

The Missioner

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LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY FAIR

Saturday May 7 8 am to 4 pm
at the Lutheran School of
Theology
1100 E. 55th St., Chicago.
There are over 40 workshops
on all aspects of ministry,
leadership, formation, and
liturgy. Bishop Jeffrey Lee,
Missioner for Liturgy and the
Arts Dent Davidson, and
Canon for Lifelong Christian
Formation Vicki Garvey will
give the opening presentation.

Held each spring this fair
offers a rich and changing set
of workshops. This day of
learning and sharing brings all
together, offering the best of
Vestry School, Ministry Day,
and several facets of
STEWARDSHIP workshops
are mixed with other offerings
designed to inform, inspire,
encourage, and enliven
individuals and
congregations. There is
something for everyone, lay
and ordained.

Important Dates to Remember

May 5..... Outreach Meeting
May 7..... Ministry Fair
May 8..... Bishop Lee's Visit
..... and Mother's Day
May 11..... Vestry Meeting
May 20-21 Rummage Sale

Greetings,

This month in my letter to you I will be summarizing and highlighting the findings of the recently completed survey on the parish hall project. I must extend to you the Vestry's sincere gratitude for your participation in this process. The response was terrific!! Our hope is to get out general information on the results to the congregation in this newsletter and follow this with a parish discussion and presentation on "Next Steps" which will be held on June 12th, 2011 in Montgomery Hall at 3:00pm. This gathering will review the survey results, discuss them in more detail, answer questions, and lay out what plans the vestry has decided on as its next steps. Please plan on participating in the event.

Why did we conduct the survey?

There were several reasons the leadership decided it would be beneficial to conduct a survey:

The project has hovered over the congregation for over a decade and it was important to get an idea of the current perspectives and opinions held by the members of St. Johns as we determine next steps.

Although the leadership had much data available to make decisions, there was a noticeable gap, the opinions of our membership.

There is a considerable shortfall in money available for the project. The estimate for building the proposed ministry center is approximately 1.5 to 1.7 million dollars. We have approximately \$970,000. We hoped to get a feel for whether or not this is the right time to conduct a capital campaign and the approximate level of financial support which may be available from the church family.

Basic facts on the survey

We had 99 respondents to this survey.

Approximately half of the respondents included comments as part of their response.

The assumption is that the respondents represent 75% of the giving base of our congregation.

The findings of this survey are considered trends of data and will be used as one of the variables leadership will use in determining next steps.

The survey process was overseen by Russ Crabtree from Holy Cow Consulting (the same person who oversaw the parish profile survey conducted in December of 2009).

How will the information gathered from the survey be shared at St. John's?

After the survey was completed the results were discussed with Russ Crabtree (continued on page 2)

Parish Staff

The Executive Committee and the Chairs of the Building Committee and the Capital

Campaign Committee discussed and reviewed the results as a small group.

A second meeting was held for all members of the Vestry, Building Committee, and Capital Campaign Committees to review the data.

The "Next Steps" discussion with the congregation is planned for June 12, 2011, 3:00pm.

In addition, there will be information put in the newsletter to keep as many people from St. John's informed as possible.

The responses indicate that there is a clear division of opinion on the proposed project. The level of uncertainty on numerous issues suggests that there is not any simple answer at this time. BUT all this data as well as the other information we have gathered on this project to date does provide the vestry with important information to consider while determining next steps.

A quick summary of vestry discussion up till now:

It was abundantly clear when examining the response to this survey is that now is not the appropriate time to pursue this project.

We clearly do not have the money required and we will not initiate a capital campaign at this time. Projected support according to survey response is far short of the needed money to realize the project at this time.

The current indicated financial support by respondents over a three-year period of time ranges from a minimum of \$57,600 to a maximum of \$150,000. Extrapolated over the entire congregation this translates to a three-year total ranging from \$76,800 to \$200,000.

Given this forecast we need to keep in mind what money we have available for the proposed project. Approximately 1.3 million dollars has either been collected specifically for the building project or has been donated to St. John's over the last 10-12 years. This can be broken down as follows:

\$300,000 grant from the Diocese of Chicago

Approximately \$200,000 from donations and contributions for the building project from individuals in our congregation

Approximately \$800,000 from the Murphy Trust as a donation to St. John's. (non-designated funds)

From this we have spent over \$325,000 for architect fees, drawings, and renderings of the proposed project.

That leaves us with approximately \$975,000 on hand with an anticipated cost for the new building somewhere between 1.5 and 1.7 million dollars.

This gives us a 500-700 thousand dollar shortfall; and according to the survey we can anticipate a maximum of \$200,000 from our congregation at this time

The vestry will examine the best way to utilize the resources we have available.

The vestry is charged with making final decisions on next steps. We have committed ourselves to doing all the necessary work to gather information. Keeping in mind that all the data that is gathered is fluid and changes over time we are charged with acting. Some of the challenges we face include needed building improvements in our facilities. We are fortunate that we have funds that will support the mission of St. John's. The non-designated funds from the Murphy Trust

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.....Jerry Jezuit
Dave Kapitanek Greg Messer
Elizabeth PaulsenJohn Schwab
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Susan Meehan-clerk

Parish Ministry Contacts

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Hospitality Guild Lillian Hensley
Men's Club.....Todd Sheetz
Newsletter Main Office
Outreach Ministry. Ruth Kozlowski and
..... Judy Broud.
New Building Todd Sheetz
Senior Choir Thomas Secor

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for those who are ill
or in any need, especially:

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| Marjorie | Dina | Erick B | Jackie M |
| Gabriel D | Dorothy | Brian R | Chris H |
| Beverly | Ed | Vic T | Ken P |
| Nicolas | Nicole | Sam R | Roy S |
| Joan | Marvin | Damian K | Jack H |
| Robert | Corrine | Jeanne R | Lillian B |
| Kathryn | Craig | Randy R | Parker J |
| Linda | Stephen | Ernest | Claire C |
| Doris | Diana | Greg W | John L |
| Anita | Mark K | Galaye-dion | Mary L |
| Paul | Maryann | Phyllis B | Kelly C |
| Elsie | Rita | Bernice | Lorraine B |
| Anna Belle | Elaine B | Evonne C | Amy S |
| Helen | Billy C | Alice B | Steve M |
| Royleen T | Peter | Bruce C | Rupal |
| Marquerite | Doug | Mary Beth R | Dorie K |
| Betty | Gary J | Scott R | Carol J |
| Connie | George E | Joe A | Kim S |
| Pearl R | Dave | Kathy A | Ben Y |
| Gail B | Karen | Sandy J | Glasscock |
| Grier | Donna | Art T | family |
| Amy | Liz | Bill A | |
| Deana | Elizabeth J | Evangeline M | |
| Tristan | Skip L | Paul R | |
| Velma L | Julia S | Haley R | |
| Rusty | Bob | Betty K | |
| Anne | John A | Ester B | |

ATTENDANCE

Where have you been? We have missed you!

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

The table below represents attendance during the month of March. The average Sunday weekly attendance in 2011 for March is 104; 2010 attendance for March was 116.25. 2009 attendance for March was 97.

	2011	2010	2009
March 6	92	127	95
March 13	92	102	101
March 20	123	113	91
March 27	109	123	99
Total	416	465	386

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.

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.**

Get well wishes to those who were in the hospital in April:

- Don Anderson
- Sandra Johnson
- John Larson

We extend our sympathy to:

- Wendy Stewart on the death of her father—The Rev. Canon Arthur Saxon-Williams in Colorado.
- John Glasscock, our sexton, on the death of his wife, Carol Glasscock.
- Bobbie Molony, on the death of her cousin, Philip Truszkowski.



Congratulations to all who celebrated their Solemn Communion on April 10th:

(a few pictures are shown on pages 8 & 9.)



Vestry News



At the April 13, 2011 meeting, the Vestry...

Accepted the committee reports

Heard...

- A summary of the recent parish survey.
- An update of completed building improvements.
- That the web page is up and running at the original address and can be accessed through all search engines.
- A report of the sacristy project.
- An update on the parish profile.

Reviewed

A Purchase Request Form for all payment beyond normal operational expenses. Those under \$300 will require finance committee approval. Those over \$300 will require vestry approval.

Took action to...

- Defer the name of the "Annex" to the Christian Education children.
- Allowed the executive committee to act on an education expense once the budget like item is reviewed.
- Approve the lawn care contract with County Style Lawn Maintenance.
- Agreed to pay the sexton through the end of the month while he is caring for his ailing wife and revisit the issue at the end of the month.

The next regular meeting is May 11, 2011 beginning at 7:00.

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allow for careful decision-making.

A committee of leaders has been established to oversee proposed building improvements that are needed to not only make our facilities more inviting to others but also effectively carry out our mission here at St. Johns. Some possible projects may be: (these are not planned projects... they are examples to help illustrate the maintenance needs)

Improved handicapped access to church and/or annex

Covered walkway from church to parish hall

Continued improvements to Montgomery Hall – Office and outside appearance

New Financial Procedure Being Implemented

Recently the Vestry reviewed and revised some of the procedures used in carrying out the business operations of the church. Finance Chairman, Jerry Jezuit developed a form that is to be used by any individual who is interested in making a purchase or seeking reimbursement for expenses incurred in any project at the church. This includes office expenses, materials for projects, or any other expenses incurred as part of our day-to-day operations.

Purchases or Expenditures of over \$300 require Vestry approval before they can be processed. Other operational expenses that fall under the amount of \$300 do not require vestry approval but the finance committee will act on any submitted requests on Monday mornings. The only way these requests can be acted upon is by filling out the appropriate form which is available in the office.

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure we monitor our expenditures carefully. Especially since we have a deficit budget, we need to be aware of how well our revenues and expenditures are matching. When requests are submitted, the finance committee will review our current available funds and act accordingly. The party requesting funds will be notified as to the decision on the request.

St. John's does not have a credit card but does have a debit card. This card is only to be utilized with expressed permission of the finance committee and/or senior warden.

Individuals who make purchases outside of these guidelines risk not receiving reimbursement from St. John's. All expenditures of church funds require prior approval.

The only exceptions to these guidelines are monthly billings that are done online such as utilities, telephone, and other monthly expenses (salary, insurance, contributions to clergy retirement, etc). In addition, unforeseen emergency expenditures incurred by clergy or other church leaders will be reviewed as needed.

Improvements in space management and utilization in the annex, Etc.

In peace,

Bob Meehan



Rummage and Bake Sale Coming Up

It's time for Spring Cleaning!

The Rummage and Bake Sale is Friday and Saturday May 20-21, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm both days.

Mark your calendars.

You may drop off rummage at the church hall the week before the Rummage Sale. Times for drop off will be announced in the bulletins in May.

Bring baked goods for the bake sale on Thursday, May 19th.

We need workers for the week before and the day of the sale as well as able bodies to pack things up at the end of the sale. You can work for just an hour here or there or for as long as you want. We always have fun and there will be food for you on the sale days. Please contact Susie Meehan if you would like to help with the set up, the days of the sale, and clean up. There will be notes in the back of the church with schedules as well as contact information for Susie.



May 15th for the June Edition of the Missioner

Outreach Ministry

Thank you to everyone who contributed food, made monetary donations and helped shop, pack and distribute the Easter food boxes. We fed 19 families consisting of 39 adults and 52 children.

We also continue to support the Lockport Food Pantry.

Some suggested food donations for the food pantry include: Hamburger Helper, Manwich, rice mixes, noodle mixes, pasta and sauce, boxed pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, also paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels... Please continue to drop off your donations in the back of church and we will ensure the food gets to the food pantry.


Come and join us at our next meeting on Thursday May 5th at 7:00 PM in the hall. Your input is valuable as we prepare for our next ministry activity.

Remember the
F O O D
P A N T R Y

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



Contact the office at 815 834-1168, or Deacon Molony if you are interested in attending. Perhaps we could get a car pool together!



Join us MAY 7th
for a day of learning
and sharing as a
diocesan community
living out our
baptismal calling

Here are just some of the offerings
Liturgy, Church Business
Methods, Sustainability,
Prayer & Spirituality,
Youth Ministry,
Formation for all ages,
Communication Technology,
Anti-Racism, Healthcare &
Benefits, Restructuring ECW,
Living Out our Baptismal Promises,
Stewardship

To Register
www.episcopalchicago.org/forms.cfm

For more information
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COST
\$30 / person,
\$25 in groups of 4+ from
the same church.

LOCATION
Lutheran School
of Theology,
1100 East 55th St. Chicago

LEADERSHIP & MINISTRY FAIR

A rich variety of learning opportunities to inform, encourage and enliven congregations and to celebrate the variety of ways we are serving God in the diocese of Chicago

All are welcome & invited, Saturday MAY 7th, 2011
Especially helpful for Vestries, Bishop's Committees, Wardens, Nominees, Postulants, Candidates, Lay Leaders, Christian Formation Leaders, Sunday School Teachers, Youth and Young Adults, Women's and Men's Groups, Lay Ministers, Clergy, Search Committees



Volunteering for coffee hour can be very rewarding! Being generous with one's time, talent, and treasure, welcoming visitors and newcomers, as well as sharing with fellow parishioners is simply good stewardship. Coffee hour at St. John's is a great time to socialize and to introduce one another to our ever-growing parish family. Hosting coffee

hour is easy. Let's each one of us participate by hosting a coffee hour. Thank you all for your time, talent, and treasure.

See you at coffee hour!

Coming in August—watch for the dates.

[Whose Church is it Anyway?](#)

Friday and Saturday

August TBD, 2011

at the [University of St. Mary of the Lake](#) in Mundelein, Illinois.

The **Whose Church is it Anyway?** event is a two-day learning experience offered in collaboration with the Office of Youth, Campus & Young Adult Ministry. What began as an event for youth ministers in our diocese has become a gathering of those who work with children, youth and adults not only in our own diocese but in the other dioceses of Province V. The theme for the plenary sessions varies. Learning experiences are interactive and include workshops, hands-on use of resources, experiencing a portion of a specific curriculum or program, brainstorming sessions for exploring questions and exchanging ideas and experiences.

Prayer Shawls



We continue to meet on Wednesday mornings, and everyone is encouraged to knit or crochet some time during the week.

We have distributed approximately 18 prayer shawls already this year to people who are in need, either because of illness, or because of major life changes.

All are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 at the church. All you need is a desire to knit or crochet, and a desire to help others through your prayers. All you need to bring is your knitting needles (size 11 or 13) or a crochet hook (size J or K) - yarn will be provided. We meet in the church hall, so if you have kids and feel held back because of that—the nursery is available, and if they are old enough to play by themselves, bring them too! And if you just want to “hang out” with us, that's OK too.

Alternately, if you wish to participate but cannot make it on a Wednesday morning, you could pray while you knit or crochet a shawl at home or on the train. It's not recommended that you knit or crochet while driving, though.

If you would like more information, please contact either Deacon Bobbie Molony, or Judy Matile.

Well, Well, Well.

We still have gift cards available for this project.

Cards are a minimum of \$15.00 (you can give more if you wish). These make ideal gifts for that person in your life who has everything!

See either Deacon Molony or Deacon Whennen if you would like to purchase a card.

If you would just like to make a donation—you can do that at any time. Just make a check out to St. John's Episcopal Church, and be sure to write Well, Well, Well on the memo line.

Thanks for your support of this very important project.



Here we are! Day #1



Baking Communion Bread



Making our Processional Crosses!



Christ is Light!



Blessing our families.



End of Day #2—after the Prayer Service.



Amber

Lilly

Kate

Kendall

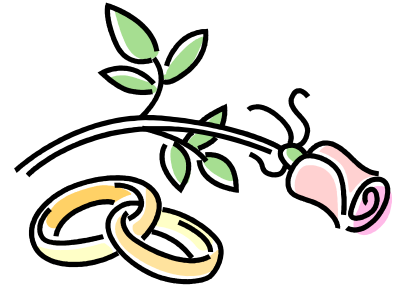
Maddy

Luke

Solemn Communion Day!

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

05/01 Douglas Tierney
 05/02 Jenny Suva
 Catherine Baker
 Jacob Kedzierski
 05/03 Linda Tierney
 Sara Hall
 05/05 John Larson
 Dwayne Hall
 05/08 Betty McClain
 05/11 Alison Tierney
 Alan Knudsen
 Sara Toth
 05/12 Sarah Hill
 05/13 Kaycee Davis
 05/15 Janice Kozbiel
 Paul Peterson
 05/16 Christopher Hill
 05/17 Elizabeth Hill
 05/19 Donald Anderson
 05/20 Michael Renehan



05/21 Judy Matile
 Darcy Hedrich
 05/24 Jennifer Toth
 Patti Kish
 05/27 Konstantina Gogerty
 05/28 Helen Lockwood
 05/30 Caitlin Renehan
 Clark Davis

05/02 Alan and Jackie Knudsen
 05/14 James and Lisa Fucilla
 05/19 Scott and Mary Beth Ruphard
 05/23 Stephen and Shirley Masters
 05/25 Robert and Debra Lindstrand, Jr.
 05/26 Francis and Sharryn Evans-Kwiatt
 05/30 Michael and Kwiyoun Renehan

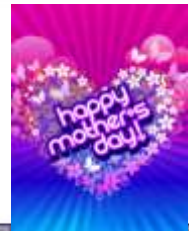
THIS MONTHS LESSONS

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
May 1	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
May 8	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	116:1-3, 10-17	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
May 15	Acts 2:42-47	23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 22	Acts 7:55-60	31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 29	Acts 17:22-31	66:7-18	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21



May 2011

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. Saints Philip and James, Apostles	2 8:00 PM NA [Athanasius]	3 9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Book Study	4 8:30 AM Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Morning Worship 7:00 PM Evening Worship [Monnica]	5 7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting	6 7:00 PM N/A Meeting 11:59 PM NA	7 [Harriet Starr Cannon]
8 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. Mother's Day Bishop Lee Visit [Julian of Norwich]	9 10:00 AM Daughters of the King 8:00 PM NA [Gregory Naziansus]	10 9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Book Study 6:30 PM Lora's Discernment Committee Meeting [Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf]	11 8:30 AM Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Morning Worship 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM Evening Worship	12 7:00 PM Search Committee	13 7:00 PM N/A Meeting 11:59 PM NA [Frances Perkins]	14 9:00 AM Church School Staff Meeting
15 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E.	16 8:00 PM NA [The Martyrs of the Sudan]	17 9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Book Study [William Hobart Hare and Thurgood Marshall]	18 8:30 AM Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Morning Worship 7:00 PM Evening Worship	19 [Dunstan of Canterbury]	20 7:00 PM N/A Meeting 11:59 PM NA Rummage Sale [Alcuin of York]	21 Rummage Sale [John Eliot]
22 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E.	23 10:00 AM Daughters of the King 8:00 PM NA [Nicolaus Copernicus and Johannes Kepler]	24 9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Book Study [Jackson Kemper]	25 8:30 AM Prayer Shawls 9:30 AM Morning Worship 7:00 PM Evening Worship [Bede the Venerable]	26 7:00 PM Search Committee [Augustine of Canterbury]	27 7:00 PM N/A Meeting 11:59 PM NA [Bertha and Ethelbert]	28 [John Calvin]
29 8:00 AM H.E. 9:15 AM H.E. & C.S. 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E.	30 8:00 PM NA Memorial Day (Observed) [Jeanne d'Arc (Joan of Arc)]	31 9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Book Study The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin				



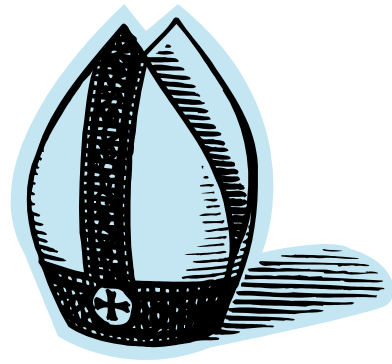
Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 AM. Family Eucharist with Church School
- 9:15 AM. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

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



Bishop Lee Visits on Sunday, May 8th.

Bishop Jeff Lee will be at St. John's for all three services on Sunday May 8th, to visit with as many people as possible while he is with us.

Let's give our bishop a very warm St. John's welcome!

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