

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

Called by God to be a Community that hears God's word and does God's work.

E-NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING AHEAD / ANNOUNCEMENTS / NOTES

REMINDER: The Children's "First Sunday" class will be held on Feb. 7 at 9:55.

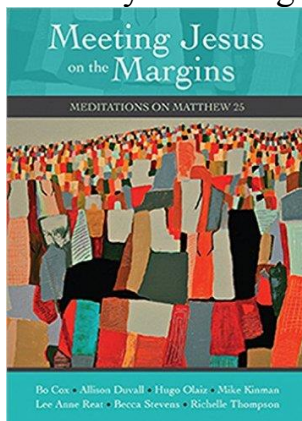
Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7:00pm, on Feb. 10.

Note: we will not distribute an E-News next week, Feb. 11.

Lenten Devotionals Study Group

9am Sunday Mornings in Lent

February 14 through Palm Sunday



Where do *you* meet Jesus? In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus urges us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, and visit the prisoners. In doing so, we meet Jesus. These Lenten reflections provide boots-on-the-ground stories of serving and being served by "the least of these." They also explore our own hunger, our vulnerabilities, and the times we are imprisoned, either self-imposed or by circumstance. Join with us and meet Jesus each day this blessed Lenten season.

SIGN UP by this Sunday on the clip board in the Parish Hall, or by contacting Deacon George (gham47@comcast.net, 651.346.9969) or Peg (office@stjohns-episcopalchurch.org, 320.251.8524). A complimentary book will be provided to each attendee or couple attending together.

St. Cloud Community Blood Drive at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2405 Walden Way, Tuesday Feb. 23, 1:00 to 7:00pm. You can make an appointment by calling Yvonne at 251-1510 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, or sign up on bulletin board in St. John's Episcopal narthex (lobby). The Red Cross is 9,800 units short of blood!

The Vestry will not hold its regularly scheduled business meeting in February.

Church Members—the updated *Facility Use Checklist* is now available for use. Please complete the form whenever you use the building! The pretty pink forms are in the first column of mailboxes in the parish hall. We thank you for your cooperation.

Updated Church Directories have been distributed electronically. The list for those of you who prefer paper copies has been misplaced—please contact the office. There are 3 paper copies in the parish hall for the taking.

Greater MN Episcopal TEC: March 4 – 6, 2016 at St. John’s MANKATO. Team letter and forms can be found online: greatermntec.weebly.com. Team forms are due by Feb. 17. Team meeting is February 19-20. Donations for the TEC are greatly appreciated. Send them to: Greater MN TEC, c/o Alison Feigh, 1198 James Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105

Giving Pantry needs: The listing for consumable products are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Donors are requested to take the posting off the board as they purchase items.

Current needs: Small paper dessert plates, paper coffee cups, paper cold drink cups

We thank everyone for their generosity!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ECMN Cycle of Prayers

For the month of February please pray for those who serve on the Council as Mission Area Team members, the Trustees, the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, the Chancellors and for the treasurer of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

We pray for the congregations of the Churches of the Messiah in Prairie Island and St. Paul. We pray for our Bishop Brian N. Prior, who will celebrate the sixth anniversary of his consecration on Feb. 13.

Intercessions

We pray for those suffering illnesses including: **Katie & Shawn**; Tom Roy’s niece **Lisa** Rickerson; **Gerry** Levos; **Andrue** Grabow; **Susan** Erickson; **Steve** Kalkman; **Court** Kenaston; **Dawn** Larson; **Aaron** Boatz **and family**; **Evelyn** Ykema; **Lea**; **Ken** Perry; **Norma** Angell; **Janice** Blondeau **and family**; **Dick** Studer; **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: **Michael** Schumann; **Cyndi & Dennis** Prather; **Shannon** Preston; **Bill & Judy** Rataczak; **Tom & Alexis** Roy; **Deb** Savage

We pray in memorial for Amy Jensen’s father **Tom** Jensen.

Holy Eucharist service ministers February 7, 2016, 10:00am

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 99
First Lesson Exodus 34:29-35
Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Gospel Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

<i>Presider & Homilist:</i> Rev. Randy Welsand	<i>Deacon:</i> Rev. George Ham or Rev. Priscilla Gray
<i>Acolyte:</i> Kay Welsand	<i>Lectors:</i> Mary Brugger & Nancy Powers
<i>Eucharist:</i> David Wall & Marty Peterson	<i>Communion Bread:</i> Kathy Wiant
<i>Ushers:</i> Bill Daly & Deb Savage	<i>Hospitality:</i> Phoebe Kohman
<i>Accompanist:</i> Denise Bernard	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Anna McKenna

Coffee: Tom & Marty Peterson, Deb Krueger	Cleaners: Deb Krueger & David Wall
Announcements: TBA	Recorders: Myra Schrup & Ric Studer

FEBRUARY

- Mon-Sun 1-7 **Church of the Week Sheltering**
Kitchen reserved for meal prep/Place of Hope
- Sat 6 New Covenant of Christ service 2:00pm
- Sun 7 Service at 10:00am, Rev. Randy Welsand presiding**
Sunday afternoon with Friends, 11-4
- Mon 8 -Fri 12 Peg out of office**
- Wed 10 Jobs Transitions Group 11:45
Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00pm
- Thu 11 **Finance Committee Meeting, 4pm**
- Sat 13 Discernment Committee Meeting 9am – Noon
New Covenant of Christ service & potluck, 2:00pm
- Sun 14 Service at 10:00am, Rev. Gretchen Pickeral presiding**
Mary Magdalene, First Apostle Congregation: service @ 1:00
- Tue 16 LUNCH BUNCH
- Wed 17 Jobs Group 11:45
- Thu 18 **NO Vestry Meeting**
- Sat New Covenant of Christ service & Bible Study 2:00pm
- Sun 21 Service at 10:00am, Rev. TBA presiding**
POTLUCK
- Tue 23 Book Discussion & Soup: Cynthia Bourgeault's The Wisdom Jesus; 6:30pm
- Wed 24 Jobs Transitions Group 11:45
Jobs Transitions team meeting 6pm
- Sat 27 New Covenant of Christ service 2:00pm
- Sun 28 Service at 10:00am, Rev. Michael Pipkin presiding**
Sunday afternoon with Friends, 11-4

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