' market shoppers, local dog-walkers, and random passers-by. It gave a boost to the whole neighborhood.

For Aidan and Henry, this wasn't their first landscaping job. For the past few years, they have been working with a different landscaping company, gaining the knowledge needed to start their own landscaping company. It wasn't their first time at St. John's, either. 18-year-old Aidan joined the church with his family ten years ago and has been an active participant in many ministries and activities including youth group, acolyting, and the diocesan Youth Commission. It was, however, Aidan and Henry's first solo landscaping job as their own company, and a great opportunity to grow their knowledge and experience.

The big job they took on was de-weeding and re-mulching the beds of the parking lot: north and south, Kent Street side and Portland Avenue side. (Weeds are something else that keeps growing at St. John's . . . there's no way around it!)

Their hard work paid off, and compliments and praise poured in. This is a letter from parishioner Tom Evans dated October 3rd:

For the first time in a long while. I drove to SJE and got out of the car and walked around the grounds.

What a magnificent job you and your team are doing!!! The parking lot upgrades and maintenance efforts look spectacular. And the front of the Church.... also looking great. Tidy, kept up all around.

Thanks for the great job of making SJE look good!



It's such a perfect example of what happens here in our faith community, the things that grow here and the ways they branch out. Aidan has grown into a young man during his time at church and his connections to the parish have grown too. Working on this project gave Aidan and Henry a chance to grow as landscapers and businessmen for their future endeavors (once the snow melts, of course). Beautifying our grounds gave us another chance to grow more prominent as a fixture of the neighborhood and to touch everyone who comes past, letting them know, "We're here with you. This neighborhood is important to us, too. We want to take care of it." And of course, everything that we do to care for our church and our Earth grows our praise and love of God.

I just wish I would have known their talents earlier! Thank you, Henry and Aidan, for the revitalizing job done at St. John's.

GIVING

St. John's mission and ministry is more vital now than ever before. **Your financial gifts enable us to continue paying our staff, and ensure the essential ministries of pastoral care, worship, outreach, and community connection continue for all ages.** Please support this effort, as you are able, by continuing to make your pledge payments, or by making an offering. To give online, [click here](#) or text 651-273-0753 with the amount you'd like to give and where you'd like the funds to go; e.g. "\$100 Pledge." Thank you!

WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings: At 10am on [YouTube](#).
Sung Compline: Thursdays at 7pm on [Facebook](#).
Morning Prayer: Monday-Saturday at 8am on [Facebook](#) followed by Coffee Hour on [Zoom](#).
Evening Prayer: Monday-Friday at 4:30pm on [Facebook](#).

FORMATION

"Way of Love" Faith Forums for Adults and Youth: Sundays at 9am on [Zoom](#).
Children's (Grades PreK-6) Godly Play: Sundays at 9am on [Zoom](#).
Thursday Book Group: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 10am on [Zoom](#).
Lectio Divina (meditations on Scripture): Wednesdays at 10am on [Zoom](#).

SUNDAY READERS

January 3: Colleen Swope, Bob Linehan
January 10: Oliver McInroy, Diane Wallace-Reid
January 17: Helen Docherty, John Docherty
January 24: Jill Thompson, Jeff Olsen
January 31: Mary Johnson, Jude Weber-Johnson

February 7: Don Postema, Mark McInroy
February 14: Cammie Beattie, Colleen Swope
February 21: Jeff Olsen, Bob Linehan
February 28: Oliver McInroy, Mary Johnson

Is God calling you to share God's word aloud in worship? Contact coordinator Bob Linehan at rlinehan@gmail.com to participate or learn more.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

JANUARY

- 1 Cristiana Collins
Patrick Collins
- 2 Thomas Giambetti
- 5 Ella Ebenhoch
Keith Davis
Jennifer Tianen
Payton Kinkead
- 6 Patti Murakami
- 7 Anne Hodgson
Austin Loch
Bob Horn
- 8 Lynn Hartmann
- 10 Cara Bailey
George Power
Pat Brynteson
- 11 Dorothy Ek
Vivian Scheel
- 12 Joan McCanna
Julia Ferguson
- 13 Barbara Mraz
- 14 Judith Stack
Mary Hansen
- 15 Mary Ann Mason
- 16 Alice Johnson
Ann Booth
Perrin Lilly
- 17 Dusty Mairs
- 18 Elliott Allen
- 19 Josephine Lottsfeldt
Shirley Sailors
- 20 Mary Elizabeth Johnson
- 21 Cormac Graupman
- 23 Beth Bowman
Katherine Meyer
- 23 Nancy Wellington
- 24 Lauren Westerhaus
- 27 Marilyn Conklin
- 28 Daniel Huston
- 29 Elizabeth Plummer
Kennedy Albrecht
- 30 Jonas Brown
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By Your love You have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of Your son:
So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and show forth our service to You in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

