



# The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church

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### Holy Eucharist Schedule

Sunday — 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Tuesday — 12:30 pm (LJC)

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

The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford, *Priest Associate*

Ryan Hall, *Curate*

Christine Grosh, *Deacon*

Susan Musick, *Senior Warden*

Andrea Nelson, *Junior Warden*

Margo Young, *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.*

## Prelude (1)

*An Introspection by Kurt Knecht*

Before considering the musical aspect of the prelude, I would like to take a moment to reflect on a part of the worship service that can easily be missed. Not too long ago, Father Jerry (in one of his always thoughtful sermons) reminded us of the similarity between a gathering of family and friends in the home and what we do on Sunday mornings. We sing songs, tell stories, and share a meal. Before one of these events occurs, however, there is a period of preparation. Rooms have to be cleaned. Food must be prepared. I learned about this aspect of the Anglican approach to worship in Tampa, where I helped to coordinate a Silichot service in Tampa.

To use a very crude analogy, Silichot is the holiday in Judaism that would most closely correspond with Ash Wednesday. It is a day that marks the beginning of the season of preparation before the high holy days. The service included two synagogues, a Roman Catholic Church, and the Episcopal parish where I served. When the service finally arrived and the clergy were all up in front, it was impossible to resist going to one of my choir members and saying, "So...there were two rabbis, a Roman Catholic priest, and an Episcopal priest..."

um...no, I don't have a joke, there really are two rabbis..."

Rabbi Wasser, who is the rabbi at the synagogue where my family attended, gave the sermon, and he introduced us to a notion from Jewish ethics called hakhana l'mitzvah. Literally, it means preparing for the mitzvah. The idea being - in this context - that in order to really get the meaning of a holy day, you don't "just do it" (a la "Nike"), but you prepare for it. Our appropriation of meaning was concomitant with our preparation.

Now, Father Ed (who was playing the part of the Episcopal priest in the story), was completely taken with the sermon. We had a subsequent conversation on the matter during Advent when some of our parishioners were complaining about not getting to sing Christmas carols in December like the Baptists. He was insistent on being counter-cultural. Proper spiritual formation includes times of preparation, waiting, and anticipation.

I soon realized that what was true about our spiritual formation on the larger scale of the church calendar was also true for the smaller

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## 2007 Paint-a-thon Plans

Please join the St. Mark's on the Campus Community Service Group as we participate in the 2007 Lincoln Paint-a-Thon on August 11th. This is a fun opportunity to help as we paint the house or house trim of a low-income elderly or disabled neighbor. It's also a good opportunity to work with others from St. Mark's and to share a delicious lunch together. Typically, this is a half-day commitment on a Saturday morning. We're usually finishing up by lunchtime. If you are unavailable on the 11th, we also need help prior to paint day preparing the painting surfaces. All levels of experience are welcome.

If you would like to participate, but absolutely hate painting, we have opportunities for you too.

We will need people to provide lunch and drinks. We may also have other needs, depending on the house assigned to us. I will get our assignment on July 11th and we will be able to determine any other needs at that time.

Please take a look at your calendar and see if you are available to help. The more workers we have, the easier the job will be. If you're a repeat volunteer, you know what is involved. If you've never participated, why not give it a try this year? Please sign-up on the sheet on the office door. See me or call me with questions. Thanks for considering this volunteer opportunity.

*Kim Thomason*

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scale of each week. Before a service begins, I need a period of preparation. I need a weekly mini-Advent to prepare for the arrival of the King. When I mentioned this to Father Ed, he showed me that the Prayer Book actually had a resource for this. (I, being newly Episcopalian, had never ventured beyond Prayers of the People Form VI.) There was a prayer on pg. 833 for use before worship!

The BCP began to shape my understanding about what was going to take place. There was danger involved. The prayer taught me that "coldness of heart and wanderings of mind" were actually conspiring against me. I needed some time for hakhana l'mitzvah in order to combat these enemies. I began taking a few moments before each service to use the prayer and call out to God. My worship preparation began to deepen.

If I try to wrap words around it now, it would probably be something like, "God, please don't let me get used to this! Save me from redundancy, and let the scope of your work in history hide in the repetition of the ancient prayers. Save me from boredom, and let eternity creep into the consistency of the order of worship. Save me from skimming the surface of the liturgy without plunging into its rich depths. God, please don't let me get used to this. Let it be new every time." This discipline greatly enhances my worship. I think we have to be careful not to understand a "discipline" as the same thing as a "doctrine." Saying the prayer on pg. 833 doesn't somehow manipulate God into meeting with me. There is always a sense that when the guest arrives, it is a surprise. When the knock on the door happens, I just want to have done what is possible to keep my heart from being cold and my mind from wandering.

*Kurt*



### **From the Episcopal News Service...**

**A Young Adult Gathering:** "Camino: A Sacred Journey" is a young adult gathering set for September 21-23 at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Groups of young adults from around the country will participate in workshops, creative worship and an interactive urban pilgrimage. Pilgrimage participants will explore the city's many contrasts, paradoxes, eccentricities and challenges. They will experience sites where the values of the Millennium Development Goals, Baptismal Covenant, and Franciscan Spirituality are being practiced. Full story at: [www.episcopalchurch.org/79901\\_86793\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79901_86793_ENG_HTML.htm)

## **Adult Forum: Future Plans & Topics**

The Adult Forum is on summer hiatus, but planning for the 2007-08 year hasn't halted. Fr. Jerry, with Andrea Nelson and Susan Steinegger -- facilitators for 2006-2007, met with Bob Stock and Janet Davidson, in-coming facilitators, to review the past year's successes and begin plans for the coming year.

Adult Forum is a program of fellowship and inquiry that meets each Sunday during the academic year. Scheduled for just under an hour, it draws participants from both the 8:30 and 10:30 services. The Forum meets in the church lounge/library at 9:30. Topics, formats, and media vary over the course of the year, as guest speakers come from within the parish and from without. The past year included audio presentations, DVDs, discussion of readings, mini-dramas, question-and-answer, and more. The intent is to offer opportunities for reflection, inspiration, service, and new learning.

Future suggested topics include presentations and discussion on: relations between the Episcopal Church and the greater

Anglican Communion, the poems and perceptions of poet Emily Dickinson, a viewing of the popular film "Amazing Grace," the Diocesan Annual Council, Episcopal missions - and missionaries - overseas, "incarnation" poems, the BBC production "Shadowlands", and John Milton's "Christianity."

The committee affirmed its commitment to a diverse program and the need to be flexible and responsive to events and concerns that arise. In that light, we invite your suggestions and recommendations for topics and formats that interest you. Please share your ideas with any of the facilitators. Our contact information is in the Parish Directory.

The first Adult Forum of the new academic year will be September 9th. For that week and the next -- after introductions and general discussion -- Bob Stock will lead consideration of Emily Dickinson and her views of Life's Big Questions as expressed in her poetry. All are welcome. See you there!

## **MARK-US NOTES**

### **Exercise at St. David's**

The exercise class at St. David's continues: M-W-F, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Not too demanding, great fellowship, easy parking. Come visit any time.

### **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](http://stmarks-episcopal.org).

### **Sower Fund Ideas?**

Do you have any ideas that will turn our \$2 seed money into many \$\$\$? Funds raised will be presented at Annual Council in October. If you have an idea, please call Susan Musick, 476-9939.

### **Congratulations, Janna!**

Janna Shrewsbury (former SMOc Altar Guild) and The Rev. Doyle Karst will be married at St. John Lutheran Church in Sterling, NE on Aug. 4th with Fr. Jerry officiating. We'll miss Janna, but we're very happy for her!

### **You are needed!**

The Gathering Place, at 15th and E Streets, feeds the homeless and hungry. SMOc volunteer teams serve food, wash dishes, and clean the facility on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 4:45 to 6:15 pm. More teams are needed. Mentors and trainers available. If interested, contact Anne Puls ([mandjpuls@aol.com](mailto:mandjpuls@aol.com)).

### **Book Sale Prep**

St. Mark's on the Campus wants your used books, CDs, & DVDs for the SMOc **Every-Other-Year Book Sale**. Bring them down to the Undercroft to our storage space. Items not sold will be donated to the Planned Parenthood book sale.

# St. Mark's on the Campus Calendar: July 1 - August 18

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 July</b> Last day for Suzi Lore First day for Ryan Hall, SMC Curate 1 pm - Inquirers' Class, Lounge	<b>2</b> Ryan Day Off	<b>3</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>4</b> Independence Day Office closed	<b>5</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 12:15 - 2:15 - Vestry, in the Undercroft	<b>9</b> Ryan Day Off	<b>10</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>11</b> Fr. Jerry Day Off	<b>12</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Deadline for August Roar	<b>16</b> Ryan Day Off	<b>17</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>18</b> Fr. Jerry Day Off	<b>19</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Ryan Day Off	<b>24</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>25</b> Fr. Jerry Day Off	<b>26</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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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**

# Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	July 1st	July 8th	July 15	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug
<b>8:30 RH/Acolyte</b>	Yolanda Rolle	Todd Sneller	Marcia White	Yolande Rolle	John Flint	Marcia White
<b>10:30 Chalice Bearer</b> Lay Eucharistic Minister	Todd Sneller	Ardyce Welch	Ardyce Welch	Sara Toren	Marcia White	Todd Sneller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Samantha Karas Shirley Mills	Dick Quinn Michael Fairchild	Jonathan Cole Samantha Karas	Helen Pitts Michael Fairchild	Jonathan Cole Samantha Karas	Helen Pitts Dick Quinn
<b>Ushers</b>	Dean Settle Susan Ugai	Susan Rehn Roger Wait	Michelle Waite Doug Durham	Roger Wait Dean Settle	Dick Quinn Susan Rehn	Dennis Alfrey Lisa Sutton
<b>Lector (OT)</b>	Ray Lowther	Betty Sperry	Laura Waldman	Jeanine Jewell	Colleen Baade	Jeanne Vannorsdall
<b>Epistler</b>	Sara Toren	Sarah Fairchild	Dick Boohar	Opal Doerr	Peg Sheldrick	Michelle Waite
<b>Intercessor</b>	Bob Stock	Kelly Grey Carlisle	Don Nelson	Dean Settle	Ray Lowther	Pippa Lawson
<b>Greeter</b>	Susan Musick	Leroy Svec	Pamela Starr	Andrea Nelson	Connie Backus-Yoder	David Pitts
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Jim Karas	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Dorothy Nelson	Judy Magnusson	Jim Karas	Joann Hruban
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Laura Waldman	Kathy Schmutte	Laura Waldman	Loris Purtzer	Nancy Benton Brown	Kathy Schmutte
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Opal Doerr	Kathy Schmutte	Joyce Wagner	Don Gray	Opal Doerr	Kathy Schmutte
<b>Tellers</b>	Doug Durham Leroy Svec	Andrea Nelson Anne Puls	Michelle Waite Stan Sipple	Doug Durham Richard Toren	Larry Krebsbach Stan Sipple	Andrea Nelson Anne Puls

## July Birthdays

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 - Richard Toren       | 13 - Bette Sperry          |
| 2 - Margi Runge         | 6 - Barbara MacKnight      |
| 8 - Abbey Shepard       | 21 - Samantha Karas        |
| - Andrew Thompson       | 22 - Mary Jane Humphrey    |
| 10 - JoAnn Hruban       | 23 - Pat Bruce Sullivan    |
| 11 - Catherine Sellmyer | 27 - Michelle Waite        |
| - Robin Mahoney         | 28 - Barbara Gray          |
| 12 - Micah Sutton       | - Dorothy Heidemann Nelson |
| - Oliver Doerr          | - Elizabeth Thompson       |
| 12 - Christine Grosh    |                            |

**August  
ROAR  
DEADLINE  
is July 15**  
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### From the Episcopal News Service...

**Becoming Bridges: The Spirit & Practice of Diversity** from Cowley Publications, by Gary Commins

As pastor of a bilingual, multicultural church for more than a decade, Gary Commins knows that diversity is a spiritual exercise that can be as charged with anxiety as it is laced with hope. In *Becoming Bridges*, Commins lays the groundwork for diversity as an intrinsic part of the life of faith and calls us to become bridge people: people who are willing to traverse gaps of ignorance and bridge the things that separate us -- religion, race, culture, class, gender, and sexual orientation. Available from [www.episcopal-bookstore.org](http://www.episcopal-bookstore.org) or call 800-903-5544, or check local bookstores.

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