



# *THE EVANGELIST*

NEWSLETTER FOR SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## What's Happening?

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**COME...  
JOIN US IN WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Service:  
Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Services:  
May 5 -  
First Sunday  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
May 12 -  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
May 19 -  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
May 26 -  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Eucharist Rite I



**June Issue**

**May 10 at 4pm**

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

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**FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON**



Dear Friends in Christ,

Pentecost is coming and with it the reminder that ours is a life given to following the Spirit into the world. Ours is a community called to the mission of God, to serving and reconciling all people to one another and to God in the Spirit of Christ. To paraphrase a favorite theologian, our church doesn't have a mission; God's mission has our church.

Of course, all of this implies our willingness to participate. God does not coerce or manipulate – but invites and inspires. As such, our participation in the mission of God is our participation in our own personal transformation, that slow and often challenging process of being shaped day by day and minute by minute, more and more into a resurrection people. And, our participation in this transformative mission is not alone, but as a community and as a body. This means daily we will be challenged by people who are different than us in every way – different likes, needs, talents, and abilities – because we work together in a common cause.

There is much to report about the ways we are leaning and living into these realities at St. John's. The Strategic Planning process continues and will have just met again after the printing of this *Evangelist*. The group is entering into a phase of the process of getting to know our context both within the congregation of St. John's and in the wider community around us. Teams will be formed and sent out (and in) to learn and discover as much as they can about the internal and external environments of St. John's.

Our Associate Rector search is winding to a close and likely by the time you are reading this final interviews will be under way. St. John's received more than 20 applicants from across the country with a wide variety of experiences and skills. We are confident that our next Associate will be a person of deep spiritual conviction, exceptional gifts, and possessing an approachable personality.

Moreover, the search team for the new Director of Music has met twice now and a job description has been finalized to post. Even now applications are coming in, and we are confident that we will meet our mid-summer deadline of calling our newest member to the leadership at St. John's. Meanwhile, I am pleased to announce that Nancy Wellington will be assuming the role of supply organist and summer choir conductor in the interim.

Finally, this means we will be saying farewell to the Reverend Susan Moss who served us ably through the month of April and who will be in on a very limited basis for the month of May. Please express your gratitude to her for her gracious leadership, thoughtful sermons, and caring pastoral presence.

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The Spirit is moving in our midst, and we are following behind her as fast as we can, loving, growing, serving, and being transformed daily more and more into the image and likeness of the crucified and risen one. In the pages that follow you will hear more about ways we are doing that, including information about an exciting Pentecost Sunday full of new member welcomes, baptisms, a talented guest preacher, and a brilliant choral work known as the *African Mass*.

Hope we see you in church!

Peace, *Jared +*

The Reverend Jared Weber-Johnson prays for the opening of a session of the Minnesota State House of Representatives in March, 2013.



### Guest Preacher for Pentecost



The Reverend Dr. Titus Presler will be our guest preacher at both the 8 and 10 am services and presenter at Adult Education for the feast of Pentecost this year, May 19. Canon Presler is the Dean of Edwardes College, an institution of higher education in the Anglican tradition located in Peshawar, Pakistan. He is also a noted and widely-published Episcopal missiologist and theologian. He has served over 20 years in parish ministry. Presler has been variously the Sub-Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, the Dean of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, a member of the Executive Council of the General Convention, and both a member and chair of several other commissions of the General Convention. Canon Presler was a missionary with his wife, the Reverend Jane Butterfield and their children, in the Diocese of Manicaland in Zimbabwe from 1983-86 in the wake of the Liberation Struggle that brought majority rule to Zimbabwe in 1980.

Canon Presler's accomplishments in and contributions to the wider church are several and significant. He is a gifted preacher and teacher, a committed advocate for the poor and disenfranchised, and a clearheaded advocate for interreligious dialogue. More than all of this, he is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and a Christian of deep conviction. His words on the feast of Pentecost will surely edify the day and should prove to be a gift to our common life as a community at St. John's.

### Thank you, Susan

The Reverend Susan Moss has been with us since the beginning of December as Interim Associate Rector. She has preached and celebrated regularly, as well as assisting with outreach ministries and pastoral care. She also has been a part of clergy panels during the evening Lenten series and at Adult Education.

Susan has been a steady, nurturing presence who has offered countless ideas to expand and improve many of our programs, especially through more coordination of our efforts with those of our neighboring parishes such as *Santo Nino Jesus*, where she served as vicar before coming to us at St. John's. With many years on the Diocesan staff, she has also been an important connection with diocesan committees, and a welcome participant and supporter of the women's group. Most of all, her calm demeanor, knowledge of the church, and generous and gracious spirit have enriched us immeasurably.

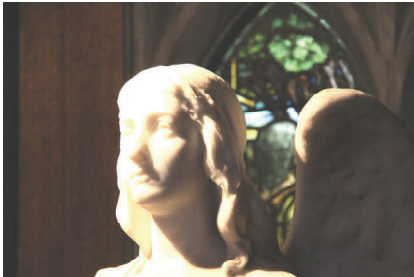
We wish you well, Susan.



## New Member Gatherings

Are you new to St. John's and want to learn more about our church or how to join?

Please plan on participating in our new member gatherings: April 28, May 5, and May 12. These fun and informative meetings take place on Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:45 am in the Meditation Room (in the undercroft- that's Episcopalian for basement). For more information please contact Phil Rose, 952.212.9890. We would love to see you there!



## Baptisms on Pentecost Sunday, May 19

Have you been thinking you might like to be baptized? Would you like to have your child baptized? If so, one of our five annual dates for baptisms at St. John the Evangelist is just around the corner, on Sunday, May 19 (at either the 8 or 10 am service).

If you are considering Baptism, either for you or a child, one of the clergy at St. John's would like to meet with you at least once for a conversation about Baptism, Christian faith and commitment, and what it means to be incorporated into the Body of Christ for you and for this community. At St. John's we believe that Baptism is first and foremost not about us, but about what God is doing through the Spirit and about what God is up to in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. For us, Baptism is less about a rite of passage or even about one individual, but rather about locating our individual lives in the wider life and story of God and God's grace. If you are interested, please contact the parish office: [church@stjohnsstpaul.org](mailto:church@stjohnsstpaul.org) or 651-228-1172 x10. If May 19 is too soon, please consider the following dates:

- August 11, 2013 – Transfiguration Sunday
- November 3, 2013—1st Sunday after All Saints

## 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*

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

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

## CLERGY

The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*  
The Reverend S. Grayson Clary, *Rector Emeritus*  
The Reverend Susan Moss, *Interim Assistant Rector*  
The Reverend Barbara Mraz, *Deacon*  
The Reverend Philip Rose, *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*  
Sarah Dull, *Office Administrator*  
Chris Tegeler, *Building Manager*  
Dunfa Weretti, *Building Assistant*



## Holy Week Sermons

During Holy Week this year we again invited lay preachers, members of the congregation, to share a sermon or personal reflection on the lessons assigned to each of the five days of Holy Week. Once again, as last year, the small group that gathered in the choir stalls each morning were edified to hear deeply thoughtful witnesses to the power of God working in and through them in their everyday lives. Below are some excerpts from those sermons.



### **Monday – Richard Neuner**

“There is a man who drives into my neighborhood most days to run around the nearby lake...He parks in the same place because there’s a wall there, and he spends several minutes in warm-up exercise by stretching against the wall. It occurred to me one morning while I was walking toward him how ridiculous he would look to someone who was not a runner, for it would seem that he drove to that spot every day to try to push the wall down. What they would not see is that he’s not pushing the wall. He’s using the wall to strengthen and stretch himself. The change that is happening is happening within him, not to the wall.

Prayer, I often think, is like that for me now. I find that I have little agenda anymore for God, little expectation that he will re-order his Plan to suit mine. Instead, I pray for discernment, for change within myself. I pray to be stretched, to see what is before me, and like Mary, to simply be with God in gratitude and grace.”

### **Wednesday - Dusty Mairs**

“Along comes the Psalm, reflecting the tension between the faithful and those belittling such faith . We live in times of such tensions throughout our world. Yesterday in the *New York Times* there was an article about Syrian people living in caves to get away from bloodshed and looting in their villages. The caves were left from the Roman era. Some were used to store provisions in modern times, but many others were opened up for use as sanctuaries today. And only a fraction of the four million displaced Syrians have the luxury of using these caves. Talk about endurance, even though the situation is more political than religious. The disciples needed a kind of endurance to witness the impending disaster of the cross even as we sometimes do today as we try to remain faithful to our commitment to welcome and serve.”

**Thursday – Lala Alcenat** (Lala opted to deliver a more extemporaneous sermon and the following is a short snip excerpted from her notes)

“Jesus was betrayed by his best friend so in life we must also be betrayed, sometimes even by our loved ones. Now I would like to tell you a little about my testimony about how I was betrayed but also found great wisdom.”

### **Friday – Philip Baird**

“But let us go back and visit those characters who were in the story. We have Jesus in deepest human terms, “Father, let this cup pass from me.” How many times have we begged to let the cup pass from us? ... Then the mighty and brutal King Herod who butchered his own two sons for fear they would usurp his power. Oh King Herod, you are still with us. Tyrants who brutalize their own people to gain ends of control. Simon of Cyrene, a black man of Africa, who was FORCED to aid Jesus in carrying his cross. Is he not a metaphor for the forced drudgery and enslavement of a whole people? Is he not a metaphor for inclusion of all humanity in the circle of Jesus? ... Oh Simon, you are still with us. Caiaphas , a Jewish high priest of the Sanhedrin who sympathized with the Sadducees, the wealthy Jewish elite. He was appointed to protect the interests of the establishment and to judge and maintain order with the community. Jesus was a threat to the establishment. Protect the establishment at all costs. Caiaphas you are still with us.”

# Faith In Action

*Give Us Wings* thanks the members of St. John's Episcopal Church for their ongoing support for the St. John's Kayoro Health Centre II in Kayoro, Uganda. This clinic began seeing and treating patients in January 2012 and was officially commissioned by Tororo's District Officer in January 2013. Five members of St. John's congregation, who were visiting Uganda on a *Give Us Wings* volunteer trip, participated in the opening ceremony.



Our partnership is improving many lives in Uganda, and the impact extends beyond the clinic walls. People in the Kayoro area now have regular access to quality healthcare, thereby eliminating a major concern for many families. Because of this clinic, people now worry less about how to remain healthy, and can focus their energies on their businesses, their children's education, and most importantly, their future.

We at *Give Us Wings* and those who have seen the amazing work being done at this clinic are always excited to share our news with others. If you know of any community groups, organizations, or schools that would like to learn more about this amazing project and other *Give Us Wings* initiatives, please let us know. You can contact *Give Us Wings* by phone at 651-789-5607 or by email at [development@giveuswings.org](mailto:development@giveuswings.org) or contact Bob Horn at 612-221-0145 or [rhorn126@yahoo.com](mailto:rhorn126@yahoo.com).

***Give Us Wings* and the people of Uganda sincerely thank you for all your support, time, and efforts in making the Kayoro community healthier.**



## News From *Hearts to Homes*

On Monday, March 25, the H2H committee met Shanique Washington, our caseworker from the YWCA. She gave us an introduction to the family that our mentor, Phyllis Merrill, will be working with. This mom has accomplished a lot on her own. She has finished a course that certified her to apply for and get a part time job. She has gotten out of the shelter system and made a home for her eight-year-old son and herself in an apartment in the Midway area. It is relatively close to the bus line that takes her to work. She has set goals for herself that we hope we can help her attain. Shanique will arrange a meeting for Phyllis and our new mom in the next couple weeks. A second family will be introduced at our April 22 meeting.

To celebrate our new families, the *Hearts to Homes* committee is looking for house -warming contributions. A giving tree will be on display in the Narthex beginning April 28. Each heart ornament will have a gift idea. The clergy will bless the mentors and committee on May 5 and all gifts will be collected by May 12.

See information regarding our annual picnic on the following page.

St John's *Hearts to Homes* program is funded through your pledged contributions. This program belongs to all of us.

**Learn more about this program at Adult Education on Sunday, May 5 at 9:00 am.**

## Spring Huge Sale

Saturday, May 4 - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm - Gym

Bag Sale: Monday, May 6 - 9:00 am – 11:00 am - Gym



There are three ways you can get involved and help to make this Huge Sale successful:

### Volunteer

There are still a few shifts available. Please sign up online at [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E49A](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E49A), by emailing Mary Gilbertson at [mbag@integrity.com](mailto:mbag@integrity.com), or signing up during coffee hour.

### Donate

As you commence with your spring cleaning, please consider donating to the Huge Sale. Donations can be left at the bottom of the stairs just inside the 60 Kent Street entrance. We are grateful for your contributions, but, please note the Huge Sale is unable to accept:

- \* Appliances containing hazardous waste parts: TVs, VCR's, Computers, Stereos, turntables, speakers, phones, answering machines
- \* Items needing cleaning or repair
- \* Hazardous waste items
- \* Children's equipment: car seats, cribs, etc.
- \* Furniture with cloth and stuffing
- \* Large appliances
- \* Mattresses or box springs
- \* Microwave ovens
- \* Carpeting
- \* Curtain rods
- \* Unsellable items

It can be expensive for us to dispose of the above items so your understanding is appreciated.

### Shop

Enjoy a treasure hunt with your friends and family. Who knows what bargains you may find!



### Grandma's Coffee and Bakery

Returns to the Huge Sale

Saturday, May 4 - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (or until all baked goods are sold) - Gym

Due to popular demand, Grandma's Coffee and Bakery will again be available during the Huge Sale. Members and friends of St. John's donate homemade cookies, cakes, bars, breads, rolls, scones, and other favorite baked goods. The homemade goodies can be purchased to take home or to enjoy with a cup of coffee while perusing the Huge Sale. All proceeds go to the Huge Sale for ministry support.

**Calling All Bakers:** Please consider donating a batch or two, of your favorite recipe. Donations can be dropped at the church gym any time on Friday, May 3rd, or Saturday, May 4th before 9:00 am. For an alternative delivery time or more details please email [HugeSaleSTJ@gmail.com](mailto:HugeSaleSTJ@gmail.com). THANK YOU!

### Hearts to Homes Annual Pot Luck Picnic

When: Sunday, June 2 at noon

Where: Boyd Park on Selby Avenue east of Western Avenue North

All of the St. John's community is invited.







# Youth Ministry

## Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood

On April 6 and 7 we celebrated and prayed for six of our Rite 13 youth as they journey from adolescence to adulthood – Will Rinkoff, Logan Finkel, Eli Weinkauff, Matthew Brooks, Samantha Rosendale, Maura Lynch and Ailsa Schmidt. On Saturday night we had a fancy dinner prepared and served by the fellow Rite 13 friends and their parents – Helen Baxter, Vivian Scheel, Linnea Krall and Tessa Johnson. That evening we had a rehearsal for Sunday in the church, great conversation and a very special time of listening as parents toasted their children.



## May 11 Confirmation

Emily Brooks will be confirmed. She was born on August 1st, 1997. She is 15 years old and a sophomore at Highland Park Senior High School. Emily has been a member of St. John's since she was born. In her free time she loves to dance and has been dancing at the Midwest Youth Dance Theater since she was 6 years old. She is currently serving as treasurer of the Highland Park FFA club. She enjoys reading and spending time with her family.

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## Grand Old Days

Summer is fast approaching and that means that Grand Old Days will be here before you know it – Sunday, June 2. As part of their fundraising efforts, the youth of St. John's sell parking spots in our parking lot that day after church. You may, of course, park in the church parking lot that morning without having to pay.

Donations of bottled water and ice would be greatly appreciated, contact Jean at [rjhansen3128@aol.com](mailto:rjhansen3128@aol.com) or 952-201-0424.



## Juneau Pilgrimage

My name is Cooper Olson and this summer I am attending the youth pilgrimage to Juneau, Alaska. I have participated in almost all of the youth mission trips throughout the years, but I am particularly excited for this one. Alaska is completely different from many of the places we have visited for mission trips in years past, which makes it a perfect place for a pilgrimage. The youth group and I will be taken out of our comfort zone and into unfamiliar territory. I believe this unfamiliarity will enhance to the spiritual experience the youth will have and create an unforgettable pilgrimage we will hold on to for years to come.

All of my older siblings - Brittany, Caleb and Chelsea - have been to Alaska with the Saint John's Youth Group and have told me nothing but good stories from it. I hope to also obtain unforgettable experiences while being immersed in the nature of Alaska. I thank the congregation for all that they have contributed to the Saint John's Youth group. Without their support opportunities such as these would not be possible.

### Summer Stretch

Mark your calendars for our third year of Summer Stretch. Summer Stretch is a service and recreational program, based on Gospel values. We will meet for four Thursdays during the summer.

**Who:** All youth entering grade 6 in the fall through grade 12.

**When:** July 11, 18, 25 and August 1.

**Time:** 9am – 5pm

**Cost:** Covers recreational entrance fees and miscellaneous supplies. The cost for each date is \$10 per youth. Along with paying the fee, we need parents to drive one Thursday out of the schedule to ensure we have enough drivers.

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. So, talk it up among your friends and neighbors.

Registration begins Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. You can find the registration form on St. John's website at or you may pick one up from your Youth Minister, contact Jean at [rjhansen3128@aol.com](mailto:rjhansen3128@aol.com) or 952-201-0424.



### Easter Pies

Thank you thank you to everyone who ordered their Easter pies from the St. John's youth. We spent most of Saturday baking and boxing over 40 pies! It was a day of hard work and lots of fun.

### Youth Dinner Schedule

May 1:	Schmidt Family
May 8:	Kinkead Family
May 15:	Bloomquist/Richards Family

### Acolyte Schedule

May 5:	Madeline Weinkauff, Rachel Clark, Will Rinkoff, Matt Brooks
May 12:	Tim Krall, Alex Joyce, Samantha Rosendale, Emma Grundhauser, Linnea Krall
May 19:	Johannah Frisby, Charlie Olsen, Emily Brooks, Mason Kinkead, Logan Finkel
May 26:	Matt Richards, Eli Weinkauff, Lucy Grundhauser, Tessa Johnson, Caroline Krall



# Godly Play

**It's About The Stories-Part III** by Ellen Harrington

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



Godly Play stories strengthen our beliefs and trust in the Good News of the Jesus Way...news that whatever happens will always and eventually become Good News, because life and love will prevail and flourish and change and evolve into more and more fullness of what it can be, regardless of what we do.

The circle of the church year is the underlying container for Godly Play stories. We show with the Circle that all endings are beginnings and all beginnings are endings. The repetition of the church year, and always being able to find yourself in it, strengthens children's trust that the world is a great place, that the Good News holds both the good and the bad.

I love what Margaret Silf says about what may be next: "Suppose God is continually striving to draw the more life-giving outcome from whatever we present? Suppose God who is Life and Love itself, longs for nothing more than our coming to the fullness of who we can be...and isn't this the way most parents encourage their children - not by censuring them over and over, but by being with them where they are, whatever the mess, and helping them move forward from that point?" Amen!

The last Sunday of the program year for Godly Play is May 12 when we will hear the Pentecost stories.

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## On Parenting

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself.

They come through you but are not from you, and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love, but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies, but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you; for life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.

The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows might go swift and far.

Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness; for even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable."

from ***The Prophet***

By Kahlil Gibran

# Musical Notes



## Evensong for Eastertide

Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm, in the main sanctuary. Canticles by Herbert Howells (Gloucester Service). Anthem: "Welcome Sweet and Sacred Feast", by Gerald Finzi. Featuring O Praise the Lord with One Consent, by G.F. Handel, with orchestra.



## Farewell Jim Frazier

With the announcement of Jim Frazier's pending retirement, the overwhelming response from our congregation has been one of gratitude and sadness. We are immensely grateful for Jim and his years of excellent service, and as such we are sad to see him go. More than a few members have been asking how we might best say farewell to Jim and we are delighted to report that there will be at least two significant celebrations in his honor.

First, on the evening of May 12 at 6:00 pm, the Adult Choir and Fellowship Commission are coordinating a Cabaret and Roast for Jim in the St. John's gymnasium. The evening's festivities will include heavy appetizers, cocktails, cabaret selections prepared by each of the four sections of the St. John's adult choir, and ample time to toast and roast Jim, and dessert. To cover costs for food we are asking for a \$15 donation at the door. All extra proceeds from the evening will be added to a farewell gift for Jim. Please RSVP to the parish office.

Then, second, on Jim's final Sunday with us, May 26, St. John's will be hosting a festive Coffee Hour reception after the 10 am service. Cake and goodies will be served and there will be ample opportunity for us to celebrate and thank Jim for all he has given us. If you would like to give a gift, or if you would like to help out with either farewell, please contact the Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson who will be coordinating.

## Sung Compline

Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm in the choir stalls. Come and be nourished by the beauty of quiet, meditative liturgy, and reflect on the mysteries of life.

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](mailto:clemming@hotmail.com).



# Faith Formation



**Bible Study: Where Hope “Springs” Eternal**

**Every Wednesday at 11:00 am**

**in the Library.**

## **ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Sundays at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room**

**May 5th** *Hearts to Homes*: An update from this important parish outreach program. Learn what *Hearts to Homes* does and who is helped.

**May 12th** *Questions and Answers About the Media And How It Affects Us*. Wrap-up of earlier presentations with Phil Rose and discussion of some provocative questions posed by youth and leaders.

**May 19th** Our guest preacher for the day, The Reverend Titus Presler, joins us.

**May 28th** Come and chat with Jim Frazier on his last Sunday with us.

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**~ Faribault Here We Come! ~**

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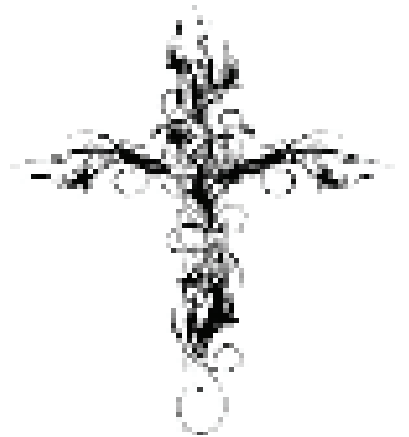
**Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 am**

In a continuing spirit of commemorating the US-Dakota War of 1862, our day in Faribault will bring the story home.

Following a catered continental breakfast in the Fireside Room at 9:00 am, we will depart in luxury aboard a chartered bus to Shattuck - St. Mary's, the mission school where a newly-established Episcopal Diocese selected Henry Benjamin Whipple its first Bishop. He took the reins in 1860. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful buildings and grounds, bursting forth with spring, have lunch on site, and then it is off to the Cathedral.

Dean Jim Zotalis, an expert on the history of the building and on Bishop Whipple, will lead us on a private tour of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior, the first Cathedral in the Episcopal Church in the USA, built from 1862-69. Back on the bus, we return to St. John's by 5:00 pm. Total cost per person - \$35. Make your reservation today. Contact Diane Elliott at [dianelynnelliott@yahoo.com](mailto:dianelynnelliott@yahoo.com) or call 804-874-9502.

Thanks to the generosity of Patricia McDonald and the Afton Press, a complete history of Bishop Whipple's life entitled *And The Wilderness Shall Blossom* is made available to us at a 50% discount. This book is a wonderful precursor and a great memento for what promises to be a glorious day. Order your copy from Diane using the contact information above.





# Community Life



## St. John's Young Women's Group

The first gathering of young women will be held at the home of Erin Weber-Johnson on Thursday, May 30 at 7:30 pm. Let's get to know one another more, talk about future get-togethers, and enjoy some delicious "refreshments".

Please RSVP: Lea Anne Schmidt at [LeaAnne.Schmidt@gmail.com](mailto:LeaAnne.Schmidt@gmail.com)

Erin's Address: 1765 Jefferson Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

### May Meetings

**Prayer Shawl Group** - Wednesday, May 1 at 10:00 am in the Library and on Friday, May 17 at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Anneke Krall, 651-690-0579.

**Women's Book Club** - Friday, May 3 at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Book of the month: *The Love of Impermanent Things* by Mary Rose O'Reilley. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Elliott, 651-426-4146.

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 am in the Gym Kitchen. For more information, contact Jim Johnson, 952-476-4585.

**Men's Group** - Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Josh Colton, 612-275-6004.

**Down Syndrome Support Group** - Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 pm in the Undercroft. For more information, contact Lindsay Radford, [LRadford@kstp.com](mailto:LRadford@kstp.com).

### Young Adults



For Memorial weekend, Robert Two Bulls of the Episcopal Church in MN has set up a Taize experience for young adults at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

On **May 24th through 27th**, 2013, a new stage in the "pilgrimage of trust on earth" will be held in the "Far West" of the United States. It will take place in Red Shirt, South Dakota, a tiny village at the edge of the Badlands on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The outdoor gathering will include meditative prayer together three times a day, Bible study, workshops, small group sharing, and meals provided by the local Lakota people. The event is meant for young people aged 18-35, a voice rarely heard in the church or in society.

The Taize community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taize, France. It is composed of more than a hundred brothers from Protestant and Catholic traditions who originate from about thirty countries across the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schutz, a Protestant.

The community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taize each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Through the community's ecumenical outlook, those present are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity, and reconciliation.

It would be great to get a group of St. John's Young Adults together and caravan there for a weekend of camping and worshiping together in community. If you have friends you would like to share this with, please do so. There is no limit on participants. Please let me know if you are interested and we'll begin our plan. For more information, contact Craig Lemming at [clemming@hotmail.com](mailto:clemming@hotmail.com) or 857.891.8780.

# Happy Birthday to...

## May\*

1	Beth Trerotola	9	Michael Halvorson	19	Melissa Ek
3	Steve Avery		Rod Titcomb		Jim Johnson
	Cameron Gemlo	10	Susan McCarthy	20	Patrick Joyce
	Leslie Mercer	11	Charles Mason	21	Danielle Edgerton
5	Bill Lindeke	12	Ailsa Schmidt	22	Andy Olsen
	Megan McKeehan	13	Monica Cook	23	Virginia Edgerton
	Jack Edgerton		David Boomquist		Margo Georgeson
	Jackson Scheel		Amanda Klosterman		Peter Gilbertson
6	John Kinead	15	Bristol Marie Tiller	24	Simon Schmidt
	Greta Paige Lightner		Paul Johnson		Richard Brynteson
	John Nicholson	16	Charlie Docherty	28	John Edgerton
7	John MacBain	17	Elaine Sutton	29	Margot Harrington
8	Julia Brown		Karen Dingle		Judy Diedrich
9	Mitchell Brooks		Kent Loiseaux-Purcell		Randy Ross
	Caroline Brown		Kai Loiseaux-Purcell		Rob Binger
		18	Phyllis Merrill	30	Barbara Lindeke
				31	Kathy Brown

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

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

### May 5th The Sixth Sunday of Easter

<i>Main Altar</i>	<i>Small Altar</i>
Mary W. & Paul K. Pinkerton	Frederick Wigginton

### May 12th The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

<i>Main Altar</i>	<i>Small Altar</i>
Clinton P. & June Schaeppi	Mary Leao & James Leao

### May 19th THE DAY OF PENTECOST: Whitsunday

*Main and Small Altar*  
Open

### May 26th The First Sunday after Pentecost: TRINITY SUNDAY

<i>Main Altar</i>	<i>Small Altar</i>
Robert Bruce Farnham	Open



## 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.

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST MAY SERVICE SCHEDULE 2013

TIME	READERS*	ALTAR GUILD TEAMS	USHERS	GREETERS	GODLY PLAY GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR
May 5, 2013 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter First Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	David Aylesworth	Diane Power Team	Pat Brynteson, Terri Fishel, Mary and Peter Gilbertson	Cammie Beatty, Phyllis Frisby		
10:00 am	A - Sarah K. Smith B - Rick Rinkoff					
May 12, 2013 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Joan McCanna	Dusty Mairs Team	Patty Byrne Pfalz, Kevin Wall, Mary Louise and Brad Clary	Peggy and Jeff Olson	Brown Olson Kim/Jeff Rinkoff	Shirley Sailors
10:00 am	A - John Graham B - Mark McInroy					
May 19, 2013 - THE DAY OF PENTECOST: Whitsunday Holy Eucharist Rite II						
8:00 am	Craig Lindeke	Pam Strom Team	Roger Bowman, Mary Ann Mason, Mimie Pollard, Alden Drew	Diane Norman, Erin Weber- Johnson	Morton-Cox Schmidt Baxter	Mary Probst Morrison
10:00 am	A - Judy Southwick B - Jill Thompson					
May 26, 2013 - The First Sunday after Pentecost: TRINITY SUNDAY Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Rite I						
8:00 am	Brad McCanna	Pat Brynteson Team	Hank Snyder, Holly, Don, and Madeline Weinkauf	Gabrielle Lawrence, Don Postema		
10:00 am	A - Gary Gleason B - Paige Hagstrom					

### June Women's Book Club:

*What's the Matter With Kansas?* by Thomas Frank.

You do not need to have read the book to join the conversation. All welcome!



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