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WEDNESDAY EVENING  
 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

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### PARISH STAFF

The Rev. Mark Wm. Kelm	Rector
The Rev. Joanie Delamater	Associate Priest
The Rev. Marilyn Baldwin	Transitional Deacon
The Rev. Rick Todd	Deacon
Maureen Vruno	Parish Administrator
Alison Feigh	Youth & Children's Minister
Dr. David M. Gehrenbeck	Organist/Choirmaster
Alison Lund	Youth Choir Director / Cantor
Kelly Larson	Nursery Care

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Peggy Holper	2007
Christine Karp	2007
Janet Kelber	2007
June Bennett	2008
Michael Carpenter	2008
Tom Long	2008
John Fennig	2009
Brent Torgerson	2009

People of the Parish

The Ministers



## NEW MINISTRIES

Marilyn Baldwin has recently joined the staff of St. John's as a newly-ordained Transitional Deacon. Her background includes twenty-five years in corporate logistics management and a graduate degree from Cardinal Stritch University. She has completed her divinity work at Seabury-Western and United Theological Seminaries. The term "transitional" is applied to a deacon who is expected to be ordained priest in a short time; in her case, a December ordination to the priesthood is planned.

A call to ordained ministry in the church is often unexpected, and Marilyn will tell you that her call came through a series of life events including an early divorce, surviving cancer, and the loss of her immediate family. It was through reflection on the strength which God offered that she realized that she was called to share God's message of hope with others, and to be with them through the challenges of life.

Marilyn and her husband of thirty years, Tom Carroll, have recently moved to White Bear Lake from Eagan, where they were members of Ss. Martha and Mary Church. She was active in choir, Bishop's Committee, altar guild, worship committee, and other activities. She is experienced in adult training in both church and corporate work, and will be focusing on additional adult formation opportunities within the St. John's community as part of her work here. In addition, she will be providing pastoral care, and assisting at worship on most Sundays for the coming year. During this year that we have Marilyn, she will be serving part-time with us and with St. Paul's on the Hill. Normally during the week, Marilyn will be at St. John's on Wednesdays and Thursdays. After Marilyn is ordained priest, we will work with her to hear where the Holy Spirit is calling her to serve in this great diocese.

I am also pleased to introduce Alison Lund as our new Youth and Children's Choir Director. Alison is a native of New Zealand who arrived in America at the age of 18 to study voice at the Manhattan School of Music. After graduation she performed in various operas as a Coloratura Soprano and has held various teaching positions in voice, piano, and early childhood music and movement. Most recently she has taught at the Saint Paul Academy for the middle school musicals and as a music specialist at Montessori preschools. She also maintains her own private studio in St. Paul. You may want to view her website at [www.mollysmusicstudio.com](http://www.mollysmusicstudio.com). Along with the Youth & Children's Choir which performs at the 9 am Family-friendly Eucharist, Alison will serve as a paid voice and cantor for the 10:30 am Choral Eucharist. She is excited to get to know our faith community and, with the good ministry of Dr. Gehrenbeck, to inspire new levels of musical expressions of faith.

We also welcome the return of Janet MacNally, a long time parishioner. During this past year of her diaconal training program she was deployed by the bishop to serve at Epiphany in Plymouth. She is now in her final year of study to be a deacon and will serve here as a non-paid minister during this time. Janet will be here Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoon through evenings helping with pastoral care. In addition she will be here Sunday mornings working with the various liturgies. God willing and the Church consenting she will be ordained in June of 2007 and deployed by the bishop to serve the diocese. If you would like to know more about the diaconate, speak with Janet or Deacon Rick.

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

## ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Join us on **Wednesday evenings at 6 pm** for the video series, *Living Faith*, an exploration of the essentials of Christianity led by Tom Wright, Bishop of Durham in the Church of England. If you missed this series on Sunday mornings, this is your opportunity to review important aspects of Christian life from a new perspective.

The *Living Faith* series format includes a 30 minute video presentation followed by group discussion. Our schedule spans 10 weeks, **beginning September 13:**

- Sep. 13 The Story and Message of the Bible
- Sep. 20 The Hebrew Scriptures
- Sep. 27 The World, Life and Ministry of Jesus
- Oct. 4 The Gospel Testimonies to Jesus
- Oct. 11 Paul and the Outward Movement
- Oct. 18 A Brief History of Christianity
- Oct. 25 Christian Doctrines and Beliefs
- Nov. 1 Other Religions and Beliefs
- Nov. 8 Growing In and Sharing Christ
- Nov. 15 Living Christianly in the World

### Adult Forum

#### Rally Day

**Sunday, September 10, 9 am**

**Do you have a personal Bible?** Do you feel comfortable using it? If not, we can help!

We will offer various versions of the Bible for sale between Eucharists on that day, and at 9 am, a brief forum on how to approach it. Come and join us, and find a Bible that will be perfect for you!

### Early Fall Adult Forum Series

Anglicanism 101

*or*

### Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Being Episcopalian (*But Were Afraid To Ask*)

Many of us in the Episcopal Church come from different traditions, or from none at all. (It doesn't matter!) There are lots of things that puzzle even cradle Episcopalian. If you have ever had questions about basic beliefs and traditions in our church, please come and be part of the discussion at our early fall series. We'll all learn something, and we'll get to know each other better. No homework, and no tests!

When: Six **Sundays, beginning September 17**, in the Parlor

Presentation 10 am – 10:25 am

Discussion 10:30 am – 11:00 am

Facilitated by Kathy Smith and the Rev. Marilyn Baldwin

## PASSAGES

### BAPTISMS

Jonathan Dean Stedt 8/13/2006

Saige Kathleen Tinsley 8/13/2006

### NEW TRANSFERS

Anne Elisabeth Herron 8/9/2006

The name of the Rev. J. Greenlee Haynes, Rector of our parish from 1956 to 1978, was misspelled in the Minutes of the June 21, 2006 Ministry Forum printed in last month's Voice. We apologize for this error.

### YES, IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME AGAIN

A new Chancel Choir season seems much more realistic than it did a month ago. Indeed, the startup date is Wednesday, September 6, at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room.

Every fall, it seems, it takes a few weeks to rev up to full throttle (or voice). We are hoping this year might be different, and there are some very good reasons why! Come on September 6 and find out!

The choir's first Sunday morning will be Rally Day, September 10, at the 10 o'clock liturgy, and from then on during 10:30 worship.

Do join us, and make a joyful, well-tuned noise!

David Gehrenbeck,  
Organist/Choirmaster



## Bible Readings

September 3

Labor Day Weekend

8 am & 10 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 17

Deuteronomy 4:1-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Psalm 15

September 10

Rally Day

Grandparents' Day

8 am & 10 am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 18

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:31-37

Psalm 146

September 17

Commitment Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19

Isaiah 50:4-9

James 2:1-5,8-10,14-18

Mark 9:14-29

Psalm 116:1-8

September 24

7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 20

Wisdom 1:16-2:1,12-22

James 3:16-4:6

Mark 9:30-37

Psalm 54

*Underlined verses are read  
during the 9:00 am  
family-friendly liturgy.*

## VESTRY HILITES

The Vestry met on July 11, 2006.

Items discussed were:

Second Harvest Heartland proposal

Columbarium order

Necessity for video/sound capability in the Parish Hall

Options for additional clergy

Commitment Sunday

Building Use Policy

The following motions were passed.

1. The Property Committee may spend up to \$1000 for weed control on the cemetery grounds.
2. The Property Committee may spend up to \$700 to cover the cost of installing seven benches in the cemetery if the anticipated funding for this project does not come through.
3. To accept a bid from enVIROmatic Corp. of Mpls. to clean the kitchen vents at a cost of \$669 for the first cleaning and approximately \$350 every two years from here forward.
4. The Vestry accepts the contract proposal with Second Harvest Heartland that will provide reduced cost food for the Out To Lunch program.

The Vestry met on August 8, 2006.

Items discussed were staffing, the upcoming pledge drive, sound system proposals, space analysis for the building, items for the Memorials and Gifts giving list, recommendations for use of profits from the Haynes' property sale, and spending within a committee's approved budget.

The following motions were passed:

1. To designate \$5,000 of the Transitional Deacon's stipend as housing allowance.
2. To accept Margaret Thor as a replacement delegate for the 2006 Convention.
3. To accept Marilyn Baldwin as Transitional Deacon.
4. To accept Alison Lund as a part time music staff member.
5. To use the remainder of the children's music budget plus Capital Campaign growth portion funds, not to exceed \$15,000, to support the part time music staff position for the next twelve months.
6. To go forward with the sound and video system with a cost not to exceed \$15,000. The funding for this project will be determined by the Treasurer, Wardens, and Property Committee.
7. To add the following items to the approved giving list:
  - a. Sound system for Church, Parlor, Parish Hall, and outside.
  - b. AV equipment for the Parlor.
  - c. Two chairs for funeral reception serving.
  - d. A small chair with arms for the ladies bathroom.
8. To move \$50,000 of the \$171,000 profits from the Haynes' property sale into the endowment fund at St. Paul Foundation, invest \$100,000 into a short term, high interest bearing fund, and allocate \$20,000 for the space improvement analysis and sound system expenses.
9. The Vestry approves a new spending limit of \$1,000 for amended or non budgeted items as long as funding is available within a committee's approved annual budget.

The Vestry meets next on September 12, 2006 at 7 pm in the Church Parlor.

# St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-September 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>Every Monday</b> 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>Every Tuesday</b> 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall) 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 494	<b>Every Wednesday</b> 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Youth Choir <b>7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</b> 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>Every Thursday</b> Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8 am Eucharist (no music) 10 am Choral Eucharist and Holy Baptism (with music) Nursery care available	<b>4 Labor Day</b> Office Closed 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>5</b> <b>See Every Tuesday above</b> 2:30 pm Cerenity HealthEast Eucharist 4 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm Altar Guild	<b>6</b> <b>See Every Wednesday above</b> Choir Season begins tonight 7:30 pm Healing Ministry (Parlor)	<b>7</b> 9 am carpet cleaning Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Rally Day</b> <b>Grandparents' Day</b> 8 am Eucharist (no music) 9 am Adult Bible Forum 10 am Choral Eucharist (with music) Nursery care available 6-8 pm Senior High Youth Group	<b>11</b> 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>12</b> <b>See Every Tuesday above</b> 7 pm Vestry Meeting (Parlor) until 8:30 pm	<b>13</b> <b>See Every Wednesday above</b> 3:30 pm St. Andrew's Village Communion 5:30 pm Light Suppers begin 6 pm Adult Education begins 6:15 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation with parents 7 pm Jr. High Youth Group	<b>14</b> <b>Noon Holy Cross Day Eucharist</b> Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline 2:30 pm Cerenity HealthEast Eucharist	<b>15</b> October Voice Deadline	<b>16</b> 11 am Episcopal Church Women Luncheon (North Oaks Country Club) Minnesota Day at the National Cathedral
<b>17 Commitment Sunday</b> 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Family-friendly Eucharist 10 am Christian Education 10:30 am Choral Eucharist Nursery care at 9 & 10:30 6 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Meeting with Mentors Minnesota Day at Nat'l Cathedral	<b>18</b> 7 pm Outreach Committee Meeting 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>19</b> <b>See Every Tuesday above</b>	<b>20</b> <b>See Every Wednesday above</b> 11:30 am Retired Men's Group Lunch (Key's downtown WBL) 1 pm Warden/Rector Meeting 5:30 pm Light Supper 6 pm Adult Education 6:15 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 7 pm Jr. High Youth Group 7:30 pm Good Grief Group	<b>21</b> Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Family-friendly Eucharist 10 am Christian Education 10:30 am Choral Eucharist Nursery care at 9 & 10:30 Liturgy & Music Committee Meeting after late worship Noon BeFriends (Parlor) 6-8 pm Senior High Youth Group	<b>25</b> Clergy Conference 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>26</b> <b>See Every Tuesday above</b> Clergy Conference 6:30 pm Welcoming & Evangelism Committee Meeting (Caribou Coffee, Hwy 96 & Centerville Rd) All are welcome!	<b>27</b> <b>See Every Wednesday above</b> Clergy Conference 5:30 pm Light Supper 6 pm Adult Education 6:15 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 7 pm Jr. High Youth Group	<b>28</b> Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	<b>29</b> Northern Teens Encounter Christ Planning Meeting (St. Cloud) through Saturday	<b>30</b> 11:30 am Out to Lunch (Parish Hall)

## **SUPPORT OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRIES**

Fall is quickly approaching and our Wednesday evening fellowship, worship and education opportunities are here also. We begin with a community meal at 5:30, followed by education time at 6, and Eucharist at 7 pm. It's a great way to get to know people on a first-name basis, and to experience the Eucharist on a different level. We welcome everyone to participate.

To support this weekly ministry, volunteers are needed to provide a light meal for twenty to thirty people. Do you feel called to provide this hospitality, perhaps one week a month? Partner with a friend and make it fun! Please contact Rev. Marilyn at 651/429-5351 ext. 16 to sign up.

## **EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Episcopal Community Services has been around since 1963, and is still the best kept secret in our Diocese. Acting through love, ECS programs offer encouragement and support to those in need, no matter their race, gender, creed, or financial circumstances. As a mission driven organization, we are dedicated to assisting families in crisis and youth at risk across the Midwest by helping them achieve and maintain a better quality of life. In spite of its record of service and accomplishments and its sterling reputation in the field of social service, ECS receives no funding from the Diocese or the greater church. It therefore relies on the support of every parish and the community as a whole. For more information visit [www.ecsmn.org](http://www.ecsmn.org) or call 612/874-8823.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

The Stewardship Committee has goals for 2007. Our number one goal is to get as many church members as possible to pledge. Last year 61% of us pledged. Our second goal is to get the average pledge per household up closer to or past the overall Diocese of Minnesota average pledge (about \$2,100). Please prayerfully consider the amount of your pledge.

We hope you return your pledge form by or on Commitment Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need another pledge form, one is printed on the center page of this Voice Newsletter (directly to the right of this article) for you to cut out. If you cannot attend Commitment Sunday on the 17<sup>th</sup> or prefer to get it in early, please drop it off in the Parish Administrator mail slot near the Master Calendar desk on the south (1<sup>st</sup> Street) side of the church, or mail it back (address on the front page of the Voice).

Our youth can also pledge and contribute! This is our third goal, to involve our youth as active credited pledgers. Through Rally Sunday events, Sunday School and Youth Ministries, special materials will be available for all youth and children interested in participating.

## **"COFFEE HOUR MAKERS & TREATERS"**

The Hospitality Committee thanks July Treaters Marge Polanek, Penny Nap, Tim & Susan Schmuck, Helen Kissel, Alice McClaren, Janet Kelber, Joann Smith, Ken & Carole Paddock, Linda Carpenter, and Alma Limbach. Thanks to Charlie & Josie Power for their delicious raspberries. Thank you also to our monthly Coffee Makers and Hosts: Mary & Jim Bartley and Sandy Stevenson, Amy Hawley and Joanna Torgerson, Janet Kelber and Joann Smith, Kathryn Smith, and Alma Limbach. Anyone willing to help Kathryn on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday or Alma on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday monthly please call Janet Kelber at 651/484-7193. A big thank you to all who help out on any given Sunday.

## **REMEMBERING KATRINA: VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED ON GULF COAST**

Long-term recovery efforts continue on the Gulf Coast a year after Hurricane Katrina devastated the region on August 29, 2005. Volunteers are still needed to help in that work.

Camp Coast Care (CCC) on the campus of Coast Episcopal School in Long Beach, Mississippi (<http://www.campcoastcare.com>), operates a recovery and reconstruction ministry to those in need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast as well as considering itself to be a "Christian community of faith that provides welcome and hospitality to any volunteer wishing to serve in the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort," according to the camp's website. The camp's operations are about to move into a new facility that will be fully air conditioned and will accommodate up to 100 volunteers a night.

Although there is a critical need for skilled construction laborers, there are ample opportunities for participants at all levels of skill. Opportunities include rebuilding homes damaged by Katrina, building one- and two-bedroom cabins for those still needing permanent housing, working with the camp's case-management in-take system and working at the CCC site, in the kitchen, tool shed, office, and other places.

# ECW BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Join us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ECW Birthday Luncheon at 11 am on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at North Oaks Country Club. The buffet lunch will consist of Chicken Christine, baby red potatoes, vegetable du jour, mixed green salad, rolls & butter, and chocolate cake. The cost of the luncheon is \$13.00.

This year we will be entertained by **A Banjo Belle Jazz Band**. Along with a great lunch and fabulous entertainment, put your name in the "HAT" to win fantastic prizes! We will give away two round trip airline tickets, Viking and Wild tickets, and many more prizes.

Invite friends, neighbors and relatives.

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

Please fill out the form below and return with full payment to church **by Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please place your reservation in the ECW mail slot by the office. If you have any questions or would like to contribute a centerpiece, please 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 11<sup>th</sup> to

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



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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed (\$13.00 per person)** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2007 Financial Stewardship Commitment

Please print:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I(we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church through St. John in the Wilderness, the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, and the National Church. (Please complete one giving option below.)

Weekly \$	Semi Monthly \$	Monthly \$	Quarterly \$	Semi Yearly \$	Yearly \$
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Do you want a book of weekly envelopes? If yes, you *must* return this pledge form by 9/17/2006. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the name of the individual to whom 2007 financial contributions shall be attributed in church record keeping computer programs. Thank you!

St John's is in my/our Estate Plan. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Tell me more about this. \_\_\_\_\_

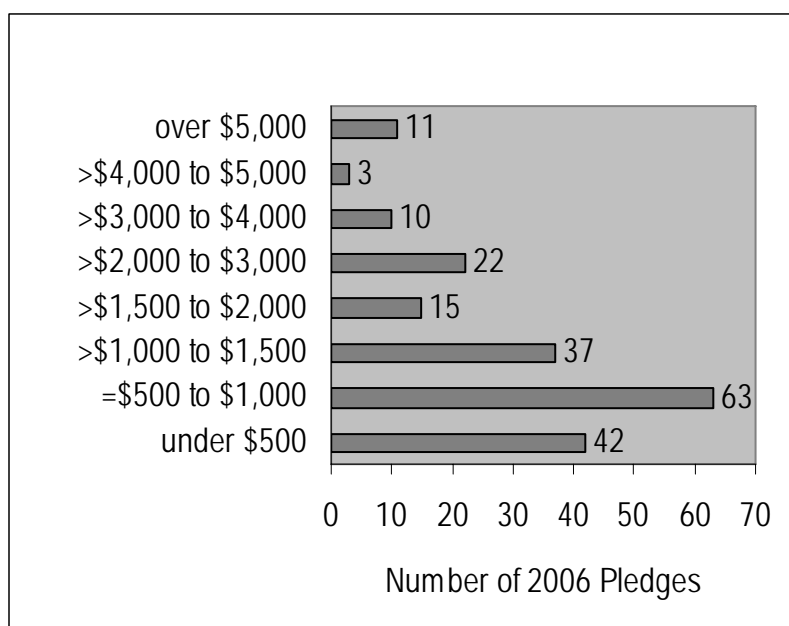
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## VESTRY GOALS FOR 2006 PROGRESS REPORT

The Vestry is committed to providing leadership and support for our parish through work focused in the areas of finance and property. It is not possible to measure our success without setting reasonable goals to guide our progress. While additional goals may be added to this work plan during this Vestry term or revised due to a need to rethink priorities, the Vestry has approved the following goals for 2006:

1. The Advisory Committee to the Vestry has been charged with development of a focused strategic plan for 2006-2007 to support our primary ministries and provide infrastructure for the Church. **Approved June 13 and work has begun on implementation. See plan for update.**
2. Assess need for additional clergy staff; analyze costs and recommend availability of funds for this purpose. **Transitional Deacon Marilyn Baldwin has been hired part-time to assist us in areas such as adult education. Ordination to the Priesthood scheduled in December.**
3. Work with the Stewardship Committee to design suitable fund raising strategies to support the work of the Church. **Plan in progress with Commitment Sunday scheduled on September 17.**
4. Establish a policy and procedure for the rental of Church space to outside groups. **First draft reviewed in April / Second draft discussed in July / Final draft in progress.**
5. Complete of the sale of the Haynes property and determine use of funds moving forward. **\$171,000 has been realized from the sale of the property willed to St. John's by former Rector Greenlee Haynes. There were no restrictions on the use of this bequest by Haynes so the Vestry will begin discussion on proper stewardship of funds at the August meeting.**
6. Oversee installation of air conditioning units prior to the beginning of the cooling season in May 2006 as approved in 2005. **Hallelujah! Completed in May!**
7. Ensure installation of the Church Security System approved in 2005. **Work completed in March.**
8. Complete installation of a Columbarium approved in 2005, establish policies and procedures as necessary for operation of the Cemetery and affirm prices for the purchase of plots/units. **Policies and Procedures approved, rates set, survey scheduled for completion in August with the columbarium installation to commence this fall.**
9. Approve bids for the purchase of grounds maintenance service as recommended by the Property Committee. **Approved in May.**

Follow our progress on the bulletin board inside the entrance from the parking lot; in the Voice or on the website: [www.stjohnwilderness.org](http://www.stjohnwilderness.org). Questions, concerns or compliments can be addressed to Therese Branby, Senior Warden at 651/653-3601 or Email: [tcranby@msn.com](mailto:tcranby@msn.com). The Vestry is committed to open dialogue and communication with the membership of St. John's.



### Facts

- In 2006, 61% of households who appear in St. John's directory pledged; 39% did not.
- The average annual pledge among Diocese of Minnesota churches is \$2,100, 34<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
- St. John's average 2006 pledge was \$1,692.

### Goals

- Increase the number of pledges, approaching 100% of member households.
- Increase pledges to the next higher \$ category.
- Meet or exceed the \$2,100 diocesan average pledge value.
- Involve youth/children as active, credited pledgers.

*(Where) were you on the chart at left?  
Where can you be in 2007?*

## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The Memorial & Gift Committee maintains a list of the approved items that may be given to the church. If you are interested in giving one of these items, please contact a member of the Committee: Bev Boyle 429-6769, June Hochbrunn 762-6662, Barbara Merrill 429-1005, John Johnson 429-0618, Jack Reed 762-7583, or Judy Kroesch 429-0291. (All phone numbers listed are area code 651.)

### Approved items and approximate costs (if known):

Sacristy remodeling	\$2,000
Church Nave baseboard restoration	
new pew-back tract racks	
changeable entrance sign	\$50
Parish Hall round tables	
St. John's processional banner	\$400
Gospel Book ceremonial cover	+\$400
unity candle stand	+\$500
Book of Occasional Readings	\$100
sound system for Church Nave, Parlor, Parish Hall, outside areas, etc.	\$15,000
Parlor projection screen & white board cabinet	\$800
2 reception serving chairs	\$500
Ladies' Restroom small armchair	
Prayer Books, Hymnals, Library books, choir robes, and altar linens.	

## SO WHAT TIME IS IT?

You guessed it. Time to start weeding out and cleaning up for the Fall Rummage Sale. The All Parish Sale is Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 8 pm. Public Sales are Friday, 10/6, 9 - 3 (items as priced) and Saturday, 10/7, 9 - noon, (\$2/bag). "Shop as you work" dates are Monday, 10/2 - Friday, 10/6. Worker lunches are served Tuesday - Friday, and child care is provided those days. You may bring rummage beginning Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Place it behind the Parish Hall divider cabinets. Do not block EXIT doors. Leave nothing in the entryway. No large items are allowed unless cleared first. Do not bring anything that doesn't work. Of course, a Saturday cleanup crew is a must. Questions? Call Lynn Gadbois, 426-3402, Christine Karp, 653-6369, or Pat Pickering, 429-0223. (All area codes are 651.)



## Spiritual Spa:

Stilling and Stirring the BodyMindSpirit

Does your BodyMindSpirit feel out of balance?

Does your spiritual energy need a boost?

**Reserve Saturday, November 11, 2006, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm for a special treat—and retreat.**

Our focus for this year's Spiritual Spa is **how to unearth and celebrate joy in everyday living**. The Healing Team is planning a day-long retreat concluding with a healing service.

Participants are welcomed to bring a bag lunch or to enjoy a soup lunch, which we'll provide.

Join us to laugh, share, create and pray together. Learn how joy is a key element in maintaining balance in BodyMindSpirit and in developing our prayer lives.

The retreat is open to all teens and adults, parish members and non-members. There is no cost, but we will welcome contributions to cover the costs of materials and food. We'll publicize registration details in October.

Cathryn Bashore,  
Colleen Johnson,  
Dianne DelGiorno,  
The Rev. Joanie Delamater,  
and Sherri Afryl



The mission trip crew before leaving the airport for New York City (above). Getting instructions before handing out bag lunches at St. Thomas Episcopal Church to the homeless (below).



# St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-September 2006

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
<b>3 Labor Day Weekend</b> 8:00 June Bennett  10:00 Ken Paddock	8:00 Marge Polanek  10:00 Jim Delamater	We 6, 7 pm Joe Afryl  8:00 Pris Campbell Judy Kroesch  10:00 Lee Wilson Bob Peck	10:00 Henry Schneider Moertels Amy Whillock	8:00 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski  10:00 Mark Hosfield Walkinses Johnsons	10:00 Anne Herron	Jeanne LeFevre Cyndi Domin Judy Kroesch Bette Smeed	Chris Hawley
<b>10 Rally Day</b> 8:00 Bob Peck  10:00 Lee Wilson	8:00 David Gadbois  10:00 John Fennig	We 13, 7 pm Judy Kroesch  8:00 Mary Whitney Jane Kyle  10:00 Joe Afryl Sherri Afryl	10:00 Lauren Warchol Louis Karp Ben Long	8:00 Brunners Domins Cossalters  10:00 Jim Hartmeister Mike Gerlach Pickerings	10:00 Sally Holtz	Jane Kyle Deb Schmit Janet Waller Mary Whitney	Jason Knauss
<b>17 Commitment Sunday</b> 7:30 Joe Afryl  10:30 Colleen Johnson	7:30 Sherri Afryl  9:00 Kim Severson  10:30 Helen Kissel	We 20, 7 pm Ken Paddock  7:30 June Bennett  9:00 Bari Chilton Ed Chilton  10:30 Bob Peck	9:00 Thors Mariers  10:30 Colleen Johnson Sherri Afryl Jeanne LeFevre	7:30 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski  9:00 Bryan DeSmet Branbys  10:30 Mark Hosfield Jim Marier Linda Carpenter	9:00 Gayle Kasmani  10:30 Therese Branby	Joann Smith Sherri Afryl Keiko Farrar Pat Gagin	John Brunner
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## STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

### A. Communication

Strategy: To develop and implement methods to connect the various parts (clergy and staff, lay leadership, committees, members, and the community) of our church effectively with one another so that all the activities and programs of St. John's are well coordinated toward fulfilling our mission to the greater glory of God.

1. Define and support the rector's role in a program church and educate the parish.
2. Develop a communications plan to educate and integrate new members into the parish community.
3. Restructure communications between the many working committees and between working committees and church leaders.
4. Better integrate St. John's into the surrounding community.

#### **Progress:**

- Plans are in initial stages to create a unified visual image for the Church in the community and a weekly update that can be sent to members and friends by email is in progress.
- St. John's maintained a presence in the Manitou Days Grand Parade and Pet Parade, and at Marketfest.
- Linkage to the community is being created on an ongoing basis by programs such as: Habitat for Humanity projects coordinated by George Gorbatenko; the expanded Out to Lunch program, Committee Chair Gail Kasmani; Social Justice Committee; and Hurricane Katrina efforts in Mississippi spearheaded by the Schmuck family. Other projects are also underway.

### B. Newcomers and Laity

Strategy: To develop a program to integrate new members into St. John's.

1. Expand new member orientation.
2. Formalize the membership process.
3. Expand adult education offerings to suit differing needs of parishioners.
4. Improve hospitality.
5. Expand and improve ministry offerings.

#### **Progress:**

- Transitional Deacon Marilyn Baldwin will be assigned to work with Welcoming & Evangelism to support work to educate and integrate new members into parish life.
- Baldwin will also work to expand adult education offerings for the membership.

### C. Space

Strategy: Enable St. John in the Wilderness to meet the needs of a growing congregation, to pinpoint the church as a central figure in the larger White Bear area community, and to allow for a stronger and more diversified future by effectively using our space consistent with the goals of a program church

1. Reconfigure our existing space.
2. Update what we have.
3. Plan for future expansion.

#### **Progress:**

- The Property Committee chaired by Brent Torgerson is in the process of securing a consultant to conduct a space analysis based on our current and future staffing and program needs. Areas identified include staff office and storage space, creation of flexible areas for meetings and ministries including private space for counseling, assessment of kitchen and bathrooms with ideas for low cost updates and ideas for better use of the parish hall and children's wing.
- An analysis of our sound system is currently in progress.

### D. Policies and Procedures

Strategy: Provide a structured environment for growth and continuity so that we can easily assimilate staff members and all church members. The structure should enable ease of transition, enhance the flow of information, and avoid duplication of effort.

1. Analyze and identify the various functions of St. John's.
2. Examine the goals/best use of resources with regard to each component.
3. Determine needs of each component.
4. Review in what ways the needs of each component overlap or conflict.
5. Prioritize and institute needs on a workable schedule.

#### **Progress:**

- Policies and Procedures-Janet Waller, Personnel Committee, has begun the development process for Personnel Policies and Procedures for the Church.
- The Rector's job description has been completed and staff descriptions will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee and revised as necessary.



### September Birthdays

- 1 Elizabeth MacNally
- 3 Stephen Johnson
- 3 Jane Kyle
- 4 Caroline Sullivan
- 6 Helen Kissel
- 6 Robert Prochnow
- 7 Sarah Ford
- 7 Susan Mahoney
- 8 Lawrence Gange
- 9 Nathaniel Beske
- 10 Maggie Anthony
- 10 Nancy Hough
- 11 Constance Kunin
- 12 Eugene Napiwoski
- 12 Kate Schmuck
- 13 Gretchen Brunner
- 13 Ryan Domin
- 13 Matthew Moertel
- 14 Junice Hochbrunn
- 15 Julia Braaten
- 15 Jacob McClaren
- 16 Bruce Canterbury
- 16 Diane Cornell
- 16 Gregory Harris
- 16 William Long
- 18 Richard Oswald
- 18 Jordan Warchol
- 19 Julian Cox
- 19 Maria Gorbatenko
- 19 Sara McBride
- 19 Mary Walker
- 21 Roberta Lutgen
- 21 Jonathan Oglesby
- 22 Burnett Sullivan
- 22 E. Jane Sullivan
- 22 Whitney Winn
- 23 Max Stevenson
- 23 Mary Whitney
- 25 Lindsay Plocher
- 25 Katherine Prochnow
- 26 Erica Eimon
- 26 Jason Knauss
- 27 Donald Kroesch
- 27 Sharon Lund
- 27 Abigail McVay
- 27 Arthur Trapp
- 29 Nancy Cottle
- 29 Eric Thor
- 29 Chuck Van Steen
- 30 Joseph Paredes

*If you have a birthday this month but are not listed above, please e-mail or telephone the Parish Administrator at the church office. Records are not always complete. Thank you.*

## FIELD TRIP TO THE GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION IN WEST BEND, IOWA SEPTEMBER 15 - 16

I am planning a Junior High Youth Group trip to The Grotto in West Bend Iowa, 3.5 hours from the Twin Cities. It would be fun if others from St John's would join us. The Grotto is a composite of nine separate Grottos, each portraying a scene in the life of Christ. The Grotto includes the largest collection of precious stones and gems found in any single location. The artistry has to be seen to be appreciated, plus the message it gives is beyond words. It is frequently considered as the "Eighth Wonder of the World." The Grotto was placed on the National Register of Historical Places in 2001. The Iowan Magazine has described the Grotto as a "Miracle in Stone".

The plan is to travel on Friday September 15, leaving the church at 5:30 pm, stopping for dinner half way down at a fast food spot. There are two options for accommodations. I will bring a tent and plan on camping in the campsite right next to the Grotto. There is also a nice motel right next to the Grotto and the campsite.

Rooms are available from \$62.96 - \$103.95 (plus tax). We will eat breakfast at the country club, take the 1 hour tour of the Grotto, have lunch at the café, and then there will be time to wander on your own throughout the Grotto. We will leave West Bend no later than 12:30 so that we are back in the Twin Cities by 5:30 pm. Costs:

Three meals (per person)	\$18.00
Camping (per tent)	\$10.00
Adult Tour	\$5.00
or Child Tour	\$2.50

All (including families) are welcome to join. Please sign your name on the signup sheet if you are coming. Feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have questions.

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### ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS AT EPISCOPAL YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

### THE REV. DEACON RICK OFFICIATING A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE BOY SCOUTS AT CAMP TOMAHAWK



# The Youth Voice

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Registration

Please come to Rally Day on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and register for youth programs for the upcoming school year. All youth, grades 6-12, must be registered to be involved with any of the youth programs, group times, or classes.

A list will also be available with youth events already scheduled for 2006-2007.

### Senior High Youth Group

Senior High youth group meets 6-8 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays monthly. Our first meeting is on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We encouraged all youth in grades 9-12 to participate.

### Junior High Youth Group

Youth group for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders begins Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 pm up in the Youth Gathering Room. We'll go over some orientation information for the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders and reconnect with old friends. I hope to see you all there!

### First Year Confirmation

First Year Confirmation, open to youth in grades 9+, meets Wednesdays from 6:15-7 pm. Alison Feigh and Max Stevenson will give an overview of the 2-year program during a meeting on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-7 pm in the Parlor, for parents and youth interested in the Confirmation program. After the meeting each youth can decide if s/he would like to participate. RSVP to Alison by September 1<sup>st</sup> so we can provide the correct amount of materials at this meeting.

### Second Year Confirmation

We will have the youth, parent, and mentor meeting for those entering their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Confirmation at 6 pm on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will hand out materials, explain the program and have time to meet with your mentor/mentee.

### Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

TEC weekends are open to youth in grades 9-12. Forms will be available for Northern TEC at St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Cloud in mid-September. All youth who have attended as a candidate will receive team forms at their home address. The team overnight is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud.

The TEC weekend is planned for MEA. Team arrives in St. Cloud at 7 pm on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Candidates arrive by 10:30 am on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The weekend runs through Sunday. To be a first time attendee please talk to Alison Feigh or one of the TEC team members for a form and more information.

A Fall TEC weekend closer to home, through the St. Paul TEC program, is currently on the calendar for November 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Both of these TEC programs are a wonderful way to grow in faith within the context of a Christian community.

### Thought for the Month

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these."

— George Washington Carver

Join us in the Parish Hall on Rally Day, Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to register for Learning Time. Children's Learning Time is a program for children entering preschool through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We gather each week in the Education Wing following 9 am worship. We will use two different teaching formats this year to support our *Back to the Basics* theme. One week, Godly Play will be used to explore bible stories and their meanings. This curriculum encourages children to wonder about the lesson of the day and to use their creativity to express their experiences. On alternate weeks the emphasis will be on the fundamentals of our faith and church community.

If you are unable to attend on Rally Day, you may pick up a registration form outside of the Gathering Room. If you have questions or would like to volunteer in Children's Ministry, please contact Christine Karp (651/653-6369) or Alison Feigh (651/429-5351 ext. 12).

Our classes begin on Commitment Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### FAMILIES INC.

Join us on **Rally Sunday, September 10** after 10 am worship for family fun at church! We will again have a Bounce House and other fun activities for kids. Each child must have a permission slip (available Rally Day) signed by his/her parent/guardian before going in the Bounce House.