



The Missioner

**St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
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On May 8th is technically the feast day of Dame Julian of Norwich, a favorite mystic in the Anglican Church. This year the 8th falls on a Sunday...so she kind of gets pushed off the calendar, which is a shame. Truth to tell, however, there isn't a whole lot known about Julian outside of her writings—not even her birth name. However, what we have from her is a collection of writings and meditations which reflect a joyous and compassionate understanding of God; something that wasn't the pervading theology of the time. Because of events like the Black Plague, many had begun to attribute suffering and pain to evidence that God punishes. However, this was not the perspective of Julian, who instead reflects a much more optimistic understanding of God's relationship with humanity.

In relatively recent times, there has been a return to the mystics in the Christian tradition. Whether this is the response of seekers who wish to be characterized as "spiritual but not religious" and yet still long for some grounding; or Christians who are beginning to realize what rich history we have in our tradition...I'm not sure I know. However, what it seems to imply is a real need for us to have and hold mystery in our spiritual and daily life. It reminds us that even though we may "do church" well, and even seem to know all of the stories and motions; we still need to know that we don't know it all—and what we don't know could be so powerfully sublime as to draw us into the ecstatic realm of God's Presence. An optimistic, and hopeful thing in uncertain times.

There's something comforting to me that we celebrate the life of Julian in the same month as the Feast of the Ascension this year. After all, in the Ascension Jesus ascends to the Father with all that it means to have participated in Creation and humanity. In this action, he draws everything that it is to be one of us into the Godhead—allowing God to know us more intimately, but more importantly to lead the way to our own divine union with God.

For the Church today, it places us in an interesting vantage for responding to many of the questions and longings of people in our communities. We're given this hope—one that we don't fully understand ourselves—in the risen and ascended Christ that calls us to wonder ever more at the mysteries of God; and people like Julian give us the permission we sometimes need to stare into that mystery, calmly waiting without all the answers for nothing more than a deeper, more intimate relationship with God.

Peace,

Fr. Matt Humm+

Worship & Formation



Daughters of the King (DOK) will meet on May 4 at 10:30 AM. DOK members are invited to help with rummage sale set-up on Wed, May 18. Contact Wendy Stewart if interested in learning more about DOK.

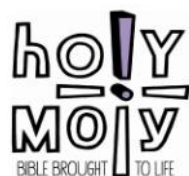


Our last **Youth Group** outing was to LaserQuest. Everyone had a great time. We would like to thank the Hill family for the passes and also the Hill, Pesavento, Sheetz and Wilson families for driving. We are excited that Bags of Hope is now located at St. John's and look forward to helping pack the bags at our next meeting (May 15). Over the summer we are planning a campfire cookout and games.

Looking for something to do this summer?! Well **Camp Chicago** registration is still open. Flyers are located in the parish hall on the Youth Board.

Hope everyone has a great last month of school and look forward to an exciting summer!

Contacts: Katherine Kresek & Kim McElheny



Schedule this Month: May 8 & 22.
Time: during 10:30 AM Sunday Service
Ages: 3—11
Where: In Parish Hall
Contact: Fr. Matt



Note of gratitude and thanks to **Ellen Hill, Pam Sheetz and Todd Sheetz** for their efforts and service, as our church school organizers / instructors. They are stepping down this month after *many years of service* with the St. John's Church School / Youth Formation Ministry.

Thank you!

May Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
May 1	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 5:1-9
May 8	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
May 15	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:25-34, 37	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17, (25-27)
May 22	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Canticle 13	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
May 29* (* track 1)	1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29), 30-39	Psalm 96	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10

Outreach



May 14—Morning Star Mission Meal Service - Carpool group departs church at 10:30 AM and drives to mission. Sign - up sheet for 2016 at back of church and slots are still available. Big thank you to those that have signed up.



Prayer Shawl Ministry - Group to meet on May 4 & 18 at 11:30 AM. The May 18th gathering will be in the Parish Office. To find out more about this ministry and how you can participate, contact Julia Matile. Many blessed shawls to choose from and always available in the church. Please consider taking a shawl today and passing it on to those in need of comfort .



Food Pantry - donations are collected every Sunday for those in need within Lockport. Food staples requested for the month of May are: peanut butter/jelly, cereal/oatmeal, pancake mix, vegetable soup / cans of vegetables, and beef stew. Thank you.



BAGS OF HOPE

Bags of Hope is a non-profit organization, which help students across Lockport, Joliet and Plainfield schools with a weekly food program. Participating students take their backpacks home on Friday filled with non-perishable food (see list below). They are dedicated to ensuring no student goes hungry outside of school.

A representative from **Bags of Hope will be at our 10:30 service on Sunday, May 15** to discuss this outreach opportunity. After the service we will gather in the atrium (next door to the church) and pack the bags for the week. This is a great family outreach opportunity. ALL are welcome!

A weekly bag consists of:

- 2 cans of vegetables
- 1 can of fruit
- 2 packages of mac and cheese
- 1 package pasta
- 2 cans of soup
- 1 can of tuna
- 1 can of pasta sauce (no glass bottles)
- 3 packages of oatmeal
- 3 packages of ramen noodles
- Couple of granola bars
- Variety of snacks

We will begin collecting food for Bags of Hope in addition to collecting food for the Lockport Food Pantry.

Please contact Ruth Kozlowski (rak759@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Parish Life

Save the date (Sunday, June 5, immediately following the 10:30 service) and join us for St. John's first ever **WALK-A-THON**.

Put your walking shoes on and enjoy an afternoon of fun and festivities (for ALL ages) while raising pledge money for St. John's. Our route will begin and end at St. John's while including a 3 mile loop in and around historic Lockport. Music, food, beverage and fellowship will be waiting for you to celebrant your accomplishment!



Pledge sheet can be found at the back of the church.

More information: Pam Carter, Ellen Hill, and Art Pesavento

Rummage and Bake Sale

The Rummage and Bake Sale is Friday and Saturday May 20 & 21 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm both days.

Set up is Sunday, May 15 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



Bring baked goods for the bake sale on Thursday, May 19 until 7:30 *.

(* Baked good may be brought packed on plates or in bags and ready to price or bring them *in bulk* on Thursday by 5:30 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 Judy Broud if you would like to help with the set up, the days of the sale, and clean up.

Thank you!

Note from the Family of Dorothy Worst

Thank you to St. John's Episcopal Church. You gave my mom a beautiful wake. We have now planned her funeral in spring, on her wedding anniversary. It will be on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM. [Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery](#) in Elwood. 20953 W. Hoff Rd., Elwood, IL 60421. Just south of Joliet off 53.



You are all invited. God Bless.

The Family of Dorothy Worst

Parish Life

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

- **2015—2016 Church School Instructors** Katie Boyle, Tom Boyle, Leona Davies, Chris Hill, Ellen Hill, Beth Peavento, Nance Rohloff, Pam Sheetz, and Todd Sheetz.
- **Parishioners unknown** who clean, dust, scrub and vacuum the church and parish hall!
- **Doug Tierney and Art Pesavento** for hanging the new church banner on the exterior of Montgomery Parish Hall.
- **Lillian Hensley** for giving TLC to the slow dripping parish hall coffee pot. Now righted...coffee anyone?
- **Anonymous gardeners** who planted flowers in the flower pots and sprayed around parish hall.



Bishop's Committee

Bishop's Committee new schedule, for the remainder of 2016. Meetings begin following the 10:30 am Service.

May 22nd
June 26th
July 17th*
August 21st
September 18th
October 16th
November 20th
December 18th



*(July Meeting is discretionary, and will only be held if B.C. has pressing business.)

May Parish Calendar

St. John The Evangelist

May 2016 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am - Eucharist Service 10:30am - Eucharist	2 8pm - 12 Step Meeting	3 10am - Committal Service	4 9:30am - Eucharist Service 10:30am - Daughters of the 11:30am - Prayer Shawl 11:30am - water delivery 1:30pm - Colleague 7pm - Eucharist	5	6 11:59pm - 12 Step Meeting 7pm - 12 Step Meetings	7 8am - Centering Prayer
8 8am - Eucharist Service 10:30am - Church School 10:30am - Eucharist	9 8pm - 12 Step Meeting	10 12:30pm - Standing	11 9:30am - Eucharist Service 10:30am - Prayer Warriors 1:30pm - Colleague 7pm - Eucharist	12	13 11:59pm - 12 Step Meeting 7pm - 12 Step Meetings	14 8am - Centering Prayer 10:30am - Morning Star
15 8am - Eucharist Service 10:30am - Eucharist 11:30am - Bags of Hope - 12pm - Rummage Sale Set- 6:30pm - Youth Group	16 1:30pm - Rummage Sale 8pm - 12 Step Meeting	17 9:30am - Rummage Sale	18 9:30am - Eucharist Service 10am - Rummage Sale Set- 11:30am - LHAMA Lunch 11:30am - Prayer Shawl @ 11:30am - water delivery 1:30pm - Colleague	19 1:30pm - Rummage Sale	20 11:59pm - 12 Step Meeting 8am - RUMMAGE SALE 7pm - 12 Step Meetings	21 Missioner - Content Due 8am - Centering Prayer 8am - RUMMAGE SALE
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Church calendar is maintained using Google and available on our website at: www.stjohns-lockport-il.org or if you want to create a bookmark ([click here](#)). Need to add an event, please call church office at (815) 834—1168 or email to office@stjohns-lockport-il.org.

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Those for whom prayers have been asked:

Kathy S., Keith W., and Sandy J.

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

*** Please contact the office if any of the above information changes or send new request. [Click here.](#) ***

May Anniversaries

Mr. Neil & Carrie Hutton	5/15
Scott & Mary Beth Ruphard	5/19
Sidney & Patricia Perrier	5/20
Rod & Ruth Seaney	5/22
Stephen & Shirley Masters	5/23
Robert & Debra Lindstrand	5/25

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Calendar: [Calendar - Google](#)

E-mail: office@stjohns-lockport-il.org

Some Helpful Resources For Daily Prayer

For Daily Prayer www.missionstclare.com

For Daily Reading satucket.com/lectionary

Episcopal News [www.episcopalcafe.com\](http://www.episcopalcafe.com/)
<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens>

Facebook [St.John the Evangelist Episcopal Church-Lockport, IL](#)

Diocesan Website episcopalchicago.org

National Church episcopalchurch.org

Parish Connections stjohns-lockport-il.org

Twitter [@forwardinchrist](#)

May Birthdays

Martin Phillips	5/1
Doug Tierney	5/1
Sara Hall	5/3
Linda Tierney	5/3
Dwayne Hall	5/5
Betty McClain	5/8
Alison Tierney	5/11
Sarah Hill	5/12
Lee Moarn	5/12
Beth Pesavento	5/12
Kaycee Davis	5/13
Chris Hill	5/16
Elizabeth Hill	5/17
Ruth Seaney	5/20
Judy Matile	5/21
Austin Robert Brennan	5/23
Annie Pesavento	5/24
Jessica Casas	5/25
Dena Gogerty	5/27
Helen Lockwood	5/28
Clark Davis	5/30
Felicia Elias	5/30

Staff

The Rev. R. Matthew Humm, *Priest*
Kyndel Trejo, *Director of Music*
Jill Crisman, *Church Secretary*
Leona Davies & Art Pesavento, *Wardens*
Carolyn Hall, *Clerk*
Art Pesavento, *Acting Treasurer*
Guy Alton, *Assistant Treasurer*

Bishop Committee Members

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

Fr. R. Matthew Humm, *Christian Education*
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 Holy Eucharist

**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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