

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / NOTES

BAZAAR PRICING SESSION, Wednesday Aug. 19, 12:30 – 5:00

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING AT CONVENTION

Are you interested in participating in a Safe Church Training **if offered at Convention**, on **Friday, September 18** in the early afternoon? We are happy to provide the opportunity, but need to know if holding it on that day is something that people would attend. If you or someone you know would like to attend, **please contact the church office or Alexis Roy by August 23**. This invitation comes from ECMN.

ECMN WEB SITE FEATURES BIZARRE BAZAAR! Go to www.episcopalmn.org, scroll down to UPCOMING EVENTS on right side of site, click on *Sept 18 ECMN Convention 2015*.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE is pleased to report that earlier this week the sod was cut for the 64' x 48' community garden. The sod was taken to the west side of the church lot, where it has extended the lawn. Soon the garden area will be tilled, the soil will be amended, the fence installed. All is on track to meet our goal of having something significant for delegates to the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Convention to see on September 19.

We continue our publication of biographical sketches of committee members. This week we feature co-chair **NANCY DYSON-POWERS**.

My first foray into gardening was this spring. I created an herb/flower garden right out the front door of our new home. It has been a place of beauty and a space to reflect on the wonders of life, growth, and renewal.

While my gardening skills are only beginning to be honed, I can offer a different passion to the Community Garden. That passion lies in creating spaces for unlikely groups of people to spend time together.

I believe that God works miracles of transformation when people are given the chance to encounter "the other."

I've always worked with people from different backgrounds, such as supervising in the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Cloud and facilitating its single-parent support group, and currently spending time with folks experiencing homelessness.

I'm energized by the prospect of having people from so many different walks of life in a garden at Saint John's!

I will be there to watch and share with our community the miracles of growth, transformation, and blooming relationships.

INVITATION FROM MARY MAGDALENE, FIRST APOSTLE CONGREGATION to a forum presented by John C Sivalon, M.M., author, speaker, professor and Maryknoll Missionary on September 6 1:00pm at St. John's Episcopal Church. The forum is titled *"God's Mission and Postmodern Culture; the Gift of Uncertainty"*.

BIZARRE BAZAAR SEPTEMBER 19 – REMINDER! - Please bring only items for the rummage sale that are clean and in good shape. Any large items should be brought to church right before the bazaar as we do not have a lot of storage space. If you bring a large item for the sale and it is not sold, please be prepared to remove it after the bazaar. Thank you. Any questions, call Marie Schumann at 252-3897.

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be open at irregular times next week. Telephone and email messages will be checked and newsletter will be distributed as usual.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Diocesan Cycle of Prayers: For the month of August, please pray for all hospital chaplaincies, counseling chaplaincies and Spiritual Directors throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Pray also for your faith community nurses, health ministers and all those who minister to the sick.

We pray for members of St. Helen’s Parish in Wadena.

Intercessions: We pray for those suffering illnesses including: Jill Fox’s father Myron Ostlund; Bea Winkler’s brother-in-law, Court Kenaston; Dawn Larson; Aaron Boatz; Brenda Barrett’s mother, Evelyn Ykema; Bernie Ostendorf’s daughter Lea; Ken Perry; Kathryn Pratt’s sister, Norma Angell; Janice Blondeau (Shirley Larson’s sister-in-law) and the Blondeau family; Ed Larson; Dick Studer; Jim G.; Travis McGinnis; Diane K.; Don Krueger; Chance Bullock; Ike Yarmon; Kay K.; Connor Rohde; Tom Jensen; Emily G.;

We pray in thanksgiving for our friends and members: The Boatz family; Rev. George Ham & Kathryn Pratt; Ruth & Carl Heeder; Jim & Judy Heeter; Patrick Henry & Pat Welter; Don & Sandy Hofsommer

Holy Eucharist service ministers August 16, 10:00 AM, The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm	111
Second Reading	Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel	John 6:51-58

<i>Presider & Homilist:</i> Rev. Phil Rose	<i>Deacon:</i> Rev. George Ham or Rev. Priscilla Gray
<i>Acolyte:</i> Ric Studer	<i>Lectors:</i> Ric Studer
<i>Eucharist:</i> Anna McKenna	<i>Communion Bread:</i> Kathy Wiant
<i>Ushers:</i> Bill Daly & Deb Savage	<i>Hospitality:</i> Elsa Ditty
<i>Accompanist:</i> Denise Bernard	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Jill Fox
<i>Coffee:</i> Jill Fox & Mary Brugger	<i>Cleaners:</i> Deb Krueger & Judy Heeter
<i>Announcements:</i> Jeanette Brooks AVAILABLE	<i>Recorders:</i> Betsy Hoover & Ric Studer

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Thu 13 Finance Committee Meeting, 4:30pm
Sat 15 New Covenant of Christ service & Bible Study 2:00pm

Sun 16 Service at 10:00am, Rev. Phil Rose, officiating
Tue 18 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30
Wed & Thu 19 & 20 See note above about office hours

- Wed 19 Jobs Group 11:45
Bazaar Pricing session 12:30-5:00
- Thu 20 Vestry Meeting, 7pm**
- Sat 22 New Covenant of Christ service 2:00pm
- Sun 23 Service at 10:00am, Rev. Cynthia Bronson Sweigert, officiating**
 Sunday afternoon gathering with homeless
- Wed 26 Jobs Group 11:45
- Sat 29 New Covenant of Christ service 2:00pm
- Sun 30 Service at 10:00am, Rev. Gretchen Pickeral, officiating**
 Sunday afternoon gathering with homeless

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