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FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years ago, on a family vacation, driving through Fargo-Morehead I was fascinated by the most unique billboard. "Be Grateful" it read in 5 foot high black letters against a stark white background about 50 yards before a sign for Hampton Inn, and after an ad for Gander Mountain Outfitters.



I expressed my fascination with the sign as we passed it to Erin sitting next to me in the car, and, ever the wiser of the two of us, she reminded me that some people might read the sign with a certain degree of annoyance – a call to "be grateful" could be perceived as trite or even shallow. After all, gratitude can take hard work and sometimes even strength of will. There is a lot out there working against gratitude.

True enough! We had just passed another billboard advertising the plight of North Dakota farmers. Conditions are hard, life isn't always sunshine and vacation. And, what about all the other billboards offering unattainable happiness through better petroleum, cheaper meals, a prettier smile, or a spiffed-up wardrobe. If they didn't create desire they could at least manufacture discontent. A sign advocating gratitude mixed in with all the rest seems like it could be a confusing message. Indeed, gratitude can't be commanded or compelled. It isn't a proposition or an idea to be considered. Gratitude is. It is a state of being, a condition of the heart and mind born of experience and perspective, and manifested in actions.

For most adherents of the Abrahamic faiths, gratitude can be traced back to the idea of contingency. God, in God's goodness created. All that is, did not have to be. Therefore, we give thanks for existence. For Christians, our thanksgiving is rooted in the Incarnation, in our encounters with the crucified and risen One. God, in God's love for us, became one of us, joined us in all our suffering and joy, to show us love. But sometimes, even for clergy, these seem like pie in the sky, ethereal concepts. God created. Jesus died and rose again. Sometimes these sound about as easy to understand as "Be Grateful".

I was mulling these grand thoughts over in my head on the same trip when we arrived at our destination, a cabin just over the border from here in Wisconsin, and our best friends in the whole world invited us out onto their dock to have a look at the night sky. We looked up and beheld the wonder of the cosmos, the Big Dipper, the Milky Way, and there were even some Northern Lights! I felt Erin's arm slip over my shoulder, I sensed the nearness of kindred spirits, and soaked in the beauty of Creation – beauty, relationship, incarnation, existence, creation, and love – it was all there. And, then I felt it, something like contentment, satisfaction, or perhaps happiness – really it was gratitude. No sign this time, no message or billboard - I just was grateful. We can't be compelled to gratitude and no pithy billboard can generate thanks – at least not usually – but it seems there are signs everywhere pointing us in the right direction. I hope this Lent you discover something that inspires gratitude, whether that "something" is written in ashes on your forehead, or blooms in the smile of a loved one. I for one remain grateful for you and for the ministry we share.

Faithfully,

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LEAVING HOME, RETURNING HOME: St John's on the Move

By The Reverend Barbara Mraz

Our winter and spring theme of "Coming Home" is taking place on many fronts. Many groups are moving out to new destinations this winter and spring:

The Choir is perform at Carnegie Hall, and several parishioners are going to New York to see their performance.

Five members of St John's went to visit the St. John's Clinic in Kayoro, Uganda. See their pictures and reports on pages 9 through 11.

On March 2, everyone is invited to the spiritual journey of the Labyrinth. With members of Holy Apostles, everyone over age five is welcome to learn about this ancient practice and create their own labyrinth, a way of facilitating prayer. Information follows on page 16.

In the middle of May, the Women's Group will take a Saturday trip to Faribault, visiting the historic cathedral there as well as the Episcopal School – Shattuck. Several people have been lined up to guide and inform us on this visit and there will be lunch!

Over Memorial Day weekend, there will be a pilgrimage to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota organized by the Diocese. More information on this coming.

We'll have a lot talk about when everyone returns home to St. John's!

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

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 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*

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The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*
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 The Reverend Susan Moss, *Interim Assistant Rector*
 The Reverend Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*
 The Reverend Philip Rose, *Deacon*

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Saint John's Welcomes Seven New Members

Dateline: February 10, 2013 St. Paul, MN – St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

Despite the snowy and blustery conditions caused by another Sunday morning winter storm this season, we welcomed seven new members to the congregation on Sunday, February 10th. Three of the seven -- Carole Selin, Anne Russell, Dale Niessen -- fought through the conditions to be warmly welcomed by parishioners who also overcame wind and snow and all manner of weather apocalypse to attend the 10:00 am service. Meanwhile, the other four -- the Armstrong Family; Ron, Tricia, Thomas and Jillian -- took the prudent route and were welcomed in spirit rather than presence. They were missed.

These seven along with a half a dozen other inquirers attended the winter New Member classes held in January and February. The classes are designed to give people an opportunity to meet others who are considering joining the church and to explore membership at St. John's. We have the opportunity to talk about our faith journeys and how we ended up walking through the doors at St. John's. Then we explored the Book of Common Prayer and our patterns of worship. We concluded with an opportunity to hear from a number of committed members and the ministries they are involved with. A tour of the church was promised but was not delivered so if you see any of our new members wandering around lost jump in, introduce yourself and give them the nickel tour.

Anne Russell

Anne Russell and her husband Merrell Peters moved to St. Paul in 2004 and began attending St. John's in 2005. Born and raised in Iowa, they lived for many years in Anne's hometown Fort Dodge before trekking north. Anne is recently retired from her position of seven years as the fund development manager at the Cabrini Partnership. She is enjoying a very full retirement including trips back to Fort Dodge to visit the couple's mothers who still reside there. Anne is pleased to be a new member of St. John's if not exactly a new face.

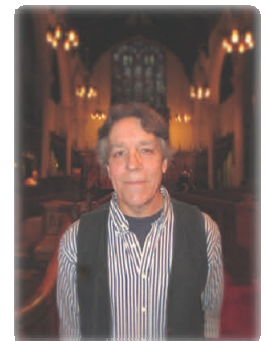


Carole Selin

Carole Selin listens to the beat of a different drummer, no wait she is a drummer! She is a trained percussionist who has played jazz drum set and sung professionally for a number of years and has composed music for small ensembles and theatrical works. An avid reader, Carole lives with her husband in Mac Groveland and teaches college prep classes at Saint Paul College. Although she has not owned a television for a year and half, the Milwaukee native is willing to go off the no television wagon should the Packers make another appearance in the Super Bowl.

Dale Niessen

Shortly after he attended St. John's for the first time, Dale Niessen jumped in with both feet. He is a frequent volunteer who has helped Sarah out in the office on many occasions. Dale grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, and moved to Minnesota in 1989. When he first moved to Minnesota, he lived in Nordeast and ventured across the river to St. Paul in 2000 and never looked back. He loves St. Paul. A big reader Dale has recently been tackling the seven-volume Stephen King series *The Dark Tower*. Dale also loves to work with his hands including working with yarn.



AN INVITATION TO GO DEEPER

By The Reverend Barbara Mraz



Many people tell me that they want more from their religion, their faith, their spirituality. I certainly do. Lent offers us an invitation to move forward with an open heart.

A lot of our religions perceptions are revealed by the season of Lent. Since the days when Roman Catholics didn't eat meat on Fridays and many Christians "gave up" something for Lent (or "took on" something for Lent), it has become an even fuzzier season in the minds of most of us. The clergy wear purple stoles on Sunday; the stores are already filled with bunnies and chicks; it's soon time to think about where to gather the relatives for Easter dinner. A frequent conclusion is: *"I'll go to church on Palm Sunday and Easter since I'm super busy and it's just not a priority, frankly, to do the whole Lent, Holy Week thing."*

End of discussion.

I was deeply affected by the following statement from Dr Lisa Kimball, a professor at Virginia Seminary. It got to me because it's the bottom-line truth about where many of us are with religion:

"An inherited, unexamined tradition – however beautiful—is not enough. Vague ideas about Moses and Jesus and justice won't help. Hiding behind beautiful Elizabethan liturgies and elegant hymnody won't work. Being open and curious and respectful of other traditions is important, but if those explorations displace or replace Christian practices as they sometimes do, we become tradition blenders, not faithful grounded people."

Religion is a practical discipline that teaches us to discover new capacities of mind and heart. Like any skill, religion requires perseverance, hard work and practice. Too much of the Episcopal church has not been doing its practice."

Ouch.

The reality is that when our lives hit the wall and explode with pain or disappointment, we *want things* from our faith: comfort, answers, explanations, and we want these things *now*. Grace comes in many forms, of course, but there are countless resources (including the St John's clergy) to help you now:

- * Make a commitment to attend church every Sunday during Lent. The clergy will be preaching about spiritual practices.
- * The Wednesday Evening Lenten Series offers an opportunity to chat with fellow parishioners over soup and bread, then hear a presentation on the theme "Coming Home." Conversation follows.
- * Commit to reading something each day: Pick up Henri Nouwen's booklet "Called to Life, Called to Love" at the back of the church. Read and ponder each daily reading, maybe making notes of what it brings to mind. There are also many online daily Lenten readings.
- * Pray intentionally – maybe in a new way – each day.
- * Read the Scripture readings for each Sunday ahead of time. You can find them at "Episcopal Lectionary Page" online.
- * Spend a given amount of time each day alone, being quiet, not focusing on your worries and anxieties. Breathe.
- * Do at least one random act of kindness each day. Put it on your calendar so you don't forget.
- * Consider "The Sacrament of Reconciliation" formerly known as *Confession to a Priest* during Holy Week. We'll be giving you more information about how to prepare for this powerful sacrament.

Lent will come and go as usual, but you don't have to. Consider the gentle invitation offered by the Church and by St. John's to go deeper.

The Gift of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

By The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

Growing up outside of a faith tradition that included such wonderful gifts as the church calendar and a cycle of liturgical seasons, I was unfamiliar when I arrived in the Episcopal Church, with the practice of things like Lent and Holy Week. The Evangelical world in which I was raised celebrated the far more cheerful church holidays of Christmas and Easter, pausing in between only briefly to wave a palm branch on the appointed Sunday. In the church of my childhood we celebrated happiness, success, and triumph to the point that we had no need of things like Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Why focus on suffering when Jesus had already overcome? Why celebrate a season like Lent, with its emphasis on preparation and practice, when all we needed was to believe in Jesus?



Unsatisfied with the simplistic formularies of my childhood faith, I latched onto what appeared to be a far more rich and complex understanding of Christian practice in the liturgical traditions of my newfound church home. Especially when it came to the paschal cycle from Lent through Easter, I was fascinated by the way in which the liturgy could embrace the whole of human experience, from suffering to salvation, from pain to joy, and from lament and fasting to celebration and feasting. I discovered that I could only make sense of Easter by walking with Christians of every stripe through the passion narrative of Jesus. I was deeply moved by the notion that I could connect with God as much through my suffering as my celebrating and on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday I encountered a God who entered willingly and fully into the pain of human existence.

While I was encountering the richness of Christian tradition through the liturgies of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, I was simultaneously discovering a deeply Anglican principle, that the way in which we worship, the rhythms, patterns, posture, and language of our prayers reflects, forms, and ultimately enacts our deepest beliefs. I was coming to discover that liturgy is far more than a source of spiritual sustenance. It is in fact a central part of the living out of my spiritual existence – you could say I discovered that worship *is* faith in action. So much of my upbringing had focused on worship as practice *for* real life and suddenly I was discovering that worship *was* real life! I came to understand that by glossing over Lent and Holy Week, by skipping over the Passion, I was in a very real way denying a central part of real life – I was avoiding suffering and afraid of facing my own mortality.

For Christians across the centuries, the celebration particularly of the Triduum, often seen as one solid service covering the three days of Holy Week known as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter, stands at the very heart and center of our life and faith. These days and the rites that mark them are an opportunity for the faithful gathering to not only remember the story of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, but in some mystery that we cannot fully explain or comprehend, we believe that to observe them is to actually participate in and encounter the saving work of God in Christ.

This Holy Week and Easter I invite you to join us in observing these most holy and sacred of days in our common life. Come and encounter with us the way in which our God embraced the whole of human existence. Come, taste, and see that through the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, that we are being drawn into communion with the same God who spoke worlds and the cosmos into existence. Come hear who and whose you are and be reminded of that grace by which you and I and the whole creation were saved and restored and made whole.

Holy Week 2013

Palm Sunday

March 24th
10 am Service
Blessing of the Palms

Morning Worship

Monday, March 25th
through Friday, March 29th
7:30 am in the Choir Stalls

Maundy Thursday

March 28th
7:00 pm
in the Main Sanctuary

Good Friday

March 29th
Noon and 7:00 pm
in the Main Sanctuary

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30th
7:00 pm
in the Main Sanctuary

Easter Day

Sunday, March 31st
8:00 am and 10:00 am
in the Main Sanctuary

All Welcome!

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Vestry Musings by Don Postema

Your Vestry prepped for the parish Annual Meeting at its January 21 session.

Nominees to fill four open Vestry positions were approved, and the diversity (age, life stage, demographic) and experience of the new members was applauded. We also feted retiring Vestry members, Terri Fischel, Patrick Schmidt, and Don Weinkauff, thanking them for their contributions and faithfulness in doing the work of the Vestry.

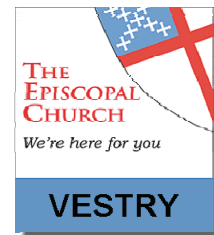
A special dessert was blessed in their name, consistent with Episcopalian practices of liberal blessings.

The Finance Committee brought a balanced 2013 budget to the Vestry for approval. The stewardship campaign met its goals, through the generosity of 185 pledging units (many of them new pledges), the increased pledges of 30 families, and the one-time special gifts of a small number of parishioners who stepped in to fill the remaining gap. The 2013 budget continues staffing at current levels (including a full-time Assistant Rector position), and provides modest increases for Hearts to Homes, Music, and Youth programs, as well as a 2% increase in existing salaries (the first in three years). In addition, the amount drawn from the endowment was reduced for 2013 to around 4.5%, bringing us closer to our goal of a sustainable draw (3.5-4%) on the funds entrusted to us by our financial saints. The details of the 2013 budget are in the 2012 Annual Report, and the wardens and Treasurer would be pleased to go over them with you should you have any questions.

Looking back on 2012, there was even more good news on the financial front. Our total budget of nearly \$900,000 showed a \$62,432 surplus at the end of the year. This was largely due to one-time gifts during the year above regular pledges. \$25,000 of this surplus was set aside for clerestory window repair that has to be done this spring (patch the leaks before the spring rains!). In line with the policy adopted by the Vestry last fall, the remainder of the surplus will be used to reduce the debt we incurred in 2011 to complete the re-roofing of the church.

Lest you think finances consume the Vestry, we also learned that the Crocus Hill Preschool has run into some obstacles with regards to meeting building code requirements to safely occupy our space. Their architect is working with the City and, though we are still hopeful, the costs might be prohibitive (guess this was a financial matter after all). We also noted that our Interim Assistant Rector, Rev. Susan Moss, has been aptly managing our parish while our Rector, Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, has been on parental leave in January (this had no financial overtones).

Looking ahead, the Vestry has launched a Strategic Planning Commission to chart our way forward in the next 3-5 years. This process should inform not only our organizational structure and ministries, but also our stewardship program. Tony Grundhauser, who has expertise in development and fund-raising, has agreed to be our Stewardship Chair this year. Our spring Vestry Retreat (March 8-9) will in part be devoted to re-visioning our stewardship program in order to more effectively sustain the good work that all of you, along with our staff, do at and for St. John's. Your Vestry welcomes your thoughts and concerns on this and any other aspect of our life together.



VESTRY MEMBERS

Libby Snelson, *Senior Warden*

Don Postema, *Junior Warden*

Bob Baumann, *Clerk of Vestry*

Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*

Kathy Brown, *Membership*

Tony Grundhauser, *Stewardship*

Jennifer Kinkead, *Faith in Action*

Anneke Krall, *Formation*

Marilyn Conklin, *Music*

Phyllis Goff, *At Large*

Rex Haberman, *At Large*

Jerry Woelfel, *Personnel*

Tricia Durst, *Fellowship*

Mary Gilbertson, *At Large*

Gary Hagstrom, *At Large*

Suzanne McInroy, *At Large*

Faith In Action

Official Opening St. John's Kayoro Health Center in Uganda

From Shirley Sailor's Blog, <http://newsfromshirley.blogspot.com>.

Uganda - January 31, 2013

Started my day without the normal scrambled eggs; I ordered them twice, but they didn't arrive until I was ready to leave to get on the bus. Mariam was waiting at the GUW office. She is the 15-year old girl I first encountered her on my 2011 trip and have been sponsoring her for school for the last year and a half. She successfully passed the Primary Leaving Test, pretty amazing given the limited schooling she has had, so is able to go onto secondary school. Her first choice, Tororo Girls School, did not accept her because her scores were not high enough. GUW staff will be working to see if she can be admitted to her second choice school. The new school term begins in mid-February so decisions have to be made in the next few weeks.

Eunice, staff from the GUW office, accompanied Mariam and me on a shopping trip to buy her a new dress and shoes. When I asked what I might bring her as a gift, dress and shoes were mentioned. But it is too difficult to buy for someone whose style and size I don't really know so confirmed with GUW staff that a shopping trip would be possible. "Downtown" Tororo is a few blocks from the office so the three of us walked there. Eunice knows the best shops (does her shopping there herself) so was a good guide. Mariam found a 2-piece outfit at the first store, but no shoes. Had to go on to a second store for those. I was surprised at the styles she chose (so it was good she was doing the picking), but the selection looked great on her – very sophisticated and adult-looking. We didn't have time to do the shopping I'd wanted for me as we hurried back to the office in order to head out to the clinic. Got there to see Cammie and Anika leaving – to change money. Finally everyone was assembled, and at 10:40 we headed for the Kayoro Health Centre site on the bus.



We arrived about 11:15 to find (no surprise) that nothing was happening in terms of the Opening Ceremony. Mariam, who had ridden on the bus with us, wanted me to meet her family. Because she is a total orphan, her guardian is her father's brother and his wife. The aunt was very pleasant. Of course, she talked about the financial difficulties represented by her own children and the orphans. I'm sure it's true, but sometimes it seems that everyone is asking for money – directly or subtly.

We chatted for a while; her English is pretty good. I recognized her as a Kayoro group member, one of the community health nurses, a training session for whom I observed on my last trip. Mariam tried on her new dress and shoes; looked quite good. I took her picture in the new outfit with her aunt, outside their home.

After she changed back to her previous clothes which looked incredibly hot to me (sweatshirt material and a hood!), we all walked back to the clinic – where nothing was still going on! Took a picture of Mariam and me and of the three of us.

Then we separated; Mariam had to go with the children to practice a musical number, and her aunt went to sit with the Kayoro group members in their tent.



Then began the real waiting game. The Ugandan Minister for Health was coming from Kampala, but her scheduled arrival time kept being put back. The MCs tried to keep things going, but it was difficult. Some events could take place before her arrival, but those in charge of the event definitely wanted her to hear most of the speeches. So we sat around trying not to melt. Fortunately, I'd positioned myself in a back row so I could get up and move around easily, and, even after the serious speeches began, I could read my Nook or have a bite to eat. It was generally pretty tedious.



The children's group sang one song and later came back with Mariam singing the solo part. By the time I realized it was she and tried to get a picture, she was turning around, and all I could see was her back. Still I was the proud sponsor!

There was singing by four members of the clinic staff. I wonder how many medical facilities could come up with a group of over 50% of their staff who sing so well.

There was also singing by an adult choir made up of Kayoro Community members. Another pretty impressive group.

And there was dancing. Unfortunately I didn't get a picture of that because I was too busy out there dancing myself. Apparently only the women dance; all seven of us volunteers joined in and had a great, if incredibly hot, time moving around dancing and greeting all of the women out there.



The minister arrived, driving into the compound, getting out of her car, and ceremoniously processing to the table of honor where she was seated with Dr. Epuate, the chair of the clinic committee, Father Olaboro, the chair of GUW Uganda board, and our own Cammie Beattie, representing the volunteers and St. John the Evangelist.

Some speeches began before the Minister arrived, but most occurred after she came. There were many, and they were flowery and long. The Ugandan structure of government has many layers, and each had to have a representative who spoke. The best speeches, from my perspective, were those of the women: GUW Director (Katie speaking on behalf of Anika who was called away), Volunteer speaker (Cammie), and the Minister herself.



Note that the Minister gets an umbrella for shade unlike any of the other speakers. Status obviously has its privileges! She began speaking at 3:30 p.m. which was a good two hours behind schedule. She finished at 4 pm at which time the caterer began putting out food for the Kayoro community. The honored guests, including the Minister and us volunteers, returned to the Prime Hotel for our "lunch." I presented the packets of St. John's Christmas cards I had put together (one of each of the four years we have had cards supporting the clinic project) for Dr. Epuate and the other 6 members of the clinic board, Father Olaboro of the GUW board, and the local GUW and clinic staff.

After a 4 pm lunch we had a light supper (pizza) about 8, after which I did some computer work, including sending some of the pictures from the opening ceremony to key people at St. John's. Then off to bed.



Shirley is one of 7 participants sent recently from St. John's to participate in the grand opening of the St. John's Clinic in Kayoro, Uganda. While in Uganda, members of the trip are experiencing life with their hosts, helping with small projects, and bringing some of our love and greetings from St. John's.

We received the following letter from Sue MacIntosh

"We can really feel you and all the prayers from St. John's.

My day was with Jennifer who is 55, about as far into the wilds as I have been. But what a beautiful compound! She has 4 grown sons and has quite a farm operation. She has received 4 GUW grants/loans that allowed her to expand her farm. I had a great time hearing of all the crops and really enjoyed learning about her banana plantation. She has about 50 trees in their compound. I shucked maize and we took 8 kg to an electric grinder about 6 compounds over. We also harvested the greens, washed and then cooked the snot out of them for lunch.

The grinding is AMAZING... these women are SO smart. I showed them how to put the grinder together twice and they totally got it. About 6 of the 15 women successfully built and disassembled the grinder without a problem.

And I did a grinder assessment for the one Amy brought It was clean as a whistle. 7 groups in Kayoro use it daily. The 'spring' was a bit worn and they were happy to get the new one."



February Meeting

Hearts to Homes - Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 pm in the Meditation Room. For more information, contact Colleen Swope, 651-246-4292.



Youth Ministry

Easter Pies

The Senior Youth are making Easter pies again this year! This is another one of our fundraisers to benefit our pilgrimage to Alaska. Hurry and get your order in for these yummy pies:

- Pre-orders due to Jean Hansen by March 17, 2013
- Flavors include: Apple, Cherry, Key Lime and Chocolate
- Pies are \$15 each
- Checks made payable to St. John's – memo Senior Youth Pilgrimage
- Pick up in Gym Kitchen on Sunday, March 31 after the 8am and 10am services

See order form on back page.



Hi! My name is Matt Richards, I am in 8th grade and I am involved in the youth group here at Saint Johns. I am one of many youth going on the pilgrimage to Alaska this summer.



I am really looking forward to the pilgrimage. I think it will be a great opportunity for the youth as individuals and as a group to be able to participate in many spiritual activities that will help us connect with God. This will help us all figure how we best connect with Him and under which circumstances we most fully sense Him with us.

I would like to thank all the parishioners and anyone else who has helped us plan this pilgrimage and organize all of the fundraisers. Also, anyone who has helped support us by participating in fundraisers has helped tremendously. Don't forget, it's not too late to contribute!

Senior Youth Lock-in and Pie Baking

The Senior Youth and confirmation candidates will spend time together during the night of Good Friday through the next afternoon. During our time we will keep vigil with Jesus in the Chapel.

Who: All Senior Youth

What: Lock-in and Pie Baking

Where: St. John the Evangelist

When: Good Friday, March 29 at 6pm through Saturday, March 30 at 3pm

2013 Youth Lenten Movie Series

Continues through March. The theme this year is "Responsibility." 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 on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room, with discussion to follow. Dinner will be provided. The movies will be viewed as a group and include: *Life of Pi*, *Forgiving Dr. Mengele*, and *The Hunger Games*. Please return completed parental consent form to Jean Hansen. For more information email Jean at rjhansen3128@aol.com, or call 952-201-0424.



Godly Play

It's About The Stories by Ellen Harrington

"Throughout our lives, we are taught, scarred, and strengthened by the stories we are told, the stories that we live, and the invisible legacies that help shape who we become." Diane Wilson

Godly Play stories are taught Montessori style. What glory that our cultural stories have not been silenced - skewed or marginalized maybe, but not silenced. Children hear and see them. This is consistent with the magical consciousness of early childhood which is a world of right and wrong, reward and punishment within one's tribal boundaries of church and school.

The Old Testament stories of Fall fit into this consciousness with wondering questions about what part of the story children liked best or is most important. Jesus is on the scene for the Parables of winter/spring. Parables are presented as gifts from our ancestors. We begin to wonder about Jesus' actions and feelings. This seeds the idea that different people can have different feelings and thoughts.

After the Parables of February, Godly Play will hear the Jesus/Hosanna story followed by the Mystery of Easter. The oldest kids will move from hearing about Prophets to the "Knowing Jesus in a New Way" curriculum.

Godly Play is into the second half of the program year with an average of 30 kids per Sunday in three groups. We have and will continue to have three groups to maintain the two-year, two-grade cohorts that sync with Rite 13. Because groups can be larger, the Greeter is important in helping with group focus.

If anyone would like to learn more about Godly Play, come on up and be a Greeter for a Sunday or two and find a different perspective on the stories of our tradition.

Note: There is NO GODLY PLAY on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.



Acolyte Schedule

March 3:	Madeline Weinkauff, Rachel Clark, Will Rinkoff, Matt Brooks
March 10:	Tim Krall, Alex Joyce, Samantha Rosendale, Emma Grundhauser, Helen Baxter, Linnea Krall
March 17:	Matt Richards, Eli Weinkauff, Caroline Krall, Lucy Grundhauser, Tessa Johnson
March 24:	Johannah Frisby, Charlie Olsen, Emily Brooks, Logan Finkel, Mason Kinkead
March 31:	Madeline Weinkauff, Rachel Clark, Will Rinkoff, Matt Brooks, Emily Brooks

Youth Dinner Schedule

March 6:	Volunteers Needed
March 13:	Volunteers Needed
March 20:	Volunteers Needed
March 27:	NO YOUTH MEETING
March 28:	Maundy Thursday - NO DINNER - Meet in church at 6:50 pm.

Musical Notes



Edward Hicks, *The Peaceable Kingdom*

Sung Compline

Weekly Compline services will be sung throughout Lent, Thursdays at 7 pm in the Choir Stalls. 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, Peaceable Kingdom Cantata and Art Exhibit

On March 10 at 4pm, the parish choir will sing Evensong for the season of Lent. The Evensong, a treasured liturgy of the Anglican tradition, will feature scripture readings such as Psalm 102 [one of the most beautiful of the seven penitential psalms] and Gospel canticles, as well as an anthem, and congregational hymns. All of this happens as the shadows in the church lengthen and candle light replaces the light of the sun, lending a quiet peacefulness to our hurried lives.

Following the service, the choir will present a performance of *The Peaceable Kingdom* by American composer Randall Thompson. The 1936 sequence of sacred choruses for unaccompanied choir was inspired by American artist Edward Hicks' oil painting of the same title. The painting portrays a child with a group of animals, serenely lying together as described in the book of Isaiah [11:6-9]. Intrigued by this passage, Thompson studied the full book of Isaiah and from it selected eight texts referencing the themes of peace and good versus evil.

A free-will offering will be received to benefit The Winifred Bean Evensong Fund and a festive reception hosted by the Fellowship Committee will follow the service. On exhibit at the reception will be artwork by parishioner Helen Boyer, entitled *The Peaceable Kingdom Revisited*. The mixed-media painting was inspired by the book of Isaiah, Edward Hicks' painting, and Randall Thompson's choral work. Please join us for this service and bring a friend who has not been to Evensong in a while.

Faith Formation



ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:00 am, Fireside Room

March 3rd - Fireside Chat with the rector.

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

March 17th - When Home is Unsafe: A speaker from Hazeldon 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.

LENTEN STUDY

"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.

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.



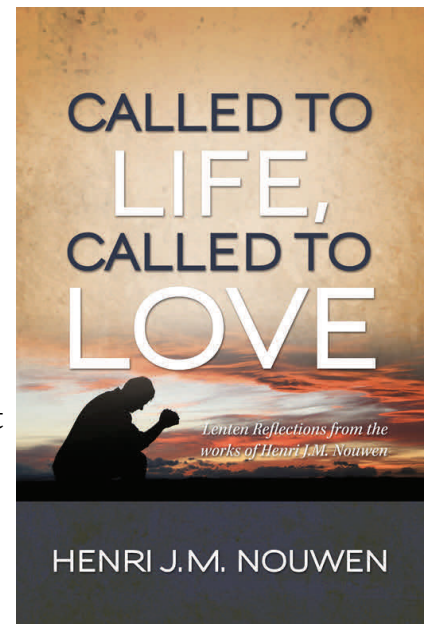
**Bible Study: Wit, Wisdom
and so much more!**

**Every Wednesday at 11:00 am
in the Library.**

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 during Lent.



Lenten Program: Curious About the Labyrinth?

Come and join members of Holy Apostles for a morning workshop to explore the meaning of this ancient spiritual prayer practice.

Learn about its history and create your own labyrinth to take home. Participants will learn to use the labyrinth to explore colors, symbols and images of personal significance.

Presenter Lisa Gidlow Moriarity is an artist, spiritual director and labyrinth maker. She has a passion for creating labyrinths and leading others in the spiritual art of creation. She has co-created many Twin Cities public and private laboring including those at House of Hope, Wisdom Ways and Breck School.

Saturday March 2, from 10 am - 1 pm in the gym. All materials provided for creating your labyrinth and lunch prepared by the great cooks of Holy Apostles! Adults and Children age 5 and older are welcome to participate. To register: Contact The Reverend Susan Moss by February 28th at susanmaetzoldmoss@gmail.com or 651-485-5369.

Chartres Cathedral: The Labyrinth in the Floor of the Nave



Happy Birthday to...

March*

1	Maverick Tiller	14	Lauren Haberman	21	Tim Krall
	Ezra, Kusa		Cynthia Heath	23	Richard Rasch
2	Linnea Krall		Charlie Olsen	24	Priscilla Farnham
3	Gabrielle Lawrence	15	Kathleen Stuart		Alexa Avery
4	Libby Snelson		Charlie Olson		Asher Edgerton-Dodes
	Lyelle Palmer		Chris Olson	25	Linda Lindeke
	Louis Gilbertson	16	Sara Schmitt	27	Lucy Grundhauser
	Hannah Gilbertson	17	Diane Power		Don Postema
5	Pamela Bloomquist		Meredith Hansen	31	Marguerite Baxter
6	Becky Debertin		Kathy Yaeger		
7	Alex Diaz		Sandra Roe		
	Craig Lemming		Rick Rusch		
9	Hannah Kuhn	18	Daniel Brown		
12	Richard Gross		Elliott Rutherford Grill		
13	William Latta	19	Helen Baxter		
	Eli Weinkauf	20	Rick Rinkoff		

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

Community Life



Serving Our Sisterhood!



St. John's Women's Group

NEW Spring Line-up

April 7 after 10:00 church: Gather to plan our May trip to Faribault.

May 18 – Bus trip to Faribault to the Cathedral and Shattuck School.

Watch for details.

March Meetings

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

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

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

Women's Group - Sunday, March 10th at 11:15 am in the Fireside Room. Spring Planning - A simple brunch and workshop session to review what has worked and what hasn't and to begin planning for next year. For more information, contact Diane Elliott 804-874-9502.

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

Young Adults Charity Program - Saturday, March 16th at 11 am. Meet at the Dorothy Day Center, 183 Old 6th Street West, Saint Paul, to serve and clear up lunch. For more information, contact Craig Lemming, 857-891-8780 or clemming@hotmail.com.

Young Adults Dinner and Conversation - Sunday, March 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, March 19th at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft. For more information, contact Lindsay Radford, LRadford@kstp.com.



We commend to God those who have died and those who grieve:

We extend our sympathies to Phillip Baird on the death of his mother, Margaret; to Elaine Sutton on the death of her great granddaughter, Bella; and to Frank Louiseaux-Purcell on the death of his father, James.

May light perpetual shine upon Margatett, Bella and James.

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

March 3rd

The Third Sunday in Lent

Main Altar

Theodore and Genevieve Pilacinski

Small Altar

Elizabeth and Frank Ward

March 10th

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Main Altar

Lola O. and Daniel W. Ferguson

Small Altar

Armen Byron Tufenk and Haig Karakine Tufenk

March 17th

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Main Altar

Robert Orr and Anabel Baker

Small Altar

In loving memory of Lisa Richcreek on her birthday

March 31st

The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER DAY

Pulpit Cross

John H. Myers, Paul N. and Reine Myers



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.

Easter Memorial Flowers

You are invited to share in the cost of decorating the church for Easter. Please make your check out to "St. John the Evangelist Church" and mark "Easter Flowers" in the memo space. Then place your donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you would like to make your gift as a memorial to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please fill in this form and return it with your contribution.

Memorials must be received in the office by Thursday, March 21st, 2013 to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

(Please Print Clearly)

In loving memory of:

Donation given by:

Check enclosed for \$

Thank you!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE 2013

TIME	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	USHERS	GREETERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
March 3rd, 2013 - The Third Sunday in Lent First Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Diane Power Team	Hank Snyder, Holly, Don, and Madeline Weinkauf	Don Weinkauf, Phyllis Goff		Scheel Bloomquist Clamons
10:00 am	A - Judy Southwick B - Jeff Olsen					
March 10th, 2013 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am	Alden Drew	Dusty Mairs Team	Jennifer, Peter, Skyler, and Samantha Rosendale	Jennifer Kinhead, Patricia Durst	Ryan Wall Weinkauf	Tom and Aimee Baxter
10:00 am	A - Joan Potter B - Greg Schaffner					
March 17th, 2013 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Pam Strom Team	Peggy, Jeff, and Andrew Olsen, Helen Boyer	Cammie Beattie, Kathleen Hanson	Dueber Schmidt Docherty	Brad and Mary Louise Clary
10:00 am	A - Jill Thompson B - Alden Drew					
March 24th, 2013 - The Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Pat Brynteson Team	Don Husband, Kathleen Hanson, Paige and Gary Hagstrom	Peggy and Jeff Olsen		Shirley Cooper, Mary Ann Mason
10:00 am	A - Jeff Olsen B - Shirley Sailors					
March 31st, 2013 - The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER DAY Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Volunteers	Karin, Kent, Ethan, and Wyatt Furois	Gabrielle Lawrence, Don Postema		Becky Garthofner, Jerry Woelfel
10:00 am	A - Gary Gleason B - Jay Debertin					

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Easter Pie Sale

To benefit the 2013 St. John's Senior Youth Pilgrimage to Juneau, Alaska

Easter pies are now available for pre-sale. Each pie is \$15.00.

Please indicate on the list the number of each item you wish to purchase. **Return the form with check attached by Sunday, March 17, 2013.** Forms may be returned in the offering plate, in a basket in the Undercroft during coffee hour, or directly to Jean Hansen.

Cherry Pie _____
Chocolate Pie _____
Key Lime Pie _____
Apple Pie _____

Pies will be available for pick-up in the gym kitchen at St. John's at 9am and at 11:30am on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Total number of items purchased _____

Total Check Amount _____

Please make checks payable to St. John's and in the memo mark Senior Youth Pilgrimage