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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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## O GOD, WHOSE WONDERFUL DEEDS OF OLD SHINE FORTH EVEN TO OUR OWN DAY...

**April 5 (Wednesday)** (Nursery Care from 5:30-7:30 pm)  
 4:00-7:00 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Q. What is Reconciliation of a Penitent?

A. Reconciliation of a Penitent, or Penance, is the rite in which those who repent of their sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest, and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution. (B.C.P. Page 861)

Now there is rejoicing in heaven; for you were lost, and are found; you were dead, and are now alive in Christ Jesus our Lord. Go in peace. The Lord has put away all your sins.



5:30-6:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper in Parish Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	Adult & Children's Education Hour
6:00-7:00 pm	Children's Choir
6:15-7:00 pm	1st Year Confirmation in youth room
7:00-7:30 pm	<b>Healing Eucharist</b>
7:00-8:00 pm	Junior High Youth Group, begin by going to healing service together.
7:30-9:00 pm	Adult Choir

**April 9** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, & 10:30 am **Palm Sunday (Nursery Care).**  
 At 9:00 and 10:30 am the blessing of the palms and procession will begin in the Parish Hall.



**April 10** 7:00 pm Holy Monday Eucharist (Nursery Care)

**April 11** Noon Holy Tuesday Eucharist (Nursery Care)

Passion Week

**April 12** 7:00 pm Holy Wednesday Healing Eucharist (Nursery Care)

**April 13** 6:00 pm All Parish Potluck (Nursery Care)  
 7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday** Liturgy (Nursery Care)  
 8:30 pm Vigil (all ages; sign up in Parish Hall) & Youth Lock-in

**April 14** 9:00 am Morning Prayer  
 Noon **Good Friday** Liturgy  
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Nursery Care)



**April 15** 5:00 pm **Easter Vigil** with Holy Baptism (Nursery Care)

Bring a small bell to ring in this child friendly liturgy, followed by **Agape supper and Easter egg hunt**. This special feast is offered in the honor of our Lord's Resurrection. It is a culmination of the spiritual journey that we have been on since Ash Wednesday when we were told, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." On this day we celebrate eternal life in Christ as we proclaim, "Alleluia. Christ has risen. The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia." All are welcome to join in on this meal experience organized by George Gorbatenko. George is a former Russian Orthodox member who brings this rich tradition to our faith community. If you want to help out in any way with this event, please call George at 651/653-4699. You do not need to sign up for this meal. Simply come to the Easter Vigil and experience the power of this liturgy coupled with this shared meal. A free will donation will be accepted to cover the cost of food.

**April 16** 8 & 10 am **Easter Day** Eucharist (Nursery Care)

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

## The Gospel of Matthew

On Sunday mornings April 2 and April 9, from 10 to 11 am in the Parlor, we complete 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.

## Living Faith. Exploring the Essentials of Christianity.

On Sunday, April 23 from 10 to 11 am in the Parlor we will begin a 10 part video series exploring the essentials of Christianity. Each meeting will consist of a 25 minute video with Tom Wright, Bishop of Durham in the Church of England, former Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, and former professor at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Discussion will follow after each video. Whether you are a newcomer or a cradle Episcopalian, if you seek a renewed, deeper, or more mature knowledge of our Christian faith, this program is for you. If you worship at 10:30 am, please come and join us for the 25 minute video.

## The Prophetic Imagination

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we are exploring 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 is *The Prophetic Imagination*, by Walter Brueggemann, Augsburg Fortress, 2001.

## The Adult Christian Formation Schedule

*Sundays (10 to 11 am, in the Parlor)*

- Apr 2** The Gospel of Matthew. Judgment is Coming: The Coming of the Son of Man and the Judgment of the World (24:1—25:46)  
**Apr 9** The Gospel of Matthew. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. Finale (26:1—28:15)  
**Apr 16** *no meeting (Easter Day)*  
**Apr 23** Living Faith 1. The Story and Message of the Bible  
**Apr 30** Living Faith 2. The Hebrew Scriptures

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

- Mar 29** The Prophetic Imagination 4  
**Apr 5** The Prophetic Imagination 5  
**Apr 12** *no meeting (Holy Wednesday)*  
**Apr 19** *please check the Small Voice*  
**Apr 26** *please check the Small Voice*

## 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? Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 23, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Parlor. For more information, please contact David Monyak: phone 651/481-8697, or e-mail.

## PASSAGES

### NEW TRANSFERS

Adrienne Bruce 3/2/2006  
Robert Bruce 3/2/2006

### Easter Flowers

To donate towards Easter flowers, please complete a flower donation card (from the parking lot entry bulletin board). Make your \$35 check payable to St. John's Altar Guild and place it in their mail slot by the office. You can donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for many blessings. Call Barb Van Steen, 651/484-1614, with questions.

### Lost & Found

Please check the Lost & Found box near the Parish Hall. All items unclaimed by the end of April will go to the Episcopal Church Women to sell as Spring Rummage.



### Music for Easter

No more exultant music exists than that associated with Easter. The liturgy and hymns, the anthems and organ music all reflect that. Our Easter Choir—an augmented version of our faithful Chancel Choir—is in the midst of preparing not one but three choruses from Handel's *Messiah* (“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,” “Blessing and honor,” “Hallelujah!”) and the exquisite “Alleluia” by Randall Thompson for Easter morning. Trumpeter Michael Brudevold will again join us for both the 8:00 and 10:00 am Eucharists—and for the 5:00 pm Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15.

## VESTRY HILITES

The Vestry met on March 14, 2006.

Committees are asked to prepare annual goals and budget requests for 2007, due no later than August 1, 2006.

Recommendations regarding banking accounts were discussed.

The Property Committee reported that a variance for the air conditioning system is in the process of being signed by the church neighbor. Choir Room repairs in addition to the flooring are needed. The Security System has been installed and is functioning.

The following motions were passed:

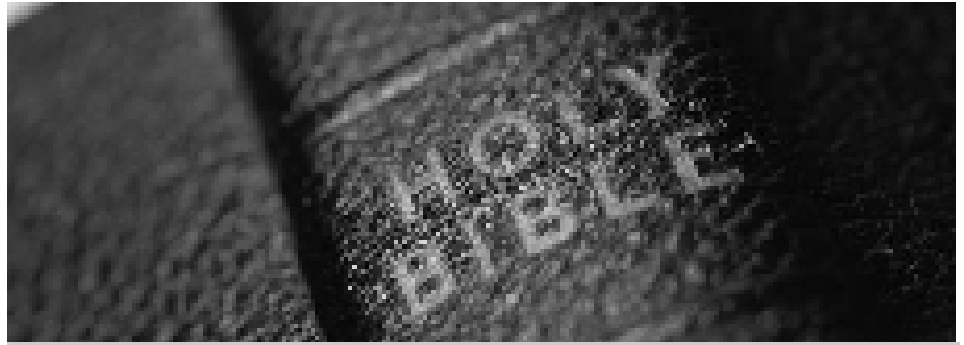
1. *The Vestry approves the 2005 Parochial Report as written.*

2. *The Vestry approves the stated goals for 2006.*

3. *All accounts currently held at Central Bank will be transferred to US Bank with the exception of the ECW account. Once CDs that are held at Central Bank come to term they will be reinvested at US Bank.*

4. *The Altar Guild and Gifts and Memorial checking accounts will be consolidated into the general checking account with the committees retaining control over their annual budget.*

The Vestry meets next on April 11, 2006 at 7 pm in the Church Parlor.



## April Bible Readings

### April 2 V Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Psalms 51:11-16

### April 9 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 45:21-25

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 15:1-39

Psalms 22:1-11

### April 10 Holy Monday

Hebrews 11:39-12:3

Mark 14:3-9

### April 11 Holy Tuesday

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Mark 11:15-19

### April 12 Holy Wednesday

Hebrews 9:11-15, 24-28

Matthew 26:1-5, 14-25

### April 13 Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Psalms 78:14-20, 23-25



### April 14 Good Friday (Noon)

Wisdom 2:1, 12-24

Hebrews 10:1-25

John 19:1-37

Psalms 40:1-14

### April 15 Easter Vigil (5 pm)

Exodus 14:10-15:1

[Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea]

Genesis 22:1-18

[Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac]

Romans 6:3-11

Matthew 28:1-10

### April 16 Easter (8 & 10 am)

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Mark 16:1-8

Psalms 118:14-17, 22-24

### April 23 II Easter

Acts 3:12a, 13-15, 17-26, 13-15, 17-26

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Psalms 118:19-24

### April 30 III Easter

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 1:1-2:2

Luke 24:36b-48

Psalms 98:1-5

*Underlined verses are read during the family service.*

# St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-April 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Every Sunday Except Easter</p> <p>7:30 am Eucharist (no music)</p> <p>9:00 am Family Eucharist (with the Children's Choir &amp;/or the Frets youth guitar group)</p> <p>10:30 am Choral Eucharist (with the Chancel Choir)</p> <p>Nursery care available during 9:00 and 10:30 am worship</p>	<p>Christian Education Every Sunday Except Easter Day</p> <p>10 am Children (Education Wing) until 10:50 am, Adults (Parlor) until 11 am</p>	<p>Every Tuesday</p> <p>9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall)</p> <p>10 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study of next Sunday's readings until 11:30 am (Parlor)</p> <p>6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 494</p>	<p>Every Wednesday</p> <p>2:00 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30 pm Light Supper, &amp; Nursery Care until 7:30 pm</p> <p>6:00 pm Adult Education (except 4/12) (Parish Hall), &amp; Children's Choir</p> <p>6:15 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation (Parlor)</p> <p>7:00 pm Holy Eucharist &amp; Junior High Youth Group</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Senior High Youth Group at Camp Heartland, returns Sunday 4/2</p>
<p>2 Lent V</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time begins</p> <p>10 am Lenten Pretzel Making (Parish Hall)</p> <p>11:30 am Children's Instructed Eucharist</p> <p>Noon Healing Ministry</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4 pm Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>7 pm Outreach Committee Meeting</p> <p>8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>4</p> <p>See Every Tuesday above</p> <p>7 pm Altar Guild Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>See Every Wednesday above</p> <p>1 pm Quilting Group (Parish Hall)</p> <p>4 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation until 7 pm</p> <p>6 pm Children's Lenten Series until 7 pm</p> <p>7:30 pm Easter Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 am Moms/Dads/Tots (Nursery) until 11:30 am</p> <p>Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1 pm BeFrienders until 3 pm</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</p> <p>Noon Healing Ministry until 1:30 pm</p> <p>6 pm Senior High Youth Group until 8 pm</p>	<p>10 Monday in Holy Week</p> <p>7 pm Holy Monday Eucharist</p> <p>8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>11 Tuesday in Holy Week</p> <p>See Every Tuesday above</p> <p>Noon Holy Tuesday Eucharist</p> <p>7 pm Vestry Meeting (Parlor) until 8:30 pm</p>	<p>12 Wednesday in Holy Week</p> <p>See Every Wednesday above</p> <p>3:30 pm St. Andrew's Village Communion</p> <p>7 pm Holy Wednesday Eucharist</p> <p>7:30 pm Easter Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 Maundy Thursday</p> <p>10 am Moms/Dads/Tots (Nursery) until 11:30 am</p> <p>Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p> <p>6 pm Potluck (Parish Hall)</p> <p>7 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist</p>	<p>14 Good Friday</p> <p>9 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>Noon Good Friday Liturgy</p> <p>7 pm Stations of the Cross</p> <p>May Voice Publication Deadline</p>	<p>15 Holy Saturday/ Easter Eve</p> <p>5 pm Easter Vigil</p> <p>6:30 pm Dinner</p>
<p>16 Easter Day</p> <p>8 am Eucharist</p> <p>10 am Eucharist</p> <p>No Children's Ministry Classes</p>	<p>17 Office Closed</p> <p>8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>18</p> <p>See Every Tuesday above</p>	<p>19</p> <p>See Every Wednesday above</p> <p>11:30 am Retired Men's Lunch (Key's Restaurant, downtown)</p> <p>Noon Region VI Clergy at St. Christopher's Roseville</p> <p>1 pm Quilting Group in the Parish Hall</p> <p>7:30 pm Grief Group in the Fireplace Room, &amp; Ministry Forum</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 am Moms/Dads/Tots (Nursery) until 11:30 am</p> <p>Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1 pm BeFrienders until 3 pm</p> <p>St. Paul Teens Encounter Christ Weekend begins</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Easter II</p> <p>9:50 am Acolyte Breakfast</p> <p>11:30 am Newcomers' Luncheon</p> <p>11:45 am Liturgy &amp; Music Committee Meeting</p> <p>6 pm Senior High Youth Group until 8 pm</p> <p>30 Easter III</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>25</p> <p>See Every Tuesday above</p> <p>1:30 pm Gifts &amp; Memorials Committee Meeting (Parlor)</p> <p>6:30 pm Welcoming &amp; Evangelism Committee Meeting (Caribou Coffee's Meeting Room, Hwy 96 &amp; Centerville Rd)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>See Every Wednesday above</p> <p>1 pm Rector &amp; Wardens Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10 am Moms/Dads/Tots (Nursery) until 11:30 am</p> <p>Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1 pm BeFrienders until 3 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:30 am Out to Lunch (Parish Hall)</p>

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

We are approaching the halfway point of our three year campaign. We have pledges totaling \$773,495.94, and, to date we have received payments of \$494,160.48.

The Campaign has enabled us to move forward on several initiatives. We first had to pay off the loan that had been taken out to fix the roof and paint the church. We have been able to continue Rev. Joanie's ministry, extend the hours of Alison Feigh, employ Jim Knauss as sexton, and we recently installed a fire and security system. In addition, plans are in place to air condition the church proper prior to summer. Much has been accomplished, and we want to thank everyone who supported the Campaign.

If you are making a payment to the Campaign by check, please make the check payable to "The Campaign for St. John's." If you pledged a Campaign payment in 2006, a Campaign pledge envelope will be included with your 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter contribution statement which will be mailed in July.

If you have any questions regarding your campaign pledge, please contact Parish Administrator **Maureen Bruno** at [wilderness2@stjohnwilderness.org](mailto:wilderness2@stjohnwilderness.org) or 651/429-5351, or Campaign Co-Chairpersons **Fosten & Beverly Boyle** at 651/429-6769.

### XCEL CONCESSION FUNDRAISERS UPDATE

The report time for the Saturday, April 8 Kenny Chesney Concert is to be announced. All trained volunteers would be graciously accepted.

The anticipated report time for the Friday, May 19 Tim McGraw & Faith Hill Concert is 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Now is the time to sign up. Let's fill this one up early!

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

We all seem to enjoy a cup of coffee and a goodie after church.

We need coffee makers/servers after the 9 am Eucharist on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month. This is 12 times for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, and only 5 times for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, in a year. We need coffee makers/servers after the 10:30 am Eucharist as well.

Thanks to our current coffee makers: Mary & Jim Bartley, Sandy Stevenson, Joanna Torgerson, Amy Hawley, Joann Smith, and Janet Kelber. Thanks also to all who buy or make our Sunday goodies!

If you can help, please call Janet Kelber, Hospitality Chair, at 651/484-7193.

## HELP NEEDED APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

The Property Committee, along with the Garden Club, needs volunteers to help spruce up the church grounds by doing general clean-up, trimming hedges, etc. Please dig out your garden tools and join us on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9-11 am. Coffee and rolls will be provided. If you are interested in gardening or have any questions regarding the clean-up, please call Barb Van Steen 651/484-1614.

## WELCOMING & EVANGELISM

We are launching a new ministry, stationing "greeters" at the church doors to welcome those attending our 9 am Sunday worship. We would love to do the same at 10:30 worship but we're in need of more volunteers. Please contact Molly Anthony 651/464-3115 if you are interested in serving as a greeter.

The next Committee Meeting will be held April 25 at 6:30 pm in the Caribou Coffee meeting room at Hwy 96 & 35E. We look forward to seeing everyone who is interested in learning more about the Committee. Contact Krista Sullivan at 651/484-2263 with your questions about the Committee or this next meeting.

## NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 11:30 AM

Watch for details in upcoming Small Voice bulletin inserts.

## RUMMAGE REMINDER

You may start bringing rummage April 1<sup>st</sup>. Stack it neatly behind the Parish Hall dividers on the left side *only*. Do *not* block the fire exit door or leave rummage in the church entry. Only clean, workable items accepted: *no* TVs, microwaves, or large items unless cleared first.

Work days are 9 am—3 pm Tuesday, 5/2 - Friday, 5/5. Lunch and Nursery Care are provided. The All-Parish Sale is Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8 pm. Public Sales are from 9 am-noon Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (as marked) and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (\$2 per bag).

If you have questions, call Lynn Gadbois, 651/426-2302, Pat Pickering, 651/429-0223, or Christine Karp, 651/653-6369.

## OFFICE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Congregation! St. John in the Wilderness is looking for office volunteers. Two hours weekly is a guideline, but flexibility is our middle name. We are looking for people to answer the phone and door, sort mail, make copies, etc. We need people M-F between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, and possibly 5-8 pm Wednesdays. If you are interested in supporting our church, rector and staff please email Chris Hawley at [hawleyca@hotmail.com](mailto:hawleyca@hotmail.com), call 651/466-0599, or place a written note in the Junior Warden's mail slot describing your interest and when you will be willing to serve.

## OUR GROWING HEALING MINISTRY

*"And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God,  
and to perform healing." (Luke 9.2)*

In the last few months, you may have noticed the presence of lay ministers in the narthex on Sunday mornings, or you may have received laying on of hands on Wednesday evenings by a lay minister. This lay involvement reflects our growing healing ministry at St. John's.

For over a year in our faith community, we have been reclaiming the healing ministry of the church. We aim to sustain and grow this ministry by training and commissioning more lay ministers in healing.

Healing, Paul notes in I Corinthians 12, is a spiritual gift—"a manifestation of the Spirit." Spiritual healing means to help make "whole" in body, mind, and spirit. To heal is not to cure but to help restore harmony and balance.

Chapter 9 of the gospel of Luke begins with Jesus sending the twelve out to preach and to heal. As chapter 10 opens, Jesus is sending out the seventy to do the same in teams of two. In the months ahead at St. John's, we will train and commission teams of lay healers to work in our parish's healing ministries.

Some of these ministers will be active in the laying on of hands at the Wednesday evening healing services and during communion on Sundays mornings. Others may act "as companions for the journey" to help us "let go and let God" when physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges seem daunting.

Over the next few months, our lay ministers in healing will share study programs, training, and spiritual practices as they work with Rev. Joanie to build this ministry. Please keep this healing ministry—and those called to it—in your prayers.



Chris Hawley and George Gorbatenko broke out the new grill for the Beach Party and fed about 115 people!

St. John's children go fishing for fun at the Beach Party.



## DEPRESSION: HOW TO GET HELP

Are you feeling sad, helpless, hopeless, or overwhelmed? If you have these feelings and they are interfering with your life, you may need help. It may even be critical to seek the help of a licensed, competent, mental health professional. People with depression who do not seek the help they need, suffer needlessly--some may even be suicidal. Depression is often masked by alcohol and drugs. It may also appear as being irritable, angry, or discouraged.

Psychotherapy offers the opportunity to identify the factors that contribute to the depression and develop goals and strategies to overcome the depression. By identifying options and setting realistic goals, steps can be taken to succeed in regaining proper mental health and happiness.

So, do not delay, seek out the help you need. If you have a family member or friend who is depressed, please help them seek out professional care. You may find referrals by contacting the church office, your doctor, community clinic, employee assistance program, health insurance company, the American Psychological Association, or other mental health professional organization. So again, please, take good care of yourself and help others find the care they need. Thank you.

James Anthony

# St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-April 2006

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
2 7:30 June Bennett  10:30 Joe Afryl	7:30 Marge Polanek  9:00 John Fennig  10:30 Jill Todd	We 5, 7:00 pm June Bennett  7:30 Pris Campbell 9:00 Ed Chilton Bari Chilton 10:30 Bob Peck	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	9:00 DeSmet Family Sally & Pete Holtz	Alice McClaren Pris Campbell Gayle Kasmani Mary Whitney	We 5, 7:00 pm Colleen Johnson  Sunday Colleen Johnson
9 Palm Sunday  7:30 Bob Peck  10:30 Joe Afryl	7:30 David Gadbois  9:00 Gretchen Brunner  10:30 Jim Delamater	7:30 June Bennett  9:00 Barb VanSteen Susie Mahoney  10:30 Ken Paddock	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	9:00 Long Family Krista Sullivan	<b>Holy Week</b> Pris Campbell, Sherri Afryl, June Hochbrunn, Jeanne LeFevre, Bette Smeed  <b>Easter Week</b> Barbara Youngblood, Pat Gagin, Deb Schmit, Janet Waller	Sunday Jason Knauss
<b>Holy Week</b> Monday 4/10 7:00 pm  Lay Reader Colleen Johnson  Lector Larry Mahoney  LEM Susie Mahoney  Verger Colleen Johnson	<b>Holy Week</b> Tuesday 4/11 Noon  Lay Reader June Bennett  Lector Marge Polanek  LEM Ed Chilton  Verger John Brunner	<b>Holy Week</b> Wednesday 4/12 7:00 pm  Lay Reader Joe Afryl  Lector Sherri Afryl  LEM Pris Campbell  Verger Chris Hawley	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 4/13 7:00 pm  Lay Reader Margaret Thor  Lector David Gadbois  LEM Bob Peck  Verger Colleen Johnson	<b>Good Friday</b> 4/14  9:00 Alison Feigh  Noon Colleen Johnson  7:00 Janet Waller Ken Paddock Colleen Johnson  Vergers Chris Hawley Jason Knauss	<b>Easter Vigil</b> 4/15 5:00 pm  Lay Reader Bob Peck Lector Maureen Vruno LEM June Bennett Acolytes Karps Ushers Longs Greeters DeSmet Family Kobinski Family Jason Knauss John Brunner	<b>Easter Day</b> 4/16 8:00 am  Lay Reader June Bennett Lector Marge Polanek LEM Pris Campbell Mary Whitney  Acolytes Thors Amy Whillock Mariers  Ushers Bryan DeSmet Canterburys Branbys  Verger John Brunner	<b>Easter Day</b> 4/16 10:00 am Lay Reader Ken Paddock Lector Lee Wilson LEM Greg Schmit Margaret Thor Greeters Gayle Kasmani Holtzes Acolytes Will Long Libby Mahoney Larsons Ushers Jim Hartmeister Alma Limbach Pickerings Lauren Warchol Ann Watson Ellen Anthony John Brunner Verger
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## VESTRY AFFIRMS GOALS FOR 2006

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. The Vestry has final approval over any recommendations made by the committee and responsibility to support and implement resulting plans. A final report is due in May when additional goals will need to be developed related to implementation.
2. Assess need for additional clergy staff; analyze costs and recommend availability of funds for this purpose.
3. Work with the Stewardship Committee to design suitable fund raising strategies to support the work of the Church.
4. Establish a policy and procedure for the rental of Church space to outside groups.
5. Complete the sale of the Haynes property and determine use of funds moving forward.
6. Oversee installation of air conditioning units prior to the beginning of the cooling season in May 2006 as approved in 2005.
7. Ensure installation of the Church Security System approved in 2005.
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.
9. Approve bids for the purchase of grounds maintenance service as recommended by the Property Committee.

As goals are achieved they will be reported to the Congregation. Minutes for all Vestry Meetings will be posted near the side entrance, in the Voice and on our web page so you can follow our progress.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE VESTRY

The Advisory Committee to the Vestry has begun work on a focused strategy to support the Church's primary ministry and identify needs 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 on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

A 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 committee has met twice with the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting focusing on the what the church might look like on January 1, 2008. By the end of March the team will have developed 3-4 rough draft strategies around which to begin building a plan.

The congregation will be fully apprised of the committee's work moving forward. Currently minutes from all meetings can be found on the bulletin board in the entry way, a monthly article will be provided in the voice, and other communications are currently being developed. Please do not hesitate to speak to a committee member if you have any questions or comments.

## 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 goal of the Ministry Forum is to provide a setting where committee members share information on upcoming activities sponsored by their committee, identify needs and discuss problems, "cross-pollinate" ideas and plant the seeds for joint activities, and provide ongoing support for one another as we work on our various ministries. The format is simple. We spend one hour together monthly sharing information on programs and activities in an informal setting. **Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly from 7:30 - 8:30 pm, in the Parish Hall or the Parlor based on availability. Mark your calendar to attend on April 19, May 17 & June 21.**

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](mailto:tcbranby@msn.com).



**April Birthdays**

- 1 Edward Chilton
- 1 Robert Jagusch
- 1 Joanna Torgerson
- 2 Marilyn King
- 2 Gladys Marquardt
- 3 Sally Gilchrist
- 3 Gretchen Peck
- 4 Lael Pickett
- 5 Dianne Del Giorno
- 5 Sandy Sears
- 6 Eve Purnell
- 7 Bruce Ackerman
- 7 Anne Brunner
- 8 Grayson Wagner
- 10 Robert Bruce
- 10 Richard Schradle
- 12 Grace Kelm
- 14 Michael Harnois
- 14 Caroline Jeddeloh
- 14 Richard Todd
- 14 Ronald Weide
- 15 Michael Carpenter
- 15 Joanne Power
- 16 Louis Harris
- 17 Samuel Senjem
- 17 Daniel Woods
- 18 Ivan Fletcher
- 18 Nichole Korth
- 18 Stephanie Schmit
- 19 Virginia Ellis
- 19 Bert Larson
- 19 Doris Long
- 20 Karen Dufresne
- 22 Helen Gehrenbeck
- 22 Tyler Young
- 23 John Holland
- 23 Evan Vickstrom
- 24 Jim Bartley
- 24 John Vruno
- 25 John Fennig
- 25 Emmy Kegler
- 25 Caryn Thor
- 27 Annalee Blake
- 29 Brennan Maloney
- 30 Richard Kyle
- 30 Jacob Reichert

*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 Spencer Cossalter

High School/Grade Forest Lake High School, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

School/Community Activities Cross-Country Running, Weight Training, Track, Boy Scouts

Church Activities Senior High Youth Group, Second-Year Confirmation, Usher, Northern TEC

Favorite Song "Sophomore Slump" or "Comeback of the Year" by Fall Out Boy

Proudest Moment becoming a high-schooler, and soon-to-be getting a driver's license

Collections trucker hats

Favorite St. John's Memory Youth Lock-In, getting caught putting a bench over Max's head

Favorite Movie National Treasure

Last good book you've read "In the Course of Duty" and the Halo Trilogy

Best advice you've been given Don't "assume".

Where you hope to be in 10 years making lots of money as an architect

If you could have dinner with any person, whom would you choose? Franklin Delano Roosevelt

How can church become more youth friendly? It can't-it's already maxed out on friendliness!



**Brendan Patrick Johnson, firstborn of Kate & Chris, grandson of Steve & Anne!**

# The Youth Voice

## Saint Paul TEC

The Saint Paul Teens Encounter Christ weekend is set for April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm and ends on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 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 a substantial cost difference if you register and pay before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Maundy Thursday Lock-In

All senior high students, especially those in Confirmation, should plan to attend the Maundy Thursday Liturgy and lock-in on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Eighth graders are also encouraged to sign up. We will meet at church at 5:00 pm to set up for the potluck and stay until 9:30 am on Friday morning. Please sign up in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend. Families of each youth are asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck.

## UEC Trip

The Senior High Youth will be meeting at church on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm. We'll head to the University Episcopal Center at the U of M campus for a tour, dinner, and time to worship with the UEC community. Please sign up in the Parish Hall if you plan to participate in this event. A yellow permission slip will need to be signed and turned in.

## Confirmation and Banquet

We will be having a banquet to honor all of our second year confirmation students, their families and their mentors on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Traditionally, the first year confirmation students and their families put together a meal for the second year students. There will be a separate letter going out about the event, but please put it on



## Children's Ministry

Pretzel time is here! Join us in the Parish Hall April 2<sup>nd</sup> following the 9 am Family Eucharist. We will be making pretzels - a traditional symbol of prayer.

On Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will offer an Instructed Eucharist for children and their parents led by Fr. Mark. Whether or not your child already receives communion, we invite you to attend to learn more about this Sacrament. We will meet in church following the 10:30 am liturgy.

The hunt is on! A Children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow the Easter Vigil on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Just a reminder, Children's Learning Time will not be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Summer is quickly approaching. If you are interested in volunteering for our Summer Bible School, June 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, please join us for an initial planning session on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> after 7 pm worship. Contact Alison Feigh or Christine Karp with any questions.

Our next Children's Ministry meeting will be April 30 at 11 am in the Parish Hall.

## Calling all Parishioners! Cemetery Clean-Up!

Please set aside Saturday, May 6, 9 am to 1 pm, for our annual Parish Cemetery clean-up. Hot dogs will be provided, so bring your rakes and yard equipment and come to help beautify this special space.

## Stewardship

Our Stewardship Committee is looking for a few volunteers for an exciting and important role helping fund what we do and want to do here. Youth members 16+ with an interest in business, church administration, and/or helping our church are also very welcome to apply. Contact chair John Fennig at johnfennig@dric.com or 651/308-