



The Missioner

**St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
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You may recall at the start of the summer months, we discontinued our Wednesday evening services until the fall. This was due in part to our regular attendance lull during the summer—but also because, more often than not, our attendance at Wednesday evening services included only either about 2-3 people, or it was just me saying Evening Prayer alone in the church.

Anyway, with the announcement that the Wednesday evening service would be on hold for the summer, I also mentioned that in the fall (September 9th) we would revisit this time slot with not only worship—but also formation. And given that we still have much to consider and work out regarding our liturgy and music, I would like to give you some idea of what's ahead for St. John's.

First, with regard to music, we have engaged Kyndel Trejo (whom has been helping us out since the close of last year) for a one-year agreement. Kyndel, who has enjoyed playing for our congregation, with a formal agreement in place, would be able to take more ownership of the music program at St. John's. And, because of her education background, and experience with piano and organ, it's my sense that we will have ample opportunity to explore the great diversity of sacred music without compromising, or losing touch with our tradition.

Secondly, it is my plan to offer topics for discussion around our tradition, our worship, and our liturgical theology. While this may sound as exciting as crystalline elephants to some of you—I would offer that understanding why we do what we do is more important than simply defining ourselves apart from the Roman Catholic Church...which in reality, we have far more in common with the Orthodox tradition than we do Rome (just sayin').

The point of all of this, isn't simply to make us more knowledgeable Episcopalians (which isn't a bad thing), rather, it's my *conviction* that in understanding our history, identity, and what kind of theology we hold to, that we would be better equipped to discern together how our worship at St. John's needs to take shape.

Now, having said all of this, I already know that there are some who have decided that these discussions about music and liturgy are somehow an agenda that I have to "change everything" in the church. And, while I would say that there are certainly places in our worship that I believe need change—I would also add that these invitations are driven by concerns that have been brought to me, and other members of the leadership throughout my 4 years at St. John's. Likewise, if we were to take our conversation from May of this year as a litmus test, I think we can say honestly that people have strong feelings about our liturgy and music—and the majority is interested in exploring wider, more diverse expressions of worship than what St. John's has had traditionally.

So, with this apparent interest and energy in mind, and considering my role and responsibility as the primary liturgical officer of this church; I am compelled (and rather excited) to invite you to learn, experience and discuss our worship, so that as we discern together, we will be able to do it with the knowledge and understanding necessary to truly give voice and shape to our worship of God.

Peace,

Fr. Matt Humm+

Vestry News

Bishop's Committee/Vestry News

At the July 15, 2015 meeting, the Vestry...

Accepted the reports presented.

Heard...

- The finance reports for the month of June. Expenses are lower than expected. The deficit is becoming more of a concern primarily due to pledges being behind in anticipated cash flow.
- A thank you to Scott Ruphard and Wendy Stewart for serving Morning Prayer while Fr. Matt was on vacation.
- That the Wednesday evenings will include a short worship service along with more conversation about worship and music and adding other topics such as church history.
- That Camp Chicago was a success and support in the future should be considered.
- The sexton position is now open; a job description will be available.
- That Leona Davies will head up a grounds maintenance project.
- That Kyndel Trejo responded positively to the offer of a letter of agreement as organist for the coming year.
- That Wendy Stewart wishes to start a grief group modeled after the Living compass offering.

Discussed ...

- The Living Compass training offered to the Bishop's Committee members.
- The need for quiet time before the Sunday service begins and to curb socializing before service to remind people of this need.

Took action ...

To informally approve a letter on finances to be sent with to date pledge statements.

- By general consensus the Bishop's Committee will participate in Living Compass training beginning in September on the fourth Wednesday of the month for four months.
- To support the youth idea of have a bake sale to raise funds to give to a Wisconsin church in need and that this is a start for future experience in giving both within and outside St. John's.
- To reject the building project as currently designed estimating a cost of \$623,327.00.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the vestry is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015 beginning at 6:30 pm.

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Receipts and Disbursements

Activity for the Month

St. John's **Total Expenses exceeded our Total Income** ("Net Ordinary Income") by **\$6,600**. This is primarily due to a shortfall in pledge income of \$4,100 as well as non-budgetary expenses for youth attending Camp Chicago (\$1,500) .

Total Income was approximately \$4,300 below forecast for the month. This is due primarily to pledge income being below anticipated revenue by \$4,100.

Total Expense (\$11,736) for the month was approximately \$1,750 below forecast. This is due primarily to anticipated property insurance which as of this date has not come due (\$2,000)

Thus, Total Expense year to date is \$87,793 before non-budgetary expenditures and adjusted "Net Ordinary

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Income" (**DEFICIT**) *expenditures* is an approximate loss of **\$17,919** versus the forecasted deficit of approximately **\$17,231**. There was one non-budgetary expense for the month to support children from St. Johns attending Camp Chicago (\$1,500). This along with other non-budgetary 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 \$5,400) The estimated deficit at end of June with these adjustments is approximately \$4,800 less than anticipated in budget 2015. This figure is inflated as it does not include the property insurance expense which was planned for in June. This will be reflected in the July summaries. With that in mind we are approximately \$2,800 less than anticipated budget deficit. As noted in previous reports, the primary reason for this 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 \$8,162.40

There were two transfers of funds made during the month of June -- \$2,500 from contingency fund to operating account to help cover expenses and \$7,500 from the money market to help cover operational expenses.

Formation



St. John's Youth Group will be having a **bake sale** after both services on **August 2**.



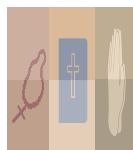
Please stop by for all your sweet needs!

All proceeds will go to the [St. Barnabas](#)

[Episcopal Church, Tomahawk, Wisconsin](#) roof, replacement fund.

Contacts: Rob Brennan and Kim McElheny.

Youth Group gatherings at **6:30 PM** on Sunday, **August 9** and **August 23** for kids 6th grade and up.
Invite a friend for fun and fellowship. All are welcome!



Look out in the September Missioner for upcoming **Centering Prayer Group** events / ministry information.

Contact: Nance Rohloff

August Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
August 2	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Psalm 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 9	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 16	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
August 23	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
August 30	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Psalm 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Outreach

Thank you St. John's!

Your donations filled 28 bags for the Creekside Cares Program. Backpacks are distributed to students in District 202.

[Click here to find out more about the program and how families can sign-up.](#)



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

Proceeds 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 ~ Sign-up forms at the back of church.



Note of Gratitude

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

- Katie Boyle & Charity Humm for impromptu weed pulling around the Parish Hall.
- Anonymous donor of hydrangea and rose bushes around the Parish Hall.
- Anonymous caregiver of many flower pots in front of the church.



Lockport Food Pantry - August Schedule of Suggested Items for Donations

August 2: cereal / oatmeal (high demand item in the summer months)

August 9: pancake mix

August 16: soup

August 23: beef stew

August 30: ravioli / SpaghettiOs

Thank you!



MOMS Club of Lockport is a support group designed for the at-home mother. As a local chapter of an international organization we participate in a variety of activities for Moms and children. Saturday August 15th from 8-2 we will be sponsoring a charity garage sale at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church. The sale will include gently used children's and maternity items. We will donate the proceeds to a local charity chosen by the club at the next social meeting on Tuesday August 4th. The social will be held at 10 am at Woodland Park here in Lockport. Anyone interested in participating in the sale or club membership please join us for our next monthly social or contact us on Facebook or email at lockportmomsclub@yahoo.com.

August Birthdays

Debra Lindstrand	8/4
Galahad Humm	8/7
Sara Vodicka	8/10
Ruth Kozolowski	8/11
Mike Markowski	8/11
Evonne Cook	8/12
Don Anderson	8/13
Gene McElheny	8/14
Emma Laage	8/14
Todd Waggoner	8/14
Sevilla Grobe	8/15
Kay Pouk	8/16
Alana Halper	8/18
Paul Stewart	8/19
Scott Ruphart	8/25
Bud Ferguson	8/26
Kelly Zurek	8/30
Elizabeth Porter	8/30
Cynthia Tancl	8/30
Karen Davis	8/31
Thomas Porter	8/31
Mary Beth Ruphard	8/31

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August Anniversaries

Michael & Barb Halper	8/8
Cary & Karen Lockyer	8/9
Robert & Susan Meehan	8/16
Thomas & Katherine Boyle	8/16
Todd & Pamela Sheetz	8/16

Those for whom prayers have been asked:
 Mason M. & his family, Elaine K.,
 Jeremy I., Clara P. and Sara T.
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

August 1	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
August 2	Youth Group Bake Sale after Svcs
August 5	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
August 8	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
	Morning Star Mission Meal Svc at 10:30 AM
August 9	Youth Group at 6:30 PM
August 11	Standing Committee at 12:30 PM
August 12	Lockport Prayer Warriors at 10:30 AM
	Vestry Mtg at 6:30 AM
August 15	Lockport Mom's Club - Rummage Sale at 8 AM
	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
August 19	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
	LHAMA Mtg at 11:30 AM
August 22	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
August 23	Youth Group at 6:30 PM
August 24	Newsletter Content Due
August 29	Centering Prayer at 8 AM

Staff

The Rev. R. Matthew Humm, *Priest*
 Kyndel Trejo, *Organist*
 Jill Crisman, *Church Secretary*
 Open *Sexton*
 Robert Meehan, *Sr. Warden*
 Leona Davies, *Jr. Warden*
 Susan Meehan, *Clerk*

Vestry Members
 Open, *Sacristan*

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, *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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