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SUNDAY MORNING

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Family Eucharist
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

Nursery Care at 9 & 10:30 am, & 7 pm Worship

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

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THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

On Epiphany (January 6), we remember the manifestation, or showing forth, of the Christ Child to the world in the account of the Wise Men. The Star of Bethlehem becomes the sign that the Christ, the light of the world, has come. On the following Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of Christ. On January 8 at 10:30 am, we will also celebrate the sacrament of baptism for three of the Kroesch's grandchildren.

In the weeks which follow Epiphany, we continue to celebrate other events in Jesus' ministry. Each story offers us insight into the nature of God in relation to humanity. We recall his first miracle, changing water into wine; his first healing; his calling of the disciples; and his first preaching. Each of these events reveal Jesus as God's Son and helps us explore more deeply his unconditional love for us and the role he plays in our salvation.

The liturgical texts for this period are very expressive of its meaning and embody many of the symbols, both biblical and cultural, which came to be part of the season:

- “ . . .you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world” (Collect for the Feast of the Holy Name, BCP, page 213).
- “ . . .grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity” (Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas, BCP, page 214).
- “ . . .in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son, Jesus Christ” (Proper Preface of Epiphany, BCP, page 378).
- “ . . .grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior” (Collect for the First Sunday after Epiphany, BCP, page 214).

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Don't wait until Lent to return to Church. Venture out in the cold to find the warmth of Christ at St. John's each and every Sunday in January. See you in Church.

Fr. Mark

A Festival of
Nine Lessons
and Carols,
Sunday,
December 11,
2005



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

The Gospel of Matthew

On Sunday mornings Jan. 8 and Jan. 29, from 10 to 11 am in the Parlor, we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. Our primary references are *The Gospel of Matthew (Interpreting Biblical Texts series)*, Donald Senior, Abingdon Press, 1997; and *Reading Matthew. A Literary and Theological Commentary*, David E. Garland, Smyth & Helwys, 2001.

Bible Study

On Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 pm in the Parish Hall, we will have a *lectio divina* bible study on the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings.

A River Echoes in My Ministry

On Sunday January 22, The Rev. Rosalie Hall, great granddaughter of two prominent Minneapolis families — Heffelfinger and Peavey — will share with us the journey that finally led her to accept a call to become an Episcopal priest, as described in her new book *A River Echoes in My Ministry* (Kirk House Publishers, 2005, ISBN 1-886513-87-2).

The Adult Christian Formation Schedule

Sundays (10 to 11 am, in the Parlor)

- Jan 1** No meeting
Jan 8 The Gospel of Matthew 4: Restoring Life to Others: Jesus the Healer (8:2—9:35). Great Harvest and Great Dangers: The Mission Discourse (9:36—10:42)
Jan 15 Annual Church Meeting
Jan 22 “A River Echoes in My Ministry,” with The Rev. Rosalie Heffelfinger Hall.
Jan 29 The Gospel of Matthew 5: Doubt, Indifference, and Dissent (11:2—12:45). The Mysteries of the Kingdom Revealed (12:46—13:58).

Wednesdays (6 to 7 pm, in the Parish Hall):

- Jan 4** *Lectio Divina* Bible Study of the Readings for the First Sunday after Epiphany
Jan 11 *Lectio Divina* Bible Study of the Readings for the Second Sunday after Epiphany
Jan 18 *Lectio Divina* Bible Study of the Readings for the Third Sunday after Epiphany
Jan 25 *Lectio Divina* Bible Study of the Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Feb 1 *Lectio Divina* Bible Study of the Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Our Web Site and Committee

www.StJohnAdultEd.Org includes series information, our schedule, and downloadable prior presentation overheads or PowerPoint slides. Comments, questions or suggestions? Interested in joining the Adult Education and Formation Committee? Contact David Monyak: phone 651/481-8697, email d.monyak@comcast.net.

PASSAGES

NEW TRANSFERS

Victor Lee	11/28/2005
Susan Lee	11/28/2005
Lindsey Lee	11/28/2005
Madeline Lee	11/28/2005

MARRIAGE

Brian & Holly James 12/3/2005

WELCOMING & EVANGELISM

The next Welcoming & Evangelism Committee Meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 1/24/2006 in the Caribou Coffee meeting room (corner of Hwy 96 & 35E). We look forward to seeing everyone interested in learning more about Welcoming & Evangelism. Feel free to contact Krista Sullivan at 651/484-2263 with your questions.

THANK YOU!

This is merely a heartfelt “thank you” to all of you who helped make our 2005 service of Lessons and Carols so memorable. These words may not be adequate, but indeed they are heartfelt!

I must confess that I enjoy preparing for Lessons and Carols considerably, although there are always many anxious moments along the way. This year everything seemed to fall into place, the weather included. To have a choir that virtually overflows the choir chancel is always a thrill, particularly when everyone is watching and remembering all the little nuances that are so important.

And there are so many unsung heroes (no pun intended): from the page-turner to the kitchen cleanup crew, and certainly all those who had a hand in putting everything together, I give thanks, again, that we can continue to celebrate the coming of Christ in this way.

—David Gehrenbeck,
organist/choirmaster

VESTRY HILITES

The Vestry met on Dec. 13, 2005

Barb Merrill reviewed the proposed changes to the by-laws.

The Rev. John Rettger has been hired to temporarily fill in during Rev. Joanie's absence.

The Vestry would like to thank the Episcopal Church Women for their generous support of our parish through various grant requests.

Thank you, David Gehrenbeck and the choirs, for the exceptional performance at Lessons and Carols.

A request for building use was discussed.

The Financial Plan for 2006 was examined.

The following motions were passed:

1. The Vestry approved the proposed 2006 Financial Plan that is to be presented to the parish at the Annual Meeting.
2. The Vestry approved the annual clergy housing allowance.
3. The Vestry expresses its concurrence with the current by-laws, which are consistent with Diocesan and National Cannons, pertaining to Vestry size.

The Vestry meets next on January 10, 2006 at 7 pm in the church Parlor.

MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS

In prayer, we open ourselves to God's Love and will. Studying scripture allows us to receive, as inspiration, a way of living into that Divine Love. Beginning January 10th at 9 am, St. John's will offer Morning Prayer, a simple, yet profound, service from our Book of Common Prayer. This practice has a rich history in the Episcopal Church. Bible study will follow using readings from the Sunday ahead. You need not prepare in advance, just come join us. Childcare will begin in February. Please call Judy Kroesch at 651/429-0291 or Colleen Johnson at 651/633-6687 with your questions.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Safe Church training is offered Saturday, January 21st from 9 am - noon. Alison Feigh will conduct this important abuse prevention training. Pre-register with Maureen in the office (wilderness2@stjohnwilderness.org or by phone). The materials, training, and background check cost is \$10. Please contact Alison at 651/429-5351 ext. 12 with your questions, or if the cost is a problem. Building access codes will change at the first of the year. Per diocesan requirements, only Safe Church trained parishioners may have at will access to the church beginning in 2006.

KUDOS TO OUR WEBMASTER!

"I just wanted to say it is very generous of you to make your adult education courses available to folks far away! My family and I have been displaced by Katrina, and it has been a joy to find this web site. Thank you and I look forward to being a regular reader."

Joe Giarrusso, Jr.

Bible Readings

January 1

Exodus 34:1-8

Romans 1:1-7

Luke 2:15-21

Psalm 8

January 8

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-38

Mark 1:7-11

Psalm 89:20-29

January 15

1 Samuel 3:1-10

1 Corinthians 6:11b-20

John 1:43-51

Psalm 63:1-8

January 22

Jeremiah 3:21-4:2

1 Corinthians 7:17-23

Mark 1:14-20

Psalm 130

January 29

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1b-13

Mark 1:21-28

Psalm 111

Underlined verses are read during the family service.



Rev. Grant Abbott, Executive Director of the St. Paul Area Council of Churches, on Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2005.

St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-January 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day The Holy Name 10:00 am Choral Eucharist Nursery Care available	2 Office Closed 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	3 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group in the Parish Hall 2:30 pm White Bear Lake Care Center Communion	4 See Every Wednesday below 1 pm Quilting Group in the Parish Hall	5 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	6 The Epiphany	7 Noon remove church Christmas decorations until 1 pm Noon Youth Group Treasure Hunt 1 pm Children's Hunt in church 2 pm Potluck & Treasure Hunt Judging
8 The Baptism of Our Lord 7:30/9/10:30 am Eucharist Nursery Care available 9 & 10:30 10 am Church By-Laws meeting in Parish Hall; all are welcome 10:30 am Baptisms 5 pm Frets practice until 6 pm 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group	9 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	10 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group in the Parish Hall	11 See Every Wednesday below 10:15 am St. Andrew's Village Communion	12 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	13	14
15 7:30 am Eucharist (no Nursery Care) 8:30 am Annual Parish Meeting in the Parish Hall; all are welcome 10:30 am Choral Eucharist 11 am Children's Ministry Meeting	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	17 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group in the Parish Hall	18 The Confession of St. Peter See Every Wednesday below 11:30 am Retired Men's Group Lunch at Key's in downtown White Bear Lake 1 pm Quilting Group in the Parish Hall	19 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	20	21 9 am Safe Church Training in Parish Hall until noon; pre-register, \$10 cost to cover background check and copies
22 Outreach Sunday 7:30/9/10:30 am Eucharist Nursery Care available 9 & 10:30 10 am Sr. High Mission Trips Meeting 5 pm Frets practice until 6 pm 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group until 8 pm	23 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	24 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group in the Parish Hall 1:30 pm Gifts & Memorials Committee Meeting in the Parlor	25 The Conversion of St. Paul See Every Wednesday below	26 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	27	28 11:00 am doors open for Out to Lunch in Parish Hall 11:30 am roast turkey with all the trimmings is served
29 7:30 am Eucharist (no music) 9:00 am Family Eucharist (with the Children's Choir &/or the Frets youth guitar group) 10:30 am Choral Eucharist (with the Chancel Choir) Nursery care available during 9:00 and 10:30 am worship	30 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	31 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group in the Parish Hall	Every Wednesday 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Light Supper in Parish Hall 6:00 pm Adult Education 6:15 pm 1 st Year Confirmation in the Parlor 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group			

St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-January 2006

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
1 10:00 June Bennett	10:00 Marge Polanek	We 4, 7:00 pm Bob Peck	10:00 Henry Schneider Tyler Young Moertels Amy Whillock	10:00 Brunners Schneiders	Bette Smeed Sherri Afryl Barb Anderson Joann Smith	Chris Hawley
8 7:30 Joe Afryl 10:30 Kenneth Paddock	7:30 Sherri Afryl 9:00 Peggy Holper 10:30 Helen Kissel	We 11, 7:00 pm Pris Campbell 7:30 Jane Kyle 9:00 Barb VanSteen Greg Schmit 10:30 Colleen Johnson	9:00 Lauren Warchol Louis Karp Ben Long 10:30 Colleen Johnson Lara DuFresne Brendan Boyle	7:30 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 9:00 DeSmets Domins 10:30 Jim Hartmeister Mike Gerlach Susanne Smith Kate Miller Larsons	Lynn Gadbois Gayle Kasmani Jeanne LeFevre Barb VanSteen	Jason Knauss
15 7:30 Bob Peck 10:30 Colleen Johnson	7:30 June Bennett 10:30 Jill Todd	We 18, 7:00 pm Joe Afryl 7:30 Mary Whitney 10:30 Pris Campbell	10:30 Brent Torgerson Todds Brendan Boyle	7:30 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 8:30 John Brunner Canterburys Branbys Cossalters 10:30 Jim Hartmeister Alma Limbach Pickering	Pat Pickering Pris Campbell Pat Gagin Barbara Youngblood	Cathryn Bashore
22 7:30 June Bennett 10:30 Joe Afryl	7:30 Marge Polanek 9:00 Larry Mahoney 10:30 Josie Power	We 25, 7:00 pm June Bennett 7:30 Bob Peck 9:00 Susie Mahoney Barb VanSteen 10:30 Chris Johnson	9:00 Moertels Emy Marier 10:30 Colleen Johnson Janet Waller Sherri Afryl Jeanne LeFevre	7:30 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 9:00 DeSmets Cossalters Schneiders 10:30 Mark Hosfield Tom Medd Linda Carpenter Mariers	Mary Whitney Keiko Farrar Judy Kroesch Janet Waller	Chris Hawley
29 7:30 Joe Afryl 10:30 Chris Johnson	7:30 June Bennett 9:00 Gretchen Brunner 10:30 Lee Wilson	We 2/1, 7:00 pm Margaret Thor 7:30 Pris Campbell 9:00 Margaret Thor Janet Waller 10:30 Colleen Johnson	9:00 Libby Mahoney Peggy Holper Bartleys 10:30 Louis Karp Larsons	7:30 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 9:00 Brunners Deb Schmit 10:30 Jim Hartmeister Johnsons	Deb Schmit Cyndi Domin Anne Johnson Jane Kyle	Chris Hawley

MINISTRY FORUM

Many of you are aware that our Vestry is in the midst of a major transformation. Where formerly members were representatives of specific ministries, each vying for a piece of the budget pie and planning day to day ministry activities, the Vestry will now assume a more traditional and appropriate role as the Church body responsible for finance and property. The transformation is not yet complete, but the Vestry already more closely resembles a governing Board.

I have heard some comments that the Vestry will no longer understand Church ministries; however, this change will actually allow Vestry members to look at the bigger picture of how each of our ministries interrelate to create a vision that links to our mission. The tendency to support a specific ministry will lessen as the vision for the future of the whole Church appears. With God's help and your prayers we will create

something new and wonderful at St. John's by remaining flexible to explore options for our future.

What will replace the Vestry as the place to go to discuss ministry? The short answer is the **Ministry Forum**. This is a new venture, with meetings held monthly since July 2005. Currently one of the Wardens is chairing **Ministry Forum** meetings, but this is a work in progress. This pattern may change as the forum gathers momentum. The **Ministry Forum** is not an alternative to the Vestry, but a committee designed for the unique purpose of fully developing Christian ministry within our Church and in the community.

The **Ministry Forum** ideally consists of the chair or a representative of each of the program committees responsible for a ministry at St. John's. The goal of the **Ministry Forum** is to provide a setting where committee members:

✚ share information on upcoming

activities sponsored by their committee,

- ✚ "cross-pollinate" ideas and plant the seeds for joint activities,
- ✚ provide ongoing support for one another as we work on our various ministries.

At October's meeting the format was discussed, and for the near future the group decided to spend one hour monthly sharing information in an informal setting. Basic notes will be taken at meetings to be sent to each Vestry member, to appear in the Voice and on the Website beginning in February. During the first quarter of 2006, meetings will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall on three Wednesdays: January 18, February 15, and March 15.

If you are interested in forming the basis for a new ministry, please come to share plans and ask for ideas or support. All are Welcome!

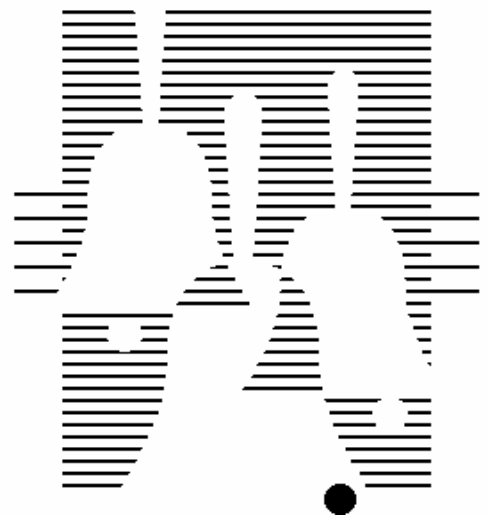
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THE REVEREND J. GREENLEE HAYNES

The Rev. J. Greenlee Haynes made a wonderful gift to St. John in the Wilderness Church. In his will he donated to our church the proceeds of his home in Mesa, Arizona, to be sold after the death of his wife Ruth. Greenlee was the Rector here from 1956 to 1978. He served here longer than any other Rector. Greenlee Haynes served in the army in Europe during World War II. Before the war, he had gone to college and married his beloved first wife Mabel. After the war, he went to seminary training to become a priest in the Episcopal Church. During college he played saxophone in dance bands, and later, whenever there was a dance at our church, he would join in the music.

Beginning with Christmas of 1956, and for many years during the rectorship of the Rev. J. Greenlee Haynes, the season was made more joyful by a group of bell ringers. The bells were a Haynes family heirloom. Greenlee was very interested in history, and extracted information from the old vestry minutes which he saved with the other church papers. He also wrote a detailed description of the church's stained glass windows. (See our church website: www.stjohnwilderness.org, church history, stained glass windows.) Greenlee Haynes was active in community ecumenical events as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Lion's Club. For one of the Lion's Club shows he organized a

group of bell ringers. He left St. John in the Wilderness in 1978 when he retired. He spent many happy years in Arizona, but made a point of coming back often to visit his friends in White Bear Lake.





January Birthdays

- 1 Stephanie Allen-Davis
- 2 Grace Carpenter
- 3 Jackson Skeie
- 4 John Brunner
- 4 Bonita Peck
- 5 Gregory Cottle
- 5 David Gadbois
- 5 Carol Plocher
- 6 Bradford Carpenter
- 7 John Kissel
- 8 Susanne Blake
- 9 Anne Johnson
- 9 Peter McBride
- 10 Ashley Gildner
- 10 Samuel Kelm
- 10 Kristen LeFevre
- 13 David Seitz
- 14 Maggie DeSmet
- 14 Karl Glander
- 15 Lucille Popp
- 16 Rachmat Kasmani
- 18 Andrew MacNally
- 19 Lara Delamater
- 27 R. Eimon
- 27 Annica Olafson
- 28 Geraldine Babcock
- 28 Joshua Hoover
- 29 Mason Matko
- 29 Tyler Matko
- 30 Betty Murphy
- 31 Ellen Anthony
- 31 James Johnston

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.

St. John in the Wilderness Student of the Month

Name Libby Mahoney
High School Grade 10
School/Community Activities Student Leadership Council and French Club
Church Activities Acolyte, Youth Group, Frets, Northern TEC, and mission trips
Favorite Song right now Santa Claus is Coming to Town
Proudest Moment hmm off the top of my head probably when I got on Student Council
Collections Books
Favorite St. John's Memory The San Diego Mission Trip
Favorite Movie Pearl Harbor and

Centerstage
Last good book you've read Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul
Best advice you've been given hmm I'm not sure...wear shoes?
Where you hope to be in 10 years graduated from college with a job
If you could have dinner with any person, whom would you choose? Jesus or Abraham Lincoln
How can church become more youth friendly? It is; more youth just need to be motivated to come and get their homework done before Sunday night.



Children's Ministry

The Annual Youth Treasure Hunt is Saturday, January 7th! Join us for an indoor treasure hunt from 1 to 2 pm. Stay after for the judging of the Junior High vs. Senior High scavenger hunt teams and a potluck lunch. The sign up sheet is on the Children's Ministry board in the Parish Hall. The Children's Ministry Committee will meet on January 8th at 11 am. If you are interested in learning more about us or would like to share ideas for this ministry, please join us.

Second Annual Families Inc. All-Parish Valentine Event

Join us on Sunday, January 22, 2006 to decorate and personalize valentines to send to our military troops stationed overseas! Valentines will be available in the Parish Hall after all 3 services. A pizza lunch will be served at 11 am, for which the cost is \$3/adult, \$2/child, maximum \$10/family.

Please contact Beth at ehyduke@comcast.net, or sign up on the Families Inc. bulletin board in the Parish Hall if you plan to eat pizza.



The Youth Voice

Treasure Hunt

The 5th Annual St. John in the Wilderness Youth Treasure Hunt is Saturday, January 7th. The Junior High group will defend its title against Senior High. We invite all 6th-12th graders to participate. Sign up on the Youth Board if you plan to compete. All teams require adult drivers. Team Captains are selected at Youth Group Christmas Parties. We hand out lists at noon, but teams may arrive early to strategize. There is also a 1-2 pm church hunt for children. Youth teams return for judging and pot-luck lunch at 2 pm. We encourage parishioners to watch the always-humorous judging in the Parish Hall at 2 pm.

Annual Meeting

All Confirmation students should attend the Annual meeting, Sunday, January 15th at 8:30 am, as part of understanding the Episcopal Church.

Summer Mission Trip

A meeting Sunday, January 22nd after 9 am worship is for all our current 8th-12th grade youth interested in involvement with this summer's out-of-state mission trip. We encourage youth and parents to attend. We will present trip destination ideas and other details.

Rite of Affirmation

We invite all Eighth Graders and their parents to participate in the Rite of Affirmation Liturgy on Sunday, February 5th at 9 am. Liturgy details will be mailed to families of eighth graders in early January. We will pledge our support for each of them as they continue to grow in God's love.

Super Bowl Party

We will have a Super Bowl party at Rich Oswald's home for our high school youth on February 5th. We'll watch the game and make cards for our college students. More details will be available closer to the date.

Camp Heartland in the Spring

Our Fifth Annual mini-mission trip to Camp Heartland, a camp for children and youth affected by HIV/AIDS, is set for March 31st-April 2nd. As Camp Heartland is starting earlier this summer to provide opportunities for more campers, an early summer trip wouldn't work this year. Instead, we will leave Friday after school and come back Sunday evening. Bring homework along for our down-time. If you have never been on a St. John's mission trip, please participate in the Camp Heartland experience before joining us for our out-of-state trip. This trip is open to youth in eighth grade and up.

Teens Encounter Christ Dates

The spring TEC dates have been determined. High school youth, please prayerfully consider attending one of these upcoming weekends. Both begin on Friday mornings and end on Sundays. Northern TEC in Duluth - March 17th-19th
St. Paul TEC - April 21st-23rd

Thought for the Month

"There are two ways to slide easily through life: to believe everything or to doubt everything; both ways save us from thinking."

-Alfred Korzybski

