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 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 10:00 am Choral Eucharist

WEDNESDAY EVENING
 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

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People of the Parish

The Ministers



PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION

The following is offered as a quick-guide (not a set of rules) to the sacramental rites of the church. No such guide can anticipate all circumstances, so if you have concerns or questions, please speak to the clergy directly.

Please be aware that due to current confidentiality laws, clergy *cannot* be informed by health care professionals of the need for pastoral care without your written consent.

If emergency pastoral care is needed in the case of crisis, death, or severe illness, please call the parish clergy either at home or the office. Phone numbers are listed in the parish directory.

By Canon Law, all baptized persons, regardless of age or denominational affiliation, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The sacramental rites of Reconciliation and Holy Unction are available upon request either at a public service of worship or by appointment.

Holy Baptism is normatively reserved for the four baptismal feasts of the year — The Great Vigil of Easter (or Easter), Pentecost, All Saints, and The Baptism of Our Lord — and the Bishop's visitation. Prebaptismal preparation is required.

The sacramental rites of Marriage or Holy Union are available upon request. Pre-marriage or union counseling is required. To receive a wedding customary detailing liturgical, process, and financial issues, please speak to the parish administrator, Maureen Vruno, or download it on our parish website.

In the event of impending death, or of death itself, please call the clergy directly, so that the sacramental rites of the church may be offered.

Holy Communion is available for those who are ill or homebound, upon request or on a regular schedule. Lay Eucharistic Visitors exercise this ministry under the day-to-day oversight of the clergy.

Bishop George Sinabulya and his wife Edith, of Uganda, recently visited St. John in the Wilderness to promote the African Friends in Need Network. See the article on page 7 to learn more about AFINNET.



**WEAR SOMETHING RED
ON PENTECOST,
SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH!**

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

ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Living Faith: Exploring the Essentials of Christianity

Part of our spiritual journey must be a ceaseless exploration of who God is, what God asks of us, and what God desires for us. During June, we continue a ten part video series *Living Faith*, covering the essentials of Christianity. Whether you are a newcomer to Christianity or a cradle Episcopalian, if you seek a renewed, deeper, or more mature understanding of the Christian faith, please join us Sundays in the Parlor from 9 to 9:50 am!

Each meeting consists of a 25 to 30 minute video with Anglican bishop and theologian Tom Wright, followed by discussion among ourselves. Bishop Wright taught New Testament studies at Oxford University, Cambridge University, McGill University and Regent College for 20 years. He has written over 30 books and has received both academic acclaim as well as praise for the transparency of his popular writings. *Christianity Today* named him as one of the top five theologians in the world. The third volume of his magisterial series *Christian Origins and the Question of God* won the 2003 Theologos Award as the book of the year.

Tackling the Da Vinci Code

On June 4, the Sunday following the Fellowship outing to see *The Da Vinci Code*, we will take on some of the claims in the book and movie and put them to the test of history and current scholarship. We will meet in the Parlor from 9 to 9:50 am.

The Purpose Driven Life

In his best-selling book *The Purpose Driven Life*, Pastor Rick Warren reminds us we were planned for God's pleasure, formed for God's family, created to become like Christ, shaped for serving God, and made for a mission. On June 7, Father Mark will complete this six part Wednesday evening series on the ways these simple truths should change our lives.

The Adult Christian Formation Schedule

Sundays (9 to 9:50 am, in the Parlor)

- May 28** *no meeting*
- Jun 4** Tackling the DaVinci Code
- Jun 11** Living Faith #6: A Brief History of Christianity
- Jun 18** Living Faith #7: Christian Doctrines and Beliefs
- Jun 25** Living Faith #8: Other Religions and Beliefs

Wednesdays (6 to 6:50 pm, in the Parish Hall; Eucharist follows at 7 pm)

- May 31** The Purpose Driven Life #5: You Were Shaped For Serving God
- June 7** The Purpose Driven Life #6: You Were Made For A Mission
- June 14** *please check the Small Voice*
- June 21** *please check the Small Voice*
- June 28** *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? Please contact David Monyak: 651/481-8697 or d.monyak@comcast.net.

PASSAGES

BAPTISMS

Ethan Francisco Herrera 4/26/2006
Edward Rodman Titcomb IV
5/7/2006

CONFIRMATIONS

Ellen Elizabeth Anthony 5/13/2006
Spencer Charles Cossalter
5/13/2006
Ashley Rose Delamater 5/13/2006
Emily Cait Hammond 5/13/2006
Katie Noel Larson 5/13/2006
Sarah Sue Larson 5/13/2006
Elizabeth Ann Mahoney 5/13/2006
Peter Craig Schneider 5/13/2006
Samuel Eaton Todd 5/13/2006
Ann Stevenson Watson 5/13/2006

NEW TRANSFERS

Richard Kamla 5/15/2006

MARRIAGES

Meghan Marie Gordon &
Eric David Gadbois 5/20/2006

BURIALS

Matthew Truman Gardner
5/11/2006

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mary Gorbatenko and Avis Watkins for organizing the Wednesday evening light suppers throughout the program year!

FORMER PARISHIONER

TO BE ORDAINED

All are invited to attend the ordination of former parishioner Mary Catherine Enockson to the Diaconate at St. Mark's Cathedral on Thursday, June 8th at 7 pm.

PHOTO DIRECTORIES

If you were photographed for, or submitted your own photo for the parish directory, your copy awaits you! Vestry, Committee Chairs and Group Leaders will find theirs in their mail slots. All other photographed parishioners will find theirs alphabetized on tables in the Parish Hall.



Bible Readings

June 4
Day of Pentecost
Whitsunday
Wear something red!

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:4-13
John 20:19-23
Psalm 104:25-32

June 11
First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

Exodus 3:1-6
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-16
Canticle 13 (S231)

June 18
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

Ezekiel 31:1-6,10-14
2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Mark 4:26-34
Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

June 25
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11,16-18
2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Mark 4:35-41
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

VESTRY HILITES

The Vestry met on May 9, 2006.

The following motions were passed:

1. The Vestry gives the Wardens the authority to contract for cemetery survey completion not to exceed \$9,000.
2. The Vestry approves that the church begins to offer automatic transfer for giving by church members.
3. The Vestry accepts the resolution concerning the sale of real estate in Mesa, AZ for not less than \$150,000.
4. The Vestry moves to support Fr. Mark in the initiative to create a relationship with the African Friends in Need Network.

The Vestry meets next on June 13, 2006 at 7 pm in the Church Parlor.

FAMILIES INC. SUMMER PLAYDATES

Do you and your children need something to do this summer? Join us on Thursdays at about 10 am with your own picnic lunch. Children of all ages are welcome!

June 1 Podvin Park-1700 9th St WBL

June 8 Como Zoo-Meet outside Visitor Center main entrance ~ 9:45 am.
Zoo opens at 10 am.

June 15 Memorial Beach Park-4980 Lake Ave N. Meet at playground equipment across the street, then we'll move to the beach.

June 22 Podvin Park

June 26-30 Vacation Bible School at St. John's, no playdate this week

If it rains, we'll meet in the church nursery. Call Beth with questions, 651/490-0477.

AGAPE UPDATE

A very large thanks to all those who participated in the preparation of the Easter Eve meal: Amy and Chris Hawley, Amy Okaya, Bari and Ed Chilton, Sarah Chilton, Kate Miller, Nancy Jagusch, Gayle Kasmani, Krista Sullivan, Mary Gorbatenko, Beth Hydeke-Kelm, Nance Purcell, John Vruno, Joann Smith, and Janet Kelber.

Thanks also to all the behind the scenes workers who helped with the clean-up, and anyone else I possibly missed. To all those who shared this meal with your friends and neighbors, thanks. It was indeed a privilege to serve such a great family.

George Gorbatenko

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Alison Feigh will co-lead Safe Church training at St. Luke's in Minneapolis on Saturday, July 7th, 2-5 pm, for all new Music Camp staff. Any St. John's member wanting to receive training, please sign up with Alison Feigh. There is a \$10 cost to cover materials and background check.

SPRING RUMMAGE THANKS

Hey everybody, did we have a successful spring rummage sale, or what? We netted about \$1,800, more than we have in years! Thanks to everyone who donated good stuff, chairpersons, workers who sorted and priced, and especially to soup makers, Beverly Boyle, Joann Smith, and June Bennett. Special thanks to Sexton Jim Knauss, whose efforts went above and beyond the call of duty.

St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-June 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Every Sunday 8 am Eucharist (no singing) 10 am Choral Eucharist (with hymn singing) Nursery care available during both liturgies</p>		<p>Every Tuesday 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall) 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 494</p>	<p>Every Wednesday 2 pm Staff Meeting 7 pm Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>1 Office Closed 10 am Moms/Dads/Tots at Podvin Park, 1700 9th St WBL Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>2 1 pm BeFriends until 3 pm</p>	<p>3 11 am Nancy Ottis Harris Memorial Service 11:30 am Reception 1 pm Oakland Cemetery Graveside 4 pm DaVinci Code Movie, Dinner & Discussion</p>
<p>4 Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday Wear something red! 10 am Holy Baptism 10 am Healers Commissioned 11:30 am BeFriends until 1:30 pm</p>	<p>5 4 pm Executive Committee Meeting until 5:30 pm 7 pm Outreach Committee Meeting; all are welcome 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>6 See Every Tuesday above 6 pm Altar Guild Meeting</p>	<p>7 See Every Wednesday above Last evening of Nursery Care until fall 6 pm Adult Ed. The Purpose Driven Life #6: You Were Made For A Mission (Parish Hall) 7:30 pm Healing Ministry (Parlor)</p>	<p>8 9:45 am Moms/Dads/Tots at Como Zoo Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 4 pm Anne Rogers Wedding in St. Croix, WI</p>
<p>11 Trinity Sunday Deacons Conference in Collegeville</p>	<p>12 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>13 See Every Tuesday above General Convention begins 7 pm Vestry until 8:30 pm (Parlor)</p>	<p>14 See Every Wednesday above 3:30 pm St. Andrew's Village Communion</p>	<p>15 10 am Moms/Dads/Tots at Memorial Beach Park, 4980 Lake Ave N WBL Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 6 pm Senior High Youth "1980's" Lock-in</p>
<p>18 Father's Day</p>	<p>19 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>20 See Every Tuesday above</p>	<p>21 See Every Wednesday above 11:30 am Retired Men's Group Lunch at Keys downtown WBL 6:30 pm NYC Mission Trip meeting</p>	<p>22 10 am Moms/Dads/Tots at Podvin Park, 1700 9th St WBL Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>23 5:30 pm Manitou Days Grand Parade & All Parish BBQ</p>	<p>24 11:30 am Out to Lunch (Parish Hall)</p>
<p>25 Nativity of St. John the Baptist (transferred) 10 am BeFriends Commissioned 11:10 am Liturgy & Music Committee Meeting (Fireplace Room)</p>	<p>26 Vacation Bible School Week 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>27 Vacation Bible School Week See Every Tuesday above 6:30 pm Welcoming & Evangelism Committee Meeting (Caribou Coffee, Hwy 96 @ I35E) All are welcome</p>	<p>28 Vacation Bible School Week See Every Wednesday above 7 pm Holy Eucharist at White Bear Lake (weather permitting) followed by Boat Blessing Manitou Days Lighted Boat Parade on White Bear Lake at dusk</p>	<p>29 Vacation Bible School Week Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline Diocesan Council at St. Clement's</p>	<p>30 Vacation Bible School Week</p>	<p>7/1 10:30 am Manitou Days Pet Parade & St. Francis Blessing until noon</p>



Chris Hawley (Warden) and John Vruno (Property) grilling lamb for the Gorbatenkos' Easter Feast. The All -Parish Cookout will have excellent fare with them & Jason Knauss (Fellowship Chair) at the grill again as last year!



A St. John's Outreach crew drove to Ocean Springs, MS on May 11 to re-roof the home of a hurricane Katrina victim over a long weekend.

READ THIS!

Watch your Small Voice each week for details as they develop around a wonderful new Manitou Days event! A Lighted Boat Parade at dusk on Wednesday, June 28th has inspired us to bring our 7 pm Eucharist outdoors at White Bear Lake (weather permitting) followed by our clergy offering Boat Blessings prior to the parade.

If you can help with the use of a pontoon boat docked on White Bear Lake, or on a working trailer (we'll find the truck to tow it), please contact Maureen ASAP, wilderness2@stjohnwilderness.org or 651/429-5351 ext. 10. Thank you for your support!

MANITOU DAYS GRAND PARADE & ALL-PARISH COOKOUT JUNE 23

Come join the fun and excitement on Friday afternoon, June 23rd. Grill-masters Chris Hawley, Jason Knauss and John Vruno will have grilled food, buns, condiments & beverages ready for your enjoyment at 5:30 pm. Please bring a bag of chips or package of cookies to share with fellow parishioners. Let's keep it simple; no one really wants to do dishes and miss the parade!

The Grand Parade is rain or shine. We are looking into towing a flat-bed trailer in our unit this year for our participants who might enjoy a rest from the long walk of the parade route. Of course, we'll have plenty of candy available to distribute to spectators along the route. Our line up spot is yet to be determined, but Parish Administrator Maureen Vruno has requested of parade organizers that St. John's unit lines up right in front of the church. The parade will begin at 6:30 pm sharp.

Clergy & Staff, Music & Liturgy, Fellowship, Young Adults, Youth, and Families Inc. are already actively involved, and it's not too late for any other individuals or parish groups to become involved too!

Traffic and parking will be very challenging. Please carpool, arrive early, and drop a vehicle ahead of time if possible. We are brainstorming possible drop off locations west of Hwy 61 to ease getting vehicles in and out of downtown before the parade.

Watch the weekly Small Voice for details, and RSVP to Maureen Vruno at wilderness2@stjohnwilderness.org or 651/429-5351 ext. 10. so we have an accurate head count.

MANITOU DAYS PET PARADE AND ST. FRANCIS BLESSING AT ST. JOHN'S JULY 1

A Pet Parade and St. Francis Blessing are again featured Manitou Days events this year, thanks to Town Life Magazine in partnership with St. John in the Wilderness. Parade registration begins on Saturday, July 1st at 10:30 am on Clark Avenue beginning at 2nd Street.

The parade will proceed southbound toward the lake on the west side of the parkway, then turn back north along the east side of the parkway and in front of the church. We have asked all our clergy to be present for the St. Francis blessings for all those desiring such. Pets will be judged following the St. Francis blessing, if desired by their owners, in fun categories such as smallest, largest and most unique pet, best pet costume, and pet & owner who most resemble each other. Judges are Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Fire Chief Tim Vadnais, Mayor Paul Auger, & Town Life Publisher Catherine Carey. All staff have been asked to be on hand as well. We need volunteers to provide ice-cold lemonade for hot and thirsty pet owners as we did last year.

Everyone in the parish is invited to participate in the parade with a pet (or Teddy Bear) or help in a variety of ways to make this a wonderful community event and showcase our beloved parish in its best light. To help with event logistics or hospitality, please contact Maureen Vruno, Parish Administrator, wilderness2@stjohnwilderness.org or 651/429-5351 ext. 10. Youth volunteers, please contact Alison Feigh, Youth and Children's Minister, alison@stjohnwilderness.org or 651/429-5351 ext. 12.

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST: A CALL TO HEALING AND WHOLENESS

It was a time of transformation from fear to action. The followers of Jesus had watched Him ascend into heaven. Afterwards, they had retreated, confused and fearful, to an upper room in Jerusalem. There they hid and prayed and waited “to be baptized by the Holy Spirit,” as Jesus had promised.

It was a sudden baptism of fire that they experienced on that Pentecost morning as recounted in Acts 2. The experience propelled the disciples out of hiding and into a community life of prayer, of teaching, of fellowship, of laying-on of hands, of anointing, and of healing.

These were the practices of the early Church, and it is to these practices that we are called today.

Prayer, forgiveness, community worship, hands-on healing, and anointing are all God-connections. Through each of these, we walk in love and light with Him who embodies both. “God is light,” John reminds us in his first letter to those in the early Church. “In Him, there is no darkness at all.”

And yet, all of us, at times, slip into darkness. We lose our balance of body, mind, and spirit. We are overwhelmed by sadness, by sickness, by work, by worry. We lose our connection with God. We find it difficult, if not impossible, to pray.

We need others to help us regain our balance and our God-connection. We need the healing power of the Holy Spirit. In our needs and in our reaching out to others in our faith community, we are no different from those who shaped the earliest Christian communities by gathering together to pray and to lay hands upon each other.

Every Sunday morning and every Wednesday evening, re-connection to God through prayer and the laying on of hands is available to everyone. On Sunday mornings, you can come to the narthex before or after receiving communion. Members of the healing team, both clergy and lay, will listen

to your needs, lay on hands, and pray for you—or for healing help for someone else you name. What you express remains between you and God, from whom all healing comes. Healers are present to convey God’s love and to help you release whatever is blocking your connection to God.

If you can’t express what is on your heart, don’t let that keep you from seeking healing. Ask for prayer to discern what troubles you or ask that healers lay hands on you in silence. *What’s important is that you ask* and that you open yourself to God’s healing grace.

Worship, prayer, communion, healing, sharing—these are the life rhythms of the early Church that we are reclaiming today. I invite you to share in all these practices.

I also invite you to pray for the first four lay healers whom we will commission this month: Sherri Afryl, Cathryn Bashore, Dianne Del Giorno, and Colleen Johnson. They will join clergy in the laying-on of hands at our Wednesday night healing services and during our Sunday morning services. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow as healers and work together with clergy to build the healing ministry at St. John’s.

Rev. Joanie

AFRICAN FRIENDS IN NEED NETWORK

(AFINNET) became a fully registered Voluntary Christian Development Organization in 2002 in Uganda to benefit women, youth and children in rural areas. Its Headquarters is in Mityana in the Mubende District, about 30 miles SW of Kampala.

Uganda is the smallest East African country, but with a population of over 20 million in over 40 different tribes and cultures, it is one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa.

AFINNET has a Christian background, yet cooperates with people and organizations of all cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds. Uganda obtained independence in 1962. For 30+ years since, civil wars and dictatorial rule severely disrupted the country’s religious, socio-economic, cultural and political institutions, throwing the population into unprecedented poverty. The adverse effects of political upheavals: tens of thousands were killed or displaced; many women and girls were victims of rape; fields were abandoned; personal property was destroyed; hospitals, health centers, clinics, schools and infrastructure were laid to total waste.

Though there is now a bit of political stability and acknowledgement of the problem, support to poor rural dwellers is limited. There are no survival opportunities for youth, especially girls, or young women and their children. Sub-Saharan African women are undervalued and over-worked. Women’s low status results in the neglect of daughters, and a cycle of women, wives and mothers who are mistreated and uneducated. The primary role of women is seen as childbearing, and a woman’s status is reflected by the number of children she has. The education of females is often disregarded, and girls often marry young, uneducated and unhappy.

Despite strong Christian influence, there are many polygamous marriages, especially in more rural areas. Women agree to become a man’s 2nd or even 3rd wife for fear of being left unmarried and socially excluded.

Ugandan women rise at sunrise and work until night-time, responsible for farming, cooking, childcare and most other household duties. Husbands have few responsibilities and many spend their days drinking in local bars.

AFINNET advocates for the rightful place of rural women in the society, and fights their exploitation and violence against them.

To learn more about AFINNET, visit the website at <http://www.afinnet.org>.

St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-June 2006

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEMS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
4 8 am Joe Afryl 10 am June Bennett	8 am David Gadbois 10 am Jim Delamater	We 7, 7 pm Joe Afryl 8 am Jane Kyle Mary Whitney 10 am Pris Campbell Greg Schmit	10 am H. Schneider M. Moertel S. Moertel A. Whillock S. Todd W. Todd B. Boyle	8 am Ken Whitney Gene Napiwoski 10 am Mark Hosfield Watkinses Johnsons	Mary Whitney Gayle Kasmani Lynn Gadbois Deb Schmit	Chris Hawley
11 8 am June Bennett 10 am Bob Peck	8 am Marge Polanek 10 am Wendy Muscanto	We 14, 7 pm Pris Campbell 8 am Sherri Afryl June Bennett 10 am Bari Chilton Ed Chilton	10 am L. Warchol L. Karp B. Long L. McCarthy L. DuFresne	8 am Brunners Domins 10 am Jim Hartmeister Mike Gerlach Susanne Smith	Jane Kyle Sherri Afryl Anne Johnson Barbara Youngblood	Jason Knauss
18 8 am June Bennett 10 am Colleen Johnson	8 am Gretchen Peck 10 am Helen Kissel	We 21, 7 pm June Bennett 8 am Jane Kyle Mary Whitney 10 am Barb VanSteen Susie Mahoney	10 am C. Thors P. Thor E. Marier M. Marier W. Long	8 am Bryan DeSmet Canterburys Branbys 10 am Jim Hartmeister Lauren Warchol Ann Watson Libby Mahoney Ellen Anthony	Jeanne LeFevre Keiko Farrar Barbara Merrill Janet Waller	John Brunner
25 8 am Judy Kroesch 10 am Lee Wilson	8 am Marge Polanek 10 am Barbara Kraning	8 am Pris Campbell Bob Peck 10 am Colleen Johnson Ken Paddock	10 am T. Young S. Warchol E. Moertel N. Karp E. Karp S. Bartley	8 am DeSmets 10 am Linda Carpenter Jim Marier Pickerings Tom Medd	Pris Campbell June Hochbrunn Jane Kyle Gere Letourneau	Jason Knauss
		Wednesday 28 th , 7 pm Eucharist at White Bear Lake (weather permitting) Bob Peck				



THANK YOU TO THE 202 FAMILIES WHO'VE PLEDGED TO THE 2006 GENERAL OPERATING FUND!

Bruce Ackerman	Karl Glander	Helen LaBarre	Sterling Price
Joseph Afryl	The Rev. George Glander	Eva Jane Larson	Robert Prochnow
Andrews Allen	George Gorbatenko	Mary Larson	Nancy Purcell
Jack Ambler	Jeremy Gulbranson	Richard Larson	Michael Purnell
A. Anderson	Richard Gwynn	Victor Lee	John Reed
Barbara Anderson	Dorothy Haas	John LeFevre	Nancy Rice
Gladys Anderson	Richard Halbert	Geraldine Letourneau	Terry Rooney
LeRoi Anderson	Timothy Hammond	Nathan Lief	Ward Sanford
James Anthony	Andrew Harding	Alma Limbach	Harry Schlieff
Geraldine Babcock	Louise Harding	Doris Long	Gregory Schmit
Fred Baborsky	Bill Harholdt	Thomas Long	Timothy Schmuck
Jim Bartley	Sara Harker-Olson	Sharon Lund	Katheryn Schneider
Cathryn Bashore	Michael Harnois	Roberta Lutgen	Richard Schradle
William Beebe	Louis Harris	J. MacKenzie	David Seitz
June Bennett	James Hartmeister	William MacNally	Marc Senjem
Joan Berry	Christine Hauser	Lawrence Mahoney	Martha Shaffer
Bradley Boyle	Mary Jo Hawkinson	Albert Maiers	Paula Sherman
Fosten Boyle	Christopher Hawley	James Marier	Bette Smeed
Therese Branby	Karen Herrera	Gladys Marquardt	Joann Smith
Lisa Brock	Anne Herron	James Matko	Sandra Stevenson Watson
Nancy Brown	Nancy Hess	A. James Matson	Charles Stuck
John Brunner	Lois Hildebrandt	Ruth Mattlin	Donald Sulentic
Priscilla Campbell	Junice Hochbrunn	Gene McAlister	Burnett Sullivan
Bruce Canterbury	Margaret Holper	Will McBride	Robert Sullivan
Bradford Carpenter	Peter Holtz	Edwin McCarthy	William Swanson
Michael Carpenter	Matt Hoover	Alice McClaren	Steven Swisher
Shirley Chapman	Mark Hosfield	John McLean	J. Dixon Tews
Edward Chilton	Richard Hovland	Jean McMillan-Rowland	Dennis Thoemke
Karla Collins	David Hyduke	Sean McVay	Margaret Thor
Debra Cossalter	Robert Jagusch	Tom Medd	Richard Todd
Nancy Cottle	Philip Jemielita	Barbara Merrill	Brent Torgerson
George Crockett	The Rev. Andrew Jensen	Kathleen Miller	Elizabeth Uppgren
Gretchen Davidson	Christopher Johnson	Glenn Monson	John Uttermark
Joan Delamater	Colleen Johnson	Lyles Monson	David Valentine
Dorothy Dokmo	John Johnson	Robert Monson	Chuck Van Steen
Karen Dufresne	Stephen Johnson	David Monyak	Amanda Vickstrom
George Earl	James Johnston	Priscilla Moody	John Vruno
Gregory Eick	Christopher Karp	Wendy Muscanto	Kern Walker
Virginia Ellis	Gayle Kasmani	Eugene Napiwoski	Janet Waller
Keiko Farrar	Sally Keep	Amy Okaya	Margaret Wangenstein
Alison Feigh	Stan Kegler	Richard Oswald	Nathaniel Watkins
John Fennig	Janet Kelber	Kenneth Paddock	Ronald Weide
Richard Fiddle	Mark Kelm	Kenneth Peatross	Doris Weinhagen
Ivan Fletcher	Charles King	Robert Peck	Elizabeth Whillock
David Gadbois	John Kissel	Cheryll Peterson	Kenneth Whitney
Eric Gadbois	Jason Knauss	Joan Piasecki	Lee Wilson
Patricia Gagin	John Korth	Verne Pickering	Diane Wingfield
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Joan Gardner	Max Kraning	Lucille Popp	James Zinter
David Gehrenbeck	James Kroesch	Charles Power	
Jeanne Gilbertson	Richard Kyle	Joanne Power	

If your name did not appear, or to make a pledge, contact Parish Administrator Maureen Vruno via email at wilderness2@stjohnwilderness.org, or telephone 651/429-5351 ext. 10.



June Birthdays

- 1 Karla Collins
- 1 Charles Stuck
- 2 Mark Hosfield
- 3 James Anthony
- 3 Janet Kelber
- 3 Joann Smith
- 4 Dorothy Haas
- 4 John Korth
- 5 Marjorie Allen
- 5 Brendan Boyle
- 5 James Marier
- 6 John Kobinski
- 9 Haley Gilbert
- 10 Jasmine Cox
- 10 Teena Fletcher
- 13 Dustin Reichert
- 14 Madeline Lee
- 14 Katheryn Schneider
- 15 Stephanie Sulentic
- 16 William MacNally
- 16 Teri Moertel
- 17 William Lindbeck
- 17 Devin Truchon
- 18 Spencer Cossalter
- 18 Marjorie Polanek
- 18 Nancy Rice
- 18 Elizabeth Schmit
- 19 Ashlyn Brown
- 21 Pamela Burg
- 22 Bernice Weide
- 22 Lindsey Lee
- 23 Amy Okaya
- 24 Abigayle Hoover
- 24 Benjamin Plocher
- 27 Ron Domin
- 27 The Rev. George Glander
- 27 Sara Kraning
- 27 Victoriya Kuechle
- 27 Rochelle Ware
- 28 Julia Monyak
- 29 Trey Titcomb
- 29 Diane Wingfield
- 30 David Gehrenbeck
- 30 Helen Swanson

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 Katie Noel Larson

High School/Grade Forest Lake High School, 10th grade

School/Community Activities
International Club

Church Activities Acolyte, Usher, Youth Group, Great North Teens Encounter
Christ

Favorite Song Crazy by Simple Plan, or Letters to the President by Hawk Nelson

Proudest Moment helping out at the San Diego mission trip at the give away

Collections Stuffed Animals, Friendship Bear stuff

Favorite St. John's Memory the San Diego mission trip, the whole thing, no real specifics



Favorite Movie Pirates of the Caribbean

Last good book you've read Blade Silver by Melody Carlson

Best advice you've been given One minute of anger or sadness is 60 seconds wasted happiness.

Where you hope to be in 10 years finishing up medical school to become a pediatrician dermatologist

If you could have dinner with any person, whom would you choose?
Pierre, the lead singer of Simple Plan, my favorite band

How can church become more youth friendly? It couldn't. Alison, Max, and Rich have made it the best it can be. Heck yes!

Children's Ministry

Invite a friend and join us for our **Jonah's Journey** Summer Bible Camp to be held June 26 – 30. It is open to preschoolers - 5th graders. Interested 6th - 12th graders may participate as students or assistants.

Days begin at 10 am with games, singing, crafts, and story discussion. A group lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Pick up time is noon.

For children entering 3rd grade and up, an optional afternoon arts experience will take place from 12 – 1 pm. Music and dance will highlight this time.

Cost for the camp is \$15 per child or \$45 max per family. Financial assistance is available. Registration forms are located on the Children's Ministry Board in the Parish Hall. Space is still available.



The Confirmation Banquet in the Parish Hall the evening of Sunday, May 7th

The Youth Voice

Confirmation

Congratulations to our youth who completed the 2-year Confirmation preparation program and decided to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or Reception. These youth were Confirmed/Received on May 13th: Ellen Anthony, Spencer Cossalter, Ashley Delamater, Emily Hammond, Katie Larson, Sarah Larson, Libby Mahoney, Peter Schneider, Sam Todd, and Ann Watson.

Youth Day at the Twins

We have a block of tickets reserved for the July 16th 1:10 pm game. We'll leave St. John's following the 10 am service. Those in the Youth Program (entering grade 6+ next fall) who want to attend, sign up in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15, due by June 16th. We need chaperones/drivers for this event.

80s Lock-In

We invite Senior High youth (entering grades 9+) to a 1980s-themed lock in on Saturday, June 17th at 6 pm. We'll watch Senior High's favorite 1980s movie, "Catch Me If You Can," and have plenty of "Punky Brewster" & "21 Jumpstreet" on hand. We encourage youth to wear excellent 1980s attire. The lock in will end after we attend the 10 am service. If families have Father's Day plans, youth may leave after attending the 8:00 service.



Mission Trip Meeting

All NYC mission trip participants: plan to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, June 21st from 6:30-8 pm. We'll hand out information packets & itinerary, and go over trip details. Please talk to Alison if you or a family representative can't attend.

Manitou Days Parade

All youth please come to church on Friday, June 23rd for BBQ and to represent St. John's in the Manitou Days parade. We have had a great time at this the past 2 years. We'll provide more information closer to the parade date.

Vacation Bible School

Sixth-twelfth graders interested in helping with VBS the week of June 26th-30th, please talk to Alison. We need song leaders, craft helpers, and small group leaders. Please consider providing a great week of faith formation for our youngest parishioners.

Episcopal Youth Music Camp

Spaces are filling up quickly for EYMC, August 13th-19th at Camp Heartland in Willow River, MN. Campers get musical instruction while still having time for traditional camp activities.

Please see Alison for more camp information, registration materials, or to provide needed financial support to this program.

Thought for the Month

"When you say a situation or a person is hopeless, you are slamming the door in the face of God." Charles L. Allen

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2006

Lara Delamater will begin study at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities this fall. She plans to pursue an Engineering degree from the Institute of Technology.

Rachel Ford will graduate from Mahtomedi High School and will attend the University of Minnesota - Duluth, where she will major in music.

Muriel Gilbert will attend Century College in the fall. She hopes to pursue a career teaching high school students.

Rona Johnson will graduate from St. Anthony High School and in the fall will attend the University of Wisconsin - River Falls. She will major in Elementary Education.

Sarah Larson will graduate from Forest Lake High School and attend Bemidji State University in the fall. She is looking into pursuing a major in Social Work or Accounting.

Anne Moertel will be at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago to pursue her growth as an artist in various media.

Thank you to our 2005-2006 Christian Education Teachers of Youth and Children:

Katheryn Schneider, Kelly DeSmet, Max Stevenson, Alison Feigh, Rich Oswald, Joanna Torgerson, Gretchen Brunner, Emily Hammond, Christine Karp, Lisa Brock, Kate Prochnow, Dawn Saks, Beth Whillock, Sarah Larson, Barb VanSteen, Jeanne Thoemke, and Jody Eick.