

The Missioner

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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 30, 2011.

The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting and the Financial spreadsheets for 2010, the 2011 budget, and the Wardens' term resolution will also be distributed at the meeting and are available upon request.

The reports are presented as parts of the ministries identified at the parish meetings held early last year. 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.

THE MUSIC, MAGIC, AND MESSAGE OF TIM HANNIG

Sunday, February 6, 2011 at
3:00 pm

*** * *Bring the kids* * ***

Ice Cream Social following
the performance

Important Dates to Remember

February 6 Tim Hannig Concert

February 13 . Valentine Day Bake Sale

February 20 .. Keeping God's People Safe

February 27 .. Keeping God's People Safe



Prayer for Community

We are filled with gratitude for the many blessings
we share:

Being together, abundance, well-being.

Gracious God, we seek in our living

A greater awareness of Your presence:

To speak kind words, to listen more,

To respect differences, to show patience.

Inspire us to make wise choices,

To keep promises, to be honest,

Make us mindful of how we use time.

Move us to forgiveness—gently ask that we

Let go of hurts and overlook shortcomings;

Give us hope during times of difficulty and change,

Help us to see and nurture the goodness,

within each soul You've entrusted.

May your enduring love strengthen our bonds

As we become blessings for one another,

the Earth and all who need our care.

Amen.

Vestry News

At the January 12, 2011 meeting, the Vestry...

Accepted the committee reports that are printed elsewhere in newsletter.

Heard...

- That the finances are in good shape even though income was less than expenses which included some one-time expenses during the month of December.
- That a meeting of the building and capital campaign committees will be held and the vestry is invited.
- That the web page is moving along.
- That the diocesan assistance for 2011 will be \$9468.
- There are still openings for election to the vestry.

Took action to...

- Approve the budget for 2011 that will be presented at the annual meeting.
- Approve a resolution to extend the terms of the Senior and Junior Wardens one year beyond their terms that would end at the end of next year; the resolution will be presented at the annual meeting to the parish for approval

Reviewed the parish profile submitted by the search committee.
 Heard the final plans for the leadership retreat.

The next regular meeting is February 16, 2011 beginning at 7:00.

Treasurer's Report for December 2010

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Generally, monthly expenses exceeded income resulting in a negative monthly cash flow of Four Thousand One Hundred Forty Six and 87/100 Dollars (\$4,146.87). Monthly payables were met on time. Pledge income was significantly under budget at 63.3% or \$3,593.00 under projected income. General Plate Income was over budget at 162.4% or \$572.33 over budget. The negative cash flow was significantly influence by year end funding of the Sabbatical Fund, roof repairs and the website update costs.



BALANCE SHEET

Balance sheet totals indicate a -0.8% change from the previous month. Total Liabilities & Equity are Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Three and 07/100 Dollars (\$838,503.07)

ADDITIONAL REPORTING

The Fourth Quarter Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (October through December 2010) is attached

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of January, 2010
 Gregory M. Messer - Treasurer



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Parish Staff

Transition Pastor The Rev. Terri Heyduk
 Deacon The Rev. Roberta Molony
 Deacon The Rev. John Whennen
 Director of Music Thomas Secor
 Sexton John Glasscock

Vestry

Sr. Warden Robert Meehan
 Jr. Warden Allan Luzbetak
 Treasurer Greg Messer

Vestry Members

Clark Davis Jerome Jezuit
 Dave Kapitanek.....Greg Messer
 Beth Paulsen..... Mark Secor
 Todd SheetzPatricia Steiner
 Marc WorstSusan Meehan, Clerk

Parish Ministry Contacts

SacristanLora Messer
 Daughters of the King .. Wendy Stewart
 EducationElizabeth Paulsen
 **or** Dale Lundy
 Episcopal Ch Women.....Susan Meehan
 Helping Hands..... Pamela Carter
 Hospitality Guild..... Lillian Hensley
 Men's Club..... Todd Sheetz
 Newsletter Main Office
 Outreach MinistryDeacons Molony & Whennen
 New Building Todd Sheetz
 Senior Choir Thomas Secor

ATTENDANCE

Have you been worshipping with us regularly?

It is easy to fall out of the habit of nourishing our spiritual lives. Don't let this happen to you! The table below represents attendance during the month of December. Average Sunday attendance in 2010 was 68. 2009 average attendance was 106 and 2008 average attendance was 99.

Please make sure you take care of your spiritual life.

	2010	2009	2008
December 5	59	100	108
December 12	63	111	105
December 19	86	123	94
December 26	65	102	104
		94	84
Total	273	530	495

Please make sure you take care of your spiritual life. After services take time to greet our many visitors. Perhaps one could say "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.

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

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.

2011 ANNUAL MEETING January 30, 2011 AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of Clerk for the meeting
3. Approval of 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes
4. Appointment of Tellers
5. Appointment of Vestry Members – Seek nominations
6. Appointment of Diocesan Convention/Deanery Representatives
7. Presentation of the Financial Report and 2011 Budget
8. Approval of Standing Committee and Miscellaneous Reports
9. Old Business
 - A. Update on Search process
 - B. Update on Building Project
10. New Business
Resolution on term of office for wardens
11. Courtesy Resolutions
 - A. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori
 - B. Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee, Diocesan Bishop
 - C. Bishop Victor Scantlebury, Assistant Bishop
 - D. Bishop Frank T. Griswold, Former Presiding Bishop
 - E. Bishop William D. Persell, Bishop of Chicago, Retired
 - F. Bishop James W. Montgomery, Bishop of Chicago, Retired
 - G. Bishop William W. Wiedrich, Bishop Suffragan, Retired
 - H. Rev. Denzil Luckritz, Former Rector
12. Adjournment

THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE/VESTRY

Sr. Warden: Robert T. Meehan

Jr. Warden: Allen Luzbetak

2008	2009	2010
Greg Messer	Todd Sheetz	Clark Davis
Pat Steiner	Jerome Jezuit	Beth Paulson
Mark Secor	Marc Worst	David Kapitanek

Clerk: Susan Meehan

Treasurer: Greg Messer

Audit Chair: Kelly Zurek

Delegates to 2010 Convention: Don Anderson, John Larson Alternates: Judy Matile, Ron Broud

MINISTRY STAFF

Rector: Interim Pastor – Rev. M. Therese Heyduk

Deacons The Rev. Roberta Molony & The Rev. John Whennen

Education Co-Directors: Dale Lundy and Elizabeth Paulsen

Director of Music: Thomas Secor

Sexton: John Glasscock

Search Committee

The nine members of the Search Committee were commissioned in February 2010. We all accepted the task of selecting a candidate to replace Denzil Luckritz, who had resigned as pastor and left for his new parish in January 2010. The vestry selected The Reverend Terri Heyduk to act as interim pastor until a pastor with the skill sets could be chosen by the Search Committee. The Search Committee was advised that this would be a long process and require assistance from all parishioners. With the assistance of the diocese and Pastor Terri we began the recommended process.

The first step was to hold small group meetings. We conducted twelve small group meetings. At the meetings, parishioners were asked to provide their thoughts and wishes for St John's. All the meetings were positive and in general individuals were very pleased with all aspects of St John's. Individuals that had concerns were most grateful for Pastor Terri, our interim priest, as she leads us through this difficult transition period.

The next step was to create a Parish Profile. The committee analyzed all the data from the small group meetings and began the process of creating the church profile. The committee reviewed other Episcopal Church profiles and the headings for the St John's profile were selected. The mission statement was provided by the Vestry and the committee wrote copy for the profile. Parish pictures from the church library and some new photographs were selected for the profile. The Parish Profile first draft has been submitted to the Vestry for review and approval.

Another recommendation from the diocese was an improved and more complete website. The Vestry has accepted this challenge and is in the process of making the necessary changes and improvements.

The next step will be seeking resumes from potential candidates. The diocese deployment office will assist us in this process. The search committee will review the resumes, interview the candidates and visit the candidate's churches. The search committee will then present the selected candidate to the vestry for approval.

The process is long and complicated but it is leading us in the right direction to find a pastor with the skill sets to lead St John's for years to come. I want to encourage any parishioner's to feel free to express any concerns or questions to any member of the search committee.

Doug Tierney, Search Committee Chairman

Worship

Pastor Terri

Since my coming here as your Transitional Pastor last February, I have been blessed by our ministry together. Beginning with the task of getting to know you, I learned of the long and worthy history of this parish as I was invited to hear about the journeys that led you to where you are today at St. John's. The roots of faith run deep here. The "Ever Forward" celebration to close the 175th anniversary year was a testimony to the many who continue to 'be' the church.

As the pastor during this 'interim' time I have had a very specific role. In addition to being your pastor and priest, presiding at worship, preaching and supporting the ministries of the parish, I have been very intentional about identifying and addressing the transitional needs of the congregation. It has been a joy to be with you to do this work.

The role of the pastor during transition times is to provide a safe and healthy environment where change and growth can happen. During this time we looked at the way the parish sees itself and your ministries, to clarify roles and responsibilities, to raise up and support leadership and resources to do the work needed. During this time I have also asked a lot of questions about how we do what we do, and more importantly why. In this process we have identified issues and concerns that might be obstacles to moving forward in an effective, holy way.

So what has been accomplished in these last many months? Liturgically we have highlighted that why we worship is as important as how. Rooted in our Episcopal traditions, yet with a different style and liturgical perspective, I have asked the congregations (8A, 915A and 1030A) to try new things. My intention has been and will continue to be to open us to the work of the Spirit in our worship and to let us experience new ways of worshiping together. This is not a one-way experience. I have learned much from the traditions and customs of the parish and have been pleased by the deep commitment to worship and liturgy as central to our common life. In the months ahead, as I finish my time with you, we will continue this endeavor.

We have raised up the ministries of the parish and with the redefined Mission Statement have tried to stay focused on what it is we do and who we are. The structure of the parish ministries was clarified: how do we work together now that our leadership has changed? Our ministries fall into five general categories: Worship, Christian Formation, Outreach, Parish Life, and Administration.

During this year it has been important to renew our connection to the diocese. We are grateful for the support and resources it

provides. Additionally, with the help of the deacons and others we have renewed connections with other Episcopal parishes (deanery), the Lockport Clergy Association and local communities.

The work we have done this year could not have been accomplished without the work of so many others, especially our Wardens, Bob Meehan (Sr) and Allan Luzbetak (Jr), Clerk of the Vestry, Susie Meehan, Treasurer, Greg Messer and all our vestry members, and the many who work on parish committees. We are also blessed by the ministries of our deacons, Bobbie Molony and John Whennen, by Mark Kowalski, our deacon-in-training in his second year of study, and with the return of Lora Messer, a recent Seabury graduate with a Masters in Divinity, an aspirant for ordination to the priesthood and now head sacristan. It has been a priority to support their ministries and vocations and to clarify their roles at St John's.

I am also grateful for the ministry of Tom Secor, our Director of Music and Organist and our choir. It is wonderful to work with others who share the love of worship and the importance of hymnody and music. I especially appreciate Tom's willingness to 'hear me out' and his openness to my ideas; I trust this has been a mutual experience.

In recent months we have hired a new parish secretary, Donna Feithen. It has been a joy to work with her. I want to especially thank Bobbie Molony who had graciously agreed to fill-in in that capacity while we determined how best to support the administrative needs of the office.

In this last year the parish has been through many transitions. By the grace of God, and with the continued efforts of the leadership and parishioners of this congregation, the months ahead will offer many opportunities to grow more fully into the Body of Christ that God intends us to be.

May God continue to bless St. John's!

Respectfully submitted by,
The Rev. Terri Heyduk, Transitional Pastor

Membership and Worship Statistics						
		2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Members Reported		261	264	360	348	337
Service						
Eucharist:	Sunday	146	154	156	152	159
	Weekday	37	239	233	286	262
	Private	52	85	54	96	64
Daily Offices:	Sunday					
	Weekday	150	132	138	93	61
Marriages		1	6	5	4	4
Burials		9	6	4	8	4
Baptisms		5	4	16	8	7
Attendance						
Total Attendance		7117	8728	9103	9582	9834
Average Sunday Attendance		103	108	95	117	134
Easter Attendance		204	218	226	257	267

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Baptisms in 2010 - Rhonda Foss, Paul Peterson, Margaret Anne Riofski, Michael Joseph Barndollar, Zachary Ethan Raimondi.

Marriages in 2010 - Snyder/Brown.

Confirmations and Receptions in 2010- .None

Transfers to St. John's in 2010 -

Transfers from St. John's in 2010 – Jim McMillan, The Bramlet Family, The Luckritz Family

Burials in 2010- John Herodes, William J. Pouk, Mary L Keeney, Marilyn L. Balantyne, Robert Bahde, Wanda Barto Barker, Richard Reed, Melanie J. Anderson, Mary Hutchings.

Deacon Molony

2010 has been a year with many changes – changes that have impacted all of us.

I was acting secretary in the office for about 10 months, as a part time employee (with diocesan permission). Now that we have a permanent secretary, I am available for questions.

We are now 2 deacons at the Sunday services – so one of us may serve at 8:00 AM and the other at 10:30 AM. We alternate Sundays. This has worked out wonderfully for both of us, and the person who serves as deacon at 8:00 is then available to take communion to anyone who is either in the hospital or unable to get to church. Along with this diaconal rotation, the deacon who is serving at 8:00 AM is responsible for writing the Prayers of the People that are read at the appropriate time during the service. For major services, we both serve at the same service.

In this past year I have preached for the 9:15 AM services 30 times, and 6 times at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM service, and I have made house and hospital visits 32 times. I have officiated at one wedding, and at one funeral and then later at the committal.

Outside of St. John's:

- As part of Outreach, I have started a pilot project to tutor children who are having problems with reading. This is in keeping with Millennium Development Goal #2 Achieve Universal Primary Education. Currently I am working with a kindergartner, helping her to learn her letter sounds and how they work in words. Ron and Judy Broud were also committed to this project, but due to Ron's illness, they have been unable to participate at this time. Anyone else who is interested in this project please contact Deacon Bobbie for more information. A background check is required.
- I have served this last year as President of the Lockport Homer Glen Ministerial Association. This is a wonderful networking opportunity as we meet each month for mutual sharing, fellowship and support.
- I have served for many years as a Discernment Shepherd, training Discernment Committees at various churches. This process is intended specifically for people who feel called to ordained ministry, but can also be used when major changes come up in people's lives. The Bishop is in the process of changing the Discernment Process in the Diocese of Chicago, and part of that change is that Shepherds are no longer needed. I have been happy to serve in this capacity, and look forward with eagerness to see how the "new" process unfolds.
- I have agreed to continue serving on the Diocesan Deacon's Council for at least one more year.
- The Deacons in the Joliet Deanery have agreed to meet monthly to touch base with each other and share ideas and possible projects.
- I worked on the committee to chair the National Association of the Diaconate Conference which was held in Chicago last June. I assisted in several small ways, but especially made the banner that was carried by the Deacons as they walked from Loyola University to St. James Cathedral.
- Attended a class/seminar on Servant Leadership that was held in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. This class was funded by St. John's and was very good. This was the first of a three part series, but I have chosen, because of the distance, to not continue with these events, but instead to try and find similar opportunities in our own area.
- Spoke at the Annual Memorial Service, representing St. John's in the community, at Goodale Funeral Home in December.

For the care and feeding of my own soul, I took a solitary retreat at Christ in the Wilderness in Stockton, IL. This retreat was funded by St. John's, and was absolutely wonderful, giving me a chance to pray, meditate and reflect on the course my life is taking. As a result of this private 2 day retreat, I have been able to re-focus on what my ministry should be, and what direction my life should be taking. Because of the insights gained on this retreat I have made a decision to schedule at least one quiet day or meditative workshop each month. So far I have been successful in this effort.

Additionally, I am still designing and sewing quilts – learning new hand skills and developing hand quilting and hand appliqué. I find that those skills really help me to stay centered and focused. I am still singing in the Lewis University Choir.

The Rev Roberta Molomy

Deacon Whennen

In March of 2010 I returned to full service at St. John from medical leave. I have participated in all Sunday liturgies, including approximately 20 Home Communion and hospital visitations. I have prepared Prayers of the People for about as many Sundays for Parish use at Mass.

I have attended all Liturgy Committee meetings during this past year for preparation of seasonal formats for worship.

I have preached three times during the past year and led the Adult Forum for our fall session, and taught three of the several sessions.

During the past year I assisted at one funeral service.

Finally, I also attended most Outreach Committee meetings, assisting the leadership with several projects including the distribution of Easter food baskets and other special assistance projects, like the “Jump On the Bus” effort to assist needy school children.

I look forward to the new year to expand contributions to the Adult Education program at St. John.

The Rev. John Whennen

Altar Guild

The 2010 Altar Guild was working hard and has been through many transitions. Mark Kowalski stepped down as sacristan and began his journey to deacon school. Sue Kapitanek has joined the team bringing us up to six guild members. We would also like to thank everyone who helped with all the 2010 holiday activities we could not have done it without you. The guild is looking for more members and hopes to see growth in 2011. If you are interested in joining the team please contact me or Pastor Terri.

Lora Messer MDiv., Sacristan

Ushers

The church usher is the first official representative seen when entering the church. The ushers of St. John’s Episcopal Church are a group of volunteer men and women who serve as ministers of hospitality during mass on Sundays, holy days, and special occasions like weddings or funerals. The lead usher is Bruce Ray; there are currently three open positions for ushers. If interested ask an usher.

Bruce Ray, from his ministry day presentation

Music Department Report

I start this report by commenting on the 2009/2010 concert series—which had seven events. This was two more than previous years—and proved to be too many. That being known, we decided to have only four events this year. This is a much more manageable number of concerts, both for myself and for the Hospitality Guild.

Throughout the years our Hospitality Guild has become widely known for their extraordinary receptions following our concerts. Needless to say, I am extremely grateful for their efforts. As a first this year, Pastor Teri and I took the members of the guild out for dinner as a small thank you for their untiring efforts.

The 2010/2011 year began with our choir moving into the “Karol Athos Choir Room.” The former nursery now houses not only the choir, but our music files and robing cabinet—thus creating more needed room in the parish hall and the office. Many thanks to Pastor Teri for suggesting the move.

Last, but not least, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the members of the Senior Choir. They very selflessly sing the 10:30 service from September to June—and no matter how many we have in attendance on a particular Sunday, they always manage to sound very good. I think it should also be noted that many choir members show up during the summer months, and also provide an Anthem at the 10:30 service during these months. Many parishioners and visitors have commented that they rarely find a church at which the choir sings during the summer months.

As always, we will welcome any new choir members. The choir room is small, but we will always make room for new voices.

Thomas J Secor, Music Director

Administration

Senior Warden

As I prepare for the third year of my term as Senior Warden I am renewing my commitment to do all I can to promote the many great things that are going on here at our church. This past year has been very busy and productive for St. John’s. I have a number of observations that I am compelled to share as I look back over the last 12 months which comprise my report to the congregation.

First and foremost, it has been a privilege to serve as senior warden under the pastoral leadership of our interim priest, Pastor Terri Heyduk. I have had many opportunities to collaborate and work with our priest during the past months and she has helped to energize, guide, and direct this congregation. Her attention to pastoral issues and her ability to allow the congregation to become more whole and heal during our transition has been something that I have observed. Her warmth and compassion for this place are very much appreciated.

Secondly, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the support I have received from the members of the vestry and executive committee. The efforts of this group of leaders and their commitment to this place has made my job that much more enjoyable. Significant progress has been made in refining office practices during the past year. We have reactivated our finance committee and this year we completed a comprehensive audit which carefully examined our financial procedures. Recently we have hired a part-time secretary to carry out many office tasks. The capital campaign committee has met regularly examining the options available to raise additional funds to help make the dream of a new ministry center (parish hall) a reality.

In addition to these efforts, considerable work has been done after a committee of parishioners examined our space utilization and building needs earlier this year. Projects like painting and reorganizing the office, redecorating the parish hall as well as other facility improvements all have been accomplished during the course of this year. Furthermore, plans are evolving which will address other facility issues during the coming year. The vestry has committed the needed funds and support to building improvements in the rectory (new electrical box, wiring improvements, plumbing upgrades, and basic cleaning and decorating prior to the arrival of our next priest), annex (plumbing upgrades, organizing contents, and ridding out materials), current parish hall (addressing heating concerns, improve office space), and church (improving/renovating our sacristy area).

The Search committee was commissioned earlier this year and has been working diligently throughout the last 10 months. Small group interviews were held to gather current information about St. John's from parishioners and this information was examined carefully. This data was compared to the information gathered through the survey conducted in December 2009 and January 2010. These two sources of data were very similar in their general content. This assisted the search committee in beginning the task of writing the parish profile. This is a critical aspect of the search process. The profile is in draft form and is being discussed and reviewed prior to forwarding to the Diocese for their input and guidance. This group of people has worked very hard, and their job is not yet done. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue in this important task.

With these core groups of people surrounded by many parishioners who chose to get involved, the life of St. John's has continued in a very positive direction. We have had success in numerous outreach activities (Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets, providing gifts for the needy at Christmas, Jump on the Bus – providing school supplies for less fortunate children, sponsoring and/or supporting the annual rummage sales, etc.). The concert series followed by the work of the hospitality team in providing refreshments at these events are other examples of the vitality within our church. Book studies have been conducted throughout the year.

The life of St. John's is present and vital. Our membership has many gifts. I am truly grateful for the many blessings that our church has had bestowed upon us during the past year. Recently we had a catered celebration "Ever Forward in Christ". This gave our congregation a time to relax, reflect, and plan for our future. It was an event reminding us that we are alive and well!

In closing, I ask for your continued prayers for our church, its leaders, and its many ministries. I ask for your participation. I ask that you reflect on how you can add to the life of St. John's. I ask that you keep the vestry informed of concerns you may have. And I invite each of you to embrace the mission set before us here at St. John's and become a more integral member of our church family.

Bob Meehan

Junior Warden

The low roof was replaced on the church, the slate on the high roof was found to be in good enough condition that repairs were not needed.

The hall roof had the ridge repaired.

The parking lot had the sunken portion of the concrete replaced.

There was a men's club work day that was a great success, the overgrown shrubs were removed plus some other various tasks were completed.

Outdoor lighting on the Annex and Hall were upgraded.

Lighting in the church was upgraded including lights for the choir and additional lighting in the sacristy.

Montgomery hall had mold removal and some general redecorating done including counter space for the coffee maker and a space for the choir.

Future plans:

Upgrade the electrical service in the rectory plus general repairs and painting

A dehumidifier was purchased to be installed in the basement of the annex and a powered anode for the water heater is planned to be installed.

The sacristy window frame is currently on order to be installed in the spring.

The sacristy is undergoing planning to make the space more usable.

Allan Luzbetak

Treasurer

Greetings to all from the Office of the Treasurer,

This past year has marked a few milestones for the accounting procedures at St. John's. 2010 marked the migration from the EASE accounting software to the very contemporary and widely accepted QuickBooks accounting package. The EASE program dated back to the days of Microsoft DOS and was quite limiting in its ability to report on historical data. The hard transition took place on January 1, 2010 and we've not looked back. I am pleased to report of the wide range support that has been forthcoming from fellow parishioners willing to give up their time and talent to implement and support the new system. The new accounting procedures are far more transparent as there are now more than eight people contributing to counter's data entry, payroll processing, accounts payable, vendor expenses approvals, monthly bank statement reconciliations and office filing support.

Expanding on the transparency of accounting procedures and methods, St. John's was among the first parishes in the Chicago Diocese that completed a full system audit. The audit committee was chaired by Kelly Zurich-Bardollar, CPA with the assistance of Clark Davis and John Schwab. Many hours went into account balance verification, accounting procedures, insurance coverages, security and privacy measures. Once completed, the extensive audit findings were submitted for a review by the vestry, then forward on to the Diocese. Overall, the audit affirmed that the financial operations of the church are sound and in good practice.

I am pleased to inform you all the current finances are in good condition. We were able to meet all of our financial obligations and commitments for 2010. Although pledges were influenced negatively in the past year donors gave in excess of their anticipated pledge amount softening the overall losses. With tighter operating cash, prayerful consideration was given to every aspect of the congregation's financial needs.

Looking forward to this new fiscal year and for the first time in my tenure as treasurer, the Finance Committee is presenting a deficit budget. The budget is most significantly influenced by and with the anticipation of the financial obligations for a new full time priest. A contemporary compensation package as recommended by the Diocese is well defined for an experienced priest. As the year progresses and these expenses become more clear we hope that additional revenues and cost saving measures will bring the budget more into balance.

In closing, I am humbled by the continued support the St. John's congregation brings forth both in time and talent and financial giving. May God bless and keep you in good health.

Gregory M. Messer, Treasurer

Finance Committee

As Greg Messer stated in the Treasurer's report, we were able to meet our financial obligations in 2010 from pledges and other sources of revenues.

However, a cash flow deficit is forecast for 2011 of approximately \$15,000. This is due primarily to a decrease in the number of family and individual pledges from 81 in 2010 to 72 in 2011. Although the average pledge is approximately \$1,500 in both years, pledge revenue is forecast to decrease to \$110,000 from the \$119,000 pledged in 2010. Also, expenditures are expected to increase in the second half of the year as a new full-time rector is welcomed to St. John's.

Although of long-term concern, this operating deficit, rector search expenses of \$8-10,000 and proposed capital improvements to the church and other buildings of approximately \$20,000 can be funded from the Contingency Fund and other unused non-operating Funds. These expenditures were recommended by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Vestry. The Contingency Fund is approximately \$48,000 as of the end of 2010.

These financial realities must also be considered as we continue to evaluate the functional requirements of a New Ministry Center as well as the financial feasibility of funding this building and providing for on-going occupancy expenses.

Jerry Jezuit, Chairman

Committee for The Ministry Center Capital Campaign

Members of the committee are; Clark Davis, John Larson, Bob Meehan, Tom Secor , Jerry Jezuit and Greg Messer.

The committee began meeting in earnest, late October 2010, with the purpose to coordinate the appropriate marketing and fund raising activities necessary to raise the \$ 700,000 necessary to complete the first two phases of the ministry center.

We have held twice monthly meetings since October in preparation for a general parish wide campaign. Prior to commencement, the committee did “due diligence” by meeting with Canon Stephenson, who gave us examples of past successful campaigns.

Utilizing examples provided by the Dioceses, we have mapped out a campaign calendar, with a tentative, “general campaign” date scheduled for March of 2011.

We will be conducting a joint meeting with the building committee Jan 26th to discuss the current status, as well as revisiting the key drivers for the ministry center, and possible contingencies if we are unable to conduct a successful campaign for the balance of the funding.

We are faithful in our prayer, and diligent to the task of ensuring that the current needs of the parish are consistent with the Ministry center as currently envisioned.

There will be a Parish update on Sunday Feb 13th, to share the status of the project .

Clark Davis, Capital Campaign Chair

Formation

Christian Education

Directors of Christian Education:

Beth Paulsen

Dale Lundy

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.

Ellen Hill is presently taking the classes for Atrium I and will finish August 2011 in time for next year’s start of the Christian Education program! We are still in search of Atrium II and Atrium III Catechists for the year 2011-2012, however, the Christian Education program is functional and will continue until new Catechists are trained. If anyone would like to inquire about being a Catechist, aide or the teaching program, please feel free to speak to anyone involved in the Christian Education Program.

Todd Sheetz has graciously volunteered to teach the “Seasons of the Spirit” curriculum for the 9-12yr olds again next year and until a Catechist is found or trained. The new Atrium III materials are still in the process of being developed and set up.

We would love to see growth in the program and are VERY proud of our Christian Education Program. 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

Adult Book Study

The adult book study group of between 4 and 6 people met throughout the year. In the spring, summer and early fall we meet at 7 PM Tuesdays and conclude with the service of Compline. In late fall and winter we meet at 9 am Tuesdays with Morning Prayer first followed by our book discussion. Some of the recent books were “How the Irish Saved Civilization” and “Saints Behaving Badly”. In general the books are interesting but not too heavy. All adults are welcome to come and see what we do, and if you like it, join us.

John Larson

Adult Formation

Our last adult formation class focused on the book *Mysteries of Faith* by Mark McIntosh is Volume 8 in the Church's teaching series. The class was lead by Deacon John Whennan, Pastor Terri, Mark Kowalski, and Lora Messer. This group learned how to think of God in new ways and how God touches our lives every minute of every day. There were some great discussions in the class and it was a great way to get to know people in the congregation. If anyone is interested in further formational book studies please let us know.

Lora Messer

Adult Bible Study

Lora Messer is offering an adult Bible study on either Tuesday or Thursday nights. This class is going to be about getting to know God better through Scripture and personal experience. This will be a fun class filled with discussion, exploration and creativity. If you are interested please contact Lora at (630)257-2858. The more who participate the better the fun. Text will be provided to all who come, no book required.

Lora Messer

Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King is a religious order. Each daughter takes a vow to live by the rule of the order. Our rule of life requires the disciplines of daily prayer, service, and evangelism. With heart, mind and spirit, we uphold and bear the cross For His Sake.

St. John the Evangelist currently has five active members plus our very capable chaplain, Deacon Molony. Sadly, this year we lost a founding member of our group. Mary Keeney was a tireless worker and believed strongly in prayer and service. We continue to meet twice a month the second and last Mondays at 10:00 am. During our time together, we pray, study, and discuss. Our current book study is *Praises, Prayers and Curses Conversations with the Psalms* by Schmidt.

From this small group, we gather strength and purpose. All of our lives have been enriched beyond measure. In closing I include the final sentence of our Motto: *Lord what would you have me do?*

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.

FOOD BOXES

We provide food boxes to those in need at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These food boxes include not only the non perishable items (soups, stews, canned vegetables...) that we all donate each week, but there are additional items purchased by the church. Items such as: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, stuffing mix, mashed potato mix, mac and cheese, cookies, crackers... The church also purchases perishable items: bread, milk, butter, eggs, a ham or a turkey. We ensure that each food box is filled according to the size of the family.

- At Easter we provided food for 17 families: 40 adults and 36 children
- At Thanksgiving we provided food for 19 families: 40 adults and 46 children
- At Christmas we provided food for 17 families: 37 adults and 42 children

In addition to the Christmas food boxes, through your donations we were able to provide new shoes for some children, stuffed toys, miscellaneous small seasonal gifts and used coats.

Our children participated by providing the Christmas cards for each of the food boxes.

In addition, we maintain some food in our cabinets for those who show up hungry on our doorstep. We also support the Lockport Food Pantry.

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 participated in a couple of programs with Morning Star Mission:

- In late summer 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 45 "buses" we provided back packs, school supplies and school clothes for 15 of these children.
- At Christmastime we participated in the "Stars of Hope" program. The "Stars of Hope" program provides hundreds of families with Christmas gifts. In 2009, they distributed over 10,000 gifts to over 500 families. By filling 50 "stars" we provided some of the needs and wishes for 25 children.

We were able to accomplish quite a bit this year thanks to EVERY member of St. John's. A special thank you goes out to Deb and Jerry Huddleston for not only coordinating the Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes but also for doing all the shopping. The Outreach committee is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to help with a specific project please contact the church office.

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 (2010) we distributed approximately 30 shawls.

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.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a specialized food assistance program for members of St. John's parish. Gifts of fully prepared, home cooked meals are delivered to homes of parish family members who are sick and unable to cook, for families who are caring for an ill loved one, someone just home from the hospital or a senior member in need of an extra pair of hands.

Meals are donated from parish members willing to cook just one or two extra servings of food when making their own meals. They are immediately frozen, delivered to the Parish Hall, where they are put into the freezer until distribution.

We have received many Thank You notes from very grateful persons who have received meals during 2010 I would like to say THANK YOU to all of you who cook and deliver these very special meals.

If you know of anyone needing a meal or you would be interested in preparing meals please contact the church office.

Thank you and God Bless

Pam Carter

Parish Life

Hospitality Guild

Our first project in 2010 was a farewell celebration for Denzil and Lisa Luckritz. Many people showed up for this to wish them the best on their new endeavors.

The guild also hosted the Agape Dinner. This was a spiritual occasion for us to come together as a church family.

There were gatherings following funerals. We had the honor of serving families and friends while remembering those that we lost in 2010.

2010 was a great year for the hospitality guild receptions following the concerts as well. Each concert hosted between 50 and 80 people. There was abundance of food ranging from appetizers to desserts. There was no shortage of fellowship either.

Our closing event of 2010 was on Sunday, December 5th. We were treated to a holiday concert with the Joliet Junior Choir performing memorable holiday songs. This choir has performed for us many times and hearing them is always a treat. The reception afterwards was a packed house with plenty of food and fellowship. With the tables and decorations in red, green, and silver, even the Grinch would have gotten the Christmas spirit.

Our first event in 2011 will be a treat for children and also those of us that are young at heart. This will be a Magical show followed by an ice cream social. Come join us for the fun.

Without many people working together, events like these would not be possible. We would like to extend a special thanks to all those that gave of their time and talents to make all of this possible. A special thanks to Dee McSherry who is not a member of St. John's, but never failed to contribute delicious food to our mission. If you are interested in helping on the hospitality guild, please feel free to contact me.

Our goal in 2011 is to increase the number of members in the guild and continue to welcome not only those we know but those we don't, which we are all called to do as confirmed in scripture.

Lillian Hensley

Youth Group

January was the New Beginnings Retreat that some of our youth attended.

March was our famous Kringle Sale, the proceeds from the sale help our youth go on the Mission trips to the Gulf Coast.

April was the High School Happening Retreat that some of our youth attended.

July/August was the Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast. Two of our youth and two adult parishioners went on this amazing trip.

November brought our big Kringle Sale at the High School Craft Show. We were able to sell 800 Kringles for our Youth Group.

The wish for our Youth Group is to have a leader and have more youth join the group. More youth need to experience the retreats and mission trips, they are life changing.

Jan McElheny

Episcopal Church Women

United Thank Offering and Church Periodical Club

We are women and we are Episcopalians so we are Episcopal Church Women but we do not have an organized ECW. Women from St. John's may participate in Diocesan ECW events by attending a workshop at the Diocesan Ministry Fair in the Spring, the Annual Meeting and Convention in the Spring, the Fall Forum in the Fall, and an ECW program usually during lunch at the Diocesan Convention in November. St John's supported the diocesan ECW this year with a voluntary financial gift of \$100.

The Diocesan ECW manages the United Thank Offering in the Diocese. We have an opportunity to express thanksgiving for blessings by using a UTO envelope or by dropping coins in a UTO blue box with a prayer of thanksgiving. Grants to expand the church and meet compelling human needs are given by UTO. In 2010 St. Johns collected and submitted \$178.81 to UTO.

Church Periodical Club is also managed by the Diocesan ECW. CPC provides grants all over the world to provide books and learning materials. In 2010 St. John's collected and submitted \$50 to CPC.

Susie Meehan

Men's Club

During this past year the Men's Club participated and supported several church activities. The first event that the Men's Club sponsored was the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Approximately 50 people came to this event. The second major undertaking was the clean-up activity at Montgomery Hall. Shrubs were removed and approximately 15 men worked on various projects at the parish hall. The third event the Men's club help to support was the annual church picnic. The men helped with setting up and tearing down the tables and chairs and also were responsible for grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. The Men's club hopes to be more active in the coming year and plan work days and other activities that will encourage more participation.

Bob Meehan



**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

Marjorie	Deana	Gary J	Ernest
Gabriel D	Arthur	Carol G	Greg W
Beverly	Tristan	George E	Galaye-dion
Nicolas	Velma L	Dave	Phyllis B
Joan	Rusty	Karen	Bernice
Robert	Anne	Donna	Evonne C
Kathryn	Dina	Liz	Alice B
Linda	Dorothy	Elizabeth J	Bruce C
Doris	Ed	Skip L	Mary Beth R
Anita	Nicole	Chris	Scott R
Paul	Marvin	Julia S	Joe A
Elsie	Corrine	Bob	Kathy A
Anna Belle	Craig	Ron B	Sandy J
Helen	Stephen	John A	Art T
Royleen T	Diana	Erick B	Bill A
Marquerite	Mark K	Brian R	Evangeline M
Betty	Maryann	Vic T	Paul R
Connie	Rita	Jim H	Mary F
Pearl R	Elaine B	Sam R	Haley R
Gail B	Billy C	Damian K	Betty K
Grier	Peter	Jeanne R	
Amy	Doug	Randy R	



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	William Molony Janice McElheny
25	Thomas Gogerty
26	Paige Johnson
27	Pearl Rodegehro
29	Margaret Watts

*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.**



07	Michael and Cheryl Basso
12	Thomas and Julie Johnson
20	Christopher and Ellen Hill

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St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Book Study 9:30 AM H.E. [Brigid]	2 8:30 AM Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Morning Worship 7:00 PM Evening Worship <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 [The Dorchester Chaplains: Lt. G. Fox, Lt. A. D. Goode, Lt. C. V. Poling, Lt. J. P. Washington]	4 7:00 PM N/A Meeting 11:59 PM NA [Anskar]	5 6:00 PM N/A [Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson]
6 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. 3:00 PM Concert Series - Tim Hannig [The Martyrs of Japan]	7 8:00 PM NA [Cornelius the Centurion]	8 9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Book Study	9 8:30 AM Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Morning Worship 7:00 PM Evening Worship	10 11:00 AM Joliet Deanery Clergy Meeting at St. John's 7:00 PM Search Committee	11 7:00 PM N/A Meeting 11:59 PM NA [Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby]	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> [Charles Freer Andrews]
13 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. [Absalom Jones]	14 10:00 AM Daughters of the King 8:00 PM NA <i>Valentine's Day</i> [Cyril and Methodius]	15 9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Book Study [Thomas Bray]	16 8:30 AM Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Morning Worship 7:00 PM Evening Worship 7:30 PM Vestry Meeting [Charles Todd Quintard]	17 [Janani Luwum]	18 7:00 PM N/A Meeting 11:59 PM NA [Martin Luther]	19
20 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. [Frederick Douglass]	21 8:00 PM NA <i>President's Day</i> [John Henry Newman]	22 9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Book Study <i>Washington's Birthday</i> [Eric Liddell]	23 8:30 AM Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Morning Worship 7:00 PM Evening Worship [Polycarp]	24 7:00 PM Search Committee <i>Saint Matthias, Apostle</i>	25 7:00 PM N/A Meeting 11:59 PM NA [John Roberts]	26 [Emily Malbone Morgan]
27 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. [George Herbert]	28 10:00 AM Daughters of the King 8:00 PM NA [Anna Julia Haywood Cooper and Elizabeth Wright]					



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 Worship
 7:00 PM. Evening Worship

LESSONS FOR FEBRUARY

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
February 6	Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12)	112:1-9,(10)	1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16)	Matthew 5:13-20
February 13	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20	119:1-8	1Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
February 20	Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18	119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
February 27	Isaiah 49:8-16a	131	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 6:24-34

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