



The Missioner

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If you've ever been in the rectory since we've lived here, you will know that the room directly to the right of entering is a room we've fondly dubbed "The Book Room." Obviously, this is necessary since both Charity and I were English Majors, and never quite separated emotionally from our books from graduate school, either...

Well, along with the books and shelves, there are a number of pictures, and a few icons adorning the walls—some of which have made regular appearances at church from time to time. I've personally only purchased one, and the rest were gifts from people who know my affinity for icons. And really, what I have found with each one, regardless of the image, has been a deeply moving sense of prayerfulness. Considering the already peaceful mood of the room, this only adds to the ambience.

Icons, as you may know, are understood much in the same way that icons on a computer are understood—they are images which point to, or indicated much more that is unseen. The religious icon, then, is not to be understood simply as a picture of someone who is holy—rather, it is to be experienced as a kind of window (very like a stained glass window) through which the light of the Divine can shine through...

And because of this contemplative nature in icons, there are even a variety of approaches to praying with icons. So, while we may look at them, we also work to look through them, and allow the mystery and grace of God pour into our hearts.

Now, one simple approach to praying with an icon is to pay particular attention to where the eyes are looking. Naturally we would experience the eyes as looking into our own—something both unnerving and comforting at the same time. But it's in paying attention to this gazing that we begin wonder what of us is being 'seen' by this holy person? What do I feel that this person sees, and is it something that I like particularly?

On the other hand, we may experience this gaze as a loving communication of peace and presence—a deep kind of "withness" that supersedes the mundanity of daily life. It reminds us, perhaps that there is far more that is real than what we may yet be experiencing, and calls us to a still place of being with God.

The truth is, I don't know that an icon is necessary for finding that still place—and certainly not to ask the question—where are the eyes of the Holy One gazing? What do I know about myself that would be seen?

Peace,

Fr. Matt Humm+

Vestry News

Vestry News

At the June 17, 2015 meeting, the Vestry...

Accepted the reports presented.

Heard...

- The finance reports for the month of May. Some pledges are behind in payments and others have paid more than pledged but we don't know if that will continue. Currently we appear to be below our anticipated deficit but by September we will be very tight.
- That the balance sheet comparing last year to this shows that there is very little difference so we are keeping expenses in check.
- That the finance committee met and the Paychex program is working very well.
- That Fr. Matt is hoping to establish a liturgy committee.
- That there was a wedding in May and another possibly in October. There was also a recent baptism.
- That Keeping God's People Safe will be scheduled in August.
- And discussed the diocesan alcohol policy.
- That Fr. Matt will be on vacation June 26 through July 10. Because of General convention he was unable to obtain supply clergy.
- That six children from St. John's will be attending Camp Chicago.
- That sexton, Jim Alleman will be leaving so if we know of someone who would like to work 5 hours a week to contact Fr. Matt or Bob Meehan.
- That Health Ministry will offer family and friends CPR training.
- That the golf outing for Feed My Starving Children on August 29, will cost \$125 per participant. Since more money came in the rummage sale brought in over \$1,900.

Discussed ...

- Utilities and the idea of making changes wither on fixtures or timing of the lights we have on the church at night. The recent meeting on becoming a parish. It was felt to wait until the diocese is able to give us more information.

Took action ...

By general consensus that statements should be sent out to inform those who have pledged just where they stand on pledge payments

To offer Kyndle Trejo a one year letter of agreement to serve as organist/pianist for St John's at \$375 per month.

By general consensus the vestry supported having Morning Prayer offered at the church services on the two Sundays, June 28 and July 5, that Fr. Matt will be on vacation.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the vestry is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2015 beginning at 6:30 pm.

St. John the Evangelist

May 2015

Receipts and Disbursements

Activity for the Month

St. John's **Total Revenue exceeded Total Expenses** ("Net Ordinary Income") by **\$2,100**. This is primarily due to the expenditures planned for this month came due in April when our expenses were significantly above revenues by \$3,500.

Total Income was approximately \$1,600 below forecast for the month. This is due primarily to pledge income being below anticipated revenue by \$1,500.

Vestry News Con't

Total Expense (\$9,306) for the month was approximately \$2,100 below forecast. As mentioned previously, there were expenditures planned from May that came due in April.

Thus, Total Expense year to date is \$75,962.48 before non-budgetary expenditures and adjusted "Net Ordinary Income" (**DEFICIT**) *expenditures* is an approximate loss of **\$11,200** versus the forecasted deficit of approximately **\$13,200**. There were no capital expenditures during the month. But there have been purchases (during the fiscal year) made with funds transferred in to cover non-budgeted expenses (\$2,250 and for vestments and \$1,000 for concert expense, \$697 Youth Group --approximately \$3,900) The estimated deficit at end of May with these adjustments is approximately \$5,800 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 \$4,828.82

There was one transfer of funds made during the month of May -- \$2,500 from contingency fund to operating account to help cover expenses.

Worship



Fr. Matt is away on vacation and will return Sunday, July 12.
July 5 - Sunday Morning Prayer at 8 & 10:30 AM.
Wednesday Morning Eucharist Service resumes July 15th.

July Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
July 5	Ezekiel 2:1-5	Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 12	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 19	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 26	2 Kings 4:42-44	Psalm 145:10-19	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21

Outreach

HELP FILL A BAG AND SUPPORT CREEKSIDE CARES

Mark your calendars for the July 19th Food Drive for Creekside Cares. Creekside Cares is a Lockport organization that fills the backpacks of students, whose families are in need, with packages of food. We are inviting you to fill a bag with the following items and bring them in on July 19th.



No glass containers.
Expired food not accepted.
please check dates. Thank You!
Contacts: Ruth Koslowski,
Judy Broad and Charity Humm.

REQUESTED ITEMS

*High Weekly Demand

vegetables / fruits (cans)*	ravioli / spaghetti's (cans)
macaroni & cheese / pasta / rice (pkgs)*	chili / beans (cans)
instant oatmeal / cereal / cereal bars*	tuna / chicken (cans)
soup (cans) / ramen noodles (pkgs)*	granola bars, fruit cups, pudding, applesauce, cookies, crackers, chips, raisins, cheese/crackers (individually wrapped / servings)
peanut butter / jelly / hot cocoa*	
pasta sauce / tomatoes (cans)*	

Save the Date! 4th Annual LAMP (Lincolnway Area Mobile Pack) Golf Outing

Profits to benefit Feed My Starving Children



When: Saturday - August 29th, 2015.
Place: Green Gardens County Club
Time: Check-in 8:15 - 8:45 AM. Start at 9 AM
Donation: Golf & Dinner \$125 per golfer
Golf Only - \$80 per golfer
Dinner Only - \$45 per person
Contact: Bob Meehan



Note of Gratitude

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



- **Ushers:** Judy Broud, Greg Carter, Doug Hall, Ruth Koslowski, Don Lundy, Tom Pouk, and Doug Tierney
- **Centering Prayer Group:** Charity Humm, Susie Meehan, Doug Moore and Joyce Moore



Lockport Food Pantry July Schedule of Suggested Items for Donations

July 5: instant mash potatoes July 19: pork & beans / cans of beans
July 12: tuna fish July 26: peanut butter & jelly

July Birthdays

Kim McElheny	7/1
Greg Carter	7/2
Bob Kingsburgy	7/2
Edwin Hamilton	7/6
George Wilson	7/6
Susie Meehan	7/7
Eli Wilson	7/7
Marie Pouk	7/9
Barb Halper	7/12
Katie Pesavento	7/16
Tim Thompson	7/17
Gloria Thompson	7/18
Terry Arient	7/19
Dorothy Cirrencione	7/19
Cheryl Alton	7/20
Tom Pouk	7/20
Carrie Meanwell	7/21
Kathryn Grobe	7/28
Judy Koester	7/29
Sharon Williams	7/30
Kenneth Vodicka	7/30
Cecilia Seabrook	7/31

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July Anniversaries

Arthur & Cynthia Tancl, Jr.	7/9
William & Lillian Hensley	7/16
Eugene & Janice McElheny	7/18

Those for whom prayers have been asked:
 Dee R., Brian R., Jason H., and
 Mason M. & Family
**And all those with terminal illnesses, their
 families, and those caring for them.**

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

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
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



Important Dates to Remember

July 1	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
July 4	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
July 11	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
July 12	Youth Group at 6:30 PM
July 15	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
	Vestry Meeting at 6:30 PM
July 18	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
July 19	In Gathering for Creekside Cares Food Drive
July 25	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
July 26	Youth Group 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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