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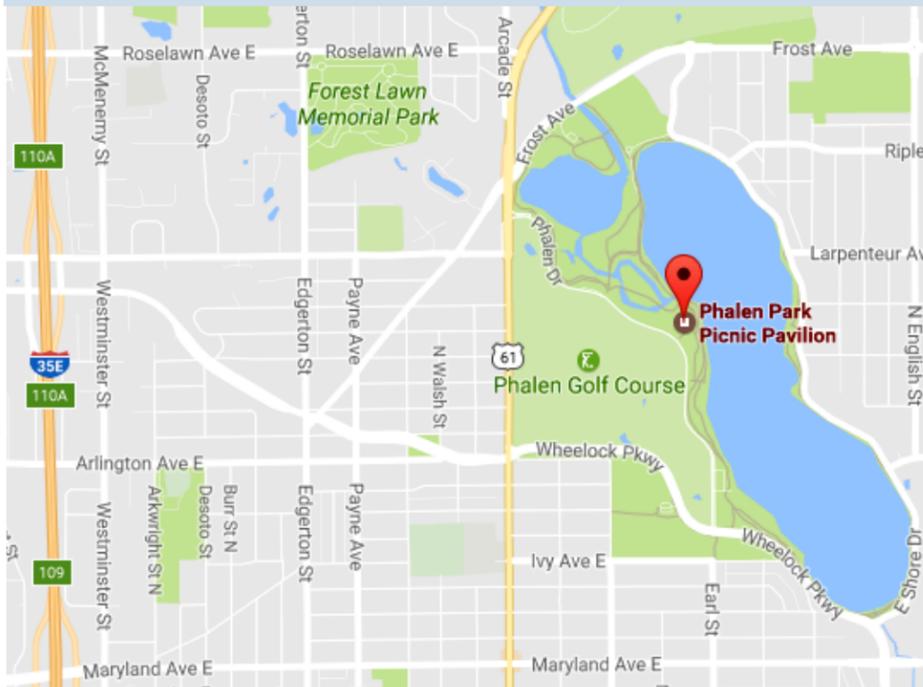
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THE EVANGELIST

JULY/AUGUST 2017



Join us at our annual church picnic with Holy Apostles!

Sunday, August 13
Phalen Park Picnic Pavilion
1600 Phalen Drive
St. Paul, MN 55106

10am worship, baptisms, and a cookout and picnic lunch

Bring lawn chairs/blankets, sunscreen, bug spray, and a dessert or salad to feed 10-12 people.



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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Clergy

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*
 The Rev. Kate Bradtmiller, *Associate Rector*
 The Rev. Margaret Thor, *Deacon*

Staff

Sarah Dull, *Parish Administrator*
 Jayson R. Engquist, *Director of Music/Organist*
 Terry Farrell, *Building Assistant*
 Jean Hansen, *Children, Youth, & Family Minister*
 Heather Hunt, *Children & Youth Choirs Director*
 Tracy Johnson, *Nursery Coordinator*
 Scott Jungbauer, *Building Manager*
 The Rev. Craig Lemming, *Compline Coordinator*
 The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Writer in Residence*
 Jane Johnson, *Office of the Treasurer*
 Ellie Watkins, *Communications Assistant*

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Bob Baumann, *Clerk of Vestry*
 Jay Clark, *At Large*
 Marilyn Conklin, *Junior Warden*
 Josh Colton, *At Large*
 Tom Evans, *At Large*
 Alice Johnson, *At Large*
 John MacBain, *Property*
 Dusty Mairs, *At Large*
 Chris Matter, *Faith in Action*
 Brad Parsons, *At Large*
 Rick Rinkoff, *Treasurer*
 Peter Rosendale, *At Large*
 Judy Stack, *Formation*
 Diane Wallace-Reid, *Pastoral Care*
 Nancy Wellington, *Music*
 Jerry Woelfel, *Senior Warden*

ON THE COVER:

Parishioners Kevin Shannon and Sue Nygren share this experience with their Muslim neighbors in Eagan:

Kevin recently brought a Blessed Ramada sign home from church. We put it in our front yard. Monday evening, a woman wearing a hijab rang my doorbell. When I went out to chat, she gave me a great big hug, then ran back to her car to get a big pan of sambusa (delicious!) for us. "Thank you for your sign! My husband told me it is here. This makes it feel like Ramadan," she said. "We are all alike. We love. You are my sister!" It absolutely MADE my week! (And we have a new friend!) Yes—a very blessed Ramadan!



NEXT DEADLINE

for September/October Issue: **Aug 10**
 Everyone is *encouraged* to submit articles and reflections. Bring your article and/or photos to the church office or email to church@stjohnsstpaul.org before the deadline shown. Thank you!

SERVICE SCHEDULES

ALTAR GUILD:

Diane Power, Altar Guild Coordinator (powerdiane@gmail.com)
July 2: Heather's team
July 9: Terri's team
July 16: Diane's team
July 23: Dusty's team
July 30: Heather's team
Aug 6: Terri's team
Aug 13: Diane's team
Aug 20: Dusty's team
Aug 27: Heather's team
Up-to-date schedules can always be found at www.stjohnsstpaul.org/worship-music/altar-guild

ACOLYTES:

Ellie Watkins, Acolyte Coordinator (elizabeth.watkins@stjohnsstpaul.org)
July 2: Madeline Jacobs
July 9: Charlie Docherty
July 16: Roan Weinkauff
July 23: Matt Brooks
July 30: Sabine Krall
August 6: Elliot Wall
August 13: Tessa Johnson, Maren Johnson
August 20: Thea Bischof
August 27: Linnea Krall
Up-to-date schedules can always be found at www.stjohnsstpaul.org/worship-music/acolytes

COFFEE HOUR:

Paige Hagstrom, Coffee Hour Coordinator (pghagstrom@gmail.com)
July 2: Don Husband
July 9: Elise McCray & Colin Knisely
July 16: Susan & Chris Johnson
July 23: open, volunteer needed
July 30: Jim Johnson & Lucy Jones
August 6: George & Diane Power
August 13: Church Picnic
August 20: Liz & Pat Collins
August 27: Josh & Tisha Colton
Up-to-date schedules can always be found at www.stjohnsstpaul.org/community-life/coffee-hour

USHERS:

John MacBain, Head Usher (jamacain@gmail.com)
July 2: Cammie Beattie, Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff, John MacBain
July 9: Patty Byrne Pflaz, Lynn Hertz, Rick Moore, Sally Sand
July 16: Peter Rosendale & Jennifer Frost-Rosendale, Don & Holly Weinkauff
July 23: Alden Drew & Mimie Pollard, Mary & Peter Gilbertson
July 30: Bob Baumann, Marvin Cadwell, Don Husband, George Kinkead
August 6: Gary & Paige Hagstrom, Barbara Lindeke, Diane Power
August 13: Cammie Beattie, Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff, John MacBain
August 20: Lynn Hertz, Peter Rosendale & Jennifer Frost-Rosendale, Shirley Sailors
August 27: Marvin Cadwell, Sally Sand, Don & Holly Weinkauff
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GREETERS:

Jeff Olsen, Head Greeter (jolsen4338@gmail.com)
July 2: Cindy Bertheau, Don Postema & Gabrielle Lawrence
July 9: Jeff & Peggy Olsen, Judy Stack
July 16: Judy Southwick, Colleen Swope, Diane Wallace-Reid
July 23: Barbara Lindeke, Sally Sand, Don Weinkauff
July 30: Jennifer Kinkead, Jerry Woelfel & Becky Garthofner
August 6: Cindy Bertheau, Lea Anne Schmidt, Judy Stack
August 13: Don Postema & Gabrielle Lawrence, Diane Wallace-Reid
August 20: Cindy Bertheau, Jeff & Peggy Olsen
August 27: Peter Rosendale & Jennifer Frost-Rosendale, Colleen Swope
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READERS:

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July 2: 8am Craig Lindeke; 10am Chris Matter, Jill Thompson
July 9: 8am Joan McCanna; 10am Joan Potter, Alden Drew
July 16: 8am Jay Debertin; 10am Chris Howie, Paige Hagstrom
July 23: 8am Brad McCanna; 10am Shirley Sailors, Gary Gleason
July 30: 8am Carole Selin; 10am Jeff Olsen, Judy Southwick
August 6: 8am Craig Lindeke; 10am John Graham, Don Postema
August 13: 8am Joan McCanna; 10am Jill Thompson, Alden Drew
August 20: 8am Jay Debertin; 10am Janet Diehl, Keith Davis
August 27: 8am Brad McCanna; 10am Terry Dinovo, Diane Wallace-Reid
Up-to-date schedules can always be found at www.stjohnsstpaul.org/worship-music/lay-readers

VERGERS:

Joan Potter, Liturgical & Lay Reader Coordinator (jepotter60@gmail.com)
July 2: Carole Selin
July 9: Bill Sherfey
July 16: Eli Weinkauff
July 23: Joan Potter
July 30: Keith Davis
Aug 6: Carole Selin
Aug 13: Bill Sherfey
Aug 20: Eli Weinkauff
Aug 27: Joan Potter
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

July

- 1 Cammie Beattie
Patricia Durst
Jim Frazier
Ashley Roehrich
- 2 Joyce Johnston
- 3 Judy Kinkead
Matt Paquette
- 5 Henrik Axelson
Brett Gemlo
Laura Haseman
Reverend Cecie Titcomb
- 6 Thea Bischof
Charlie Johnson
- 7 Wade Johnson
- 10 Josie Kuhn
Pam Talley
- 11 Francesca Ramos
Kris Longley-Postema
Nicholas Morawiecki
Peter Myers
Samantha Rosendale
- 12 Oliver Lowe
Wyatt Furois
Jonathan Frost
- 13 Eliana Avery
- 14 Meghan Longley-Postema
Amelia Ryan
- 15 Jay Debertin
Jason King-Lowe

- 15 Anthony Specht
- 16 Harriet Page
- 17 Jemma Berry
Mark McInroy
- 18 Missy Thompson
Jeshua Livstrom
Christopher Parish
Paul Savage
- 19 Anneke Krall
Dick Lyman
- 20 Rick Olson
James Orput
Linnea Pedersen
- 21 Melissa Brown
Kimberly Burrows
Mark Maronde
- 22 John Docherty
Andrew Tessier
Gabe Tessier
- 23 Nancy Martin
Richard Resch
The Rev. Mary Ramos
- 24 Alec Smith
Sidney McInroy
- 25 Adele DeCoux
- 26 Peggy Olsen
June Owen
- 27 Charles Swope
Hannah Stengle
- 28 Megan August-Hau
Dorothy MacDonald
- 29 Henry Van Yperen

August

- 1 Emily Brooks
Bree Yaeger
Sam Clark
William Rinkoff
Erika Binger
Nova Wilson
- 2 Scott Edgerton
John Gross
Phillip Baird
- 3 Marty Brown
- 4 Helen Docherty
Gary Hagstrom
Gabriella McCann
- 5 Caroline Krall
Camille Scheel
- 6 Allan Klein
Piper Wilson
- 7 Zander Brooks
Mike Dueber
Caitlyn Parsons
Patricia McDonald
- 8 Kathleen Moberg
Luca Brown
Phillip Stoltenberg
- 9 Michael T. Ganzel
Richard Dunlop
Jessica Schreifels
James Morley
- 10 Sally Sand
Peter Rosendale
Amy Johnson

- 11 Ginny Lund
- 12 Michael Brooks
Cameron Norman
- 13 Erika Sullivan
- 15 Eric Husband
Henry Olson
- 17 Jessica Drucker
Cheri Wiegand
- 18 Mimie Pollard
Glenn Kimball
- 19 Owen Hansen
- 20 Alexander Cook
Jennifer Kinkead
Andrew Krall
- 21 Larry Ragland
- 22 Olivia Morawiecki
- 23 Dale Niesen
Gwen Odney
- 25 Andrea Edgerton
Rob Beattie
Ella Bloomquist
Liz Connor
- 27 Mary Frances Palmer
Zoe Weber
Kim Arndt
- 28 John Mercer
Polly O'Brien
Sarah Goodall
Rita MacBain
- 30 Margaret Jeffery
Archer Lightner
Tony Clark
- 31 Lauren Debertin
Alyson Westerhaus
Brad McCanna



FROM THE REVEREND JERED WEBER-JOHNSON

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
It is no mistake that Saint John's is focusing this year's Back Porch

conversation on Race and Religion. Last summer, around this time, the complicated and painful reality of race and injustice came close to home with the shooting of Philando Castille. He worked in our neighborhood at a local elementary school. He was known by families in our church. But, listening to the grief of our black and brown neighbors following that tragedy, and hearing it anew following the recent verdict in the trial of the police officer implicated in that shooting, we were made painfully aware that this issue had deep and complicated roots.

In his seminal book *Prophesy Deliverance*, liberation theologian Dr. Cornel West suggests that modern discourse in the west "secreted" what has come to be called "white supremacy". Western thought, he argues (philosophy, science, and aesthetics) is based in a culture and history that is predominantly white and European. As such, modern discourse, modern life, even modern science and art, assumes that whiteness is "normal". So it is that physical appearance, things that link individuals to a race — the shape of a nose, the spacing of one's eyes, and certainly the color of their skin — immediately spark a number of associations of rightness and wrongness, insider and outsider, good and bad. These associations, says West, are secreted regularly into the conversation and consciousness of modern western life.

White supremacy and privilege is not something that most of us who are white today would willingly or wittingly contribute to or support. But, it is something that we participate in daily —wittingly or not. The world that we were born into is set up to disproportionately favor whiteness — and to disempower and marginalize blackness and brownness. Study after study, from sociology and economics to psychology and politics indicates that on a conscious or unconscious level, societies and individuals continue to reinforce white privilege and systems of white supremacy.

So, what can we do?

Well, one of the things we can do is talk about it, and not just from the clinical distance of an academic

pursuit. We can, and I believe we should, engage person to person in real, meaningful, and vulnerable conversation, talking about and listening to the painful reality of racism and its impact on our lives. To ignore it by not discussing it, allows it to continue to fester in darkness.

And, we can name it when we see it. Talking about it, and especially listening to the experiences of our neighbors, friends, and family of color, will help us understand and recognize it. And, once we recognize it, we should call it out. One of the great hurdles to healing the wounds of racism and white supremacy is that, for fear of being wrong or being embarrassed, would-be white allies never actually speak out when they see white supremacy at work in the system.

We can also actively work to deconstruct the system. Yes, that might mean losing some of the ill-gotten privilege that whiteness bestows. But, by reshaping policies, laws, and the habits of our communities, we can make a more just, reconciled, and loving world. As Christians, we understand that God made a world that was rich in diversity — from the plants and animals to the places and people of this wonderful creation.

God made the different skin colors and cultures and peoples, and said "It's good!" When Jesus came among us, he did so in a particular culture and a particular place and a particular people. Which, we can only imagine means that God in Jesus embraced our particularity, and in so doing, embraced our difference. Our difference is not a hurdle to be overcome, but a gift to be embraced. That might mean we need to work harder to show God's love for those that are different from us. But, ultimately, that is our calling as Christians — to love and heal and work for reconciliation across all the lines and boundaries of difference is God's good and diverse world. If anything, our summer conversation on the back porch is showing me we have work to do, and people willing to do that work. I am grateful for the vulnerability and grace already shown, and for the promise of where these conversations will take us deeper into real and world changing action in the weeks and months to come.

Faithfully,

Jered +

CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR

We have launched our online portal called "My St. John's," which gives parishioners and staff anytime, anywhere access to their member and family records, plus a church pictorial directory providing the most up-to-date, accurate information. The system is fully secure and monitored. This exciting database is about more than just data: it's about connection.

God created humans to be creatures of connection. As Mark McInroy wrote on Trinity Sunday, "Human beings, as creatures who are made in the image of God, are inherently relational beings. We are built for relationships, for God is in essence a relational reality."

Create that connection going to tinyurl.com/mysaintjohns and logging in to your My St. John's account. Check that your contact

info and birthdates are correct. Upload a photo. View the pictorial directory to get to know other members.

Each household has been sent an email with a username and instructions. If you did not receive that email, please contact the church office at church@stjohnsstpaul.org.

If you would like one-on-one help with My St. John's, we will have a "help desk" set up after both services on Sunday, July 16 and August 20. Drop by so Sarah Dull and Ellie Watkins can take your picture for the photo directory, help you check your member records, and answer any questions you may have. You can also come in to the office anytime Monday-Friday 9am-4pm for assistance.

God's church is not a building, but the people in it. The My St. John's church database is evidence of that. Log in and connect with your neighbor.



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THE POWER OF SERVICE

By Ellie Watkins

George and Diane Power first visited St. John's in 1990 when they were on the hunt for a new church home. "We love to terrify ministers," says George. "We church shop." Diane adds, "Oh yeah, we were serious." They'd spend a month at each church, attending both worship services and meetings, while their son tried the youth programming. George said they asked themselves, "What do you want to get out of the church and what do you bring to it." In the end, they joined another Episcopal church, but then became members at St. John's in 1999 when the Rev. Frank Wilson was about to start as rector. And indeed St. John's was lucky, because what George and Diane Power brought to the church were, among many gifts, a great drive for service, pragmatism, and reliability that have blessed us all.

George and Diane were awarded the Dusty Mairs Servant Leader Award for 2017 at Service Sunday in May this year, in recognition of their tireless volunteer work at St. John's. The list of their involvement comprises many of our ministries. Diane is the current leader of the Altar Guild; she was trained to the Altar Guild at age 12 and has been in it much of her life. She stresses to other volunteers who might be interested that it's not as large a time commitment as it may appear from the outside. "I think people worry because they see me so involved, but I'm the lead. For most members it's only one morning a month." Diane also serves as an usher, and was active in the Huge Sale for a number of years. She does miss that ministry a bit—"There was always a camaraderie. I'm a used clothes shopper. You have to like the hunt!"—but understands that more volunteers would have been needed to sustain the Huge Sale any longer.

For George, music is one of the most important parts of his faith. Aside from his time in the military, there's never been a year that he wasn't singing in a church choir. He sings in the St. John's adult choir and plays in the handbell choir. He also serves as Columbarium coordinator. He took over those responsibilities after Fred Myers tagged him for the job, and George helped make the process of acquiring a niche more formal and complete, updated the forms, and wrote a manual. (He wrote a manual for the offering plate counters to follow, too. Further evidence of the Powers' tendency to be practical, reliable, and see what needs to be done.) He comes in regularly to count the offering plate donations, usually on Monday mornings. He also comes in every Thursday to fold and stuff bulletins, and shows up to help assemble every all-parish mailing.



Even when they head out of town, they don't stop attending church. They have one son and two grandchildren who are all members of the Episcopal parish in Chevy Chase, MD, and when they go to visit them, George brings back a church bulletin for the St. John's staff as an example of the ministries other churches offer. In fact, whenever they go anywhere on vacation, they make sure to visit the local Episcopal church. "We've been to some really interesting churches," says Diane.

Why are they drawn to offer so much of their time and talents here? It's simply part of who they are and how they were raised. Diane says, "We both came from families where everyone did community service. We both grew up serving at church and in the wider community." And the service has created a kind of family of its own. Due to all the various ministries they've been involved with, especially youth programs and camps when their son was young, George says they "very rarely go to a church anywhere in Minnesota without knowing somebody." Diane adds, "It's a large extended family." They both appreciate the opportunity in retirement to volunteer more with the church and outside community groups. For them, it's simply a matter of committing to a specific schedule and then reliably showing up—an invaluable asset for servant leadership.

What do you want to get out of the church, and what do you bring to it? To George and Diane Power, it's clear that the answer to both questions is "a great deal." St. John's is blessed by and grateful for their tireless service, and for the chance to be their church home. Diane says, "The church has always been part of our lives." George agrees. "You can't imagine life without church in it somewhere."

SAYING FAREWELL

Ben Wegner, Lay Clerk

"I will make a bittersweet trek towards Fort Dodge, Iowa as I assume the position of Director of High School Vocal Music at St. Edmond's Catholic School. I will lead the choral program, teach music classes, help direct the musical, and compose my own music. I'm grateful for my time at St. John's, contributing to the ministry with my voice and music. It was a new and refreshing experience for my faith. I will cherish the time I spent with you all."



Charlie Baird, Lay Clerk

"I'll be moving to Washington, D.C. to pursue a career in Arts Administration and be closer to my home state of Connecticut. While my time as a member of the St. John's community has been short-lived, I will never forget the many wonderful people I have gotten close to over this past year, and I plan to keep in touch!"



Jessica Bandelin, Lay Clerk

This faithful soprano who has sung at St. John's for the past few years has decided to cut back on her weekend duties and spend more time with her family at home. Jess will still be one of our regular substitute sopranos and sing when she can. We wish her well and will miss seeing her each week.



Kellan Weyer, CYF Assistant

"I just want to say thank you to you all for making my experience at St. John's what it was. I would also publicly like to thank Jean Hansen and Scott Jungbauer for being wonderful bosses, and I think they both taught me in their own ways to be a better servant of Christ. As I move forward, I will have many fond memories of St. Johns, including sharing meals with the youth group, leading the film series, performing with the youth at our Cabaret event, and participating in our contemplative prayer exercises with the children, as well as the many day-to-day interactions I had with the congregation as a whole, whether that be sharing stories or just sharing a laugh. The next steps in my journey are to be the Intern Pastor at Prairie Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, MN. God bless you all in the future, and may you continue to learn and grow in the teachings and presence of Christ. I hope to stay in touch!"



Erik Erlandson, Lay Clerk

"I will be attending CU Boulder this coming fall pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Vocal Pedagogy and Performance. I will teach classes and private lessons, and perform operas on top of class work. I hope to become a Professor of Voice and assist in research helping rehabilitate vocal faults without surgical intervention."



FAITH BUILDERS

Home is a powerful word—perhaps one of the most powerful of all. Wood and nails can be shaped to become a house, a home, a place not just to visit but to *dwell*—the same word the Bible uses to describe Jesus: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." To create a home is to give a deeply meaningful gift.

Last summer, 70 volunteers worked 150 shifts for Faith Builders, helping Habitat for Humanity construct a new home north of St. John's. "You would be amazed at how much progress was made," organizer David Olsen said of the Faith Builders' two weeks of work. "The house is now sided and painted, a porch is under construction and it all looks great. . . . Seeing a family get the keys to their new home is a great experience and is the best possible 'thank you' imaginable."

This summer, July 24-August 4, St. John's will again be volunteering with Faith Builders to help create a home where our neighbors can dwell. All skill levels are welcome. To sign up, go to tinyurl.com/faithbuild17, click on a day you'd like to work, and follow the registration instructions.



“My dad is a good dad because he is a bit of a pushover, but he isn’t a softy. He keeps us balanced with what we want and what is a little ridiculous.”

—Sabine Krall

DAD

A PORTRAIT OF ANDREW KRALL

By the Rev. Barbara Mraz

He’s many other things, of course: a husband, a son, an employee, a mentor, but a good part of Andrew’s Krall’s energy for the past twenty-plus years has been devoted to being a father. His son Tim will be a sophomore at Villanova University, outside of Philadelphia in the fall; daughter Caroline will be a freshman at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York; Linnea will be a high school junior at Highland High School; and Sabine will be a sophomore. (In a couple years they will have three children in college at one time!) Andrew and his wife Anneke have basically agreed on how to raise the brood and they seem to have done a remarkable job.

All three Krall daughters are seen regularly in church (as was son Tim until he graduated from high school). They started with Godly Play, have been mainstays of the acolyte program, have sung in the youth choir, and participated in youth groups. Linnea is planning to go to Kayoro this summer to visit the St. John’s clinic.

“At first we took a no-nonsense approach: we all go to church, period. Then eventually, as the kids got more involved, they owned it themselves. When there are disagreements, I often just say ‘Later you can tell your therapist about it, but for now...’ Although there have been some issues, in general we haven’t heard a lot of complaints about it. Lizza Berry’s style worked really well for them musically and personally and so her death hit us all pretty hard.”

Raised in a suburb of Philadelphia before attending Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, Andrew describes his life from ages 15 to 25 as “one meltdown after another.” His father came out as gay (and this was the ’80s); his parents were then divorced. Three years later, his mother—who had a history of mental illness—took her



own life: “She waited until my brother and I were grown and then just couldn’t go on any longer.” Andrew’s dad is still living today. He says, “My brother Phil was drinking and doing drugs; for a while it was all acid and the Graceful Dead; he ended up in rehab. I was in college and found that you can always find people who drink more than you do so I hung out with them.”

He majored in Economics and Music and also met his future wife Anneke Cooper there. She majored in music and library science. Andrew was a singer; Anneke played the bass. (All four of their kids have had music lessons.) They married a year after graduation and moved to the Twin Cities for a fresh start. Anneke had been raised Unitarian but they found an Episcopal Church (St. Paul’s-on-the-Hill) and later transferred to St. John’s.

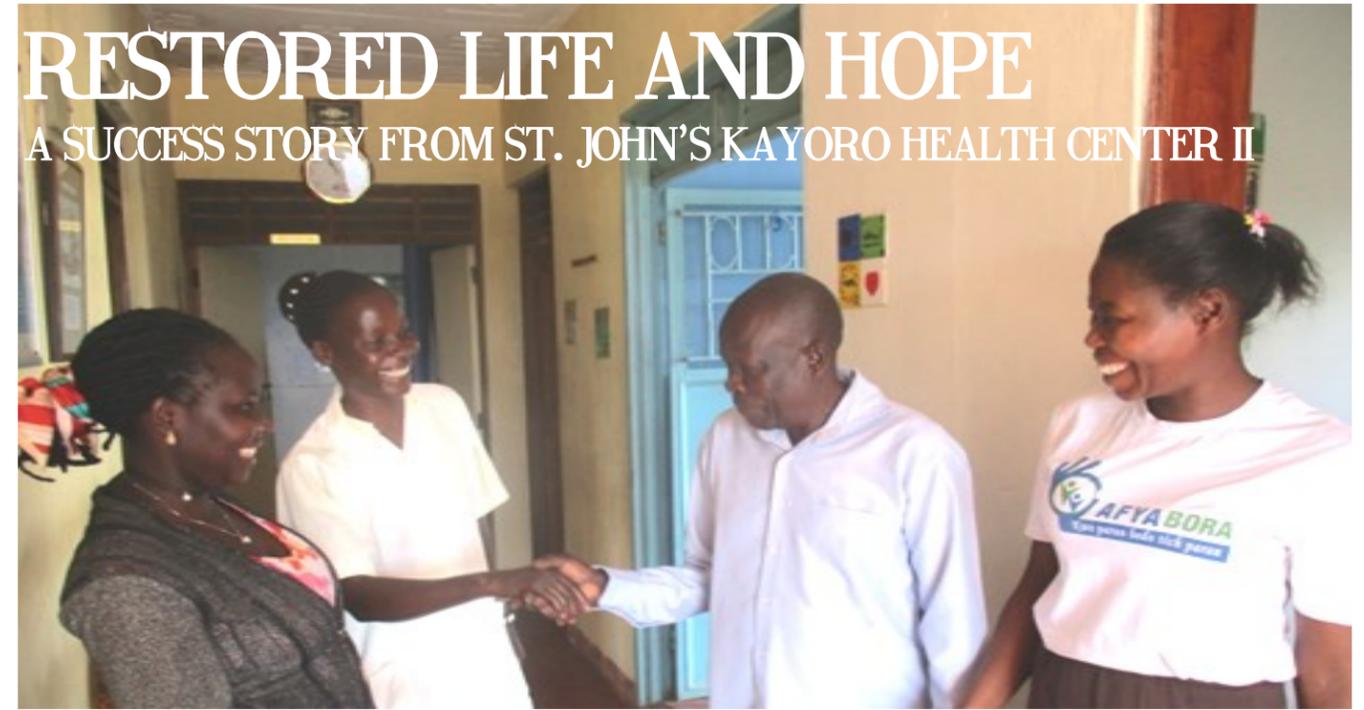
Andrew is “an I.T. guy” and writes computer code at Bright Peak Financial, where he has been for twenty years. He says, “There’s a creative aspect, even though what I do is implementing the designer’s vision. It’s satisfying and you can make a good living. It’s definitely a collaborative process. One of my favorite things now is mentoring new employees. I enjoy sharing what I know. I like coaching.” Kind of like being a parent?

Linnea says: “I like my parents because I have as much freedom and independence as I want, but you can be sure that I don’t drink, and I will always call if I won’t be home by ten. The boundaries are clear, and the rules laid out, but there is always enough wiggle room that it is a fair system.”

Finally, daughter Caroline sums it up: “My dad is a good dad because he allows us to think through tough issues and form our own opinion... He is also a good listener when he has to be, and a good talker when we need him to be.”

RESTORED LIFE AND HOPE

A SUCCESS STORY FROM ST. JOHN’S KAYORO HEALTH CENTER II



On September 28, a 63-year-old gentleman named Ochieng Samuel reported to St. John’s Kayoro Health Center II (SJKHCII). He arrived in great pain, unable to walk or sit upright, with large, deep wounds on his buttocks that were turning septic. He told SJKHCII that he felt “the end of the road was near.”

While working as a storekeeper in a reputable school in Kampala, Mr. Ochieng had been put on a six-day malaria treatment plan which involved daily artemether injections in his buttock area. While this treatment plan worked very well for his malaria, little did he know that he was developing abscesses due to the injections. The wounds kept increasing in diameter and depth because of “poor” medical care he received while in Kampala.

His condition brought enormous despair to his family, friends, and himself. He had been his family’s sole breadwinner; now he was bed ridden. Many of his friends solicited money to hire an ambulance to transport him back to his village. The main reason was to allow him to die in his family’s company, as no form of treatment administered to him was “working.” His family members attributed the cause of his “strange” illness to witchcraft. He visited herbalists and witchdoctors to seek treatment, to no avail. Finally, he gathered his strength and requested to be transported to SJKHCII, which was near his home.

Immediately after arriving at the clinic, thorough laboratory tests were done and it was found that he had high sugar content in his blood. The nurses cleaned and dressed his wounds, which were heavily filled with pus caused by the many different herbs used by the witch doctors. Mr. Ochieng’s faith in the medication he was

receiving saw him coming back to the clinic for dressing and blood sugar monitoring for three months.

By the end of December 2016, he had improved greatly, his wounds had completely dried up, the pus had been drained, and his blood sugar levels had normalized. To the amazement of his friends back in Kampala, Mr. Ochieng did not die from the perceived “strange” condition. His healing has been seen by his family and friends as a miracle. Mr. Ochieng was welcomed back by his colleagues to his work as a storekeeper. He has embraced good diet as a means to controlling his sugar levels and keeping healthy for his family and friends.

To show his appreciation for the care given to him during his sickness and restoring his lost hope, Mr. Ochieng returned to SJKHCII to say good-bye and give his heartfelt gratitude to the staff who stood by him when everyone shunned him. The staff were very ecstatic about his improved health and his return to work.

Much like the traveler in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Ochieng Samuel was injured and in need, but many around him turned away. When we ask, like the lawyer hearing the parable, “Who is my neighbor?” the answer is that Ochieng Samuel is our neighbor. When we ask, “How do I love my neighbor?” we can answer that one way is through our support of St. John’s Kayoro Health Center II.

We don’t know Mr. Ochieng outside this story; we may not know any of the other patients that SJKHCII serves. But they are all our neighbors. As we pray, we can pray for them, and as we give, we can give for them, knowing that with God’s help they can be given restored life and hope.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

In May, Saint John's celebrated New Member Sunday and welcomed members from 17 households into our faith community. Read on to get to know some of them a little better and say hello next time you see them!

Pat and Roxie Markie

Pat and Roxie have lived in St. Paul almost their entire lives. Pat spent his first career as a school teacher. Roxie left teaching after they adopted their daughter Katie from Korea and stayed home with her before spending 20 years at The Red Balloon Bookshop. Pat and Roxie first came to St. John's in 2001 where Roxie served on the vestry. Following Pat's retirement from teaching—in fact, he started the discernment process the DAY of his retirement—Pat was ordained as a deacon with The Rev. Frank Wilson as his sponsor in 2006. Pat's time as a deacon took him away from St. John's; during his career he served at Holy Apostles, St. Anne's, St. Mark's Cathedral, and most recently at St. Clement's. Pat and Roxie are excited to come back to St. John's. They enjoy volunteering at Garlough Elementary School. Pat also volunteers at Wentworth Library while Roxie gives time to Gillette Children's Hospital. In their spare time, Pat and Roxie enjoy a highly competitive game of Scrabble. Welcome back to St. John's, Pat and Roxie. We are delighted that you are with us!



Mary Ann Jackson

A "cradle" Episcopalian raised in Sisseton, SD, on the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation, Mary Ann grew up attending mission churches, where parishioners were quite poor. She learned from her mother that service is paramount in life.

Mary Ann attended Carleton College and knows Jim Johnson quite well. She has worked as an editor and a writer, and had a career here in the Twin Cities at Unisys. She attended St. Mary's Episcopal Church (St. Paul) for about 30 years. While there, she participated in many outreach activities, as this is her passion. Some of the activities included Interfaith Action, which deals with hunger (now known as "food insecurity") and Project Home.

She currently volunteers with the Minnesota Literacy Council and teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) once a week. Mary Ann enjoys yoga. She has a dog named Gracie who loves treats!

Welcome, Mary Ann! We look forward to learning from your energy and passion.



Jay Bottem and Rhica Hague

Jay grew up in Burnsville, Minnesota and attended a large Lutheran church. Rhica, a cradle Episcopalian, grew up in Northern Wisconsin in the woods. Rhica is a librarian who recently graduated with her Masters in Library and Information Science from St. Catherine University. She works for Hennepin County Library at the Hosmer branch. Jay is an Information Technician for Wells Fargo.

Both enjoy creating costumes to wear at local pop culture conventions around the Midwest, as well as cooking, and playing video games. Jay volunteers at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, and Rhica loves reading books, especially children's literature and graphic novels. Jay is very easy to talk to, so don't be afraid to strike up a conversation with him. If you want to get to know Rhica, just ask her what books she is reading, and she will gladly share her knowledge.

Jay and Rhica have been attending St. John's for well over a year now and recently decided the time was right to formally join. We are glad they are here!



Emily Gorski and Josh Hogan

Emily grew up in Minneapolis and attended UW La Crosse. She works as a school psychologist in the Minneapolis Public Schools. Josh grew up on the East Side of Saint Paul and attended undergrad at Loyola University Chicago before returning home to attend UMN Law School. He works at Thomson Reuters as a Product Manager, developing and launching new products.

Emily and Josh met two years ago through mutual friends. They live together in the Cathedral Hill neighborhood and enjoy walking to church on Sundays. They enjoy traveling, exploring state parks, watching movies, and visiting local breweries.

Emily, having grown up Lutheran, and Josh, Catholic, were looking for a church where they could both feel at home. After doing some research they decided that the Episcopal Church might be a good fit and with St. John's in their neighborhood, they decided to attend a Sunday service. They have been coming back ever since. They look forward to becoming members of St. John's and taking advantage of the many volunteer opportunities. Keep an eye out for Emily and Josh and be sure to say hello!



Elaine and Tom Eyre

Tom and Elaine, residents of Highland Park, were formally received into the Episcopal Church by the bishop at a service at St. Mark's Cathedral on April 30, 2017. They feel very blessed to have found the Episcopal Church and a home at St. John's.

A Wisconsin native, Tom was raised Presbyterian and converted to the Roman Catholic Church later in life. Tom worked in oil refining throughout his career and retired in 2013. Elaine grew up in southwest Louisiana. Raised Roman Catholic, she is one of 11 children. Elaine has a degree in housing and community development and is a volunteer facilitator for Hope for Recovery through MN National Alliance on Mental Illness. She is involved with the Pastoral Care program at St. John's.

They have two sons who are both married. Tom and Elaine love being outside biking, hiking, or walking. They stay busy during the week playing with their two grandchildren. Welcome to St. John's, Tom and Elaine!



Kate Dahl

Two years ago Kate retired after being a nurse for 44 years, and started looking for a church home. She jumped right into church life at St. John's by attending a house group and an OWLS luncheon. While St. John's is relatively far away from her home in Inver Grove Heights, she feels this is where she is supposed to be right now and looks forward to getting to know her church better over time.

Kate has three grown children and three grandchildren. She enjoys spending time reading, gardening, growing plants and ballroom dancing. She appreciates many types of music and hopes to own a piano again sometime soon with the ultimate goal of learning some Billie Holiday jazz tunes from the '20s and '30s. Kate enjoys travelling and loves meeting new people, especially hearing their stories. Welcome, Kate!



Gretchen Pickerel

The little girl in the red choir robe with white cotta and red bow grew up to be an Episcopal priest. Being back in the place where she learned to sing and chant, prepared for confirmation and was supported in dark times has been both humbling and joyful.

During times she has lived away from Minnesota, she has been known to tell people she's from Lake Woe-Be-Gone. Her grown sons live in Itasca County and St. Louis, MO, and she travels to St. Louis to see her three grandchildren as often as she can.

Currently she lives in South Minneapolis with her sister where she is reigniting her artistic longings and practicing Tai Chi Ch'uan. She also does some Sunday preaching and workshop consulting for Church Innovations and The Institute for Healing of Memories. Welcome home, Gretchen!

