



# *The Missioner*

**St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church  
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## **Looking Forward**

Well, friends, it looks like Fall has come in, not so much like a lion, but maybe with a slight, playful purr... Our weather has been mild, which might be the reason for low attendance...but, who knows?

However, that said, there are some things to be looking forward to in the weeks ahead. We have book studies, special services, the concert series, and a host of other things besides. So, just as I did for the summer, here is a little preview of things to come:

On Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have our annual All Hallows' Eve service at 6 pm,

All Saints' Day (observed) will be Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>,

All Souls' Day will follow on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> with Morning Prayer at 9:30 am.

As for book studies, we have a few planned, and discussions will take place on Sundays at 9:15 am. Please do not let the cost of a book keep you from taking part.

November 9<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> ***Our Lady of the Lost and Found*** by Diane Schoemperlin. A funny story about the Blessed Virgin Mary unexpectedly coming to take her holiday at the home of the writer.

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> ***My Life with the Saints*** by James Martin, SJ. The story of a lukewarm Roman Catholic whose life is changed through his experience of the saints.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>-Feb 1<sup>st</sup> ***Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, in the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*** by Eboo Patel. A powerful autobiography and discussion of the writer's coming to a deeper understanding of his own faith, and his attempt through his group the "Interfaith Youth Core" to develop active young people of faith, as well as generate hopeful inter-faith dialogue. Also, as you know this season is the season for our Concert Series.

**Hello Cello!** Local duo playing pop and rock favorites using a guitar and...well, a cello. This will be **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**. Free-will offering will go to The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago—"A Day for Zach."

**Lewis University Choir** led by Mr. Jeremy Landig. **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm\***. Free-will offering will go to the National Kidney Foundation.

**Lewis University Wind Quintet** **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**. Free-will offering will go to the Lockport Resource Center.

Finally, in the spring, we will welcome **Lyra**, the folk musicians from Russia. Time and date will be announced. The Free-will offering goes to Lyra for their continued work.

Well, there is a lot ahead, and that is to say nothing for the holidays in-between. Please continue to support the ministry and events at St. John's by attendance, inviting friends, and helping out where you can.

*Peace,*

*Fr. Matt Humm+*

## Vestry News

### *At the September 17, 2014 meeting, the Vestry...*

Accepted the reports presented.

Heard...

- o The finance reports for the month of August and year to date. Expenses have been less than forecast due to friendly utility bills.
- o Some ideas to cut expenses.
- o Preliminary budget information. Salaries are being frozen for next year.
- o That average Sunday attendance (ASA) has dropped by 23 per Sunday this year over last. This is a red flag.
- o That if the personality of the congregation does not shift and we cannot change the participation, it is going to be a problem when we discuss finances.
- o That Thrive graduation is coming up.
- o An update on the building project and the funds available as well as concern for the decisions that need to be made.
- o That three people are going off the vestry and there are two additional positions to fill. If we get no one to fill the vacancies, just five people will be making decisions for St. John's.
- o The situation is not all doom and gloom but we must be alert. There are a number of positive things going on at St. John's and there is room to turn things around.
- o That volunteers are needed for the rummage sale.
- o That there was not enough interest to start a Brotherhood of St. Andrew chapter at St. John's.
- o That the vitality grant is almost ready for submission to the Diocese. Lower ASA may negatively affect our receiving a grant.

That there is a great deal going on at St. John's but actions are not connected.

Took action ...

To hire a replacement organist, Kyndel Trejo, at \$85 a Sunday two Sundays a month through October.

To have someone come in and assess the sound equipment in the church and make recommendations for improvement.

To have Bruce Davis from the Lockport Food Pantry speak at the two Sunday services.

***The next regularly scheduled meeting of the vestry is scheduled for  
Wednesday, October 15, 2014 beginning at 6:30 pm.***

## Worship



All Hallows Eve Service  
All Are Welcome!  
Friday, October 31st at 6 PM

Blessing of the Pets  
Sunday, October 5  
After the 10:30 AM Service



## St. John the Evangelist Receipts and Disbursements

August 2014

### Activity for the Month

St. John's **Total Expenses** exceeded **Total Income** ("Net Ordinary Income") according to our "Revenue and Expenses for Month – Actual Versus Budget" (\$126)

**Total Income** (\$12,426.70) is approximately \$1,700 better than forecast. Pledge income for the month is above anticipated income by approximately \$1,000. Non – pledge income is shy of projections for the month (\$700). The main reasons for the increase cash flow is "One to Grow On" funds have been received (\$1,200) which was planned income in July as well as advanced payment of pledges for the current year. The projected income for One to Grow On up till now is short of forecast by approximately \$1,000.

**Total Expense** (\$12,553) for the month was approximately \$350 less than forecast -- due primarily to less than anticipated utilities (\$235).

### **Year to date:**

Our expenses have exceeded our revenues by approximately \$37,500. Total expenses (\$129,683) exceed Total revenues by (\$37,500). This figure includes \$17,290 in building and restoration expenses which are not part of our operating budget.

Total income is at \$92,124 (\$300 below forecast). Pledge income is approximately \$2,400 above expected revenue, while giver of record income is shy of forecast by \$5,400. The pledge income total is somewhat inflated as we have a few pledges which are prepaid.

General Operations are below budgeted expenses through the end of August by \$3,800. Our projected deficit when adjusting for building and restoration is approximately \$7,000 below anticipated expenses. This change from previous month in our bottom line is due primarily to donations for One to Grow On and prepayment of pledges.

### Banking Account Activity

The First Midwest Bank Operating Account balance as of the end of the month was \$12,549.89. There were no transfers of funds during the month of August.

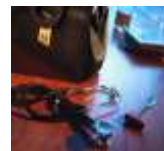
## October Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
Oct 5	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-14	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct 12	Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct 19	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct 26	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	Psalm 1	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

## Worship Con't

**Blood Pressures readings** will be available on Sunday, **October 12 from 8am to noon**. If you have questions about your medications, please bring them with you.

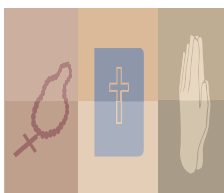
~ Parish Nurse Lee Moarn  
stjohnparishnurselockport@gmail.com



## Formation

### From The Centering Prayer Group

We wanted to report that we had a lovely day at the The Portiuncular Prayer Center in Frankfort. The weather was lovely allowing many to walk the grounds and pray the outdoor labyrinth. And there was also plenty of time for resting our souls and engaging in spiritual conversations. Many thanks to those in the Centering Prayer Group who coordinated this event and to the Daughters who prayed for our time on retreat!



Also, you are invited to join us on October 8th at 7pm as we will be starting a series on Celtic Spirituality. We are excited to see what gifts these ancient rituals and prayers will add to our daily living of the Christian faith.

Peace and All Good, Charity Humm

### YOUTH GROUP - YOU ARE INVITED!



St. John's youth group has been having a wonderful year with events like bowling, movie nights, campfires and team building. We also had a great time joining the church school in the annual Fat Bat game. We are looking forward to more fun meetings and events. Also keep your eye out for Kringle forms found within this missioner. Proceeds from this go directly to supporting the youth group and is greatly appreciated. The youth group is open to anyone grades 6 and up and meets every 3rd Sunday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. Next gathering is on Sun., Oct 19th at 7 PM and the theme is Halloween.

If you know any youth interested in joining or adults willing to help with the gatherings and would like more information please contact me, we would be so excited to have more people come and join in the fun!

-Kim McElheny

815-302-9844 or [mcelhenyk@net.elmhurst.edu](mailto:mcelhenyk@net.elmhurst.edu)

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

**Director of Music & Choir:** Tom Secor, Missy Athos, Kathy Baker, Roberta Beaudoin, Pat Perrier, Sid Perrier, Ken Porter, Sandy Renner, Mark Secor and Wendy Stewart

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**Parish Nurse / Health Ministry Lead:** Lee Moarn  
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**Personal Note of thanks:** I wanted to say thank you to my church family for thinking of me for my graduation. Receiving the card in the mail with all of your notes and love, meant the world to me. You all helped make this milestone even more special. Thank you all so much.

Love, Kim McElheny

## Outreach



### Lockport Food Pantry—October Schedule of Items for Donations:

<u>Oct 5</u> instant mash potatoes	<u>Oct 12</u> tuna fish
<u>Oct 19:</u> pork & beans (any beans)	<u>Oct 26</u> peanut butter & jelly

(Pantry Request: cereal /oatmeal please. Thank You!)



Outreach Meeting, Thurs, Oct. 2 at 7 PM ~ Morning Star Mission, Sat, Oct 11th at 10:30 AM  
Please see bulletin board for more info and to sign-up. Questions: contact Judy Broud. Thank you!

## St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church 2014-2015 Concert Series



Sunday, October 26                      Hello Cello!                      3:00 PM

Local duo playing pop and rock favorites using a guitar and...well, a cello.

Free-will offering will go to

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago—"A Day for Zach.

Reception to follow in Montgomery Parish Hall.

## Parish Life

### Rummage and Bake Sale Announcement

It's time for Fall Cleaning!

The Rummage and Bake Sale is **Friday and Saturday October 17-18,**  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm both days.

Set up is Sunday, October 12 after the 10:30 coffee hour.

You may drop off rummage at the church hall the week of the Rummage Sale. Times for drop off are:

Monday	1:30-6:00
Tuesday	9:30-1:00
Wednesday	10:00-2:00
Thursday*	1:30-5:30 **

(\* ) No trunk loads or truck loads will be accepted after 5:30

(\*\* ) Baked goods until 7:30

Bring baked goods for the bake sale on Thursday, October 16 until 7:30.

Baked good may be brought packed on plates/in bags. If bulk, before 5:30/Thurs to be re-packaged.

**We need workers for the week before during drop off times and the day of the sale as well as able bodies to pack things up at the end of the sale (2:00 on Saturday).** 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 are notes in the back of the church with schedules and contact information for Susie.

**Request: Looking for someone with a truck to help transport donated furniture from parishioners to parish hall, week prior. If available, please contact Susie. Thank YOU!**



Parish Life Con't



Order Kringles!

Don't Miss Out!!!!

Our Holiday Kringles are the famous Danish pastries from Larsen Bakery, Racine, WI. These True Danish "Kringles" are light, tender pastry dough, filled with fruit or nuts, formed in sumptuous rings, then topped with creamy icing or glazed sugar. Only the finest ingredients, including generous portions of choice pecans, fresh fruits and golden Wisconsin creamery butter are used in the creation of these delectable Old World treats. Don't accept any imitations!

KRINGLES

Freeze and serve them anytime! Each Kringle is a generous 18 oz. pastry  
Price: \$9.00 each / 3 for \$26.00

How Many of Each?

- Almond, Apple, Apricot, Blueberry, Cheese, Cherry, Chocolate, Custard, Date, Lemon, Pecan, Pineapple, Raspberry, Strawberry, Turtle

All orders must be in NO LATER THAN November 2nd, 2014. Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 21st from 12 Noon-3 PM. Or call Jan for a special pick up time @ 630-776-3409

Payment due with order.

Make Checks Payable To: St. Johns Episcopal Church

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Kringles: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reminder: Pickup is Friday, November 21st from Noon - 3:00p.m. at: St. John's Church, 312 East 11th Street, Lockport, IL (corner of Washington and 11th Streets).



**Some Helpful Resources For Daily Prayer**

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

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**Those for whom prayers have been asked:**

Mike P., Dennis H., Dorothy C., Adam R., Erin R., Kathy B., Jerry H.,  
 Vanessa B., Adam B., Kourtne R., and Maggie R.

**And all those with terminal illnesses, their families,  
 and those caring for them.**

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

**October Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Kathy Arient	10/2
Katherine Boyle	10/5
Jeff Stewart	10/6
Caroline Kelly	10/9
Barbara Meurer-Sari	10/9
Sandy Johnson	10/10
Peri O'Connor	10/11
Gareth Humm	10/16
Cary Lockyer	10/17
Clyde Peterson	10/23
Allison Renehan	10/24
Leona Davies	10/27
Wendy Stewart	10/29

Alexander & Cecilia Seabrook	10/15
Rob & Kim Brennan	10/16
Robert & Jenny Suva	10/19

**Important Dates to Remember**

Oct 1	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
Oct 1	Prayer Shawl Ministry at 11:30 AM
Oct 2	Outreach at 7 PM
Oct 4	Centering Prayer 8 AM
Oct 5	Church School at 9:15 AM
Oct 5	Pet Blessing after 10:30 SVC
Oct 7	Centering Prayer at 7 PM
Oct 11	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
Oct 11	Morning Star Mission at 10:30 AM
Oct 12	Church School Staff Meeting at 9:15 AM
Oct 12	Blood Pressure Readings 8 - 12 PM
Oct 12	Rummage Sale Set-up after 10:30 Coffee Hour
Oct 15	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
Oct 15	Prayer Shawl Ministry at 11:30 AM
Oct 15	Vestry at 6:30 PM
Oct 12-16	Rummage Sale Prep
Oct 17 & 18	Rummage Sale from 8AM-2PM
Oct 18	Centering Prayer at 8AM
Oct 19	Church School at 9:15 AM
Oct 19	Youth Group Gathering at 7PM
Oct 23	Parish Hall Use at 11-1PM
Oct 25	Centering Prayer at 8AM
Oct 26	Concert Series - Hello Cello! at 3PM
Oct 31	All Hallows Eve Svc at 6 PM

**Staff**

The Rev. R. Matthew Humm, *Priest*  
 Thomas J. Secor, *Director of Music*  
 Jill Crisman, *Church Secretary*  
 Jim Alleman, *Sexton*  
 Robert Meehan, *Sr. Warden*  
 John Schwab, *Jr. Warden*  
 Susan Meehan, *Clerk*

*Vestry Members*

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

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

**SUNDAY**

8:00 AM. Holy Eucharist  
9:15 AM Formation  
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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