



The Missioner

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Ancient Church and Future Mission

Years ago, there was a growing number of people writing books and talking about where the Church is going in America, and how it's future may take shape. And while some of these people were asking some very good questions, what has since emerged has been what has been called "the emergent Church movement" or conversation. Inevitably, whether because these personalities tried really hard to act like rock stars, or because they were appealing to disgruntled Evangelicals—the emergent movement became a real fad.

Again, while asking some good questions, these people likewise rehashed and re-packaged Early Church thought, and flirted with liturgical theology—all the while criticizing both mainline and Evangelical denominations. But, as with many of these fads, people are starting to get a little tired of the rhetoric, even while still others are being seduced by these writers and "thinkers." But, then, they do talk a good game...and, let's face it; we all know that Christianity is at a turning point in the Western world, and it would be nice to have some idea of what the Church is supposed to become as a result.

Obviously, I don't have a lot of affection for this "emergent movement." As I've said, I continue to see individuals making money by rehashing what we've had in our storehouse in the Church for ages... However, what I do have to admit is that I am intrigued by the fact that so much of this repackaged, Early Church stuff is being welcomed, hungrily, by a variety of different people from a diversity of Christian traditions. And...surprise?!...there are a significant number finding their way to the Episcopal Church. "But, why?" we may ask ourselves.

Well, for me—my attraction to the Episcopal Church and Anglican tradition came because I began looking deeply at the tradition. As an adolescent, fully steeped in the Evangelical worldview; I began studying liturgy, history, theology—all to figure out what I felt was missing from my experience of faith. What I found, in the end, was that which I lacked: a connection to the Ancient faith, deeply meaningful symbol, and a profound sense of Scripture/Reason and Tradition—all of these were necessary to me to have what I felt was a rooted and reasonable faith.

Over the past weeks, I've tried to encourage our congregation to take the same look at our tradition. I've wanted us to begin the work of breaking open our faith tradition, and really begin to learn about and come to appreciate how wonderfully diverse and relevant it can be and is to our lives...and to the lives of others besides.

So, as we continue this work, I want to again ask you to consider what it is about our tradition and our worship that holds meaning and life for you. I also want to invite you to more conversations about liturgy, Scripture, theology and history—let's really look at how the Church has "always done things"

But this, of course, is really an illusion. The Church has always been striving to be a vibrant, and living Body which sought to love God and love others. And as with all living things, there is the work of progressive change, reclaiming of the necessary, and divesting of the unnecessary. So, it's my hope that from this exploration, and these conversations, we can begin to make informed choices, and begin to shape what we hope our worship at St. John's will look and sound like in years to come—and what it could be for those yet to join us.

Peace,

Fr. Matt Humm+

Vestry News

Vestry News

At the May 20, 2015 meeting, the Vestry...

Accepted the reports presented.

Heard...

- o The finance reports for the month of April. The books have been reconciled through March 2015.
- o Kim McElheney would like to have a meeting with parents of the youth. A report from Fr. Matt concerning worship, pastoral and formation issues.
- o A summary of the music and liturgy conversation following the combined service in May.
- o The sexton, Jim Alleman, will be resigning but will suggest a new person for the job.
- o An idea for health ministry focusing on baby-sitting training with a CPR component.
- o There will be two outreach golf outings this summer: August 29 with other churches for Feed My Starving Children, and September 19 the Marcia Agamy Memorial outing for Ovarian Cancer research.
- o The rummage sale brought in over \$1,700.
- o A church picnic will be planned for in the fall.

Discussed ...

The idea of having more combined services.

Took action ...

To agree with the suspension of the non-vestry night Wednesday evening services through the summer.

To offer scholarships of \$250 or 50% of the cost Camp Chicago to each of the children from St. John's wanting to attend the camp offered by the Diocese.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the vestry is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2015 beginning at 6:30 pm.

St. John the Evangelist

April 2015

Receipts and Disbursements

Activity for the Month

St. John's **Total Expenses** exceeded **Total Revenue** ("Net Ordinary Income") by **\$3,500**. This is primarily due to the concert series expense –non-operating (\$1200), payment for Workman's Comp insurance (\$981) which was scheduled for May, and payment of federal taxes owed for 2014 (\$924) .

Total Income is approximately \$3,200 above forecast for the month. This is due primarily to pledge income being above anticipated revenue by \$1,900 and a donation received to cover concert expense (\$1,200).

Total Expense (\$18,900) for the month was approximately \$3,600 more than forecast. As noted previously expenses were inflated due to concert expense, workman's comp insurance, and payment of back taxes from 2014, and costs incurred for workshop on youth programming (\$700).

Thus, Total Expense year to date is \$66,603 before non-budgetary expenditures and adjusted "Net Ordinary Income" (**DEFICIT**) *expenditures* is an approximate loss of **\$12,000** versus the forecasted deficit of approximately **\$13,000**. There were no capital expenditures during the month. But there have been purchases made with funds transferred in to cover non-operational expenses (\$2,250 and for vestments and \$1,000 for concert expense,) The estimated deficit at end of April them with these adjustments is approximately \$4,500 less than anticipated in budget 2015. As noted previously, the primary reason for such a significant difference in Net Ordinary Income is due to greater than anticipated revenue as a result of advance payment on expected pledges.

Banking Account Activity

The First Midwest Bank Operating Account balance as of the end of the month was \$9,336.09

There were 2 transfers of funds made during the month of April in the amount of \$1,700 from the Organization Account (\$700) and the Contingency Fund (\$1,000) to our operating account to cover expenses related to concert series and operations.

Formation



CHURCH SCHOOL

Children Ages 4 - 12
Welcome!

June 14 - Summer Planning Session at 9:15 AM



The **St. John's Youth Group** is excited about what is to come this summer. I am excited to announce that for the months of June, July and August we will be having two meetings a month. We have lots of fun things planned and want to utilize the time and nice weather! The meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month so to avoid conflict with holiday activities as much as possible. The time will still be 6:30-8:30 and location will be the new youth group room in the Annex unless otherwise announced.



We are also hoping to send a good number of kids to the Chicago summer camp this year. If anyone is interested in that please don't hesitate, we have raised enough money to be able to cover half of the costs. Note: Camp registration closes June 5!



And lastly, a huge congratulations to **Eli Wilson for graduating 8th grade!!!**

We hope that everyone has a safe and fun summer and look forward to telling you all about our fun youth group summer in September!

-Kim McElheny

We
Bear the
Torch of Love
And Grace. Shining
The Light of Christ we
Illumine the path of Hope.
Shining the Light of Christ we
Become beacons of Truth. Shining
The Light of Christ we radiate
Compassion. Shining Christ
We show forth God's
Glory and advance
His reign of
Peace.

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Members of the Daughters of the King (DOK) will be reciting this prayer during the Episcopal Church's General Convention, June 25 - July 3rd in Salt Lake City, UT. This never ceasing time of prayer is shared by various DOK groups state by state. Please lift up our convention attendees in prayer and for their travels, to and from this summer gathering.



For more information about the General Convention, [click here](#). To learn more about the Daughters of the King and their convention, [click here](#). Questions: contact Wendy Stewart.



During the summer months, **Wednesday Evening Eucharist** will be taking a break. We will **continue** the Wednesday morning service, however. Beginning this final week of May, through September 9th, the Wednesday evening service will be canceled.

However, when our fall schedule starts, we will use this 7 pm Wednesday time slot for formation opportunities, and further exploration of liturgy and music.

Outreach

Message from Hospitality



May was the last concert of 2014/2015 series. It was a wonderful concert from Lyra. The reception after was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone that supplied food, helped with setup and cleanup. Everyone's help made the concert a success.

Hospitality wants to thank the choir for all their hard work in keeping the concert series going, since Tom Secor's passing.

Coffee hour is open to anyone that would like to host it. Hospitality will help with any questions about running a coffee hour. It can be as simple as you like. Sign up sheets are by the coffee pot in Montgomery Hall.

If anyone is interested in joining Hospitality, please contact Jan McElheny or me

Wishing you all a healthy and enjoyable summer.

Peace,
Lillian Hensley

St. John's Rummage Sale

Once again the St. John's semi-annual rummage and bake sale went off without a hitch. The rummage and bake sale ministry serves three purposes: (1) an opportunity for parishioners and their friends to get rid of "stuff", (2) an opportunity to provide "treasures" inexpensive items for the community who needs them, and (3) an opportunity for community for the St. John's family. This time we brought in over \$1700. With only tiny items and just a few at \$10, that was a lot of transactions! Thank you to all who baked and worked the four days of preparation and two days of sale. Leftover items went to the Lockport Resource Center, Veterans, Morning Star Mission and Purple Heart Charity Pick Up. The project was a great success!

Blessings and thanks,
Susie Meehan



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



- 2014 - 2015 St. John Concert Series Donors, Organizers and helpers for their support and efforts
- Hospitality Group for hosting the Concert Series Receptions and those that donated food, treats and gave of their time.
- Our musical groups who shared their talents: Hello Cello!, Lewis University Choir, Lewis University Wind Quintet and Lyra
- To our Outreach Organizations for all they do: The Epilepsy Foundation of Grater Chicago - "A Day for Zach", National Kidney Foundation, Lockport Resource Center and Lyra
 - To the anonymous person who planted flowers in the pots at front entrance.

Outreach Con't

Morning Star Mission Meal Service Outreach —1 / 3 / 4 / FUN?

- 1 The second Saturday of each month, St. John's is scheduled to serve
- 3 hours of a volunteer's time is given to serve lunch to others
- 4 volunteers (13 years and older) are needed to serve from 11 AM-12:30 PM
- FUN and fellowship with family, friends and co-volunteers await.
- Lunch this month to be served on June 13th



It is a very rewarding experience to serve these wonderful people. Won't you please sign up for one of the remaining 5 months? You will not be disappointed. Sign-up calendar at the back of the church. Thank you!

Lockport Food Pantry June Schedule of Suggested Items for Donations

June 7: pancake mix

June 21: beef stew

June 14: vegetable soup / cans of vegetables

June 28: ravioli / SpaghettiOs



IF YOU CAN'T FEED A HUNDRED PEOPLE, THEN JUST FEED ONE!



No one can solve all the problems in the world, but we can feed the hungry families in Lockport. If every person who could help would determine to meet just one person's need every week, think what might be accomplished! One small gesture can multiply many times.

School is out and many children will not be receiving the nutritious lunches they are accustomed to during the school year. Can you please find it in your heart to bring at least one food item every Sunday when you come to church. Recently, our participation of doing so has been practically non-existent.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE HELP!!! A good deed is never lost. Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves!

Ruth Kozlowski & Judy Broud

From the Diocese

Episcopal Church Women
Telling Our Stories



On April 25, I had the opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago. The Theme was Telling Our Stories. The keynote speaker was Rima Schultz, a noted Chicago historian, president of the Chicago Area Women’s History Council, and member of the Episcopal Women’s History Project and archivist. She spoke of the historical influence of women in the Episcopal Church and in the Diocese of Chicago and challenges that women still face today.

We celebrated Eucharist together, and the Diocesan officers were installed. Beth Petti is the new president for the next three years. The ECW Diocesan Board and Ministry Teams have events throughout the year and it is an excellent time to connect with women from other Episcopal Churches throughout the Diocese.

I would encourage participation in these events. Check out activities at www.ecwchicago.org. ECW also manages the United Thank Offering in the Diocese. St. John’s UTO offering at Eucharist was \$119.13.

–Susie Meehan



Camp Chicago June 21-26; June 28-July 3; July 5-10 (Ages 7-15)
Who's going? When? Please let us know by June 10th.



St. John's is able to pay 50% of the cost for Camp Chicago for kids who are interested. **Please e-mail or call the church office to verify who is going, and which session (No Later than June 10th).**

Other scholarship money is available from the Diocese of Chicago:
<http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/camp-chicago/>

June Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
June 7	Genesis 3:8-15	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 14	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 21	Job 38:1-11	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
June 28	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43

June Birthdays

Amber Hall	6/3
Rod Seaney	6/4
Jason Hall	6/6
Mara Shiever	6/7
Dave Danckwart	6/13
Penny Grobe	6/14
Mike Wirth	6/14
Robert Lindstrand, Jr	6/15
Cadi Riofski	6/16
Maggie Riofski	6/18
Laura VanAllen	6/21
Karen Wirth	6/22
Ruth Johnson	6/23
Joyce Moore	6/27
Ellen Hill	6/28

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Those for whom prayers have been asked:
 Steve B. and Roberta B.
And all those with terminal illnesses, their families, and those caring for them.

June Anniversaries

Francis & Laura VanAllen	6/2
Robert & Joan Kingsbury	6/3
Martin & Carol Phillips	6/12
Edmund & Sharon Laskowski	6/20
Donald & Dale Lundy	6/22
Tim & Jackie Williams	6/23
Clark & Karen Davis	6/24
Julia & William Matile	6/28

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



Some Helpful Resources For Daily Prayer

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

Important Dates to Remember

June 3.....	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
.....	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
June 6	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
June 13	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
June 13	Morning Star Mission - Lunch Service at 10:30 AM
June 14	Youth Group Meeting at 6:30 PM
June 17.....	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
.....	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
.....	Vestry Meeting at 6:30 PM
June 20	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
June 27	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
June 28	Youth Group Meeting at 6:30 PM

Staff

The Rev. R. Matthew Humm, *Priest*
 Jill Crisman, *Church Secretary*
 Jim Alleman, *Sexton*
 Robert Meehan, *Sr. Warden*
 Leona Davies, *Jr. Warden*
 Susan Meehan, *Clerk*

Vestry Members

Rob Brennan 16	Marlene VanKuiken 17
Lee Moarn 16	Tom Boyle 18
Art Pesavento 16	Scott Ruphard 18
Roberta Beaudoin 17	Wendy Stewart 18
Steve Masters 17	

Open, *Sacristan*
 Todd Sheetz, *Director 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

9:15 AM Formation (Resumes Fall 2015)

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM 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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