



# *The Missioner*

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## **"The Baffled King Composing Hallelujah" - Reprint**

In a not-too-ironic way I've been listening to the song "Hallelujah." In this case I'm referring to the song written by Leonard Cohen. I suppose that his quiet, deep voice creates (perhaps) the perfect mood for the song. All the same, there are a number of different covers of the song. One particular version by Rufus Wainwright (the version from the movie *Shrek*) was noted as being "purifying and almost liturgical." Other versions, which have at times had different lyrics from the original, all have their own particular qualities. This phenomena, Cohen offers, is because "there are many different hallelujahs..."

As I write this, I listen to some of these different versions of the song. Regardless of the version, I'm struck continually by the words: "It's a cold and it's a broken hallelujah." Maybe it's just clever phrasing, but the song smacks of honesty. Whether there is an almost joyful air, or a soulful dirge, there is no escaping the words: "it's a cold and it's a broken hallelujah."

I think even in the midst of the Easter season, this may be a realistic cry of our hearts—one which isn't afraid to encompass the brokenness and lack in our world. It's the Hallelujah that breaks into the cold of a hospital room, and seems less incongruous in a hurting world. It's a sound of praise that can be lifted by lips which mourn...but it is at the very same instant a hallelujah. And perhaps because of its honesty there is no question of its resounding praise.

Perhaps it's an odd thing to be writing in such a somber way in the Easter Season...maybe this would have been better suited for Lent, but then I wouldn't have been able to use the word "Hallelujah." But at the same time, Eastertide is a time for Hallelujahs, "many different Hallelujahs." Because from the broken to the bandaged-up Hallelujah is the song of the victorious—albeit the faulted and the hurting at the same time. It's the song of those who would never deny Christ, but are troubled by doubting hearts. It's the song for every condition of life, really...

So why write about broken hallelujahs in Easter? I do it because to make sense of any of the human condition, we look to Christ as the perfect victim. We look to him as the Resurrection and the Life and know that somehow in him everything will be redeemed somehow—even our sorrow—by his participating in it with us. In Christ we find solace from the storms of life, not by virtue of him being indestructible, rather because even in his resurrection he still bears the wounds of his ruination. He even holds those wounds gloriously out-stretched to welcome the prodding hands of our disbelief.

I also write in this way knowing that the mystery of our faith in Christ is far deeper and stronger than we sometimes realize. I think that we even forget that when our faith seems dim, we can trust that others will have faith for us. I think it's because there are many different hallelujahs, and because of Christ's love for us, even the cold and broken ones (the really earthy and honest ones) count most.

*Peace,*

*Fr. Matt Humm+*

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## Vestry News

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### *At the April 10, 2014 meeting, the Vestry...*

Accepted the reports presented.

Heard...

- o A review of the finance report for March and the first quarter. Income relative to expenses is getting steadily worse. Winter heat and snow removal expenses are \$4200 more than expected.
  - o It was noted that people who wish to have regular pledge payment taken from their bank accounts may make arrangements with their individual banks through the bill pay process.
  - o Fr Matt's summary of worship, pastoral, formation, Thrive and Standing Committee. Lent has gone well and attendance has improved with good weather.
  - o Our sexton, Bruce Ray, will be moving so that position is open.
  - o About health ministry events.
  - o About the Family event and the Lincoln and FDR performance, both went well.
- That people have stepped up to work on the parish picnic.

Took action ...

To adopt a policy dealing with concealed weapons on church property.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the vestry is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2014 beginning at 6:30 pm.*

## St. John the Evangelist

### Receipts and Disbursements

March 2014

#### Activity for the Month

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

**Total Income** (\$11,540) is approximately \$200 more than forecast. Pledge income for the month is below anticipated income by approximately \$200. Non – pledge income is also shy of projections for the month (\$250). Miscellaneous income (Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper) accounts for the slightly higher than expected total income.

**Total Expense** (\$15,000) for the month was approximately \$2,500 more than forecast -- due primarily to the cost of non-recurring memorial expense (\$500 to refurbish the processional cross) and the cost of utilities (\$650 over budget). Also included is the annual fee for payroll service for QuickBooks (\$250) and workman's comp insurance (\$1981)

## Receipts and Disbursements Con't

### **Year to date:**

Our expenses have exceeded our anticipated revenues by approximately \$11,000. Total expenses (\$58,918) exceed Total revenues by (\$26, 577). This figure includes \$13,000 in building and restoration expenses which are not part of our operating budget.

Total income is at \$32,340 (\$600 below forecast). Pledge income is approximately \$1200 above expected revenue , while giver of record income is shy of forecast by \$1,800.

General Operations (Approximately \$40,855) are slightly above budgeted expenses through the end of March (\$120). Our projected deficit when adjusting for building and restoration is approximately \$2,000 below anticipated expenses which can be explained by increased operational expenses such as utilities. Our expenses in for utilities and snow removal are well above anticipated cost.

In looking at the cost for snow removal and heating costs for this year, the expenses are far greater than planned for. Our cost for snow removal in 2013 was \$506 dollars compared to this years cost of \$3,595 (\$3,100 more this year)/ Our cost for heating last year for the same four months Jan-Apr billing was \$2,801.42 and this year was \$4,003 (\$1202 more this year) These two items alone illustrate \$4,300 increase in operational expenses in the first quarter.

### Banking Account Activity

The First Midwest Bank Operating Account balance as of the end of the month was \$6,141.47. There were no transfers of funds during the month of March.

## Formation

### **Youth Formation Preview**

We examine the Risen Christ and what that means to the students.  
We will also look toward Pentecost as we bring Youth Formation to a close for the 2013 – 2014 season.



May 4, 2014

#### **Companions on the Road**

“Christ is risen!” With this traditional profession of Easter faith we open ourselves to new life in Christ. We share this truth with the disciples whose hearts were opened along the road to Emmaus. We share this truth with the disciples in Jerusalem who preached the good news. In our rituals and in our living each day, we declare, “Christ is risen indeed!”

**Teaching:** Pam Sheetz, Beth Pesavento and Tom Boyle

May 18, 2014

#### **Courageous Faith**

We cannot know the actual sounds of resurrection, but we know some of the sounds that followed soon after that event: a stone rolling; women looking at each other and speaking to each other in shock and disbelief; the good news being shared; disciples doubting; Jesus entering a locked room and proclaiming. Through all these sounds, we hear the voice of God.

This will be our last lesson of spring, and we will be incorporating our Pentecost lesson as well.

Youth Formation is working on plans for summer activities, so keep your ears pealed and eyes open.

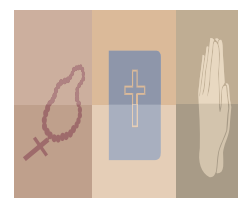
**Teaching:** Todd Sheetz, Charity Humm and Tim Thompson

## Formation Con't



Youth group goes back to it's normal schedule with every third Sunday of the month at 7pm. This month, May 18th we will meet in the parish hall for food and fun! Grades 6 and up welcome.

- Centering Prayer meets every Sunday morning at 8 AM
- Contemplative Prayer - Desert Saints: This monthly series continues on Thurs, May 8th at 7 PM.



## Outreach



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

May 4—Ravioli / SpaghettiOs

May 11—Four & Sugar

May 18—Instant Mash Potatoes

May 25—Tuna Fish

Thank You For Your Continued Support!

Outreach Meeting, Thurs, May 1st at 7 PM ~ Morning Star Mission, Sat, May 10th at 10:30 AM

In gathering of mite boxes (Hope Chests) continues through Sun, May 4th.

## Worship

### Lenten Series — A Look Back

*During our Lenten offerings, our parishioners were engaged with the Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Meditation & Information Series, which were very successful, informative and well attended, this year.*

*Father Matt spoke and provided us with an excellent power point presentations and packet, "How To Plan Your Funeral", with suggestions to which hymns and prayers available.*

*Fr Matt directed us on "How to Write Your Own Obituary", presentation and handouts, with suggestions.*

*We also, were fortunate to have Dr Edward DuBose, as our guest speaker, Senior Ethicist from Advocate Health System. Dr. DuBose shared with us the topic of "Having your Affairs in Order for End of Life". Our guest speaker was sponsored by our emerging Health Ministry. He provided us with a packet of information and a discussion regarding Advance Directives. He suggested to a booklet titled "5 WISHES", which we have copies here, to share. After we had a Q&A session, great questions.*



Dr. Edward DuBose

*If you are interested in obtaining any information from any or all the presentations, contact Lee Moarn.*

## Worship Con't



2014 Altar Flower & Sanctuary Candle Sign-up at the back of the church. Suggested donation for the Sanctuary Candle is \$10 and \$25 for Altar Flowers. Be sure to note on the memo section of your check or envelope the offering of thanksgiving or memorial and name(s) to be published for that given week. (Note: The calendar will show "gray weeks" where altar flowers will not be provided due to specific liturgical practices. However, we will be happy to note that week your thanksgiving/memorial and purchase the actual altar flowers for an upcoming week.)

## Parish Life

### Rummage and Bake Sale Announcement

It's time for Spring Cleaning!

The Rummage and Bake Sale is **Friday and Saturday May 16 & 17, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm** both days.

Set up is Sunday, May 11 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	1:30-7:30

Bring baked goods for the bake sale on Thursday, May 15.

Baked good may be brought packed on plates or in bags and ready to price or bring them in bulk on Thursday in time for workers to plate and price them.

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.



### Save The Date—June 1st

Parish Picnic and Church School Year End Celebration will be Sunday, June 1st after the 10:30 service at St. John's. Anyone interested in helping can contact Leona Davies. See you there!

### HEALTH MINISTRY

*Blood Pressures readings will be available on Sunday,  
May 11th from 8am till noon.*

*If you have questions about your medications, bring them with you.*

*Any health issues/questions, email the  
Parish Nurse, Lee Moarn, at [stjohnparishnurselockport@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnparishnurselockport@gmail.com)  
or call the Parish Office at 815-834-1168.*



## From The Diocese

Camp Chicago 2014 - For Kids Ages 7-17

On-Line Registration Closes May 23rd!

[www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/](http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/)

[St. John's Episcopal Church](#) in Chicago will host a Beatles Mass on Saturday, May 17 at 7 pm. This celebration of peace and love will feature live Beatles music by [Tim Menard](#) and friends and will be followed by a reception. The event is free and open to the public and donations will benefit [CROSSwalk](#).



## Chicago RAGNAR Team Off and Running



[The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago Ragnar Relay](#) team, also known as the "Steeple Chasers," is hard at work training for the 197-mile overnight relay from Wisconsin to Chicago. Led by Bishop Jeffrey Lee, the Steeple Chasers are also nearly halfway to their goal of raising \$5,000 for [Episcopal Relief & Development](#). Please help them reach their goal and make their training and racing all the more worthwhile by making an individual or [team](#) donation.

Non-runners and supporters of all stripes are invited to the Ragnar fun. The team needs one more dedicated race volunteer to travel with the team June 5 - 7 and we welcome parish cheer squads along the route. Runners will pass through Waukegan, Lake Forest, Highland Park, Glencoe, Winnetka and Evanston on the way to the final Chicago destination in Lincoln Park.

For more information on serving as our race team volunteer or if your parish wants to cheer the team on, please contact Jen Boyle-Tucker by [email](#) or phone at 312.751.4215.

## May Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
May 4	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
May 11	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 18	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 25	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:7-18	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21

**Some Helpful Resources For Daily Prayer**

For Daily Prayer [www.missionstclare.com](http://www.missionstclare.com)  
 For Daily Readings [satucket.com/lectionary](http://satucket.com/lectionary)  
 Episcopal News [www.episcopalcafe.com](http://www.episcopalcafe.com)  
<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens>  
 National Church [episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org)  
 Diocesan Website [episcopalchicago.org](http://episcopalchicago.org)  
 Parish Connections [stjohns-lockport-il.org](http://stjohns-lockport-il.org)  
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**Those for whom prayers have been asked:**

Alice A.; Karen A. ; Niece A.; Barbara; Bernadette; Jody B.; Ella B.; Mac B.; Andrew & Audrey C.; Anthony C.; Tessa C.; Sandra C.; Wilma C.; Connie; Bob D.; Dana; Deb D.; Robert D.; Tracy D.; Dina; Elizabeth; Carroll F.; Dorothy F.; Kathy F.; Denise G; Evelyn G.; Michael Thomas G.; Barbara H.; Brittany H.; Jerry H; Khloe H.; Neil H; Robert H.; William H.; Adrienne J.; Jack & Donna; Dorothy J.; Bob K.; Delores K; Lee; Diane L; Evonne L.; Denise M.; Mike M; Mac; Maggie; Nick; Nathan; M. Naughton; Cassidy N.; Pam; Anna P.; Clara P.; Donna P.; Hadley P.; Joe P.; Mary Ann P.; Tom P.; Wally P.; Roger; Amalia R.; Annette R; Brian R.; Hank R.; John R.; Dolly S.; Gay S.; Vicki S.; Linda T.; Tom; Marty V.; Bob W.; Jerry 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.*

**May Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Doug Tierney	5/1
Catherine Baker	5/2
Jenny Suva	5/2
Sara Hall	5/3
Linda Tierney	5/3
Dwayne Hall	5/5
Betty McClain	5/8
Alan Knudsen	5/11
Alison Tierney	5/11
Sarah Hill	5/12
Lee Moarn	5/12
Beth Pesavento	5/12
Kaycee Davis	5/13
Paul Peterson	5/15
Chris Hill	5/16
Elizabeth Hill	5/17
Michael Renehan	5/20
Judy Matile	5/21
Austin Robert	5/23
Jan Fisk	5/24
Annie Pesavento	5/24
Dena Gogerty	5/27
Helen Lockwood	5/28
Clark Davis	5/30
Caitlin Renehan	5/30
Felicia Elias	5/30
Marlene VanKuiken	5/31
James & Lisa Fucilla	5/14
Scott & Mary Beth Ruphard	5/19
Stephen & Shirley Masters	5/23
Robert & Debra Lindstrand	5/25
Michael & Kwiyong Renehan	5/30

**Important Dates to Remember**

May 1.....Outreach at 7 PM  
 May 4.....Church School at 9:15 AM  
 May 7 .....Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM  
 May 8.....Contemplative Prayer at 7 PM  
 May 10.....Morning Star Mission at 10:30 AM  
 May 10.....Parish Hall/Rak Family at 1 PM  
 May 11.....Blood Pressure Readings from 8-12PM  
 May 11.....Church School Check-in at 9:15 AM  
 May 11—May 15.....Rummage Sale Prep  
 May 13.....Standing Committee at 11:30 AM  
 May 14.....Prayer Warriors at 10:30 AM  
 May 14.....Vestry at 6:30 PM  
 May 16.....Rummage Sale from 8 AM—2 PM  
 May 17.....Rummage Sale from 8 AM—2 PM  
 May 18.....Church School at 9:15 AM  
 May 18.....Youth Group Gathering at 7 PM  
 May 21.....Daughters of the King at 10:30 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*

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*  
 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*

**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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