

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

SERVE
TOGETHER

Our Mission:

***Gracious God: By your love you
have called us to proclaim with joy
the good news of your son: So
build us up in the knowledge and
love of Him that we may welcome
all people into this community of
faith, and show forth our service to
you in our service to others;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.***

St. John the Evangelist

An Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.



The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, Rector

In 1952 the Reverend Lloyd Gillmett, then rector at St. John's, addressed the congregation in the newly launched capital campaign to build a parish house - the facility that now houses our gymnasium, Fireside Room, classrooms, and parish offices. He wrote in the capital campaign brochure of a vision of St. John's sitting in the midst of a "grand field of operations". More than a church, or a community existing unto itself, St. John's was uniquely situated in the midst of a neighborhood and a city, an outpost in the mission of God placed here to serve that wider "field". The vision of St. John's then was outward looking and future oriented - a community grounded in the rhythms of prayer and sacrament, built up by study, nurtured in fellowship with one another, and growing through service in the world.

Over sixty years later and the vision bears a remarkable similarity - a growing congregation, a congregation committed to hospitality for all, a congregation defined by love and service to the world. After much listening and inquiry, both with our congregation and with our neighbors and partner ministries in the city around us, this is the vision emerging, or reemerging, of St. John's for the future. The Strategic Planning team, guided by a charge from the vestry, have provided us with a Strategic Framework that outlines the contours of a vision for St. John's in the next three to five years. The Strategic Planning team will be telling us about the strategic framework at this year's Annual Meeting, and following that copies of the framework will be available online at the St. John's website along with details outlining the next phases of plan development and implementation.

But, as the rest of the 2013 Annual Report will indicate, we have much to celebrate before we even look to the future. The past year was one of growth and vitality in programs while simultaneously being a year of significant transition and change. We nurtured several existing programs into thriving ministries, welcomed new members, and celebrated the arrival of two new staff members with the successful conclusion of the Associate Rector and Director of Music searches. The past year marked the beginning of Crocus Hill Preschool occupying our education wing during the week. Our parish was honored by the neighborhood association with their Good Neighbor award and by Give Us Wings with an award for our work in Kayoro, Uganda.

Indeed, as Gillmett wrote over 6 decades ago, "No church has a grander field of operations than St. John's." The future is bright, and our present context is blessed with abundance through the lives of the people who call this parish their home, in the people whom we serve, and in the presence of the God of grace we are privileged to follow and serve here in this place.



Membership

- 18 new households joined St. John's in 2013
- 43 total new members



- Dozens of visitors participated in our programs and worship throughout the year

Awards

Two organizations recognized St. John's in 2013 for our ministry in the city and the world.

- The Ramsey Hill Association Good *Neighbor* award for our neighborliness in and service to the community
- The Give Us Wings *Restoring Hope* award for our work in Kayoro, Uganda.

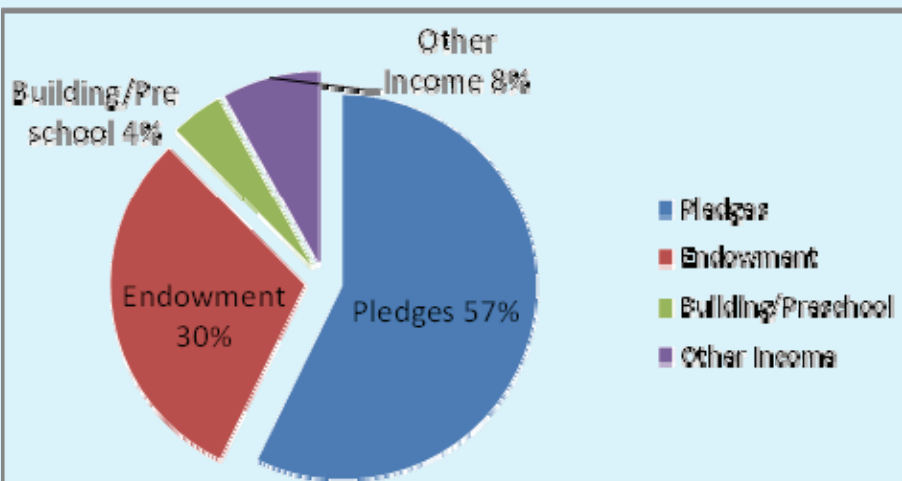
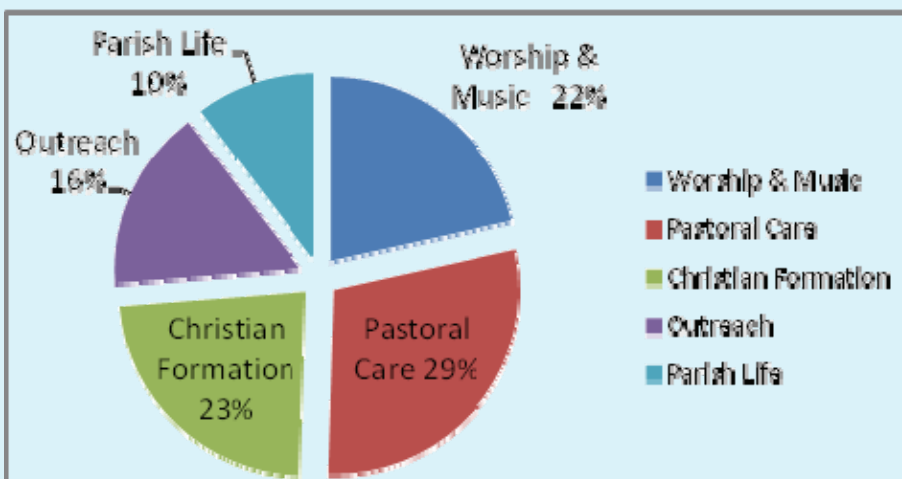


2014 Financials

The 2014 Budget includes 194 pledges, which comes to **\$536,395 in pledged income** with an additional gift of **\$5,000** bringing the total to **\$541,395**.

St. John's vestry, acting on behalf of the parish passed a balanced budget with a projected total expense of **\$928,940** at their January 20, 2014 meeting.

We closed the 2013 books with our projected surplus which was used, as planned to continue paying down existing debt in a responsible manner.



Faith in Action

- Over **2,500 pounds** of food donated to local food shelves
- During February up to **20 women and children were provided with shelter** in Project Home nightly
- Hundreds of pounds of household items & clothes donated to St. Vincent DePauls & **over \$10,000 raised for St. John's ministries** through our twice annual Huge Sale



- **14 families served** through our YWCA partnership with the Giving Tree including \$50 dollars to each family for groceries
- Continue to **mentor 2 families from homelessness & unemployment to personal sustainability** through Hearts to Homes
- **Hundreds served and lives saved** in Uganda with the St. John's clinic in Kayoro. **Over \$7,000 raised** for this ministry with the St. John's sky-divers!

Other Highlights

- Crocus Hill Preschool, serving over 50 families in the wider community, opened its doors at St. John's this fall!
- Hired 2 new permanent staff, the Reverend Kate Bradtmiller, Associate Rector, and Jayson Engquist, Director of Music. Welcome Kate and Jayson!
- New formation and spiritual life initiatives including launching the Animate series, new Bible study in Philippians, retreats, and new house groups.
- A significant shift happened in our worshipping life with the change to seasonally themed liturgy. And, we have a verger now!



- Our children and youth programming welcomed dozens of new family volunteers, new lay leaders, and saw greater attendance. Our Rite 13 group is about to graduate into J2A (Journey to Adulthood phase II) and we are launching a new Rite 13 class.
- We have been and continue to be blessed as we are being built up in the knowledge and love of God. Thank you for your contributions to our life in community!



Thank You

Alcenat, Lala
Aldrich, Jeffrey and Perry, Elizabeth
Aylesworth, David and Susan
Baird, Phillip
Baumann, Bob and Sherfey, Bill
Baxter, Tom and Aimee
Beattie, Robert and Cammie
Berndt, Fred and Sekon, Sylvia
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Bjorklund, Alexandra
Booth, Ann
Boyer, Helen
Bradtmitter, Kate and Louise
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Brown, Marty and Kathy
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Brynteson, Patricia
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Clark, Jay and Lisa
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Clary, Grayson and Jean
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Frisby, Ray and Phyllis

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Gemlo, Eva
Gemlo, Sarah
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Gleason, Gary
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Gooch, Shirlee
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Gross, Richard
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Hanson, Paul and Riendl, Steve
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Horn, Robert
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Jeffery, George and Michele
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Johnson, Paul and Sarah
Johnson, Susan Everhart
Johnson, Todd and Alice
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Kerr, James W.
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Lemming, Craig
Lemmon, Peggy
Lightner, Bill and Sarah





Thank You

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MacDonald, Dorothy
MacDonald, Roderick and Joanne
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Maronde, Mark
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McCarthy, Edwin and Susan
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McDonald, Patricia
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Michienzi, Shirley
Moore James
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Mraz, Barbara
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Myers, Fred and Pat
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Olson, Rick and Wendy
Palmer, Lyelle and Mary Frances
Paper, Elisabeth
Parish, Michael
Parrish, Virginia
Parsons, Bradford and Dyanne
Peters, Merrell and Russell, Anne
Peterson, Victoria
Pfalz, Patty Byrne

Plummer, William and Sona
Postema, Don and Lawrence, Gabrielle
Potter, Joan
Power, George and Diane
Richards, Michael
Rinkoff, Rick and Ferguson, Julia
Roe, Sandra
Rosendale, Peter and Jennifer
Rudoj, Paul
Ryan, James
Sailors, Shirley
Sand, Sally
Schaffner, Greg
Scheel, Wade and Camille
Schmidt, Patrick and Lea
Anne
Schmitt, Andrew and Sara
Selin, Carle
Severance, Jay and Kathryn
Seymour, McNeil
Sims, Steve
Slade, Ella
Smith, Bradner and Laura
Smith, J. Bradner
Smith, Marshall and Debra
Smith, Sarah K.
Snowfield, Barbara
Southwick, Judy
Specht, Matt
Stack-Nelson, Troy and Judy
Stengle, Sarah
Stoltenberg, Philip and Jessica
Strom, Mike and Pam
Sullivan, Scott and Erika
Sutton, Elaine
Swope, Charles and Colleen
Thompson, John and Jill
Vang, Longkee
Vansgard, Joe and Johnson, Amy
Wall, Kevin and Michelle
Weber, Marcus and St. Hill, Catherine
Weber-Johnson, Jered and Erin
Weinkauf, Don and Holly
Wellington, Nancy
Williams, Terry
Wilson, Raymond and Kolu Paye
Woelfel, Jerry and Garthofner, Becky
Yore, Richard and Kristi



As of January 23rd 2014

*Any omission is entirely unintended

Please contact the Treasurer's office (extension 14) with any questions

Honoring Mary Probst Morrison

Whereas, the Parish of Saint John the Evangelist was formed in Christian fellowship in 1881 in Saint Paul, and

Whereas, to establish the Parish of Saint John the Evangelist as a church perpetually endowed in its operation able to support a congregation fully devoted to ministry, its Vestry called upon Mary Probst Morrison, a member of the Congregation, to draft articles to establish the Saint John the Evangelist Cornerstone Trust; and

Whereas, by action of the Congregation in January, 2008, the Saint John the Evangelist Cornerstone Trust was created as a permanent trust and Mary Probst Morrison was elected to serve as Co-Trustee; and

Whereas, the Saint John the Evangelist Cornerstone Trust has since progressed to protect and manage an endowment as envisioned, able to sustain the basic operation of the church;

Be it Resolved, that the Parish of Saint John the Evangelist, by action of the Congregation this 26th day of January, 2014 expressed its gratitude to Mary Probst Morrison for her leadership and service in securing for perpetuity this blessing in the life of our church.

2012 Youth Ministry Annual Report

This past year has once again been filled with many opportunities to learn, grow, share and serve. The St. John's Youth Ministry Program is a vibrant ministry in the parish. As we continue to minister to, with and for one another, our bond as a community grows stronger. Our youth group is a place where everyone is accepted for who they truly are. We strive to love each other unconditionally using Jesus' teachings as our example. Consider just a few of the things we did last year:

- The St. John's youth group continues to welcome Holy Apostles youth into our ministry;
- Recruited four adult volunteer leaders;
- Started the Journey to Adulthood program of faith formation with Rite 13 which includes youth in grades 6 and 7;
- Welcomed the Rite 13 youth and their families into the new program with a BBQ;
- More than 30 St. John's youth regularly participated in all areas of youth ministry;
- St. John's youth along with Holy Apostles youth participated in our second annual Summer Stretch program;
- St. John's youth fundraised more than \$7,000 through selling parking spots for Grand Old Day, selling poinsettias and a silent auction;
- St. John's and Holy Apostles youth, and youth ministers spent a week on White Earth Indian Reservation cleaning and painting the rectory, cleaning and painting St. Columba Mission Church, and learning about Ojibwe culture and faith.
- St. John's youth and Youth Ministers participated in the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) program hosted at St. John's;
- St. John's youth ministry continued their collaborative confirmation program with Holy Apostles;
- An average of 20 youth participated in our annual Lenten Movie Series;
- Youth served as acolytes, readers and ushers in the majority of services at St. John's during the year;
- The youth served at the annual Gathering Sunday picnic;
- The youth served at the annual parish Christmas party.

Finally....

Thanks to all the parents who faithfully brought their youth to youth ministry meetings and events and volunteered their time and energy to supply much-appreciated food on Wednesday evenings. Thank you too to the parents that volunteered their time and vehicles to transport us to events, etc. Thank you to the parishioners at St. John's for including us in the whole life of the parish. And, thanks to the wonderful staff at St. John's for being so supportive of youth ministry at St. John's, and for their continued involvement. And thank you to the youth of St. John's for welcoming me into their lives. I continue to be transformed as I encounter the living Christ in and among them. I remain committed to serving the youth and their families in this wonderful and vibrant ministry of St. John's and look forward to another blessed year of ministry.

FAITH IN ACTION COMMISSION- 2013

Faith In Action

The mission of Faith In Action is to identify opportunities for St. John's congregation to serve the community. Our outreach focus areas are hunger relief, supportive housing/shelter, community service and our relationship with Kayoro Village, Uganda. In 2013 we supported these areas both with volunteer efforts and financial support.

Volunteer Projects

Hunger Relief:

The Family Place

Food Shelf Delivery: Neighborhood House, Department of Indian Work at St. Paul Council of Churches, Keystone

Farmers Market/Fields To Families

Meals On Wheels

Shelter:

Project Home

Faith Builders

Supportive Housing:

Hearts To Homes

Community Service:

The Huge Sale

The Giving Tree

Annual School Tools Drive

International Concerns:

Kayoro Clinic, Uganda

Financial Support

Hunger Relief:

Bill's Pantry

Hallie Q. Brown Center

Episcopal Church Homes and Services

Episcopal Church Homes

Housing:

The Family Place

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Community Contributions

Jeremiah Programs

Neighborhood House

YWCA

Episcopal Community Services

The Giving Tree

Anglican Partnerships

Episcopal Relief and Development

St. John's Clinic Kayoro, Uganda

Fields To Families / Farmers Market with Church of the Holy Apostles

Faith In Action Highlights of 2013

The Huge Sale: Two successful Huge Sales were held in 2013. The Huge Sale supports our neighborhood and community, brings new people into SJE, is a community building project for members of St. John's and brings in approximately \$11,000 each year. People who shopped enjoyed Grandma's Bakery and a new layout of the sale. St. Vincent DePaul was the recipient of the spring & fall sale remains. The huge sale committee appreciated additional staff support of Sarah Dull to facilitate expansion to the Fireside Room location. Looking at consolidating the time frame of the sale in 2014. This year we welcomed the involvement of the Youth Group who earned funds for summer mission travel, Men's Group, Faith In Action and Vestry. Mary Gilbertson led the Huge Sale this year. Thanks to all that helped, led and supported the Huge Sale.

Project Home: During the month of February in 2013 St John's provided beds and a warm place to sleep for homeless individuals during the month of February. Volunteers came from St. John's, St. Clement's and Holy Apostles to be part of our effort to help those in need. Ramsey County provides 60 permanent beds for the homeless in Ramsey County, additional volunteer churches present the second layer of beds and services and St. John's represents the third facility in line to house the homeless. We will provide beds for up to 20 individuals on any given night. The Project Home Program is funded and supported by Ramsey County and churches like ours. We thank all those who understand and support the need for the services we provide and encourage all to help us, help those in need! Gary Hagstrom and John Edgerton lead Project Home at St. John's and hope that you will give prayerful consideration to participating in Project Home in February 2014. Thanks to all that lead and support this important work.

Food Shelf Delivery: For a number of years St John's has collected and distributed food to three separate food shelves within the city of St Paul. Each Sunday we encourage each of you to bring something to help feed the hungry. Our response has been generous and we were able to deliver approximately 86 lbs of food each month to the food shelves to help feed the hungry. We hope that you will continue to donate and recognize the basic necessity to have food to eat each and every day. In addition to bringing canned goods and dried foodstuffs we would encourage you to donate money. This money can be used by the food shelves to purchase food at substantial discounts through food coops, often much cheaper than you or I can purchase at the local grocery stores. Simply write a check to St John's and write "Food Shelves" in the memo area, so that we can direct those donations for that purpose. If you feel strongly about feeding those in need and would like to help deliver or come up with other ways we can help feed the hungry, please feel free to contact John Edgerton or Vern Kassekert. Thanks to all that support this outreach.

The Giving Tree: For the second year we partnered with the YWCA Supportive Housing's Giving Tree Program for Christmas giving. This year we provided gifts for the members of 14 families currently in the Y's supportive programs. This is an increase of two families over our involvement last year. We also gave each family a \$50.00 Cub grocery certificate to help them with their holiday meals.

Meals On Wheels: Six members of St. John's deliver six to eight meals in the Wilder Park condominiums and neighborhood on Mondays. One or two members work each Monday.

Hearts to Homes: Having lost the support of ECS in the fall of 2012, Project Kathleen started a new relationship with the YWCA in January 2013. With the new relationship, we adopted a new name, Hearts To Homes. We spent the early part of the year working out specifics for the program and providing mentors professional training to prepare them to work with the families. Our first family with the YWCA started in April mentored by Phyllis Merrill. The mother of this family is single with one son living with her. She worked to complete training for data entry and landed part time work. She is hoping her position will be made full time so she would be able to get medical benefits. She is a hard worker and very reliable. The apartment building that she and her son are now living in is giving up their subsidy status so they are going to have to move some time in the next 7 months. She will be with our program through July.

Our second family started with us in August and is mentored by Paige Hagstrom. These parents have three daughters. The mother trained to be a school bus driver and has taken all the training she can to make her eligible to drive many different assignments with different types of buses. She was able to get full time employment with medical benefits early this past fall. The dad is a trained cook and struggled to find employment but did land a job around Thanksgiving. This family will be in our program through July.

The committee holds a picnic in June for the H2H families and members of St. Johns as well as the very popular Chili Cook Off in the fall. We are grateful for the enthusiastic participation from the congregation. We have also received great response from the congregation for our springtime "Giving Tree" providing the families with much needed household items. Our families also were given vouchers to shop at the Huge Sale. They were so grateful to have access to items that would otherwise be financially out of reach.

Kudos to Phyllis and Paige for all of the support and help they have given these families. Please talk with them if you are interested in mentoring families this coming year. You can also talk with other committee members: Patty Pfalz, Colleen Swope, Lyelle and Mary Frances Palmer, Holly Weinkauff and Alice Johnson.

School Tools: SJE donated a car full of notebooks, backpacks, pencils, erasers, three ring binders, protractors and scissors which were distributed to children in need in the St. Paul area through The Saint Paul Area Council of Churches Department of Indian Works. That for the donations that came flying in! This is an outreach that does not involve a lot of work but makes a big difference for many children as they start the school year.

St. John's Clinic Kayoro: St. John's Clinic Kayoro opened its doors for business on January 30, 2012! The clinic has been serving the community of Kayoro as not only a clinic but also a community gathering space. The staff of Give Us Wings Uganda and the staff of St. John's Clinic Kayoro II, SJKHCI, have been working together to raise awareness of the clinic. The efforts have been successful and the number of patients has been steadily rising. SJE has been supporting these efforts by providing the finances to pay for the programs to increase use and awareness. The plan includes contracting with a doctor to provide services at the clinic once a month, offering "Lunch and Learn Seminars" once a month and radio advertisements. SJE also funded the repair and expansion of the solar power system for the clinic. This year we supported the work at St. John's Clinic Kayoro in Uganda by once again participating in the Give Us Wings skydiving event. Four brave members of our congregation, the St. John's JUMPERS, jumped out of a plane (one bravely stayed on the ground) and raised almost \$7,000 to support the clinic! Other money was generously donated throughout the year to support the clinic project. Thanks to the congregation of St. John's and all of the friends of our congregation that support this important, life saving work.

Faith Builders Habitat For Humanity Project: Members of St. John's worked with Twin Cities Habitat For Humanity and other congregations to rehab a foreclosed house. Our team contributed volunteers and lunch for workers. This is a great program and a wonderful way to make a difference in our community while spending time with St. John's friends. Thanks to all that participate.

The Farmers Market and Fields To Families: The Farmers Market, collaboration with Church of the Holy Apostles, was a huge success this year. Four Hmong farmers participated in the market. We had great support through our congregation and the neighborhood. Farmers from Holy Apostles provided produce that was fresh and delectable and throughout the summer their clientele grew. They appreciate the opportunity to sell and we appreciate the delicious produce and flowers. We also participated in the Fields To Families outreach. Through Fields To Families SJE and Holy Apostles collect monetary donations at the Farmers Market, we use the money to buy produce from the farmers and donate the fresh produce to food shelves. We purchased 1,452 pounds of produce from the farmers and donated it to Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. \$550 of the \$929 payment for that produce came from St. John's (budget and contributions); the remainder was supported by the F2F fund from Holy Apostles. That means that the farmers made \$929 that they might otherwise not have made and HQB received some excellent produce.

We have begun, and hope to expand, relations with HQB, including the possibility that they might purchase some produce for their food shelf from our farmers creating an even larger market for the Holy Apostle farmers. HQB has activities and programs with which St. John's parishioners could become involved. The Fields To Families outreach is led by Shirley Sailors. We are looking for a leader for the Farmers Market. Please talk with Colleen Swope if you are interested. Many thanks for the leadership and participation in this important program.

The Faith In Action Commission is comprised of representatives from each of our initiatives. We meet quarterly to discuss updates and plan for the future. If you would like to learn more about all that we do please consider joining us at one of our meetings. Leadership of Faith In Action is transitioning to Colleen Swope. If you have ideas and want to become involved please contact Colleen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Kinkead

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REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMISSION - 2013

2013 was a bittersweet and promising year for all of the music programs at St. John's. Each of the groups participated in regular Sunday services and at other special services.

The Adult Choir began the year under the direction of Jim Frazier. In February, several Adult Choir members, along with St. John's supporters, traveled to New York City where the Adult Choir, combining with over a dozen other choirs, performed ***A World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*** at Carnegie Hall. Back at St. John's, the Adult Choir participated in several evensong services which featured Randall Thompson's ***The Peaceable Kingdom*** and works by Gerald Finzi and G.F. Handel. The choir also joined with the choir of St. Clement's for an Earth Day Evensong held at St. John's, which included Benjamin Britten's ***Rejoice in the Lamb***. The Choral Scholar program continued successfully for a fourth year with the singers assisting at sung Compline services.

The Children's and Youth Choirs, directed by Lizza Berry, participated regularly in First Sunday services. The Children's Choir and Evangelist Choir took part in the early Christmas Eve service, and the Evangelist Choir participated in Lessons and Carols. The Youth Choir also joined the Adult Choir for several services during the year. In late February, the Evangelist Choir attended for a third year the Episcopal Youth Music Festival at St. Mark's Cathedral. The Shepherd Band, under the direction of Jim Frazier, participated in several of the services in which the younger choirs sang.

The Handbell Choir, under the direction of Kate Graber, regularly performed on the second Sunday of each month and at special services, including Easter and Lessons and Carols.

In May, in honor of Jim Frazier, who announced his retirement as Music Director effective June 2013, members of the music programs at St. John's presented a musical cabaret. Several other events marking Jim's nine years of service to St. John's were held during the spring. Upon Jim's retirement, Adult Choir member and organist Nancy Wellington graciously and ably served as St. John's Interim Music Director.

A Music Director Search Committee was formed in 2013 to call St. John's next Music Director. The Search Committee conducted a nationwide search, receiving over 80 applicants for the position. In July, the Committee was delighted to call Jayson Engquist as St. John's new Music Director. Jayson began his work at St. John's in August. Under his leadership, the Adult Choir participated in the All Saint's Evensong, which included motets by Anton Bruckner, as well as the annual Lessons and Carols Service. In addition, Jayson directed the Shepherd Band, now comprised of parishioners of all ages, in Sunday services.

The Artaria Chamber Music School continued to use space at St. John's and presented several musical offerings during the course of the year, including performing preludes for St. John's services.

The Music Program at St. John's looks forward to continuing the Parish's long-standing commitment to worship through music. All choirs and musical groups continue to seek new members and everyone is encouraged to join.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Conklin, Music Commission Chair

BUILDING COMMITTEE – 2013

It was a busy year for the Building Committee and the biggest excitement was welcoming Crocus Hill Preschool to the second floor of the parish house. That move seemed to go flawlessly, but there was a lot of work behind the scenes to accomplish the task, including creating a handicap accessible bathroom in the area. The architects from Pope Architects gave invaluable help in the solution of where and how to make everything work to satisfy the code requirements both from city and state for us to house a preschool. It makes a very welcome addition to use our space with the voices, songs and story telling for the 3, 4, and 5 year olds who attend each day.

We also have spent the past several months assessing the Boiler Room vault masonry repairs needed and how best to accomplish the task. Fred Berndt has met with inspectors, engineers, consultants to help us come to resolution of what to propose as a solution. Probably not anticipated, but certainly unexpected, was the determination that the whole west wall of the church is in need of work to prevent water from coming into the undercroft rooms on that side due to ground water seepage. This project will continue on into 2014 when the solution will be determined and approved.

On a smaller scale, but probably most noticeable, is the addition of coffee mugs hand crafted to our specifications – size, handles, color - by parishioner Wade Scheel. We use the mugs in the undercroft and Fireside Room and can't remember using paper or plastic cups for our coffee.

Also we oversaw the installation of the ceiling screen in the Fireside Room which was a project approved several years ago and is now used regularly for Sunday morning Forums and retreats.

Finally, to keep our building welcoming in all areas we approved the installation of a new drinking fountain in the gym. It certainly is appreciated by the basketball players, Project Home guests, TEC and all others who use the gym. And it fits our motto of "A Hundred Year Fix" to keep our building up and running for all who use it.

If you have questions or suggestions about capital improvements or ambiance enhancements for St. John's please feel free to contact any Building Committee member:

Jim Johnson, Chair

Susan Aylesworth

Fred Berndt

Ed Cook

Julia Ferguson

Lynn Hertz

Dusty Mairs

Don Postema

ALTAR GUILD 2013

Serving on the Altar Guild is a rewarding ministry of our parish and involves setting up the altars for each celebration of Eucharist and the clean-up afterwards. Each week one of four teams is responsible for the two scheduled services plus any baptisms, weddings or memorial/funeral services. There is additional preparation for the services during Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter with all members helping.

The time commitment is typically every 4th weekend on either Saturday or Sunday. Two or three team members come in for an hour Saturday morning to prepare the two altars. On Sunday, one person works briefly between the 8 and 10 o'clock services. After the 10 am services, 2-3 people take approximately a half hour to clean up and put things away. Training is "on the job" and new members are welcome at any time.

A few members retired and a couple have been on sabbatical due to illness. Six or eight new members would ward off the inevitable loss of our many members over 70. The Altar Guild is open to all members of the parish above age 12. If you are interested, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Power

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Pam Strom *	Dusty Mairs*	Pat Brynteson*	Diane Power*
Sue Cadwell	Shirley Cooper	Nan Lightner	Caroline Krall
Shirlee Gooch	Phyllis Frisby	Phyllis Merrill	Heather Joyce
Sue MacIntosh	Patty Byrne Pfalz	Paige Hagstrom	Sarah K. Smith
Kathy Brown	Susan Aylesworth	Elaine Sutton	Lena McCord
		Jill Thompson	

*Team captain