



The Missioner

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One of my favorite writers, Neil Gaiman, has this poem called *Instructions*. It's been made into a wonderful illustrated book, however in an introduction to the poem from a book of his short stories, he writes that this poem contains pretty much everything you need to know if you find yourself in a fairy tale.

Anyway, there is one particular part of the poem that has come to mind lately. As I reflect on my time at St. John's, I think it offers some good meditation material.

*Remember your name.
Do not lose hope—what you seek will be found.
Trust ghosts. Trust those that you have helped
to help you in their turn.
Trust dreams.
Trust your heart, and trust your story.*

Like any poetry worth your time, this poem takes some breaking-down before it starts to get you thinking. So, here's how I understand these lines, and maybe some of it will connect for some of you, as well.

With regard to "remember[ing] your name," there is a particular kind of theme found in fairy tales and legends where a hero finds that they have either forgotten their name, or have had their name taken from them. Often the person's name is taken from them by some greater power, or magical being who uses the name to have power over the individual. This is even reflective of the belief that by knowing a person or a thing's true name is to have power over them. In fact, this is why it was considered impolite to use a person's first name (or Christian/Christening name) even well into the early 20th century. With regard to the fairy tale characters, however, often they find themselves thrown into any number of trials and tests as they do what they can to reclaim their name, and ultimately their freedom.

While we're not likely to find ourselves in such a situation (and probably not in a fairy tale, for that matter), there is a lesson to be learned. To remember one's name is to remember one's identity, one's story, and even one's place wherever we consider home. Our names are synonymous with our stories—they're what we call one another, and how we know one another as individuals. Names not only have meaning, then, they often come with their own weight and responsibility. Family names, or even names of famous personages can carry with them a mantle which overshadows the name, and even the person whose inherited it. In this case the challenge becomes one of self-definition and claiming one's name as one's own.

What this means for a church dedicated to St. John is really up to the people who have chosen to be entrusted with it. Of course all of it is secondary to the fact that we're called by Christ's name first and foremost.

As for the rest of the poem, not losing hope, trusting dreams, trusting your heart—even trusting ghosts each have relevant meaning. We have a tradition which has deep roots. Whether we consider our liturgy, music, or our understanding of our call to mission and ministry in the world; we have plenty of "ghosts" to trust. So, if we're talking about the Communion of Saints, and those heroes of the Church, or even if we're talking about those saints who were important to the life and history of St. John's; there is no lack for examples, or inspiration for what this church might be. And yet, trying to figure out what St. John's is called to be requires the dreams, aspirations, and stories of the people who are committed to this congregation, as well as those who have gone before us. So it is by drawing upon these things, and having the right heart that will lead this congregation, and the whole Church for that matter, to find its way to being vital, and healthy.

The thing is, however, I can leave you with these sorts of things to invite you to consider and discern where you and the rest of the congregation is called to fulfil the call to Kingdom work. I can offer it as a parting word, just as I've tried offer it throughout my time at St. John's. Yet, in the end, it's up to each one of you—the Baptized, redeemed, Spirit-filled Church of God—to decide who you will be... We clergy will come and go. This is the reality of the vocation. However, what will remain will be the people who have been marked as Christ's own forever; people that God has called to the vocation of being the Church in the world; people God has called to St. John's.

And while the call is a hefty one, trust that you have all that you need already—just believe you have the courage to claim and use it. When all else appears to fail you: remember your name; do not lose hope; trust dreams; trust your heart, and trust your story—and believe that God will always give those things meaning.

Peace,

Fr. Matt Humm+

Worship & Formation



Daughters of the King (DOK) will meet on August 3 and 17 at 10:30 AM. Contact Wendy Stewart if interested in learning more about DOK.



As summer moves along and grows closer to an end, there is still a lot of activity happening with our **St. John's Youth Group!** This summer we had a fun game night where we used teamwork to try and escape a sand storm ridden desert, as well as a super fun evening at the SkyZone trampoline park! Everyone had a blast doing tricks, flying into foam pits and dunking basketballs.

We still have one more meeting this summer on August 21st at 6:30 PM outside the church hall where we will be enjoying a summer cookout with no shortage of hotdogs and s'mores. If you're interested in joining us come on out!

Contacts: Katherine Kresek and Kim McElheny.



A lot of our group also had the privilege of going to summer camp again this year! Below are some of their experiences. Over all, a fun summer and looking forward to lots more! Thanks again everyone for your continued support!

"**Camp Chicago** was a very awesome experience. I really enjoyed meeting new people and having the chance to spend time doing fun activities. This summer was my second year going to camp and I was very grateful that I had gotten to go again. All the staff there were really kind and helpful. I hope I can go next year and see all the wonderful people who were there this year." -Abby S.

"I really enjoyed my time at camp. This year's theme was being "Deeply Rooted", rooted in our faith that is. Though the weather was hot, and the air conditioning in the cabins was nonexistent, I still managed to enjoy being outside. The canoe trip down the Rock River was pleasant. The air on the river was a lot cooler than that of the campground. I also had a lot of fun at the high ropes. Hanging 30 feet up in the air is something I will never get over. However, I managed to complete the entire course this year. It was a little bit terrifying but still fun overall. This was my second and last year as a camper and I look forward to next year when I'll be an LIT (Leader In Training)." -Connor S.

"Camp Chicago gives me the chance to meet new friends from the whole diocese. Some live close by, but some live a bit farther away. While making new friends, I also get to connect with God in both fun and serious ways." -Mike G.

"The Camp Chicago LIT program really taught me a lot. The first week we focused mostly on team building and creating strong relationships with each other. During week 2, we learned how to deal with different situations regarding the campers. By the end of the week we were leading games and classes with the campers. It was super fun and definitely something I will do again!" -Hannah H.



The **St. John's Choir** is now on its annual summer break but will resume on Sunday, September 11. Kyndel Trejo, Organist / Choir Director is on vacation and will return August 28.

Your invited! All levels of experience are *always welcomed* to join choir and share their talent and enthusiasm. If interested please contact, [Kyndel](#).

Outreach



August 13—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 to meet August 3 & 17 at 11:30 AM. Knit and crochet talents welcome to join any time. Many shawls, of your choosing, available now in the church to pass on and share. Contact: Julia Matile.



Big thank you to St. John's for the generous food drive donations. 30 bags were collected July 10. The **Lockport Food Pantry** however finds these summer months still with an increase in demand. So, asking St. John's if you could help again with food donations during this **Second Food Drive for August 7**. Bags and suggest list of needed items at the back of church for pick-up. Your help is appreciated. Contact: Judy Broud.

Parish Life



Fr. Matt's Farewell Luncheon will be held on his last day, August 14 at 11:30 AM. Please see parish hall sign-up sheet with suggested items or let us know what specialty dish you would like to share at this potluck. Thank you!
Contacts: Lillian Hensley and Jan McElheny.



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

- **Sunday Readers:** Cheryl Alton, Guy Alton, Rob Brennan, Leona Davies, Clark Davis, Amanda Newton, Peri O'Connor, Pat Perrier, Cecilia Seabrook, Wendy Stewart and Karen Wirth.
- **Youth Group** for passing out chocolate bars for Fathers Day in June.
- Food Pantry donors for contributing to the **July 10 Food Pantry Drive**. Thanks also to Judy Broud for coordinating, Youth Group for distributing bags and Doug Tierney for dropping off the donations gathered.

Bishop's Committee



I met with Andrea Mysen, Acting Director of Ministries for the Diocese, on the 21st. Andrea has been working with St. John's for many years and she feels like she "knows us" as a parish. Andrea will work with us throughout our process of finding a replacement for Fr. Matt. The initial step is helping us to find supply clergy; followed by support and direction as we choose our interim Pastor. Andrea will then help us form a group of parish members who will make up the search committee.

Please reach out to any of the members of our leadership team if you have questions and / or if you would like to serve on the search committee.

Thank you,

Art Pesavento
Warden

The next Bishop's Committee Meeting begins after the 10:30 AM service on August 21.

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August - Church Calendar

St. John The Evangelist						Aug 2016 (Central Time)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	8pm - 12 Step Meeting		9:30am - Eucharist Service 10:30am - Daughters of the 11:30am - Prayer Shawl 1:30pm - Colleague		11:59pm - 12 Step Meeting 7pm - 12 Step Meetings	8am - Centering Prayer	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Carol Olmstead - Guest Lockport Pantry - Food 8am - Eucharist Service 10:30am - Eucharist	8pm - 12 Step Meeting	12:30pm - Standing	9:30am - Eucharist Service 10:30am - Prayer Warriors 11:30am - water delivery 1:30pm - Colleague		11:59pm - 12 Step Meeting 7pm - 12 Step Meetings	8am - Centering Prayer 10:30am - Morning Star	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
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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 the church office at (815) 834-1168 or email to office@stjohns-lockport-il.org to provide input.

August Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
August 7	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 14	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 21	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 28	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Those for whom prayers have been asked:
Lee M., Kelly M., Gina I., David H., Ophelia O., Susan Marie N., Pete L. and Betty K.
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 prayer request. [Click here.](#) ***

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Some Helpful Resources For Daily Prayer

August Anniversaries

Cary & Karen Lockyer	8/9
Thomas & Katherine Boyle	8/16
Todd & Pamela Sheetz	8/16

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

August Birthdays

Debra Lindstrand	8/4
Galahad Humm	8/7
Ruth Kozolowski	8/11
Mike Markowski	8/11
Evonne Cook	8/12
Emma Laage	8/14
Gene McElheny	8/14
Todd Waggoner	8/14
Kay Pouk	8/16
Paul Stewart	8/19
Scott Ruphard	8/25
Bud Ferguson	8/26
Kelly Zurek	8/30
Elizabeth Porter	8/30
Karen Davis	8/31
Thomas Porter	8/31
Mary Beth Ruphard	8/31

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

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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