

The Missioner

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The mission of St. John the Evangelist Church is to incarnate our Baptismal Covenant as we worship and praise God through the Sacraments of the Church, proclaim the Gospel in word and action, promote Christian fellowship and spiritual growth, and encourage all members to live their lives for the benefit of all of God's people.

ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORTS

In this issue you will find the agenda and reports that will be distributed at the annual meeting starting at 11:30 on Sunday January 29, 2012

The minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting and the Financial reports spreadsheets for 2011, and the 2012 budget will also be distributed at the meeting and are available upon request.

The reports are presented as parts of the ministries identified by the parish. Keep in mind that programs or reports may be several ministries. The concert series in the music report under Worship is also Parish Life and Outreach. As well as Hospitality is Parish Life and also Outreach.

Important Dates to Remember

February 15..... Vestry Meeting
February 17-18 Leadership Retreat

2012 ANNUAL MEETING January 29, 2012 AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Appointment of Clerk for the meeting
- III. Approval of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes
- IV. Appointment of Tellers
- V. Appointment of Junior Warden
- VI. Appointment of Vestry Members – Seek nominations
- VII. Appointment of Diocesan Convention Representatives
- VIII. Outreach Report
- IX. Presentation of the Financial Report and 2012 Budget
- X. Approval of Standing Committee and Miscellaneous Reports
- XI. New Business
 - A. Pastor's Report
 - B. Next Steps Committee
- XII. Courtesy Resolutions
 - A. The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop
 - B. The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, Diocesan Bishop
 - C. The Rt. Rev. .C. Christopher Epting, Assisting Diocesan Bishop
 - D. The Rt. Rev. Victor Scantlebury, Assistant Bishop of Chicago, Retired
 - E. The Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Former Bishop of Chicago & Former Presiding Bishop
 - F. The Rt. Rev. William D. Persell, Bishop of Chicago, Retired
 - G. The Rt. Rev. James W. Montgomery, Bishop of Chicago, Retired
 - H. The Rt. Rev. William W. Wiedrich, Suffragan Bishop of Chicago, Retired
 - I. The Rev. Denzil Luckritz, Former Rector
 - J. The Rev. Therese Heyduk, Former Interim Pastor
- XIII. Adjournment

2011 BISHOP'S COMMITTEE/VESTRY

Sr. Warden: Robert T. Meehan

2012	2013	2014
Jerome Jezuit	Clark Davis	John Larson
Tom Secor	Beth Paulson	John Schwab
Todd Sheetz	David Kapitanek	

Clerk: Susan Meehan Treasurer: Jerry Jezuit Audit Chair: Kelly Zurek
Delegates to 2011 Convention: Leona Davies, John Larson
Alternates: Don Anderson, Judy Matile

MINISTRY STAFF

Rector: The Rev. R. Matthew Humm
Deacons: The Rev. Roberta Molony & The Rev. John Whennen
Education Director: Elizabeth Paulsen
Director of Music: Thomas Secor
Sexton: John Glasscock

WORSHIP

FATHER MATT

There was this interesting, serendipitous moment as my wife, Charity and I were driving our rental car back to the Hampton Inn near Midway Airport this past September. It was after some animated discussion about our visit to Lockport that we looked at one another and said, “Oh, God—I think this is the one...”

Now, a few months later, with the dust just beginning to settle around us, I have to say that I think our assertion was correct—and I am so very happy to have been called as your priest.

As you may know, prior to coming to Lockport, I was working between two parishes—each on a part time basis. What I learned pretty quickly (and what was reinforced by mentors and colleagues) was that I could not do everything on my own. Not only is there just not enough time in a day to do all that needs doing, but I’m not talented in all things that need doing. This is to say nothing about the fact that by disallowing others the opportunity to serve, I may keep them from utilizing their talents in a particular way. More importantly, I take away their opportunity to respond to their Baptismal promises by serving the Church.

This is a belief that I take quite seriously. In fact, it not only forms my sense of leadership, but it informs my identity as a Christian. That said, I want to do my best to live into my priestly vows to “equip the saints for the work of the Church.”

In the short time I’ve been here, I have found that there is no end to the number of saints who are ready and willing to do the work of the Church. Invigorated by the wonderful work of Pastor Terri, and standing upon the strong foundations built by Fr. Denzil; I believe this parish is more than ready to dream, to vision and to move forward to the place God is calling us. That said, I am so happy to have you all as fellow servants, minister and colleagues in the Church of Jesus Christ. So, thank you.

Now as you may have noticed, in the interim time before my arrival, as well as after my arrival; our leadership has not been idle. The Search Committee, which worked tirelessly at what amounts to full time work, gave themselves fully to a lengthy process. Certainly, I am thankful for their work—but I know that this parish no doubt joins me in appreciation for their commitment. And with their task complete, we’ll all look forward to their continued ministry in other areas of our parish life.

Along with the Search Committee, the vestry is also to be commended for their work in holding this parish on course. Through many capital improvements, much planning and implementation, they have truly given of themselves to serve this community.

I am also grateful for the work of our Director of Music, Tom Secor. I have found his liturgical sensibilities to be very close to my own, and have appreciated his work in liturgy planning. And while I have only had the opportunity to attend one of the concerts in the concert series, I believe this to be a wonderful gift to our parish and the wider community.

With Tom, I must also give thanks for the ministry of our deacons. The Reverend Deacons John Whennen and Roberta Molony have been important to in meeting the pastoral demands of this parish. I have very much enjoyed our meetings and planning sessions. I look forward to seeing what our mutual ministry will become as we move forward.

Of course, in mentioning our deacons, I must also give thanks for the ministry of Mark Kowalski who continues his deacon’s training. It has been my experience from my time with Mark that the Church is blessed to have such a talented and caring person respond to the call to diaconal ministry.

Finally, I am ever grateful to Donna Feithan, our parish secretary. As I have done my best to figure out where to start, and how to begin, Donna has been a great help to me in keeping things on track.

Admittedly I haven’t been here long enough to write a proper ‘annual report’, as such. However, I have found that you are all ready to move forward wherever it that God is calling us. And judging by the energy and willingness that I’ve experienced in these few months, I have to believe that we have an amazing future ahead of us. Thank you for your faithfulness all that you have done and continue to do in this place.

Respectfully submitted by

The Rev. R. Matthew Humm, Vicar

Membership and Worship Statistics						
		2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Members Reported		261	261	264	360	348
Service						
Eucharist:	Sunday	155	146	154	156	152
	Weekday	46	37	239	233	286
	Private	80	52	85	54	96
Daily Offices:	Sunday					
	Weekday	47	150	132	138	93
Marriages		0	1	6	5	4
Burials		3	9	6	4	8
Baptisms		2	5	4	16	8
Attendance						
Total Attendance		5876	7117	8728	9103	9582
Average Sunday Attendance		91	103	108	101	117
Easter Attendance		200	204	218	226	257

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Baptisms in 2011 - Lillian Dawn Chandler Ross, Alaynah Rose Bayuk

Marriages in 2011 - None

Confirmations and Receptions in 2011 - .None

Transfers to St. John's in 2011 - None

Transfers from St. John's in 2011 - None

Burials in 2011- .Ronald L. Broud, Lillian C. Best, Thomas E. Carter, Sr.

DEACONS' ANNUAL REPORT

Deacon Molony's and Deacon Whennen's activities are summarized below:

CHRISTIAN FORMATION.

- Deacon Molony preached for the children 30 times, and for the 8:00 & 10:30 service 4 times.
- Deacon Whennen preached approximately four times during the past year.
- Deacon Molony participated in Solemn Communion preparation and Retreat for 7 children who received their Solemn Communion on Sunday April 10th.
- Deacon Whennen also participated in the final day of Solemn Communion preparation and assisted at the Eucharist service for this retreat.
- Deacons Molony and Whennen attended and assisted at the Diocesan Deacons' School on those days when Mark Kowalski was preaching.
- Deacon Whennen participated in all Adult Classes offered during the Lenten Series and Deacons Molony and Whennen each led one class in the series.

LITURGICAL

- Deacon Molony led Morning and Evening Prayer 21 times, and Stations of the Cross twice.
- Deacons Molony and Whennen participated in Worship planning.
- Deacon Whennen participated in all Lenten Services (Stations of the Cross) and every service for Holy Week through Easter Sunday services.

PASTORAL CARE

- Deacons Molony and Whennen visited various parishioners in homes and hospitals on a weekly basis.

OUTREACH

- Deacons Molony and Whennen participated in Outreach Planning.

JOLIET DEANERY

- Deacons Molony and Whennen participated in regular monthly meetings with other deacons in the Joliet Deanery.
- Deacon Molony participated in planning for the Deanery Quiet Day at Christ Campus in Yorkville on June 4th and preached at Grace Church in New Lenox to raise awareness and interest in the Bishop's Wells project. Over \$600.00 dollars was raised at this visit.

DIOCESE

- Deacon Molony attended and/or served on the following Diocesan opportunities:
 - o Attended the Diocesan Workshop on Addictions.
 - o Attended the clergy days in the Spring and in the Fall.
 - o Served on the Deacon's Council – this was the last year with her term ending in December.
- Bishop Lee's Wells project raised \$795.71, which has been forwarded to Episcopal Relief and Development.
- Bishop Lee's "Gift of Warmth" project began in December and is scheduled to go until the Spring. This is a project to procure scarves, hats, gloves and socks for the homeless in the Diocese of Chicago, which includes the homeless in Lockport, Joliet, and Homer Glen. In December numerous scarves and hats were knit and crocheted by parishioners, and \$250.00 was collected for the purchase of gloves and socks.

COMMUNITY

- Deacon Whennen Completed training and licensing as a certified tutor in the Joliet Junior College Literacy Program.
- Deacon Molony served on the following Community boards:
 - o FISH Food Pantry
 - o As president of the Lockport Homer Area Ministerial Association, planning the Cross Walk and the Community Thanksgiving Service.
 - o The board of the newly formed Lockport Resource Center which formed in December.

The Rev Roberta Molomy and The Rev. John Whennen

ALTAR GUILD

2011 was a very active year for St. John's, and the altar guild has been "on the move". With the remodeling of the sacristy came lots of "moving things around" to be sure. Now that we are settling in to our beautiful new space, the guild has its work cut out for itself.

While setting things back in place in the sacristy, many treasures were found that need our loving attention. We found flower vases from the late 1800's as well as beautiful silver and brass accessories dating back to the early 1900's that will be cleaned up and used as soon as possible. I was overwhelmed at the number of items that were found tucked away and can't wait to start to put some of them back into service.

The greening of the church was done gradually this year to slowly build anticipation for our Christmas services. While preparing for the greening, a beautiful ceramic Bethlehem Town was uncovered and it was a "must" to be put on display. I'm hoping that we will be able to build on that for the next Advent season.

The guild has been given space in the atrium basement set aside for just our needs. What a blessing! I can't believe that sometime soon, we will have all we need in one area. We will be working to clean things up and get it an organized throughout the winter and spring.

There are plans in the works for adding new altar linens (which we are in desperate need of), the refurbishing of some of our older "newly-found" pieces, and streamlining altar guild duties by creating a "how to" manual to outline the duties for those serving on the guild. We are also preparing to update the memorial gift book that is located in the narthex. This book will list gifts that have been donated to St. John's and it is my hope that it will continue to be updated for all to enjoy going forward.

If anyone is looking for a quiet, introspective, peaceful way to serve the Lord, please consider joining the altar guild. The time you spend in serving is up to you. Presently we are working in teams of two and there are 2 spaces that need to be filled. We also have 2 substitutes for backup. If you aren't able to commit to a monthly rotation, perhaps you can stop in and help polish some brass, or launder and iron linens or help in organizing things. Whatever your gifts or talents may be, the altar guild will welcome you with open arms.

This being my very first year on the guild, and taking on the role of sacristan has been amazing. I thank each and every one who has helped in the past, continues to help, and to any of you who may consider volunteering in the future.

Thank you all for your support. God bless. †

Sue Kapitanek, Sacristan

MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

As I begin my seventeenth year at St. John's, I realize I have many things for which to be thankful. First, I am grateful for our wonderful, dedicated choir--who sing every Sunday from September through June--and then several times during the summer. This year we welcomed a new member to the group--Lora Messer. Second, I am grateful for a congregation who sings so well, and will even try a new hymn now and then; and who repeatedly express their thanks to the choir and me. Third, I am extremely grateful to the hospitality guild--which has put on such wonderful receptions after each of our concerts. Their receptions have become as famous, if not more so, than our concert series.

This year the choir has moved into its own room the "Karol Athos Choir Room." It is so nice to have our own territory.

And finally, I wish to thank Fr. Matt, who although he has just been with us a short time, has been a joy with which to work. His appreciation of our musical and liturgical heritage here at St. John's has truly been inspiring.

Thomas J Secor, Music Director

ADMINISTRATION

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee held weekly meetings in September and October 2011. We interviewed several candidates via phone interviews and requested that two candidates visit our parish and meet with the entire Search Committee. During their visit, the candidates met with The Bishop and Diocesan Representative for their approval.

After interviewing both candidates, the search committee provided the name of The Reverend R. Matthew Humm as our chosen candidate. We presented Father Matt's name to the vestry and were pleased to see that they approved our selection.

Father Matt accepted the call to St. John's and on November 6, 2011, he led the entire congregation in his first of many more services at St. John's. At a reception after his first service, the congregation welcomed Father Matt and his wife Charity and their sons.

The Search Committee's task lasted about 18 months and was extremely involved and time consuming. We were always told but several individuals from the diocese that "we would know when we knew" and when we met Father Matt and Charity we knew we had found the next priest for St. John's.

I had the pleasure of getting to know and working with all the members of the Search Committee and want to say thank you to Kim, Sue, Wendy, Chris, Leona, John, Ellen and Pam for their dedication and service to the congregation. Job well done.

Sincerely

Doug Tierney, Search Committee Chairman

SENIOR WARDEN

The past year has seen much activity and growth. It is a challenge to summarize all that has happened. First and foremost the work of the Search Committee, under the leadership of Doug Tierney, shifted into high gear and interviewed candidates for our next full-time priest. The task was completed this fall and resulted in Fr. Matt Humm being called to lead us into our future. He accepted the call and has immersed himself into his new role. St. John's is blessed to have Fr. Matt, Charity, Tristan, and Gareth as part of our church community.

With the invitation to Fr. Matt to become our next priest, we ended our transitional ministry, which was led by Pastor Terri Heyduk. She exceeded the expectations of the role of interim or transitional pastor. Terri provided the needed leadership to help guide us through our transition period of over 18 months. She did this with a sense of compassion and with a stated commitment to ready us for our next priest. She provided her support, love, and energy into her role as our pastor. We were very fortunate to have her in our midst. We at St. John's benefited from Terri's ministry and we enter our next chapter prepared to move on and grow. I was very pleased to work with her and hope that she is able to find a new opportunity which will allow her to serve others and use her many gifts to guide and facilitate closer relationships with God.

During the past year we worked to ready our church for the arrival of Fr. Matt and his family. A few examples will help illustrate the level of activity:

1. The rectory was completely renovated. This was a major project and included a newly designed kitchen (new cabinets, appliances, light fixtures, and floor), refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted walls, upgraded and improved wiring, painted garage, carpeted stairwell, plumbing upgrades, etc. This work was almost exclusively completed by Dave Feithen, and his efforts along with the efforts of a number of volunteers (too many to name here) helped to make our rectory the comfortable home it is now.
2. The sacristy renovation was another major effort. Included in this upgrade was having new cabinets designed and installed, a new floor was installed, a water source as well as an on-demand hot water source incorporated into the sacristy, refreshed woodwork and trim around the door, installation of the stained glass window above the door, as well as relocating the sound system's amplifier and receiver to the back of the church. This project as supported by a donation in honor of the memory of Drs. Sandra and William Renner 's fathers as well as One-to-Grow on contributions.
3. The landscaping around the church was another noted improvement which was generously donated by Cary and Karen Lockyer. The numerous plants and design provide a wonderful border for our church.
4. Fire Safety issues have been addressed. Exit signs have been installed in the church, fire extinguishers updated, and other recommendations from the fire inspection have been met.

Along with these projects there have been work days held in which the grounds have been maintained, altar guild storage and reorganization is ongoing, space utilization is being explored, office procedures have been improved, a new computer has been donated to the office and a second reconditioned computer has been donated to the office.

A new church webpage was launched in February through Go Daddy. This is kept up to date and has current and past issues of the newsletter, our calendar, vestry minutes, and treasurer's reports. In addition there is a lot of information about the Episcopal Church, St. John's, and there are numerous links to find any information you might want to gather about the Episcopal Church.

The vestry was diligent in their efforts to live within its means during the past year. Despite having a deficit budget for 2011, the vestry was able to manage its resources in a manner that allowed St. John's to meet its obligations. Faced with various challenges during the year, the vestry remained focused and I have appreciated the support of this body throughout our transition.

At this time last year we had just hired a new part-time secretary. Donna has become a vital cog in making sure our office runs well. She carries out a variety of tasks. I am grateful for her efforts and her flexibility. Her friendly demeanor and her ability to work with others go a long way towards achieving office efficiency.

I have enjoyed my role during the past year. I have been blessed to have worked with two priests who truly care for St. John's. I have fostered new relationships with members of our congregation. I have seen first-hand what people can accomplish when they are committed to getting the job done. I have seen response to challenges, laughter, gift giving, decision-making, enthusiasm, and so much more. This year I have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit here at St. John's.

As I prepare for the next year, I am energized by what I see happening at St. John's. My hope and prayer is for continued growth and commitment from our membership. When that occurs we all benefit and our Lord looks down on us with favor.

Robert T. Meehan, Senior Warden

COMMITTEE FOR THE MINISTRY CENTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The past year was a pivotal one for the building project. We entered 2011 at the crossroads to decide whether or not to embark in the construction of the new building. Throughout the previous year, the building committee had prepared the way to move the project to the final stage. The Capital campaign was convened to develop the funds needed to complete the first phase of the project.

The Committee identified that there was an approximate \$ 700,000 shortfall of funds which needed to be raised in order to break ground. In the accompanying due diligence , it was decided to initiate an analysis to ascertain if the proposed project would address the current needs of the parish, as the original project was proposed approximately 10 years prior.

The result of the Parish- wide survey showed that, there was a strong consensus of members who believed our circumstances had changed since the project was originally proposed, and that our space requirements had been alleviated during the past few years. The survey also suggested (based upon a question gauging the financial commitment of our members), that it would be a significant financial stretch on the part of our members to reach the required funding levels.

In a unanimous vote by a special vestry meeting, it was decided that based upon several considerations, including the Survey feedback, it was in the best interest of St John's to cancel the Capital drive and will not continue to engage in the new building campaign. The decision was based upon the fact that, the financial exposure of a campaign at this time would unduly pull resources and energy away from the current mission of St. Johns. Furthermore, it was also identified that there were more immediate issues to be addressed and implemented at this time, which would improve our current facilities, and that could be accomplished utilizing our current funds.

The Committee would like to express its sincere gratitude to all the individuals who gave their time, talent and financial support toward the supporting the campaign.

Clark Davis, Capital Campaign Committee Chair

FORMATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Directors of Christian Education:

Beth Paulsen

Catechists/Teachers: Sheepfold Atrium I
 Vineyard Atrium II
 Prophets

Pam Sheetz
Ellen Hill
Todd Sheetz

Heartfelt thanks are extended to each of the catechists and teachers for their faithful commitment of time and talent on behalf of the children of our parish.

Special thanks are offered to the parents who faithfully bring their children each week and offer to help in so many ways. Your children learn what is important in life from watching what you do. When you bring them to Church, you show them how important God is in your life. May we all continue to grow closer to this amazing God who loves us.

Also, I would like to thank Dale Lundy for all her assistance while she was the Co-Director of Christian Formation. As Dale has stepped down, a new Co-Director of Christian Formation is needed! We are always in search of Catechists for the year 2011-2012! As we have a teacher for each Atrium, substitutes are much needed! If anyone would like to inquire about being a Co-Director, Catechist, aide or the teaching program, please feel free to speak to Beth Paulsen or Fr. Matt..

We would love to see growth in the program and are VERY proud of our Christian Education Program. We are very excited and blessed to have Father Matt's leadership for the future visions of St. John's Christian Formation. With God's guidance and YOU we can achieve our goals. Please let us know if you or anyone you know would like to become involved! Your patience and support is much NEEDED and appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless,
Beth Paulsen

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

We have had a very productive year. As daughters, we are required to pray and serve.

We meet twice a month as a group. Our meetings are open to anyone interested in prayer. This year several daughters from Palos Park joined us also and some members of our congregation attended. We are delighted to share.

Our group is active in the Diocesan and National DOK. Some attended the Diocesan Quiet Day and Fall Assembly. All members serve the parish in many parish organizations.

St. John's DOK offered two chances to prepare through prayer and companionship. During Lent, we offered a quiet day. Our chaplain Bobbie Molony presented the program of the mustard seed. During Advent we offered another time of prayer with the focus on two hymns.

We look forward to another productive year. Consider sharing our passion.

Wendy Stewart

OUTREACH

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The following Outreach Annual Report is a testament to the generosity of the people of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church. We touched many lives this year: we provided food for the hungry; we provided school clothes for children in need; we sent children back to school with the supplies they needed; we provided foot care products to a platoon in Afghanistan; and we filled the Christmas needs and wishes for underprivileged children. WE, the people of St. John's, are all members of our Outreach Ministry!

FOOD MINISTRY / LOCKPORT FISH FOOD PANTRY

We provided food boxes to those in need at Easter. We fed 19 families consisting of 39 adults and 52 children. In May, Bruce Davis from the Lockport FISH Food Pantry was our guest. He spoke at all 3 worship services explaining among other things, how the food pantry purchases food from a central food bank where they get more value for their money. Bruce talked about how the need has never been greater. The outreach committee believes our efforts are better served by donating to the Lockport Fish Food Pantry than by handing out holiday food boxes. The past recipients of the food boxes will be directed to the Lockport FISH Pantry. 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.

Our summer food drive ran from May 22 thru June 26 and we collected \$1,453 and 40 bags of groceries. Our holiday food drive ran from November 20 thru December 18 and we collected \$1,980 and 23 bags of groceries.

EVERY SUNDAY IS FISH PANTRY SUNDAY!

MORNING STAR MISSION

"Morning Star Mission is a non-denominational organization dedicated to relieving the spiritual and physical hunger of the poor." In addition to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, they also provide food, clothing and shelter for those in need. They have been ministering to the Will County area since 1909.

This year we once again participated in a couple of programs with Morning Star Mission:

- In July we participated in the "Jump on the Bus" program. The "Jump on the Bus" program provides everything from pencils to tennis shoes for over 300 children. By filling 60 "buses" we provided back packs, school supplies and school clothes for 15 children.
- At Christmastime we participated in the "Stars of Hope" program. The "Stars of Hope" program provides hundreds of families with Christmas gifts. Last year, they distributed over 10,000 gifts to over 500 families. By filling 30 "stars" we provided some of the needs and wishes for 15 children.

ADOPT A PLATOON

Adopt a Platoon was started by Ida Hagg when her son was deployed to Bosnia in 1998. He wrote letters to her asking for help getting mail to nine of his buddies who received no mail. That simple request launched a support network that has served well over 1,000,000 active U.S. Service members deployed on behalf of our nation. We at St. John's participated in Operation Foot Care Patrol whereby we supplied foot care items for a platoon of 26 soldiers. We sent socks, foot cream, foot powder, anti-fungal cream, nail clippers, and cushioned innersoles as well as beef jerky and candy. Our church school children prepared cards for each soldier. The girl scouts assisted us in packing the boxes for shipment to Afghanistan. The girls also prepared Halloween goodie bags for each soldier and brought a donation for the Lockport FISH Food Pantry.

WE, the people of St. John's, are all members of our Outreach Ministry! Collectively, we have made a difference this year in the lives of children, their families, soldiers and their families.

We look forward to the 2012 outreach projects which will include supporting the newly established Lockport Resource Center, a resale shop dedicated to supporting the Lockport community.

Ruth Kozlowski on behalf of the Outreach Committee

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl committee continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 AM. We prayerfully stitch shawls to be distributed to people who are in need, either through illness or major life changes. This past year (2011) we distributed approximately 20 shawls. And, remember, shawls are always available if you know of someone who needs our prayers. You can pick up one in the office by telling Donna or Fr. Matt.

All are invited to sit in with us as we stitch.

Please see Deacon Molony or Judy Matile if you wish to have more information about this ministry.

PARISH LIFE

HOSPITALITY GUILD

Hospitality started 2011 with a February Concert of a magician. The reception was fun with ice cream and balloons.

In April we had our Maundy Thursday meal, which consisted of soup, salad, fruit, cheese and bread. Pat Steiner made the soup and shopped for all rest. A big "THANK YOU" to Pat.

We also had an April Concert reception.

June was our last concert of the series and our reception followed.

We started the new Concert Series in October. We also had a "Farewell Coffee Hour" for Pastor Terri.

In November we had a "Welcome Coffee Hour" for Father Humm and Charity and their two boys.

In December we had our Christmas Concert.

We would like to thank everyone for their help and generous food donations to hospitality throughout the year.

Thanks to Tom Secor for another great Concert Series.

We would like to Welcome Peri O'Connor as the newest member of Hospitality.

Hospitality would like to wish everyone a Prosperous and Blessed 2012.

Lillian Hensley

YOUTH GROUP

St. John's Youth Group held two "Kringles Sales", one was for Easter with Hot Cross Buns. The second was for Christmas Crossroads where we sold 820 Kringles. It was our biggest sale yet.

Our profit for both sales were around \$2000.

Thanks to everyone who bought Kringles.

Jan & Kim McElheny

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

United Thank Offering and Church Periodical Club

The women of St. John's are Episcopal Church Women, but we do not have an organized ECW. We come together to support our local events and diocesan ECW events are available to the women from St. John's. During 2011 the Diocesan ECW hosted a workshop at Diocesan Ministry Fair in the Spring and a lunch and program at the Diocesan convention in the Fall. No one from St. John's was able to attend the ECW Annual meeting in the spring. I attended the Fall Forum held at St. Augustine College in Chicago. An article in the October Missioner summarized that visit. The Diocesan ECW is reorganizing moving away from deanery representative and establishing ministry teams. St. John's has financially supported the Diocesan ECW.

The ECW manages the United Thank Offering in the Diocese. By using a UTO envelope or by dropping coins in a UTO blue box with a prayer of thanksgiving gives one an opportunity to express thanksgiving for blessings. Grants to expand the church and meet compelling human needs are given by UTO. In 2011 St. Johns collected 135.47 for UTO.

Church Periodical Club is promoted by the Diocesan ECW. CPC provides grants all over the world to provide books and learning materials.

Susie Meehan

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club sponsored the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. About 35 people attended. A report now exists in the Guidelines for future hosting of this event.

John Schwab

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

This year St. John's held rummage and bake sales in May and October.

Set up for sale began after church on the Sunday before the sale weekend and times throughout the week were set for delivery, sorting, and pricing of items. Volunteers came forward to help at these times, and many were available on the days of the sale. Numerous people from church brought bake sale items which were very popular. Another contingency of volunteers showed up for the clean-up making it quick work. Leftover items from both sales were given to Purple Heart.

Our rummage sales actually address two different needs: to the parishioners it provides a time and place to clean out their "stuff" and get rid of it; and to a growing number of members of the wider community we provide an opportunity for them to acquire clothing, furniture and household items at reduced cost. The fellowship for the volunteers is another added plus.

The spring rummage sale with post sale additions netted about \$1880.00 and the fall rummage sale netted about \$1400.00. A small amount of preplanning, parts of the four days before the sale, and the two days (ending at 2:00) of the sale was a minimal time, as a fundraiser which supports others.

For 2012, the rummage and bake sales are tentatively scheduled for May 18-19 and October 19-20, Friday and Saturday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Final dates will be set when a chair is determined. There are guidelines for this event which includes suggestions and signs on the office computer as well as a box of supplies and signs stored in the basement of the Atrium.

Chairing this event was rewarding and enjoyable for me. I would highly recommend this as an excellent opportunity for anyone who would like a chance to work with great volunteers and provide a service to St. John's. The rummage sales allow for fun and fellowship, while at the same time, provide us with resources to allocate to other ministries.

Susie Meehan

Vestry News *At the January 18, 2012 meeting, the Vestry...*

Accepted the reports presented.

Heard...

- Fr. Humm identified his model for leadership as collaborative knowing weaknesses and utilizing talents and strengths of all involved.
- That Fr. Humm is re-visioning the position of Jr. Warden as an administrative one who will chair of the "Next Steps" committee that will help in deciding the ministries of the future. After prayer and discernment he would like to appoint John Schwab in that position pending approval at the annual meeting.
- A summary of the leadership retreat and signed up for the event to be held February 17-18. This retreat is open to any parishioner interested in leadership at St. John's.
- That the fire inspector passed St. John's as meeting all requirements.

Took action to...

- Formally accept the \$9400 grant from the Diocese and approve the covenant agreement between St. John's and the Congregations Commission and Bishop and Trustees.
- Purchase a water filtration system for the parish hall.
- Upgrade QuickBooks in order to continue to receive technical support.
- Approve the 2012 budget that will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

The vestry will meet January 29, 2012 following the Annual Meeting.

The next regular meeting is February 15, 2012 beginning at 7:00.



**Thanks to every one for your faithful prayers and visits.
DON'T FORGET TO SEND CARDS!
This means a great deal to those who are sick.**



for those who are ill

Nicolas	Jeanne R	Don A	Kathleen L
Joan K	Greg W	Terry A	Carl A
Robert K	Phyllis B	Thomas K	Jerry A
Kathryn P	Bruce C	Robert D	Paul O
Linda T	Mary Beth R	Bob W	Kallie K
Doris M	Joe A	Dale L	Kim S
Paul	Kathy A	Art T	Patti K
Elsie	Paul R	Cyndi T	Alex
Anna Belle	Jackie M	Marvin	David
Royleen T	John L	Dolores F	Tommy
Marquerite	Kelly C	Judy K	Joey
Connie	Amy S	Lauren K	Casey
Grier	Steve M	Adrianna K	Brian R
Tristan	Dorie K	Robert L	Bill R
Velma L	Carol J	Tom K	Diane E
Rusty	Kathleen D	Norbert	
Mark K	Melinda R	Jerry H	
Rita	William H	Brian K	
Peter T	Konstantina G	Mike K	
George E Liz	Gilbert M	Monique D	
Skip L	Vicki S	Marcia A	
John A	Michael C	Carlos	
Vic T	Irene C	Mary P	

02	Meghan Townsend Arthur Tancl, III
03	Jameson Groebe
06	Michael Halper Connor Sheetz
07	Michael Graziadei Robert Meehan
09	Thomas Groebe
10	Courtney Schiever John Suva
13	Diane Lawler
15	Edmund Laskowski Carla Ray
16	Betty-Jane Corbett
20	Janice McElheny
25	Thomas Gogerty
26	Jeffrey Graham



07	Michael and Cheryl Basso
20	Christopher and Ellen Hill

For all those with terminal illnesses, their families, & those caring for them.

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.**

The Leadership retreat is planned for February 17-18 at St. Charles Retreat Center in Romeoville

- ◇ For vestry and all other church leaders
- ◇ Rev. Matt Humm will be leading our retreat.
- ◇ The focus of this retreat is to begin to plan our next steps as we look towards the future. We will be looking at how we achieve our goals and dreams while remaining focused on our call as Christians.
 - We will begin the retreat by gathering at the center beginning Friday evening @ 5:00. Participants sign up to bring food items for the evening meal, snacks, refreshments, and breakfast. Friday evening Fr. Matt will lead a meditation or reflection followed by fellowship.
 - Saturday will have a series of activities designed to help foster meaningful discussion and planning.
 - Lunch is prepared at the center, followed by afternoon more discussion on what our next steps may be.
 - We will close with Eucharist in late afternoon (Retreat will end by about 4:00pm).
 - Please let me know of your interest and if you will be staying overnight. We have to have our final number by early February. But the sooner the better...

Please contact Fr. Matt, Bob Meehan or call the office to sign up for this important event.



SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

LESSONS FOR FEBRUARY

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
February 5	Isaiah 40:21-31	147:1-12,21	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
February 12	2 Kings 5:1-14	30	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Mark 1:40-45
February 19	2 Kings 2:1-12	50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
February 26	Genesis 9:8-17	25:1-9	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15

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