

The Missioner

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Reflection for December 2011

There is something wild and unpredictable about John the Baptist... It's true that we can kind of put his behavior and clothing choices into perspective by remembering that he is the quintessential threshold prophet—meaning that he is both the image of an Old Testament prophet, but also the one who ushers in a whole new era... I suppose all of this is why we feel, at least as a footnote, that John the Baptist is an acceptable part of the Gospel story.

That is...until we get to this “wild and unpredictable” part. John the Baptist comes across as the kind of guy you would expect to see on a street corner wearing a sandwich board; one fist shaking a handful of tracts and the other brandishing a bible to punctuate his shouts. “Repent!” he says, with an imagined Southern accent. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near...”

His words meant the end of the world then, and street preachers want to convince us that theirs is the same legacy. But for all of the aggressive posturing which seems to follow when the Pharisees and Sadducees show up, what we should not fail to miss is the wonderful news: it's the end of the world...or perhaps we might better understand it as it's the end of *a* world. Thankfully, this is where the allegorical connection ends with street preachers and the power of the Advent Season begins.

By announcing the end of a world, John the Baptist calls those who would be faithful to a new world in which God has chosen to come and live with God's people. John is inviting the people of God, then, to consider a new world where the Temple is no longer the center of sacrifice, but instead the heart. Because in such a new world, God is no longer relegated to the furnishings of wood, stone and gold, but has taken on flesh in Jesus Christ.

This is a radical call, and one which needs be offered by a spokesperson who could only be compared to the prophets of old—something that Israel had not seen in about 400 years. But what better person to have in the doorway between the Old and the New Testaments and the old and the new worlds except one who both fits and denies each era at the same time. John the Baptist, is then more like an announcer—the shadow in the corner of a Thornton Wilder play who has a voice, but few memorable features.

What I'm reminded of is the beginning of the film “Ten Commandments” with Charlton Heston. In the beginning we see a stage, a curtain, and a microphone, and finally Cecil B. Demille. And while this is an odd thing for a motion picture, Mr. Demille offers that such an introduction is necessary when telling a story as powerful as the one in the film. I think there is something like that in John the Baptist. Because what was to follow his ministry was of such import, that it was necessary for it to have a grand introduction...after all, it was the end of the world. It was the end of *a* world. And like Cecil B. Demille, John the Baptist knows his part in the introduction sequence, and after giving his message, he slips quietly behind the curtain to allow the story to begin. Have a blessed Advent, and may it be the beginning to an amazing season for you.

In peace,
Fr. Matt

Important Dates to Remember

Dec 4..... St. Nicholas Visit at 9:15
...Lewis U Winds Concert & Reception
Dec 14..... Vestry
Dec 21..... Winter Begins
Dec 24.....Christmas Eve Services
Dec 25.....ChristmasDay
Jan 01Christmas Lessons & Carols 10:30

Greetings,

The anticipation and wait is finally over. Fr. Matt and his family are here and the work has begun. How appropriate that our holiday season has begun with Thanksgiving. We at St. John's have much to be thankful for and the future looks bright. This year has been busy, challenging, and rewarding. So much work has been accomplished. Just look around and you can see how much change has occurred. I am truly grateful for the energy and work that so many contributed over the past months to prepare for our new beginning... our **Ever Forward**.

Fr. Matt and his family are quickly weaving themselves into the fabric of the life of St. John's. There is an atmosphere of optimism and energy. It seems to me that there is an enthusiasm that is palpable. The heartbeat of our church is stronger and we appear to be ready to share our love with others. We have an opportunity to truly make a difference.

Advent has just begun and this season of preparation gives us time to prayerfully prepare for the journey that lies ahead. As we prepare for the birth of Jesus we can also ready ourselves for the new beginning we have to serve and make a difference. The holiday season often overpowers us as we get lost in our busyness and possibly lose sight of our faith and purpose. I hope each of us remains aware of those in need and do what we can to show the less fortunate how much we care.

Our outreach activities during the holidays are a particular focus. The commitment to support the Food Pantry is year round, but we are making a special effort during this season to do all we can to assist in this important action. The Stars of Hope program provides an opportunity to place a smile on a special child's face on Christmas. Our actions to support these ministries will bring profound rewards to us individually and collectively as we try to make life a little better for our neighbors.

On another note, on Sunday, December 4, at the 10:30 service we will be taking a couple of moments to acknowledge and thank the Search Committee for all their work over the past 18-20 months. This group of people were commissioned and blessed at the start of the search process. The Holy Spirit worked through them throughout the journey that has brought us our new priest. Now that the "search" is completed, the Search Committee will be held up in prayer. This part of our journey is done and we are taking the time to thank God and His helpers for a job well done.

In closing, my prayer for each of you during this holiday season is that you are able to fully experience God's presence in your life, and that you take the time to allow this presence to surround you with the grace and love that is available to all.

Peace,

Bob Meehan

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Deacon.....The Rev. John Whennen
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Sexton.....John Glasscock

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..... Judy Broud.
New Building..... Todd Sheetz
Senior Choir..... Thomas Secor

Mark your calendar today,
DECEMBER 15TH is the Deadline
for the January edition of the
Missioner



**Where have you been?
We have missed you!**

Not nourishing our spiritual lives can become a habit. Don't let this happen to you!

The table below represents attendance during the month of October. The average Sunday weekly attendance in 2011 was 87. Average in 2010 was 103. 2009 average attendance was 95.

	2011	2010	2009
October 2	93	122	103
October 9	83	113	96
October 16	123	112	83
October 23	63	74	99
October 30	72	93	
Total	434	514	381

After services take time to greet our many visitors. Give them a warm "Welcome!" Some of us are here to seek relief from heavy pressures. Others are reaching out for comfort in sorrow. Still others are here to thank God for recent or ongoing blessings. What we all have in common is a great desire to know God and to be enabled to do God's will.



The Power of Prayer . . .
Pray for those who are ill
or in any need, especially:

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|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Nicolas | Liz | Kathleen D | Adrianna K |
| Joan K | Elizabeth J | Melinda R | Robert L |
| Robert K | Skip L | William H | Tom K |
| Kathryn P | Julia S | Konstantina G | Norbert |
| Linda T | John A | Gilbert M | Jerry H |
| Doris M | Vic T | Vicki S | Brian K |
| Paul | Jeanne R | Michael C | Mike K |
| Elsie | Greg W | Irene C | Monique D |
| Anna Belle | Phyllis B | Don A | Marcia A |
| Helen | Bruce C | Terry A | |
| Royleen T | Mary Beth R | Thomas K | |
| Marquerite | Joe A | Judy B | |
| Connie | Kathy A | Robert D | |
| Pearl R | Sandy J | Jack H | |
| Grier | Paul R | Bob W | |
| Tristan | Jackie M | Dale L | |
| Velma L | John L | Art T | |
| Rusty | Kelly C | Cyndi T | |
| Mark K | Amy S | Marvin | |
| Rita | Steve M | Dolores F | |
| Peter T | Rupal | Judy K | |
| George E | Dorie K | Lauren K | |
| | Carol J | | |

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**



Congratulations to Michael & Kathryn Kupchek on the birth of their son
Michael Kupchek V
Born on September 5, 2011.

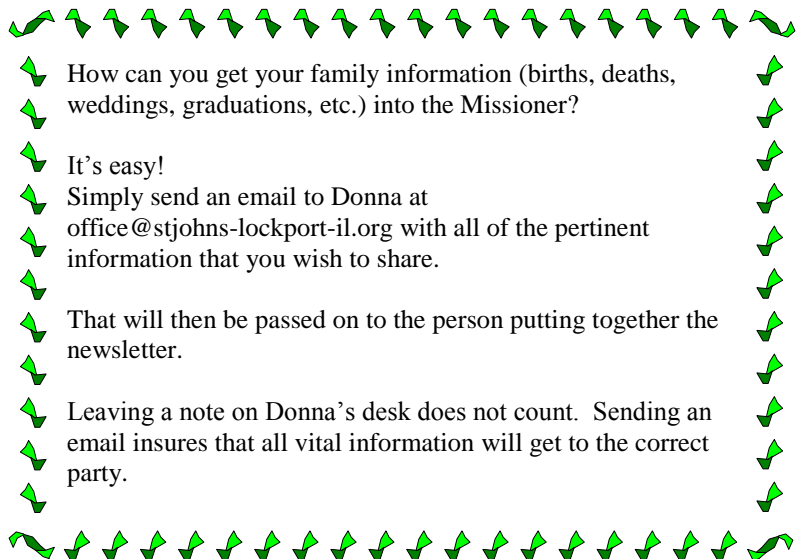
Proud grandfather is Jerry Jezuit



We extend our deepest sympathy to . . .

- The Molony Family on the death of Bobbie Molony's cousin Edward "Kelly" Golon.

May the souls of all the departed rest in peace.



- How can you get your family information (births, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc.) into the Missioner?
- It's easy!
- Simply send an email to Donna at office@stjohns-lockport-il.org with all of the pertinent information that you wish to share.
- That will then be passed on to the person putting together the newsletter.
- Leaving a note on Donna's desk does not count. Sending an email insures that all vital information will get to the correct party.

October, 2011 Treasurer's Report

Vestry News



At the November 16, 2011 meeting, the Vestry...

Accepted the committee reports that are printed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Heard...

- That in financial reports, we are over budget because of non-recurring items such as the sacristy, rectory and search expenses.
- The suggestions from the audit committee.
- That a simple phone plan will be used by Fr. Matt and the deacons so that pastoral care is available at all times.
- That Fr. Matt has been invited to Credo, a program of seminars, information and reflection sponsored by the church pension plan.
- That Fr. Matt is now a priest in good standing in the Diocese of Chicago.
- That the stewardship program is moving along and phone calls will be made after Thanksgiving.
- That a recent fire inspection requires exit signs in the church.
- The benefit of Knox boxes on the buildings so emergency fire crews may enter the buildings.
- That the rekeying of the church buildings is complete, and the cost was \$4400.
- That the rummage sale brought in \$1200.

Took action to...

- Accept the audit report presented by Kelly Zurek and her committee.
- Allow Fr. Matt to purchase a lap top computer not to exceed \$550.
- Approve use of the Atrium basement room for the altar guild.
- Approve an amended job description for the Director of Music.
- Approve continued support for Mark Kowalski as a candidate for Holy Orders.
- Approve the 2012 pledge to the diocese in the amount of \$10,256. The diocese has agreed to allow St. John's to pledge 50% of last year's commitment.
- Have all three furnaces in the church buildings checked.
- Approve the 2011 housing allowance for Fr. Humm.

The next regular meeting is December 14, 2011 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Activity for the Month

St. John's expenses exceeded receipts (deficit) by \$1,500 for the month. Receipts and Expenses were \$500 less than the forecast. Receipts were approximately \$4,500 greater than the forecast. This is due primarily to the receipt of two quarterly pledge payments of \$5,100.

Expenses were \$5,000 in excess of the forecast. Most prominent was the \$9,500 disbursed for Rector Search Expenses. This included such items as travel, meals, lodging and relocation expenses. This item was not part of the 2011 budget. This was partially offset by total rector compensation for the month approximately \$5,000 (stipend, pension, health insurance, etc.) less than the forecast. The forecast assumed a full-time rector as of July 1st.

Year to Date Variances

RECEIPTS LESS EXPENSES indicates a negative cash flow of \$50,000 for the first ten months of the year. This is \$40,000 greater than the budget. This is primarily due to three major expenditures not included in the 2011 forecast. These *non-recurring items* are the renovation of the rectory (Account 2830 – Building and Restoration) - \$25,000; Sacristy Renovation (Account 1867-40 – Furniture, Fixture and Equipment) - \$13,000; and Rector Search Expense (Account 1900) - \$10,000. These items total \$48,000 and were funded primarily from the Contingency Fund, a transfer from the building fund and transfer of the Flower and Candle Funds in the Organization Account to the Operating Account.

Adjusted **TOTAL EXPENSES** were approximately \$129,000 (\$177,000 less total *non-recurring items* of \$48,000 for the Year-To-Date. This is approximately \$15,000 less than the 2011 budget. Most of this variance is due to rector compensation and benefits approximately \$21,000 less than forecast. This variance is primarily due to an interim priest through October. The forecast assumed a full-time rector as of July 1st.

Other operating expenses were approximately \$10,000 greater than the Year-To-Date Budget. Some items were not included in the budget (postage, liturgy and gifts to seminaries) while some expenses were in excess of forecast. An interesting positive variance from the budget was the reduction in bulletin and printing expense (account 1867-20).

Both Youth Group Expenses and Income are under forecast for the Year-To-Date due to Kringle sales activity to be recognized primarily in November.

Investment Gain/Loss primarily reflects the change in the market value of the Vanguard equity mutual funds designated for the Building Fund.

Jerry Jezuit, *Treasurer*

Outreach

Morning Star Mission - Stars of Hope

We are once again participating in Morning Star Mission's Stars of Hope program. We have committed to filling the needs and wishes of 15 children. Each child has 2 stars: a red star containing a list of needs such as clothing and a green star containing a list of **wishes. While the amount of money spent is at the donor's discretion, a suggested gift** amount is a \$40 minimum for the each star. Gift-wrapping is encouraged. All gifts must be tagged with the star securely taped and visible on the outside of the package. If there is more than one package for the same person, please try and bundle them together, and clearly mark all packages with the complete number (number and letter) for the child. **All tagged gifts must be returned to St. John's by Sunday, December 4.**

Holiday Food Drive

This year is one of the few times over the 28 year history of the Lockport FISH Food Pantry that they will not be able to give traditional turkeys for Thanksgiving and hams for Christmas. Their board decided with the increase of clients that funds should be used for basic needs. In October, the FISH Pantry serviced 1,192 representing 335 families, an increase of 28% over last year.

We are kicking off our Holiday Food Drive to support the Lockport FISH Pantry on November 13 - it will run through December 18. Our goal is to collect 50 bags of groceries. Following is a list of items the food pantry is requesting: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned fruit, soups, canned chili, tuna fish, pork & beans, sliced bread, margarine, canned vegetables, canned meat, canned pasta, pasta, rice, mac & cheese, beef stew, pasta sauce, spaghetti, laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brush, toilet paper.

As you know, monetary donations are always appreciated. It allows the food pantry to purchase items to fill in the gaps and the food pantry has greater purchasing power than we do. For example: we can purchase a box of mac & cheese for \$1 and they can purchase 3 for \$1.

For the purposes of our Holiday Food Drive goal of 50 bags of groceries - every \$5 **donated will be considered a "bag" of groceries.**

Please contact a member of the outreach committee if you have any questions:
Judy Broud, Deb Huddleston, Anne Patterson, Evonne Cook, Elsie Page, Deacon John,
Deacon Bobbie, Ruth Kozlowski



Save the dates:

Dec 4th at 7:00 PM—Lewis University Wind Ensemble

Jan 1st 2012 at 10:30 Service we will have our Annual Christmas Lessons and Carols. The ladies of Triskelion will be joining us once again.




Remember
F I S H P A N T R Y

*Every Sunday is
a PANTRY SUNDAY*
PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE .

IMPORTANT NOTE

ALL REPORTS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE ANNUAL MEETING EDITION OF *THE MISSIONER* MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 11, 2012.



Included here are all the prayers for Advent, which lead up to the Nativity of Our Lord on Christmas. This better illustrates the process of preparation that we use in Advent to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord.



Prayer for the First week in Advent:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer page 211

Prayer for the Second week in Advent:

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer page 211

Prayer for the Third week in Advent:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer page 212

Prayer for the Fourth week in Advent:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer page 212

Prayer for the Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day:

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer page 212



Hospitality November 2011

On October 16th the hospitality guild organized a farewell coffee hour for Pastor Terri. As always, there was plenty of food and fellowship. We wish her all the best on her future endeavors.

Triskelion performed on October 30th. Approximately 30 people attended the reception afterward. A great time was had by all.

On November 6th the coffee hour was an official welcome for Father Humm and his family. We are honored to receive them into our church family and look forward to the future.

Our next concert will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm. The Lewis University Wind Quintet will be performing. Everyone is welcome so bring a friend.

We also would like to thank everyone who contributes to these events through the donations of time, food, and money. It is very much appreciated. If you would like to donate finger food to the upcoming concert or any of our events, please see any member of hospitality for details.

Peace,
Lillian Hensley

Christian Education Happenings



Saint Nicholas is coming to visit St. John's Children and Family Service on Sunday December 4th—9:15 AM!

Nicholas was a very generous man, known for his charity and wisdom, who gave away his wealth to those in need. He would often go out at night, disguised in a hooded cloak, to leave gifts of money, clothing or food for the poor and underprivileged.

He died on 6 December 340 and was buried in the church in Myra .

There are many legends surrounding St Nicholas, the most famous of which tells how he gave bags of gold to three poor sisters for their dowries, throwing them down the chimney where they landed in some stockings which had been hung up by the fire to dry. This gave rise to the custom of giving gifts on his feast day (6 December), a practice which is still followed in the Netherlands and Germany where children leave their shoes out on St Nicholas Eve and hope that they will be filled with sweets and gifts the next morning. Elsewhere this has been incorporated into Christmas due to his identification with Santa Claus - a corruption of his Dutch name of 'Sinter Klaas'.

All are invited to see Saint Nicholas at the 9:15am Children and Family Service on December 4th!

Christmas Flowers...



Envelopes for Christmas flowers and the decorating of the Church can be found in each pew envelope holder. The deadline is Sunday, December 18th



Stewardship Update

The annual stewardship drive will end soon and the Finance Committee is beginning its work on the budget for 2012. As of the end of November we have received approximately 50 pledges. Last year we had about 75 pledges. The Stewardship Committee will be contacting those members we have not yet heard from in the next couple of weeks. **We certainly appreciate the generosity of our membership and hope to conclude this year's drive shortly.** If you have not yet turned in your pledge please do so. There are pledge cards in the back of the church. Either drop the pledge card in the collection basket or send it to the office.

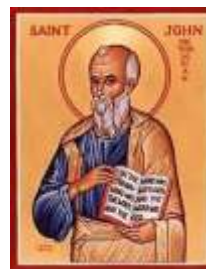
As we end this fiscal year we are facing a \$15,000 deficit (which is very close to our estimate when the budget was approved last January.) We have been able to meet all of our obligations because of our contingency fund. But as we look to the future and consider that we now have full-time clergy, and that costs for most everything are going up, we need to do all we can to increase our revenues. If our level of giving remains constant and our projected expenses remain stable we may have enough in the contingency fund to help us through the next two years. But at the end of that time we will have little or no financial cushion without increased revenue.

Again we thank you for your continuing commitment to St. John's and hope for that support in 2012.

St. John the Evangelist is our Patron Saint

His feast day is observed on December 27th.

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



John, the son of Zebedee, with his brother James, was called from being a fisherman to be a disciple and “fisher of men.” With Peter and James, he became one of the inner group of three disciples whom Jesus chose to be with him at the raising of Jairus’ daughter, at the Transfiguration, and in the garden of Gethsemane.

John and his brother James are recorded in the Gospel as being so hotheaded and impetuous that Jesus nicknamed them “Boanerges,” which means, “sons of thunder.” They also appear ambitious, in that they sought seats of honor at Jesus’ right and left when he should come into his kingdom; yet they were faithful companions, willing, without knowing the cost, to share the cup Jesus was to drink. When the other disciples responded in anger to the audacity of the brothers in asking for this honor, Jesus explained that in his kingdom leadership and rule takes the form of being a servant to all.

If, as is commonly held, John is to be identified with the “disciple whom Jesus loved,” then he clearly enjoyed a very special relationship with his Master, reclining close to Jesus at the Last Supper, receiving the care of his mother at the cross, and being the first to understand the truth of the empty tomb.

The Acts of the Apostles records John’s presence with Peter on several occasions: the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, before the Sanhedrin, in prison, and on the mission to Samaria to lay hands upon the new converts that they might receive the Holy Spirit. According to tradition, John later went to Asia Minor and settled at Ephesus. Under the Emperor Domitian, he was exiled to the island of Patmos, where he experienced the visions recounted in the Book of Revelation. Irenaeus, at the end of the second century, liked to recall how Polycarp, in his old age, had talked about the apostle whom he had known while growing up at Ephesus. It is probable that John died there.

He alone of the Twelve is said to have lived to extreme old age and to have been spared a martyr’s death.

An Important Reminder and Invitation From: Robert Meehan, Senior Warden

As we prepare for the coming year the Vestry is looking for people to fill openings that are available for the coming year. There are three full terms (3 years) that need to be filled as well as 2 incomplete terms which have 2 years remaining. Below you will find some basic information about what Vestry is about. Please contact me if you would be interested in serving on Vestry as ballot will be put together for our annual meeting. Should you have any questions about this service please contact me.

(meehan201@comcast.net or 815-524-3396)

■ WHAT IS THE VESTRY AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

The Vestry consists of the Rector – Interim Pastor – Priest in charge, two Church Wardens and 9 other Members. Wardens and Vestry members serve three year terms. Members cannot run for consecutive terms. Three terms expire each year. The Vestry has custody of the property belonging to St. John's and is responsible for the financial operations of the parish.

The Vestry is obligated to administer the property and financial operations in accordance with the requirements of The Episcopal Church USA and the Diocese of Chicago. The Vestry is not generally and directly involved in the ministries of the parish, and many members of the parish who have major responsibilities for programs and ministries are not on the Vestry.

■ WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR VESTRY MEMBERS?

Service on the Vestry is for a 3-year term. Each year there are 9-12 regularly scheduled meetings in the evening, and there may be special meetings from time to time. Much of the work done is accomplished through committees. These committees meet and then report back to the Vestry.

■ WHO IS QUALIFIED TO SERVE ON THE VESTRY?

All communicants in good standing are eligible to serve on the Vestry. This basically means all adults who are regular in attendance at St. John's and who have made and maintained a stated financial commitment to St. John's in 2011.

■ WHAT MAKES A GOOD VESTRY MEMBER?

Effective leadership at the "board" or "vestry" level relies on willingness to see the larger and longer-term picture. Experience with large systems and service on non-profit or corporate boards is a real asset. The ideal is a marriage of skill with active faith. Above all, Vestry members should love St. John's and love the work of helping us realize the potential of service God is calling us to.



St. John's Youth Group would like to say "Thank You" to all that ordered Kringles this year. We were able to order 824 Kringles this year. We had 228 preorder Kringles and the rest were sold at Christmas Crossroads November 19th & 20th. Thank you again for supporting our youth group.

We would also like to congratulate the "Search Committee" on doing a job well done. We welcome the Humm family.

Jan McElheny



DECEMBER



- 03 Nicholas Benson
- 05 Barbara Conway
- 06 Dedri Rabenau
- 07 Curtis Barndollar
- 08 Roberta Molony
- 12 Thomas Schiever
- 14 Susan Drake
- Vickie Townsend
- 15 Judy Broud
- Kevin Kedzierski
- 16 Kaylee Chlebicki
- 17 Pattie Banas
- 18 Patricia Steiner
- Jenny Paque

- 19 Paula Shaw
- 22 Erin McElheny
- 23 Gene Banas
- 25 Joan Kingsbury
- Richard Rodeghero
- 26 Dorothy Worst
- 27 Scott Bayuk
- 28 Janet Lindstrand
- Michael Troescher
- 29 Luella Quirk

- 21 Eric and Kathy Wilson
- 31 Charles & Jenny Paque

Would you like to become a LECTOR?

(one who reads scripture at worship).

We are currently inviting anyone who is interested in reading scripture or leading the Prayers of the People to join in this wonderful ministry.

Please let us know if you are interested. Contact Fr. Matt or one of our Deacons.



THIS MONTHS LESSONS

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
December 4	Isaiah 40:1-11	85:1-2,8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
December 11	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Canticle 15	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
December 18	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16: 25-27	Luke 1: 26-38
December 24	Isaiah 40: 1-11	113	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 2:1-20
December 25	Isaiah 52: 7-10	98	Hebrews 1:1-12	John 1:1-14

December 2011

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting [Nicholas Ferrar and Charles de Foucauld]	2 7:00 PM N/A Meeting 11:59 PM NA [Channing M. Williams]	3 9:00 AM Daughters of the King Quiet Day 6:00 PM N/A Party [Francis Xavier]
			4 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:15 AM Church School in the Atrium 10:30 AM H.E. 3:00 PM Lewis Concert [John of Damascus]	5 8:00 PM NA [Clement of Alexandria]	6 10:00 AM Daughters of the King [Nicholas of Myra] [John Hus]	7 8:30 AM Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer [Ambrose of Milan]
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**Welcome
To
Worship**

SUNDAY

8:00 AM. Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM. Children & Family
Eucharist
and Church School
9:15 AM. Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM. Morning Service
7:00 PM. Evening Service



Christmas Eve

Saturday - December 24, 2011

4:30 PM.

Holy Eucharist

11:00 PM.

Candlelight Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday- December 25, 2011

10:00 AM.

Holy Eucharist



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