



The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church
MARCH 2007



St. Mark's on the Campus

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Holy Eucharist Schedule

Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30

Tuesday — 12:30 (LJC)

The Rt. Rev. Joe G. Burnett, *Bishop*

The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,
Priest Associate

Christine Grosh, *Deacon*

Susan Musick, *Senior Warden*

Andrea Nelson, *Junior Warden*

Suzi Lore, *Treasurer*

Margo Young, *Assistant Treasurer*

Kurt Knecht, *Music Director*

Natalie Shepard, *Christian Education*

Ben Carlisle, *Interim Admin. Assistant*

Denise Meredith, *Admin. Assist. 3/1/07*

*St. Mark's on the Campus
strives to be a Eucharistic
Community of reflection and
action, acceptance and
growth, Gospel and world.*

From the Rector

By Father Jerry Thompson

Dear Friends,

Movement and change is very much on my mind these days because my mother is moving from Indianapolis to Lincoln in the middle of March. The move comes with plenty of extra work to do, both for her and for me! But every moment of it will be worth it in order to have her close, five minutes away rather than at a distance of eleven hours.

As I was pondering that reality recently, I realized some parallels with the holy season of Lent, which we started on February 21 with Ash Wednesday. First of all, Lent highlights that part of the Christian life that is about movement and change. None of us is perfect and never will be; we all have ways in which Jesus calls us to change, calls us to the reality of ongoing conversion which is at the heart of Christian spirituality. I once heard the important reminder that stasis is death; change is a sign of life. Maybe that's especially true where our lives as Christians is concerned.

And ongoing conversion in Christ involves deliberate work, too. It doesn't happen by chance, any more than my mother and I sitting on our duffs and

wishing she were here would make it so. We have to do something. We have to make an effort if we want our lives to be ever more like Christ, increasingly reflecting the image of God at the center of who we are as human beings.

And that work brings us closer. Closer to ourselves as we were created. Closer to the God who created us and whose great work of redemption draws the whole world to himself. And closer to each other, with whom we live, by God's grace, in holy communion. Both God's work in Jesus Christ and our ongoing conversion closes the distance that circumstances and choices have created between us and among us. The closing of that distance makes the effort we put into Lent and the Lenten dimension of life worth every moment of it.

I pray that you are having a holy Lent this season, and that your work will bear fruit in all the holy relationships that carry you through life.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,

St. Mark's on the Campus **STUDY LOUNGE**

Want a quiet, friendly place to study? Try the *St. Mark's on the Campus Study Lounge*, from 7 pm to 11 pm, on Sundays and Thursdays. If you'd like to help, either by staffing the lounge or spreading the word about it, contact the Office at 474-1979 or smoc.office@stmarks-episcopal.org.

At its February
11th meeting,
The Vestry...



- ⊗ Welcomed new Vestry members Connie Backus-Yoder, David Pitts, Yolanda Rolle and Joyce Wagner.
- ⊗ Asked that the treasurer provide a detailed report to the Vestry on a quarterly basis.
- ⊗ Heard that the Campus Outreach Committee will be meeting in April for a calendar planning retreat in order to set a calendar for the 2007-2008 academic year.
- ⊗ Heard that the Campus Outreach Committee is working toward holding a focus group of Episcopal students
- ⊗ Approved replacement of the four thermostats with programmable thermostats.
- ⊗ Discussed formation of a Pastoral Care Committee to coordinate assistance efforts for parishioners during times of crisis (see elsewhere in Roar).
- ⊗ Reviewed recommendations from the Audit Committee; the recommendations will be sent to the Finance Advisory Committee for deliberation and be returned to the Vestry for necessary action.
- ⊗ Divided SWEEPS reporting responsibilities for the year.
- ⊗ Discussed and planned a Vestry information packet to be prepared for all Vestry members and then incoming Vestry members.
- ⊗ Heard from Fr. Thompson about the search for a permanent Administrative Assistant. (See elsewhere in this Roar.)
- ⊗ Heard from Fr. Thompson that he will be visiting the potential Curate at the end of February and, if Fr. Thompson finds that he is appropriate for the SMOG community, the Vestry will meet with him at a later date.

Needed: Backup Pantry Workers

We are looking for two people to handle the Pantry duties when Anne and Jerry Puls are not available. This would be a fairly infrequent duty, but necessary when they are travelling or unavailable for other reasons.

Work would include: making up replacement bags of food for the pantry (takes an hour once or twice a week), picking up food from the Food Bank as needed and putting any food received on the shelves or in storage(twice a month, usually, and it takes about 2 hours to go to the Food Bank, bring the food to St. Mark's and put it away). If anyone would be willing to take this on, please contact Anne at 483-6860 or the office at 474-1979.

An Administrative Note

I'm delighted to announce that, beginning March 1st, **Denise Meredith** will be joining us as our Administrative Assistant. Denise comes to us with a variety of experience managing offices as well as once operating her own day care facility. I look forward to working with Denise and anticipate that we'll all value the many skills that she will bring to the St. Mark's on the Campus community. Stop by and say hello to Denise when you have the opportunity!

With the hiring of a permanent person for this position, Ben Carlisle will be leaving the position in mid-March. Once again, let me thank Ben for the rich set of skills he has brought to the office during this interim period. I've appreciated having him around and will miss him when he's gone. I trust that we'll still be seeing him on occasion on Sunday morning when his work at First Plymouth lets him get away. **Blessings to Ben as his journey continues!**

Fr. Jerry +

Adult Forum Schedule

The first Lenten program, on **February 25**, will be CASA for Lancaster County. CASA's mission is to "support and promote court appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they may thrive in safe and permanent homes." Anyone who wants more information can contact volunteer coordinator TaLaia Phillips, 434-2569, or email: casa-talaia@neb.rr.com

Customarily, St. Mark's has donated to our Lenten speakers' non-profit organizations. To personally support this outreach, send money to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Other Lenten programs will be:

March 4: Judy Amber will describe volunteering at a Rumanian orphanage, under the auspices of Global Volunteers

March 11: a drama about support services for women

March 18: Marcia White's Peace Corps work in sub-Saharan Africa

March 25: Janet Davidson on Peace Corps work in Morocco

April 1 and April 8: No Forum because of Palm Sunday and Easter

After the Easter break, Forum will resume with a video already watched by the vestry about the views of Episcopal college students. Then we'll finish the semester with intriguing short stories and essays by Flannery O'Connor, Tobias Wolff, and C. S. Lewis.

Suggestions of other authors, resources, and topics are welcome. Contact Susan Steinegger (488-8064) or Andrea Nelson (423-0663). Their email addresses are in the church directory.

Adult Forum meets in the church lounge, Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30. Everyone is welcome.

Sermon Copies

Sermons presented at St. Mark's on the Campus are always available as hard copies in the Narthex and on our Web site, stmarks-episcopal.org.

St. Mark's on the Campus Calendar: Feb. 25 - Apr. 14

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 February 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	26	27 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	28 5:30 pm - Choir practice	1 March 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	2	3
4 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 1pm - Inquirers Class, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	5	6 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	7 5:30 pm - Choir practice	8 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	9	10 9 am - 9 pm - Calligraphy and Illumination Workshop, Lounge
Priests on Retreat						
11 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 12:15 pm - Vestry, Undercroft	12	13 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	14 5:30 pm - Choir practice	15 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge APRIL ROAR DEAD- LINE - NOTE NEW DATE!	16	17
March 11 -- 18: UNL Spring Break			March 12 -- 16: Nebraska Wesleyan Spring Break			
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1 April Palm Sunday 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study? 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	2	3 Tuesday in Holy Week 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	4 5:30 pm - Choir practice	5 Maundy Thursday 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 7 pm - Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	6 Good Friday Noon - Stations of the Cross 7 pm - Good Friday Solemn Liturgy	7 11 pm - Easter Vigil
8 Easter Sunday Choir practice? 10:30 Eucharist ONLY No Sunday School, No Adult Forum, No Bible Study 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge?	9	10 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	11 5:30 pm - Choir practice	12 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	13	14

SUNDAY SERVICES: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS: Holy Eucharist - Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Lady Julian Chapel

MARK-US NOTES

Bring Books!

You can now bring in your extra books for the **Book Sale** to the room on the south end of the Undercroft - that's to the right, just as you enter the Undercroft.

Keep on clipping!

Bring those Best Choice UPC symbols to the container in the kitchen!



We've sent in enough to raise \$60 for SMOc this year!

Thompson Telephone Change

The Thompson's are canceling their land line; the home telephone number listed in the directory is no longer useable. Pastoral emergencies should always be directed to Fr. Thompson's cell phone: 402-217-3010. Should you need to be in touch with another member of the family, Carol's cell phone number is 402-617-8217.

Thank you!!

The 6th-12th grade Sunday school students had a great time cooking breakfast for your enjoyment on Feb. 18th. Your generous free-will offerings raised just under \$200. Proceeds will be used for Sunday school activities and supplies.

Book Club Schedule

March 18th: *Veronika Decides to Die*, by Paulo Coelho, host - Dorothy Zimmerman

April 15th: *Blindness*, by Jose Saramago, host - TBA

The Book Club meets 3rd Sundays at 3 pm at the home of the host. Please refer to the parish directory for the address or call Andrea at 423-0663.

Bible Study

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford is leading a Bible Study after the 10:30 am Eucharist at St. Mark's on the Campus, downstairs in the Lady Julian Chapel.

Sunday Early Arrivals

Want a place to hang out when you arrive early for church? Join us in the library next to the Lady Julian Chapel in the basement for coffee and conversation at 9:30 or whenever you arrive.

Pastoral Care Committee

The Vestry would like to re-establish a Pastoral Care Committee to coordinate the needs of parish families at times of need. If you would be interested in serving as part of such a group, please let Susan Musick, our Senior Warden, know (476-9939).

From the Treasurer

1/1/06 to 1/31/07

INCOME	Actual	Budget
Plate	1,078.65	1,667.00
Pledge	14,639.98	17,354.00
Diocese	2,083.33	2,083.00
Miscellaneous Income	25.00	358.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,826.96	\$21,462.00
EXPENSE	Actual	Budget
Diocesan Asking	0.00	2,350.00
Outreach	0.00	604.00
Salaries & Benefits	13,266.19	14,163.00
Utilities	86.46	1004.00
Property & Insurance	0.00	746.00
Travel	0.00	117.00
Office	850.38	866.00
Altar & School Supplies	768.69	572.00
Congregational Life	859.62	380.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$15,831.34	\$20,802.00
NET INCOME	\$1,995.62	\$ 660.00

Our financial year runs from January 1 to December 31. The 2007 year started with a positive balance of \$1,995.62 for the month of January. Both income and expenses for January were lower than budgeted.

Sincerely,
Susan S. Lore, Treasurer

Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	March 11th	March 18th	March 25th	April 1st Palm Sunday
8:30 RH/Acolyte	John Flint	Shirley Mills	Marcia White	Sara Toren
10:30 Chalice Bearer Lay Eucharistic Minister	Sara Toren	Todd Sneller	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Don Gray
Acolytes	Helen Pitts Don Gray	Logan Waite Michael Fairchild	Todd Sneller Samantha Karas	Shirley Mills Jonathan Cole
Ushers	Susan Rehn Dave Sellmyer	Dean Settle Susan Ugai	Lisa Sutton Roger Wait	Logan Waite Bob Kuzelka
Lector (OT)	Opal Doerr	Michelle Waite	Marc Kiviniemi	Todd Sneller
Epistler	Dick Boohar	Burns Davis	Shirley Mills	Anita Bowman
Intercessor	Kelly Grey Carlisle	Doug Durham	Don Nelson	Jeanine Jewell
Greeter	Connie Backus-Yoder	David Pitts	Joyce Wagner	Susan Musick
Coffee Host	Karen Krebsbach	Jo Ann Hruban	Carol Thompson	Margo Young
Bread Baker	Laura Waldman	Marcia White	Loris Purtzer	Kathy Schmutte
Altar Guild	Opal Doerr	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte	Joyce Wagner
Tellers	Leroy Svec Larry Krebsbach	Michelle Waite Shirley Mills	Richard Toren Andrea Nelson	Stan Sipple Dorothy H. Nelson
Crucifer	~	~	~	~
Thurifer	~	~	~	~
Banner Bearer	~	~	~	~



March Birthdays



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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 - Carol Thompson | 15 - Allison Cole |
| 3 - Chris MacKnight | 17 - Todd Sneller |
| 4 - Jennifer Bales | 17 - Connie Backus-Yoder |
| 7 - Dick Boohar | 24 - Cindy Cerny |
| - Andy Sipple | 25 - Trey MacKnight |
| 10 - Lindsay Watt | 27 - Avalon Rehn |
| 11 - John Flint | 31 - Shirley Mills |



Remember,
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