

**ST JOHN IN THE
WILDERNESS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**PARISH LIFE DIRECTORY
SUMMER 2006**



We are a vibrant and growing faith community:

We offer a variety of educational programs for children, youth and adults.

We are an inclusive congregation:

We value diversity and welcome all people without judgment

We would like to be your church:

Please come and join us on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. For more information, visit our website: www.stjohnwilderness.org, or call 651/429-5351.



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Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to our beautiful faith community! My name is the Reverend Mark Kelm and I wish you God's blessing. If you are searching for a church home in which you can worship and nurture your faith and the faith of your family, we have a place just for you.

St. John's is interested in meeting you and your family. We have many opportunities for you and your family to grow in relationship with Jesus, and into a vibrant community of people who share the love of God in Christ. St. John's addresses the faith needs of young and old alike.

St. John's teaches its members to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being. We have many opportunities for outreach, both within our parish and outside of our doors in the broader community.

I invite you to visit us here at St. John in the Wilderness and join us for worship as we continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. Come and join us for the journey of a lifetime.

The Rev. Mark Wm. Kelm, Rector



Staff & Lay Leadership

The Rev. Mark Wm. Kelm	Rector
The Rev. Joanie Delamater	Associate Priest
The Rev. Andrew Jensen*	Assisting Priest
The Rev. Rick Todd*	Deacon
Maureen Vruno	Parish Administrator
Alison Feigh	Youth & Children's Minister
Dr. David Gehrenbeck	Organist/Choirmaster
Vladimir Panov	Children's Choir Director
Jim Knauss	Sexton
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Vestry

Margaret Thor	Treasurer
Christine Karp	Clerk of Vestry
Tim Hammond	2007
Peggy Holper	2007
Christine Karp	2007
Janet Kelber	2007
June Bennett	2008
Michael Carpenter	2008
Tom Long	2008
John Fennig	2009
Brent Torgerson	2009

Web Site: www.stjohnwilderness.org

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Phone Number: **429-5351.** Staff have voice mail boxes, so leave a message and a phone number where you can be reached. If in doubt, select box 10. **All phone numbers are area code 651 unless noted otherwise.**

Church Office: Open Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Use the entrance on the north side of the building where lot parking is available. Press the intercom button for access.

The Voice is the official monthly newsletter for the parish. All the news there is to know is in this publication. The Voice can also be viewed and printed from our website. The publication deadline is the 15th of the month preceding issue, or the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday. Please submit publication items via email.

The Small Voice is the worship bulletin insert with a weekly schedule of events and up to date information. Be sure to take it home with you. The publication deadline is Thursday noon before Sunday bulletin insertion. Please submit publication items via email.

The Master Calendar is on the desk near the mail slots on the south (1st Street) side of the building. Please add all events to this calendar. Write them in time order and include the location.

Note: To prepare for marriage or baptism please call Fr. Mark to discuss plans.

Summer Sunday Morning Worship

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

Nursery Care is available during both liturgies. Quiet Bags, kept on small coat trees by each entrance, are available for restless youngsters.

Sunday Activities

Beverages & sweets are served in the Parish Hall after worship. Take a few minutes to meet new friends and enjoy the conversation. Announcements regarding parish activities are made during this time together.

We take pride in our **Adult Education** program offered each Sunday of the program year in the parlor between liturgies. Pick up refreshments in the Parish Hall and proceed to the Parlor for Adult Education. Topics have included Bible studies, theology and explorations of church history. Try it, we guarantee you will like it.

Sunday School is offered for children from pre-school through grade 8 between liturgies during the program year. For more information about curriculum, class registration and schedules contact Alison Feigh 429-5351 ext. 12, or Christine Karp 653-6369.

Senior High **Youth Group** also meets during the program year on alternating Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm, so contact Alison Feigh to discuss registration for youth in grades 9-12.

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Wednesday evenings (September through May) are alive with activity and have become “church night” at St. John’s. There are worship and fellowship opportunities for all ages.

- 5:30 pm Light supper in the Parish Hall
- 6:00 pm Nursery Care, Children’s Choir, and Adult Education
- 6:15 pm 1st Year Confirmation class
- 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:30 pm Good Grief Group & Ministry Forum
(3rd Wednesday monthly)

Adult Education

Contact: David Monyak 481-8697

Discussions covering a variety of topics are held during the program year, in the Parlor on Sundays between liturgies, and on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 pm.

Adult Education maintains a web site at www.stjohnadulthood.org where the notes and overheads from present and past sessions can be read or downloaded, references found for further study, and schedules of upcoming series consulted.

A Men’s Bible Study group meets Thursdays, 7-8 am at the White Bear Yacht Clubhouse. **Contact:** Andy Allen 426-5779

Check The Voice for a monthly schedule of speakers, dates and times for educational programs.

Adventurers Group plans events fun and entertaining for parishioners aged 55+; however, all ages are welcome! **Contact:** Josie Power 429-0673

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the Parish Hall each Monday at 8 pm.

BeFriends are trained lay pastoral care ministers who journey with people in crisis. **Contact:** Rev Joanie 429-5351 ext. 14

Caring Meals Group prepares and delivers meals to parishioners in time of celebration and in times of need. **Contact:** Jane Kyle 429-5730

Communications Committee coordinates the dissemination of parish information both within and outside the church. **Contact:** Sally Holtz 762-9255

Episcopal Church Women (ECW), a service and social organization, hosts spring & fall luncheons, semi-annual rummage sales, and the Holiday Bazaar. Membership dues are a bargain at \$5/year. **Contact:** Pat Pickering 429-0223

Families In Christ (Families Inc) plan activities for families with cradle — 5th grade children to build Christian values. Moms/Dads/Tots meet in the Nursery 10-11:30 am Thursdays. **Contact:** Beth Hyde-Kelm 490-0477

Fellowship Committee is responsible for “fun”. The annual MarketFest, Manitou Days, and Rally Day Booya are recent activities. **Contact:** Jason Knauss 426-3535

Finance Committee manages parish assets and develops the annual operating budget. We need volunteers with an interest in finance. **Contact:** Margaret Thor, Treasurer, 631-8308

Fundraising Committee currently raises money via a concessions booth during events at the Xcel Energy Center. **Contact:** Glenn Monson 771-6810

Funeral Reception Teams serve food and beverages at funeral receptions. Service needs are infrequent, and teams work on a rotation basis. **Contact:** Bari Chilton 429-3814

Gardening Group use their green thumbs to maintain our lovely gardens. **Contact:** Barb VanSteen 484-1614

Good Grief Group is for anyone grieving any type of loss. We meet right after the 7 pm Eucharist until 8:30 pm the 3rd Wednesday each month. **Contact:** Rev. Joanie 429-5351 ext. 14

Healing Ministry works to reconcile all to God and toward body, mind & spirit wholeness. The sacrament of Holy Unction (laying on of hands and anointing with oil) is offered at all liturgies. To make an appointment for the sacrament of Reconciliation contact the clergy, or for healing touch, **Contact:** Dianne Del Giorno 771-7851

Hospitality Committee hosts Sunday morning “coffee hours” and special events. Bake nights are held periodically at the church to stock up on treats. **Contact:** Janet Kelber 484-7193

Liturgy & Music Committee plan liturgies with the Rector and Choirmaster. **Contact:** June Bennett 483-0136

- † **Ushers** greet guests during worship, and
- † **Acolytes** lead processions and assist clergy during worship. **Contact:** Chris Hawley 466-0599
- † **Chalice Bearers** serve the wine during communion, &
- † **Lay Readers & Lectors** read lessons or prayers during worship. **Contact:** June Bennett 483-0136
- † **Lay Eucharistic Visitors** bring communion and parish life news to parishioners unable to attend Sunday worship. **Contact:** Rev. Joanie 429-5351 ext. 14
- † **Altar Guild** prepares the church for worship and maintains vestments & altar wares. Members serve on teams, about 2-3 hours monthly. Training is provided. **Contact:** Janet Waller 483-1972
- † **Chancel Choir:** We need adults to make beautiful music. Practices are Wednesdays, September – May, at 7:30 pm. **Contact:** Dr. David Gehrenbeck 429-9713
- † **Children's Choir** is for kids who can read and want to sing during worship every other Sunday, September - May. Practices are Wednesdays at 6 pm and 1/2 hour preceding scheduled Sunday services. **Contact:** Vladimir Panov 763/537-2351
- † **Special Choirs** combine Chancel Choir with volunteer singers for events like Lessons & Carols each December.
- † **The Frets** youth guitar group contribute their musical gifts occasionally during worship. Rehearsals are alternating Sundays one hour before Senior High Youth Group. **Contact:** Cathryn Bashore 653-8380

Musicians: please contact Dr. David Gehrenbeck, Organist/Choirmaster at 429-9713 to discuss options for use of your unique talent.

Mom's Group for “empty or almost empty nesters” meets monthly for coffee and conversation. **Contact:** Bonnie Peck 426-9291

Outreach Committee leads projects that benefit the community. **Contact:** Peggy Holper 484-4872

- † **Out to Lunch** is a volunteer program providing a free lunch for elderly and/or low-income people one Saturday monthly in the Parish Hall. **Contact:** Gayle Kasmani 407-0656

- † **Adopt-A-Family** is a Christmas giving program. Our parish “adopts” families through Episcopal Community Services (ECS) and gives gifts to each family member.

- † **Adopt-A-Room** is an annual donation drive on behalf of two area women’s shelters. Parish members contribute linens, pillows, and other essential household items.

- † **American Red Cross Blood Drives**, conducted at least annually, are announced in The Voice.

- † **White Bear Lake Food Shelf** is the recipient of goods from food drives sponsored by the Church. Non-perishable pantry items may be dropped off at the church.

- † **School Supplies Collection**, conducted in the fall, gives metro area children a great send off to school.

Property Committee reviews equipment needs and plans maintenance, repair, and improvement projects for the church buildings and grounds. **Contact:** Brent Torgerson 430-2521. For Historic St. John's Cemetery, contact Chris Hawley 466-0599

Prayer Shawl Ministry **Contact:** Janet MacNally 763/757-6159

Quilting Group **Contact:** Nancy Jagusch 429-3977, or Marge Polanek 429-5983

Retired Men's Group meet monthly for fellowship and lunch. **Contact:** Jim Johnston 484-7433

Social Justice Committee per our Baptismal Covenant, "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." **Contact:** Mary Ellen Elliott 426-4146

Spiritual Growth St. John's has two House Groups for adults interested in spiritual growth and fellowship in an informal setting. Groups meet about twice a month in a member's home. Groups engage in religious studies based on interest. **Contact:** Linda Monyak 481-8697, or David Seitz 426-5824

The **Stewardship Committee** works on projects to increase gifts of time, talent, and treasure. **Contact:** John Fennig 415-9969

Welcoming & Evangelism Committee meets monthly to plan for increasing parish visibility in the community and for welcoming newcomers. **Contact:** Krista Sullivan 484-2263

Young Adult Group for those beyond college-age, plans various social, spiritual, and service events throughout the year. **Contact:** Rich Oswald 481-9545

Youth Ministry Committee work on class curriculum & activities for 6th-12th graders. **Contact:** Youth & Children's Minister Alison Feigh 429-5351 ext. 12, or Bob Peck 426-9291

- † **Pre-Confirmation Classes** for grades 6-8 are held during the school year in the Youth Room after 9 am Sunday worship.
- † **Confirmation** is a 2-year program, for 9th graders and up, that prepares them to make a decision about confirmation.
- † **Youth Groups** meet during the school year at church. Junior High (grades 6-8) meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm, and Senior High (grades 9-12) meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month from 6 to 8 pm.
- † **TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)** Different parishes hold Regional TEC weekends to help our young people deepen their personal faith experience.
- † **Mission Trips** We encourage youth to work on mission ministry year-round through various church and school projects. Each summer the senior high youth group takes this commitment one step further by volunteering for a special summer mission project.

Social events and activities are publicized on the **Youth Voice** page in the monthly Voice.



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The church shares a parking lot with the Ramsey County Library, White Bear Lake Branch. Enter the lot from 2nd Street. Overflow Parking graciously provided by US Bank.

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