

# ***THE EVANGELIST***

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **The Kayoro Clinic is Open**

“One Good Thing”



Kayaro Clinic Staff

COME...  
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SUNDAY

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

10:00 a.m. Services:  
May 6 - First Sunday  
Holy Eucharist Rite II

May 13- Mother's Day  
Holy Eucharist Rite I

May 20- Holy Eucharist  
Rite II

May 27-Day of Pentecost  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Eucharist Rite I



**June Issue - May 17th at 3pm**

All groups & individuals are ENCOURAGED to submit news and items of interest to *The Evangelist*.

E-mail, mail, or bring your fully written and titled piece and/or photos to the church office on or before the deadline date shown above.

Thank you!

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## FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last night I attended the installation service of a friend and colleague here in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, out at Trinity Church, Excelsior. As we sang and prayed and bid God's blessing on the beginning of a new ministry, I couldn't help recalling my own beginnings not so long ago. It has been a full year since I received the call to come join in this amazing and challenging ministry here at St. John's. A year since the phone rang in the middle of the night and we danced in the dark (trying not to wake Jude) and hugged and laughed. A year since a faithful search committee made a presentation of their findings and recommendation to the vestry of St. John's. A year since my story and your story became "our" story. And, what a joyful year it has been.



My wife Erin and I were unpacking the last of our boxes (Another hearty thanks to the many St. John's parishioners who fed us, babysat for us, and helped us unpack during our recent move!) and recollecting that it was about this time, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to be exact, when we arrived in St. Paul to look for housing and to meet many more of you. It snowed that day - big, fluffy, un-May-like flakes.

What a difference a year makes. Our shock over the amazing news that we would be coming here has transformed into joy and gratitude for our new home and new community. Our fear over the unknown was met by grace and generosity from so many of you. And, our shivering on that cold May morning at the airport has transitioned to us sitting on our new porch swing at our house, enjoying the unseasonably warm breezes and the smell of lilacs blooming. What a difference a year makes, indeed!

As spring comes early to us this year, so too the hustle and bustle that it brings is upon us early as well. There is much going on around St. John's. Plans are under way for the implementing of a new youth formation program called Journey to Adulthood. The first group in that program - Rite 13 - will be initiated in the fall. We are excited for all this means, and we hope you will support our new volunteer youth leaders Mark McInroy, Josh & Tisha Colton, and Trisha Durst as they come alongside Jean Hansen and Longkee Vang in the work of youth formation. The vestry is in the process of considering and will vote this month on a measure that would make explicit our willingness at St. John's to bless the covenant unions of both lesbian and gay couples as well as the covenant unions of straight couples who do not wish to be married. A new commission is in the process of forming to assess and address the needs of our local community and immediate neighborhood. There is an upcoming Eastertide Evensong, Spring House Dinners (sign up soon!), and new developments in the area of outreach (heard about Kayoro lately? Meals on Wheels?) and liturgy (come to the Pentecost Latin Jazz Mass at the 10AM Eucharist).

In the midst of the busyness, as we ramp up our activities and spend more time outdoors, as we prepare for summer, we hope you will find time to just be, with family and friends on your patio, with your family at St. John's in the pew or at table, and with the good God who calls us to rest in the knowledge and love of him.

Happy Eastertide to each of you and many blessings too. I look forward to another year, indeed many years more in your midst and anticipate with resurrection hope just what change those years will bring.

See you in church!

*Jared +*

# ONE GOOD THING

By Jennifer Kinkaid

St. John's Clinic Kayoro opened its doors for operation on January 30, 2012! This process, from the initial commitment on the part of St. John the Evangelist to the point when the doors of the clinic opened, has taken 3.5 years!

It has been an amazing journey. We have learned so much about the people of Kayoro Village, Uganda and they have learned about us. The process of building this clinic reflects the complicated lives that people in Uganda live. It has been at times exciting and joyful, and at other times the progress has been slow and required patience. We have been steadfast in our commitment and now the people of Kayoro Village have health care and a community gathering space, something that seemed beyond comprehension only 4 years ago.

The clinic now employs eight people. The employees include a Security Officer, a Nursing Officer In-Charge, Lab Technologist, Clinic Administrator, two Nursing Assistants, an Indoor Cleaner and Cook as well as an Outdoor Cleaner and Groundskeeper.

The clinic has been busy treating people, doing community outreach and streamlining operations. The clinic is equipped to provide primarily outpatient services, primary care, lab, immunizations, family planning, pre-natal care, as well as HIV testing and counseling. Trauma and maternity care are available as necessary. Most of our patients so far have been diagnosed and treated for malaria, respiratory tract infections, urinary tract infections, arthritis, and family planning. Our community health care workers are out in the community, letting people know about the services that we provide and educating people about the clinic.

The clinic awaits final government registration. There has been one inspection with recommendations made, and the clinic has undergone those changes. The next, and likely final, inspection will take place within the next month.

When the clinic is registered, there will be a celebration. In one of our meetings, the St. John's Clinic Kayoro Committee suggested that we might supplement the celebration with a financial contribution. Give Us Wings suggested that we *not* do that, as it is good for the well-to-do of the community and the various shop owners to contribute to the celebration. Their involvement will increase their commitment to the success of the clinic.

The people of Kayoro Village petitioned the government to dig a borehole for the clinic to use. The petition was successful and the District Water Officer has agreed to have a borehole dug near the clinic for use by the community as well as the clinic. This is fantastic news!

The clinic is utilizing solar electricity. The existing solar panels provide enough electricity for the refrigerator, for lab use, and for the office computer.

Give Us Wings will work with the staff at St. John's Clinic Kayoro to create a sustainability plan. Give Us Wings and the initial contribution by St. John The Evangelist support this first year of operation.

Throughout this first year, a great deal of attention is given to the operations and finances of the clinic so that the clinic can transition to becoming self-sustainable.

Give Us Wings hung a bulletin board in the entry way of St. John's Clinic Kayoro and artwork from Maggie Baxter and Kathy Brown will soon be welcoming our patients. Of course, the tiles made by so many parishioners are part of the décor throughout the building.

Where once there was nothing except a field of wild mint, now there is something that will help hundreds of people.

One good thing, indeed.



## NEW MEMBERS

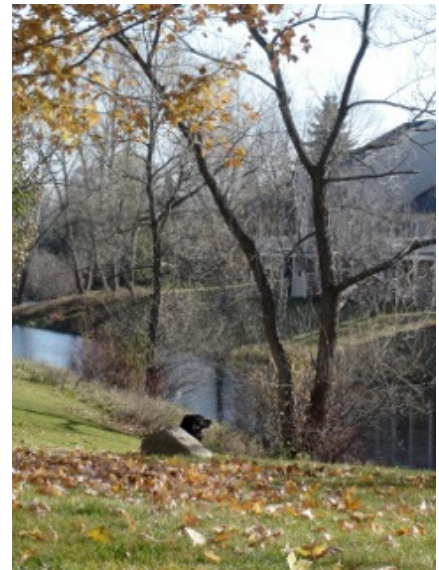
### *Meet Neil and Mary Ellen*

Neil and Mary Ellen Elliott have visited St. John's many times over the years and recently "landed" here, grateful for the friendly, hospitable climate and the well-grounded preaching.

Mary Ellen hails from Nebraska. She teaches English as a Second Language in the St. Paul public schools; she cares deeply for public education and

Neil and Mary Ellen Elliott other ways we all work together to promote the common good. She longs to further her study of French in, well, France. She enjoys reading, knitting, and spirited political debate.

Neil was born in Kansas; he is a New Testament scholar and editor at Fortress Press in Minneapolis; he cares about the various ways we promote (and confuse) the knowledge of God in public conversation. He enjoys good drama, good comedy, good grammar, and theology that combines those three things. Neil and Mary Ellen live in White Bear Lake where they enjoy cooking meals together; they live with cats Chauncey and Harvey and their spiritual guide, Molly the dog.



Molly the dog modeling peace



Keely, Barbara, Jered and Jennifer display the painting given to St. John's by Give Us Wings which commissioned an African artist to paint the exterior of the clinic in Kayoro. The painting will be on permanent display in the Undercroft.



## Welcome Little Ones!



Carys Evelyn Dobson  
Daughter of Liz Connor and Ian Dobson



Reese Elizabeth Berry  
Daughter of  
Jessica and Brett Berry

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## NEW MEMBERS      Mark and Suzanne McInroy

Although neither of us grew up Episcopalian, we have been members of the Episcopal Church for about a decade now. When we moved to St. Paul in August, we started visiting all the Episcopal churches in the city-- and a few in Minneapolis! -- to try to find a new home church. When we got to St. John's we were very impressed with the preaching from not just one clergy member, but all three. We also really liked the music, how friendly everyone was to us and how active the church community is.

We are both very passionate about our work -- Mark is an assistant professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas and Suzanne is the director of communications at Bethel University.

In addition to our work, we also enjoy running, walking through our St. Paul neighborhood, and watching sports, especially the Red Sox and Patriots -- as well as soccer.

I am originally from Pennsylvania and Mark is from Austin, Texas. We have both lived in Boston for a number of years for graduate school and that is where we met. We most recently lived in Cambridge, England, for a year and we relocated to the Twin Cities in August.

We are expecting our first baby in mid-June and have really enjoyed getting to know many people at St. John's. Everyone has been so welcoming and kind, and we are so grateful for this supportive church community."

Suzanne McInroy



## Fields to Families: An outreach program of our companion parish

*This article is reprinted from the Holy Apostles newsletter with the permission of  
The Rev. Letha Wilson-Barnard*



In 2011, Holy Apostles Church delivered 23,000 pounds of fresh produce to four food shelves in St. Paul, Stillwater and River Falls, feeding more than 800 families. The produce was grown by Hmong farmers who attend Holy Apostles in St. Paul, with funds from generous donors, big and small.

Fields to Families was started in 2011 as a demonstration project. Wa Meng Lor, our senior warden, and members of Holy Apostles met to explore if our farmers were interested in supplying fresh produce. Two couples, Mr. and Mrs. Vang Yer Chang and Mr. and Mrs. Nor Yang Chang agreed, and four other families were added mid-season.

Our small-scale farmers do most everything by hand without using pesticides. They farm

only a few acres, but achieve high output by growing multiple plantings per season.

Nor Yang Chang and his wife, Pa Lee, rent a 3-acre plot of land just south of Stillwater. They grow everything from peas to raspberries and usually sell their produce at local farmers' markets. But they were happy to have a steady buyer, this past summer, and to provide food to families who don't have the money to buy fresh produce.

More than 16,000 pounds of produce was distributed to Merrick Community Services Foodshelf which serves a large Asian population on the east side of St. Paul. Deu Lor, a coordinator of the Merrick food shelf, said this is the first time they have had fresh produce directly from the field, and people are really happy to get it for their families.

In 2011, we worked out the logistics of the project: recruiting volunteers, building relationships with the farmers, food shelves, and investors. In 2012, we plan to offer "shares" of produce that individuals, families, groups, and congregations can purchase to support the Fields to Families project. Eventually, we dream of finding farmland that can be used by the farmers rent-free, and be a stable place for them to farm for years to come. We're currently exploring some possibilities in the east-metro area.







## How can you help?

### Invest in the Project.

We invite you to make a tax-deductible contribution to "Fields to Families." The cost to provide fresh produce to families in need is less than \$1 per pound. No amount of money is too small, and every penny is used to buy food. **You may send a check to**

**Holy Apostles Episcopal Church  
2200 E. Minnehaha Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55119.**

**Be sure to write: "Fields to Families" on the memo line.**

### Contribute your time.

Help establish a connection with your organization and local food shelf, and help with deliveries.

**Donate the use of land.** There are thousands of skilled farmers in need of land. Farming is a part of their heart and soul.



## A New Member's Story

By Craig Lemming



Craig Lemming

After singing as a substitute tenor for an Evensong at St. John's in the Spring of 2009, James Frazier asked if I'd be interested in becoming Paul Rudoi's regular substitute in the choir's tenor section, since Paul's rigorous touring schedule with Cantus required an alternate tenor section leader to step in whenever Paul was on the road. I immediately agreed and have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the

choir ever since. I've also had the distinct pleasure of being a part of the Young Adults group and the Lenten Discernment group.

My passions and interests include family, friends, music, English literature, fine art, and movies. I've enjoyed being the Production Manager and sometime tenor for The Rose Ensemble and also work as a tenor soloist with several baroque ensembles. I adore Desmond Tutu, Indian food, and Africa!

I was born and raised in Harare, Zimbabwe, attended Jesuit schools (St. Michael's Preparatory School, Hartmann House, and St. George's College) and The Zimbabwe College of Music. I moved to Boston in 2001, graduated with my Bachelor of Music Degree from The New England Conservatory in 2005, and then worked for The Celebrity Series of Boston before moving to Bloomington, Indiana in 2006. I graduated with my Master of Music Degree from Indiana University in 2008, and have lived and worked in St. Paul ever since.

I served as tenor section leader at King's Chapel in Boston for five years and at Trinity Episcopal Church for two. After gaining the necessary expertise and forging strong professional relationships with professors, philanthropists, and artists in the West, my long term goal is to return to Zimbabwe to revive the rich heritage of performing arts (which have sadly been neglected during Robert Mugabe's dictatorship), by setting up educational exchange programs for American and Zimbabwean students, teachers, and arts professionals.

I am pleased to have found a warm nest for my spiritual life at St. John the Evangelist where I trust that our spiritual discernment, inclusivity, and unconditional love continue to flourish.

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## PUPPET SALE

Folkmanis puppets will be returning to St. John's in May. After the 10:00 service on May 13 and May 20, more than 80 different high-quality, durable Folkmanis puppets will be ready to purchase for imaginative play and companionship. New puppets will be 90% of list price; gently used puppets will be 50% of list price, with all funds going to the music program. Watch the web site for pictures and prices.





## Holy Week Homilies

*This year, the rector invited several lay people to present homilies at five 7:30 morning services. Here are some excerpts.*

### **From Monday's homily by Lyelle Palmer:**

"This week is a march from the loving lifting of Lazarus through the intervention of his best friend, Jesus, to betrayal, abandonment, death, and finally to an astounding release from death for us all.

We can understand these transformations as metaphors for the ups and downs of adversities in our own life journeys, with ultimate assurance that our souls survive in the end.



Humans feel alone and disconnected and we make efforts to be and feel connected. During this week, we see clearly the closeness of camaraderie, respect, righteousness and adoration giving way to the worst that we can endure: total abandonment. On the cross, feeling helpless and abandoned, Jesus cries out, 'Why have you forsaken me?' The week is a story of progressive evil and abandonment, but with ultimate reconnection.

In Easter week, the message is love.... We need each other and God is with us individually; God is at hand and available. We are never alone."

### **From Tuesday's homily by Joan Potter:**



"Spring. Whether she arrives in a once-in-a-blue-moon March....like this year....or comes some time within the range of what's predicable during April or waits around, hiding behind winter's prolonged wheezing until May 15, she always gets here. And every year it's a surprise: it's what, in theatre, we call the "illusion of the first time." Every performance, no matter how long the run, must feel like the first and only time this has been done. Every year, it's as if in the history of the universe this is the first spring ever. The best....

Color, noise, texture, smell, taste: spring is a conspiracy to seduce every sense. This is not humble or tentative...not a bit shy...it's a flamboyant romp for its own sake....

And yet .... there's a steady undertow of sadness. I felt it tugging at me as I walked along Summit Avenue yesterday afternoon. I saw tender buds on the lilac bushes, a fabulous

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## Holy Week Homilies *continued*

white magnolia tree in full bloom, and a whole row of red and yellow tulips. I heard the cardinals and chickadees. And I felt...sad. According to T.S. Eliot, *April is the cruelest month...* I believe there's reason that Easter is knitted into the fabric of spring. Beauty, yes; but memory and desire. Longing. Not only the triumphant celebration on Resurrection Sunday but all of Lent leading up to it. And especially the intense, chaotic week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. The whole passion of Christ, from hosannas and palm fronds waving in the sweet air to the smell of betrayal, humiliation; the suffering and pain, the careful wrapping of his dead body, the empty tomb, the confusion, the joy. Easter can only exist in that intense, chaotic season of spring. Not fall. Certainly not summer. ...

We need the metaphors: in Spring's abundance tinged with profound sadness; in the intentionality and symmetry of Easter and the season of spring; in the annual ritual of observing Christ's passion as if this were the first time. We see the metaphor. But Jesus lived it."

### **From Wednesday's homily by Kathy Brown:**

"I wonder: Was Jesus asking Judas to do this thing? Did Judas know this was his path/his part? Was this pre-ordained? Was Judas a narrow-minded zealot disappointed with Jesus' leadership? I wonder if Judas was able to rationalize his actions through self-righteous anger, judgment of others.

I ask because those are my techniques. I grew up in a wonderful family: dysfunctional as it was with alcoholism and anger. I had thought of myself as a victim; and as a child I suppose I was. Through the wonderful 12 step Alanon program I really took a look at my childhood and realized I didn't want to be in that self-righteous angry judgmental position any more. I longed for a place of peace, balance, equanimity. It began to dawn on me that I too, played a part in the family dynamics. And the more I dug my heels in, the more resistance came from my parents. Realizing I was a contributing member to the dysfunction brought freedom to see things in a new way, then came a shift in relationships, followed by healing and peace...

I really feel sorry for Judas. He was so convinced Jesus was the KING he had envisioned: full of might and power to bring the Israelites to their rightful status. And when Jesus came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey—prophecy or not—I wonder if Judas felt betrayed? He had just spent 3 years of his life with Jesus. I wonder if some the other disciples felt like Judas?

I can only imagine their meeting when Judas comes home to his Beloved's arms. Judas is one of the Cloud of Witnesses encouraging us to run with perseverance."



## Holy Week Homilies *continued*

### From Thursday's homily by Jennifer Kinkaid:

"After spending the day with the people in the Bison Slums, we traveled a half hour to the Ngiyo Ber Women's Estate. This is a *Give Us Wings* community that was built 5 years ago with women, ...These women had all obtained employable skills and had, in partnership with Give Us Wings, purchased 35 houses.

The women of Ngiyo Ber had prepared a play for our entertainment. There were costumes and one of the women played the role of Mary Steiner, Give Us Wings founder, and there were many other actors in the play that represented people from the village that had come to meet with Mary .

I was shocked that the theme of each of the interactions between the actors in the play was the telling of a frustration or dissatisfaction with the design or the community of Ngiyo Ber. The frustrations ranged from: "the door of my house allows water to get in when it rains," to "the bricks on my walls are now crumbling so we have rodents in our house," to "I would like to have a cement floor in my house." They each wanted Mary to provide for them a solution to the problem that they were presenting. I was uncomfortable and could not believe that, after seeing life in the Bison Slums, anyone here would complain about conditions.

At the end of the play Mary thanked the women for working so hard to prepare such a wonderful play. She then, sitting among them, acknowledged the challenges that they face. We sat quietly for a few minutes and then she asked if someone could remind her who owns the houses that we were sitting in the middle of. A loud and enthusiastic shout came from the crowd, "WE DO!" Ahhhh. So you own these houses and they are your privilege and responsibility. Do you have a landlord that comes monthly for money? "NO!" they shouted. Can you be made to leave these houses? "No we cannot!" So Mary asked, "How do homeowners take care of their property? Who is to do the hard work that goes along with the privilege of owning these houses? How is this work to be done and what resources do you have to draw from?"

There was a change in the mood of the meeting. ... Mary sat with them and instead of providing the solutions to their problems she reminded them that they have the ability to resolve their own issues....

Similarly, Jesus taught the disciples to treat each other as he treated them ... so that long after he was gone the message and the method of his ministry would continue."





## Holy Week Homilies *continued*

### From Friday's homily by Don Postema:

"Why is the day on which we remember the torture and execution of Jesus the Christ known as **Good** Friday? Why do so many artists, musicians, and writers find the images and meanings of this day to be a continual source of creative energy and fascination? Why do the lectionary texts for **Good** Friday share a focus on **suffering**?...

The traditional problem of evil gives the lie to Good Friday, for if suffering is evil and God wills it, then we probably should pack our bags and run for cover. Annie Dillard, in Holy the Firm, captures the reality of that suffering which resists our attempts to reduce it to a problem:

*And you get caught holding one end of a love, when your father drops, and your mother; when a land is lost, or a time, and your friend blotted out, gone, your brother's body spoiled, and cold, your infant dead, and you dying; you reel out love's long line alone, stripped like a live wire loosing its sparks to a cloud, like a live wire loosed in space to longing and grief everlasting.*

If we did not grieve the loss of a love, the betrayal of a friendship, the failure of intimacy, we would not be human. If we did not find injustice troubling, if we did not rebel when the innocent are oppressed, if we did not find torture and execution repulsive, we would not be human. We would not realize that we are grounded in love and mercy, for it is just those qualities which are the prerequisites for our suffering. To be human is to be capable of suffering and to realize that we were created for love and communion."

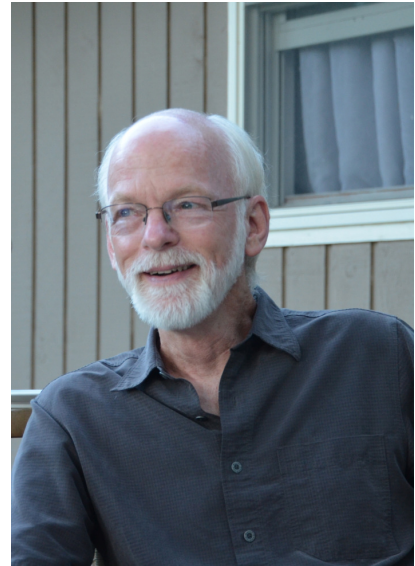
### *Thank you from our pet owners...*

#### A Note from a Neighbor:



*"I wanted to say thank you so much for providing the dog bags for the neighborhood dog owners. That is a very kind and generous thing to do. My girlfriend and I moved to this area a few years ago and absolutely love it here. Dog bags aside, your beautiful church is a perfect example of the good people who make this such a wonderful place to live. You are making this world a more beautiful place and I sincerely appreciate it."*

Your Neighbor,  
Nate



## MUSIC NOTES

From Jim Frazier

### ***Evensong for Eastertide***

***May 6 at 4 pm***

Psalm 67 to Anglican Chant and choral canticles by Herbert Murrill will be sung by the parish choir. Guest Organist will be Dr. Dean Billmeyer from the faculty of the University of Minnesota.

Following the service, there will be a performance of the Easter portion of HANDEL'S MESSIAH with full orchestra, including the *Hallelujah Chorus*, *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*, and *The Trumpet Shall Sound*.

A free-will offering will be received to benefit the Winifred Bean Evensong Fund and a festive reception will follow in the Fireside Room.

### ***Jazz Mass on Pentecost Sunday***

On Pentecost Sunday, May 27, at the 10 am service, the parish choir will sing a jazz mass with accompaniment by a professional combo, featuring piano, drums, double bass and electric guitar. The mass includes elements of eastern music and rock in addition to jazz. The instrumentalists, all of them experts at improvisation, will play from a skeletal score but will improvise around the parts sung by the choir. The work was composed last year and has had only one other performance (at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford, Connecticut, where staff musician Jim Frazier was the director of music in the 1970s).

The jazz players can be heard virtually every Monday night at Jazz Central, 407 Central Ave. SE in Minneapolis 55414 (across from Aveda). Doors open at 8:15. There is no cover charge, but donations are welcome. If you're interested in hearing them, contact Jim Frazier, as the club in the basement is difficult to find. Visit [jazzcentral.squarespace.com](http://jazzcentral.squarespace.com) online.

The performance of the mass, and the participation by the four jazz instrumentalists, is made possible through the generous gift of a member of the parish, to whom we are deeply indebted.

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## **FAMILY PLACE DINNER - June 3**

It's time again for St. John's to prepare a Family Place dinner. Our upcoming date is Sunday, June 3 and we meet around 4:00pm. We usually prepare the food at our homes, then bring it to the Family Place to serve families there that day. If you would like to be a part of this very worthwhile project, please contact Sue Cadwell, 651-489-1741. The Family Place is located at 10th and Wacouta in the First Baptist Church.

## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**from Jean Hansen**

### **Journey to Adulthood: Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood**

On April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> we celebrated and prayed for our current youth group as they journey from adolescence to adulthood. On Saturday night we had a fancy dinner (aka “rehearsal dinner”) for them, and prepared them for the next day when they were honored and celebrated during the 10 am Eucharist. This was a very visible way to introduce this new program of faith formation to our congregation. Another way that we are “introducing” this program is by preparing these youth to be pilgrims. We will spend the rest of 2012 and half of 2013 planning and preparing for Holy Pilgrimage in June 2013.

On a pilgrimage, by leaving our homes and our families and all the comforts and familiarities that they offer to us, we cast aside the day-to-day crutches and comforts of our lives. On pilgrimage we touch not only the other lands and sights which we long to see, but a part of ourselves that is essential and unique. This longing to engage on a true adventure of the heart and spirit is a central “rite of passage” from Childhood to Adulthood. The experience of travel, of unfamiliar territory and uncharted feelings and experiences, helps us to define our true selves.

### **Easter Pies**

Thank you, thank you to everyone who ordered Easter pies from the St. John’s youth. We spent most of Saturday baking and boxing over 70 pies! It was hard work and lots of fun.

### **Grand Old Day**

Summer is fast approaching and that means that Grand Old Day will be here before you know it– Sunday, June 3. As part of their fundraising efforts, the youth of St. John’s sell parking spots in our parking lot after church is over. If you want to find a place on the street to park during church, this will be appreciated as well.

### **Summer Stretch**

Mark your calendars for our second year of Summer Stretch, a service and recreational program, based on Gospel values.

When: July 12, 19, 26 and August 2.

Time: 9am – 5pm

This program is designed for those who will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade this fall through those who will be graduating from high school. Friends of our youth are also welcome to register and participate.

**The cost for each date is \$15 per youth.** In order to make this affordable, we ask that you bring a bag lunch to each session. Along with paying the fee, we need parents to drive one Thursday out of the schedule to assure that we have enough drivers. Sign up will be available at church and online later in the month.

### **Confirmation**

St. John’s and Holy Apostles have been collaborating on confirmation preparation since 2009. It has been a wonderful experience of faith and fellowship for both communities. Since this has been a vital part of our companionship, we thought we would mark it by having a special service together.

Last spring several youth from both churches were confirmed together by Bishop Prior at Holy Apostles. This year **Bishop Prior will be joining us at St. John’s on Sunday, May 20 at 4pm for a special service of confirmation.** Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this service in support of our youth from both St. John’s and Holy Apostles.





## ***Ready, Set, Build!***

### **Join Faith Builders For This Summer's Twin Cities Habitat For Humanity Project**

St. John's is a member of **Faith Builders**, an interfaith coalition of St. Paul churches that was organized in the fall of 2002 to participate in the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Workcamp program. Faith Builders consists of six area congregations: Assumption Catholic Church, the Cathedral of St. Paul, House of Hope Presbyterian, St. Clement's Episcopal, St. John's Episcopal, and Unity Unitarian. Committed to putting their faith into action, the members of Faith Builders work to meet the need for affordable housing in the Twin Cities. Our Faith in Action Commission supports Faith Builders financially and with volunteers.

This year, the **2012 Workcamp** will be the weeks of **July 9 – July 20 (Monday through Friday each week)**. Construction takes place from 8:30 to 4:00 each day. We'll be working rehabbing a house on St. Paul's East Side at 1021 Case Avenue, near the site we worked on two years ago. This is an important addition to the stock of affordable housing for those with limited means as well as a boost for that neighborhood. This will be the **10th** Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity project Faith Builders and St. John's volunteers have participated in!

Plan ahead to join us for one or more days working in **general construction** or on the **food crew**. Each day there will be a work crew of 12-15 volunteers, and 3-4 volunteers preparing and serving snacks and lunch. All skill levels are welcome – you'll be provided with tools and friendly instructions, if you need them. You'll work with like-minded folk, people of faith from other local congregations, and you'll be addressing the need for affordable housing in a concrete way. For information on St. John's role in Faith Builders and volunteering, contact Don Postema, 651-483-3062, [postema@comcast.net](mailto:postema@comcast.net). You can signup by completing an application and returning it to Don, either via e-mail or hard copy. We usually can honor your request for specific day(s) and co-workers if you apply early, so plan now to join us in July.

When you see the smiles on the faces of the new owners of the house at the dedication open house next fall, you'll know you shared in the work of faith building!

### **What is Habitat for Humanity?**

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat for Humanity believes families need a "hand-up" and not a hand-out to break out of poverty. Each family selected to purchase a home from Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity invests 300 – 500 hours of "sweat equity" on their own house or other Habitat homes. Twin Cities Habitat then sells them the home without charging any interest. Monthly mortgage payments are scheduled so they do not exceed 30% of the family's income.

Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. For more information on Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity go to [www.tchabitat.org](http://www.tchabitat.org) or call 612-331-4090.

## **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Libby Snelson, *Senior Warden*  
Don Postema, *Junior Warden*  
Kathy Brown, *Membership*  
Marilyn Conklin, *Music*  
Terri Fishel, *Communication*  
Phyllis Goff, *At Large*  
Tony Grundhauser, *Finance*  
Rex Haberman, *Stewardship*  
Jennifer Kinkead, *Faith in Action*  
Anneke Krall, *Youth*  
Patrick Schmidt, *At Large*  
Don Weinkauf, *Property*  
Jerry Woelfel, *At Large*  
Bob Baumann, *Clerk of Vestry*  
Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*

## **ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

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

## **CLERGY**

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*  
The Rev. S. Grayson Clary, *Rector Emeritus*  
The Rev. Keely Franke, *Assistant Rector*  
The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*

## **STAFF**

James Frazier, *Director of Music & Organist*  
Kate Graber, *Handbell Choir Director*  
Lizza Berry, *Youth & Children Choirs Director*  
Jean Hansen, *Youth and Family Minister*  
Ellen Harrington, *Children's Minister*  
Longkee Vang, *Youth Ministry Assistant*  
Chelsea Olson, *Nursery Supervisor*  
John Oldfield, *Office of the Treasurer*  
Sherry Christiansen, *Office Administrator*  
Chris Tegler, *Building Manager*  
Chris Henry, *Building Assistant*

## **Vestry Musings**

Don Postema

At its most recent meeting, the vestry received an update from the Investment Committee which manages St. John's endowment. This is the Godsend that currently provides nearly 30% of operating revenues for our parish. Tom Baxter reported on the health of the endowment and the careful stewardship that has nurtured it through market storms and bond market vicissitudes.

The Columbarium is unknown to many at St. John's, but is a final resting place available for the cremains of members and their families. It is located just behind the main altar and is a warm hall containing muted, finely crafted oak niches in a dignified wall. About 25% of these niches are either already sheltering cremains or have been reserved for those who have planned to have their final resting place at St. John's. The Vestry heard from George Power, current custodian of the Columbarium, regarding an updating of policies and pricing. More to follow,

We authorized renegotiation of the insurance policies protecting our parish from loss and liability, based on recently updated assessments and bids.

The vestry heard reports that included all the good work people and programs are doing at St. John's, including the Big Net (support for job seekers), the Huge Sale (volunteers needed to sort and sell), Kayoro Clinic (commemorative artwork received), Faith Builders (July Habitat work camp opportunities), Project Kathleen (support for transitioning families), and Fellowship Dinners (watch for these in May - a chance to sample good food and get to know your fellow parishioners in a non-worship setting).

Our rector recounted what we agreed was a truly blessed Lenten season and especially invigorating Holy Week, culminating in a grand and glorious Easter worship experience. The parish of St. John the Evangelist is alive and flourishing!

## **Announcing a change in columbarium charges**

It goes without saying that things don't cost what they used to. In 1986 when the St. John's columbarium was envisioned and built supplies and materials were fractions of the cost they are today. And that says nothing of labor. While the cost of the columbarium has since been paid for, the cost of each individual ash box (purchased separately) has gone up

incrementally while the price charged by St. John's remained the same. The result being that each time an ash box is purchased, the loss is made up by the church in the course of the operating budget.

At the recommendation of George Power, current chair of the Columbarium Committee, the vestry voted unanimously in April on a policy that will raise the price of ash boxes to reflect the cost of materials and labor. The policy also increased the charge for individual niches to reflect a price that was relevant to what is currently being charged by surrounding churches and cemeteries, while simultaneously reflecting our desire to be affordable to our parishioners. It is important to note that while St. John's will offer the rite of Christian burial for anyone (member or not) that our columbarium is only open to members of the parish.

**As of April 16<sup>th</sup> the cost of individual niches (each niche can house two ash boxes) has increased to \$750 and includes the cost of one ash box. A separate ash box can be purchased at the cost of materials and labor, currently priced at \$150. For those who currently own a niche but as yet have not purchased a box, they will have the opportunity to purchase an ash box at the previous cost up until the end of the month of May 2012. In the future all additional ash boxes will be required to be purchased at the time of purchasing the niche.**

The columbarium remains an important ministry in allowing us to make available to our parishioners the full rite of Christian burial. We remain committed to keeping this available at a reasonable and affordable price so that this tradition can be enjoyed by parishioners at St. John's for generations to come.



## **New Member Sunday**

May 6<sup>th</sup>

After the 10 a.m. Service

Join us outside for Sundaes on  
Sunday to celebrate our newest members in  
2011/2012!

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## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Rev. and Mrs. Grayson Clary for the gift of the Georgian Breakfront in the Fireside Room which they gave to St. John's when they moved back to Minnesota from their retirement home in North Carolina. The breakfront was a gift to the Clarys from parishioners of St. Marylebone Parish, London, England, where Mr. Clary served as "acting rector" 1962-63. We thank them for their gift to us at St. John's. Grayson Clary was St. John's rector 1964-1986.

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## **CELEBRATE SPRING**

**House Dinners**

**Saturday, May 12 6:30**

Come and meet new friends, greet old  
friends,

share a meal and conversation.

Sign up at the back of the church, call the  
Church Office or sign up on the website.

Let us know if you would like to host a  
dinner or be a guest

We will group people and your host will call  
you with a food "assignment" for you to  
bring

Child Care available

Sign up by Monday, May 7

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee

Call Patty Pfalz with questions.

651-224-7784

**Fellowship**



## **Adult Education April - May 2012**

### **May 6: How We Keep Our Children Safe Part 2**

### **May 13 "The Threat of Resurrection"**

*A video by Parker Palmer with a  
discussion on the challenges of new  
beginnings*

*The Rev. Barbara Mraz facilitates.*

### **May 20: Wrap up: Fireside Chat with the Rector.**

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## **Sung Compline**

Please join us for  
Sung Compline  
**Second Thursdays**  
of the month.

**The next  
Sung Compline  
is on Thursday,  
May 10th at 7pm  
in the Choir Stalls.**



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. Beware!

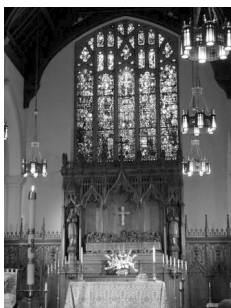
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contact the Rev. Keely Franke -

[keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org)

or 651-228-1172, ex. 18.

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



### **May 6 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

#### **Main Altar**

Jack Lightner

#### **Little Sanctuary Altar**

Frances C. and George E. Potter

William R. and Jeanette A. Owen

### **May 13 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

#### **Main Altar**

Mary W. and Paul K. Pinkerton

#### **Little Sanctuary Altar**

Frederick J. Wigginton

### **May 20 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

#### **Main Altar**

Clinton P. and Jne Schaeppi

Jeffrey W. Schaeppi

#### **Little Sanctuary Altar**

Mary Leao and James Leao

### **May 27 – Day of Pentecost**

#### **Main Altar**

Robert Bruce Farnham

#### **Little Sanctuary Altar**

Open

### **ALTAR FLOWERS 2012:**

The memorial flowers on the Main and Little Sanctuary altars are given by parishioners on a perpetual calendar basis. There are a few Sundays available for donors to sign up to give the flowers for either of our altars. The cost is \$35 for the Main Altar and \$15 for the Little Sanctuary altar. If you are interested please contact **Dusty Mairs** or **the Church Office** to find out the available dates for each altar.

## Happy Birthday to...

### **MAY**

1	Christine Garner
3	Steve Avery Cameron Gemlo Leslie Mercer
5	Bill Lindeke Megan McKeehan Jack Edgerton Jackson Scheel
6	John Kinkead Greta Paige Lightner John Nicholson
8	Julia Brown
9	Mitchell Brooks Caroline Brown Michael Halvorson Rod Titcomb
10	Susan McCarthy
11	Charles Mason Clelia Mulally
12	Ailsa Schmidt
13	Monica Cook Amanda Klosterman Bristol Marie Tiller
15	Paul Johnson Charlie Docherty
16	Elaine Sutton
17	Karen Dingle Kent and Kai Loiseaux-Purcell
18	Phyllis Merrill
19	Melissa Ek Jim Johnson Jack Edgerton
21	Danielle Edgerton
22	Andy Olsen
23	Virginia Edgerton Margo Georgeson Margo Lund Simon Schmidt
28	Margot Harrington
29	Judy Diedrich Rob Binger
30	Gloria Myllenbeck
31	Kathy Brown

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



## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE 2012

TIME	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
May 6, 2012—The Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Dusty Mairs Team	Cooper Olson Ashlyn Andrews Wyatt Furois Emily Brooks	Jennifer, Peter Skyler and Samantha Frost-Rosendale,	Cammie Beattie Phyllis Frisby	<u>Godly Play Storytellers</u>
10:00 am	<b>Reader A</b> Jay Debertin <b>Reader B</b> Peggy Lemmon					
May 13, 2012—The Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Pam Strom Team	Cameron Gemlo Matt Richards Lucy Grundhauser Eli Weinkauf	Mimi Pollard Alden Drew Shirley Sailors Bob Baumann	Jeff and Peggy Olsen	Gary and Paige Hagstrom
10:00 am	<b>Reader A</b> Rick Rinkoff <b>Reader B</b> John Graham					
May 20, 2012—The Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Pat Brynteson Team	Emma Grundhauser Johannah Frisby Tim Krall Alex Joyce	Lee Bradford Barbara Snowfield Marvin Cadwell Alex Joyce	Diane Norman Erin Weber-Johnson	Mary Probst Morrison
10:00 am	<b>Reader A</b> Jeff Olsen <b>Reader B</b> Gary Gleason					
May 27, 2012—The Day of Pentecost Morning Prayer—Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am	Alden Drew	Diane Power Team	Charlie Olson Ashlyn Andrews Samantha Rosendale Ethan Furois	Kathleen Hanson Cammie Beattie Benoni Grimes Helen Boyer	Gabrielle Lawrence Don Postema	Rod and Joanne MacDonald
10:00 am	<b>Reader A</b> Shirley Sailors <b>Reader B</b> Jill Thompson					
June 3, 2012—Trinity Sunday First Sunday—Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Dusty Mairs Team				Kathy Brown
10:00 am	<b>Reader A</b> Don Postema <b>Reader B</b> Paige Hagstrom					



## SAVE THE DATE

April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>—Set up for the sale.

\* Mornings 9:30 am to 12:30 pm      \* Evenings 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Your assistance is appreciated

## THE HUGE SALE

SATURDAY, May 5, 2012\*\*

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>\*\*

\*The Huge Sale – **Bag Sale** 9:00 am to 11:00 am

\* **Lunch** with the Workers! 11:15 am

\* **Clean** up the Gym! 12:30 pm

\*DONATE \*VOLUNTEER \*BAKE

**HUGE SALE benefits Outreach at St. John's.**

Donations can be left at the basement stairway of the Kent St. entrance.

### The Huge Sale is unable to accept:

items needing cleaning or repair; hazardous waste items, appliances containing hazardous waste parts: TV's, VCR's, computers, stereos, turntables, speakers, phones, answering machines; children's equipment: car seats, cribs, etc; furniture with cloth and stuffing; large appliances, mattresses or box springs; microwave ovens, carpeting, curtain rods

**\*\*Workers arrive at 8:30 am on 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

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