



The Missioner

**St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
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Annual Meeting Address 2016

Behind the walls of the church are lath boards, which were signed by people who are here, and some others who are no longer here for a number of different reasons. This was done when the old plaster was being torn out to repair the walls, and before the Dryvit was applied, some members of the congregation each signed these boards.

Maybe it seems like a silly thing to do—signing your name on a piece of wood that would be covered with a heavy building compound. But it serves as a reminder to future members of the congregation that this was done in a time of transition—but a happy, and hopeful time, as well. The hope, of course, was that this historic church building was being renewed. Arches were being uncovered in doorways and windows, which transformed a space which had been previously rebuilt (after a fire) in the most pragmatic, and practical ways on a pretty tight budget. Finally, this building would reflect the renewal of spirit that had come to St. John's—renewal that overcame any number of trials, even since the fire...

But these names that were written while the walls were bare board, represent something else—not just a memory of hope. These names were written there because everyone knows that one day even this durable Dryvit will need to be ripped out to do some necessary repairs. And there will be those names which were written years before.

The point is, and what I think this idea of signing lath boards illustrates really well, is the reality that we all know: Everything has to change, and no repair, structure, or group is forever. These names are evidence that we know this to be true. It's no secret that one day the work that was done will need to be repaired or re-done one day, because none of it was expected to be forever. But this isn't a negative thing, because we know that the work that precipitated the walls being torn out, and people signing their names was all because the work that was done 100-something years ago wasn't meant to last forever.

Yet, because the people of each generation of St. John's took to the task of rebuilding, and repairing—they each in their turn were able to make it their own. However, if people believed that the materials that went into creating this building were somehow hallowed; Or if the congregation felt that the elements of this edifice were too sacrosanct to

tear down and make it live again...well, it could be that this would still be a burnt-out stone husk all because people believed it to be all-too-holy to do the demolition, and rebuilding that was necessary to make it the church we worship in today. Certainly we're grateful to our forebears for rebuilding the place after the fire—and there will be generations someday who will be just as grateful for all that was done by the group who signed their names on those lath slats.

Peace,

Fr. Matt Humm+

Worship & Formation

Season of Lent



- Fr. Matt will be at the Lockport Commuter Train Station for **Ashes To Go** from 6 AM—7:30 AM.
- **Ash Wednesday** services will be held on Feb 10 at Noon and 7 PM.
- All are invited to join the **Wednesday Morning (9:30 AM) or Evening Eucharist / Formation (7 PM)** offering this Lenten Season of "**The Passion According to Cool Hand Luke**" on February 24, March 2 & 9. Contact: Fr. Matt



All are invited to join **Centering Prayer** at 8:00 AM
each Saturday morning in the church. Contact: Charity Humm



CHURCH SCHOOL

Schedule this Month: February 14 and 28
Time: during 10:30 AM Sunday Service
Ages: 3—11
Where: In Parish Hall
Contact: Fr. Matt

Worship & Formation Con't

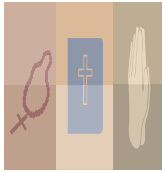


YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

Sweet! St. John's Youth Group will hold a **Bake Sale** on Sunday, Feb 14 after each service. Proceeds to support the [30 Hour Famine Project](#).

Youth Group meeting at 6:30 PM on Sunday, February 21.

Contacts: Kim McElheny and Katherine Kresek.



Musicians' Centering Prayer Retreat—RSVP Today

From 10:30-Noon the **American Guild of Organist (SW Chapter)** will be holding a **Centering Prayer Retreat** at St. John's led by Charity Humm on Saturday, Feb 20. Sharon Fisher, dean of this chapter, extends a warm invite to the St. John's church family to anyone interested in attending. Other chapters of the guild, and church choirs have also been invited. Pizza lunch will be served. If interested in attending, please RSVP to Sharon directly at slfisher615@att.net.

February Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
February 7	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:2-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]
February 14	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
February 21	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
February 28	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9

Bishop's Committee News



The next Bishop's Committee Meeting will be held on February 17 at 6:30 PM.

Copies of the St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church 2016 Annual Report are still available at the back of church for pick-up. Should you have any questions, please contact any of the Bishop Committee Members. Thank you!

Minutes for each monthly Bishop Committee Meeting held are stored in the Parish Office and are always available for viewing.

Parish Life



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 9th from 5 -7 PM
\$5.00 per adult & \$3.00 per child
Maximum \$15.00 per family.
Proceeds from the night will go to support St. John's .
Contacts: Jan McElheny & Tom Moore



Note of Gratitude for continued service to the mission here at St. John's...

- Acolyte members: Erin Barndollar, Kendall Barndollar, Michael Graziadei and Elizabeth Hill.
- De-Greening Sanctuary helpers: Jan McElheny, Lee Moarn, and many others unknown.
- Office helpers Tom Moore and Doug Tierney.

Outreach



2016 Morning Star Mission Lunch Service Schedule—Sign-up Sheet

Located at the back of the church, please consider signing up to serve lunch once or several times this year. Lunch Servers gathers at church at 10:30 AM and carpool to Mission to serve a warm meal to those in need. This once a month effort takes 2.5 hours on the second Saturday of each month. Next meal service is February 13.



Lockport Food Pantry - February Schedule of Suggested Items for Donations

February 7 : tuna fish February 14: port & beans / can kind of bean
February 21:peanut butter & jelly February 28: cereal / oatmeal

Thank You!

Other Bits

Note from Parish Office...

- Remaining and assigned 2016 Pledge Envelope Boxes Available for pick-up at back of church.
- Content for the monthly Missioner Newsletter is due no later than the 21st of each month.
 - Content for the Sunday Bulletins is due 1 week in advance.
 - Please send content/questions to Parish Office - office@stjohns-lockport-il.org
- View Church Calendar Anytime (located on website: www.stjohns-lockport-il.org). [Link Here](#).



February Birthdays

Virginia Rodeghero 2/1
 Abraham Boyle 2/3
 Connor Sheetz 2/6
 Michael Graziadei 2/7
 Shaun Phillips 2/12
 Diane Lawler 2/13
 Christopher Riofski 2/15
 Jan McElheny 2/20
 Erwin Wirth 2/24
 Tom Gogerty 2/25

February Anniversaries

Christopher & Sara Riofski 2/4
 Christopher & Ellen Hill 2/20
 Todd & Janice Waggoner 2/28

Those for whom prayers
 have been asked:
**Robert D., Mark S.,
 Nathan S., Denise T.,
 Johnise H., Lorraine P.,
 Valetta R. and Marie H.**
 And all those with terminal illnesses, their
 families, and those caring for them.

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

Website: www.stjohns-lockport-il.org Telephone: 815-834-1168
 Calendar: [Calendar - Google](#) E-mail: office@stjohns-lockport-il.org

February's - Humor & Smiles Corner

Reason #52

This is the only church that is as lovingly loony as
 your family.

*Mary L. Lyons
 Diocese of Olympia*

Crew, Louie, 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian,
 Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, 2003, xiii

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>
 St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
 Facebook [-Lockport, IL](#)
 Diocesan Website episcopalchicago.org
 National Church episcopalchurch.org
 Parish Connections stjohns-lockport-il.org
 Twitter @forwardinchrist

Important Dates to Remember

February 3.....Daughters of the King @ 10:30 AM
Prayer Shawl @ 11:30 AM
Eve Eucharist & Formation @ 7 PM
 February 6.....Centering Prayer @ 8 AM
 February 9Pancake Supper 5 PM - 7 PM
 February 10Ashes to Go at Lockport Train Station @ 6 AM
Ash Wednesday Eucharist @ 12 Noon & 7 PM
 February 10.....Prayer Warriors @ 10:30 AM
 February 13.....Centering Prayer @ 8 AM
Morning Star Mission Meal Service @ 10:30 AM
 February 14.....Church School @ 10:30 AM
Youth Group Bake Sale after each svc
 February 17.....Bishop's Committee Mtg @ 6:30 PM
Daughters of the King @ 10:30 AM
Prayer Shawl @ 11:30 AM
 February 20.....Centering Prayer @ 8 AM
 February 21.....Youth Group at 6:30 PM
 February 24..Lenten Eucharist & Formation Offering @ 9:30 AM & 7 PM
 February 27.....Centering Prayer @ 8 AM
 February 28.....Church School @ 10:30 AM

Staff

The Rev. R. Matthew Humm, *Priest*
 Kyndel Trejo, *Director of Music*
 Jill Crisman, *Church Secretary*
 Open *Sexton*
 Leona Davies & Art Pesavento, *Co-Wardens*
 Carolyn Hall, *Clerk*

Bishop Committee Members

Steve Masters, 2017 Wendy Stewart, 2018
 Peggy McCarthy, 2017 Janet Lindstrand, 2019
 Doug Tierney, 2017 Tom Moore, 2019
 Tom Boyle, 2018
 Scott Ruphard, 2018

Open, *Sacristan*
 Fr. R. Matthew Humm, *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
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
Formation (2nd & 4th Sunday)

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM Worship & Formation

**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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