



The Missioner

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Anyone Know Where I Could Get A Sackcloth Shirt On The Cheap

Well friends, it's that time again—Lent!

I was asked recently why it is that Lent and Holy Week seem so important to me—so much so that it could almost seem more important to me than Easter... Well, I thought about this a little bit. Certainly, I expend a lot more energy in Lent and Holy Week than I do in the Easter Season. However, the conclusion I came to is that it is the preparation, and the communal participation that energize me. I get a kick out of my Church family and much of the Church in the world joining together in a season of refocusing, and rededication to our First Love. And, let's be honest, we sort of lose steam after Easter Morning. As I always joke, we're really good at the self-denial stuff in Lent, but we're less so about the 50 days of feasting in Easter.

So, again, I think I thrive on the energy and communal aspect of Lent, and am not in fact just into compunction.

As to Lent this year, I am again excited about what we have to offer. I think that these offerings will not only be practical, but deeply transformational.

First off, we have our usual Wednesday evening offerings (Wednesday mornings Eucharist will also continue). On Wednesday evening **beginning at 6:30 pm**, we will have Stations of the Cross, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with a short 45 minute meditation and informational session. This year, we are focusing on taking the meditation on our mortality seriously, and so the topics for each Wednesday evening are as follows:

Mar. 12: "Remember that you are dust: Meditations on Mortality"

Mar. 19: "How do you want to be remembered? Writing our own obituaries."

Mar. 26: (No Benediction) "Mortality Checklist: Having our affairs in order." Led by Ethicist from Advocate Health.

Apr. 2: "Always an Easter Liturgy: Planning our funerals."

Apr. 9: "Not an End: Meditations on Resurrection Hope."

As usual, I am very excited about the offerings this season. It is my hope that all of us will gain a lot from these opportunities. I also hope that they will be an opportunity to draw us ever closer to the love of Christ. And, don't forget to make use of the many great resources for Lent provided at the back of the church.

Peace,

Fr. Matt Humm+

Vestry News

The February Vestry Meeting that was scheduled for the 12th at 6:30 PM, was canceled due to the lack of a quorum. The next Vestry Meeting will be held on March 12th at 6:30 PM

St. John the Evangelist Receipts and Disbursements

January 2014

Activity for the Month

St. John's **Total Expense** exceeded **Total Income** ("Net Ordinary Income") last ("Revenue and Expenses for Month – Actual Versus Budget").

Total Income is approximately \$2400 less than forecast. This is due primarily to not yet receiving funds from the Diocese for our Vitality grant which will be forthcoming each month (\$667 monthly) as well as a shortfall in non-pledge income during the past month..

Total Expense (\$28,290.25) for the month was approximately \$4,445 more than forecast -- due primarily to non-recurring expenses in "Building and Restoration" – a total of \$10,030.00 for replacement of furnace, air conditioner, and water heater (\$7780) – and engineering fees (\$2250). "General Operations" was approximately \$3800 less than forecast (due primarily to early payment of insurance (\$3200) paid in December for 1st quarter of 2014).

Thus, Total Expense before capital expenditures is \$18,260 and adjusted "Net Ordinary Income" (**DEFICIT**) *before capital expenditures* is an approximate loss of **\$2900** versus the forecasted deficit of approximately \$2600.

It should be noted that this month's report includes an annual HSA contribution for the vicar's health insurance in the amount of \$5450.

Banking Account Activity

The First Midwest Bank Operating Account balance as of the end of the month was \$9,296.05.

Transfers from accounts (organization account and building and restoration account) into the contingency and/or checking account were made during the month in the amount of \$23,030 in order to cover monthly expenses, expenses associated with concert series, and "Building and Restoration" expenses.

Formation

Youth Formation Preview

We have been studying Jesus' teachings during the Sermon on the Mount. March brings a change for us as we move toward our preparations for the Lenten Season.

March 2, 2014 - 9:15 AM

Attentive to Mystery and Prophecy

We shift this week from the ethical world view and instruction given to us in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Deuteronomy, Leviticus, Psalm 119, and Paul's pastoral letter to Corinth and into a new challenge, staying open and being attentive to the mysterious power of God. We read about numinous encounters such as "a devouring fire," "entering a cloud," "a lamp shining in a dark place," "a morning star rising in our hearts," a "bright cloud overshadowing." We are asked to take these in fully, to be eye-witnesses, attentive, and to feel and touch the divine with both courageous faith and wondrous fear.

Teaching

Todd Sheetz
Pam Sheetz
Leona Davies

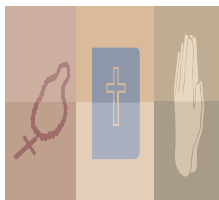
March 16, 2014 - 9:15 AM

Life-Giving Wind

The readings this week raise the question of where we put our trust. Do we, like Nicodemus, rely on our position and place in the community or will we allow ourselves to be led into unknown territory, like Abraham? Should we depend for our security on obedience to the law, or place our trust in God who watches over us continuously?

Teaching

Tom Boyle
Todd Sheetz
Beth Pesavento



Lives of the Saints - Contemplative Prayer

The St. John's Centering Prayer Group is starting a new series studying Contemplative Prayer in the Lives of the Saints. In February, Joyce Moore led us through a very meaningful discussion on Desert Mothers and I think all those present were moved by the discovery of what a rich history of faith we have. This month Thomas Moore will be leading us through a discussion on the Desert Fathers. We would love for those interested in learning more about contemplative prayer and practice to join us for this series. We will be meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7 PM, ending in June.

All are welcome to attend!

Outreach

Lockport Food Pantry—March Schedule of Items for Donations:

March 2nd—Flour & Sugar
March 9th — Instant Mash Potatoes
March 16th—Tuna Fish
March 23rd—Cans of Beans/Pork & Beans
March 30th—Peanut Butter & Jelly

Thank You For Your Continued Support!

Outreach Meeting, Tues, March 4th at 7 PM ~ Morning Star Mission, Sat, March 8th at 10:30 AM



KEEPING GOD'S PEOPLE SAFE TRAINING
- Please bring a sack lunch -
Saturday, March 1st at 9:30 AM



MARCH 22nd FAMILY POTLUCK/GAME NIGHT

Attention all Families with Children--prepare to have a fun filled evening on March 22nd at 5:30 pm as we join Art and Beth Pesavento at their home for a time of food and fellowship. Bring a favorite meal and come and join us in playing one of our family favorites (Group Pictionary, Charades, Twister, Pit, etc.) or bring your own game to share. For more details, you can contact Beth Pesavento at bpesavento2002@yahoo.com.



Girl Scout Sunday,
March 2nd
at 10:30 AM Service

FREE CONCERT SERIES WELCOMES AWARD WINNING ORGANIST NICHOLAS QUARDOKUS MARCH 2ND!

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Lockport presents 3rd performance in Concert Series

Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 3:00 PM

Nicholas Quardokus, first place winner of the June 2013 American Guild of Organist Regional Competition for Young Organist (Region V), will perform a selection of works at a free recital on Sunday, March 2nd at 3 PM. This free Concert Series is presented by St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church and will follow with a reception in Montgomery Parish Hall. A free-will offering will be taken for St. JudeChildren's Hospital.



See you there!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!



We can't thank everyone enough for everything that was done for us. From all the lovely cards and flowers that were sent and for all the phone calls checking in on us. We appreciate all the prayers and prayer shawls that were sent our way. A special thank you to those that brought communion to me while I was unable to make it to church. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful friends.

~ Evonne Cook & Anne Patterson

Worship

Lenten Schedule
All Are Welcome!



◇“Make Your Own Desert”, Sun, March 2nd after 8 & 10:30 AM Services

◇Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, March 4th 5- 7 PM

◇Ash Wednesday, March 5th: Ashes To Go In Lockport:
Lockport Train Station (100 13th St) 6AM - 8AM
Starbucks (16527 W. 159th St.) 9AM- 11 AM
Public Landing (200 W. 8th St) 1 PM - 3 PM

◇Ash Wednesday Church Service at 12 Noon & 7 PM

Wednesdays In Lent

(With Meditation Topic/Informational Series)

Mar. 12: 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:
“Remember that You are Dust: Meditations on Mortality.”

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“Not An End: Meditations on Resurrection Hope.”

Prayer & Meditation material are now available at the back of the sanctuary.

HEALTH MINISTRY - 2014 SCHEDULE

We will restart our monthly Blood Pressures readings, on March 16, 2014. 8am till noon.

April 13, 2014

Sept 14, 2014

May 11, 2014

Oct 12, 2014

June 8, 2014

Nov 9, 2014

July 20, 2014

Dec 21, 2014

Aug 17, 2014



If you have questions about your medications, bring them with you. Any health issues/questions, please call/email me or the Parish office.

Blessings,

-Lee Moarn

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From The Diocese

Camp Chicago 2014 - For Kids Ages 7-17

On-Line Registration Now Open!

www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/

Our hope at Camp Chicago is to give our campers the best week of their entire year. We want them to have fun and know what it means to laugh so hard you're gasping for air. We want them to feel challenged and know they can dare to attempt new things. We want them to make lasting friendships. And we want them to know they are loved by God and called to a life of purpose and meaning. For more information about the camp and how to register, [click here](#).



[The Episcopal Church Women](#)

Diocese of Chicago and
Province V

2014 Annual Meeting

April 24-27, 2014

Palmer House Hilton, Chicago

www.ecwchicago.org

Our 2014 meeting will be unlike any other annual meeting! We have exciting information for you and your friends - docent led tours of St. James Cathedral and the Art Institute of Chicago. Presentations and workshops, fellowship and the sharing of our Episcopal faith. Wonderful speakers - Bishop C. Christopher Epting, Assisting Bishop, Diocese of Chicago and The Rev. Kat Banakis, priest and community connector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston, IL. For more information see our bulletin board in the Parish Hall and/or speak with Susie Meehan.

March Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
March 2	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2 or Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
March 9	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
March 16	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
March 23	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
March 30	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41

Some Helpful Resources For Daily Prayer

For Daily Prayer www.missionstclare.com
 For Daily Readings 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



March Birthdays

- 1 Kwiyoung Renehan
- 3 Karen Lockyer
- 6 Katherine Falls
- 12 Winston Corbet
- 14 Catherine Hall
- 15 Sara Riofski
- 16 Lillian Hensley
- 18 Shannon Williams
- 19 Lance Wilson
- 20 Greg Carter Jr
- 22 Dale Lundy
- 23 Tom Moore
- 26 Barbara Mitchell
- 27 Janice Waggoner
- 28 Mark Secor
- 30 Deb Huddleston
- 30 Peter Tierney

March Anniversaries

- 1 Erwin & Karen Wirth
- 12 Gerald & Deb Huddleston
- 23 Douglas & Linda Tierney
- 30 Winston & Betty Corbet



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Those for whom prayers have been asked:

Alice A.; Karen A. ; Niece A.; Barbara; Bernadette; Ella B.; Andrew & Audrey C.; Anthony C.; Denise C.; Tessa C.; Sandra C.; Wilma C.; Connie; Dana; Deb D.; Katie D.; Robert D.; Tracy D.; Dina; Elizabeth; Carroll F.; Dorothy F.; Kathy F.; Denise G; Evelyn G.; Michael Thomas G.; Barbara H.; Jerry H; Neil H; Robert H.; William H.; Jack & Donna; Dorothy J.; Bob K.; Delores K; Lee; Evonne L.; Denise M.; Francis M.; Mike M; Nick; Nathan; M. Naughton; Cassidy N.; Pam; Anna P.; Clara P.; Joe P.; Tom P.; Amalia R.; Annette R; Brian R.; Hank R.; John R.; Gay S.; Vicki S.; Linda T.; Rosemary T.; Tom; Bob W.; Joe W.; Katrina W. ; Jim Z.

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

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

Important Dates to Remember

- March 1.....Centering Prayer (8 AM)
- March 1.....Keeping Gods People Safe Training (9:30 AM)
- March 2.....Church School (9:15 AM), Girl Scout Sunday (10:30 AM)
 Concert Series-Organ Recital (3 PM)
- March 4..... Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (5-7PM) & Outreach (7 PM)
- March 5..... Ashes to Go (6 AM) &
 Ash Wednesday Evening Service (7 PM)
- March 8.....Centering Prayer (8 AM) & Morning Star Mission (10:30 AM)
- March 9.....Check-In Meeting (9:15 AM)
- March 12.....Lockport Prayer Warriors (10:30 AM), Vestry (6:30 PM) &
 Stations/Benediction /Meditation (6:30 PM)
- March 13.....Centering Prayer—Saints (7 PM)
- March 15.....Centering Prayer (8 AM)
- March 16.....Church School (9:15 AM) & Blood Pressure Screening (8 AM-12 PM)
- March 19.....LHAMA (11:30 AM) &
 Stations/Benediction/Meditations (6:30 PM)
- March 22.....Centering Prayer (8 AM) & Family Potluck & Game Night (5:30 PM)
- March 26.....Stations/Benediction/Meditations (6:30 PM)
- March 29.....Centering Prayer (8 AM)

Staff

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

Vestry Members

- Judy Broud 15
- Lee Moarn 16
- Rob Brennan 16
- Art Pesevento 16
- Leona Davie 15
- Marlene Van Kuiken 17
- Chris Hill 15

Dorothy Cirrencione, *Sacristan*
 Todd Sheetz, *Director Christian Education*
 Bruce Ray, *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
(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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