



The Missioner

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2015 ANNUAL MEETING

February 8, 2015

AGENDA

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 received in time for publication. Additional reports may be added to these when distributed at the annual meeting starting at 11:30 on Sunday February 8, 2015.

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting and the Financial reports, spreadsheets for 2014, and the 2015 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 Hospitality is Parish Life and also Outreach.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Appointment of Clerk for the meeting
- III. Approval of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
- IV. Appointment of Junior Warden
- V. Appointment of Vestry Members
- VI. Appointment of Diocesan Convention Representatives
- VII. Presentation of the Financial Report and 2014 Budget
- VIII. Approval of the Ministry Reports
- IX. Pastor's Report
 - A. Reflections on 2014
 - B. Looking to 2015 and Beyond
- X. 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. John C. Buchanan, Assisting Diocesan Bishop
 - 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. Victor Scantlebury, Assistant Bishop of Chicago, Retired
 - H. The Rt. Rev. James W. Montgomery, Bishop of Chicago, Retired
 - I. The Rev. Denzil Luckritz, Former Rector
 - J. The Rev. Therese Heyduk, Former Interim Pastor
- XI. Further Business
- XII. Adjournment

2014 BISHOP'S COMMITTEE/VESTRY

Sr. Warden: Robert T. Meehan

Jr. Warden: John Schwab

2015	2016	2017
Judy Broud	Rob Brennan	Marlene VanKuiken
Leona Davies	Lee Moarn	
Chris Hill	Art Pesavento	

Clerk: Susan Meehan

Treasurer:

Audit Chair: Kelly Zurek

Delegates to 2014 Convention: Doug Tierney and Leona Davies

Alternates: Karen Wirth and Tom Moore

2014 MINISTRY STAFF

Rector: The Rev. R. Matthew Humm

Director of Music: Tom Secor

Secretary: Jillian Crisman

Sexton: Jim Alleman

Sacristan: Dorothy Cirrencione

Director of Christian Education: Todd Sheetz

Worship

		Membership and Worship Statistics				
		2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Members Reported		225	223	250	261	261
Service						
Eucharist:	Sunday	108	108	138	155	146
	Weekday	86	85	107	46	37
	Private	14	48	134	80	52
Daily Offices:	Sunday					
	Weekday	24	24	6	47	150
Marriages		2	1	1	0	1
Burials		4	12	5	3	9
Baptisms		0	2	4	2	5
Attendance						
Total Attendance		4962	6636	6501	5876	7117
Average Sunday Attendance		70	80	81	91	103
Easter Attendance		160	130	200	204	218

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Baptisms in 2014 - 0

Marriages in 2014 - Carolyn Affelt/Douglas Hall and Kelly Rathke / Timothy Wales

Confirmations and Receptions in 2014—0

Transfers to St. John's in 2014 - 2

Transfers from St. John's in 2014 - 0

Burials in 2014 - Kathy Arient, Wilma Czuk, Betty Corbett, Tom Secor

FATHER MATT

Looking Back

2014 was a year for continuing transitions. We were met with significant losses in our congregation—most recently Tom Secor, our Music Director; and Fr. Alex Seabrook. I'm glad to say that as a community, we have done what we can to surround those closest to the losses, and have grieved with them.

We saw some compression (even reduction) of ministries and activities; but also saw some expansion, and addition of others. I think specifically of the start of our youth group, and a number of family events. We've had successful book studies, which have yielded great conversations, and even some deeper exploration of faith. And through the generosity of people in this congregation, we were able to significantly reduce our budget deficit for 2014.

What I believe we experienced throughout the last year were necessary changes—and, with any change, there is naturally some anxiety, and uncertainty. But this is to say that I feel we've done our best to respond to the difficulties of transition, and have committed to the hard, but fruitful work of building a healthy and vital community of faith. Through our continued commitment to transparency; through resources and opportunities gained from our participation in *Thrive*; annual mutual ministry reviews, and our work of leadership development, I believe we're striving to make a real move from a clergy-centered model of church ministry, to one which draws from the life and strength of every member of the community. And while I've no doubt that we still have much work to do, and any number of challenges ahead of us; I look forward to 2015 as a year of immanent growth in the life of St. John's.

Looking Ahead

As we've already begun 2015, it seems to me that there is a re-emergence of positive energy. This is in contrast to some of the anxiety which had begun to develop last year—largely in response to transition and change.

It's my hope that this year we'll capitalize on such energies, and turn them to committing to good work, and responding to the many opportunities ahead of us this year.

As many of you know, this year we will begin implementing some of the programs developed by *Living Compass*. Last year, we had some of our people take advantage of the training offered by the diocese, and even now we're gathering an implementation group to begin planning and scheduling our offerings.

Living Compass, if you'll remember from their Advent and Lent resources we've used, is interested in helping to make congregations places for people to find wholeness and healing. To do this work, they have developed a number of programs and resources for congregations which can be used exclusively in the congregation—or can be offered beyond the church.

Along with their seasonal and devotional materials, *Living Compass* has programs for developing grief groups, parenting classes, mindful eating, and a host of others besides. And because the resource material has been so well developed for these groups, they require only basic preparation to lead them.

Because the leadership and I are committed to this continual work of being a mission oriented congregation; St. John's has agreed to be something of a "pilot congregation" for *Living Compass*. Specifically, we plan to utilize the resources available to us from *Living Compass* to offer necessary and needed programs and materials to our congregation. Likewise, we will be able to develop and offer programs to our community with the hope of becoming a place which can offer people the tools to be healthy, whole people. In other words, we're pushing ourselves to truly live into our call to continue the work of healing and redemption in the world by helping people to learn the tools necessary to find the needed healing, and even find redemption. We're basically giving fishing lessons rather than handing out fish...

But along with this addition of *Living Compass*, we will continue to expand our Youth Group program. We'll continue to work at expanding our Church School program, and Adult Formation. And we'll be continuing to work at trying out the theories and practices learned in *Thrive*. It's my belief, and based on research about congregational development, that the best way to be a vital congregation is by being involved in our community—and doing this as a natural outpouring of Christ as our center.

The point is, we are growing, we are changing, and we are transitioning into a sustainable and healthy congregation. But, as with any shift in philosophy, we are also at a critical stage which can be stalled if we're not all willing to take our place in the life and ministry of St. John's.

Respectfully Submitted
R. Matthew Humm+

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild at St. John's works consistently in the background to prepare the altar and church for worship. Thank you to Pam Carter, Dorothy Cirrencione, Ellen and Hannah Hill, Jan Lindstrand, Susie Meehan, Lee Moarn, and Marlene VanKuiken who worked a regular schedule to set up and clean-up for Sunday services. Thank you to Judy Broud and Deb Huddleston who help to set up and clean-up for Wednesday services. And thank you to Lillian Hensley, Jan McElheny and Karen Wirth who stepped in on special occasions to help the altar guild decorate for the Easter and Christmas seasons.

Coordinating calendars for seasonal set up have been developed and continue to be revised to reflect what we do and for easy reference and completion of duties. You may have noticed the use of silver cruets. These cruets were found in the altar guild supplies and have been polished. All silver is now stored in special tarnish resistant bags. New green and purple vestments were purchased this year.

We look forward to refurbishing and getting new white vestments and continue to maintain our vestments and vessels for service. There are no flowers displayed during the preparation seasons of Lent and Advent. Festive lilies and poinsettias are purchased for Easter and Christmas. Sometimes the lilies and poinsettias are kept for display as long as they are in good condition. If you want to purchase altar flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one or event, choose the date that is significant and your gift will be recognized for that date. Your flowers may be used when needed for Sunday display. Your generous gifts of flowers help enhance the beauty of the church.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

Due to the sad passing of Tom Secor, our Music Director, this report is submitted by Fr. Matt Humm, as the liturgical officer of this congregation.

I would like to first extend my gratitude to the Senior Choir for continuing to provide music leadership both while Tom was ill, and even after his passing. He also expressed his appreciation, and shared my own faith in the ability and commitment of the Choir to continue in their role at St. John's.

As Tom and I had discussed in our preparation for 2014, the Senior Choir included some more challenging pieces to their selections for the year. It was Tom's belief that the group was engaging the music to such a degree that he felt they might enjoy the challenge of more difficult pieces. I've been pleased with their work.

The Music Program has continued to sponsor the Concert Series. This season the Series included such groups as *Company B*; *Joliet Dulcimer Society*; Mr. Nicholas Quardokus; The Lewis University Choir. Along with the offering of music to the wider community, the Concert Series has been able to take a free-will offering at each performance which has benefited Wounded Warrior Project; Lockport Resource Center; Lockport F.I.S.H. Food Pantry; National Kidney Foundation; Epilepsy Foundation—A Day for Zach;

and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For the year, I'm happy to report we've given over \$1,000 total to these charitable organizations. Through the contacts that Tom has made over the years, St. John's hopes to continue to offer the Concert Series. A committee has formed around the work of planning, scheduling, advertising, and even connecting to patrons and underwriters for the series.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the work, generosity, and affection that Tom Secor offered to St. John's. He will certainly be missed, but it is my hope that we will be able to continue to grow and develop the Music Program he worked to build.

Faithfully,

R. Matthew Humm+

CANTERING PRAYER

What a lovely year 2014 was for the Centering Prayer Group!! During our monthly meetings, which are scheduled every 2nd Thursday of the month, we enjoyed enriching discussions on the Contemplative Saints, the Desert Father and Mothers, and Celtic Spirituality. Group members reported that these conversations spilled over into positive action in their daily lives. We also were able to host an all day Centering Prayer Retreat at The Portiuncula Center for Prayer. During this time, we were able to share with others in our Diocese some of the practices and meditations which had become meaningful to our group. Lastly, every Saturday morning there are three members who attend the 8 am Centering Prayer session--this weekly offering has been a grounding practice for those that attend, and an invitation for others to join is extended to the parish community. Although this report sounds somewhat official and factual in its presentation, I think that the most important message to report is that the Centering Prayer Group is a place where we have been able to share our God stories with each other, and it has provided a place for us to journey together in the spiritual life. On a personal note, I feel privileged to be apart of such great group of people and as always we continue to welcome all who would like to join in.

Blessings,
Charity

HEALTH MINISTRY

- Blood Pressure screenings were held monthly, with follow ups.
- Responded to many questions and inquires for health concerns and with follow ups.
- We had a guest speaker during the Lent season, speaking on Advanced Directives.
- Had several home, well-being and nursing center visits last year.
- This year 2015, Health Ministry will focus on health education, family CPR courses and more speakers for our congregation and invite our local parishes.

Blessings,
Lee Moarn

Administration

SENIOR WARDEN

This past year has been one in which St. John's has continued its work towards being a more vital congregation. We have completed our third year under the leadership of Fr. Matt and have enjoyed the both him and his family as they become more integral in the fabric of our church and church family. Our journey has been challenging at times but we are fortunate that in 2014 progress and growth are noticeable.

St. John's leadership team (Vicar, Wardens, Vestry) recently completed our annual Mutual Ministry Review (our third such review) in which we looked at the work of the entire leadership team and attempted to create an accurate picture of who we are at this time and talk about how we might improve as we look to the future. This process allows for meaningful dialogue and is intended to provide a framework for future growth.

Overall the data collected clearly indicated that there is energy and a very positive outlook on how the vestry, wardens, and vicar work together. The observations gathered show how there is a mutual and shared responsibility of these three entities. The data clearly shows that we are heading in the right direction. Our vicar is well received and leading us very well. The wardens and vestry are very supportive of the vicar and the direction we appear to be heading. We appear to be getting a better understanding of what mission means and how we can better meet the needs of our congregation and the communities we serve. We continue to draw in more congregants into the conversation and we hope this will result on more participation and engagement.

Highlights – St. John's

- Completed the two year Thrive Program sponsored by the diocese of Chicago

- Continued in its efforts improve our facilities – had our proposed building project approved by the city of Lockport
- Hired a new sexton, Jim Alleman, who has been a great addition.
- Sponsored two very successful rummage sales while making almost \$4000
- Three members of parish participated in Living Compass wellness training and plans are in place to introduce and work towards making wellness an important aspect in the life our congregation
- Experienced exceptional generosity during the past year. Beyond normal giving, membership responded to our “winter appeal” (\$4000) and our “matching challenge” (\$6500) thus helping to significantly reduce our anticipated deficit for 2014.
- Held its second parish retreat in the fall
- Had events and initiatives for the youth and young families in our congregation
- Has continued to be more active in Diocesan work. Fr. Matt was asked to serve on Standing Committee this year and I continue to serve on the Diocesan Council and Congregation Commission.

Main Foci for Church in coming year

1. To continue to make needed improvements in our facilities and work towards achieving the suggested renovations and making the improvements a reality.
2. To continue to work towards engaging the entire congregation in participating in the various opportunities that will be presented over the course of the year.
3. To continue to take on full ownership and responsibility for improving our financial situation during the coming years.

As we look to 2015 I am optimistic that we will continue our interesting and challenging journey that will hopefully result in St. John's being even more vital in the future. We are fortunate to have a vicar who is willing to guide us to grow and become more impactful as we carry out our work and ministry.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Progress on the building project has been slow but we are continuing to move forward. We have been working with Landmark Engineering, IJM Architects, City of Lockport officials, and Bishop and Trustees from our diocese. We have been very fortunate to be working with two local builders (Kris Cozzo and Alex Polino) as well, who have provided us with invaluable assistance throughout our process and were particularly helpful in navigating the city approval process.

Description

The approved project includes an enclosed vestibule connecting the church with the parish hall, a vesting room attached to the vestibule, and an extension of our parish hall on the south side according to city requirements. This is not a large edition but will be an upgrade of our facilities that will meet our current needs. The current hall will have some renovation (siding, windows, and doors) and the new addition will have new handicap accessible restrooms, as well as additional classroom and multi-use space. The proposed project includes a partial basement and crawl space which would be used for storage. The outside of the structure would tie into the color and design of our church.

Approval Process

The proposed project was presented to the Lockport Planning Commission and City Council this past fall. As part of our proposal we had two variance requests; one for a drop area on 11th Street and the other was to having a 10ft setback of our building rather than the 20ft setback code requirement. The Planning Commission denied our request for the variances proposed. Both of these requests were denied under the provision of the Zoning Ordinances that state that variances need to establish “hardship” or “unique circumstances” that are not generally applicable to other property in the same zoning district.

We proceeded to meet with the City Council to continue the process of getting approval for the building project. When meeting with this body at a working meeting we shared our frustration and disappointment with Planning Commission judgment and there was some support and understanding from the Mayor and a couple of the alderman. Unfortunately the Council has no authority to revise/ overturn the recommendation from the Planning Commission outside of the court system.

In order to get approval for the project itself, we were told to make revisions in our drawings (both from the architect and engineer). In their recommendation the Planning Commission did recommend acceptance of the project as long as code requirements were met. This process was completed in November and our drawings were revised by IJM at a cost of \$1500. These revisions were presented to the City Council and the plan was approved.

Current Status

IJM has completed mechanical drawings for the approved project. We are now gathering information on what it might cost so we can determine if this project is viable and affordable. We hope to have information on the possible cost for the annual meeting. After we have an idea of what the project might cost, the Bishop's Committee (vestry) will decide what will be done next. Depending on the projected cost, the Bishop's Committee will have to decide if a capital campaign is necessary (to move forward with all or part of the proposed addition) or would we better off with investing our resources in maintenance and upgrades to our current facilities. There are numerous building improvements and facility upgrades that have been deferred while working towards

our hoped for renovation.

To date we have spent less than \$25,000 for the work that has been completed. Further updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

Formation

ADULT FORMATION

In 2014, we had book studies which included *Lamb* by Christopher Moore and *Our Lady of the Lost and Found* by Diane Schoemperlen. In addition, to conversations about the books, further research and study evolved from the reading of these books, and I feel the groups had good energy. There was conversation and some exploration regarding Bible Study, but due to time constraints, the study was untenable at this time.

Included with these offerings, I would add our Lenten series which looked at the subject of our mortality in both a spiritual, and practical way. These sessions included a guest speaker from Advocate Health who led participants through the process of Advanced Directives. Other sessions included discussions about writing our own obituaries, and funeral planning.

Finally, I would also add that our Wednesday morning and evening services have yielded very good conversations regarding theology, Scripture, tradition, and even discussion about a variety of Saints and Holy People commemorated in our Church Calendar. It is my hope that as we begin incorporating *Living Compass* programs into our calendar in 2015 that there will be continued response to formation opportunities at St. John's.

Fr. R. Matthew Humm, Vicar

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

This has been a full year for the Daughters of the King. We shared two gatherings with our fellow daughters in our Diocese. The order is growing and the enthusiasm of the new members is infectious.

At our local chapter, we continue to meet twice a month. We start with a morning service, then we pray together and study the psalms.

We continue to support the work of Dr. Post with the Mission of the Good Shepherd in Belize. Our money helps to supply needed food and medical supplies.

We have a woman in study to join us. If any women wish to pray with us, you are welcome to join us. Membership is not necessary to pray with us.

Wendy Stewart, President

Outreach

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Morning Star Mission

St. John's was given the opportunity to serve lunch at Morning Star Mission (MSM) on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

This is how it works. Four people leave St. John's at 10:30 am and arrive at MSM at 10:45 am. We have our St. John's aprons with us and the mission will supply us with latex gloves and hairnets. They will explain the procedure, as follows: at 11:00 the male residents of the mission are served, at 11:30, the women and children residents are served and at noon the doors are opened to the less fortunate in the surrounding community. (FYI, some of the male residents have been up since 3:00 am preparing food for breakfast, lunch and dinner for approximately 150-200 people. These men are truly awesome and you will leave admiring their dedication!) You will be back to St. John's by 1:30 the latest.

Serving at the MSM is a heartwarming experience. Everyone who has served has been touched by these people and leave with the knowledge that they have given hope to the hurting! This ministry will continue in 2015.

Charities for the Concert Series

There are free will offerings made at each of the concerts in our series. The outreach committee was asked to select 4 charities to be recipients of these donations. The 4 charities chosen were: The National Kidney Foundation (\$142 collected), Walking Wounded (\$140 collected), Epilepsy Foundation, A day for Zach (\$521 collected) and St. Jude's Hospital (\$223 collected).

FISH Food Pantry

The food pantry asked their clients to complete a one question survey. The question was "In what way would you be affected if the food pantry was not here?" Their responses reinforced what we already knew – the food pantry makes a difference in people's lives and we make a difference by supporting the food pantry. We collected \$219, in addition to all the food collected on Sunday morning. Our weekly food donations are transported to the food pantry by Ruthie Johnson. Our support for the food pantry will

continue in 2015.

Toys for Tots

We provided toys for the Marines Toys for Tots program. The toys were delivered to the Homer Glen Fire Department, as they are a designated collection site. One of the fireman said they have never collected so many gifts. We are hoping to continue this ministry in 2015.

Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization dedicated to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. Feed My Starving Children provides a world-class volunteer opportunity for students, parents, families, businesses, and churches. During a packing session, you will be engaged in high-energy, tangible service to the neediest children and families on the planet. Our scheduled event was cancelled due to a snow storm. A golf outing was held as a fund raiser for Feed My Starving Children and \$600 was raised.

Respectfully submitted by your Outreach Committee: Chairperson: Judy Broud, Charity Humm, Lee Moarn and Ruth Kozlowski

Parish Life

HOSPITALITY GUILD

- March was our 1st concert in 2014. We also did a concert in October and December.
- November we helped the Secor family with Tom Secor's Memorial reception.
- Hospitality also does the 10:30 coffee hour. Anyone is welcome to do a coffee hour & hospitality will help or show how to do it.
- Thanks to everyone for your help and donations for each of the concerts.
- We wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Peace, Lillian Hensley

YOUTH GROUP

This year a wonderful group of our church's youth came together to form what is now a thriving youth group. Our activities are fun and are giving the youth a chance to learn and grow as their own small community with the support of their church family. Some of the great things that were done this year were things like a bonfire night, team building challenges, game nights, movie nights, a really great Halloween costume party, craft night and much more. We used the craft night to make Christmas wreaths and cards for some of the parishioners and ornaments for our visit to the nursing home. Our nursing home visit was a blast, we played Uno with the residents and got invited back whenever we wanted! Also this Christmas, a good \$1,000.00 profit was raised from our annual Kringle sale at the Christmas Crossroads and through the generosity of the parishioners. Thanks to this success we have the funds to support the youth in going to events like New Beginnings, Happening, and Miqra (Full weekend reading of the Bible) that many of the youth participated in this year and are excited to again in the year to come. We are always so grateful for the support of the church and will soon be needing that again as we embark on a new journey together at the end of February as the Youth Group goes through a 30 hour fast for famine experience. The kids will be raising funds for this cause to be sent to the foundation and more announcements will be made about this soon. Just know that this is an experience that will be very new and challenging to the group and we will need all the love and support that we can get. Look for us too as we prepare and serve the meal for Shrove Tuesday. We are also looking forward to hopefully sending some of the youth as well as other young people from our church to the Diocesan Youth Camp this summer for ages 7-17. If you know of anyone interested in this or any of the other fantastic activities I have mentioned and you think they would like to join please please please contact me, we are always looking for new members to join us as well as adults looking to be a part of something meaningful and fun. Overall it has been a wonderful year and it will only continue to get better, so strap in! Thank you again for all of your support this year and in the coming years as we grow into an even bigger and more unstoppable group of amazing young people.

-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 of St. John's. The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago held its Annual Meeting in conjunction with hosting the Province V Annual Meeting on April 24-27, in downtown Chicago. This year's theme: "God in the City." The Fall Forum "Ending Hunger in Illinois," was the same weekend as St. John's rummage

sale so we missed that opportunity. ECW, Diocese of Chicago provides opportunities for women throughout the year, financial grants to charities, opportunities for individual members and scheduled program offerings. I would encourage women from St. John's to participate in these diocesan wide ECW events. The ECW website is www.ecwchicago.org.

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. St John's did not have a formal UTO ingathering but some faithful parishioners turning in UTO boxes for a total of \$200.00. This amount will be combined with collections during 2015 and sent to UTO via ECW.

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

Susie Meehan

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was prepared by men of the parish on March 4, 2014. We had approximately 45 people attend this pre-Lenten event. We had the added help of several of our young people who were eager to serve, cook, clean up, and join in the fun. This added a new dimension to our evening and we hope to have our youth become a regular part of this event. Proceeds for this event were approximately \$130.00.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Once again St. John's hosted rummage sales in May and October. We are known in the community for our consistent production of rummage and bake sales. The two events in 2014 made approximately \$3600.

After all of the work and clean up, the veterans received the men's clothing, the Lockport Resource Center received our better leftover items, and Purple Heart picked up the remaining items. The rummage and bake sale ministry serves three purposes: an opportunity for parishioners and their friends to get rid of stuff, an opportunity to provide inexpensive items for the community who needs them, and an opportunity for the joining together in fellowship of the St. John's family.

A small amount of preplanning, parts of the four days before the sale, and the two days (ending by 3:00) is a relatively small effort for a fundraiser that supports others. Thank you to all you who provided baked goods and helped with this effort which allows for fun and fellowship, while at the same time, provides us with resources to allocate to other ministries.

For 2015, the rummage and bake sales are tentatively scheduled for May 15-16 and October 16-17, Friday and Saturday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. 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. Anyone who would like to help or take charge of this event may contact me.

Susie Meehan

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our pleasure comes from the work of our hands and our hearts. It gives us such a good feeling when our shawls have been given to someone in need of having God's loving spirit wrapped around them. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers to remind them of God's love, please take one of our shawls for them.

We meet twice a month, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 AM for about an hour. Please join us!

Judy Matile

Vestry News

At the January 14, 2014 meeting, the Vestry...

Accepted the reports presented.

Heard...

- The finance reports for the month of December and for 2014. The deficit is at approximately \$15,743 when adjusted for building and restoration. The projected budget deficit was \$31,500.
- The proposed 2015 budget projects a deficit of 31,119. Three years ago the predicted deficit was projected to be approximately \$38,000.
- With the drop in deficit for 2014 and the reduced deficit for 2015, we have extended the life of the contingency fund to four years instead of three if our expenditures remain constant.
- To date 61 pledges have been submitted totaling just under \$100,000.
- And discussed the notes prepared by facilitator, The Rev. Andrea Mysen from the Diocese on the mutual ministry review

held last month.

- Concerns about ushers and parking and a request for a youth Sunday.

Took action ...

- To approve the budget for 2015.
- To re accept a contract from Polar Heating and Cooling for annual maintenance for all furnaces and air conditioners for \$615, less than the proposed contract last month.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the vestry is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015 beginning at 6:30 pm.

Finance Report

December 2014

Activity for the Month

St. John's **Total Income** exceeded **Total Expenses** ("Net Ordinary Income") according to our "Revenue and Expenses for Month – Actual Versus Budget" (\$12, 797.65)

Total Income (\$36,463) is approximately \$22,000 above forecast. Pledge income for the month is shy of anticipated income by approximately \$400. Non – pledge income is shy of projections for the month (\$880). The major reasons for increased income are due to money left by Paula Shaw (\$15,000) as well as money received from the congregation from the matching challenge during the past month (\$6,500). These two items explain the vast majority of the increase in revenue for this month.

Total Expense (\$23,665) for the month was approximately \$9,777 more than forecast – this due in a large part to paying architectural expenses incurred over the course of the year (\$9,500) and the replacement of the rectory stove (\$699).

Year to date: Our expenses have exceeded our revenues by approximately \$22,036. Total expenses (\$196,286) exceed Total revenues by (\$22,036). This figure includes \$27,968 in building and restoration expenses that are not part of our operating budget. In addition there were transfers of funds from the operating account that are designated funds which are not part of the operating funds to the Organization Account (\$20,193 – Youth Group, Paula Shaw Donation, Concert Series) and Columbarium Account (\$1500).

Total income is at \$174,249 (\$24,737 above forecast). Pledge income is approximately \$2952 above expected revenue, while giver of record income is shy of forecast by \$7427.

General Operations are below budgeted expenses through the end of by \$4,997. Our deficit as of the end of December is at approximately \$15,743 when adjusting for building and restoration is approximately \$15,900 below anticipated budget shortfall.

Banking Account Activity

The First Midwest Bank Operating Account balance as of the end of the month was \$26,503.53. This includes prepayment of some pledges for 2015.

Transfer of funds made during the month of December noted earlier in this report.

Formation

Children Ages 4-12
Welcome!

SCHEDULE



CHURCH SCHOOL

Feb 1st & 15th at 9:15

Feb 8th at 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting ~ Contact: Todd Sheetz

Outreach



Lockport Food Pantry—February Schedule of Items for Donations:

- Feb 1: beef stew Feb 8: ravioli / SpaghettiOs
- Feb 15: flour / sugar Feb 22: instant mash potatoes



Morning Star Mission—Meal Service, Sat, Feb 14th.

Carpool to mission meets in church parking lot at 10:30 AM.

HELPERS NEEDED - PLEASE SEE 2015 SCHEDULE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. THANK YOU!

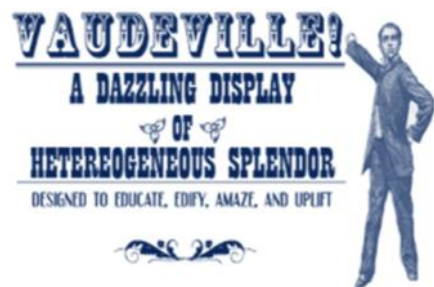
Parish Life

Come One Come All to the St. John's Talent Show

3pm on February 22nd

Sponsored by the Church and Youth Formation Program

Our theme for the show is Vaudeville--so sharpen up those juggling skills, dust off your strong man suit, and rehearse those Three Stooge routines, because we are still seeking folks who would like to show off their talent. In the spirit of vaudeville all talents and performances are welcome, anything goes. There will be a sign up sheet available soon.



In addition, there will be concessions sold at this event. The money collected will go to fund the Children and Youth Formation Program. Many of our children are planning to attend Camp Chicago this year, so extra money in the fund will be helpful to get them there.

Should be a time of slapsticking fun for all!!!

Contact Beth Pesavento or Charity Humm if you have questions or would like to help .



St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

2014-2015 Concert Series

Sunday, March 15

Lewis University Wind Quintet

3:00 PM

Free-will offering will be collected for the Lockport Resource Center.

Reception to follow in Montgomery Parish Hall.

Note of Gratitude to the following parish program members for their continued service to the mission and efforts at St. John's:

- Morning Star Mission Meal Servers:** Ruth Johnson*, Joyce Moore*, Peri O'Connor*, Lillian Hensley*, Bob Meehan, Susie Meehan, Leona Davies, Michael Graziadei ,Lee Moarn, Mark Secor, Felicia Secor ,Tom Moore, Jan Lindstrand, Karen Wirth, Erwin Wirth, Dorothy Cirrencione, Charity Humm, Beth Pesavento, Rob Brennan, Doug Tierney, Jan McElheny, Sharon Williams, Sandy Renner, Melissa Athos, Pat Perrier, Judy Broud.

* indicates served more than three times.

- Thank you **to all who served** during the Christmas and New Year Services and **assisted with decorating** the sanctuary.



February Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
Feb 1	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28
Feb 8	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-12, 21c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Feb 15	2 Kinds 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Feb 22	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-9	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15

Some Helpful Resources For Daily Prayer

For Daily Prayer	www.missionstclare.com
For Daily Reading	satucket.com/lectionary
Episcopal News	www.episcopalcafe.com
	http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens
National Church	episcopalchurch.org
Diocesan Website	episcopalchicago.org
Parish Connections	stjohns-lockport-il.org
Twitter:	@forwardinchrist
Facebook:	St.John the Evangelist Episcopal Church-Lockport, IL

Website: www.stjohns-lockport-il.org
 Contact us: 815-834-1168
office@stjohns-lockport-il.org



Those for whom prayers have been asked:
 Linda T.; Kourtne R.; Sara R. and Ted B.
**And all those with terminal illnesses, their families,
 and those caring for them.**

*** Please contact the office if any of the above information changes.*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FEBRUARY

Art Tancl III	2/2
Abraham Boyle	2/3
Jameson Grobe	2/3
Michael Halper	2/6
Connor Sheetz	2/6
Michael Graziadei	2/7
Bob Meehan	2/7
Thomas Groebe	2/9
Courtne Schiever	2/10
John Suva	2/10
Shaun Phillips	2/12
Diane Lawler	2/13
Christopher Riofski	2/15
Grant Tancl	2/16
Chuck Diddens	2/17
Jan McElheny	2/20
Erwin Wirth	2/24
Tom Gogerty	2/25
Christopher & Sara Riofski	2/4
Christopher & Ellen Hill	2/20
Todd & Janice Waggoner	2/28

Calendar

Feb 1	Church School at 9:15 AM
Feb 4	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
Feb 4	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
Feb 7	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
Feb 8	Church School Staff Mtg at 9:15 AM
Feb 8	Annual Meeting at 11:30 AM
Feb 11	Prayer Warriors at 10:30 AM
Feb 11	LHAMA Meeting at 11:30 AM
Feb 12	Centering Prayer at 7 PM
Feb 14	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
Feb 14	Morning Star Mission Meal Svc at 10:30 AM
Feb 15	Guest: Scott Stone / Living Compass at 8 & 10:30 AM
Feb 15	Church School at 9:15 AM
Feb 15	Youth Group at 6:30 PM
Feb 17	Pancake Supper from 5 - 7 PM
Feb 18	Ashes to Go at 6 AM and Ash Wednesday Svc at Noon & 7 PM
Feb 18	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
Feb 18	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
Feb 19	Parish Hall Use at 11 AM
Feb 21	Lenten Retreat at 8:30 AM
Feb 22	Church School Talent Show at 3 PM
Feb 25	Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM, Living Compass & Compline at 7 PM
Feb 28	Centering Prayer at 8 AM

Staff

The Rev. R. Matthew Humm, *Priest*
 Jill Crisman, *Church Secretary*
 Jim Alleman, *Sexton*
 Robert Meehan, *Sr. Warden*
 Susan Meehan, *Clerk*

Judy Broud 15	Lee Moarn 16
Rob Brennan 16	Art Pesavento 16
Leona Davies 15	Marlene Van Kuiken 17
Chris Hill 15	

Vestry Members

Dorothy Cirrencione, *Sacristan*
 Todd Sheetz, *Director Christian Education*
 Open, *Ushers*
 Rob Brennan, *Marketing*
 Lee Moarn, RN,BSN,FCN, *Health Ministry*
 Wendy Stewart, *Daughters of the King*
 Lillian Hensley, *Hospitality*
 Julia Matile, *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

SUNDAY

8:00 AM. Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Formation
(1st & 3rd Sunday)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist
(6:30 PM-2nd Wed)

**Mission Statement of
St. John the Evangelist 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 God’s people.”



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