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

TUESDAY MORNING
10:00 am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY EVENING
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

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

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ST JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS 2006 LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 1	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Liturgy</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Soup Supper in Parish Hall (Nursery Care)</i>
	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Liturgy (Nursery Care)</i>
Sundays through Palm Sunday, April 9		
	<i>7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist (Nursery Care during 9:00 & 10:30 am worship)</i>
Tuesdays	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer (Call Colleen Johnson or Judy Kroesch for Nursery Care)</i>
	<i>10:30 –11:30 am</i>	<i>Bible study of next Sunday's readings</i>
Wednesdays	March 8—April 5	<i>(Nursery Care from 5:30-7:30 pm)</i>
	<i>5:30 -6:30 pm</i>	<i>Lenten Soup Supper in Parish Hall</i>
	<i>6:00 -7:00 pm</i>	<i>Adult Education in Parish Hall</i>
	<i>6:00 -7:00 pm</i>	<i>Children's Choir</i>
	<i>6:15 -7:00 pm</i>	<i>1st Year Confirmation in the Parlor</i>
	<i>7:00 -7:30 pm</i>	<i>Healing Service and Eucharist</i>
	<i>7:00 -8:00 pm</i>	<i>Junior High Youth Group, begin by attending healing service together.</i>
	<i>7:30 -9:00 pm</i>	<i>Easter Choir</i>
Thursdays	<i>10:00 –11:30 am</i>	<i>Moms/Dads/Tots in St. John's Nursery (Families in Christ)</i>
April 5	<i>4:00 -7:00 pm</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation at Healing Station (Confession)</i>
April 10	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Holy Monday Eucharist (Nursery Care)</i>
April 11	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Holy Tuesday Eucharist (Nursery Care)</i>
April 12	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Holy Wednesday Eucharist</i>
April 13	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday All Parish Potluck (Nursery Care)</i>
	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday Liturgy (Nursery Care)</i>
	<i>8:30 pm</i>	<i>Song, Story and Reflection by Youth</i>
	<i>9:00 pm</i>	<i>Vigil</i>
April 14	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i>
	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross (Nursery Care)</i>
April 15	<i>5:00 pm</i>	<i>Easter Vigil with Baptisms (Nursery Care)</i>
	<i>Bring a small bell to ring during this child friendly liturgy, followed by supper and an Easter egg hunt.</i>	
April 16	<i>8:00 & 10:00 am</i>	<i>Easter Day Eucharist (Nursery Care)</i>



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

The Gospel of Matthew

On Sunday mornings in March, 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.

The Prophetic Imagination

“The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us.” (Brueggemann, p. 3)

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will explore the prophetic vision that has helped define the community of the faithful, beginning with Moses as God’s point man in God’s contest with the Egyptian Empire, through later prophets who announce the doom of the royal consciousness and the alternative hope of God, to Jesus as the embodiment of prophetic practice. Our primary reference will be *The Prophetic Imagination*, by Walter Brueggemann, Augsburg Fortress, 2001, ISBN: 0800632877.

The Adult Christian Formation Schedule

Sundays (10 to 11 am, in the Parlor)

The Gospel of Matthew

- Mar 5** What's in It for Us? The Demands and Rewards of the Kingdom: Teachings on the Journey (19:1—20:16). Jerusalem Meets Its King (20:17—21:22)
- Mar 12** Jesus Lord in the Temple: The Teacher and His Opponents (21:23—22:46). False Teachers Lead Others to Ruin: Condemnation of the Scribes and Pharisees (23:1-39)
- Mar 19** Judgment is Coming: The Coming of the Son of Man and the Judgment of the World (24:1—25:46)
- Mar 26** *no meeting*
- Apr 2** The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. Finale (26:1—28:15)

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

The Prophetic Imagination

- Mar 1** *Ash Wednesday. No Meeting*
- Mar 8** The Prophetic Imagination 1
- Mar 15** The Prophetic Imagination 2
- Mar 22** The Prophetic Imagination 3
- Mar 29** The Prophetic Imagination 4
- Apr 5** The Prophetic Imagination 5

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, or e-mail d.monyak@comcast.net.

PASSAGES

NEW TRANSFERS

Jennifer Tully 2/8/2006
Jeremy Gulbranson 2/8/2006

BURIAL

Harold T. “Duke” Wingfield
2/17/2006



EASTER CHOIR BEGINS AGAIN

Now that Lent is here, Easter cannot be far behind!

Chancel Choir is ready to begin its Easter music, hopefully with several new or returning voices to fill the choir chancel to overflowing.

Easter Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, beginning March 8, at 7:30 in the Choir Room, continuing into Holy Week. The regular Sunday morning Chancel Choir will continue to prepare its weekly music on Sundays following the 10:30 choral eucharist, rather than staying later on Wednesday nights to rehearse for the following Sunday.

All the Easter music is here which will include three choruses from Handel’s *Messiah* (“Worthy is the Lamb,” “Blessing and honor,” and the “Hallelujah” chorus), and Randall Thompson’s exquisite “Alleluia.” Do join us if you are able!



Bible Readings

March 1

Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
Psalm 103:8-14

March 5

First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-13
Psalm 25:3-9

March 12

Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 22:1-14
Romans 8:31-39
Mark 8:31-38
Psalm 16:5-11

March 19

Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17
Romans 7:13-25
John 2:13-22
Psalm 19:7-14

March 26

Fourth Sunday in Lent
2 Chronicles 36:14-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 6:4-15
Psalm 122

Underlined verses are read during the family service.

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Life has been described as a journey. We face joys and triumphs, trials and disappointments along the way. At different moments in our lives God can seem as close as our own heartbeat and at other times so remote that our doubts overwhelm us. Busyness can distract us from deepening our relationship with God and we miss God's "still, small voice."

Spiritual Direction allows us to connect with God in a sacred relationship with another. This is a centuries old ministry that focuses on listening and discerning God's call to us and is highly regarded in many denominations, especially the Episcopal Church.

Spiritual Direction is not counseling and does not offer advice. It does, however, offer growth, change, wholeness, healing, and trust in God's love. There is nothing that cannot be said and felt in Spiritual Direction. There is no judgment, only discernment. It allows us to meet God wherever we are in our joy, jubilation, grief, anger, and even rage.

A Spiritual Director is one who is prepared through training, experience and spiritual formation to help another in his or her spiritual life. A director devotes each session to holy listening. It is a time, usually an hour a month, set aside to being open to God's guidance in our lives.

"Spiritual direction is, in reality, nothing more than a way of leading us to see and obey the real Director — the Holy Spirit hidden in the depths of our soul." (*Thomas Merton, Trappist monk, USA*)

For more information on Spiritual Direction, you may consult our St. John's clergy, the Episcopal House of Prayer 320/363-3293, Christos Center For Spiritual Formation 651/653-8207, or Colleen Johnson 651/633-6687.

Colleen Johnson, Intern in Spiritual Direction

ORGAN AND VOCAL PERFORMANCE

The Bald Eagle Women's Club is sponsoring an organ and vocal performance at St. John's by Dr. David and Helen Gehrenbeck on Tuesday, March 21st at 1 pm. We invite the White Bear Women's club, spouses, friends and all others interested in hearing this beautiful music. Please feel free to join us!

LAY LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING SESSIONS

For current Lay Liturgical Ministers and persons interested in any of these ministries, there will be training sessions on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, for Lay Readers on March 22nd, and for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors on March 29th.

WELCOMING & EVANGELISM

The next meeting of the Welcoming and Evangelism Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at 6:30 pm in the meeting room of Caribou Coffee on the corner of Hwy 96 and I35E. The Welcoming and Evangelism Committee looks forward to seeing everyone who is interested in learning more about the committee at this next meeting. If you have any questions feel free to contact Krista Sullivan at 651/484-2263.

Here is the schedule of future Welcoming and Evangelism Committee meetings for 2006:
Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 22, Sep 26, Oct 24, & Nov 28.

St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-March 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Every Sunday 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</p>	<p>Every Tuesday 10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am Bible Study of next Sunday's readings until 11:30 am 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 494</p>	<p>Every Wednesday 2 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Soup Supper, and Nursery Care until 7:30 pm 6 pm Children's Choir 6:15 pm 1st Year Confirmation in the Parlor 7 pm Holy Eucharist & Jr. High Youth Group</p>	<p>1 Ash Wednesday See Every Wednesday left Noon Ash Wednesday liturgy 7 pm Ash Wednesday liturgy No Children's Choir No 1st Year Confirmation</p>	<p>2 10 am Moms/Dads/Tots in the Nursery until 11:30 am Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline 2:30 pm White Bear Lake Care Center Communion</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 7 pm Outreach Committee Meeting in the Parlor 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>7 See Every Tuesday above 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group in the Parish Hall 7 pm Altar Guild Meeting</p>	<p>8 See Every Wednesday above 3:30 pm St. Andrew's Communion 6 pm Children's Lenten Series & Adult Education until 7 pm 7:30 pm Easter Choir</p>	<p>9 10 am Moms/Dads/Tots in the Nursery until 11:30 am Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 10 am New York City Mission Trip Informational Meeting 5 pm Frets youth guitar group practice until 6 pm 6 pm Senior High Youth Group until 8 pm</p>	<p>13 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>14 See Every Tuesday above 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group in the Parish Hall 7 pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>15 See Every Wednesday above 11:30 am Retired Men's Lunch 1 pm Quilting Group 6 pm Children's Lenten Series & Adult Education until 7 pm 7:30 pm Easter Choir, Ministry Forum in Parlor, & Grief Group</p>	<p>16 9 am Diocesan Council until 3 pm 10 am Moms/Dads/Tots in the Nursery until 11:30 am Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline 4 pm Team leaves for TEC</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day Great Northern Teens Encounter Christ weekend</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 11 am Children's Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>20 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>21 See Every Tuesday above 1 pm organ and vocal performance by Dr. David and Helen Gehrenbeck, sponsored by the Bald Eagle Women's Club; all are welcome!</p>	<p>22 See Every Wednesday above 6 pm Children's Lenten Series & Adult Education until 7 pm 7:30 pm Easter Choir 7:30 pm Lay Reader Training</p>	<p>23 10 am Moms/Dads/Tots in the Nursery until 11:30 am Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 11:30 am Out to Lunch served in the Parish Hall</p>
<p>26 5 pm Frets youth guitar group practice until 6 pm 6 pm Senior High Youth Group until 8 pm</p>	<p>27 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>28 See Every Tuesday above 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group in the Parish Hall 6:30 pm Welcoming & Evangelism Committee Meeting at Caribou Coffee on Hwy 96 near I35E</p>	<p>29 See Every Wednesday above 6 pm Children's Lenten Series & Adult Education until 7 pm 7:30 pm Easter Choir 7:30 pm LEM & Lector Training</p>	<p>30 10 am Moms/Dads/Tots in the Nursery until 11:30 am Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>31 3:30 pm Senior High Youth Group to Camp Heartland</p>	

AGAPE DINNER

"Christos Voskreci" (Christ has risen)!

Background

In the Eastern Orthodox Faith, the celebration at Easter is probably the most important of the religious holidays... and the elaborate meals that celebrated the rising of Christ were without peer. While the religious faithful started their 40 day fast (posst), the women would begin the preparation in the kitchen. The molds for the paska were retrieved as were the forms (coffee cans) for the Kylitch (koo-leach), an Easter bread resembling a silo. I can recall wandering in my grandmother's kitchen and being assigned 100 whips of thick dough. As a starving college student, returning home at Easter was always memorable.

When Mary and I moved to Rochester, MN about 40 years ago, we first joined a Greek Church. We grew very close to the Greeks. Like the Russians, the Greeks do Easter in a big way. They seemed to take fasting more seriously... which made the church-sponsored lamb dinner served immediately after the midnight service taste all the better.

Back then, Rochester, like San Francisco, was very orthodox... the whole service was in ecclesiastical Greek... which is OK unless you had 4 kids who (not speaking Greek or Russian for that matter) began to question the relevance of going to church. We switched to Calvary Episcopal which not only did the Lord's Prayer in English, but everything else as well.

Longing for that spiritually lofty feeling, we started this tradition at Calvary. Taking what I recalled from San Francisco along with the Greek additions (notably roasted Lamb), we put on a free-will-offering church dinner after the Saturday candle lit mass. Friends and guests were welcome (no charge). It was not only a fun way to celebrate Easter, but served as outreach as well. When we moved to the Twin Cities, we continued the tradition at Ascension (in Stillwater).

With St. John's as our new family, we would like again to share this wonderful Easter tradition.

Committees

Based on past dinners, we had three Committees: Decoration, Cooking, and Clean-up. A sign-up sheet was posted several weeks before to allow anyone who wanted to participate to do so. Basically, the only rule was to not take ourselves too seriously... and have fun.

Decoration

Tables had table cloths and were set with silverware. Daffodils were a popular choice of flower (not only did Christ rise, but Spring was around the corner). Rented 6 oz pear-shape wine glasses were on the table as well. Plates were at the buffet.

Clean-up

Hopefully, three or four couples would sign up for cleaning. Invariably, their role would turn out to be coordinating the walk-in help... which, thankfully, we had plenty of.

Cooking

Tasks were divided into preparation, assembly, and service. To accomplish this, we had three shifts, each being about 3-4 hours so as to have overlap. We would start at about 8 AM and serve around 8 PM... taking time out for communion. The priest would bless the food with special blessings... the lamb, the bread, etc.

In addition, specific tasks were done at home beforehand... making the paska (makes cheese cake look like a diet food), baking the kylitch (Easter bread), and preparing pastry dough for the pirogy (sheet cake size; fillings of meat, cabbage, and fish). The priest (at Calvary, Fr. Nick) scrounged the wine from the local wine merchant.

Earlier that week I placed the food order with the local Market (church discount) and picked it up on Friday eve. Washing lettuce and storing it in plastic bags allows for crisp salad greens. Having help that night was always welcome.

Items brought from home like timers, peelers, sharp knives, and aprons were solicited. A Cuisinart is handy as well. A dozen or so large plastic ice cream pails store the food in process.

Other

It has been my experience that culminating Easter in this fashion punctuates the Christian Experience. The food is wall-to-wall, largely ethnic, served buffet style, and displayed in a very celebratory fashion... in short, it's a fun and memorable experience. It also is an excellent opportunity to share our faith with people that need perhaps a gentle nudge.

As to fasting, the Orthodox have so many rules that it kind of takes the fun out of it. We ended up making our own rules... since it is a personal commitment anyway. We try to abstain from meat that week... which works for us.

We would feed about 100-120 people. Financially, we would break even.

All Interested parties are invited to participate. More information to follow in the Voices (Big and Small) announcing more details. For now, put Easter Eve (Saturday, April 15th) on your calendar for an event to remember.

"Voistenuh Voskreci"

(Indeed he has risen).

George Gorbatenko: 651/653-4699 (w), 651/653-7759 (h), gorbby@ece.umn.edu

HALLELUJAH!
THINE THE GLORY

PAINTINGS DEPICT CHURCH HISTORY

In the hallway outside the Parlor hang three paintings by Edna Imm, former resident of White Bear Lake and member of our church. One painting is an impressionist's view, in yellows and greens, of our church. We thought it could be of the old church at its first location, at the cemetery, as seen from Goose Lake. However, I telephoned Edna and asked about this painting, done so long ago. She thinks it was probably an imaginary view of the church at 1st and Clark as seen from the lake at Lake Avenue.

The middle picture shows the old red church in autumn at our present location. It was White Bear's first church, built in 1861, at our church cemetery. In the winter of 1874, it was moved across the frozen lake, up the steep hill-side near Clark Avenue and then to 1st and Clark.

The third painting shows the present church in a winter setting. Our present church was built in 1926.

If you look around the church, you will find more of her art. In the church Parlor is a wonderful painting of Laura Aubrey who was the driving force in constructing the first church in White Bear Lake. Another delightful painting by Edna is upstairs, outside the choir room. It shows a group of St. John's youngsters in choir robes. This dates back to when Edna's daughter was in the choir.

When Edna lived in White Bear Lake she was a highly respected and well-known member of the Twin Cities art community. She still does some painting, at age ninety-nine, at her home in Sun City, Arizona. She retains her interest in White Bear Lake and is a member of the WBL Historical Society. Some of her paintings have been available from James Dimmers at Marine on the St. Croix.

SPRING RUMMAGE WEEK

You knew you couldn't get away without cleaning out that closet. It's time to prepare for Spring Rummage the first week of May. Set aside that week on your calendar so you can make those fantastic purchases as you sort.

Soup will be served Tuesday - Thursday, sandwiches or some such goodies on Friday. Nursery care is provided Tuesday - Friday.

We will sort and mark Tuesday until the end of the week from 9-3. The All Parish Sale is Wednesday from 6-8 pm.

Bring your rummage *no sooner than April 1st*. Stack it neatly in the shelves in the back left-hand side of the Parish Hall. *Don't* block the EXIT door or leave rummage in the entry way! Only clean, workable items are accepted: no TVs, microwaves or large items unless cleared first by Lynn Gadbois, 651/426-2302, or Pat Pickering, 651/429-0223.

Corinne Livesay 651/429-8235

THE REVEREND ROSALIE HALL, GUEST PREACHER ON JAN 22ND



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN PLAN TWELFTH ANNUAL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar for the Episcopal Church Women's 12th Annual Birthday Luncheon on Saturday September 16, 2006 at the North Oaks Country Club. This year's entertainment will be A Banjo Belle Jass Band. Bring your family and friends; *everyone* has a special day to celebrate. Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends, all are welcome. If you are interested in creating a centerpiece please contact Cyndi Domin, 651/653-1262, or Susie Mahoney, 651/429-3505.



St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-March 2006

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
1 Ash Wednesday Noon Colleen Johnson 7:00 Joe Afryl	Noon June Bennett 7:00 Sherri Afryl	Noon Ed Chilton 7:00 Janet Waller	Noon Judy Kroesch 7:00 Lauren Warchol Louis Karp Ben Long Lander McCarthy	Noon Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 7:00 DeSmets Domins	Cyndi Domin Anne Johnson Pat Pickering Deb Schmit	Colleen Johnson
5 7:30 Bob Peck 10:30 Colleen Johnson	7:30 David Gadbois 9:00 Kim Severson 10:30 Jim Delamater	We 8, 7:00 pm Pris Campbell 7:30 Pris Campbell 9:00 Margaret Thor Dorothy Haas 10:30 Greg Schmit	9:00 Henry Schneider Moertels Amy Whillock 10:30 Todds Brendan Boyle	7:30 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 9:00 DeSmets Schneiders 10:30 Mark Hosfield Watkinses Johnsons	Gayle Kasmani Keiko Farrar Alice McClaren Mary Whitney	We 8, 7:00 pm Colleen Johnson Jason Knauss
12 7:30 June Bennett 10:30 Kenneth Paddock	7:30 Marge Polanek 9:00 Lisa Brock 10:30 Wendy Muscanto	We 15, 7:00 pm Joe Afryl 7:30 Mary Whitney 9:00 Linda Monyak Janet Waller 10:30 Bob Peck	9:00 Lauren Warchol Louis Karp Ben Long Lander McCarthy 10:30 Colleen Johnson Lara DuFresne Brendan Boyle	7:30 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 9:00 Brunners Domins Cossalters 10:30 Jim Hartmeister Mike Gerlach Susanne Smith Kate Miller Larsons	Janet Waller Sherri Afryl Lynn Gadbois Bette Smeed	We 15, 7:00 pm Colleen Johnson Colleen Johnson
19 7:30 June Bennett 10:30 Joe Afryl	7:30 Marge Polanek 9:00 Dorothy Haas 10:30 Barbara Kraning	We 22, 7:00 pm Bob Peck 7:30 Mary Whitney 9:00 Bari Chilton Ed Chilton 10:30 Colleen Johnson	9:00 Thors Amy Whillock Mariers 10:30 Will Long Libby Mahoney Larsons	7:30 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 9:00 Bryan DeSmet Canterburys Branbys 10:30 Jim Hartmeister Alma Limbach Pickering Lauren Warchol Ann Watson Ellen Anthony	Barbara Merrill Gayle Kasmani Jeanne LeFevre Barb VanSteen	We 22, 7:00 pm John Brunner Jason Knauss
26 7:30 Joe Afryl 10:30 Bob Peck	7:30 Sherri Afryl 9:00 Terry Rooney 10:30 Jill Todd	We 29, 7:00 pm Colleen Johnson 7:30 Pris Campbell 9:00 Barb VanSteen Susie Mahoney 10:30 Greg Schmit	9:00 Tyler Young Shannon Warchol Elizabeth Moertel Karps Sam Bartley 10:30 Colleen Johnson Jeanne LeFevre Sherri Afryl	7:30 Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 9:00 Brunners Cossalters 10:30 Linda Carpenter Pickering Tom Medd	Joann Smith Pat Gagin Anne Johnson Barbara Youngblood	We 29, 7:00 pm Jason Knauss Colleen Johnson

MINISTRY FORUM

The Ministry Forum ideally consists of the chair or a representative of each program committee responsible for a ministry at St. John's. The Ministry Forum goal 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 as we work on our various ministries.

The format is simple. We spend one hour together monthly sharing information in an informal setting. Basic meeting notes are taken for each Vestry member, to appear in the *Voice* and on the Website. **The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 15 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.**

Ministry Forum Minutes, January 18, 2006, 7:30-8:35 pm in the Church Parlor

Attendance: Christine Karp, David Monyak, Linda Monyak, Pat Pickering, June Bennett, Judy Kroesch, Colleen Johnson, and Therese Branby

Morning Prayer is now scheduled at 10 am Wednesday mornings followed by Bible study. This new venture coordinated by Judy Kroesch and Colleen Johnson is similar in form to a house group. Though small in numbers at present, there is plenty of room for growth as word spreads and nursery care attracts stay-at-home parents.

There is concern about the inability of 10:30 worshippers to attend the entire Sunday Adult Education class when they leave to worship. Only 7:30 or 9 am worshippers have full access to Sunday adult education. Also, if 9 am worship ends after 10 am, the education schedule is even more compressed. If 10:30 worship were scheduled later, it might be difficult for some Altar Guild members to serve. The worship time issue was also raised during the Mutual Ministry Review as a problem that should be addressed.

Christine Karp stated that a Wednesday night Lenten series for children is planned. Social Justice & Adult Education are working in cooperation to offer a stimulating Lenten series.

June Bennett shared that volunteer Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Lay Readers continue to increase in number. There are also 3 Vergers. Training is available for all who wish to minister during Sunday worship. June is working with Linda Monyak to develop computerized scheduling including automatic reminders for those with email access.

Judy Kroesch explained the role of the Gifts and Memorials Committee which meets 3 or 4 times a year. They generate a list of needed items from suggestions made by clergy, committees or members. The Committee helps families select an appropriate memorial from the list. The Anne Rodgers memorial will be discussed at the next meeting.

David Monyak mentioned that Adult Education is considering a 10-part series serving as an introduction to Christianity that may be used in rotation with the Alpha series. Both courses would be good for newcomers or those who want to study the basics.

We briefly discussed the need for an Inquirer's class for those considering Episcopal Church membership, the definition of the un-churched, and the possibility of evangelizing those in the White Bear Lake area who fit that category.

Meeting minutes will be E-mailed to all Committee Chairs, Vestry Members and interested parties. If you would like to be added to the circulation list, E-mail Therese Branby at tcbranby@msn.com.

TRANSITION TEAM BEGINS WORK

The Vestry and committee chairs recently completed a Mutual Ministry Review (MMR). A full report of this venture was attached to the Annual Report and published in last month's *Voice*. The MMR identified that some basic work remains, for St. John in the Wilderness to complete the transition from a Pastoral sized congregation to a Program sized church, and to strengthen programs that support church growth.

An Advisory Committee to the Vestry has begun work on a focused strategy to support the Church's primary ministry and identify needs, such as personnel policies, to provide a firm foundation for a lively, growing congregation. Work commenced February 13 with the goal to provide the Vestry a final report for review and approval in May.

An excellent team has been assembled from a cross-section of actively involved parishioners to conduct this important work. Members include Amy Hawley, Chair; Krista Sullivan; Joanna Torgerson; James Anthony; Janet Waller; Max Stevenson; Gayle Kasmani; Will McBride; Nancy Jagusch; Judy Kroesch; Tim Hammond, Vestry representative; and Therese Branby, Warden.

The congregation will be fully apprised of the committee's work moving forward. Please keep the Transition Team in your prayers.



March Birthdays

- 1 Jeff Halbert
- 1 Jennifer Lief
- 2 Samuel Todd
- 3 Margaret Thor
- 3 Kevin Todd-Peterson
- 4 Gary Johnson
- 5 Jessica Thoemke
- 6 Louis Karp
- 11 Betty Barron
- 12 Dennis Thoemke
- 13 James Davidson
- 13 Elizabeth Moertel
- 13 Robert Zierdt
- 14 Rachel Monyak
- 15 Mary Jo Lohn
- 17 Joanie Delamater
- 17 Lynda Halbert
- 18 Barbara Merrill
- 18 J. Dixon Tews
- 19 Kole James
- 20 Stephen Anthony
- 20 Fosten Boyle
- 21 Timothy Cossalter
- 22 Marcella Kobinski
- 22 Collin Lief
- 22 Kathryn Smith
- 23 Karen Herrera
- 24 Andrews Allen
- 24 Fred Baborsky
- 24 Debra Schmit
- 25 Cathryn Bashore
- 26 Ruth Mattlin
- 27 Tyler Canterbury
- 27 Rosie Hammond
- 28 Margaret Holper
- 28 Stacy Reichert
- 29 Desneiges Pool
- 31 Tiffany Canterbury
- 31 John Johnson
- 31 Hannah Smith

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 Peter Schneider
High School Grade 10
School/Community Activities

Soccer & Basketball
Church Activities
 Volunteer Usher, Mission Trips, Confirmation Program & Ski Trips

Favorite Song
 Favorite bands: Foo fighters, AudioSlave, Seether, Ratt, and Nine Inch Nails

Proudest Moment
 snowboarding when I did my first board slide to 180 Indy off

Collections none
Favorite St. John's Memory San Diego Mission Trip, the whole thing
Favorite movie any comedy

Last good book you've read
 I don't like to read.
Best advice you've been given

I don't know.
Where you hope to be in 10 years
 in a building that I designed. That is of course after I graduate from college and become an architect.
If you could have dinner with any person, whom would you choose?

I would have a 5 star dinner with all my friends.
How can church become more youth friendly?
 I don't think it's possible for the church to be more friendly.



Christine Karp is presented with the Episcopal Church Women's Cornelia Whipple Award during the parish Annual Meeting on January 15th. Multi talented and dedicated Christine is also our Children's Ministry Chair and Clerk of the Vestry.

Parishioners of all ages joined with Families in Christ to decorate and personalize valentines after worship on Sunday, January 2nd, for our nation's military troops who are stationed overseas. A pizza lunch was served after this second annual event.



The Youth Voice

Children's Ministry

Mission Trip - NYC

We have a group of youth planning to go to New York City this summer on a mission trip. For those who have registered, we will be having a meeting for all participants on Sunday, March 12th during the Educational Hour. Please plan to attend.

Mission Weekend – Camp Heartland

A group of youth will be going to Camp Heartland from March 31st-April 2nd for a work weekend. This will be our fifth annual trip to Camp Heartland, a camp for youth affected by HIV/AIDS, to help with camp upkeep. All youth planning to attend should also bring a donation from the Camp Heartland wish list.

Junior High Game Night

Junior High youth group meets every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 pm. We will be having a game night on March 15th where we play all of our favorite games – keys, paper bag yoga, trash can touch, etc. Make sure to wear comfortable running shoes that evening.

Saint Paul TEC

The Saint Paul Teens Encounter Christ weekend is set for April 21st-23rd. St. Paul TEC is open to all Senior High Youth and is hosted by St. John the Evangelist in St. Paul. It begins on a Friday morning and ends that Sunday in the late afternoon. Please call Alison if you would like to receive forms to attend the weekend. It's a wonderful event.

Senior High Save the Date

All senior high students, especially those in Confirmation, should plan to attend the Maundy Thursday service and lock-in on April 13th. Eighth graders are also encouraged to sign up. We will use our youth group meeting on March 26th to put together details for the service and event.

Great Northern TEC

We have a group of about fifteen youth and adults planning to be involved with the Northern Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) in Duluth. The team moves in on Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 pm and the weekend concludes around 5:00 pm on Sunday. Alison Feigh, Rich Oswald, and Bob Peck will be taking team members up on Thursday after school. Colleen Johnson has offered to bring candidates up on Friday morning. If you are planning to attend and need a ride, please talk to Alison ASAP.

Episcopal Youth Music Camp

Forms are now available for Episcopal Youth Music Camp held at Camp Heartland in Willow River, MN. Camp begins Sunday, August 13th at 3:00 pm and ends on Saturday, August 19th with a 2:00 pm performance for family.

Episcopal Youth Music Camp (EYMC) is a wonderful place to explore your gifts, acquire new skills, meet new friends, and learn about your faith. EYMC features band, orchestra, choir, handbells, play-in-a-week, dance, music theory, and other more traditional camp experiences. It is open to youth entering third grade through tenth grade. There is also an application based leadership team for youth entering grade eleven through age 21.

If you would like additional information about camp, please talk to Alison Feigh or Max Stevenson. If you are interested in being in the leadership team, pick up an application from Alison. Applications for leadership are due by April 1st.

Thought for the Month

"When the solution is simple, God is answering."
~Albert Einstein



Children's Ministry is offering a Lenten Program for Children. The class will meet in the Education Wing Wednesday evenings, 6 to 7 pm, from March 8 through April 5. We will explore the concepts of forgiveness, peace, love, greatness and life, using Max Lucado and Ron DiCiani's book, 'Tell Me the Secrets – Treasures for Eternity'. Our time will be full of activity with story time, music, crafts, and games. The program is open to children from preschool through 5th grade. Sign up on the Children's Ministry board in the Parish Hall.

Mark your calendar for our Summer Bible School June 26 - 30th. Interested volunteers, please contact Alison Feigh or Christine Karp.

Our next Children's Ministry meeting will be March 19th at 11 am in the Parish Hall. Please join us to share ideas for our program.



New Children's Playgroup

Moms/Dads of Tots, please join us in St. John's Nursery for playgroup fun, friendship and great conversation. Meet other parents, share ideas and provide support while the kids play and make new friends on Thursdays from 10 - 11:30 am starting March 2. Contact Beth Hyduke-Kelm, leader of Families in Christ, at 651/490-0477, with any questions.