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**SUNDAYS THRU 9/7**  
 8 & 10 am Holy Eucharist  
**SUNDAYS BEGINNING 9/14**  
 8 , 9 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
 Care for children to age 5 (not at 8 am)

**WEDNESDAYS**  
 7 pm Holy Eucharist  
 Care for children to age 5 at 6 pm



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*Gathering in Love to Serve*

**PARISH STAFF**

The Rev. Mark Wm. Kelm	Rector
The Rev. Joanie Delamater	Associate Priest
The Rev. Marilyn Baldwin	Associate Priest
The Rev. Rick Todd	Deacon
The Rev. Debra Welch	Deacon
Maureen Vruno	Parish Administrator
Sheila Foster	Youth & Children's Minister
Matt Anderson	Music Minister
Bob Cessna	Sexton
Lorna Cessna	Child Care Provider
Cheryl Sticha	Child Care Provider

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Brent Torgerson	2009
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Tim Schmuck	2010
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Chantell Knauss	2011
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Terry Rooney	2011

People of the Parish

The Ministers

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*What happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.*

**Galatians 5:22-23 (The Message)**

Our great Fall Kickoff begins Sunday, September 7, with our Rally Day celebration. The Holy Eucharist will be offered at 8 & 10 am. Child care is available at 10 am. During the 10 am liturgy we'll welcome back our Chancel Choir and open our arms to those who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. After 10 am worship, we'll all gather on the front lawn for a parish photo. This will be followed by a Booya lunch, once again prepared by the loving hands of Tom & Jeannie Long. A bounce house will be available for our children. Parents must sign a release form, available on that day, or which may be obtained in advance from our Youth & Children's Minister, Sheila Foster.

If you think this isn't enough activity, "Wait, there's more. . ." Have you ever wanted to dunk the Rector? Not gotten the answer you wanted from the Parish Administrator? Gotten stuck having to help the Youth & Children's Minister on an overnight or a driving trip? Have you ever wondered if Reverends Marilyn & Joanie would be as kind & joyful if they were under water? Do Deacons truly walk on water or will they sink? Now is your chance to get even or find out the answers to holy mysteries. On Rally Day during the Booya, your parish staff will brave the dunk tank. This fun fundraiser will allow the highest bidders to get the first chance to dunk their staff member of choice. After that, it will be a free will donation with a minimum of \$5. Please bring cash or checks to this event. Proceeds will go to the following:

The Rev. Mark Kelm: St. John's Endowment at the St. Paul Foundation

The Rev. Joanie Delamater: St. John's Kids Hope USA

The Rev. Marilyn Baldwin: Faith Formation to bring in a guest speaker (or two)

The Rev. Deacons Rick & Deb: Deacon Discretionary Funds

Parish Administrator Maureen Vruno: St. John's Habitat for Humanity

Youth & Children's Minister Sheila Foster: St. John's Youth & Children's Endowment  
at the St. Paul Foundation

If you are not able to attend the event, you are welcome to send in a check made payable to St. John's with a memo line of your choice of the listed charities. I'm sure one of your sisters & brothers in Christ will be willing to dunk a staff member in your honor. Join us for Faith, Fun, and Fellowship. See you in Church.

Fr. Mark

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

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR SEPTEMBER & EARLY OCTOBER

*All Are Welcome!*

**Sunday Mornings, 10 am in the Parlor**

**9/7 Rally Day, No Adult Forum**

**We begin a 4-week series** on Life Planning for those of every age in our community, and for our friends & loved ones

**9/14 Five Wishes** We all need to think about & communicate to our loved ones our wishes for care at the end of life. How do we go about it? Join Rev. Marilyn for a session on planning; take home forms to help you with your decisions.

**9/21 Celebration of Life** Ken Peterson of Johnson-Peterson Funeral Homes joins us to discuss various options; take home forms to assist in your planning.

**9/28 Leaving a Legacy** Jaclyn Schroeder, Director of Gift Planning for The Saint Paul Foundation, leads a session on estate planning. (See separate article.)

**10/12 Wills & Trusts** Kathy Smith, a local attorney & member of our community, gives us an overview of legal instruments & available options.

**Wednesday Evenings, 6 pm in the Parlor**

**9/3 Gospel-Based Discipleship** (Bible Study)

**9/10 The Fruits of the Spirit**, a new series based on Biblical readings & led by various clergy.

**Light Suppers begin Wednesday, 9/10**

Join us at 5:30 pm for a meal & fellowship before the evening's activities. Please call Carole Paddock, 651/777-8655, or Kim Johnson, 651/484-9215, or sign up near the Parish Hall for your opportunity to serve.

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, beginning 9/11**

join us for Gospel-Based Discipleship, an informal way of studying & understanding the power of the Bible in our own lives. This is an opportunity to evolve into a regular group for our more age-blessed members. Contact Rev. Marilyn with questions.

**Beginning Sunday, 10/5 at Noon**

*Anglican 101* is a way to better understand The Episcopal Church & the Anglican Communion. It's casual, invites discussion, & is the adult way into the church. You may choose to be received or confirmed at the diocesan Confirmation service on Saturday, November 8. Sign up or contact Rev. Marilyn.

PASSAGES

**BAPTISM**

Ethan Alexander McNaughton  
8/3/2008

**MARRIAGE**

Julie Thiss McAlister &  
Gregory Thomas Kliner 7/26/2008

**THANK YOU**

**ANTHONY EMERSON &**

**MELISSA KNUTSON**

**FOR YOUR RECENT PLEDGE**

**TO THE 2008 GENERAL FUND**

**NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON**

**SEPTEMBER 28 AT NOON**

If you're new to us, or a recent member who has not yet been to a luncheon, please join us for an opportunity to get to know our community a little better. Sign up at the table near the elevators, or call Rev. Marilyn, 651/429-5351 ext. 16.

**CELEBRATE COMMITMENT**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

We will be making our own commitment to St. John's with our time, talent & *treasure*.

Becky & Glenn Monson are celebrating the commitment in marriage of Anthony Emerson & Melissa Knutson. During the church service they will exchange their vows and make a commitment to each other, St. John's & God.

You have supported them through their trials & tribulations and a baptism in June. You are all invited to this service and a reception of cake, punch, & coffee to follow.



## Bible Readings

September 7, Rally Day,  
8:00 & 10:00 am

Exodus 12:1-14 &

Psalm 149 *or*

Ezekiel 33:7-11 &

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 14,

8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Exodus 14:19-31 &

Psalm 114 *or*

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; *or*

Genesis 50:15-21 &

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 21,

8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Exodus 16:2-15 &

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 *or*

Jonah 3:10-4:11 &

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 28,

Commitment Sunday

8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Exodus 17:1-7 &

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *or*

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 &

Psalm 25:1-8

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

*Underlined verses are read by the Lector  
during the family-friendly liturgy.*

*Optional parts of readings  
are in parentheses.*

## VESTRY NOTES

David & Helen Gehrenbeck officially retired from our music programs on July 20. Matt Anderson started as our Music Minister on August 11.

Stewardship planning is well underway, think about electronic giving.

A Heritage Society special dinner is to be held on October 26.

Matt Moertel has been working on his Eagle Project regarding the cemetery entry columns & pillars.

The property committee applied for a city variance to install a play structure in the English Garden.

Our 8 am Eucharists continue after Rally Day, replacing the former 7:30 am liturgy.

Heating costs are predicted to rise 35–50%. We are considering replacing our 8 forced air furnaces in the next couple years to increase efficiency.

MarketFest went well; July 31<sup>st</sup> was the last Thursday evening. Thanks to all who participated in making it a great success! We offered free popcorn to those who stopped by our booth. We also offer free wine tasting at church on Sundays (The Blood of Christ, The Cup of Salvation).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28 Commitment Sunday

October 5 St Francis Blessing of the  
Animals at 9 am

October 11 Intergenerational  
Hayride at Lendt's at 11 am

November 26 Thanksgiving Eve  
Potluck & Eucharist

November 29  
Advent Retreat 9 am - Noon

December 6 Parish Christmas Tree  
Decorating at 10 am followed by  
Caroling at Cerenity Nursing Home

December 14  
Lessons & Carols at 4 pm

## RUMMAGE TIME AGAIN

Einstein was right; time isn't constant. Didn't we just have a Rummage Sale? Well, it's that time again! So lift that bag, tote that box, stuff that car, & bring used goodies to church beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Don't leave stuff in the entryway; place it neatly behind the left side Parish Hall dividers. Plan to do your duty by helping sort. Work week starts **9 am Monday, 9/29.**

**Wednesday 10/1, 6-8 pm** Parish Sale  
**Friday, 10/3, 9 am-3 pm**

Full Price Public Sale  
**Saturday, 10/4, 9-noon**

\$2/bag Public Sale  
Child care & lunch available Tuesday-Friday. Able bodied persons needed for clean-up at end of sale. Who wants to be left holding the bag?

Nix on old mattresses, TVs, radios that fade, or appliances that don't work. Clear large items with Pat Pickering 429-0223, or Lynn Gadbois 426-2302.

Corinne Livesay

# Gathering in Love to Serve

## St. John in the Wilderness 2009 Pledge Form

Annually, many give their time, talent & treasure to St. John in the Wilderness. This is what makes us an active & successful faith community and good Episcopalians. Our 2009 goal is 100% participation in giving of some kind. We seek to meet the needs of this thriving Program Church, and your support to at least a 3% increase over your giving of last year – as you are able. We also seek to increase the pledging of treasure from 60% of households. **Please return this form to church by or on Commitment Sunday, September 28, 2008.**

### 1. Heritage Society/Endowment Giving (Check if applicable.)

\_\_\_\_ I/We have St. John in the Wilderness in my/our estate plans. Please contact me/us for verification.

\_\_\_\_ I/We want to begin a planned giving process with St. John's. Please contact me/us.

### 2. I/We pledge the following *total* amount for 2009 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. 2009 mode of giving (Please circle.)

**Yes/No** I/We have completed the Vanco Services Electronic Fund Transfer form on the reverse side.

if giving by check, cash, or stock, please circle one frequency below.

<b>Weekly,</b> 52 pmts	<b>Semi-monthly,</b> 24 payments	<b>Monthly,</b> 12 pmts	<b>Quarterly,</b> 4 pmts	<b>Semi-yearly,</b> 2 payments	<b>Yearly, specify</b> <b>payment date:</b>
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4. **Yes/No** (Please circle one.) *I/We have pledged 52 weekly cash or check payments and want a 2009 weekly pledge envelope book. I/We understand this pledge form must be received in St. John in the Wilderness by or on Commitment Sunday, September 28, 2008, for a weekly pledge envelope book to be ordered for me/us.*

Please print name of *individual* to whom this pledge shall be credited, even if it is on behalf of an entire household.

**Printed Individual Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Household Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Household City, State, & Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# AUTHORIZATION FORM

Church of St. John in the Wilderness

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<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	<b>ENVELOPE/DONOR #</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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Effective date of authorization: _____		
Type of Authorization Form:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Authorization	<input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount	<input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date	

Last Name	First Name
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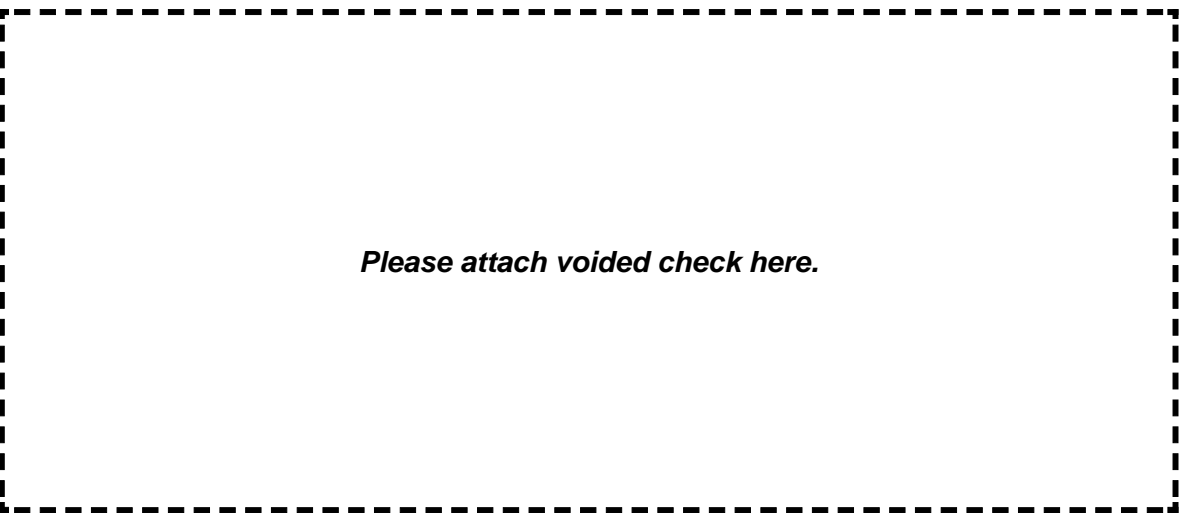
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City	State	Zip
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Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)	Routing Number: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b> Account Number: _____
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DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____ <b>Monthly is preferred donation frequency.</b>	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: (check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly — Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly — 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>	FUNDS AND AMOUNTS: <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund \$ _____
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<b>AGREEMENT</b> I authorize the above church and Vanco Services, LLC to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____
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# St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-September 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Every Sunday</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>1 Labor Day</b> Office Closed October Voice deadline Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (PH) 4 pm Executive Committee Mtg (FR) 7 pm Altar Guild Mtg (P)</p>	<p><b>3</b> See <b>Every Wednesday</b> below Noon Staff Retreat (North Oaks Country Club) 7:30 pm Welcoming Committee Mtg (P) All are welcome! &amp; Kids Hope Leadership Mtg (CL)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 4 pm Nunnellee-Davey Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> Rally Day Booya Setup 2 pm Nunnellee-Davey Wedding</p>
<p><b>7 Rally Day</b> 9 am Baptism Rehearsal 10 am Family-friendly Eucharist &amp; Holy Baptism (Childcare to age 5) 11 am Rally Day All Parish Photo, Booya Meal &amp; Festivities including Staff in the Dunk Tank &amp; children's Bounce House</p>	<p><b>8</b> Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline 7 pm Outreach Committee Mtg (P) All are welcome!</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (PH)</p>	<p><b>10</b> See <b>Every Wednesday</b> below 5:30 pm Light Supper (PH) 6 pm Youth Choir begins (St. C) 7:30 pm Ministry Forum (P): all are welcome; a representative of each ministry, committee &amp; group is expected to attend.</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:30 am Gospel Based Discipleship / Bible Study (P) All are welcome!</p>	<p><b>12</b> 11:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Holy Eucharist (Cerenity)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> 9 am Family-friendly Eucharist Childcare to age 5 avail 9 &amp; 10:30 10 am Sunday School (EW), 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Parent Mtg (St. B), &amp; Adult Formation (P) 10:30 am Choral Eucharist 11:45 am Liturgy &amp; Music Committee Mtg (FR) 2 pm Families Inc Ice Cream Social (Kelms' home), &amp; BeFriender Potluck (Chiltons' home)</p>	<p><b>15</b> Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (PH)</p>	<p><b>17</b> See <b>Every Wednesday</b> below 11:30 am Retired Men's Group BBQ (PH or outside) 5:30 pm Light Supper (PH) 6 pm Youth Choir (St. C), &amp; COFTA: Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts, grades 4-12 (St. B) 7:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Parent/Mentor Mtg (St. A), &amp; Good Grief Group (P)</p>	<p><b>18</b> Diocesan Council (St. Martin's, Minnetonka Beach) 10:30 am Gospel Based Discipleship / Bible Study (P) All are welcome! 5 pm volunteer food packing (2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Heartland) to 7 pm: see article on p. 11</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Episcopal Church Women's Annual Birthday Luncheon (North Oaks Country Club): register via form on p. 9</p>
<p><b>21</b> 9 am Family-friendly Eucharist Childcare to age 5 avail 9 &amp; 10:30 10 am Sunday School (EW), &amp; Adult Formation (P) 10:30 am Choral Eucharist Noon Vestry Mtg (St. C), Healing Team Mtg (St. L), &amp; Kids Hope USA Training -4:30 pm: see p. 12</p>	<p><b>22</b> Clergy Conference (Buffalo, MN) Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p><b>23</b> Clergy Conference (Buffalo, MN) 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (PH)</p>	<p><b>24</b> See <b>Every Wednesday</b> below Clergy Conference (Buffalo, MN) 5:30 pm Light Supper (PH) 6 pm Youth Choir (St. C), &amp; COFTA: Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts, grades 4-12 (St. B) 7:30 pm CanSurmount Cancer Support Group (P)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:30 am Gospel Based Discipleship / Bible Study (P) All are welcome!</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Out to Lunch (PH) 1 pm Healers Network Mtg to 4 pm</p>
<p><b>28 Commitment Sunday</b> Rummage Week 9 am Family-friendly Eucharist Childcare to age 5 avail 9 &amp; 10:30 10 am Sunday School (EW), &amp; Adult Formation (P) 10:30 am Choral Eucharist &amp; Holy Matrimony Noon Newcomers' Lunch (St. C) &amp; Tour, &amp; Safeguarding God's Children Training (St. B) to 3 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b> Rummage Week Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p><b>30</b> Rummage Week 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (St. C)</p>	<p><b>Every Wednesday</b> 1 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm Childcare to age 5 avail, &amp; Adult Formation: Fruits of the Spirit (P) <b>7 pm Holy Eucharist</b> 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (St. C) <b>October 1</b> 6 pm All Parish Rummage Sale (Parish Hall) to 8 pm All parishioners welcome!</p>	<p><b>Sunday, 10/5</b> 9 am Blessing of the Animals Noon Spiritual Spa (St. A, B &amp; C), Anglican 101 (GR), Ministry Forum (P) 6:30 pm @ Home in the Wilderness / House Group (P)</p>	<p><b>Room Key</b> CL: Church Library, main level EW: Education Wing, lower level FR: Fireplace Room, main level GR: Gathering Room, lower level P: Parlor, main level PH: Parish Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor St. A: Angelico, 4<sup>th</sup> floor St. B: Bernard, 4<sup>th</sup> floor St. C: Cecilia, 4<sup>th</sup> floor St. L: Luke, lower level</p>	

# St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-September 2008

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEM	ACOLYTES	LAY HEALER(S)	USHER(S)	GREETER(S)	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
7 Rally Day 8:00 Harvey Caldwell 10:00 Randy Johnson	8:00 Lisa Brock 10:00 Kim Johnson	Wed 3, 7 pm Harvey Caldwell 8:00 Pris Campbell 10:00 Greg Schmit Bob Peck	10:00 E. Mahoney Moertels L. McCarthy S. Kraning	Wed 3, 7 pm Amy & Krissa 8:00 Cathryn 10:00 Dianne	8:00 Ken Whitney 10:00 Johnsons	8:00 Holtzes 10:00 Krista Sullivan	Jeanne LeFevre June Hochbrunn Barb Merrill Joann Smith	Dennis Thoenke
14 8:00 Joe Afryl 10:30 Jim Petersen	8:00 Sherri Afryl 9:00 Mike Carpenter 10:30 Laurel Stiebler	Wed 10, 7 pm Joyce Anderson 8:00 Mary Whitney 9:00 Linda Monyak Janet Waller 10:30 Ken Paddock Judy Kroesch	9:00 Thors J. Markoe 10:30 S. Sears L. DuFresne	Wed 10, 7 pm Mary & Sherri 9:00 Dianne 10:30 Amy	8:00 Ken Whitney 9:00 Canterburys 10:30 Mike Gerlach Jim Hartmeister	9:00 Terry Rooney 10:30 Linda Waddell	Meg Thorson Pris Campbell Pat Pickering Barb VanSteen	Margaret Thor
21 8:00 Tim Hadley 10:30 Lee Wilson	8:00 June Bennett 9:00 Peggy Holper 10:30 W. Muscanto	Wed 17, 7 pm Ken Paddock 8:00 Jane Kyle 9:00 Chiltons 10:30 Jill Todd Randy Johnson	9:00 Longs Whillocks 10:30 K. Paddock Mariers	Wed 17, 7 pm Mary & Cathryn 9:00 Sherri 10:30 Mary	8:00 Ken Whitney 9:00 Brunners 10:30 Mark Hosfield Jim Marier	9:00 Kobinskis 10:30 Longs	Keiko Farrar Lynn Gadbois Sally Holtz Gayle Kasmani	John Brunner
28 8:00 Judy Kroesch 10:30 Chris Johnson	8:00 Terry Rooney 9:00 Will Long 10:30 Helen Kissel	Wed 24, 7 pm Joe Afryl 8:00 Harvey Caldwell 9:00 Susie Mahoney Barb VanSteen 10:30 Pris Campbell Jim Petersen	9:00 T. Young Karps 10:30 Todds	Wed 24, 7 pm Amy & Sherri 9:00 Cathryn 10:30 Krissa	8:00 Ken Whitney 9:00 Linda Carpenter DeSmets 10:30 Domins	9:00 Anne Herron 10:30 DeSmets	Sherri Afryl Cyndi Domin Bette Smeed Mary Whitney	Bryan DeSmet

**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!

## SPIRITUAL RETREATS: STILLING & STIRRING THE BODYMINDSPIRIT

*Do you feel a need for spiritual renewal?  
Are you refreshed by deep listening and open,  
honest questions?*

The healing team will host 5 Sunday retreats in the upcoming year. These will be held from 1 - 4 pm in St. Cecilia's Room, with the options of a light lunch beforehand and laying-on of hands afterwards.

The 1<sup>st</sup> retreat will explore the concept of connectedness; the next 4 will follow the "seasons of the soul." The retreats will draw ideas from a variety of sources including scripture, music, poetry, & the spiritual writings of Parker Palmer.

- Oct 5** Connectedness  
(to Self, God, & Each Other)
- Mar 1** Winter: Scarcity & Clarity
- May 3** Spring: Possibilities & Renewal
- Aug 2** Summer: The Blessing & Challenge of Abundance

**TBD** Fall: The Paradox of Dying & Seeding

There is no cost, but a free will offering will help cover the cost of materials & food.

*As each retreat is limited to 20 participants,* first preference for registration will be given to parishioners. **Registration for the "Connectedness" Retreat on Sunday, October 5, is now open.** After September 15, non-parishioners may enroll as well.

You may register by completing the form, right, and leaving it in Rev. Joanie's mail slot **or** you may email your name, address, & phone number to Dianne Del Giorgio, [ddelgiorno1@comcast.net](mailto:ddelgiorno1@comcast.net)

*All registrations acknowledged by email or mail; registrants will receive an agenda & a short preliminary reading.*

**Registration  
for "Connectedness" Retreat  
Sunday, October 5, 1-4 PM.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of St. John's?   Y  N

Do you have any special needs?  
(food, beverage, seating, hearing, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Please leave this completed form in Rev. Joanie's mail slot. All registrations will be acknowledged by mail or email.*

## ECW BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Join us for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Episcopal Church Women's Birthday Luncheon, 11 am Saturday, September 20 at North Oaks Country Club. The menu: Chicken Christine, vegetable du jour, baby red potatoes, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and rolls & butter. The cost is \$14.<sup>00</sup>. We'll be entertained by the very talented musical duet, Paul & Betsy Hanson. Put your name in the "HAT" for a chance to win 2 round trip airline tickets, Viking or Wild tickets, or many other prizes.

Invite friends, neighbors & relatives.

**Everyone is welcome. Everybody has a birthday to celebrate!**

Complete the form below; return with full payment to church **by Sunday, September 14**. Place them in the Episcopal Church Women mail slot by the Calendar Desk. Questions? Would like to contribute a centerpiece? Call Cyndi Domin: 651/653-1262, or Susie Mahoney: 651/429-3505.

*Please make checks payable to St John's Episcopal Church Women*

Reservations are required by Sunday September 14<sup>h</sup> to

Episcopal Church Women  
of St. John in the Wilderness  
2175 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Names of additional guests \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed (\$14/person) \_\_\_\_\_

## MINISTRY FORUM

Ministry Forum is currently held at 7:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, and will move to **11:30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday beginning in October.**

This is the way the various ministries of our church support each other and work together to improve and connect more people. Leaders of each ministry report on new and ongoing work, and new members and people with new ministry ideas are encouraged to attend and ask questions. Please join us; if you have questions, please contact Rev. Marilyn, 651/429-5351 ext. 16 or [education@stjohnwilderness.org](mailto:education@stjohnwilderness.org), or Warden Janet Kelber, 651/484-7193.

## JUNE & JULY GIFTS

St. John's received money in memory of Nancy Brown and Marion Sanford for Special Music and the Endowment Fund. Contributions were also made to the Youth Ministry Fund. Many thanks to all who have contributed toward the ministry of St. John's.

If you would like to give a gift for the ongoing support of St. John's ministry, please make your check payable to St. John in the Wilderness. Please state on the memo line where the gift is to be allocated. You may place your check in the offertory plate or mail it to the church, attention Memorial & Gift Committee. Thank you.

## PHOTO DIRECTORY ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to announce that we will create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces, will be an ideal welcoming tool, and will help us capture the current history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer, and meet with a portrait consultant at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule. **Portraits will be taken October 6 – 9 from 3 – 9 pm.** If you will be unavailable, call Angie Gordon, 612/216-4792, or Rev. Marilyn, 651/429-5351 ext. 16, to make arrangements for photos.

There are two ways to **make an appointment:**

1. For the next several weeks we'll help you with appointments **before & after services** & meetings at church. Signup sheets will be located in or near the Parish Hall.
2. **You can sign up online**, either via a link directly from our website, or go to [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). To schedule an appointment you will need password 34187 or the church phone number: 651/429-5351.

Please note these important points:

- Every participating household selecting a pose for the directory will receive a free directory & a complimentary 8" x 10" Custom Natural Portrait.
- You will come to the church only once for photography & portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You'll have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time. A price list will be available with the signup sheets at church. If you wish to purchase extras, portraits come with a 100% satisfaction guarantee.
- Whether you dress formally or casually, please make the most of this opportunity.

## SOLES4SOULS

To honor the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota's 150 years of mission & ministry its 150 communities & organizations are **partnering with Soles4Souls to collect new & gently used shoes.** Donations will be gathered at the opening Eucharist at Diocesan Convention, October 24. Contact: Wendy Johnson, the Diocese of Minnesota Communications Director, 612/870-3303. **Our collection box is in the entryway from the parking lot.** *A pair of shoes can change a world.* Over 300 million children are without basic footwear. That's about the number of shoes that clogged our landfills last year alone. Donating shoes for re-use is an environmentally sustainable alternative to our throw-away society. While shoes don't cure cancer or alleviate hunger, having a pair of shoes can play a part in lifting the spirits of people struggling to improve their lives. Wearing shoes also prevents simple infections that without adequate medication can easily spiral into debilitating injuries. Owning a pair of shoes is a simple yet effective way to erase the stigma of poverty, stop puncture wounds, end scrapes and prevent burns to feet of the poor & destitute. *Shoes are something we all have, in abundance, lying around in our own closets. Imagine the impact if each of us donates just one pair of shoes.* Soles4Souls is an international non-profit organization that collects & redistributes new & gently used shoes. Every congregation & organization in the diocese has received a donation box.

## THREE PATHS TO LEGACY, 10 AM SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

Jaclyn Schroeder, Director of Gift Planning for The Saint Paul Foundation, will lead the 10 am Adult Education session on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Her presentation, *Three Paths to Legacy*, will focus on how gifts to our endowment funds allow us to provide for future generations at St. John's and the communities that we serve. She will discuss what it means to leave an "outright" gift and ways people do that. She will provide a brief explanation of various bequest-giving techniques commonly used. She will also give a brief overview of "life-income" gifts, how they work, and when they are a good fit for a donor.

The endowment funds of St. John in the Wilderness are managed by The Saint Paul Foundation which provides professional investment management and security, as well as peace of mind to all of us who make a financial commitment to the future of St. John's. Amounts in the endowment funds are invested, and only a percentage of the income is taken for annual use.

Jaclyn Schroeder is a 3-year veteran of the development staff of The Saint Paul Foundation. She is responsible for cultivating and deepening relationships with professional advisors. She leads the gift planning team by providing strategic direction in professional advisor strategies, financial partnerships and services to nonprofit endowment fund partners. Jaclyn has become very well known and respected in the advisor community for her technical gift planning skills, a fact underscored by her election to the Minneapolis/Saint Paul Estate Planning Council board of directors.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY WITH SECOND HARVEST ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 5-7 PM

Are you looking for a way to help others in need? Consider volunteering with other St. John's parishioners for an evening at Second Harvest Heartland in Maplewood, just north of Hwy 36 & east of Hwy 61. This is a great way to support a very worthwhile cause. In addition to being the largest hunger-relief agency in the Upper Midwest, Second Harvest also supplies food to St. John's Out to Lunch program. We need 15-25 volunteers to pack boxes in assembly-line fashion for the supplemental nutrition program. Each box is filled with food components, palletized, tagged, & wrapped for distribution to low-income seniors & single mothers of preschool-aged children. Second Harvest needs to produce 10,000 boxes monthly, all packed by volunteers! Each box we produce represents a family for whom we'll help provide food for the month. *Volunteers must wear close-toed shoes. Youth, ages 14 – 18, must be accompanied by an adult, age 21+, at a ratio not to exceed 6 youth per adult.* Please join in for this fun outreach program. If you have any questions please call Tim Schmuck, 651/340-9789. A signup sheet will be on the Parish Hall Outreach table starting August 31.

Second Harvest Heartland  
1140 Gervais Ave  
Maplewood, MN 55109-2042  
Web Site: [www.2harvest.org](http://www.2harvest.org)  
Phone: 651/484-5117

## CHURCH FINANCES YTD JULY 31

	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	256,998	246,725
Special Income	2,959	2,209
Other Income	51,514	51,458
<b>Total</b>	<b>311,471</b>	<b>300,392</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Formation	2,051	4,521
Office	12,470	10,429
Payroll	206,303	197,301
Property	61,269	52,558
Growth	8,000	9,382
Liturgy	7,230	8,325
Outreach	45,416	46,436
<b>Total</b>	<b>342,739</b>	<b>328,952</b>

Expenses over budget: Office due to unbudgeted new computer system; Payroll to unassessed '07 Q3 pensions paid '08; Property to gifted stained glass window improvements & winter 07-08 gas usage billed July '08.

## Do You Need A BeFriender?

Everyone at times is on a difficult journey, needing a companion to listen, empathize, & be a reminder of a caring faith community. BeFrienders provide a listening presence to anyone experiencing grief, loss, transition, or other concerns. Health issues, job loss, parenting challenges, the stress of caregiving, depression or anxiety, or death of a loved one often require the listening ear of someone who is not involved in the situation. BeFrienders are trained lay people who journey with you and help you see God's presence by listening & praying. BeFrienders are non-judgmental, non-anxious people who keep confidentiality and visit with you for about an hour once or twice a month. You are assigned a BeFriender to journey with you, so you will have the opportunity to get to know & see the same person. If you are interested in having a BeFriender, please call BeFriender Coordinator Laurel Stiebler, 651/653-5635, or Rev. Joanie, 651/429-5351, ext. 14.



### September Birthdays

- 2     **Robert Foster**
- 3     **Stephen Johnson**
- 3     **Jane Kyle**
- 4     **Anna Kelm**
- 4     **Siri Peterson**
- 4     **Caroline Sullivan**
- 5     **Pamela Hadley**
- 5     **Kenneth Paddock**
- 6     **Helen Kissel**
- 6     **Robert Prochnow**
- 7     **Sarah Ford**
- 7     **Susan Mahoney**
- 8     **Emily Emerson**
- 9     **Nathaniel Beske**
- 10    **Maggie Anthony**
- 10    **Nancy Hough**
- 12    **Kate Schmuck**
- 13    **Joyce Anderson**
- 13    **Gretchen Brunner**
- 13    **Ryan Domin**
- 13    **Charles Moertel**
- 14    **Junice Hochbrunn**
- 15    **Julia Braaten**
- 16    **Bruce Canterbury**
- 16    **Gregory Harris**
- 16    **William Long**
- 16    **Ella Sorensen**
- 18    **Richard Oswald**
- 18    **Jordan Warchol**
- 19    **Julian Cox**
- 19    **Maria Gorbatenko**
- 19    **Krissa Kyle**
- 19    **Sara McBride**
- 19    **Betty Monson**
- 19    **Mary Walker**
- 22    **Burnett Sullivan**
- 22    **E. Jane Sullivan**
- 23    **Max Stevenson**
- 23    **Mary Whitney**
- 25    **Katherine Prochnow**
- 26    **Jason Knauss**
- 27    **Katherine Anderson**
- 27    **Julie Kliner**
- 27    **Donald Kroesch**
- 27    **Sharon Lund**
- 27    **Abigail McVay**
- 29    **Nancy Cottle**
- 29    **Eric Thor**
- 29    **Charles Van Steen**

**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.**

## St. John's Kids Hope USA

Last year our church began this mentoring program with a local elementary school. Nationwide, 708 students & their teachers in local Kids Hope USA programs were surveyed. Great successes were measured, be they social, emotional or academic, as a result of participation in Kids Hope USA. Strong gains & healthy progress were made. Mentors & Prayer Partners have powerfully intervened in the lives of at-risk children. Each Mentor relationship, supported by a faithful Prayer Partner, is helping to turn the tide. We all had a great experience, but there is still plenty of work to be done to continue to love, guide, & support these students.

We look forward to another year at O. H. Anderson school in Mahtomedi, and we need your continued support. We need more Mentors & Prayer Partners to help more children at the school. If you are interested, Rev. Joanie will be training volunteers. Please call the KHUSA leaders, Rev. Joanie Delamater, 651/429-5351 ext. 14, or Judy Kroesch, 651/429-0291, for more information.

## 55th Annual Bazaar

The Episcopal Church Women will host their annual bazaar on Friday & Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am—2 pm. A luncheon will be served on Friday only, 11 am—1 pm. We hope you join us during the week preceding to prepare for the sale, or work a few hours on either Friday or Saturday. There are no pre-sales for workers prior to the bazaar, which begins at 10 am on Friday.

## Do You Know?

White Bear Township celebrates 150 years this year. Back in 1858, John & Laura Aubrey lived in their 1-year old house in what is now Cottage Park near our church cemetery. John Aubrey, former heir to a vast English estate, was quite content to live a frontier life of hunting & trapping. Mrs. Aubrey, who had an excellent education, started teaching school in their home. After 1858, she taught in the 1<sup>st</sup> log school house at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Murray Streets, about a mile north of their home. Mrs. Aubrey also started a Sunday school in their home. Later, in 1860, residents started using the log school house for Sunday school & worship. The Aubreys donated 3-1/2 acres for the site of the Episcopal church and cemetery in 1860.

## Fr. Mark welcomes new Music Minister Matt Anderson, his wife Sarah, & their daughter Katherine



# The Youth Voice

## Vacation Bible School for All "Wade in the Water"



On a beautiful afternoon the young & not as young VBS participants traveled to White Bear Lake's West Beach to experience stories of New Life in Christ through the story of the Baptism of Jesus as told by Rev. Marilyn Baldwin. It was a moment in time when we had almost been transported back to the River Jordan. As we all sang "Wade in the Water," we entered the story and had the opportunity to pour water on each other's heads. The story was followed by having fun & just getting wet, and a BBQ feast provided by John & Jen Kobinski. We have planned to offer this type of VBS for All event again during July of 2009. St. John's will also offer a week long traditional children's VBS in June, 2009.

## COFTA: "Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts"

All 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited & wanted to gather on Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

The COFTA season will begin on September 17<sup>th</sup>, with performances of a series of skits during the Wednesday evening Light Suppers. We will also develop some dramas for Sundays during the 9 am liturgy. Everyone has gifts & talents, known & unknown; discover yours, and how they can be utilized in worship, community building, & spiritual growth. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make new friends and share your creative side.

Even if drama is not your thing, many other gifts are needed to create drama. *We need you!* In November we will use this Wednesday evening time for the Christmas Play. All dates are listed on the church's Master Calendar on the desk near the mail slots.

## Children & Youth Registration

September 7<sup>th</sup> is Rally Day, and the time to get reconnected with church & programs. St. John's offers many opportunities to be actively involved: Sunday School classes for children & youth, confirmation classes, special events & overnights, endless opportunities. The children & youth registration is not just for Sunday School; it is a vehicle for keeping you & your family informed, and about being involved with activities outside of worship. We are planning a 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade Worship Ministries Overnight for the Fall. This will be an opportunity for not only Acolytes, but Ushers/Greeters, and those wanting to be Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors, to be trained for ministry. Please register your child(ren)/youth so we can keep them connected & involved. Church is worship, but it is also about building community & commitment amongst our children & youth. *Please help make this happen.* Look for the children & youth registration table.

## Regional Confirmation

### 11 am November 8

Every year the Episcopal Diocese of MN offers two opportunities for confirmation: Fall & Spring. Fall confirmation is approaching quickly, and this may be your opportunity. If you have completed confirmation or Anglican 101 classes and want to be confirmed, please contact Rev. Mark Kelm or Rev. Marilyn Baldwin to let him or her know that you would like to have the sacrament of Confirmation. Another regional confirmation will be on May 9, 2009.

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 7 Children & Youth Registration
- 14 10 am 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Meeting
- 17 7:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Meeting
- 28 Commitment Sunday

### October

- 5 9 am St. Francis Blessing of the Animals
- 11 11 am Intergenerational Hayride
- 17-19 Northern TEC (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 26 10 am Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf

### November.

- 5 6 pm Christmas Play Meeting
- 8 11 am Regional Confirmation
- 12 6-7:30 pm Christmas Play Practices Begin
- 26 Thanksgiving Eve pot luck & service
- 29 9 am - Noon Advent Retreat (youth invited)
- 30 10 am Advent Inter-generational Event

### December

- 6 10 am all parish Tree Decorating followed by caroling at Cerenity Nursing Home
- 6 5 pm Youth Advent Overnight (Cookie Baking & Delivery to the night shift) 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- 14 4 pm Lessons & Carols
- 17 6 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal, 7pm Worship & Play Performance
- 31 5:30 pm Pizza Party & 6 pm Caroling

## Weekly Events beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays 6 - 7:30 pm COFTA 4<sup>th</sup>- 2<sup>th</sup> grades

Sundays 10 am education for children, youth, adults, & 1<sup>st</sup> year confirmation