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*Gathering in Love to Serve*

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People of the Parish

The Ministers

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Wherever you are  
on your faith journey...  
St. John's welcomes you.

Your Music Minister Search Committee Members are Search Chair Bryan DeSmet, Liturgy & Music Committee Member; Chancel Choir Members Chris Johnson, Nancy Jagusch, & Stephanie Sulentic; Personnel Committee Members Amy Okaya (previous Chancel Choir member), Dennis Thoemke (Youth Choir parent), Lisa Brock, Bari Chilton, & Anne Herron; Senior Warden Ken Paddock; and Fr. Mark.

The Committee began our search for a new Music Minister by placing advertisements with the Minneapolis Star Tribune, St. Paul Pioneer Press, American Guild of Organists (Twin Cities Chapter & national organization), the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota website, and St. John's website. Candidates scheduled ½ hour to practice on our pipe organ before their interviews, held April 26<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Each interview consisted of ½ hour of questions from the Committee, ¼ hour of questions from the candidate, ½ hour playing the organ & piano for the Committee, and ended with an interview with Fr. Mark & Senior Warden Ken Paddock. Between interviews the Committee evaluated & discussed each candidate. After the final interview, we evaluated & discussed all the candidates to determine who would be the best fit for our parish. The Committee recommended 3 candidates to Fr. Mark for his consideration, with their personal ranking of each.

Matthew Anderson had overwhelming support as 1<sup>st</sup> choice; Fr. Mark has offered the position, and Matt has accepted the call. Please see the article on page 3 to learn more about **Matthew I. Anderson**.

*The Gehrenbecks' Retirement Party • Wednesday, June 18, 6:00 p.m.*

Names of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number attending at \$20.<sup>00</sup> per person \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gift for Special Music Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. John's; include on Memo Line: "Gehrenbeck Party."

Dear Parishioners,

During 2008 St. John's will experience changes in its music programs. David Gehrenbeck has served as Organist - Choirmaster for the past ten years, and will retire on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Helen Gehrenbeck has also been part of the music program, directing the Youth Choir and being a vital member of the Chancel Choir. She will also be retiring.

We thank them both for ten years of wonderful ministry to St. John's. We are indeed fortunate to have the benefit of their professional leadership for these many years.

To celebrate their retirement, we will have a party on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. The evening will begin with a social hour from 6 -7 pm. Dinner will be catered by the Lake Elmo Inn and will be served at 7 pm. We hope everyone will join us. This is an all parish event to honor the Gehrenbecks for their ministry to St. John's.

The cost of the dinner is \$20.<sup>00</sup> per person. Reservations may be made by completing the form (below, left) and returning it to the church, attention Gehrenbeck Party Committee, with your check made payable to St. John's, memo line "Gehrenbeck Party."

We do not have plans for a gift of money. We ask that anyone who wants to remember Helen & David in this way make a contribution to St. John's Special Music Fund.

We hope you will join us on June 18<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Helen's & David's retirement. If you have any questions regarding the party, please contact Bev Boyle, 651/429-6769.

Sincerely,  
The Rev. Mark Kelm,  
Rector

## ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNE

*All Are Welcome!*

### Sunday Mornings, 9 am in the Parlor

- 6/1 Mark Thorson completes the series *Cities of Earth & Heaven*, about the often misunderstood concept of separation of church & state. Join us!
- 6/8 Alison Feigh, our former Youth & Children's Minister, discusses her two newly-published children's safety books, *I Can Play It Safe* and *On Those Runaway Days*. Alison continues her work with the Jacob Wetterling Foundation and is a nationally recognized child safety specialist. Please join us for a book sale & signing reception in the Parish Hall after the 10 am liturgy.
- 6/15 *Back in the Future: Artificial Intelligence and our Future World*. Richard Lee presents an intriguing look at the impact of computer power on all of life in the coming century. Will you choose to be computer-enhanced?
- 6/22 *What Does the Devil Have Against Me?* The scriptures mention three times that Satan is denouncing us before God. What does God think about all this? Join Tim Hadley and learn about the good news an ancient prophet brings us.
- 6/29 *What is a BeFriender?* BeFrienders present an overview of their ministry, how to become a member, & what their ministry can do for those in need in our community.

### Wednesday Evenings, 6 pm in the Parlor

Join us for Gospel-Based Discipleship, an informal way of studying & understanding the power of the Bible in our own lives. Bring a snack if you'd like; no light suppers will be offered during the summer.

A new intergenerational Vacation Bible School will be offered on Sundays, July 13-27 after the 10 am liturgy. Bring the kids & grandkids, and come play with us! See Sheila Foster or Rev. Marilyn for more information; please sign up in the Parish Hall.

## MATTHEW I. ANDERSON, OUR NEW MUSIC MINISTER AS OF THIS COMING AUGUST

Matt was born in Alexandria, MN. His earliest music experiences came as a child at Calvary Lutheran Church, where he sat in the pew nearest the church organist to observe her playing. Matt attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, graduating with honors in Music & Business. He studied piano, organ, voice, & choral conducting, and served as a section leader & accompanist of The Concordia Choir.

Following graduation, Matt served as Music Director at Trinity Lutheran Church in Long Lake. He later served as Assistant Music Director at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley. In 2003, Matt & his wife, Dr. Sarah Anderson, moved to Worcester, MA, where Sarah entered orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Massachusetts. While serving as Music Director at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Holden, Matt also completed the Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting at Boston University.

In 2007, Matt & Sarah moved to St. Louis, MO where Sarah entered orthopedic surgery foot & ankle fellowship at Washington University, and Matt was appointed Interim Music Director at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Ellisville. Their daughter, Katherine, was born in September of 2007. Her beautiful smile and constant energy are a daily blessing to their family.

The Anderson family will move to North Oaks in August. Sarah has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery at the U of M. Her foot and ankle surgery practice will be located at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Matt will begin his ministry at St. John's on August 11. Matt has served in a variety of settings as organist, pianist, conductor, & worship planner. He particularly enjoys leading the song of the assembly at the organ & piano, teaching musicians of all ages in music ensembles, and guiding the music ministry to support the mission of the Church.

## PASSAGES

### BAPTISM

Taylor Michele Titcomb  
4/27/2008  
Jessica Morgan McClaren  
5/4/2008

### CONFIRMATION

Maggie Idalia DeSmet 5/10/2008  
Lindsey Anne Lee 5/10/2008  
Marcella Rose Kobinski  
5/10/2008

### RECEPTION

Lorna Shelley Cessna 5/10/2008  
Robert Edward Cessna 5/10/2008  
Valerie R. DuRocher 5/10/2008  
Larry G. Koutek 5/10/2008

### BURIAL

Marion Charlotte Sanford  
5/12/2008



## Bible Readings

### June 1

Genesis 6: 9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19 &  
Psalm 46 *or*  
Deuteronomy 11:18-21,26-28 &  
Psalm 31:1-5,19-24  
Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28, (29-31)  
Matthew 7:21-29

### June 8

Genesis 12:1-9 &  
Psalm 33:1-12 *or*  
Hosea 5:15-6:6 &  
Psalm 50:7-15  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### June 15

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) &  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *or*  
Exodus 19:2-8a &  
Psalm 100  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

### June 22

Genesis 21:8-21 &  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 *or*  
Jeremiah 20:7-13 &  
Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

### June 29

Nativity of St. John the Baptist,  
transferred from June 24 (Tuesday)  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85 or 85:7-13  
Acts 13:14b-26  
Luke 1:57-80

*Underlined verses  
are read by the Lector during the  
family-friendly 10 am liturgy.  
Optional parts of readings  
are in parentheses.*

## WHITE BEAR LAKE LIBRARY

Articles in the local newspapers have suggested that the White Bear Lake Library may move to a new location. The building is too small for the number of people who use the library, and space to upgrade to the way modern libraries are developed is not available here. The building was built in 1973, and at that time St. John in the Wilderness agreed to share the parking lot with the new library.

This Spring the Vestry asked that a committee be formed to look at what impact the sale of the library would have on our church and the parking lot. This committee is made up of Jim Berry, Foss Boyle, Linda Carpenter, Rich Hovland (Chair), Bonnie Peck, Jim Petersen, Kathy Smith, and Joanna Torgerson. Ken Paddock, our Senior Warden, also sits with the committee.

The committee is exploring the possibility of buying the library for our use and also providing rental space for other faith associated functions. St John's has been growing in numbers of parishioners and new activities. One of our concerns is that if the library is sold to another buyer, a good share of the parking lot may not be available for church parking for funerals, weddings and perhaps even Sunday services. We have met with the Ramsey County Library Board Chairman and their Library Director. They do not have any timetable for its sale but believe it would be three to five years from now, if money and an appropriate location could be found.

## WELCOMING NEWS

**Marketfest** is coming! This year's Marketfest runs for 7 weeks beginning Thursday, June 19, from 6-9 pm. Sign up in the Parish Hall to reserve your evening! Please contact Jason Knauss or Becky & Glenn Monson if you have questions. It's time for a new **parish photo directory**, and we're planning to make that happen this fall. We could use volunteers to help plan this project now. Please contact Randy Johnson, 651/484-9215, or Rev. Marilyn, 651/429-5351 ext. 16, if you'd like to be involved.

**THANK YOU  
PATRICIA REIOUX FOR YOUR  
RECENT PLEDGE TO THE 2008  
GENERAL FUND**

## WERE YOU A PART OF THE COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS SERIES?

Would you like to learn more about it, and be involved in making this ministry of reconciliation happen at St. John's? Several members will be exploring this possibility and would like to hear from you. Please contact Helen Halbert, 651/490-1230; Stephanie Griffith, 651/762-9517; or leave a message for Rev. Marilyn, 651/429-5351 ext. 16.



# St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-June 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 11:15 am Liturgy & Music Committee Meeting (Fireplace Room)	2 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline 7 pm Outreach Committee Meeting (Parlor) All are welcome!	3 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall) 2:30 pm Holy Eucharist (Cerenity) 4 pm Executive Committee Meeting (Fireplace Room) 6 pm Altar Guild Meeting (Sherri Afryl's home)	4 See Every Wednesday below Diocesan Council	5 Diocesan Council	6 Office Closed	7
8 Deacon's Conference	9 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	10 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall)	11 See Every Wednesday below 7:30 pm Ministry Forum: all are welcome; a representative of each ministry, committee or group is expected!	12	13	14
15	16 July Voice deadline Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	17 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall) until noon Noon Parish Hall setup for Gehrenbeck Dinner 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (St. Cecilia's Room)	18 See Every Wednesday below Parish Hall setup for Gehrenbeck Dinner 10:15 am Holy Eucharist (St. Andrew's Village) Retired Men's Group Lunch (Keys, downtown WBL) 6 pm Gehrenbeck Dinner 7:30 pm Good Grief Group (Parlor)	19 5:30 pm Marketfest until 9 pm	20 5:30 pm All Parish BBQ (front lawn) followed by Manitou Days Parade, including the St. John in the Wilderness parade unit	21
22 10 am Holy Baptism, & Mission Trip Commissioning followed by departure for Chicago 11:15 am Manitou Days Pet Parade & Blessing	23 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	24 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall)	25 See Every Wednesday below 7:30 pm CanSurmount cancer support group (Parlor)	26 5:30 pm Marketfest until 9 pm	27 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal	28 Out to Lunch 3:30 pm Herron/Dickerson Wedding Return from Chicago Mission Trip
29 Nativity of St. John the Baptist (transferred from June 24)	30 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline		Every Wednesday 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Nursery Care & Adult Education 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist		Every Sunday 8 am Eucharist (no music) 10 am Family-friendly Eucharist (with music) Childcare to age 5 avail 10 am	Every Monday Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline



## MANITOU DAYS GRAND PARADE & ALL-PARISH COOKOUT FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Come join the fun on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Our usual complement of Grill-masters will have grilled foods, buns, condiments & beverages ready for you at 5:30 pm. Please bring a bag of chips or package of cookies to share. Let's keep it simple; no one wants to do dishes and miss the parade!

The Grand Parade is rain or shine. This year a classic pickup will tow our parade trailer carrying candy for distribution by, and reserve water for, our parade walking participants. Our line up spot is yet to be determined, but should again be on Clark Avenue just down from the church so we can jump into our spot from the front yard.

Clergy & Staff, Liturgy & Music, Fellowship, Youth, and Families Inc. will again participate. New this year: our Kids Hope ministry is inviting O. H. Anderson elementary students & their families! Let's see what magic Youth & Children's Minister Sheila Foster can create with our youth groups. It's not too late for any other individuals or parish groups to become involved too!

*Traffic & parking will be very challenging. Please carpool, arrive early, & drop a vehicle ahead of time if possible.* Watch the weekly Small Voice for details, & RSVP to Maureen Vruno, [administration@stjohnwilderness.org](mailto:administration@stjohnwilderness.org) or 651/429-5351 ext. 10, so we have an accurate head count.

At 9 am on Sunday, June 8, St. John in the Wilderness will host an Author Talk with Alison Feigh, author of the child safety books "I Can Play It Safe" and "On Those Runaway Days" released in April by Free Spirit Press. Book Signing and a reception are scheduled at 11 am following the family-friendly 10 am Eucharist.

**About the Author:** Alison Feigh has been tackling the problem of missing and exploited children for over a decade. Alison graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield with a self-designed degree in "Responding to Missing Children in the U.S." as well as a Communication/Theater major. After working at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington D.C., she joined the staff of the Jacob Wetterling Foundation in St. Paul where she serves as the Child Safety Specialist. She is a sought-after national expert on child safety and has appeared on Fox National News, CNN's *NewsNight* and many other radio and television programs. She also served as Youth & Children's Minister at St. John in the Wilderness for six wonderful years.

More information: 651/429-5351 ext. 16 or [www.stjohnwilderness.org](http://www.stjohnwilderness.org)

2008  
High  
School  
Graduates  
Sam,  
Ann,  
Libby,  
Peter &  
Ashley

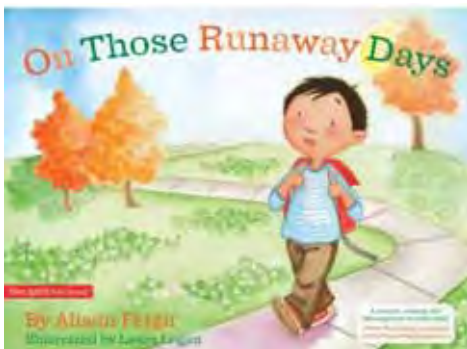


## MANITOU DAYS PET PARADE & BLESSING SUNDAY, JUNE 22

A Pet Parade & Blessing are again featured Manitou Days events, thanks to Town Life Magazine in partnership with St. John's. Parade registration begins Sunday, June 22 at 11:15 am on Clark Avenue at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, just after our 10 am Eucharist which we'll celebrate on the church front lawn. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to worship! This special Eucharist will feature two Baptisms and Mission Trip Commissioning.

The Pet Parade will proceed south toward the lake on the west side of the parkway, then turn back north along the east side of the parkway to the church. Pets will be judged following the blessing, if desired by their owners, in fun categories such as smallest, largest and most unique pet, best pet costume, and pet & owner who most resemble each other. We need volunteers to serve lemonade & cookies as we have done for this event the past 3 years.

All are invited to participate with a pet (or Teddy Bear) or help in a variety of ways to make this a wonderful community event and showcase our parish. To help with event logistics or hospitality, please contact Maureen Vruno, [administration@stjohnwilderness.org](mailto:administration@stjohnwilderness.org) or 651/429-5351 ext. 10.



## REMEMBER YOU ARE...

Here we are between Mother's Day & Father's Day and all those childhood directives come flooding back to me. As a child I remember being told things like: you're only 6; you're *old enough to know better*; you're *a lady*; and my favorite - you're *a Welch*. You can fill in the (blank) for yourself. How we 'classify' ourselves (and others) can be empowering or limiting. And, it can be lasting and not easily rewritten.

I remember many years ago when I was first learning to use a computer. Oh how I embarrassed my daughter, Tina, as we were sitting in Kinko's renting time on one of their computers. Tina was trying to help me write my resume. As I moved the mouse to almost the right spot, I ran out of mouse pad. Tina said, "pick up the mouse and place it back on the pad." "No," was my reply, "it's almost there." Imagine the quiet laughter that resonated through Kinko's. Tina was so embarrassed to have a mother who was so computer illiterate. To top it off, every time I liked what I had written, I would go to File: Save As, only to then try to come up with a new name for the document. I didn't realize that I could just select the little image of a 'floppy disk' to save the changes that were made.

Like moving a mouse on the mouse pad, we can pick ourselves up and start again to get to where we want to be. And, we can make changes in our life that allow us to grow without needing to destroy the original or putting on a new name.

We are in the season after Pentecost: the time when the Holy Spirit was given to the Disciples. I was 18 when I was baptized, and I remember that feeling when I was marked as Christ's own and the feeling I had of receiving the Spirit. Look at the prayer that is said at each baptism (BCP p. 308):

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

That Spirit is alive & well at St. John's and in the people of St. John's. Let's keep listening for the Spirit to move & expand this community in the direction we are to go. It may take courage & perseverance, but I know from personal experience that it also brings incredible joy.

Remember who you are. Remember whose you are.

*Deacon Debra*

## "THE GATHERING" COMES TO WHITE BEAR LAKE

St. John's is invited to participate in a program providing respite for caregivers of persons experiencing early- to mid-stage memory loss. Several area churches are already partners in this enterprise, the Northeast Consortium of The Gathering, coordinated by Lyngblomsten Services of St. Paul ([www.lyngblomsten.org](http://www.lyngblomsten.org)).

Participants arrive at a host church once a week by 10 am for fellowship, food, & stimulating activities to help overcome a sense of isolation so prevalent among those who have memory loss. Activities include socializing, reminiscing, guest presentations, sing a-longs, crafts, games, etc. Comments like this are common: "I don't know how to thank The Gathering enough. The volunteers are my friends, the other participants are my dear friends. My life would not be the same without these wonderful people."

Caregivers appreciate their 5 hours of respite

and know their loved one is in a safe, stimulating environment: "For me, it is a blessing to see her involved in something she enjoys, looks forward to, and leaves with warm feelings. This fills a niche I cannot provide." "It's a wonderful program. Our family is so grateful! We appreciate the compassionate caring service you provide."

Northeast Consortium of The Gathering's goal is to open 3 sites in White Bear Lake churches beginning this October. First Presbyterian Church plans to host the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays monthly, the United Methodist Church the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, and Parkview United Church of Christ will host the occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

Each Gathering accommodates 8 participants maximum. A suggested \$25 donation covers the cost for a day at The Gathering, including lunch. All those interested in becoming Gathering participants will have an assessment by Carolyn Klaver,

Lyngblomsten's Gathering Coordinator. Call 952/261-5235 ASAP after June 15 with your questions and/or to set up an assessment.

Volunteers are needed! Dedicated volunteers who have been trained to understand the needs of those experiencing memory loss staff The Gathering. If you have just a few hours a month, or 5 hours a week, here is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference right here in the White Bear Lake area. Lyngblomsten provides all the professional support & training. For more information on volunteering please call Helen Gehrenbeck, 651/429-9713.



# St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-June 2008

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEM	ACOLYTES	LAY HEALER	USHER(S)	GREETER(S)	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
1 8:00 Jim Petersen 10:00 Chris Johnson	8:00 Pat Petersen 10:00 Jim Delamater	Wed 4, 7 pm Ken Paddock 8:00 Jane Kyle Mary Whitney 10:00 Randy Johnson Greg Schmit	10:00 E. Mahoney Moertels L. McCarthy S. Kraning	8:00 Cathryn 10:00 Krissa	8:00 Ken Whitney 10:00 Johnsons	8:00 Holtzes 10:00 Krista Sullivan	Keiko Farrar Sally Holtz Deb Schmit Janet Waller	Dennis Thoemke
8 8:00 Joe Afryl 10:00 Jill Todd	8:00 David Gadbois 10:00 Helen Kissel	Wed 11, 7 pm Bob Peck 8:00 June Bennett Judy Kroesch 10:00 Linda Monyak Janet Waller	10:00 Thors J. Markoe L. DuFresne S. Bartley S. Sears	8:00 Sherri 10:00 Mary	8:00 Ken Whitney Mike Gerlach 10:00 Canterburys Jim Hartmeister	8:00 Terry Rooney 10:00 Linda Waddell	Sherri Afryl Lynn Gadbois Jane Kyle Meg Thorson	Margaret Thor
15 8:00 Harvey Caldwell 10:00 Bob Peck	8:00 Larry Mahoney 10:00 Barb Kraning	Wed 18, 7 pm Joe Afryl 8:00 Susie Mahoney Barb VanSteen 10:00 Bari Chilton Ed Chilton	10:00 Longs Whillocks K. Paddock Mariers	8:00 Dianne 10:00 Cathryn	8:00 Ken Whitney Mark Hosfield 10:00 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders Jim Marier	8:00 Kobinskis 10:00 Longs	Mary Whitney Pris Campbell Pat Gagin Jeanne LeFevre	John Brunner
22 8:00 Randy Johnson 10:00 Lee Wilson	8:00 June Bennett 10:00 W. Muscanto	Wed 25, 7 pm Jill Todd 8:00 Jane Kyle Mary Whitney 10:00 Pris Campbell Jim Petersen	10:00 T. Young Karps Todds	8:00 Cathryn 10:00 Krissa	8:00 Ken Whitney Domins 10:00 Linda Carpenter DeSmets	8:00 Anne Herron 10:00 DeSmets	Barb VanSteen Gere Letourneau Pat Pickering Joann Smith	Bryan DeSmet
29 8:00 Judy Kroesch 10:00 Tim Hadley	8:00 Marge Polanek 10:00 Laurel Stiebler	8:00 Joe Afryl June Bennett 10:00 Ken Paddock Greg Schmit	10:00 L. Warchol W. Todd G. Gorbatenko J. Vruno	8:00 Sherri 10:00 Dianne	8:00 Ken Whitney Pickering 10:00 DeSmets Linda Carpenter	8:00 Linda Waddell 10:00 Anne Herron	June Hochbrunn Cyndi Domin Jane Kyle Pat Pickering	Chris Hawley

**Ushers Note** Linda Carpenter has taken over usher-scheduling duties. If you have a scheduling conflict, please contact Linda, lthompson@kennedy-graven.com, or 651/773-5548. Linda will do her best to work out conflicts, but those brought to her attention at least three weeks in advance have the best chance of rescheduling. Thank you Chris Hawley for all of the hard work with the ushers over the past several months!

**JUST SOME OF OUR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS,  
OUT TO LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL**

Top to bottom, left to right: George, Mark, Harvey, Gayle, Dennis, Randy, Ken, Rev. Debra, Terry, & Kim



**CHURCH FINANCES  
YTD APRIL 30**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	122,210	125,125
Special Income	1,694	1,175
Other Income	51,376	50,625
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,280</b>	<b>176,925</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Formation	723	1,938
Office	8,344	4,713
Payroll	86,302	85,222
Property	28,557	28,500
Growth	4,947	4,935
Liturgy	5,721	4,225
Outreach	21,532	21,901
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,126</b>	<b>151,434</b>

Actual expenses over budget in the Office category are due to the unbudgeted new computer system. Liturgy expenses are high due to the Music Minister Search.

**AN APPEAL FROM OUR VESTRY**

The ripple effects of the struggling economy are felt, not only in the homes of our parishioners, but also in the spiritual home of our beloved St. John in the Wilderness Church. Because of the financial challenges facing some of our families, St. John's has also been financially challenged, in that we are not receiving the anticipated pledge amounts as originally expected when budgeting for 2008 expenditures. Please consider reaching out to your fellow parishioners, as well as giving prayerful consideration to contributing more to St. John's so that we may continue to serve the ministries to which we are committed.



## June Birthdays

- 1 Karla Collins
- 2 Mark Hosfield
- 3 James Anthony
- 3 Richard Kamla
- 3 Janet Kelber
- 3 Joann Smith
- 4 Dorothy Haas
- 4 John Korth
- 5 Brendan Boyle
- 5 James Marier
- 6 John Kobinski
- 6 Erik Sorensen
- 6 Logan Tantt
- 6 Paige Tantt
- 9 Haley Gilbert
- 9 Bryn McVay
- 10 Jasmine Cox
- 10 Teena Fletcher
- 13 Bjorn Lief
- 13 Dustin Reichert
- 14 Madeline Lee
- 15 Sydney Foster
- 15 Stephanie Sulentic
- 18 Spencer Cossalter
- 18 Marjorie Polanek
- 18 Nancy Rice
- 18 Elizabeth Schmit
- 18 Tate Sorensen
- 19 Marilyn Baldwin
- 19 Ashlyn Brown
- 21 Kelsey Mitchell
- 22 Bernice Weide
- 23 Lindsey Lee
- 27 Ron Domin
- 27 George Glander
- 27 Sarah Kraning
- 27 Victoriya Kuechle
- 28 Julia Monyak
- 29 Trey Titcomb
- 29 Diane "Skip" Wingfield
- 30 David Gehrenbeck
- 30 Helen Swanson

*If you have a birthday this month but are not listed, please contact the church with your date of birth. Records are not always complete.*

## Children's Ministry

Are you interested in sharing your faith with children? A willing heart and a little time is all it takes to be an integral part of a child's faith journey. Not surprisingly, we adults find ourselves learning and gaining meaningful insights regarding our own faith along the way. Children's Ministry relies on the graciously given time of many individuals to run smoothly. Opportunities are available for you to become involved. These vary in time commitment from teachers, substitutes, and VBS coordinators to hallway floaters and quiet bag attendants. Please contact Sheila Foster, Youth & Children's Minister, 651/429-5351 ext 12, or Christine Karp, Children's Ministry Chair, 651/653-6369, to find a fit for your gifts.



## Do You Know?

From the Saint John's Messenger, June 1, 1923 -  
Owing to the forgetfulness of the Rector, no announcement was made of the silver tea given by the Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. T. O. Ulery on Lake Avenue on this Friday afternoon. We are all proud of the splendid work this dedicated organization is doing.  
On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Mr. Dewhurst, who was for five years a missionary of the Church of England in the Peace River country of Canada, will speak to our Young People's Society. He will tell of his experiences among the Indians and whites of that area, "Down North and up along," the Peace River District, the Yukon and northern British Columbia. Reverend Thomas Dewhurst is the rector of Ascension Church, Stillwater and is a very interesting speaker.

## Thank you, Choirs!

Trinity Sunday, May 18, marked the completion of the Chancel Choir's 2007-2008 season—with the congregation joining in on a hearty Doxology amidst trumpet fanfares and a glorious "Amen!" To all our choirs, heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all the weeks and months—in some cases, many years!—of dedicated service to St. John in the Wilderness and to the greater glory of God. Those who rehearsed and sang regularly throughout these past several months:

**Youth Choir:** Blake Betker, Annalee Blake, Cecilia Hawley, Olivia Hawley, Elizabeth Karp, Teddy Karp, Anastacia Markoe, Hannah Smith, Sarah Smith, and Megan Thoemke.

**Teens to Twenties Treble Ensemble:** Sydney Foster, Zoë Foster, Marcella Kobinski, Maxine Kobinski, and Rachel Monyak.

**Chancel Choir:** Jim Berry, Helen Gehrenbeck, Lynda Halbert, Carol & Lou Harris, Nancy Jagusch, Lura Jensen, Chris Johnson, Max Kraning, Sharon Lund, Becky & Glenn Monson, Rachel Monyak, Carole Paddock, Josie Power, Greg Schmit, Don & Stephanie Sulentic, and Eric Thor.

To all of you—and also the Lessons & Carols and Easter Choir augmenters—we offer prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude. And may your voices continue to "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." Amen and Amen!

— David Gehrenbeck,  
Organist/Choirmaster  
— Helen Gehrenbeck,  
Youth Choir Director

## egammuR elaS Report

Perhaps this play on words enticed you to note the Spring Rummage Sale success. The ECW netted approx. \$1,800 due to all who donated unwanted yet useful items, workers, soup makers (Beverly Boyle, Joanne Smith, Nancy Jagusch & Mary Wingfield), Ed Chilton (electrical gadget checker), & Lorna Cessna (child care provider). Special recognition goes to Helen LaBarre, who for as long as I can remember has sorted, folded, & ordered the linens, a huge job.

*Notice:* No matter how fun & profitable the rummage sale, we absolutely must have more help next fall. Conserve, reuse, & share are our environmental duty. Consider a day of sorting as an in kind donation with extended benefits!

Corinne Livesay

# The Youth Voice

## **"Safe Guarding God's Children" Training**

Everyone involved in St. John's ministries is required to attend a 3 hour Safe Church Training session. A date for training at St. John's will be announced in the Small Voice; however, the dates & locations of other training are available to you:

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 9 – Noon**

Ascension Episcopal Church, Stillwater  
Contact: Mindy Boyton

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 – Noon**

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Plymouth  
Contact: Rev. Neysa Ellgren

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 – Noon**

Nativity Episcopal Church, Burnsville  
Contact: Anna Ostenso

Contact the individuals named for the churches listed to register for these training locations. Please contact Sheila Foster after you have attended training so we can document that you have completed it.

## **Chicago Mission Trip Meeting**

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

The final preparation meeting follows 10 am worship. Everyone going on the trip must attend or send a representative for up to date info. Youth (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) will travel by van(s) to Chicago immediately following the 10 am liturgy on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will work with the Diocese of Chicago Episcopal Church Services June 22-28 to serve Chicago residents. People have asked how they can help support the program. As fuel costs continue to rise, we can always use gas cards. Please contact Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351 ext. 12.

**Marketfest begins Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 – 9 pm**

## **Youth Volunteer Opportunity**

Marketfest is every Thursday evening through July 31<sup>st</sup>. St. John's booth will include a game (maybe two) & popcorn to

give away. We want to staff our booth with at least two youth each Thursday. By having youth at our booth we can tell others about our youth opportunities at St. John's. Please sign up in the Parish Hall.

**Manitou Days Parade- Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

We encourage all youth to help represent St. John's in the annual Manitou Days Parade. This will be another opportunity for Food, Fun, & Fellowship. Many plans are being made to make this our best parade ever. Come and be part of the celebration.

## **Vacation Bible School**

### **Wade in the Water**

### **For Everyone of All Ages**

**Sundays, July 13, 20, & 27,**

**11:15 am – 1:30 pm**

Attend one or all three. This is a VBS opportunity for individuals & entire families. We are looking for individuals to volunteer as partners with families with younger children. Sign-up sheets for participants & volunteers will be located in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be shared following 10 am worship, and we will begin our program following lunch. There will be engaging activities for everyone.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>, "All things new"**

The Creation Story & the Wedding at Cana. St. John's Parish Hall

**July 20<sup>th</sup>, "God as our Life Saver"**

The Story of the Flood, & Peter Walks on Water. Possible pontoon field trip on White Bear Lake.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>, "Wade in the Water"**

Hagar Hears God's Promise, & the story of Christ's Baptism. We are planning a BBQ & program at West Park, 2350 11<sup>th</sup> St.

## **Summer Youth Volunteer Opportunities**

Many school & scouting programs require their participants to log a certain amount of volunteer hours, which can be earned

by serving at St. John's. Following are some opportunities to serve. Please contact Sheila Foster if you would like to know about other ways you can serve St. John's.

Office Helper Tue, Wed, or Fri

Contact Maureen Vruno,  
651/429-5351 ext. 10

Bulletin Board Designer

Contact Kate Vincent, 651/442-1957

Grounds & Building Upkeep

Contact Bob Cessna, 651/247-4963

**Episcopal Youth Music Camp spaces are still available.**

Registration information for EYMC is still available. The camp is for youth entering 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. EYMC will be held August 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Camp Heartland in Willow River, MN. Camper scholarships needed. Please call Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351 ext 12.

## **Camp Heartland Mission Trip Update**

Thank you to the youth who participated in the Camp Heartland Mission Trip. With the strength & perseverance of 15 youth & 3 adults, we moved two dump truck loads of sand to create a base for a gigantic slip & slide. We dug a 300 foot drainage trench and built a fence, all in one day. The camp was impressed by how much we accomplished and appreciated the hard work that will benefit the Heartland Campers.

