



The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church

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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*

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Margo Young, *Assistant Treasurer*

Kurt Knecht, *Music Director*

Natalie Shepard, *Christian Education*

Denise Meredith, *Administrative
Assistant*

*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,

In March, the Vestry interviewed Ryan Hall, our potential curate, and in April it voted to support bringing Ryan on staff.

So what's a curate? A curate in the broadest sense refers to anyone who is entrusted with the "cure of souls," or the care of souls. In that sense, I am a curate as well. But that's not the sense in which the term refers to Ryan. In this context, "curate" refers to a newly ordained member of the clergy who is assisting in a parish under the guidance of a seasoned priest. Ryan will finish seminary June 1, and he will begin assisting in the leadership and care of St. Mark's on the Campus July 1. Sometime after graduating from seminary he will be ordained deacon, and during his time with us he will also be ordained a priest.

What sorts of things will Ryan do? Well, a bit of everything! He'll write sermons and preach on a regular basis. Once priested, he'll preside at the celebration of the Eucharist. He'll help to plan liturgy. He'll pay pastoral visits to people in the hospital and counsel parishioners as requested. He'll function administratively in relation to committees and in the various other ways that priests must administrate. He'll attend meetings of the Association of Campus Religious Workers and serve as an ordained presence in the midst of our campus outreach. He'll pass out cookies at Big Red Welcome! He'll attend Vestry meetings. He'll partici-

pate in diocesan committees and assume a presence in diocesan life. In short, he'll be serving in all the variety of ways that a parish priest serves within a local faith community.

One of the reasons I am delighted by this venture is that Ryan's presence will open some time for me to nurture some parts of parish life that I would like to see moving along more effectively. For example, jump starting the liturgy committee, the fine arts committee, and the Welcoming and Diversity committee, as well as doing a more effective job of being in touch with people who come through our doors, and increasing my presence on campus.

How are we paying for an additional staff member? Well, we are only *partially* paying for Ryan's presence with us. It is the bishop's responsibility to place curates in congregations, with the rector's and vestry's support. The diocesan family provides curacy funds to pay the largest portion of the expenses associated with a curate, primarily salary and benefits. SMOC will pay only \$14,000 each year, or a total of \$28,000 over the course of Ryan's two years with us. In 2007, our financial commitment to Ryan is \$7,000 for six months, in 2008 \$14,000, and in 2009, \$7,000. Our diocesan family picks up the remainder of the cost.

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Our portion of the cost for the curacy will be taken from the funds we receive from the diocesan family for campus ministry. Because we are gradually shifting those funds from the general operating budget specifically to campus outreach, they would no longer be available to pay the gas and electric bills, my salary, the administrative assistant's salary, etc. anyway. Such costs are the parish's responsibility. Because Ryan will both assist with campus ministry and increase the time and energy available to me for campus work, and because the curacy is for a limited time, I am quite comfortable taking our portion of his salary out of the funds granted us by the diocesan family for campus ministry.

I want to mention one final aspect of a curacy that the financial arrangement partly reflects. A curacy is to be distinguished from having a full-time Associate Priest paid by the parish in an important respect: a curacy is designed for the purpose of full-time experience in ordained life for the priest in question; that's why his work will be as all-encompassing as possible and not limited to one or two areas. As much as a curate offers to the parish — which any curate does, as he or she brings particular gifts that inevitably enrich parish life — helping to prepare clergy for service is part of our participation in the larger life of the church. I'm honored that the bishop requested this both of St. Mark's on the Campus and of me, and I hope that you are as well.

I look forward to welcoming Ryan into the SMOC family, and I know that all of you will also give him the usual SMOC welcome!

In Christ's peace,



Adult Forum: Summary and Plans

During Lent, presentations at Adult Forum helped St. Mark's on the Campus stay in touch with the world.

In a world of needs, we saw the joys of helping. This common emotion shone among the speakers who told us about their work in Lincoln and around the world. **Dawn Rocky** described how volunteers can speak for the best interests of children needing court action to find permanent homes. **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA of Lancaster County)** will train volunteers to work effectively.

Judy Amber shared heart-warming and enlightening stories and pictures of volunteer work in Romanian orphanages. She traveled with a group of Americans that cared for the children, often including children with special needs. And she went back another year. And probably will go again. **Global Volunteers** is the umbrella agency that matched volunteers with groups asking for help.

Four social workers representing agencies helping women in the crises of homelessness, substance abuse, and violence presented an articulate, vivid drama-panel about the services of **Friendship Home, Fresh Start, St. Monica's, and Voices of Hope** (formerly Rape Spouse Abuse Crisis Center). As they described how a woman's problems might build to a suffocating burden, the speakers invited us to drape volunteer Helen Pitts with sheet after sheet. Then to the relief of us all, Helen was unburdened, freed to breath freely, as each speaker lifted a sheet, explaining how her agency alone or in consort with others could help a suffering woman.

Ghana in **sub-Sahara African** was the site for **Marcia White's Peace Corps** work helping villages develop eco-tourism. Marcia also became involved with a school teaching local girls marketable skills, eventually putting them in touch with grant

money from Episcopal Church Women in the U.S. Marcia brought samples of the girls' textile work and has more for sale. (Special thanks to the people who procured the audio-visual equipment for Marcia's PowerPoint presentation.)

Working for the **Peace Corps in North Africa, Janet Davidson** taught English as a foreign language to college students in Morocco, a strongly Islamic country. A highlight of her conversation was the culture's affect on her, especially the Islamic duties to pray regularly and to give to the poor.

Plainly, all our speakers worked hard, became tired, or even frustrated, yet all remained positive about their experiences. They all thanked St. Mark's on the Campus for our interest.

Now the Adult Forum is turning its attention to our own Anglican Communion. **April 15 and 22**, we watched "**Voices of Young Adults: Listening to Twenty-Somethings Talk about the Church**," a DVD co-produced by the Congregational Development and the Ministries with Young People groups at the Episcopal Church Center. Bob Kuzelka facilitated.

On **April 29 and May 6**, Father Jerry is presenting **A Conversation with the Church**, a DVD of a recent Webcast made by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori.

For **May 13 and 20**, we plan to enjoy thought-provoking literature by twentieth century authors. **The Forum will not meet on Memorial Day Weekend.**

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

Contact Susan Steinegger (488-8064) or Andrea Nelson (423-0663) with suggestions and comments. Email addresses are in the church directory.

"Jesus said feed my lambs". John 21:15

This is exactly what the Gathering Place does, every weekday evening, and St. Mark's helps once a month with this enterprise. Volunteers from St. Mark's turn up on the second Tuesday to help serve nourishing meals to over 100 hungry people. Many of these are lambs indeed: young and hungry kids who are so glad to have a square meal (with dessert!) If you have not yet experienced the deep satisfaction of filling the hungry with good things, do consider volunteering for the "St. Mark's night" at the Gathering place. Your turn will only come up once in three months, and you will leave with a profound sense of gratitude for the chance to help. If this ministry interests you, please write ASAP to Anne Puls (lucynbud@windstream.net), who schedules for our turns at the Gathering Place. — Pamela F. Starr

St. Mark's on the Campus Calendar: April 29 - June 16

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 April 9:30 - Sun School, Adult Fm 9:45 - Choir practice 11:45 - Bible Study - LJC 1 pm - Inquirer Class, Lounge 5 pm - Student Dinner @ Naugle's 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	30	1 May 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	2 5:30 pm - Choir practice	3 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	4	5 5:30 pm - Vestry Pot Luck - Musick's
Dead Week						
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Finals Week						
13 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice 11:45 - Bible Study 1 pm - Inquirer Class, Lounge	14	15 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	16 5:30 pm - Choir practice	17 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	18	19
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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

Omphaloskepsis - Contemplating the Nave(1), Part 2

by Kurt Knecht

There is a feature of the nave at St. Mark's on the Campus that is easily overlooked if you sit in the pews each week. It is immediately noticeable if you find that one day you are the organist and sit in the gallery.

At certain times of the day, at certain times of the year, the sun can shine so directly on your copy of Buxtehude's *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* that the *cantus firmus* takes on a metaphysical meaning. What I mean to say is that someone forgot to put in the stained glass! To be candid, the first time I assessed the nave of St. Mark's on the Campus, I was trying to give my burned retinas a rest from the sun-illuminated score on the organ. I noticed stark white walls and the clear panes of glass.

I immediately suspected that there were Presbyterians who had infiltrated the ranks of the Episcopal faithful in Nebraska with the express purpose of taking away beauty from the architecture.

As if the thought of Presbyterians wasn't bad enough, the first Sunday morning in the gallery, my worship was seemingly predestined to be enhanced by the Ross Theatres' new electric sign and the Nebraska Book Store logo. It went like this: "The Lord be with you ... SUPPORT THE ROSS ... And also with you ... 43° ... Almighty God ... THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND ... hmmm ... didn't the Presbyterians start in

Scotland? ... they did! ... I knew it ... it's a plot ... whoops it's time to play the Psalm!"

Next came the sermon. I decided to sit by Pippa because the rumor around the church was that she was wonderful. (Sometimes rumors are true!) When I sat down, I looked out the windows on the other side of the nave to see a frat house. In the window of one of the rooms, someone had exhibited a placard which simply read "NO MERCY BOYS." I certainly do not pretend to be familiar with the tenets of the "No mercy boys" organization, but I feel relatively certain that they are not compatible with the sort of values that we teach at St. Mark's on the Campus. My frustration finally reified into a question: What kind of supposed "sanctuary" doesn't even block out the world enough to let me worship God?

The answer finally came one day. It's the kind of sanctuary that doesn't let me worship God by blocking out the world. Whatever else the nave of St. Mark's is, it is not a fortress. The interior and the worship experience are affected by the weather. I imagine that even if you sit in the nave and not the choir, the light that enters can remind you that the same light is shining on the Ross and the "No mercy boys." It can remind you that though at times we need our nave to be a sanctuary from the world, it's ultimate meaning will not be discovered in its walls.

To be sure, St. Mark's on the Campus walls have enough vertical energy to focus my attention upward, but the verticality is interrupted to remind me that there is a horizontal aspect to our spiritual practice. The nave does not allow me to have a comfortable, private experience with God. The world is always interacting with us in some way.

The most exciting part of the windows, however, is that they work in both directions. Sometimes, when I walk to St. Mark's on the Campus from the music building, I can see it's tall cross standing over the campus. When I'm in my usual mystical mood, it seems to me that it is the tallest building on the campus.

Inside there is a community of hope and peace and genuine love. Then I like to imagine that the light of Christ that shines out of the windows is brighter than anything that comes in. It shines out offering mercy to the "no mercy boys." It shines on the bookstore and the Ross. It even shines on the Presbyterians.

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Kurt's articles have been structured around the physical/spiritual experiences of St. Mark's on the Campus, including approaching from the street, passing through the courtyard and into the narthex, and now, entering the church nave.

BOOK GROUP PLANS

St. Mark's on the Campus Book Group has finished for this season. However, the group has chosen a book for summer reading and discussion at its first gathering this fall. The selection is a classic author's less known novel -- *Persuasion* by Jane Austen.

Usually the group meets at 3:00 on the third Sunday of the month, September through April, and skipping one of the winter months. Check the September *Lion's Roar* for an update on plans. And plan to bring ideas for the new season's reading.

BOOKS/CDs/DVDs

Spring Cleaning? Drag out all those books that you no longer need or want. Make room for new books. This fall is the **St. Mark's on the Campus Every-Other-Year Book Sale**. We can help solve that book crowding problem. We also accept CDs and DVDs. Bring them on down to the Undercroft to our storage space. We will gladly accept all your donations. Those items we do not sell will go to the Planned Parenthood book blow-out.

MARK-US NOTES

Exercise at St. David's

The exercise class at St. David's continues: M-W-F, 9:30 - 11 a.m. It's not too demanding, great fellowship and you can park at the door. You're welcome to visit any time.

Dead Sea Scrolls

The St. David's ECW is sponsoring a bus trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit in Kansas City on May 12. Our own Priest Associate Sidnie is going along to lecture (on the bus) and provide some guidance through the exhibit. Members of St. Mark's on the Campus are invited to come along. Please meet at St. David's on May 12 at 9:00 a.m. The cost will be \$35, and includes lunch. Please call St. David's to reserve your place.

Recruiting for EFM!

Our Education For Ministry group has four graduates this year: John Flint, Larry Reznicek, Sarah Grubb and Marie Odgers (from St. David's). Between now and July, Christine will be looking for anyone interested in joining the group. For more information, please contact her at 486-3259.

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.

Monastic Vocation?

Are you a single woman between the ages of 20 and 45 who has considered a monastic vocation? The Convent of St. Mary's, the oldest order of Episcopal sisters in the US, is holding a Discovery Weekend Aug. 17-19. The Convent is located east of the Adirondack Mountains in New York State. More details are available on the bulletin board outside the office.

Change for Change

Total funds = \$380.14, men = \$201.02, women = 179.12. Okay, the men won THIS time! Actually, the real winners will be the organization(s) selected by the Sunday school students to receive the "booty" -- Thank you all for a fun, friendly competition!

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.

Thompson Phone Change

The Thompson's have canceled their land line. Pastoral emergencies should always be directed to Fr. Thompson's cell phone: 402-217-3010. If you need to get in touch with another member of the family, Carol's cell phone number is 402-617-8217.

From the Treasurer

UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

Thank you for your patience as we remodel our accounting system. The new and improved system will be ready for next month!

The Gathering Place Needs You!

The Gathering Place, feeding the homeless and hungry at 15th and E Streets, is in need of more volunteers. A team of St. Mark's on the Campus volunteers work at the Gathering Place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We serve food, wash dishes and clean the facility. To be a team, it takes 6 volunteers a night, from 4:45 to 6:15 pm. Mentors and trainers available. This is a great local outreach and ministry. If you are interested in serving, please contact Anne Puls (mandjuls@aol.com).

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.

PASTORAL CARE

Members of this parish do not take a second seat to anyone when it comes to helping out when the need arises. However, there is a void in our safety net. There was a case of one of ours who was not contacted and offered extra help or support by a member of our congregation beside the priests and or deacon until six weeks or so after their extraordinary trying time began.

If we had had a Pastoral Care Committee, perhaps this person would not have felt so alone. There has been a Pastoral Care Committee at St. Mark's on the Campus in the past.

What would the responsibilities of such a Committee be? Potentially, the leader or head contact person would be notified if there was a need (e.g. meals rides, telephone calls of support, or visits) and would coordinate efforts to help. Probably at least two other people would be needed, who are willing help carry out simple actions of aid to the priest, deacons or another parishioner or be the contact person if the leader is unavailable.

If you see yourself as this contact person and/or a member of such a committee, please call Andrea Nelson, 423-0663.

Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	6-May	13-May	20-May	27-May	3-Jun
8:30 RH/Acolyte	Yolanda Rolle	Marcia White	Marc Kiviniemi	Yolanda Rolle	Todd Sneller
10:30 Chalice Bearer Lay Eucharistic Minister	Ardyce Welch	Marc Kiviniemi	Sara Toren	Todd Sneller	Shirley Mills
Acolytes	Logan Waite Jonathan Cole	Todd Sneller Michael Fairchild	Don Gray Samantha Karas	Helen Pitts Michael Fairchild	Jonathan Cole Samantha Karas
Ushers	Roger Wait Bob Stock	David Sellmyer Susan Rehn	Bob Kuzelka Dennis Alfrey	Roger Wait Bob Stock	Susan Ugai Michelle Waite
Lector (OT)	Dick Boohar	Cathy Sellmyer	Don Nelson	Opal Doerr	Jeanine Jewell
Epistler	Kelly Grey Carlisle	Ray Louter	Bette Sperry	Sarah Fairchild	Colleen Baede
Intercessor	Anita Bowman	Sara Toren	Bob Stock	Burns Davis	Bob Kuzelka
Greeter	Natalie Shepard	David Pitts	Connie Backus Yoder	Pamela Starr	Joyce Wagner
Coffee Host	Don & Dorothy Nelson	Jeanne Vannorsdall	JoAnn Hruban	Carol Thompson	Kelly Grey Carlisle
Bread Baker	Laura Waldman	Nancy Brown	Loris Purtzer	Kathy Schmutte	Laura Waldman
Altar Guild	Joyce Wagner	Opal Doerr	Kathy Schmutte	Don Gray	Joyce Wagner
Tellers	Michelle Waite Doug Durham	Anne Puls Larry Krebsbach	Leroy Svec Andrea Nelson	Richard Toren Stan Sipple	Michelle Waite Doug Durham

May Birthdays



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| 1 - Greg Lawson | 20 - Marc Kiviniemi |
| - Kelsay Watt | 21 - Brad Harse |
| 5 - Anga Rehn | 22 - Donna Harler-Smith |
| 7 - Larry Krebsbach | 22 - Laura Waldman |
| 12 - Erica Toren | 24 - Stephanie Hill |
| 14 - Sophie Sipple | 28 - Alexander Cerny |
| 15 - Judy Magnuson | 28 - Dean Settle |
| 17 - Logan Waite | 31 - LeAnn Frobom |
| 19 - Meredith Naugle | |
| 20 - Ryan Krebsbach | |



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