



The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church
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Holy Eucharist Schedule
Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30
Tues — 12:30 (Main Chapel)

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

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The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,
Priest Associate

The Rev. Deacon Ryan Hall, *Curate*

Christine Grosh, *Deacon*

Andrea Nelson, *Senior Warden*

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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,

Politics and religion. Add sex and you have the trinity of topics about which we can (and often do!) discuss, sometimes ad nauseum (although that might just be my mood at the time of this writing).

But we discuss these topics so much because they are important. As we have entered a presidential election year, we're reminded that the differences among candidates are not primarily gender or race or the denomination with which they are affiliated. The differences affect how he or she will lead our nation and interact as our president with the rest of the world.

People of deep faith can find themselves differing about where that faith leads them on issues. We might agree that people should have equal access to health care, but we might disagree on how we reach that point. We might agree that sexual intimacy as created by God belongs within a relationship in which it is a sacramental expression of a spiritual commitment between two people; but we might not agree on whether such a commitment can only occur between people of different genders. And we might share a deep sense that God longs for peace and not war among the nations of the world, but disagree among ourselves about how best to work toward such peace.

This last topic - focused primarily around the war in Iraq -- recently crossed my desk in a letter from Bob Boyce, part of the extended Episcopal family within Lincoln. In his letter, Bob implores both the Vestry and myself to take certain public actions to condemn the war and help to bring it to an end. As the Vestry and I discussed the letter, we decided it was best to offer Bob's suggestions to the congregation at

large so that you can follow your personal conscience and act as you believe God is calling you to act. This might mean enacting one of Bob's proposals or one of your own, or it might mean not acting.

I am listing below some of Bob's suggestions, slightly adapted where necessary:

- * Attend the weekly Peace Vigil each Wednesday at the Federal Building
- * Write our senators, representatives and president, calling for
 - * an end to the war in Iraq
 - * the closing of Guantanamo Prison and other extra-legal prisons
 - * the condemnation of any form of torture
 - * initiate a group letter by members of the congregation, signed individually, supporting these stands
 - * Call for presidential candidates to support troop withdrawal, and the end of extra-legal prisons and torture

The Vestry and I offer Bob's suggestions without comment, except to urge you to - as always - say your prayers and follow through with what God is calling you to do. There is that wonderful image of praying with the Prayer Book and the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other. It brings to our minds that our faith is not solely an individual reality, but rather it is deeply connected to the world in which we live and for which we pray - and in which we are called to act, whatever that might mean for any of us at a given time.

The Curate's Corner

by
Rev. Ryan Hall



"Plighting a Troth "

As I write this, my wedding is two days away. Since Roar articles need to be in by the middle of the month so that everything that goes into them can be compiled and printed for mailing on the first of the month, I have decided to take a few moments and write down some prenuptial musings.

Being as I am a curate, and liturgy planning is one of the things for which I have been specifically trained in seminary, I planned the liturgy and printed the service bulletin for my own wedding. That seems simple enough, but there are actually many options on what can be done in a wedding, such as which blessing to use, if you want to have Communion and if so which Eucharistic prayer to use, and whether both parties exchange rings or just the bride gets the ring. I personally never quite understood the liturgical symbolism of only one person getting a ring, probably because it reminds me too much of Gollum's "precious" in The Lord of the Rings trilogy.

As I was planning the liturgy, I looked back through several different Books of Common Prayer to refresh myself on the background of the Anglican

Wedding rite. I know many a Protestant minister who keeps a copy of the Book of Common Prayer specifically to have a frame of reference at which to peek in the event he has to perform a wedding unexpectedly. Quite a few non-Episcopal Protestant weddings use part, if not most, of the exact language found in the Book of Common Prayer because the theology and power of the service is so strong and appealing.

In our research, my fiancée and I were both greatly amused to find in the 1928 American Book of Common Prayer the final phrase in the vows spoken by both the groom and bride which say, "and thereto I plight thee my troth." I honestly had not the foggiest of ideas what a "troth" was, much less how I was suppose to "plight" one.

When I first read it aloud to my fiancée, she thought I had said "trough" like the food bin in which you feed a hog. Needless to say, we had a good laugh about the mental image of a bride in a white dress slopping a hog during a wedding liturgy. That language was a bit archaic; so I understand why they updated it in the 1979 BCP revision.

A "troth" is not, in fact, a hog feed bin nor some prehistoric caveman name. A "troth" is the same root word from which we get the more modern word "betrothal." Dictionary.com gave three definitions as follows: "faithfulness, fidelity, or loyalty," "truth or verity," or (as is pertinent to this article) "one's word or promise, esp in engaging oneself to marry."

The same basic vows are still made in

the current Book of Common Prayer wedding liturgy. Instead of "thereto plighting a troth," the current part of that section is "This is my solemn vow." This is something to the modern American ear that, though no longer archaic sounding on its face, can sound just as quaint. I have actually been to a wedding (not Episcopal) where the actual spoken vows were, "for good or for better...so long as our love lasts."

I was not a liturgical consultant on that wedding, which is probably just as well. That struck me as not really being a vow at all, but a prenuptial contingency plan in liturgical form. According to the catechism in the back of the Prayer Book, marriage is referred to as "Holy Matrimony" and is defined as that "in which the woman and man enter into a life-long union, make their vows before God and the Church, and receive the grace and blessing of God to help them fulfill their vows."

To say the vow is only good "as long as our love will last" is saying that the vows taken are only done and fulfilled with our own, mortal strength. While such things as divorce happen (and sometimes with good reason, especially in cases of abuse), the good news of the Anglican wedding liturgy and our theology of marriage is that we are never in marriage alone. The Church is there to strengthen us and give us council, and God, himself, will give us the grace and strength at those times to remain faithful to those vows when our own fallible human nature can no longer find the strength to abide.

ST. MARK'S BOOK CLUB - Book list for 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
Jan 13	Susan Steinegger	March	Geraldine Brooks
Feb 24	Sidnie White Crawford	Known World	Edward P. Jones
Mar	TBA	My Grandfather's Blessings	Rachel Naomi Remen
Apr	TBA	Eat, Pray, Love	Elizabeth Gilbert

ADULT FORUM UPDATE

Spring semester's Adult Forum is off and running. We began the semester with a final session on Milton's poetry, continuing a topic that began before Christmas. Our thanks to Susan Steinegger for her flexibility and willingness to get us back into a good discussion about the political and spiritual challenges that Milton faced in his time, and that resonate with us in the twenty-first century as well. The Adult Forum continued the following week with Fr. Jerry's leading us through an examination of the Advent letter of Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. The controversial letter attempts to summarize the current situation and the specific challenges within the Anglican Communion in anticipation of the upcoming Lambeth Conference this summer. With a break for the parish annual meeting on the 20th, the Forum wraps up January with a session aimed at preparing us for the Lenten season. By sharing their own resources and practices of spiritual refreshment with each other, participants both broadened and deepened their own experience of what Lent can mean.

February begins with another look at Episcopal liturgy. In the fall, we examined the burial liturgy; as spring approaches, our attention is drawn to a more cheerful topic, the wedding liturgy. Fr. Jerry will lead the discussion over the first two Sundays of February (just in time for Valentine's Day!), and he looks forward to avid participation from the group, with individuals' accounts of their own marriage ceremonies as well as new questions. The last half of February, and into March, the Forum delves into a look at other religious faith traditions, including Judaism and Islam. Other faiths will be selected for study based on interest expressed by Forum participants.

Future Forums this semester will include sessions on evangelism, including evangelism within the Episcopal Church, and the showing of the film *Amazing Grace*. There are still a few Sundays with no topic finalized, so if you have a topic you would like to suggest, please let us know. Contact Bob Stock, coordinator of Adult Forum, or leave your suggestion with the St. Mark's office.

Here is a summary of the upcoming schedule:

Sunday, January 27, 2008

#2 - Spiritual Preparation for Lent

Sunday, February 3, 2008

#1 - What's a Wedding?: Marriage in the Episcopal Church

Sunday, February 10, 2008

#2 - What's a Wedding?: Marriage in the Episcopal Church

Sunday, February 17, 2008

Other Religious Faith Traditions

Sunday, February 24, 2008

Other Religious Faith Traditions

Sunday, March 2, 2008

Other Religious Faith Traditions

At its December meeting,
The Vestry...



- ✘ discussed and determined authorizations for check signing on the various SMOc bank accounts.
- ✘ discussed the publication of a letter from Bob Boyce which will be included in the Feb Roar.
- ✘ heard that a replacement for Bob Kuzelka as Chair of the Campus Outreach Committee is needed.
- ✘ accepted the proposed new Vestry members from the Nominating committee, including Doug Durham, Ray Lowther, and Julee Lowe and Jr. Warden Marcia White.
- ✘ thanked outgoing Vestry Members: Dennis Alfrey, Pameley Starr, Leroy Svec and outgoing Sr. Warden Susan Musick.
- ✘ heard that the inventory has been completed.
- ✘ heard that a selection has been made of Opal Doerr for the Extraordinary Service Award.
- ✘ accepted a new Audit Committee to include new members Mary Jane Humphrye, Karen Krebsbach, Susan Steinegger, and Richard Toren.
- ✘ decided that a Vestry Meeting would be held after the January 13th annual meeting to elect a clerk. We have had no volunteers thus far for this position.

Annual Meeting Address - By Fr. Jerry Thompson

The day of the Annual Meeting is in some ways a pivotal one in the life of a parish. It's a day on which we are looking both backward and forward. It's a day on which we have one foot in the past as well as one foot in the future. But our stance is not balanced. It's more like a runner's stance - ready to move -- because God is always calling us forward in ministry -- taking who we are and everything that has gone into making us who we are from the past and calling us into the future.

It's a bit like John the Baptist and the disciples in our gospel this morning. John draws on that image of the Lamb of God from the religious tradition as he points to Jesus and all the hopes that Jesus embodies for the people of God - he draws on that image from the past as he points to the future as revealed in this Lamb of God.

That's similar to the way we draw on the traditions of the past at St. Mark's on the Campus, all the while pointing to Jesus as the embodiment of our hopes and dreams for future ministry as the people of God in this place. We look to Jesus to take the past and what it has made us and to shape our dreams as we follow him into tomorrow.

As I look back on 2007, I see lots of activity and continuing transition within the parish.

- * I see a new permanent administrative assistant and once again a new sexton.
- * A new treasurer and assistant treasurer because Suzi Lore moved back to Alliance mid-year.
- * I see a new system of bookkeeping and all the work that has gone into bringing that about -- a system that ultimately will lead the parish into being better stewards of the financial gifts with which we are entrusted.
- * I see a new experience for the parish - having a curate!
- * a growing campus outreach ministry.
- * A growing budget with increased pledges and an increased number of pledges.
- * I see a healthy attendance and expanding membership.
- * I also see some loss, as some beloved members have actually decided to move away to other places - Texas, Buffalo; and one has become a Buddhist!

That's just a smattering of things I see in terms of change and activity within this community. I could add others and I'm sure you could as well.

I also see ways in which we have hung on to some of the key elements of what makes this community of St. Mark's on the Campus who it is. A deep and abiding passion and love for all human beings as children of God. Last week in the baptismal covenant we renewed our covenant "to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being." Those are not just words in this community of faith; deep in your tradition - in what has shaped you as a community of faith in God - is a commitment to this expression of your identity as baptized ministers of Christ. Along with that is a long-standing commitment to liturgical worship.

I recently had a relatively new worshipper at St. Mark's on the

Campus share with me that he has been surprised at how meaningful liturgical worship has become to him. Part of that is his own spiritual journey. And I believe that it's partly because we strive to do liturgy well here, meaning with care. We try to open space for God's Spirit to move within and through our actions. And that gift is often given to us. Not because we're so good at worship but because God is continually looking for ways to make grace known; we simply manage to open up some possibilities in and through our prayer.

Our prayer: I also see in this community one that is deeply rooted in prayer. We offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving each week not just on behalf of ourselves but also on behalf of one another and on behalf of the world. What binds us as one is a communion that is thoroughly a gift from God -- the God to whom we offer our many lives and our common life. When we say to each other, I will pray for you, we mean it. And when we say to each other, let me know what else I can do, we mean that as well.

Those are some of the sacred traditions I see at the very heart of this community. And in this world of ours, those traditions are not to be taken lightly. They are to be cherished. And they are to be treasured as we move into 2008 and beyond.

We are profoundly blessed. God continues to bless us as we are shaped by the past and the voice of Jesus in the present calling us forward. Jesus calls us to continue the journey, to continue to share the blessing as broadly as we possibly can -- and in particular ways to share that blessing with the students who make their home across the street.

You knew I was going to say that at some point. It was your first priority when you called me to serve as your Rector almost three years ago, and the Vestry has reaffirmed that priority each year. And in order to continue making progress, it will need to be a top priority for years to come. So I suspect you'll hear me mentioning it for some time to come.

As I look at St. Mark's on the Campus at the moment, I know several things. I know that I cannot possibly grasp everything God has in store for us - whether it be in 2008 or in the next twenty years. And I know that whatever God has in mind, we are up to the call. There's that wonderful phrase in our reading from First Corinthians this morning: "you are not lacking in any spiritual gift. . ." Wherever God calls us, God provides what we need to follow.

Part of what God has already provided is every one of you, working together to glorify God as you follow Jesus. In our passage from Isaiah the Lord proclaims "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." I hear God saying to us this day, "You are my servant, St. Mark's on the Campus, in whom I will be glorified."

I pray, along with all of you, that we may be blessed beyond imagining in 2008, that all our works may glorify God, whom we serve with love and adoration. May Jesus guide and bless and shape us in all our tomorrows, and may we always have the strength and the courage to follow Him where he leads.

Poem for 2007 - By Mark Musick

The Lord again watched over and blessed St. Mark's in 2007,
No major building or equipment problems, just like heaven.
How we engage college students was the emphasis again,
From stage left, in came Curate Ryan.

Clergy Jerry, Sidnie, Gretchen, Ryan and Christine, what a team,
Bill Callahan wished he could have this talent to fill his coaching seam.
With excellent liturgical knowledge - what a wonderful dream,
The best rise to the top, like Nan's eggnog cream.

Denise is a terrific addition in the last year,
You fit in well, thanks for being here.

The undercroft cleanout continued, increasing the Lincoln Landfill,
The new room for the high schoolers will cause a 2008 small bill.

For years the undercroft has resembled an old Egyptian tomb,
Huge thanks to Rich Toren for planning the new undercroft room.
A way to say thanks is to give him an extra big plate for the luck of pot.
We appreciate all you do and are grateful alot.

The youth again prepared brownie jars for sale in the fall,
To support next year, be sure to return your jars made by Ball.

The study lounge continued to increase it's utilization with Kelly Carlisle,
The snacks and food brought the students to smile,
Another new fangled attraction was the WIFI,
No need to plug-in, electrons just flowing through the sky.

Ryan began last summer, what a wonderful Parish addition,
Taking the far back office was the only condition.
It was time for the removal of Fr. Don's book shelves,
So the walls could be painted by a group of elves,

The tail gate hot dogs prior to the home football games were a huge hit,
Bob's call was for all to pitch in and support the fans - bit by bit
Carol was particularly efficient at peddling each hotdog bun.
She just wanted to keep the crowd moving toward the Husker fun.

The knitting group made sweaters with Janet Davidson in the lead,
Another excellent outreach for children in need.

Kim organized a summer activity, involving paint,
It as so dang hot, it was surprising no one did faint.

Big Red Welcome - millions of cookies were bagged and slated,
Students grabbed them like they were gold plated.
Thanks to all who slaved over hot ovens to design the delectable dona-
tions,
Next year will provide another chance to bake some new creations.

Programmable thermostats arrived this year,
Takes some adjustment, now lets make it clear.
We save some natural gas, with the temperatures low,
Be sure to bring a coat - you just don't know.

I do miss the appealing blue color of the downstairs bathrooms
before,
But no one knew the beauty that the rest rooms had in store.
The work even encompassed painting the floor,
Many thanks to Jim, Jessica, Nathan, and Mitchell Karas, there
will be more.

The services were fabulous on Christmas Eve,
The music concert directed by Kurt made you not want to leave.
Rumor has it the Plymouth Choir wants to attend our services
next year,
The music was so beautiful, so all want to be near.

Todd's liberal use of the incense for Christmas Eve brought in
God's spirit,
But incense filling the entire church is too much, it is hard to
clear it.

Again the potlucks were a traditional hit,
Meat, vegetable, salads, and deserts, which throw children into a
sugar fit.
But Nan Hanway's Christmas Eve nog created a line of takers,
Which capped the tables of desserts - provided by St. Mark's
bakers,

Pamela, Leroy, and Dennis are graduating from the Vestry after a
term of Three,
At the last meeting it was overheard, we now have our Sunday
afternoons free.

Andrea and Marcia we hope the future year is smooth for you,
And no one starts a fire, with a closed fireplace chimney flu.

Kathy, Opal, Joyce, and Don make the perfect alter guild team.
They prepare for the Eucharist and bring Gods light beam.
Thanks for your service at the altar,
With your assistance, St. Marks will never falter.

Anne and Jerry Puls consistently prepared the pantry food
into sacks,
Lifting all those cans will put a pain in their backs,
Thanks for this tremendous outreach to feed many souls,
You provide nutritious food to fill their bowls.

In the adult forum, leadership was by Susan and Janet,
Many interesting subjects from all over the planet.
Just don't study poetry by Ted Koozer - let those poems flee,
When you need a home grown notable poet - look at me.

Today the church is thrown into 2008, a new year,
Be sure to listen for God message for you to hear.
St. Mark's is a pretty special place to see God's light,
It will be shining on each of you very bright.

Financial Report

INCOME	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	EXPENSES	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET
Contributions				Advertising / Promotional	1,800	3,876	3,550
- Plate contributions	197,252	207,143	217,728	Campus Ministry	6,000	7,064	6,100
- Plate offering, general	20,000	18,238	21,460	** Capital Expense, budgeted	0	2,698	2,400
- Plate offering, Easter	1,200	1,065	1,069	Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	2,150	2,471	2,850
- Plate offering, Christmas	3,000	3,135	3,235	Diocese Asking	28,195	28,195	30,410
- Donation in Kind	0	544	0	Education Expenses			
- Flower Income	1,600	2,224	1,750	- Adult Education	200	1,406	600
Total Contributions	223,052	232,348	245,242	- Church School Supplies	1,500	1,286	1,400
				- Liturgy Books	0	414	500
Diocesan Assistance				- Mens Breakfast Books	0	379	250
- * Grant in Aid	25,000	22,923	25,000	- Youth Group	300	58	100
- Curate Support	26,113	25,739	52,558	Insurance	5,350	5,482	5,559
- * Rector Insurance Subsidy	10,668	6,237	9,126	Kitchen Supplies	100	695	600
Total Diocesan Assistance	61,781	54,899	86,684	Labor costs	0	605	600
				Lay Ministry Expenses	0	358	150
Other Income				Accounting Expenses	400	804	450
- Misc Income	0	2,398	0	Memorial Fund Expense	0	222	0
- NE Bookstore Buyback	1,000	1,000	2,000	Misc Expenses	0	664	720
- Interest, non-restricted	1,700	2,980	3,869	Office Equipment	3,500	6,936	3,350
Total Other Income	2,700	6,378	5,869	Office / General Admin	6,500	8,214	8,170
				Outreach	4,150	4,506	4,400
** Transfer from restricted \$	650	4,092	3,900	Prior Year Expense	0	1,278	0
				** Renovation Expenses	0	793	1,500
TOTAL INCOME	288,182	297,717	341,695	Repair & Maintenance	3,600	3,939	3,050
				Travel	1,400	1,573	1,750
Net income minus expenses	514	(\$ 3,073)	0	*** Utilities	10,150	8,465	10,600
				Worship & Music			
				- *** Flowers - Altar	1,800	3,089	1,850
				- Supplies - Altar	1,525	1,448	1,330
				- ** Music	1,750	1,468	1,100
				Payroll Expenses	207,299	202,404	248,356
				TOTAL EXPENSES	287,669	300,790	341,695

* \$4384 expected income delayed until early Jan 2008:

- Dec Grant-in-Aid @ \$2083; 4th Qtr insurance subsidy @ \$2079; transfer from Memorial Funds @ \$222

** Transfer from restricted funds to cover Capital Expenditures @ \$2648 and Renovation @ \$793 and Spire/Faulkner funds @ \$650 to cover part of Christmas Eve Special Music

*** About \$1300 paid ahead of due date at end of year. Flowers include both December 2006 and December 2007. Last payment for natural gas and clergy insurance delayed until January 2008

February Birthdays

2 - Dennis Alfrey	15 - Barbara Stock	26 - Natalie Shepard
3 - Mary Lutz	17 - Dave Holmquist	- Richard Sutton
7 - Janna Shrewsbury	- Barbara Banks	27 - Ferd Anderson
12 - Nan Graf	21 - Don Nelson	- Leroy Svec
14 - Richard Quinn	24 - Margo Young	

St. Mark's on the Campus * Jan 27 - March 8, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study w/Sidnie 7-11 pm Study Lounge	28 Ryan Day Off 1-3 pm Fr Jerry @ UNL Student Union	29 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 12:30 pm - Cursillo 4th Day 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	30 Fr. Jerry Day Off 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5:30 Choir Practice 7-11 pm Study Lounge 7:30 - 9:30 Knitting Group	31 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	Feb 1st DENISE OFF	2
3 Pancake Feed 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study w/Sidnie Artists on the Edge Opening 7-11 pm Study Lounge	4 Ryan Day Off 1-3 pm Fr Jerry @ UNL Student Union DENISE OFF	5 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 12:30 pm - Cursillo 4th Day 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	6 ASH WEDNESDAY Services at Noon and 5:15pm 7-11 pm Study Lounge 7:30 - 9:30 Knitting Group	7 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	8 Fr. Jerry Day Off NOON: STATIONS OF THE CROSS - MAIN CHAPEL	9
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SUNDAY SERVICES: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am and 10:30 am
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Adult Forum and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
 BIBLE STUDY WITH SIDNIE: Sunday mornings following the 10:30 am Eucharist
 WEEKDAY HOLY EUCHARIST: Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Main Chapel
 EVENING PRAYER: 4:30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday in the Chapel
 STUDY LOUNGE: Sunday and Wednesday nights - 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
 KNITTING GROUP: Wednesday nights from 7:30 - 9:30 pm
 CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRAYER - Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PANCAKE FEED

Our Middle / High School Youth will be serving pancakes on Sunday, February 3rd between the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Come and enjoy fellowship and flapjacks! A free will offering will be received.

THANK YOU - The perfect gift is the gift of love. I thank my sisters and brothers in Christ for so lovingly sharing this holiday season through the Christmas card ministry. On behalf of all my peers at the Lincoln Regional Center. Shalom. - Norman Leach

MARK-US NOTES

STUDY LOUNGE

The study lounge is a place for all students to study and enjoy free snacks, pop, Wi-Fi, fellowship, and study time on Sunday and Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm. Coming soon: free espresso drinks, pizza, and more!

**DONATIONS OF POP AND
MUNCHIES are ALWAYS
WELCOME!**

Food Pantry Needs

Some of the needs of the Food Pantry this month are pork & beans, cookies, canned fruit, rice 4-5 lb bags of sugar, pancake mix, muffin mix, large boxes of instant potatoes, small jars of cooking oil, cream soups, vegetable beef soup, and jelly.

The first Sunday of each month is specifically designated for the collection of your donations, but food will be received each week in the basket in the narthex.

BISHOP'S VISIT

The Bishop's official visit is scheduled for April 13th and that anyone interested in being confirmed or received at that time will need to attend the Curate's confirmation class which is scheduled to begin in early February. Please contact the curate, Ryan Hall, for more information.

ARTISTS ON THE EDGE SHOW

The month of February will be SMOC's 7th year of The Artist's on the Edge Show. Opening Sunday afternoon February 3rd from 1pm - 4pm, poetry reading at 2. The show will be in the lounge through the month of February and will feature work from persons served at The Community Mental Health Center and CenterPointe. The pieces are for sale and are affordable art for your home or office. For more info contact Dean Settle at 441-6603.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Services will be held on Wednesday, February 6th at 12:00 noon and at 5:15 p.m. Services will include Prayer Over the Ashes, Imposition of Ashes, and The Litany of Penitence.

Cursillo News

Members of the Southeast Deanery Cursillo meet with the Lutheran Via De Cristo for a combined Ultreya on Sunday Feb. 10th, 2pm at Southwood Lutheran Church, 9300 S. 40th St. in Lincoln. Ultreya is for everyone. Bring a friend and join us!

Order Lilies for Easter

Deadline for Ordering is March 1st, 2008

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

NUMBER OF LILIES ORDERED: _____ X \$10.00 = TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to St. Mark's on the Campus. Please include this form with your payment, so we have the right information for the dedications. Please indicate your written dedication below for each Lily that you order

Knit 4 Lent - 4,000 Hats in 40 Days

A knitting group from Ravelry seeks to incorporate knitting into the discipline of Lent. It aims to knit up 4,000 hats in the 40 days of Lent - to be given by Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) at Christmas to mariners serving the Gulf region of the United States. Mariners who dock along that coast come from all over the world. Once back at sea, a special gift at Christmastime - a hand-knit watch cap, some toiletries and candies - warm their hearts while away from loved ones.

Founded in 1834 and affiliated with the Episcopal Church, the Seamen's Church Institute of New York & New Jersey (SCI) is the largest, most comprehensive mariners' agency in North America. Annually, its chaplains visit 3,400 vessels in the Port of New York and New Jersey and along 2,200 miles of America's inland waterways.

If you are interested in knitting with us, please join the St. Mark's knitting group on Wednesday evenings or knit at home. Patterns are available from Susan Ugai at 423-5953 or book1456@aol.com

CONGRATULATIONS

...and many thanks go out to Opal Doerr, the recipient of this year's Extraordinary Service Award. Opal spends many hours each week cleaning and organizing the kitchen as well as taking care of the indoor plants. Great job, Opal.

[More Congratulations](#)

Our Music Director, Kurt Knecht, spent the weekend of January 26-27th in Tampa, Florida premiering a large commissioned work for organ at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church. Visit Kurt's website at www.kurtknecht.com.

BIBLE STUDY WITH SIDNIE

February 03 - Romans 1 (New Testament)
February 10 - NO Bible Study
February 17 - NO Bible Study
February 24 - Romans 2

Sidnie White Crawford will be giving a talk on the Dead Sea Scrolls at the South Street Temple on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Members of St. Mark's are welcome to attend.

Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	3-Feb	6-Feb Ash Wed noon	6-Feb Ash Wed 5:15 pm	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	06-Mar
8:30 RH/Acolyte	Jeff Sneller	XXX	XXX	Todd Sneller	Jonathan Jones	Marcia White	Sara Toren
10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister	Don Gray	XXX	Todd Sneller	Sara Toren	Jeff Sneller	Todd Sneller	Don Gray
Acolytes	Michael Fairchild Helen Pitts	XXX	Don Gray Michael Fairchild	Jonathan Cole Dick Quinn	Todd Sneller Samantha Karas	Jeff Sneller Helen Pitts	Michael Fairchild Jonathan Jones
Ushers	Susan Rehn David Sellmyer	Susan Ugai Lisa Sutton	Dick Quinn Bob Kuzelka	Roger Wait Dean Settle	Bob Kuzelka Nora Pitts	Susan Ugai Michelle Waite	Lisa Sutton Bob Stock
Lector (OT)	Cathy Sellmyer	Peg Sheldrick	Sarah Fairchild	Anita Bowman	Sara Toren	Burns Davis	Bette Sperry
Epistler	Todd Sneller	XXX	Ray Lowther	Opal Doerr	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Peg Sheldrick	Colleen Baade
Intercessor	Jeanine Jewell	XXX	XXX	Donna Harler-Smith	Pippa Lawson	Bob Stock	Steve Forol
Greeter	Andrea Nelson	XXX	Pamela Starr	David Pitts	Yolanda Rolle	Pamela Starr	Joyce Wagner
Coffee Host	Karen Krebsbach	XXX	XXX	Margo Young	Nancy Brown	Kelly Carlisle	Opal Doerr
Bread Baker	Loris Purtzer	XXX	XXX	Kathy Schmutte	Laura Waldman	Nancy Brown	Loris Purtzer
Altar Guild	Kathy Schmutte	XXX	XXX	Joyce Wagner	Opal Doerr	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte
Tellers	Larry Krebsbach Stan Sipple	XXX	XXX	Anne Puls Michelle Waite	Andrea Nelson Richard Toren	Doug Durham Stan Sipple	Larry Krebsbach Michelle Waite

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