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SUNDAY MORNING
 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
 9:00 am Family-Friendly Eucharist
 10:30 am Choral Eucharist
 Nursery Care available 9:00 & 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY EVENING
 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist
 Nursery Care available

PARISH STAFF

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

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Chris Hawley	Warden
Ken Paddock	Warden
Margaret Thor	Treasurer
Becky Monson	Clerk of Vestry
June Bennett	2008
Michael Carpenter	2008
Tom Long	2008
John Fennig	2009
Brent Torgerson	2009
Rich Hovland	2010
Gayle Kasmani	2010
Tim Schmuck	2010
Krista Sullivan	2010

People of the Parish The Ministers



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REMODELED NURSERY SPACE AND NEW CHILDREN'S AREA IN THE PARISH HALL

Over the past few years, you may have noticed the changing demographic in our spiritual community. One of our fastest growing areas of membership is families with young children. In fact, our outstanding nursery care providers, Kelly and Nastacia, have often noted that the nursery is bursting at the seams.

To meet the growing need, our Property Committee decided the best course of action was to remove the non load-bearing wall between the two small nursery rooms, making one larger space. The Vestry and Property Committee hired John Brunner to do the work, and the project is well underway.

To help accommodate children during coffee hour and meetings in the Parish Hall, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) have graciously allowed the use of the storage room in the southwest corner of the Parish Hall.

All stored items have been relocated, and the room has been converted into a nice space for children. Thanks to Pat Pickering and our ECW for allowing this to happen!

Please take a moment to visit the remodeled nursery space and to notice the new children's area in the Parish Hall. If you have ideas of how our historic building could be better utilized, please speak with the Property Committee or a Vestry member. See you in Church.

In Christ's Love, Mark

Holy Week Schedule

- 4/1 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am Palm Sunday (Nursery Care)
9 & 10:30 begin in the Parish Hall for the Palm Procession
- 4/2 7 pm Holy Monday Eucharist (Nursery Care)
- 4/3 7 pm Holy Tuesday Eucharist (Nursery Care)
- 4/4 4-7 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) offered by your priests
at the Healing Station in the narthex across from the balcony entrance.
No sign up necessary. All are welcome.
7 pm Holy Wednesday Eucharist
- 4/5 6 pm All Parish Potluck, bring a dish to share (Nursery Care)
7 pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy (Nursery Care)
8:30 pm Vigil
- 4/6 9 am Morning Prayer
Noon Good Friday Liturgy with Reserved Sacrament
7 pm Stations of the Cross (Nursery Care)
- 4/7 5 pm Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism (Nursery Care)
Bring a small bell to ring during this child friendly liturgy
followed by a Light Supper and Easter egg hunt.
- 4/8 8 am Easter Day Choral Eucharist
10 am Easter Day Choral Eucharist (Nursery Care)
Light incense will be used at the 10 am liturgy only.



Parishioner & Nursery Remodeling
Contractor John Brunner &
Associate

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

SPECIAL EASTER DAY MUSIC

An "Easter Choir" of some 25 voices is busily preparing for the 8 & 10 am Eucharists on Easter Day, April 8. Several additional singers have joined our Chancel Choir to sing a section of Johannes Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem*, one of the most revered choral masterpieces of all time.

But, you might ask, a Requiem for *Easter*? Unlike traditional liturgical Requiems (based on the Mass for the Dead), Brahms' *Requiem* focuses on the living. Brahms himself chose the text, all from Scripture. It begins: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." From the sixth movement (that which our choir and soloist will sing—*auf englisch*, by the way) are these words: "Then, what of old was written, the same shall be brought to pass, for death shall be swallowed in victory. Grave, where is thy triumph? Death, where is thy sting?" (see I Corinthians 15:51-55).

Brahms' setting, at first subdued and reflective, builds into dramatic outbursts of energy and joy. "Death, where is thy sting?" instead leaving a question mark, becomes a ringing affirmation of the life that is to come for all believers in the risen Christ.

Roy Heilman, who sang with us at Lessons and Carols last December, again will be our soloist. (He recently was a featured soloist in the Mozart *Requiem* at St. Mark's Cathedral). Church members and friends will fill the choir chancel to overflowing as they lead the resurrection hymns and the sung liturgy, offer the Brahms—and, of course, conclude both services with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*.

And before all this, we shall be privileged to hear church member and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra 'cellist Daryl Skobba playing a chorale setting, "Awake, thou wintry earth," from a cantata by J. S. Bach.

LYRA CONCERT: THURSDAY, MAY 17TH

The LYRA Group from St Petersburg, Russia will perform a concert in our church on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 pm. Following the concert will be a light Russian-style dinner.

The a capella group consists of St Petersburg Academy of Music graduates, many of whom are also performing in the Russian Opera. The repertoire consists of sacred music and popular Russian folk songs. The concert is expected to last about 1-1/4 hours.

Following the program will be a light borscht, vinaigrette (beet salad), & piroshki (meat or cabbage-filled fried dumplings) dinner. This would be a very traditional meal that one would have after, say, a Russian Orthodox church service.

Please invite your friends & neighbors as it will be open to the public. The admission cost will likely be very minimal as the purpose is to bring our respective cultures closer together.

An opportunity is available to act as host for one (and possibly two) of the 2 ladies and 3 men of the group who range in age from 25 to 43 years. The host family is expected to provide lodging that night and meals through noon. The group is expected to depart mid-afternoon for their next concert. If you are interested in acting as a host family, please contact George Gorbatenko at 651/653-7759 or gorby@ece.umn.edu.

More information will follow. In the meantime you are invited to visit the group's web site at www.lyra-online.org to sample the music and get some background information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us Good Friday evening for this beautiful and meditative service centering on Christ's journey that first Good Friday. We will use meditations, pictures and prayers developed by the Maryknolls that focus on suffering in the world today that echos Christ's journey. Music will be provided by a string trio of students from Benilde-St. Margaret's.



ADULT FORMATION

4/1 (Palm Sunday): The Children of Abraham 4. The Holy Way of Life

4/8 (Easter Day): No Meeting

4/15: The Children of Abraham 5.

The Believers and the Unbelievers

4/22: The Children of Abraham 6.

The End of Days

(last Children of Abraham session)

4/29: Special Presentation:

Ugandan Mission Trip

There are so many different people and places in the Older Testament that it's difficult to keep them straight. Would you like an overview of Bible people, places, and important events? Join us on five Wednesday evenings beginning April 11 when Linda Monyak leads a new series "A Brief History of Israel." We'll begin with Abraham and journey through the prophets, with some interesting side trips along the way. Please join us at 6 PM each Wednesday evening after supper in the Parish Hall.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING
MOVING ST. JOHN'S
INTO THE 21ST CENTURY**

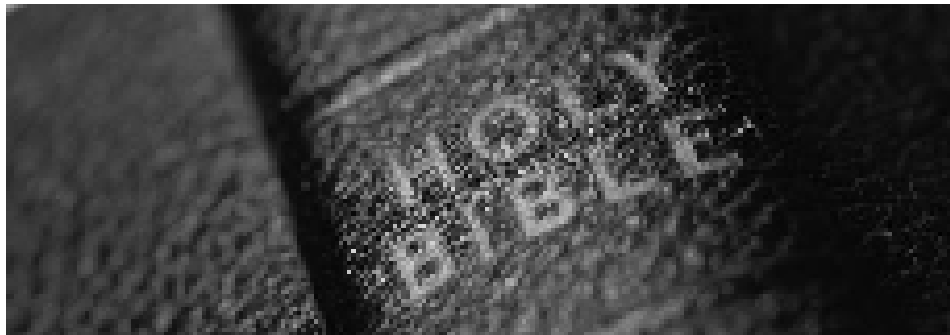
St. John's vestry voted to implement electronic giving options. Many Diocesan churches already have this process in place and find it very successful. Why do this? Many reasons but most importantly it ensures we don't suffer from giving slumps in the summer (when many are at their cabins or on vacation) or winter (when smart parishioners are fleeing from the snow). In addition, electronic giving ensures:

- Timely donations
- Forecast future donations
- No checks to process
- Less work for staff & counters
- greater convenience
- Easier budgeting for givers
- Helps church members fulfill stewardship commitments

We expect this to be available by mid-April. We'll let you know via the Small Voice and website when it is ready and how to set it up. If you have any questions, feel free to call our Treasurer, Margaret Thor, at 651/631-8308.

**SPECIAL MULTIMEDIA
PRESENTATION:
THE MISSION TRIP
TO UGANDA**

Join us Sunday, April 29 at 10 am for a multimedia presentation and discussion on the Fall 2006 mission trip to Uganda and AFINNET (African Friends in Need Network). We will explore Ugandan history & culture, Christianity in Uganda, the mission of AFINNET, and the needs of our Anglican brothers & sisters in Uganda. Plus see Fr. Mark, and Linda & David Monyak dressed in native costume. We will also review plans for the St. John's mission trip to Uganda in the Summer of 2008. All are welcome!



Bible Readings

April 1, 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:29-40

Psalms 118:19-29

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 45:21-25

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 23:1-49

Psalms 22:1-11

Saturday, April 7, 5 pm

The Great Vigil of Easter

At The Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 1:1-2:2

[The Story of Creation]

Exodus 14:10-15:1

[Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea]

At The Eucharist

Romans 6:3-11

Matthew 28:1-10

April 2, 7 pm

Monday in Holy Week

Hebrews 11:39-12:3

John 12:1-11

Sunday, April 8, 8 & 10 am

Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Luke 24:1-10

Psalms 118:14-17, 22-24

April 3, 7 pm

Tuesday in Holy Week

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

John 12:37-38, 42-50

April 15, 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12a, 17-22, 25-29

Revelation 1:1-19

John 20:19-31

Psalms 118:19-24

April 4, 7 pm

Wednesday in Holy Week

Hebrews 9:11-15, 24-28

John 13:21-35

April 22, 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-19a

Revelation 5:6-14

John 21:1-14

Psalms 33:1-11

April 5, 7 pm

Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

John 13:1-15

April 6, 9 am, noon & 7 pm

Good Friday

Wisdom 2:1, 12-24

Hebrews 10:1-25

John 18:1-40; 19:1-37

Psalms 22:1-11

April 29, 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:15-16, 26-33

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Psalms 100

Underlined verses are read during the family-friendly liturgy

St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-April 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday See Every Sunday below right 11:30 am Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>2 Monday in Holy Week Pesach (Passover) 7 pm Holy Eucharist 7 pm Outreach Committee Meeting (Parlor) All are welcome! 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>3 Tuesday in Holy Week See Every Tuesday below 7 pm Holy Eucharist 7 pm Altar Guild (Parlor)</p>	<p>4 Wednesday in Holy Week See Every Wednesday below 4-7 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation</p>	<p>5 Maundy Thursday Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline 6 pm All Parish Potluck 6 pm 8th-12th grade Lock-In 7 pm Holy Eucharist Maundy Thursday Vigil</p>	<p>6 Good Friday 9 am Morning Prayer Noon Good Friday Liturgy 7 pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>7 Holy Saturday 10 am Easter Choir Rehearsal until noon 5 pm Easter Vigil followed by Reception & children's Easter egg hunt (Parish Hall)</p>
<p>8 Easter Day 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery Care available</p>	<p>9 Office Closed 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>10 See Every Tuesday below</p>	<p>11 See Every Wednesday below 3:30 pm St Andrew's Village Communion No Choir tonight 7:30 pm Ministry Forum (Parlor) All are welcome!</p>	<p>12 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 See Every Sunday below right 11:45 am Vestry (Parish Hall) 6-8 pm Senior High Youth Group</p>	<p>16 May Voice deadline 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>17 See Every Tuesday below</p>	<p>18 See Every Wednesday below Good Grief Group</p>	<p>19 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>20 St Paul Teens Encounter Christ weekend</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 See Every Sunday below right 11 am Children's Ministry Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm House Group (Church Library or Parlor)</p>	<p>23 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>24 See Every Tuesday below 6:30 pm Welcoming & Evangelism Committee Meeting (Caribou Coffee) All are welcome!</p>	<p>25 See Every Wednesday below</p>	<p>26 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>27 Out to Lunch preparation (Kitchen)</p>	<p>28 Out to Lunch (Parish Hall)</p>
<p>29 See Every Sunday right Noon BeFriends Meeting (Parlor) Noon Youth Ministry Meeting 6-8 pm Senior High Youth Group</p>	<p>30 Rummage Week 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</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 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Light Supper 6:00 pm Nursery Care 6:00 pm Youth Choir (not 11th) 6:00 pm Adult Education 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (not 11th)</p>	<p>Every Thursday Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>Every Sunday Except Easter 7:30 am Eucharist (no music) 9 am Family-friendly Eucharist 10 am Christian Education 10:30 am Choral Eucharist Nursery care available 9 & 10:30</p>	

St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-April 2007

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEM	ACOLYTES	HEALER	USHERS	GREETER	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
1 7:30 June Bennett 10:30 Judy Kroesch	7:30 Alice Fagley 9:00 G. Brunner 10:30 Jim Delamater	7:30 Mary Whitney 9:00 Bari Chilton Ed Chilton 10:30 Janet Waller	9:00 E. Mahoney Moertels 10:30 K. Larson L. McCarthy	9:00 C. Johnson 10:30 C. Johnson	7:30 9:00 Cossalters 10:30 Johnsons	9:00 Anne Herron 10:30 Krista Sullivan	Anne Johnson Cyndi Domin Keiko Farrar Jeanne LeFevre Barbara Merrill	Jason Knauss
Holy Week	Mon 7 pm Ken Paddock Allan Fagley June Bennett Moertels, Judy Kroesch Colleen Johnson S & A Johnson Chris Hawley	Tue 7 pm Joe Afryl Sherri Afryl Linda Monyak L. Mahoney, E. Moertel, Markoes Cathryn Bashore DeSmets Bryan DeSmet	Wed 7 pm Margaret Thor Maureen Vruno Pris Campbell Todds, Thors Sherri Afryl DeSmets Margaret Thor	Thu 7 pm Chris Johnson Alice Fagley June Bennett T. Young, N. Karp, L. DuFresne D. DelGiorno & C. Bashore Shannon Warchol John Brunner	Fri 9 am Alison Feigh Noon Judy Kroesch June Bennett Ed Chilton Cathryn Bashore Ken Paddock Pickering 7 pm Janet MacNally Janet Waller Colleen Johnson D. DelGiorno & S. Afryl	Sat 5 pm Margaret Thor Maureen Vruno Judy Kroesch S. Todd, E. Karp, A. Whillock, K. Larson Colleen Johnson Linda Carpenter Pickering, Canterburys Anne Herron	Anne Johnson Cyndi Domin Keiko Farrar Jeanne LeFevre Barbara Merrill	
8 Easter Day 8:00 June Bennett 10:00 Ken Paddock	8:00 Allan Fagley 10:00 Colleen Johnson	Wed 11, 7 pm Bob Peck 8:00 Bari Chilton Mary Whitney 10:00 Barb VanSteen Janet Waller	8:00 L. Warchol Karp 10:00 J. LeFevre L. DuFresne S. Bartley	8:00 D. DelGiorno 10:00 S. Afryl	8:00 Canterburys 10:00 Jim Hartmeister Mike Gerlach	8:00 Max Stevenson 10:00 Kobinskis	Bette Smeed Pat Gagin June Hochbrunn Gayle Kasmani Alice McClaren	Margaret Thor
15 7:30 Bob Peck 10:30 Joe Afryl	7:30 David Gadbois 9:00 Larry Mahoney 10:30 Barb Kraning	Wed 18, 7 pm June Bennett 7:30 Mary Whitney 9:00 Susie Mahoney Barb VanSteen 10:30 Greg Schmit	9:00 Longs A. Whillock 10:30 K. Paddock Mariers	9:00 C. Bashore 10:30 S. Afryl	7:30 9:00 3 rd & 4 th Graders 10:30 Mark Hosfield Jim Marier Alma Limbach	9:00 Sally Holtz 10:30 Longs	Joann Smith Gere Letourneau Barb VanSteen Janet Waller	John Brunner
22 7:30 June Bennett 10:30 Lee Wilson	7:30 Marge Polanek 9:00 Alison Feigh 10:30 Wendy Muscanto	Wed 25, 7 pm Ken Paddock 7:30 Mary Whitney 9:00 Bari Chilton Ed Chilton 10:30 Bob Peck	9:00 T. Young Thors 10:30 Todds E. Moertel	9:00 D. DelGiorno 10:30 C. Johnson	7:30 Ken Whitney 9:00 DeSmets Domins 10:30 Linda Carpenter Kate Miller	9:00 DeSmets 10:30 Max Stevenson	Deb Schmit Cyndi Domin Lynn Gadbois Bette Smeed	Bryan DeSmet
29 7:30 Joe Afryl 10:30 Chris Johnson	7:30 Sherri Afryl 9:00 Maureen Vruno 10:30 Jill Todd	7:30 June Bennett 9:00 Pris Campbell Janet Waller 10:30 Bob Peck	L. Warchol Todds P. Schneider	9:00 D. DelGiorno 10:30 C. Bashore	7:30 Ken Whitney 9:00 DeSmets 10:30 Pickering Linda Carpenter	9:00 Sally Holtz 10:30 Molly Anthony	June Hochbrunn Anne Johnson Jeanne LeFevre Pat Pickering	Chris Hawley

THE EXPERIENCE OF LAYING-ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

Lent is a time of reflection, and as we experience Lent, the Spirit speaks to us in a variety of ways. As we listen to the Spirit, we may be led to request and offer prayers. We have talked about **Laying-on of Hands, when it is offered** (Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings) and **where it is offered** (in the narthex across from the balcony entrance and at the communion rail). For those unfamiliar with the experience, the following is a reflection on **how to embrace the experience**—or as Dick Underhill writes in the May 2006 issue of *Sharing - A Journal of Christian Healing*, how “to come to the healing service.”

Preparation begins with prayer, not just for ourselves, but for the known and unknown intentions of everyone gathered for healing. Even if a person does not come forward for healing, connection with the healing experience is always possible through prayer for the needs of all of those who have gathered in community.

The second step is **deep listening**. We don't always arrive at church on a Sunday morning or a Wednesday evening with the intention of receiving laying-on of hands. Sometimes the Spirit just prods us to seek healing on behalf of ourselves or others or both. Sometimes we don't even know what to ask—the Spirit just urges us to go forward and receive.

The third step is an **individual opening of the heart** as we approach the rail on Wednesday evenings or the kneeler in the back of the church during communion on Sunday mornings. If we want to verbalize our intentions to the healing team, it is from an open heart that we speak. It is always through an open heart that we receive God's healing grace.

During the **experience of laying-on of hands, we focus on the touch**, which conveys God's peace and love. We concentrate on the hands laid upon us, expecting to be filled through those hands by the Spirit. If we have been holding in or holding on to something we need to release, often laying-on of hands triggers an emotional release.

After praying aloud or silently, a **healing team member** anoints the forehead with holy oil that has been blessed by the Bishop.

After the anointing, **we return to the pew in a deep silence**. The after-experience is unique to each participant. Some feel less burdened by what they have been carrying. Some sense a clearing of mental distress. Some sense a deeper connection to Jesus and to the communion of saints.

There is no “right or wrong” way to experience healing. The Spirit works in a variety of ways to address our unique needs and experiences. We simply need to open our hearts to the grace and healing God offers, believing by faith that our prayers are heard and welcoming God's response with open arms and an open heart.

The Northern TEC weekend was wonderful! St. John's had 28 members & friends involved in the retreat. Libby Mahoney co-led the weekend, and Ann Watson co-led the spiritual team.

Thanks to all who gave food and other gifts to the retreat including the ECW who so consistently support this program.

Thank you Susan Schmuck for driving our kids to Duluth Friday.

Thank you Jeanie Long for sewing pockets in the *sixty* aprons our team needed.

Thank you Max Stevenson, Katrina Gadwa, Rich Oswald, Jon Glader, Bob Peck, Rachel Babbitt, & Erika Anderson for driving our youth up and staying to work the weekend. We had a wonderful group of teen & adult volunteers. It was a pleasure to serve alongside all of you. Thank you!

Alison Feigh, minister to youth and children

TIME TO CLEAN & GLEAN

In Kampala, Uganda's capitol, trash is burned in the streets; but before that, anything of use is taken. We don't do that, which made me think of rummage.

Usable discards may be brought to church after April 1st and neatly stacked behind the cabinets at the end of the Parish Hall. *Do not leave anything in the church entry*. No microwaves, computers, unworkable items, mattresses, etc. Questionable items, call Lynn Gadbois 651/426-2302, or Pat Pickering 651/429-0223.

Sorting & marking will take place throughout the week of May 1st. A soup lunch will be provided Tuesday - Thursday, with Friday being an easy “whatever” lunch. Nursery care will be provided.

Evening Parish sale: May 2nd, 6-9 pm. Public Sale: Friday, 9-3 (priced as marked), & Saturday 9-noon, \$2.⁰⁰/bag. Cleaning crew needed!

Corinne Livesay 651/429-8235



April Birthdays

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

If you have a birthday this month but are not listed, please e-mail wilderness2@visi.com, or leave a message at 651/429-5351 ext. 10.

Records are not always complete.

Thank you.



A group photo of all the youth & adult participants of Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) #36, at St. Paul's, Duluth (above) Matt, Spencer, and Lauren, three of our youth volunteers, working hard in the kitchen



VESTRY HILITES

The Vestry met March 13, 2007, 6:30 – 9 pm.

Fr. Mark Kelm, Chris Hawley, Ken Paddock, Becky Monson, Margaret Thor June Bennett, Brent Torgerson, Krista Sullivan, Pat Pickering, Tim Schmuck, John Fennig, Mike Carpenter, Tom Long, Rich Hovland & Gayle Kasmani were in attendance.

1. Parochial Report (Margaret)
 - a. This report contains St. John's finances, baptisms, deaths, stewardship, etc.
 - b. St. John will be asked to pay more for Fair Share (Apportionment) based on monies received for previous two years, but this is a good thing;
 - it means that we are growing as a church
2. Grounds & Property (Brent)
 - a. Parish Hall space behind the accordion doors has been transformed into a nice children's area.
 - b. A Nursery wall was removed & remaining walls were painted.
 - c. We received an estimate of asbestos removal costs: \$2,600 Choir Room, \$1,300 Youth Game Room, & \$1,200 Youth Gathering Room.
 - d. A Parish Hall piano is no longer functional without significant cost. The motion was made, seconded & carried to give it to ECW for Spring Rummage. ECW will determine its price. The purchaser must remove it. Another piano in the Education Wing can be moved up to the Parish Hall with little effort.
3. Information will appear in future Voices as Vestry member report

The Youth Voice



Children's Ministry

Please join us after the Saturday, April 7th Easter Vigil for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be bags for the children to decorate during dinner and plenty of eggs to find in this indoor hunt.

Summer is just around the corner and we are thinking ahead to Vacation Bible School. Our program dates from June 18th through June 22nd. Many hands and ideas are needed to create this fun and faith filled week. If you are interested in sharing in this lively experience please join our planning meeting on Sunday, April 15th at 11 am in the Parish Hall.

The Children's Ministry Committee will meet on April 22nd at 11 am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Family Safety Night

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 23rd from 6-8 pm. Families Inc along with the Children and Youth Committees will host a Family Safety Night. We will have a potluck dinner at 6 pm. Following dinner local experts will present to families and their children about how to prepare for various safety scenarios. Prevention tools and handouts will also be available.

A list of presenters and the schedule will be available in the May Voice. We hope to cover personal safety, fire safety, and bicycle safety.



St Paul TEC

Forms are available for the St. Paul Teens Encounter Christ weekend offered April 20th-22nd. The St. Paul TEC weekend is a wonderful way to reconnect with God in the context of a spiritual community. The cost for the weekend is \$30. If you would like forms or more information about this program, please talk to Alison Feigh.

Senior High April Youth Group

Due to Easter falling on a normal youth group Sunday, we will be adapting our meeting times for the month of April. We will meet on Sunday, April 15th and Sunday, April 29th. This also leaves the weekend of April 20th-22nd free for youth interested in being involved in supporting the St. Paul TEC weekend.

Maundy Thursday Overnight

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to attend the Maundy Thursday vigil overnight on Thursday, April 5th. We will gather at the church at 6 pm for the pot-luck supper. This is the first senior high event that is open to our eighth graders. We will be helping with the 7 pm liturgy and then having our own discussion and activity time while helping maintain some of the shifts in the all night watch. The lock in will end at 10 am on Friday morning following Morning Prayer. *All first and second year confirmation students are expected to participate.* Please sign up on the youth board if you plan to attend.

Music Camp

Registration information for Episcopal Youth Music Camp is now available. The camp is for youth entering grade three through high school. We will be using the Douglas Wood book "Old Turtle" as a core theme for camp.

There is also a Leadership Team made up of young adults entering their freshman year of college through age 21. Leadership Team applications are due on April 20th. Episcopal Youth Music Camp will be held August 12th-18th at Camp Heartland in Willow River, Minnesota. Please talk to Alison Feigh, who will be on the camp staff again this summer, if you would like more information on this amazing summer faith formation /music program.

Confirmation – Save the Date

The Rite of Confirmation will be offered on Sunday, May 6th at the 10:30 am Eucharist here at St. John in the Wilderness. Alison will be meeting with the 10th graders who have completed the Confirmation program individually to find out who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All of the youth who have completed the two year program will be honored with a banquet the evening of Sunday, May 6th. Their families and Confirmation Mentors will also be invited to attend.

Thought for the Month

"Every minute is filled with choices, choices that draw you closer to God or farther away from