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SUNDAY MORNING
 8 am Holy Eucharist
 10 am Family-Friendly Eucharist
 Nursery Care available 10 am

WEDNESDAY EVENING
 7 pm Holy Eucharist



Gathering in Love to Serve

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
The Rev. Debra Welch	Deacon
Maureen Vruno	Parish Administrator
Sheila Foster	Youth & Children's Minister
Dr. David M. Gehrenbeck	Organist/Choirmaster
Helen Gehrenbeck	Youth Choir Director
Bob Cessna	Sexton

VESTRY

Chris Hawley	Warden
Ken Paddock	Warden
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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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SHEILA FOSTER, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTER, BEGINS AUGUST 1.

On August 1, 2007, Sheila Foster begins her ministry with Children, Youth, and Families at St. John in the Wilderness. Sheila comes to us from St. Luke's in Minneapolis where she spent 8 years as the Director of Children's and Youth Christian Formation.

Sheila Foster is a life-long Episcopalian who is passionate about her faith and her work in the Episcopal Church. Sheila began her ministry career in 1980 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester, MN, where she was the Administrator for the Calvary Choir School. After moving to the Twin Cities, Sheila began a Sunday School program at Gethsemane Episcopal Church in downtown Minneapolis. Over the past 27 years Sheila has initiated many parish and diocesan programs for Children and Youth. Sheila has been active in both the St. Paul Teens Encounter Christ program and the Great Northern TEC program. One of her more recent beginnings is the Episcopal Youth Music Camp. Sheila has been Dean of the camp ever since it began in 2000. She has been involved in youth and children's ministry both as a youth and as an adult. As a youth she was the leader of many weekend youth retreats in Southern Minnesota and in the diocese. As an adult Sheila has led events on a Diocesan, Provincial and National level. Sheila brings many gifts and talents in youth and children's ministry along with her creativity in the arts. Sheila is a trainer for Safe Church, Journey to Adulthood youth program, and a teacher of Godly Play. Sheila looks forward to using her knowledge and gifts with the St. John's congregation.

Sheila enjoys being a team builder and team player. Her strengths are in community building, gifts discernment, creativity, pastoral care, and teaching. She also uses her gifts in the Minneapolis community. Sheila has been the Orchestra Director at Seward Montessori School in Minneapolis and a coach with the Nokomis Park Gymnastics team. Sheila has also done extensive work over the years with Congregations Concerned for Children and Growing Communities for Peace. Sheila is a hands-on formation leader who believes that one must "walk the walk" in order to "talk the talk."

Sheila Foster lives in Minneapolis with her husband, Bob, and three children. Bob is an executive chef at Jax Café in NE Minneapolis. Because of his position at the restaurant, he works most every day of the week, including Sunday mornings. Sheila and Bob's children are Zoe - 15, Sydney - 14, and Toby - 11 (on August 17th). Zoe, Sydney, and Toby are musicians and artists and enjoy being creative in many ways. Zoe is a cellist and gymnast. Sydney is a violinist and gymnast. Toby is learning to play brass instruments like the Sousaphone and spends many hours drawing Manga characters. Toby has Asperger's Syndrome, which is a form of Autism Spectrum Disorder, and will need some help in making this transition to a new church.

Besides being at church, the Foster Family enjoys making music together, traveling to the cabin, camping, and cooking together.

The Foster family looks forward to being very involved in their new church home in the Wilderness and getting to know everyone as quickly as possible.

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

AUGUST ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES, ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Face of Christianity in the Global South

The Bible speaks to an agrarian world marked by famine and plague, exile and poverty, clientelism and corruption. Only the lucky could look forward to growing old. Travelers knew the roads where one was likely to be robbed and left for dead without hope of intervention by official agencies. The supernatural and the demonic had palpable reality. Sacrifice and pagan idolatry were fresh in the memory of converts, and persecution and martyrdom real possibilities.

Today, we in the affluent north enjoy health and wealth to a degree scarcely imagined by any previous society. The Bible often seems to deal with issues that strike us as irrelevant to our 21st century needs. Not so however in the burgeoning churches in Africa and Asia, where daily life has remarkable parallels to the biblical world, giving rise to distinctive biblical interpretations with an enormous potential for reshaping Christianity worldwide.

Join us Sundays from 9 to 10 am beginning July 29th and continuing through August as we explore the biblical insights of Christians in the Global South. Our series is based on Philip Jenkin's new book *The New Faces of Christianity. Believing the Bible in the Global South*. The series will be led by David Monyak and Melanie Lee. Our tentative schedule:

1. July 29: Power in the Book
2. August 5: Old Testament and New Testament
3. August 12: Poor and Rich
4. August 19: Good and Evil
5. August 26: Persecution and Vindication
6. September 2: Women and Men

Wednesday Evenings, 6 pm in the Parlor: Join us for *Scripture and Story*, an informal Bible study based on next Sunday's readings.

FOR THOSE

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

For those serving in the military: Many in our congregation have friends and/or family who are serving in the military. We are praying for them and want to create a bulletin board with their photograph(s). Therefore, if you have a military photo of the man or woman close to your heart, please give it to the Rev. Debra Welch. If you don't have a military photograph, any photo of your service person is appreciated. She will create a bulletin board to support us in our prayers for our loved ones in the military. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Debra at 651/983-1127.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

INGATHERING

Summer must be well nigh over, for this announcement tells us that a new school year is just around the corner. As we have in the past several years, our parish will again sponsor the collection of school supplies for the children of low-income families. This effort is in partnership with numerous other churches, under the coordination of the St. Paul Area Council of Churches.

We will gather in these supplies on August 12th & August 19th.

Items needed are backpacks, pens, pencils, notebooks, crayons, markers and various other materials. Please bring them to the altar, that they may be blessed for their intended use.

ARE YOU CALLED TO FEED THE HUNGRY?

The new program year kicks off in September, which means that our regular Wednesday evening ministries start up again as well. There are meetings, choir rehearsals, confirmation classes, adult formation, & Holy Eucharist between 6 & 9 pm, and a number of people come directly from work or school with no time for a meal.

How can we offer hospitality to all who participate in our midweek activities? We need your help! Carole Paddock has graciously offered to help coordinate weekly dinners; we need 1 more person to work with volunteers to make sure that a simple supper is prepared and cleaned up weekly, and volunteers to shop, cook, & serve on a rotating basis. (Costs are reimbursed.) Please contact Carole 651/777-8655, or Rev. Marilyn 651/429-5351 ext. 16, if you feel called to help with this important ministry.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Friends: our work week is set for the first week in October, starting October 1. Please plan accordingly.

All are welcome to work that week and to contact George Gorbatenko with any questions, via email, gorby@ece.umn.edu, or see him in church.



St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-August 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Every Sunday 8 am Eucharist (no music) 10 am Family-friendly Eucharist with Nursery Care</p>	<p>Every Monday 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>1 See Every Wednesday below</p>	<p>2 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>3 5 pm Schenz/Ramey Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 3 pm Schenz/Ramey Wedding</p>
<p>5 See Every Sunday above</p>	<p>6 7 pm Outreach (Parlor) All are welcome! 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>7 See Every Tuesday above</p>	<p>8 See Every Wednesday below 7:30 pm Ministry Forum (Parlor) All are welcome!</p>	<p>9 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 See Every Sunday above 9 am Children's Communion Class (Church Nave)</p>	<p>13 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>14 See Every Tuesday above</p>	<p>15 See Every Wednesday below September Voice Deadline 11:30 am Retired Men's Group Lunch (Keys, downtown White Bear Lake) 7:30 pm Good Grief Group (Parlor)</p>	<p>16 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>17 11 am Men's Cancer Support Group (Parlor) 6 pm James Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 9 am Spiritual Spa (Episcopal Church Homes) until noon Noon James Wedding</p>
<p>19 See Every Sunday above 10 am Holy Baptism 11 am All Parish BBQ on the front lawn 2:30 pm BeFriends (Rev. Joanie's home)</p>	<p>20 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>21 See Every Tuesday above 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (Parlor)</p>	<p>22 See Every Wednesday below 7:30 pm Cancer Support Group (Parlor) and Healers' Meeting (Healing Room)</p>	<p>23 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline</p>	<p>24 4 pm Hegberg Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>25 Out to Lunch 4 pm Hegberg Wedding</p>
<p>26 See Every Sunday above</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 See Every Tuesday above</p>	<p>29 See Every Wednesday right</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Every Wednesday 1 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm Adult Education 7 pm Holy Eucharist</p>

TWO GIVING OPTIONS FOR TODAY'S PARISHIONERS: NEW - ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM, TRADITIONAL - PARISH ENVELOPE PROGRAM

A New Way to Give

Our church is embracing a giving option that may be more convenient for many of our parishioners - Electronic Giving. Beginning now, this new giving option will work in the same manner as mortgages, loan payments, or insurance premiums that are automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account.

To sign up for this new giving option and have your donations transferred electronically to the church account on a regular basis, please fill out an authorization form and return it to the church office. The form is included in this Voice on the reverse side of this article, or you may find one in the entry from the parking lot. You choose the donation frequency and the donation amount. If you have questions filling out the form, please feel free to ask Maureen Vruno, Parish Administrator or Margaret Thor, Treasurer. When completed, just place it in the Parish Administrator's mail slot, the offertory plate, or mail it back to the church.

Important Benefits of Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving makes life easier for you and yields very significant benefits for our church.

Benefits for You:

- The satisfaction of giving to God first
- Easier to fulfill stewardship commitments
- Strengthens participation and support in the church
- Allows you to contribute even when you're away
- Easier personal budgeting
- More secure than bringing cash or checks to church

Benefits for our Church:

- Promotes consistent giving
- More predictable cash flow for better planning
- Less work for office staff and volunteers
- Secure and easy cash maintenance

Traditional Choices Remain

All pledging parishioners who request to receive envelopes will continue to receive envelopes, including envelopes for special collections for a variety of needs. The offertory will be taken each week as usual. We ask participants in the Electronic Giving program who still want envelopes to mark them "EFT" and place them in the offertory basket.

If you are not currently a pledging member, or would like to give on a regular basis, please consider participating in either our envelope program or the Electronic Giving program. Our parish needs your consistent support.

If you have any questions, please contact Administrator Maureen Vruno, wilderness2@visi.com or 651/429-5351 ext. 10, or call Treasurer Margaret Thor at home, 651/631-8308.



Janet MacNally (left) and Lynn Adwell (right) were ordained to the permanent diaconate by Bishop Jelinek (center) on Thursday, June 28, at St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis.

ALL PARISH BBQ AUGUST 19

You need bring only your lawn chairs & appetites for the BBQ on the front lawn after the 10 am Eucharist with Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 19!

Christmas Bazaar

Bazaar days ahead! This year's 54th Annual Bazaar will be November 2nd - 4th right here at St. John in the Wilderness. Don't miss your chance to shine as a volunteer, or to donate a craft, new or used jewelry, items for the treasure trove, or baked goods. If you can volunteer, please contact Bev Boyle, 651/429-6769 or Lynn Gadbois, 651/426-2302. Donations may be brought in during Bazaar week, but it's not too early to plan now! You can also arrange for early drop-off of your donations with Lynn or Bev. Monetary donations are also welcome; please make your check payable to 'St. John's Bazaar'. Help us have another successful Bazaar year!

AUTHORIZATION FORM

Church of St. John in the Wilderness ES8936

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Type of Authorization Form:	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount	<input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation
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St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-August 2007

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEM	ACOLYTES	HEALER	USHERS	GREETER	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
5 8 June Bennett 10 Lee Wilson	8 Marge Polanek 10 Jill Todd	Wed 8, 7 pm Joe Afryl 8 Jane Kyle Mary Whitney 10 Pris Campbell Greg Scmit	10 E. Mahoney Moertels K. Larson L. McCarthy R. Monyak	8 Dianne DelGiorno 10 Cathryn Bashore	8 Ken Whitney Shannon Warchol 10 Johnsons	8 Molly Anthony 10 Krista Sullivan	Cyndi Domin Lynn Gadbois Barb Merrill Joann Smith	Dennis Thoemke
12 8 Joe Afryl 10 Chris Johnson	8 Sherri Afryl 10 Colleen Johnson	Wed 15, 7 pm June Bennett 8 June Bennett Ken Paddock 10 Linda Monyak Janet Waller	10 Karps J. LeFevre L. DuFresne S. Bartley	8 Sherri Afryl 10 Dianne DelGiorno	8 Canterburys 10 Jim Hartmeister Mike Gerlach	8 Holtzes 10 Krista Sullivan	Keiko Farrar Pat Gagin Anne Johnson Deb Schmit	Margaret Thor
19 8 June Bennett 10 Ken Paddock	8 Alice Fagley 10 Jim Delamater	Wed 22, 7 pm Ken Paddock 8 Jane Kyle Mary Whitney 10 Susie Mahoney Barb VanSteen	10 Longs Whillocks K. Paddock Mariers	8 Sherri Afryl 10 Cathryn Bashore	8 3 rd & 4 th Graders 10 Mark Hosfield Jim Marier	8 Molly Anthony 10 Anne Herron	June Hochbrunn Gere Letourneau Barb VanSteen Janet Waller	John Brunner
26 8 Margaret Thor 10 Bob Peck	8 Allan Fagley 10 Dorothy Haas	Wed 29, 7 pm Bob Peck 8 Bari Chilton Ed Chilton 10 Chris Johnson Greg Schmit	10 T. Young Thors Todds	8 Cathryn Bashore 10 Sherri Afryl	8 DeSmets Linda Carpenter 10 Domins	8 DeSmets 10 Anne Herron	Jeanne LeFevre Jane Kyle Alice McClaren Bette Smeed	Bryan DeSmet

Mini Spiritual Spa Scheduled at Episcopal Church Homes

Did you attend St. John's Spiritual Spa last fall? Can't wait for this year's event? Maybe you would like to attend or help residents at the Episcopal Church Home with the mini Spiritual Spa we are hosting at their Coventry Chapel on Saturday, August 18th, 9 am - noon. We are planning for 50 participants, and some are in wheelchairs or have difficulty with sight or mobility. I invite you to volunteer to help with this spiritual spa as an act of spiritual outreach, and reap the benefits in attending yourself. This is an opportunity to try new ways of connecting spiritually, focusing on grace, hope & joy. We will experience and connect laughter, storytelling, scripture, creativity, music, mindfulness, ritual, prayer, reflection, labyrinth walks & worship. There will be 2 breakout sessions. You can choose 2 of 3 Spiritual Practices offered. Colleen Johnson will lead lectio divina - praying with hymns such as Amazing Grace. Lee Wilson will focus on hope in her workshop entitled "Through the Open Door," and Rev. Joanie will lead participants in using a labyrinth to find joy in our life's journeys. Come relax, unwind, laugh and share your way through a morning that will feed your body, mind and spirit while helping our older brothers and sisters in Christ do the same. If you are interested, please contact the Rev. Joanie Delamater 651/429-5351, ext.. 14. *Save the Date for the next Spiritual Spa at St. John's: Saturday, November 10th!*



Bible Readings

August 5

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13

Ecclesiastes 1:12-14;2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-11

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 12:13-21

August 12

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 14

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-15,18-22

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40

August 19

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 15

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 12:1-7,11-14

Luke 12:49-56

August 26

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 16

Isaiah 28:14-22

Psalms 46

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-29

Luke 13:22-30

WHAT AN AMAZING GIFT...

Admittedly, I was hesitant to ‘give-up’ even a portion of my Saturday. However, the few hours I spent on June 30 were remarkable. I had heard about the “Out to Lunch” event that St. John’s hosts every month but I really had no idea what to expect. I arrived at 11:00 am with my apron in hand, just in case I needed it.

First, I was greeted by the most welcoming woman. Like me perhaps you’ve seen the slogan that the Episcopal Church has. It says, “The Episcopal Church Welcomes You” and this wonderful woman demonstrated that from the moment she saw you. Gayle Kasmani too welcomed me and directed me to mingle and be a ‘table host’. Sounds easy and it was.

The next thing that surprised me was the diversity of people who come for this event. As I spoke with them I learned that not everyone was from White Bear Lake. I met people from Roseville, Mahtomedi and Oregon. Yes, Oregon. They were doing a family history tour and found the church. The woman’s mother and father had worship at St. John’s many years ago and are buried in our cemetery. We asked them to stay for lunch, and they were thrilled.

Many people come to “Out to Lunch” for the friendship as well as the food. Speaking of the food – it was *good - really good*. People of all ages were there fixing and serving, eating and visiting, packing up food for people to take home, and cleaning.

As people left, those who could gave a free-will offering, and everyone gave thanks. I heard people say that they love coming to this event. They love seeing the people and connecting, albeit only once a month. It is important to them, and they appreciate this gift given for them. I appreciate the gift they gave me.

We didn’t have a table host for each table which was unfortunate. I highly recommend giving of your time just one Saturday. Perhaps like me and the other guests, you’ll be compelled to come again and again for the fellowship – and the food.

The physical structure of St John’s hosts the event, but it is the people who make it come to life. This is an easy and readily available way to live our Baptismal Covenant to:

- Proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
- To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself.
- To respect the dignity of every human being.

If you too would like to help, please call Gayle Kasmani, 651/407-0656. Your participation is needed, and you’ll be giving and receiving an amazing gift.

Rev. Debra Welch

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY ADDS NEW MEMBERS

The BeFriender Ministry is a ministry of presence and holy listening. Who wouldn’t benefit from a friend from church who would come over and listen without judgment, pray with you and be a friend in Christ?

This is what BeFrienders do. They are trained lay leaders who specialize in active listening and companioning you on your journey through the challenging times of life. BeFrienders meet with someone once or twice a month, keeping confidentiality and giving the individual an opportunity to talk, laugh, cry and pray together. If you or someone you know would like to have a BeFriender, please talk with Rev. Joanie 651/429-5351 ext. 14, or Cathryn Bashore, the BeFriender Coordinator, 651/653-8380.

Manitou Days!



Thanks to all for making Vacation Bible School week a wonderful one! It was so spirit-filled, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Children's Ministry

A Children's Instructional Eucharist Class, lead by Rev. Mark Kelm, will be held on August 12th, at 9 am in the church. This class will offer children, and interested adults, the opportunity to explore the meaning of the Eucharist, ask questions, and find out what really goes on up on the altar on Sunday mornings. Please join us if your child is preparing to receive communion for the first time or if he or she already receives communion and has questions.

If you have an interest in sharing your faith with children, we can use you. All it takes is a willing heart and a little time to be a teacher. We provide the support. Please contact Children's Ministry Chair, Christine Karp 651/653-6369, or Youth and Children's Minister, Sheila Rieger-Foster 651/429-5351 ext. 12 if you feel called to this ministry.



August Birthdays

1	Lorna Cessna
1	Amy Whillock
2	Michael Ban
2	Shirley Chapman
2	Isaac Jemielita
2	Robert Peck
3	Nathaniel Watkins
6	Beverly Boyle
6	Lynn Gadbois
7	Kate Kidwell
8	Richard Livesay
8	Stephen Prochnow
11	Janet Waller
12	James Knauss
14	Olivia Hawley
14	Xavier Knauss
15	Arlene Glander
16	Kelly DeSmet
17	Toby Foster
17	Ethan Herrera
17	Janet MacNally
17	Troy Peterson
18	Victoria Canterbury
18	Timothy Hammond
18	Gregory Schmit
19	Aidan Herrera
20	Sally Keep
20	Verne Pickering
20	William Swanson
20	Maureen Vruno
21	Harvey Caldwell
22	Elizabeth Plocher
23	Patricia Pickering
23	Nancy Purcell
24	Suzanne Schradle
24	Sandra Stevenson Watson
25	Kathleen Johnson
25	Charles King
25	Kenneth Peatross
27	Elizabeth Hyde-Kelm
28	Sarah Prochnow
29	Isabelle Carpenter

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.