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## *Gathering in Love to Serve*



## St. John in the Wilderness February 2012



[www.StJohnWilderness.org](http://www.StJohnWilderness.org)  
651/429-5351

**SUNDAYS**  
8, 9 & 10:30 am Worship

**WEDNESDAYS**  
7 pm Worship

### PARISH STAFF

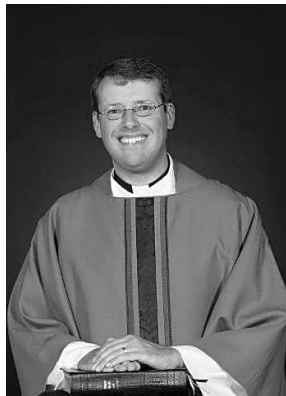
The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior	IX Bishop of Minnesota
The Rev. Mark W. Kelm	Rector
The Rev. Rick Todd	Deacon
The Rev. Debra Welch	Deacon
Maureen Vruno	Parish Administrator
Sheila Foster	Youth & Children's Minister
Matt Anderson	Music Minister
James Miller	Sexton
Lorna Cessna	Child Care Provider
Cheryl Sticha	Child Care Provider

### VESTRY

John Fennig	Warden
Barb Maloney	Warden
Tim Hadley	Treasurer
David Gadbois	2013
George Gorbatenko	2013
Greg Kliner	2013
Dick Mesenburg	2013
Lynda Halbert	2014
Kathy Smith	2014
Nat Watkins	2014
Mike Gerlach	2015
Tom Napiwoski	2015
Rosa Sears	2015

People of the Parish

The Ministers



Dear Friends in Christ:

We begin 2012 with hope and joy, but also with change, as we continue on our mission to heed Jesus' command to "feed my people". In December, a call to action was sent out, asking for increased financial support from the parish in order to sustain St. John's ministries, programs, and staffing at current levels. The urgency of the call to action was created by a "financial perfect storm" -- (1) a significant reduction of pledge support during the recession which, through the end of December 2011, was approximately \$60,000 less for 2012; (2) reduced earnings from our endowment at the St. Paul Foundation; (3) an immediate cash crunch to fund St. John's daily operation based on a decrease of pledge payments in the couple months of 2011; and (4) the depletion of the capital campaign funds to supplement our Financial Plan.

The capital campaign funds permitted St. John's to make much needed capital improvements to the building, and also permitted St. John's to expand its ministry, by adding Rev. Joanie, and then later, Rev. Marilyn, to our Parish staff. The capital campaign funds lasted three years longer than anticipated, through 2011. And, while the congregation did grow by 28%, and pledging did increase, the increase in pledging was insufficient to support the expanded staff during the recession, without the capital campaign funds.

The depletion of the capital campaign fund was anticipated in late 2011, early 2012. However, as the 2012 budget was being prepared in November/December, it was determined that the funds had actually been depleted in 2011. Thus, the call to action.

The Vestry met on January 3, 2012, to learn the results of "call to action", and to consider a budget prepared based on the reality of St. John's financial picture. Based on the information available at that meeting, it was learned that St. John's faced a \$108,000.<sup>00</sup> deficit for 2012, in order to keep current programming and staffing levels, and that payroll issues loomed.

Thank you to those of you who responded to our call to action, which alleviated an immediate cash flow crunch, but unfortunately, the response fell substantially short of the goal.

We scoured the 2012 budget, and prayerfully considered and reduced budgeted expenditures. But, after prayerful consideration, and mindful of our responsibility to safeguard and continue God's mission, staffing reductions were required and approved by unanimous vote of the entire vestry at the Special Vestry meeting held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, in order to permit St. John's to continue to live within its means.

Sunday, January 8, 2012, was the last day for Rev. Joanie and Rev. Marilyn as associate priests at St. John's in the Wilderness. We thank them for their service, for their leadership, for their ministries, for their gifts, and for their friendship, and pray that God will support and comfort them and their families, and this Parish, during this period of transition. A celebration of their ministries was held at the 10:30 a.m. service on January 8, 2012, and a reception followed after the service in the Parish Hall.

On God's Mission,

Becky Monson- Senior Warden, John Fennig- Junior Warden, Tim Hadley- Treasurer, Barb Maloney- Clerk of the Vestry, Randy Johnson, Rich Oswald, David Gadbois, George Gorbatenko, Greg Kliner, Dick Mesenburg, Lynda Halbert, Kathy Smith, Nat Watkins, and The Rev. Mark Kelm (Your 2011 Vestry)

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

## ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Sunday Mornings, 10 am** Check the lobby screen for room updates.

- **Intro to Christian Ethics** is a continuing series on Sunday mornings in the Parlor. Join us to discuss real-life topics.
  - 2/5 To be announced
  - 2/12 Episcopal Community Services: Mission Project 2012
  - 2/19 East Metro Women's Council: Partners in Community Service
  - 2/26 New series begins: *The Parables of Jesus*, led by David Monyak
- **Route 66 Intergenerational Bible Survey for grade 4 - adult.**  
*St. Cecilia's Room, upstairs*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, Noon**

**@Home in the Wilderness** is a study and discussion group open to all; it's a "lunch and learn" format where you bring whatever you'd like to eat. The group studies N.T. Wright's *Acts for Everyone*. Contact Angie Gordon, iamrite50@yahoo.com.

**Wednesdays, 6-7 pm**

Through February 8: *The Book of Ruth* led by Rev. Mark.

February 22 – April 11: Lenten Study

*The Gospel According to Mark* led by Rev. Mark.

Please sign up for a \$6 Shepherd's Notes: Mark ISBN-13: 978-0805490718 book at the Activity Center.

## WELCOMING & EVANGELISM

**Super Bowl Party 4:30 pm Sunday, February 5**

**Chili Cook-off Judging at 4:45 pm**

**Kickoff @ 5:29 pm**

Join us Sunday, February 5 for the annual fiesta and fabulous Chili Cook-off. Bring a crock pot full of your favorite chili recipe, and join us for some fun, great eating, and maybe the traveling trophy! Other dishes are needed as well; signups are at the Activity Center. Our new TV's will be ready to show the game. Friends are welcome! Contact: Angie Gordon, iamrite50@yahoo.com.

**Ministry Opportunities for Fun People!** Welcoming & Evangelism needs people to help with regular tasks so the team can offer a sincere welcome to guests.

- A coordinator to keep track of meetings, upcoming events, and communicate in the Voice & Small Voice. Basic administrative skills needed (Word, email.) Meetings are at 7:30 pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly.
- A person to stock & fill Welcome bags, and put membership folders together. Meeting attendance not required; can be done anytime, approx. every 2 weeks.

Contact Angie Gordon (iamrite50@yahoo.com) or Randy Johnson (rjohnson@whitebearlake.org).

## PASSAGES

### BAPTISM

Madelyn Helen Edelman

1/8/2012

### NEW MEMBERS

John Cutcliffe

1/17/2012

Douglass Cutcliffe

1/17/2012

*Build the Body.  
Equip the Saints.  
Change the World  
(joining God's Mission).*

### AED (DEFIBRILLATOR)

A reminder to the young—and the not so young—St John's has an AED (defibrillator) life-saving unit with voice-activated directions. The AED is located on the wall as you enter the Parish Hall.

*My Wish for 2012:*

*May peace  
break into your home  
and may thieves  
steal your debts.*

*Arlene Glander*

The Altar Guild is collecting the dried palms, blessed last Palm Sunday, in the baskets by the entrances to the church nave.

The palms will be burned during the liturgy on Wednesday, February 15, for use on Ash Wednesday.



## BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday, February 5**

**The Feast of**

**The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

*Transferred from February 2*

*Malachi 3:1-4*

*Psalm 24:7-10*

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

**Luke 2:22-40**

**February 12,**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

*2 Kings 5:1-14*

*Psalm 30*

*1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

**Mark 1:40-45**

**February 19,**

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

*2 Kings 2:1-12*

*Psalm 50:1-6*

*2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

**Mark 9:2-9**

**February 22,**

**Ash Wednesday**

*Joel 2:1-2,12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12*

*Psalm 103:8-14*

*2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10*

**Matthew 6:1-6,16-21**

**February 26,**

**First Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 9:8-17*

*Psalm 25:1-9*

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

**Mark 1:9-15**

*Old Testament (or 1<sup>st</sup>) Lesson: Lay Reader*

*New Testament Epistle: Lector*

**Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John:**

*Deacon or Priest*

Any optional portions of readings  
are in brackets.

The Revised Common Lectionary  
is available at

<http://www.lectionarypage.net>

## SAVE YOUR WAISTLINE AND GROW IN OTHER WAYS

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Isn’t the Bible wonderful? It provides us such insight and gifts like this quote from Matthew 6:21. I have heard this phrase recited many times, and I’ve heard it switched around, ‘where your heart is, there your treasure will be also.’

Valentine’s Day is a time when we think about all that we love – where our heart is: people, places, events, things, food... the list goes on. This Valentine’s Day I hope that you think about St. John’s.

Do you love this church? Do you love all that we are doing? Do you have wonderful memories of the children bringing the gospel to life? I do. It’s been more than four years that I have had the privilege to serve with you, and I’ve loved every minute of those years.

We can continue all that we are doing as long as each and every one of us contributes some of our time, talent, and yes, treasure. On this Valentine’s Day we have an opportunity to show this church how much we love all that we’re doing. But for us to continue as we are, we need money.

My father said it best more than three decades ago. There was no special occasion that prompted the conversation. There was no immediate need for him to share his words of wisdom, but the words have stayed with me. ‘When money is scarce you’ll find that you can give up a lot of things, but you will always find a way to buy food.’ Think about it. St. John’s is a place that feeds us: mind, body, and soul.

I know you’re tired of hearing it, but it’s true; the ministries and the programs that are part of St. John’s history have been financed by 60% of the congregation’s households and supplemented by funds from the Capital Campaign. But there are no more Capital Campaign funds to cover our needs. Now the opportunity is for each and every one of us to contribute to the future success of St. John’s.

Think of the impact that the 40% of the congregation’s households that have not pledged can make if each of them pledged and gave one dollar per week for each family member. Contributing a dollar per person per week: that’s less than a bucket of chicken from KFC or even going to McDonald’s once a week. I know that you’ll feel better by giving to St. John’s, not to mention that there’s no cholesterol and much fewer calories than either of the aforementioned fast food places. Help us keep this church doing all that we are doing and maybe even help it grow. Better the church should grow than our waistline and that pesky LDL cholesterol.

With much love, Happy Valentine’s Day.  
Deacon Deb

# St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church - February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Every Sunday</b>  <b>8 am Early-risers' Worship</b>  <b>9 am Family-friendly Worship</b>            10 am Christian Formation &amp; Activities Hour for all ages  <b>10:30 am Traditional Worship</b></p>	<p><b>Room Key</b>            CC: Child Care, lower level            CL: Church Library, main level            EW: Ed. Wing, lower level            FR: Fireplace Room, main level            GR: Gathering Rm, 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. Julian alphabetically through            St. Patrick, lower level</p>	<p><b>Every Wednesday</b>            1:30 pm Staff Meeting            5:30 pm Food &amp; Fellowship Supper (PH)            6 pm Children's Activity Program (St. A)            6 pm COFTA youth Scriptural dramatic arts (St. B) to 6:45 pm            6 pm Bible Study (PH) to 7 pm            6:45 pm Canticle Ensemble (St. C) to 7:15 pm  <b>7 pm Worship</b>            7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (St. C)</p>	<p><b>1</b>  <b>See Every Wednesday left</b>            March Voice deadline to <a href="mailto:administration@StJohnWilderness.org">administration@StJohnWilderness.org</a>            7:30 pm Welcoming Committee Meeting (Parlor)</p>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<p><b>5 The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>            transferred from February 2            9 am Rite of Affirmation            10:30 am Holy Baptism of Oren Thomas Gadbois            Noon Liturgy &amp; Music Committee Meeting (FR)            4:30 pm Super Bowl Party (PH)</p>	<p><b>6</b>            Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline to <a href="mailto:administration@StJohnWilderness.org">administration@StJohnWilderness.org</a></p>	<p><b>7</b>            7 pm Altar Guild Meeting (P)</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>See Every Wednesday above left</b></p>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b>            1 pm Mardi Gras Planning until 5 pm</p>
<p><b>12 Epiphany VI</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>            Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline to <a href="mailto:administration@StJohnWilderness.org">administration@StJohnWilderness.org</a>            6 pm Region VI Meeting (Ascension, Stillwater)</p>	<b>14</b>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>See Every Wednesday above left</b>            Clergy Lenten Retreat            11:30 am Men's Group Lunch (Keys on 4th St, downtown WBL)            2:15 pm Holy Eucharist (St. Andrew's Village)            5:30 pm Mardi Gras (PH)            7 pm Eucharist &amp; Burning of the Palms</p>	<p><b>16</b>            Clergy Lenten Retreat</p>	<p><b>17</b>            11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch (Carol's, Blaine)</p>	<p><b>18</b>            10 am Evensong rehearsal (Chancel) until noon</p>
<p><b>19 Last Epiphany</b>            World Mission Sunday            2 pm Music rehearsal (Chancel)            4 pm Evensong with St. John's &amp; Trinity, Excelsior's choirs followed by reception (PH)</p>	<p><b>20 Presidents' Day</b>            Office Closed            Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline to <a href="mailto:administration@StJohnWilderness.org">administration@StJohnWilderness.org</a>            7 pm Outreach Meeting (P)</p>	<b>21</b>	<p><b>22 Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>See Every Wednesday above left</b>  <b>Noon Ash Wednesday Liturgy</b>  <b>7 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy</b></p>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<p><b>26 Lent I</b>            Episcopal Relief &amp; Development Sunday</p>	<p><b>27</b>            Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline to <a href="mailto:administration@StJohnWilderness.org">administration@StJohnWilderness.org</a></p>	<b>28</b>	<p><b>29 Leap Day</b>  <b>See Every Wednesday above left</b></p>			

## SAINT JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2012 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, February 15

5:30 pm                      Mardi Gras Supper & Celebration presented by Families Inc & Youth  
Burning of the Palms concludes the evening during 7 pm Worship.

### Ash Wednesday, February 22

Noon                              Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
5:30 pm                          Supper in Parish Hall  
6:00 pm                          Gospel of Mark Bible Study (Parish Hall)  
7:00 pm                          Ash Wednesday Liturgy

### Sundays, February 26, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 (Child Care to age 5, 8:45-11:45 am)

8:00-8:30 am                  Contemplative Holy Eucharist  
9:00-10:00 am                Family-friendly Eucharist  
10:00-10:50 am               Faith Formation for All Ages  
10:30 -11:30 am               Choral Eucharist

### Wednesdays, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, & 28

5:30-6:00 pm                  Lenten Supper (Parish Hall)  
6:00-7:00 pm                  Gospel of Mark Bible Study (Parish Hall)  
6:00-6:45 pm                  Children's Activity Program (ages 5-9, St. Angelico's Room)  
6:00-6:45 pm                  C.O.F.T.A. Youth Program (St. Bernard's Room)  
6:45-7:30 pm                  Canticle Ensemble 9 am choir (intergenerational, St. Cecilia's Room)  
7:00-7:30 pm                  Eucharist & Healing Service  
7:30-9:00 pm                  Chancel Choir 10:30 am choir (adults, St. Cecilia's Room)

### Wednesday, March 14

5:30 pm                      Irish Supper (Parish Hall)  
7:00 pm                      St. Patrick Celtic Eucharist

### Palm Sunday, April 1

8, 9, & 10:30 am (Child Care to age 5 @ 9 & 10:30 am)

### Holy Monday, April 2

Noon                          Holy Monday Eucharist

### Holy Tuesday, April 3

7:00 pm                      Holy Tuesday Eucharist

### Holy Wednesday, April 4

4-7 pm                        Sacrament of Reconciliation (Healing Station)  
7:00 pm                        Holy Wednesday Eucharist

### Maundy Thursday, April 5

5:30 pm                      All Parish Potluck (Child Care to age 5)  
7:00 pm                      Maundy Thursday Liturgy (Child Care to age 5)  
8:30 pm                      Vigil & 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group Overnight

### Good Friday, April 6

Noon                          Good Friday Liturgy  
7:00 pm                      Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday, April 7

5:00 pm                      Easter Vigil (Child Care to age 5)

\*Bring a small bell to ring in this child-friendly liturgy followed by supper & Easter egg hunt.

### Easter Day, Sunday, April 8

8 & 10 am                  Eucharist with Festival Choir & Brass (Child Care to age 5 @ 10 am)

*Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## WE THANK THESE HOUSEHOLDS FOR THEIR RECENT 2012 FINANCIAL PLEDGES

Robert Donnelly, Keiko Farrar, Eric Gadbois, Betty Harholdt, Marshall Hatfield,  
John Kobinski, Max Kraning, Richard Lee, James Patterson, Marge Polanek,  
Danielle Ringhausen, Barbara Schwarze, Daryl Skobba, Mark Smeltzer,  
Carrie Thomas, Richard Todd

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 EVENSONG AT 4:00 P.M.

St. John's Parish Choir will host a Choral Evensong with the Trinity Parish Choir (Excelsior) on Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 p.m. Make plans to attend this service at St. John's which will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Several music selections will be presented, including the anthem, "Transfiguration" by contemporary composer Craig Phillips. "Transfiguration" was commissioned by the Association of Anglican Musicians and the Anglican Musicians Foundation in 2004. Selecting texts from the mystic Mechtild of Magdeburg (13th cent.) and the gospels of Mark and Luke, Phillips crafts a colorful tapestry of sound for choir and organ, concluding with a triumphant refrain of, "Alleluias."

As we celebrate the vision of Jesus on the mountaintop, please pray the following collect for February 19. Join the musicians from St. John's and Trinity as we mark this festive day.

*O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Matt Anderson, Music Minister

### LADIES WHO LUNCH

The ladies will lunch at Carol's in Blaine at 11:30 am Friday, February 17. Please call Joann Smith, 651/439-1568, by Monday, February 13 for reservations.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Twin Cities Habitat project in Woodbury sponsored by the St. Croix Valley Coalition of Churches, of which St. John in the Wilderness is a part, will be dedicated at 10 am Saturday, March 24. The service is usually about 30 minutes long and includes a tour of the home. Contact: George Gorbatenko, 651/653-7759 or [gorb@ece.umn.edu](mailto:gorb@ece.umn.edu).

### EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

To learn more about how Episcopal Relief & Development is assisting with disaster response and recovery efforts, please read the new report, *Moving Forward: Disaster Response in 2011*, available exclusively online: [www.er-d.org/2011DisasterResponse](http://www.er-d.org/2011DisasterResponse).

## I THANK MY GOD EVERY TIME I REMEMBER YOU. PHILIPPIANS 1:3 ALTAR FLOWERS WERE RECENTLY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

in loving memory of Bradley on his birthday by Beverly & Fosten Boyle on December 18; and on Christmas by Jane & Sarge Kyle in thanksgiving for our wonderful children & grandchildren and for our friends; Helen Halbert in loving memory of Mary Nuzak; the McCarthys in loving memory of Irene & Lander Jenkins, Cora & Albert Lewis, and Gladys & Richard Ordway; Pat & Dave Stewart in loving memory of Ben & his sister; Gere Letourneau in loving memory of Allan Letourneau and in thanksgiving for my caring family; Beverly & Fosten Boyle in thanksgiving for our family & friends; Stephanie Sulentic in loving memory of Jane Price McKinnon; Joann Smith in thanksgiving for family & friends; June Hochbrunn in loving memory of my husband, Don, and my sister, Pat; Harvey & Judy Caldwell in thanksgiving for our many blessings; Ken & Mary Whitney in thanksgiving for our family; and Teena Fletcher in loving memory of family & friends.

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LAY READER	LECTOR	LEM	ACOLYTE(S)	LAY HEALER(S)	WELCOMING MINISTRY	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
<b>February 5</b> 8:00 J. Waller 9:00 T. Hadley 10:30 H. Caldwell	9:00 L. Brock 10:30 H. Kissel	8:00 J. Waller P. Campbell 9:00 T. Hadley P. Hadley 10:30 E. Chilton B. Chilton	<b>Wed 1, 7 pm:</b> 9:00 C. O'Brien R. Smith A. Blake N. Lee	Max & Laurel 9:00 Dianne 10:30 Laurel	8:00 K. Whitney T. Napiwoski 9:00 Domins A. Gordon 10:30 Johnsons	M. Thorson P. Campbell K. DeSmet D. Schmit	D. Thoemke
<b>February 12</b> 8:00 R. Johnson 9:00 E. Gadbois 10:30 J. Petersen	9:00 L. Mahoney 10:30 P. Petersen	8:00 R. Johnson J. Waller 9:00 E. Gadbois S. Mahoney 10:30 J. Petersen L. Stiebler	<b>Wed 8, 7 pm:</b> 9:00 A. Torgerson M. Torgerson P. McBride K. Emerson	Mary & Laurel 9:00 Sherri 10:30 Amy	8:00 K. Whitney T. Napiwoski 9:00 Canterburys A. Gordon 10:30 M. Gerlach J. Hartmeister	C. Domin P. Holper P. Pickering B. Smeed	M. Thor
<b>February 19</b> 8:00 J. Bennett 9:00 T. Hadley 10:30 J. Afryl	9:00 M. Vruno 10:30 S. Afryl	8:00 J. Bennett P. Campbell 9:00 T. Hadley J. Vruno 10:30 J. Afryl R. Johnson	<b>Wed 15, 7 pm:</b> 9:00 Longs G. Carpenter G. Kelm	Sherri & Amy 9:00 Dianne 10:30 Sherri	8:00 K. Whitney T. Napiwoski 9:00 Torgersons Brunners A. Gordon 10:30 M. Hosfield J. Marier	K. Farrar J. Berry J. Caldwell A. Johnson	J. Brunner
<b>February 26</b> 8:00 R. Johnson 9:00 C. Johnson 10:30 J. Caldwell	9:00 S. Lovett 10:30 W. Muscanto	8:00 R. Johnson J. Bennett 9:00 C. Johnson 10:30 J. Caldwell G. Schmit	<b>Wed 22, 7 pm:</b> 9:00 Karps A. Brunner 10:30 R. Donnelly J. Donnelly <b>Wed 29, 7 pm:</b>	Amy & Dianne 9:00 Amy 10:30 Max Dianne & Mary	8:00 K. Whitney T. Napiwoski 9:00 Carpenters Lees A. Gordon 10:30 L. Koutek P. Stewart K. Johnson	D. Schmit S. Holtz V. Koutek A. McClaren	B. DeSmet

**Schedule conflict?** Lay Readers, Lectors & LEM contact Candice Christensen; Acolytes contact your Verger; Welcomers contact Kim Johnson.



## ONE CHILD, ONE HOUR, ONE CHURCH, ONE SCHOOL

Blessings and greetings to you all. Welcome back to **Kids Hope Corner**. This New Year started with some very serious challenges for our congregation. The Kids Hope Volunteers said goodbye to an indelible leader and hello to a new way of being through the new Director of Kids Hope, Richard Lee. We find ourselves adjusting to the **Holy**

**Spirit's Winds of Change**. Perhaps we will find that this fresh wind will kindle new fire for the outreach already begun in us, a good thing begun in us. Always be mindful and in prayer for children who, through no fault of their own, find themselves at a disadvantage that causes them to be at-risk. **Kids Hope USA** develops the child—mentor relationship for at-risk children in grades 3 through 5 and prepares them for Middle School. There are compelling and powerful stories to tell about these relationships and how the participants are affected well beyond the Kids Hope years, many for a lifetime.

Please, keep us in your prayers as we work through the leadership transition that occurred in the beginning of January. Under the leadership of Richard Lee, our new Kids Hope Director, we sought to make the transition as transparent as possible to the children that we serve. The Leadership Team is experienced and understands well our mission in **Kids Hope USA** and continues to work with the parents, teachers, and school administrators to deliver this much needed program.

Our fundraisers have been successful thanks to your generous support of the worthy cause. These funds are used to support activities, skill development material, training, and special Kids Hope materials for student support. The Kids Hope Bake Sale brought in \$860. The Epiphany Tea was held on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we were once again successful in providing a unique experience enjoyed by family and friends alike. We served an elegant tea complete with individual tea settings, tea service, scones, tea cakes, sandwiches, and a unique opportunity to enjoy the company of friends and family in a warm and inviting setting.

If you are unable to commit full time to this worthy project we call **Kids Hope USA**, consider being a substitute mentor and fill in when you can. Remember, it is just ONE CHILD, ONE HOUR, ONE CHURCH, ONE SCHOOL.

We are always in need of the parish participation as Jesus' hands and feet in this ministry that touches the lives of not just the students, but their families, classmates, teachers, and communities.. If you have any interest in working with this ministry and seek a better understanding of how to help at-risk children in the grades 3 through 5, please contact Richard Lee or a member of the Leadership Team: Melanie Lee, Angie Gordon, Laurel Stiebler, and Angela Robinson.

### Upcoming:

**Winter Wonderland Event** 3:40-5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 21 at O. H. Anderson Elementary School, Mahtomedi

## ADMIRATION OF ST. JOHN'S ADULT FORMATION

Hi,

I'm writing from Darwin, in the Northern Territory of Australia. I simply wanted to express my admiration/gratitude/relief over your adult education materials. I'm working as the ministry development officer for the Anglican Diocese here, and when I arrived six months ago there was very little continuing education happening across the main centres of the territory. The little money we have is focussed on trying to equip and support our church leaders in remote aboriginal communities. My brief was to create a Bishop's Award Programme which would, supposedly, encompass training and encouraging of lay ministers and those seeking ordination, and provide a post-ordination training scheme as well. The difficulty is that within this diocese we have tertiary educated, western folk, and those for whom English may be their third language and who are probably illiterate in their first and who live up to nine hour's drive away or are inaccessible except by plane. No internet available either.

It has meant that most of my energy has also gone into trying to form a workable programme for these remote people - but in the meantime the local people are still missing out. I work two days a week and simply cannot put together resources for them as well, so I've been dipping into the internet every now and then to see if there were any suitable resources already out there. Unfortunately they are mostly one of two types: either good, solid stuff which you have to pay for, or else rather lunatic-fringe material. Yours is superb. I've spent the morning including links to a whole string of the presentations in the various subject handbooks I'm creating. I can't begin to think how many hour's work you've saved me.

So thank you!

Anne van Gend  
Northern Territory, Australia



## February Birthdays

- 1 Diane Gwynn
- 1 Gregory Kliner
- 4 Susan Robinson
- 4 Mairin Torgerson
- 5 Nancy Jagusch
- 5 Reeder Smith
- 5 Amanda Vickstrom
- 6 Dorothy Hill
- 7 Olivia Hinrichs
- 7 Corinne Livesay
- 7 Jeanie Long
- 8 Eric Gadbois
- 8 John LeFevre
- 9 Timothy Hadley
- 11 Ervin Hinrichs
- 12 Dorothy Dokmo
- 14 Elizabeth Ackerman
- 14 Brendan Johnson
- 14 Janet Kraemer
- 15 Margaret Cost
- 15 Jeff Hislop
- 16 John Irvine
- 16 Tess McVay
- 18 Barbara Monson
- 19 Aimee Krebsbach
- 20 Benjamin Long
- 20 William McBride
- 20 Neil Vruno
- 22 Max Kraning
- 22 Jill Todd
- 23 Kimberly Johnson
- 24 Emily Brown
- 24 Zoe Foster
- 24 Jean Tews
- 29 Lura Ann Jensen

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.

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Whatever method you choose to give financially to St. John's, please complete a pledge card if you have not already. It is difficult to plan church finances unless our faithful & generous contributors communicate when & how much they intend to give throughout the year in this way. Several 2012 Intention Cards are available at each usher stand in the church nave and from various other locations around the church such as the Activity Center. You can also print a 2012 Floor of Support Card from the church website, [www.StJohnWilderness.org](http://www.StJohnWilderness.org). You can find the link by clicking on the green 2012 Pledge Drive icon. Please place your completed card in the offertory plate during worship or mail it back to the church. Thank you!

# Youth & Children's Voice

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rite of Affirmation 9 am Sunday, February 5

Why do we have the Rite of Affirmation opportunity? At age 13 or 14, 8<sup>th</sup> graders are moving toward independence from their parents. As a faith community our mission is to recognize their steps in faith. We have nine 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth who will participate in this year's Affirmation. This is our opportunity to recognize their growth and our role as a community of supporters & guides on their faith journey. The Rite of Affirmation is an opportunity for us all to gather around our young people to recognize they are growing up & maturing. We want to support them on their journey.

## Mardi Gras Planning Meeting & Event 1-5 pm Saturday, February 11

We need many 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth to help make this year's Mardi Gras a success. We'll serve pancakes beginning at 5:30 pm on **Wednesday, February 15**. The special youth presentation will begin at 6 pm followed by worship at 7 pm.

## Great Northern Teens Encounter Christ

TEC is a spiritual renewal weekend. Grade 9-12 youth attend one time during high school as a Candidate. Candidates arrive at 10 am on a Friday to participate in a weekend that is all about them. We ask them to leave all of their worries about school, friends, family, tests, and all the things that can weigh a young person down, and commit to a weekend that for some will transform the rest of their lives. Many youth continue involvement in TEC as a Team Member. The TEC Team provides all the Candidate care over the weekend; their number one rule is that the weekend is for the Candidates. If you are a high school youth and have not yet been a TEC Candidate, consider making this the time. The Spring Northern TEC will be at St. Paul's in Duluth. Every possible youth should participate in the March 23-25 weekend. Team members begin to set up the space at 7 pm on March 22. Registration forms will be on the Parish Hall Youth Board and our website. **The Team Meeting is in Duluth Friday-Saturday, February 24-25.**

## Episcopal Youth Music Festival Saturday, March 3

What happens at Festival? Choristers arrive by 9 am to start rehearsing, then break for lunch, and divide into groups for a number of activities around the Cathedral. Some go on a Cathedral Crawl; some watch a movie; some participate in a theatre workshop; some just hang out at the Cathedral coffee shop. There's one more rehearsal in the afternoon to put on the finishing touches, then we sing everything we've rehearsed as part of 4 pm Festival Worship. We encourage parents, relatives, parishioners, & all who support our choristers to attend this beautiful service including over 100 youth voices. The Canticle Ensemble will rehearse at 6:45 pm Wednesdays during February for the Festival. We encourage youth in 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades to take this opportunity. Contact: Sheila Foster or Matt Anderson. For more information: [www.episcopal-youth-music.org](http://www.episcopal-youth-music.org)

## Pretzel Making Event 10 am Sunday, March 4

Pretzel time is here! Join us in the Parish Hall following 9 am Family-friendly Worship. We will make pretzels, a traditional prayer symbol. See the Children's Ministry board for more information on the history of the pretzel. If you wish to help out, we need volunteers to bring in dough, man the ovens, & pre-bake pretzels. For more information contact Christine Karp or Sheila Foster. Note: Godly Play children will begin in the Gathering room and hear the Parable of the Leaven before going upstairs to the Parish Hall.

**Episcopal Youth Music Camp Grades 3-12** (Fall 2012 grades) **August 5-11** at Camp Heartland, Willow River, MN  
Registration Forms are on the Parish Hall Youth Board & online: [www.EpiscopalYouthMusic.org](http://www.EpiscopalYouthMusic.org). Don't miss out on **Early Bird reduced price registration: \$495 due by May 1.**

## The "Bigger & Better" event in review

Participants in the January 8 "Bigger & Better" Treasure Hunt went door to door searching for something Bigger & Better than the key ring with which they all started. Twelve youth split up into 4 teams and hit the streets. They all came back with incredible stories & treasures, and were all very creative as they related their journey & treasures to scripture. Judges Wayne

Todd, Laurel Stiebler, & Carrie Thomas scored the presentations. One team's story stood out. "The 3 Queens" told of how they went door to door and no one would answer. They were fortunate that it wasn't as cold as it had been in years past, but it was still a bit chilly. They continued on their journey hoping someone would answer their plea for help to find that "Bigger & Better" treasure. Finally, they approached a door, and as they rang the bell they were greeted by a mom, dad, & baby. This was more amazing than they could imagine. The family sent them off with a Christmas ornament representing the Holy Family. They had truly experienced the greatest treasure of all, and Jesus Christ was with them as they said thank you to the family who helped them.

## Don't forget these dates:

### February

- 5 9 am 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rite of Affirmation
- 11 1-5 pm Youth Mardi Gras Planning
- 15 5 pm Mardi Gras prep & Celebration
- 24 Great North TEC Team Meeting overnight

### March

- 3 Episcopal Youth Music Festival
- 22 Great North Teens Encounter Christ weekend begins for Team
- 23 Great North TEC Candidates arrive

### April

- 4 4 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available until 7 pm
- 5 Maundy Thursday Overnight
- 6 7 pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross
- 7 5 pm Easter Vigil with COFTA drama, Agape meal & Easter egg hunt
- 8 9 am Easter drama rehearsal  
10 am Easter Day worship
- 14 1-5 pm Feed My Starving Children, Eagan

### May

- 1 EYMC Early Bird Registration Deadline
- 3 7 pm National Day of Prayer
- 20 9 am Baccalaureate Worship  
10 am Faith Formation Celebration

**John 12:24**

*Very truly, I tell you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth  
and dies, it remains just a single grain;  
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*



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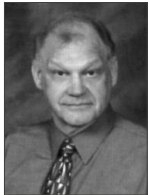
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