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**SUNDAYS**

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 7 at 6 pm



*Gathering in Love to Serve*

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People of the Parish

The Ministers



## WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH?

- Q. What is the mission of the Church?  
A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.
- Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?  
A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.
- Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?  
A. The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.
- Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?  
A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.
- Q. What is the ministry of the laity?  
A. The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.
- (An Outline of the Faith, Book of Common Prayer Page 855)

Through the baptismal rite, we have been fully initiated by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. As individuals and as a community, we are called to walk with Jesus the way of the cross. As we respond to God's call and become followers of the Way, we discover the truth which the seventeenth century Church of England minister and poet Thomas Traherne put so eloquently:

The cross is the abyss of wonders, the center of desires, the school of virtue, the house of wisdom, the throne of love, the theatre of joys, and the place of sorrows. It is the root of happiness, and the gate of heaven.<sup>1</sup>

How is your walk going? Are these turbulent times affecting your ministry? Notice that in our Outline of the Faith, lay persons are listed first as the ministers of the church over the clergy. The laity are the ministry leaders. You have been called by God to exercise a ministry in accordance with the spiritual gifts you have been given. The Holy One needs you to continue the servant ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now is the time to stand up to the chaos of the world and be the representative of God in your schools, at work, and in your neighborhoods. We must hold fast to the single vision of bringing glory to God by loving one another. Christianity is not merely a belief, it is an action! *"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all"* (Mark 9:35; Luke 9:48).

See you in Church!  
Fr. Mark

<sup>1</sup>*Centuries* (Wilton, CT: Morehouse-Barlow, 1986), "First Century," no. 58, page 28.

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

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR NOVEMBER  
*All Are Welcome!*

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

- 11/2** What part do saints play in the Anglican Church, and how & when do we honor them? Join Rev. Joanie for a look at saints' lives.
- 11/9** St. John's is approaching our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010; do you know our history? John & Steve Johnson will discuss the beginnings of our community and traditions we honor in large & small ways.
- 11/16** A remarkable PBS documentary, *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*, recounts the story of one family's involvement in the slave trade beginning in colonial times. How did Northern people & communities prosper from a "Southern" evil? How does it affect us today? Please join us.
- 11/23** Linda Monyak begins a series on the Gospel of Mark (including 3 sessions in December). Join us for the 1st session, *Telling the Story of the Good News About Jesus the Messiah*.
- 11/30** Join us for an intergenerational Advent event in the Parish Hall.

**Anglican 101** concludes Sunday, 11/2 (Noon-1:15 pm). All are welcome!

**Wednesday Evenings, 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall**

Light Suppers are offered every Wednesday. 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. Supper donation: \$3/adult, \$2/child, \$10/family maximum.

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

*The Fruits of the Spirit*, based on biblical readings and led by various clergy, continues in the Parlor. (No class on 11/26.)

**Thursdays Mornings, 10:30 am in the Parlor**

Join us for *Gospel-Based Discipleship (GBD)*, an informal way of studying & experiencing the power of the bible in our own lives. (No *GBD* on 11/27.)

**Advent Quiet Day: *Making Way***, Saturday, 11/29, 9 am—Noon. On the last day of the Church year, we invite reflections on those things we carry with us that we don't need in order to make room for God's saving grace in our lives. Please sign up near the Parish Hall entrance. Contact Rev. Marilyn with questions.



**Adult Christian Formation needs you!** Please join our committee for a planning meeting on Sunday, 11/9 at Noon. We'd like your input, and would love to have new people help plan & present topics.

PASSAGES

MARRIAGE

Amanda Jean Mahanna &  
Benjamin Joel Kinney 10/10/2008

TRANSFER

Brent Knoll 10/6/2008  
Nicholas John Pearson 10/19/2008

THANKSGIVING EVE POTLUCK

On Wednesday, November 26, at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall we'll have our annual Thanksgiving Eve Potluck. A signup sheet will be on the activity table near the Parish Hall. Indicate the number of people in your group, so Gayle Kasmani, who will prepare the main dish, knows for how many to prepare. Also indicate what type of food you will contribute. A Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist with music follows the potluck. Due to these festivities there will be no Adult Formation or COFTA that evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 26**

Thanksgiving Eve Potluck  
& Eucharist

**November 29**

Advent Retreat 9 am - Noon

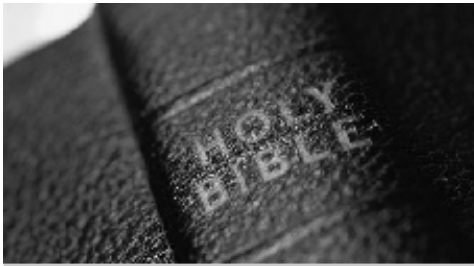
**December 6**

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

**December 14**

Lessons & Carols at 4 pm

The Episcopal Church Women's Fall Grant Meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup>. All grant requests must be in writing & received in the Episcopal Church Women's mail slot near the calendar desk in the hallway *by November 13*.



## Bible Readings

November 2 All Saints' Sunday  
Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

November 9  
Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 &  
Psalm 78:1-7 *or*  
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16  
*or*  
Amos 5:18-24 &  
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 *or* Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

November 16  
Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Judges 4:1-7 & Psalm 123 *or*  
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 &  
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

November 23  
Twenty Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 100 *or* Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving  
Deuteronomy 8:7-18  
Psalm 65  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Luke 17:11-19

November 30 First Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

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

## SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS REHEARSALS BEGIN NOVEMBER 5

A Service of Lessons and Carols will take place Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to sing with our choirs for a special event. Our singers enjoy seeing new faces and we hope you'll consider joining us.

Adults and high school youth may sing with the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals will be held each Wednesday from 7:15-8:15pm beginning November 5. A dress rehearsal will be held Sat, Dec. 13 from 10:00-noon. Children in grades 2 and up are encouraged to join the Youth Choir beginning November 5. We meet each week from 6:00-7:00pm. We would love to have you join us.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this festive observance as we prepare for the Christmas season.

Soli Deo Gloria! Matt Anderson

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Earlier this summer, the Property Committee decided to look into the possibility of adding an outdoor recreational area for young children as a way to both serve our current families and potentially attract new members. After much consideration, it was determined that the English Garden area adjacent and south of the Parish Hall would be the only space available to suit such a plan, and would likely require removal/redesign of approx. 40-50% of this lovely garden that has been in place for more than 10 years.

Next, we researched various types of basic playground equipment, looking for simple, maintenance-free designs that would fit in with the church, garden, and surrounding neighborhood, and selected a play system that would work. However, we were told by City Hall that it would require a setback variance and neighbor approval. After meetings with neighbors, the City Planner, Variance Board, and City Council, our request was approved in early September, with a one-year completion deadline.

I want to make it clear that all activity to date has been for *discovery only*, supported by the Property Committee and Vestry. Nothing has been promised or purchased, other than a fee for the variance application. We have heard feedback from some parishioners regarding preservation of the English Garden and apologize if others have felt left out. Currently, there is no budgeted funding for this project and we cannot proceed unless a gift is received. At that point, be assured that further discussion will occur—hopefully coming to a compromise between adding youth friendly amenities and preserving the garden. A local landscape architect has already offered to work pro-bono on a layout, with the goal of allowing both active and meditative to co-exist.

As with all significant projects here at St. John's, the Property Committee may make recommendations, but all major expenditures ultimately require approval by the Vestry. Anyone with a desire to be involved in these decisions is welcome to join the Vestry or Property Committee or attend their published meetings. The Vestry meets regularly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday monthly, and the Property Committee meets approximately once a quarter. In between, please contact me or other members of the Property Committee (not the clergy or staff) with your concerns.

Regards, Brent Torgerson, Property Committee Chairman

# St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-November 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Every Sunday</b>            8 am Holy Eucharist            9 am Family-friendly Eucharist            Childcare to age 5 avail 9 &amp; 10:30            10 am Christian Formation for children (EW), youth (St. A &amp; B), &amp; adults (P)            10:30 am Choral Eucharist            11:30 am Handbells (St. B)</p>	<p><b>Room Key</b>            CC: Child Care, lower Level            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>		<p><b>Every Wednesday</b>            1 pm Staff Meeting            5:30 pm Light Supper (PH)            6 pm Childcare to age 3 avail;            CAP: Children's Activity Program, ages 3-7 (CC): COFTA: Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts, grades 4-12 (St. B); Youth Choir, grades 2+ (St. C); &amp; Adult Formation: Fruits of the Spirit (P)            7 pm Holy Eucharist            7:15 pm Chancel Choir (St. C)</p>	<p><b>Every Thursday</b>            10:30 am Gospel Based Discipleship / Bible Study (P)            [except Thanksgiving Day due to Holy Eucharist] All are welcome!</p>		<p><b>1 All Saints' Day</b>            December Voice deadline submissions to <a href="mailto:administration@stjohnwilderness.org">administration@stjohnwilderness.org</a></p>
<p><b>2 All Saints' Sunday</b>            Daylight Saving Time ends            10:30 am BeFriender Commissioning            Noon Ministry Forum (P): all are welcome; a rep. from each ministry, committee &amp; group is expected.            Noon Anglican 101 (GR)            Bazaar Week begins            6:30 pm @ Home in the Wilderness / House Group (P)</p>	<p><b>3 Bazaar Week</b>            Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline            7 pm Outreach Committee Mtg (P) All are welcome!</p>	<p><b>4 Election Day</b>            Don't forget to vote!            9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (PH)            4 pm Executive Committee Mtg (FR)            7 pm Altar Guild Mtg (P)</p>	<p><b>5 Bazaar Week</b>            See Every Wednesday above            6 pm Christmas Play Parent Mtg. (St. B)            7:15 pm Lessons &amp; Carols Choir begins            7:30 pm Welcoming Committee Mtg (P) All are welcome!            7:30 pm Kids Hope Leadership (CL)</p>	<p><b>6 Bazaar Week</b></p>	<p><b>7 Bazaar Week</b>            10 am Bazaar (PH) until 2 pm            11 am Luncheon (PH) until 1 pm</p>	<p><b>8 Bazaar Week</b>            10 am Bazaar (PH) until 2 pm            11 am Regional Confirmation (St. Mark's Cathedral, Mpls)</p>
<p><b>9</b>            11:45 am Liturgy &amp; Music Committee Mtg (FR)            Noon BeFrienders (P)            Bazaar ends</p>	<p><b>10</b>            Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p><b>11</b>            9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (PH)</p>	<p><b>12</b>            See Every Wednesday above            6 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal (St. B) until 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b>            10 am Joint Diocesan Council Trustee Mtg (St. Christopher's, Roseville) until 2 pm            5:30 pm Kids Hope USA Harvest Dinner (O. H. Anderson Elementary, Mahtomedi) until 7 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b>            11:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Holy Eucharist (Cerenity)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b>            Noon Vestry (St. C), Healing Team (St. L)            4 pm Ultreya until 6:30 pm            6:30 pm @ Home in the Wilderness / House Group (P)</p>	<p><b>17</b>            Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p><b>18</b>            9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (PH)</p>	<p><b>19</b>            See Every Wednesday above            10:15 Holy Eucharist (St. Andrew's Village)            11:30 am Retired Men's Group Lunch (Keys, downtown WBL)            6 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal (St. B) until 7:30 pm            7:30 pm Good Grief Group (P)</p>	<p><b>20</b>            9 am Episcopal Church Women Grant Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b>            Noon Kids Hope USA mtg (P)</p>	<p><b>24</b>            Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p><b>25</b>            9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (PH)</p>	<p><b>26 Thanksgiving Eve</b>            5:30 pm All Parish Potluck (PH)            No Adult Formation or COFTA            7 pm Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist            8 pm CanSurmount Cancer Support Group (P)</p>	<p><b>27 Thanksgiving Day</b>            Office Closed            10 am Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist            No Gospel Base Discipleship / Bible Study due to Eucharist</p>	<p><b>28</b>            Office Closed</p>	<p><b>29</b>            9 am Advent Quiet Day (P)            11 am Out to Lunch (PH)</p>
<p><b>30 Advent I</b>            10 am Advent Event (PH)</p>						

## ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS 2008

Ho, ho, ho & Merry Christmas to you all! The Outreach Committee is once again planning for the Christmas season & the annual Adopt-A-Family ministry.

Last year's program was very successful and undoubtedly created many smiles on Christmas morning. We will again work with Episcopal Community Services, and we look forward to another year of helping those who are unable to purchase Christmas gifts for their families.

Please watch for information in the weekly Small Voice and for the Christmas trees in the Parish Hall which will be up on Wednesday, November 26 in time for our annual Thanksgiving potluck. They will remain through Sunday, December 14. All gifts must be wrapped and returned to the Parish Hall by 10:30 worship on December 14. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Sue Schmuck, 651/340-9789.

## WELCOMING NEWS

**Diocesan Confirmation, Reception of New Members, and Reaffirmation of Confirmation Vows** are scheduled for Saturday morning, November 8 at St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis. Contact Rev. Marilyn (651/429-5351 ext. 16) if you wish to be part of this service or have questions about it.

## 55TH ANNUAL ECW BAZAAR

This year the Episcopal Church Women will host their 55<sup>th</sup> annual Bazaar. We hope all of you will support this event. Each individual can help in many ways.

The jewelry department needs new or used jewelry. The Treasure Cove, the most popular Bazaar department with the highest sales, needs gently used knick-knacks, antiques or household items. We welcome new or used books.

Cookies, pies, breads, cup cakes & candy are big sellers. The greater the selection, the more opportunity we have to make a sale. This year we'll work with St. John's Kids Hope USA ministry in the bakery department.

The craft items have always been the centerpiece of our Bazaar, and we encourage everyone to show their craft talents.

If you are unable to donate any items for sale at the Bazaar, we welcome cash donations. Make checks payable to "St. John's Bazaar."

We need help for set up & sale days. If you would like to help in any way, please call Lynn, 651/426-2302, or Bev, 651/429-6769.

Bring your donations to the Parish Hall during Bazaar week, on Sunday morning, November 2, or on Wednesday, November 5, 6-8 pm. Deliver baked goods on Thursday, November 6, 9 am - 2 pm, or on Friday, November 7, before 10 am.

**Bazaar dates & times: Friday & Saturday, November 7 & 8, 10 am - 2 pm (Lunch Friday only, 11 am - 1 pm), & Sunday, November 9, 8:30 am - noon.**

Please come and join us, The Episcopal Church Women

Join fellow St. John in the Wilderness parishioners on a fun and laugh-filled outing to see the **Church Basement Ladies, A 2<sup>nd</sup> Helping** on Saturday, January 24, for the 3 pm show (and dinner after, if there's interest). Carpools will leave the church parking lot at 2 pm sharp! Group ticket rates are \$30/person with a minimum of 12 participants (\$35/person for non-group rate). All expenses are to be paid by participants. RSVP and payment due by **January 4** to Chantell or Jason Knauss, 651/387-8288 or [cyknauss@hotmail.com](mailto:cyknauss@hotmail.com)

Synopsis: They're servin' it up again! This time around, the year is 1969, the world is a changin' and the ladies of the church prepare for changes of their own from below the House of God. You'll "laugh until your sidedish hurts" with their hilarious antics and down-to-earth charm from within the church basement.



## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT OPPORTUNITIES

I want to tell you about a few things I'm doing, and offer you an opportunity to enrich your spiritual journey and find support if you are struggling with a loss of any kind.

On behalf of St. John's I supply offenders at the Rush City prison where I work, with ECW donated English & Spanish versions of Forward Day by Day, which the offenders use on a regular basis. Please pray they will find a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ as they read the Forward Day by Day passages & comments.

Recently I preached about my experience with Project Homeless Connect at St. Paul's River Center last June, and how much I learned about what it's like to be homeless. Project Homeless Connect is an effort of Hennepin & Ramsey Counties and their Cities of Mpls. & St. Paul, respectively, to bring many resources to one spot and invite homeless persons to receive help with housing resources, employment & resume building, medical & dental assistance, legal assistance, spiritual healing, getting a MN ID, haircuts, and having lunch. St. Paul has one in June, and Mpls. has two per year, with the next in early December, at which I plan to volunteer. What a volunteer does is gather some basic information from a person who has come for help, and escort them to where the help they need is located. It is a very powerful experience. I invite any adult who feels called to volunteer to contact me about this. I plan to attend the St. Paul Project Homeless Connect in June as well. You can Google Project Homeless Connect for Mpls. or St. Paul to learn about these events.

If you are experiencing a loss of any kind or know someone who is; whether it is a loved one, a job, a move, a relationship, a beloved pet, or if you are just in need of support following a hardship of any kind, I invite you to join Rev. Joanie, Kate Walsh, and me for Good Grief Group in our parlor at 7:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly after the healing service. Grief is a normal human experience, and seeking support & supporting others who are grieving will help you understand and move through this process.

As a spiritual community here at St. John's we are examining the "fruits of the spirit." As the Apostle Paul teaches us in Galatians: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." You can find and further your relationship with God through Jesus Christ by answering God's call to seek and serve with love. One of these opportunities could be a fit for you. Please consider participating in one of these ministries. You may talk to me in person or call me: d) 320/358-0506; e) 651/674-5657; c) 612/710-1626, or email [rtodd@rc.doc.state.mn.us](mailto:rtodd@rc.doc.state.mn.us). Please keep the ministries of your deacons in your thoughts and prayers, and join us; we would love to work with you in your spiritual journey through the wilderness of human experience. Peace be with you.

## MINISTRY FORUM

Ministry Forum is held after the 10:30 liturgy on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, and connects people and ministries in our community. Learn about new & ongoing work. All are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and collaborate. Please join us; we welcome your ideas.

**BRIDE & GROOM,  
MELISSA & ANTHONY,  
AT THE ALTAR WITH  
REV. MARILYN & REV. DN. DEB  
ON COMMITMENT SUNDAY**



## DEMONSTRATE YOUR THANKFULNESS

St. John in the Wilderness relies heavily on a seasonal increase in contributions each year starting around Thanksgiving. These contributions help support the work of the church now and throughout the year. During this season, please consider demonstrating appreciation for your own good fortune or good health by making an additional contribution, or, if you haven't done so already, by committing to a consistent giving plan. St. John's offers congregation members a convenient electronic giving option for making donations. Please contact the church office for details, [administration@stjohnwilderness.org](mailto:administration@stjohnwilderness.org) or 651/429-5351, ext. 10.

# St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-November 2008

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEM	ACOLYTES	LAY HEALER(S)	USHER(S)	GREETER(S)	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
<b>2</b> 8:00 Harvey Caldwell 10:30 Bob Peck	9:00 Will Long 10:30 Jim Delamater	<b>Wed 5, 7 pm</b> June Bennett 8:00 Mary Whitney 9:00 Bari Chilton Ed Chilton 10:30 Randy Johnson Tim Hadley	9:00 Moertels 10:30 L. McCarthy S. Kraning	<b>Wed 5, 7 pm</b> Mary & Sherri 9:00 Sherri 10:30 Krissa	8:00 Ken Whitney 9:00 10:30 Johnsons	9:00 Holtzes 10:30 Krista Sullivan	Bette Smeed Keiko Farrar Judy Kroesch Mary Whitney	Dennis Thoemke
<b>9</b> 8:00 Joe Afryl 10:30 Jim Petersen	9:00 Larry Mahoney 10:30 W. Muscanto	<b>Wed 12, 7 pm</b> Ken Paddock 8:00 Mary Whitney 9:00 Susie Mahoney Barb VanSteen 10:30 Ken Paddock Greg Schmit	9:00 Thors J. Markoe 10:30 S. Sears L. DuFresne	<b>Wed 12, 7 pm</b> Amy & Cathryn 9:00 Dianne 10:30 Krissa	8:00 Ken Whitney 9:00 Canterburys 10:30 Mike Gerlach Jim Hartmeister	9:00 Terry Rooney 10:30 Linda Waddell	Lynn Gadbois Pat Gagin Sally Holtz Jeanne LeFevre	Margaret Thor
<b>16</b> 8:00 Randy Johnson 10:30 Jill Todd	9:00 Kim Severson 10:30 Helen Kissel	<b>Wed 19, 7 pm</b> Joe Afryl 8:00 Jane Kyle 9:00 Bob Peck Janet Waller 10:30 Judy Kroesch Joe Afryl	9:00 Longs Whillocks 10:30 K. Paddock Mariers	<b>Wed 19, 7 pm</b> Amy & Cathryn 9:00 Dianne 10:30 Sherri	8:00 Ken Whitney 9:00 E. & A. Brunner A. & M. Torgerson 10:30 Mark Hosfield Jim Marier	9:00 Kobinskis 10:30 Longs	Pet Pickering Gere Letourneau Deb Schmit Joann Smith	John Brunner
<b>23</b> 8:00 June Bennett 10:30 Lee Wilson	9:00 Caryn Thor 10:30 Barb Kraning	8:00 Mary Whitney 9:00 Bari Chilton Ed Chilton 10:30 Judy Kroesch Bob Peck	9:00 Karps 10:30 W. Todd	9:00 Dianne 10:30 Krissa	8:00 Ken Whitney 9:00 Linda Carpenter DeSmets 10:30 Domins	9:00 Anne Herron 10:30 DeSmets	Pris Campbell June Hochbrunn Peggy Holper Gayle Kasmani	Bryan DeSmet
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>26</b> Bob Peck	<b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Eve</b> John Fennig	June Bennett		Mary & Amy			Pris Campbell June Hochbrunn Peggy Holper Gayle Kasmani	Jason Knauss
<b>Thursday</b> <b>27</b> Ken Paddock	<b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Day</b> Laurel Stiebler	Jim Petersen					Pris Campbell June Hochbrunn Peggy Holper Gayle Kasmani	
<b>30</b> 8:00 Judy Kroesch 10:30 Chris Johnson	9:00 Peter Thor 10:30 Jim Delamater	8:00 June Bennett 9:00 Randy Johnson Bob Peck 10:30 Pris Campbell Jill Todd	9:00 L. Warchol W. Todd 10:30 G. Gorbatenko J. Vruno	9:00 Cathryn 10:30 Mary	8:00 Ken Whitney 9:00 DeSmets 10:30 Linda Carpenter Pickering	9:00 Terry Rooney 10:30 Linda Waddell	Barb VanSteen Cyndi Domin Keiko Farrar Jane Kyle	Chris Hawley

**Ushers Note** If you have a scheduling conflict, please contact Linda Carpenter, [lthompson@kennedy-graven.com](mailto: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!

## LIVING IN AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

We bring our children up to say "please" & "thank you," but do we remember to use our good manners with others and with God?

Meister Eckhart, the famous Christian mystic wrote, "If the only prayer you ever said in your life was thank you, that would suffice." It's so easy to complain about life rather than embrace it in gratitude. If we live through the lens of the empty or half-filled glass, that is what we will expect to see and we won't be disappointed. But if we look for miracles & blessings every day, that is what we find. The author of the gospel of Matthew directs us to do just that, saying, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be open unto you." I believe we can do better than that! Look up these scripture passages and read what the Spirit is saying to us: 1Chronicles 16:8,34 ; Psalm 18:49; Psalm 92:1; Psalm 136; Acts 27:35; Nehemiah 12:27; 1 Corinthians 10:30; 1Thessalonians 5:18; Phillipians 4:6.

Gratitude is much more than just an attitude, it's a way of being. If you live a life of gratitude, it transforms your view of every aspect of life.

You see possibilities in others rather than their mistakes. You become more patient & thoughtful. Gratitude gives meaning & joy to every day, even simple things like food, a cool drink of water on a hot day, the wag of a dog's tail , the giggle of a toddler, the car pool members, a beautiful sunset. Lenore Skomal wrote, "the quest for a life of happiness lies in the answer to the question-how do we nurture that sacred place of thankfulness in our soul?"

Stop right now and make a list of people, places & things for which you are grateful. How long was your list? Try it again tomorrow and see if the list changes. I am grateful for you. I give thanks to God for the abundance of blessings in my life right here, right now. I am grateful to love and laugh and work among you. Thanks be to God!

With gratitude, Rev. Joanie

## BURGER KING

Years ago Burger King had a song some of us may remember: "Hold the pickles. Hold the lettuce. Special orders don't upset us." The point: "You can have it your way." I'm dating myself because I know that commercial & song; it routinely goes through my head when I place my order at the Drive Thru. But if I want to have it, or anything 'my way,' I have to tell the right person directly.

My daughter-in-law's mother, June, died unexpectedly. While in Denver a month earlier, she had told Debbie that she wanted a Mormon funeral (even though she wasn't Mormon.) Debbie remembered that, and a few other passing comments that June made. When Debbie had to plan the funeral she was operating with limited knowledge & understanding of what her mother wanted. The mortuary in Phoenix took advantage of Debbie's grief and her desire to do what she thought her mother would want. Financially, it cost them dearly.

When my mother died (also unexpectedly) we knew exactly what she wanted and planned her funeral accordingly. We knew her favorite Bible readings & songs, that she did not want an open casket, what mortuary to use, and that the family already had a cemetery plot. We were young. Friends & extended family thought we were in shock because we went about the arrangements like programmed robots. We may have been in shock, but we were also well informed. Mother had planned for her funeral so there would be less stress, and we would be able to go about the business of grieving when the time came.

I didn't realize then what a monumental gift that was. After talking with my son & Debbie as they dealt with June's death, I realized what impact not knowing has on the survivors, emotionally & financially. Debbie still talks about how she isn't sure that she 'did it right.' What tremendous *unnecessary* guilt.

I encourage you to pull up the funeral planning form on our web-site: <http://www.stjohnwilderness.org/burialplanning.htm>, schedule time to meet with your clergy, and plan for the future. 'Special orders don't upset us. You can have it your way.' Think of the gift to those who love you. I know because I did it.

Deacon Debra

## CHURCH FINANCES YTD SEPTEMBER 30

	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	319,912	311,825
Special Income	4,617	2,725
Other Income	51,796	51,875
<b>Total</b>	<b>376,325</b>	<b>366,425</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Formation	3,104	5,813
Office	14,578	12,888
Payroll	264,618	255,665
Property	71,119	65,475
Growth	10,743	11,605
Liturgy	8,095	10,375
Outreach	57,367	58,703
<b>Total</b>	<b>429,624</b>	<b>420,524</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.

## MEMORIAL & GIFT COMMITTEE

During August & September the following have been given to our parish: Youth Endowment gifts in memory of Betty & Harold Murphy; St. John's Endowment Fund gifts; memorials for Bradley Boyle, Sterling Price, and Charles Gedge.

Our approved giving list includes the following:

1. restoration of church base boards
2. new pew back tract racks
3. changeable directory sign
4. Gospel Book ceremonial cover
5. choir music storage cabinet
6. children's outdoor play set

Monetary gifts for St. John's Endowment Fund, the Youth & Children's Endowment Fund, Special Music Fund, Outreach Fund & Cemetery Fund, or for new prayer books, hymnals, library books, choir & lay reader robes, and altar linens are always appreciated.



## November Birthdays

- 2 Sally Holtz
- 4 Patricia Petersen
- 5 Blake Betker
- 5 Priscilla Campbell
- 5 Lauren Warchol
- 5 Shannon Warchol
- 7 Helen LaBarre
- 8 Joseph Afryl
- 9 Charles Ackerman
- 9 Mary Jo Hawkinson
- 9 Elizabeth Karp
- 9 Thomas Long
- 10 Cynthia Domin
- 10 Elizabeth Ellerd
- 12 Nicole Roche
- 13 Joan Gardner
- 14 George Gorbatenko
- 15 James Delamater
- 15 Linda Monyak
- 16 Cheryl Peterson
- 18 James Gardner
- 18 Mark Kelm
- 20 Mary Larson
- 21 Judy Carpenter
- 22 Kern Walker
- 23 Dana Boyle
- 23 Louise Harding

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.

## A Great Opportunity for St. John's Kids Hope USA courtesy of our ECW

The bakery proceeds from the Episcopal Church Women's annual holiday bazaar will be donated to St. John's Kids Hope USA Program. Thank you; thank you!

The Kids Hope Leadership team asks you all to donate candy, cookies, cakes, pies, jam, jelly, etc. to help Kids Hope. You may bring the items to the Parish Hall on Thursday 11/6 or Friday morning. Please package cookies, bars, etc. in amounts of 6 or 12 and suggest a selling price. Or, if you prefer, the Kids Hope program will gratefully accepted a monetary donation. Please make your check payable to St. John in the Wilderness with Kids Hope on the memo line.

St. John's Kids Hope USA is a great ongoing program to help the "at risk" children of our surrounding community.

We hope to see you all at our bazaar.

## Children's Ministry

Our annual Advent Event follows 9 am worship on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Join us in the Parish Hall as we prepare for Christmas by creating decorations to deck the halls of our church & homes. All are welcome to attend! If you are interested in coordinating a craft station or have an ornament idea to share, please contact Christine Karp 651/653-6369 or Sheila Foster 651/429-5351 ext. 12.

## St. John's Families Inc. sponsored hayride at Lendt's Pumpkin Patch



## Do You Know?

The grandfather of Ellis Pope, a member of our parish, was our rector from 1876 to 1879. The Rev. William Cox Pope came from Pennsylvania and attended seminary in Milwaukee. During the Sioux Uprising he traveled to Minnesota to minister to the wounded. Later, Bishop Whipple asked him to return to Minnesota. Rev. Pope, with the help of his family, built the Church of the Good Shepherd where he ministered to the Native Americans. Often, Native Americans, coming from some distance for the Sunday service, would erect tents on the church grounds to sleep overnight before leaving the next day.

Ellis Pope said his grandfather, Rev. Pope, was the first clergy in Minnesota to use altar linens and hangings with colors instead of plain white. While serving as clergy for church services at White Bear Lake, he had to borrow a horse or horse and buggy to get here. In the winter he would borrow a horse and sleigh. The first confirmation service recorded at our church was on April 22, 1877 by Bishop Whipple and Rev. Pope.

## Rummage Sale Recap

Thanks for making the fall sale a great success. Without your donated items we wouldn't have a sale. We made a profit of \$1,974. Carole & Ken Paddock, Nancy Jagusch, Lynn & David Gadbois, and Diane & Mary Wingfield helped with the food; Ed Chilton and Nat Watkins checked & repaired electronics. Thanks to all the women who sorted & cashiered. And finally, thanks to all who set up before the sale and tore down & cleaned up again afterward to get the Parish Hall ready for Sunday.

# The Youth Voice

Calling all Christmas Play actors, costume designers & prop artists!

This year's Christmas Play, "A Story for the Ages," includes singing, dancing, & a part for everyone of all ages. We will hold a meeting for parents, children, & youth at 6 pm on Wednesday, 11/5 to go over the practice schedule & assign parts. Weekly 6-7:30 pm rehearsals in St. Bernard's Room begin Wednesday 11/12, with no rehearsal 11/26 due to St. John's Thanksgiving Eve Pot Luck & Worship. We have 2 opportunities to share our story with the congregation: 7 pm Wednesday, 12/11 & 9 am Sunday, 12/21. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends & family to share the congregation's excitement with others. Sign-up on the table outside the Parish Hall.

## Did you know?

Every Sunday I hear, "But, I don't go to Sunday School." St. John's has an education track for every age, pre-school - adult. Just because you've never been to Sunday School doesn't mean you can't start. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to participate. During the 10 am education hour, classes for pre-school - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are downstairs from the Parish Hall. Upstairs from our worship space in St. Angelico's Room is the Jr. Youth Education Program (YEP) for 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Sr. YEP for 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade is in St. Bernard's Room. And, adult education is in the Parlor. Worship is only part of being a church community member. Have you ever wondered why we do things in worship in the way we do, or wanted to feel more connected to the community? Education can help fill in the blanks. For children & youth especially, education time is important. It's an opportunity to make new friends, and create a deeper knowledge & understanding of worship & God's love for us. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity.

## November 9<sup>th</sup> Service Opportunity

The Episcopal Church Women's Bazaar ends on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and this could be your opportunity to lend a hand. Boxes will need to be moved back down into the basement and tables will need to be put away. If you could stay a little later that Sunday and help put things away, I'm sure the ECW would be very grateful for the help.

## Wreath Sales begin Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

The youth will take orders for wreaths & swags in the Parish Hall. The youth create the sales, and Twin City Nursery, across from McDonald's on Hwy 61, fills them. The money raised will go into the Youth Fund to support our Mission Trips, Music Camp, & other service experiences. Please help our youth to help others and to grow in faith through these experiences.

## Advent Inter-generational Event

Everyone is encouraged to attend this November 30 craft-making extravaganza. Prepare for Advent by making an Advent Log, or ornaments for St. John's trees & your tree at home.

## Super Bowl event Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

It may seem early to think about the Super Bowl, but it could be a fun opportunity for all. St. John's will host a party during the game, and this could be an opportunity to invite friends or host a snack bar. If you have great ideas contact Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351 ext. 12 or [Youth@StJohnWilderness.org](mailto:Youth@StJohnWilderness.org).



## Don't Forget these dates

### November

- 5 6 pm Christmas Play Info Meeting
- 8 11 am Regional Confirmation
- 9 Episcopal Church Women's Bazaar
- 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 Intergenerational 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
- 21 8:30 am costumes on for 9 am Play Performance during worship
- 31 5:30 pm Pizza Party & 6 pm Caroling

### January

- 4 10 am The Bigger & Better Treasure Hunt
- 17 Sr. High Youth Overnight
- 18 St. John's Annual Meeting (all youth attend)
- 24 Diocesan Youth Acolyte Festival begins (St. Mark's Cathedral)

## Weekly Events

### Wednesdays 6 - 7:30 pm

CAP (Children's Activity Program) ages 3-7, & COFTA (Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts) 4<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grades. (Grades 2+ may join Youth Choir.)

### Sundays 10 am

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