



The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church
APRIL 2008



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Holy Eucharist Schedule

Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30

Tues — 12:30 (Main Chapel)

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

The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,
Priest Associate

The Rev. Deacon Ryan Hall, *Curate*

Christine Grosh, *Deacon*

Andrea Nelson, *Senior Warden*

Marcia White, *Junior Warden*

Margo Young, *Treasurer*

Dorothy Nelson, *Asst 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

First of all, let me again give thanks to all of you who helped make Holy Week a very special time in the life of this community. As a priest, I always look forward to Holy Week as a time in which -- with particular intensity -- we live into the paschal mystery of Christ's dying and rising. Our Prayer Book liturgies help to make the offering of that week to God one in which we truly do kneel deeply within our hearts. Our individual offerings enhance that reality, and I am always especially grateful at this time of year for the way the people of God bring together their gifts in service.

Looking ahead, I am delighted to share with you that we will be celebrating a seder meal with the people of South Street Temple on Saturday, April 26. We will begin by gathering at 5 PM at the Temple. South Street Temple is the reform Jewish community here in Lincoln, and some of you will remember that last year we were invited to participate in their Selichot service with them.

Such interfaith efforts are critical in our world as too often religion has become an excuse to divide ourselves from each other

rather than to unite in mutual care, love and respect as a revelation of the God in whom we trust. I am delighted that we are continuing to nurture this relationship and hope that many of you are able to be present that evening. Following are some comments from Rabbi Ilan Emmanuel about what we can expect.

Interfaith Seder

The Passover festival is one of the most important times of the Jewish year. The themes and traditions of the festival have had an immense impact on both Judaism and Christianity, recalling the Exodus from Egypt and freedom from slavery of the ancient Israelites. Join us on Saturday April 26 at St Mark's as we celebrate a traditional Seder (Passover meal), with song and story retelling this central story of our shared traditions.

The Seder service will start at

5 p.m. with meal at 6 p.m.

What a joy it is to be part of St. Mark's on the Campus, and part of the larger Lincoln community! We are truly blessed. Thanks and glory be always to God.

Fr. Jerry

The Curate's Corner

by

Rev. Ryan Hall



"The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!"

The old nursery rhyme says, "April showers bring May flowers." According to the weatherman as of this writing (in Mid-March), apparently that will ring true here in Nebraska. As weather predictions go, only time will tell. Regardless of whether it rains or not, April is also bringing another goodie our way, the annual visitation of the Bishop.

This always begs the questions of what a bishop "does" and why he always dressed so peculiarly. The answer to the first part of that question can be found in the catechism in the back of the Book of Common Prayer (page 855) under the question pertaining to the ministry of a bishop: "The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building

up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry."

There is much debate among scholars as to when the office and role of Bishops began in Christianity. The New Testament is somewhat vague as to the roles of clergy and their titles. Obviously, the first followers of Jesus were called disciples. Paul, who wrote a majority of the New Testament, called himself an apostle. The way he describes his role in relation to the churches he founded has some of the attributes that we now attribute to a bishop.

The word "bishop" itself is an old English transliteration of the Vulgar Latin word which is itself a transliteration of the Greek New Testament word episkopos which roughly translates as "overseer." Of course, from this New Testament word descends the modern word "Episcopal" that means church government under the authority of a bishop.

The role of bishop, as we currently understand it, probably arose some time in the later 1st or 2nd Century. It was during this time period that the symbols of the bishop we still associate with a bishop were formed. The pointy hat the bishop wears is called a mitre, sometimes spelled miter. Some scholars believe it originated as some form of head covering akin to what the Judaic priests of the temple who kept

the Ark of the Covenant wore. By the 1100s, the mitre developed the distinctive point similar to the design of crowns worn by the kings of the day.

The bishop also carried a staff with a crooked end, which is called a crozier. Church historians believe it likely originated as simply a walking stick that bishops who traveled on foot to various churches needed for both traveling and protection. This largely became stylized to resemble a shepherd's staff, denoting that the bishop is the chief shepherd of the flock.

Perhaps one of the bishop's primary jobs is to perform confirmations and receptions. Since he represents Christ personally in his role as chief pastor, priest, and apostle, the Episcopal Church is still the one denomination that insists that the bishop personally confirm or receive all people into the church. Just as God welcomes all who duly repent and turn unto Him, so does the Bishop, acting on God's behalf, oversee the adult affirmation of faith of all members as they express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by the bishop. Our prayers go with all of our confirmation and reception candidates as they continue their spiritual journey with us in the Episcopal Church.

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
March 30	Dorothy Zimmerman	<i>My Grandfather's Blessings</i>	Rachel Naomi Remen
April TBA	TBA	<i>Eat, Pray, Love</i>	Elizabeth Gilbert

Knit 4 Lent - 4,000 Hats in 40 days

The St. Mark's knitters/crocheters have completed over 20 hats for the Knit4Lent project. These hats were blessed at the Easter morning service and sent on to the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) for distribution to mariners serving the Gulf region of the United States. Mariners who dock along that coast come from all over the world. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS ONCE AGAIN...

As this year's recipient of the Eva A. Christensen Memorial Scholarship for organ, your Music Director, Kurt Knecht, will be playing a concert in sparkling downtown Imperial, Nebraska on Sunday, April 6th.

Special thanks to Burns Davis for playing services at St. Mark's while Kurt is away.

Vestry
Notes



THE VESTRY RETREAT IS SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH. DETAILS TO FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE.

ANNUAL GROUNDS CLEANING

On Sunday, April 20th, after the 10:30 am service, we will offer all parishioners an opportunity to assist in the annual clean up of the grounds in preparation for St. Mark's Day on April 27th. Bring your tshirts and sneakers !!!

Campus Outreach News

Deacon Christine Grosh

ORA ET LABORA PAYS OFF! The Campus Outreach Committee put in solid prayer and work and got excellent results for Angels and Troublemakers! Pippa White's performance was excellent, and we were thrilled to have 130 people there. About 40-50 people stayed for cookies and discussion afterward. The UNL Women's Center sponsorship was important for the success of the event as well. We are discussing ideas for more shared projects on campus. Thanks to the congregation for great support and to these individuals: Jan Deeds, Director of the Women's Center, Leighannah Akins - both St. Mark's & Women's Center worker!, Lisa Lux, Women's Center, Fr. Jerry, Connie Backus-Yoder, Janet Davidson, Bob Kuzelka, Gwen Langrehr, Kelly Gray Carlisle, Nathan Schulte, Lisa Sutton, Deacons Ryan Hall & Christine Grosh, Peg Sheldrick, and the **COOKIE BAKERS!** Thanks for delicious and generous plates of cookies! The tables looked nice with the baskets of African violets and ivy from the Boohar family.

Financial Report

INCOME	2008 FEB	2008 YTD	2008 BUDGET
Contributions			
- Pledge contributions	15,370	39,930	217,728
- Plate offering, general	731	2,325	25,764
- Flower Income	90	225	1,750
Total Contributions	16,191	42,479	245,242
Diocesan Assistance			
- * Grant in Aid	4,167	6,250	25,000
- Curate Support	4,290	8,580	52,558
- Insurance Subsidy, Rector	0	2,079	9,126
Total Diocesan Assistance	8,457	16,909	86,684
Other Income			
- Interest Income	221	464	3,869
- Other Income	135	1,192	2,000
- Transmittal Funds	225	225	0
- Transfer from Restricted	0	0	3,900
Total Other Income	581	1,881	9,769
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25,229	\$ 61,269	\$ 341,695

EXPENSES	2008 FEB	2008 YTD	2008 BUDGET
Advertising / Promotional	260	900	3,550
Campus Ministry	0	0	6,100
Capital Items, budgeted	0	0	2,400
Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	572	572	2,850
Diocese Asking	2,534	5,068	30,410
Education Expenses	10	94	2,850
Ed - Youth Special Projects	(-282)	(-319)	0
Insurance	1,405	1,405	5,559
Kitchen Supplies	(-31)	(-42)	600
Labor, Advertising	0	294	600
Lay Ministry Expenses	8	8	150
Legal and Professional Fees	0	0	450
Memorial Fund Expense	0	0	0
Misc Expenses	34	30	720
Office Equipment	514	650	3,350
Office / General Admin	423	1,177	8,170
Outreach	0	0	4,400
Renovation, Budgeted	0	0	1,500
Repair & Maintenance	159	322	3,050
Travel	0	0	1,750
Utilities	1,522	2,940	10,600
Worship -- Flowers	120	120	1,850
Worship -- Altar Supplies	49	87	1,330
Worship -- Music	0	0	1,100
** Payroll Expenses	23,588	43,064	248,356
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 30,885	\$ 56,370	\$ 341,695

Net income minus expenses (\$5,656) \$ 4,900 0

* 2008 Grant-in-Aid includes Dec 07 payment

** Payroll Expenses includes both Feb / Mar Insurance payments.

April Birthdays

- 3 - Don Burge
- 4 - Ruth Armstrong
 - Brenda Pope
- 7 - Joe Kraus
- 14 - Jim Karas
- 15 - Anne Puls
- 17 - Diana Stock
 - Michelle Kemper
- 20 - Nathan Karas
- 21 - Stan Sipple
 - Ryan Hall
- 25 - Grant Clough
- 27 - Mitchell Karas
- 20 - Jeanne Vannorsdall
 - Julee Lowe

THE BLUE BOX

Grateful hearts are the reason the United Thank Offering is able to continue to award grants which are gifts of love and which change lives. The UTO grant committee has approved nearly \$2.44 million in grants for 2007, the largest nearly \$80,000 to the diocese of Sialkot in Pakistan to finish a hospital and the smallest \$750 to the Diocese of Mississippi to start a school program at St. Mark's in Jackson. As our daily prayers of thanks are offered and money placed in the boxes, the money becomes an outward and visible sign of thanks to God. The UTO mission is to expand the circle of thankful people by placing a "little blue box" in each household to use throughout the year. Boxes and information are available in the narthex. Questions? See or call Jo Ann Hruban, 310-0818. Our ingathering will be held in the fall when you will be invited to bring the coins you have dropped into the box in thanksgiving.

St. Mark's on the Campus * Mar 30 - May 10, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study w/Sidnie 3:00 p.m. Book Club 7-11 pm Study Lounge	31 Ryan Day Off	APR 1 Undercroft Construction Begins 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	2 Fr. Jerry Day Off 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5:30 Choir Practice 7-11 pm Study Lounge 7:30 - 9:30 Knitting Group	3 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	4 5:30 pm Pizza Palanca Party Holy Trinity Church	5
Father Jerry on Vacation thru April 2nd						
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13 BISHOP'S VISITATION 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 NO Bible Study 7-11 pm Study Lounge	14 Ryan Day Off 7:00 pm Kurt Knecht Recital St. Paul's UMC	15 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	16 Fr. Jerry Day Off 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5:30 Choir Practice 7-11 pm Study Lounge 7:30 - 9:30 Knitting Group	17 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	18	19
20 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study w/Sidnie Annual Grounds Cleaning 7-11 pm Study Lounge	21 Ryan Day Off	22 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	23 Fr. Jerry Day Off 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5:30 Choir Practice 7-11 pm Study Lounge 7:30 - 9:30 Knitting Group	24 4:30 pm - NO Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon Deacon Ryan Hall Out of Town	25	26 VESTRY RETREAT 5:00 pm Seder Meal South Street Temple
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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.

MUSICAL NOTES

Kurt's first composition recital as part of the requirements for his degree program will be on April 14th at 7pm at St. Paul's UMC. The concert be about 45 minutes in length and will feature a recently commissioned organ piece, a song cycle of Carl Sandburg poems sung by our own Holly Heffelbower, and a woodwind octet based on the 10 plagues. The woodwind octet will be accompanied by projections of 10 brand new paintings commissioned especially for the concert.

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, instant potatoes, instant oatmeal, all soups, SPAM, canned fruit, macaroni & cheese, cookies, muffin mix, 5 lb bags of pancake mix, fruit juice, cold cereal, peanut butter, 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

Please mark your calendars for April 13th !!!

The Rt. Rev. Joe Burnett, the 10th Bishop of Nebraska, will be making his annual visitation to St. Mark's on the Campus. Please come to greet the Bishop and support all the people being received, confirmed, or baptized on that occasion.

After the Service, we will have a potluck supper celebration.

Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name as follows:

A-I: Salad

J-R: Dessert

S-Z: Main Dish or Casserole

PIZZA PALANCA PARTY

The Cursillo Servant Community Team of the Southeast Deanery will hold a Pizza Palanca party at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, on Friday April 4th at 5:30 pm. All Cursillistas from the Southeast Deanery are encouraged to attend and help prepare Palanca for the up coming Curisillo Weekend, April 17 20. A free will offering will be taken for the Pizza and you are asked to use the South door at the church.

Cursillo Meeting

Southeast Deanery members of Cursillo will meet with Lincoln Lutheran Via De Cristo at St. Mark's on the Campus on April 26th at 5:30PM for a pot luck supper and a combined Ultreya. Fr. Ernesto Medina, Dean of Urban Mission at Trinity Cathedral in Omaha, will be a guest speaker. Ultreya is for everyone. Please plan to join us!

Undercroft Update

Richard Toren

It appears everything is ready to begin work on the new classroom. I talked to Steve Burham with DBI, our contractor, about meeting the afternoon of Monday March 31 to briefly walk through the building, meet the occupants, and establish any rules we need to keep everyone happy. Actual construction work will then likely start on Tuesday April 1 — and I am not fooling!

Prior to beginning construction, we will need to move anything out of that corner of the undercroft if there is any of that to do yet. We should try and give the contractor a 'clean' work area so they do not have to spend any time doing this.

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, 2008.
Please tell us if you (or someone you know) will be graduating this spring!!!

ADULT FORUM NEWS

All four Sundays in April will be devoted to a showing of the recent film "Amazing Grace," a movie which dramatizes the efforts of William Wilberforce in the late 18th century to abolish the slave trade. Each episode will run about a half hour, starting at 9:30 am, allowing for about 20 minutes of discussion after each one. Some background information on Evangelicalism and the film will be provided the last Sunday in March (March 30th).

A Call to Cursillo

The Secretariat of the Nebraska Cursillo movement encourages all who have not made a Cursillo Weekend to consider attending the 2008 weekend being held April 17-20, at the 4 H facility in Halsey, Nebraska.

A Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christian leadership, designed to be a help on our spiritual journey. It is intended to equip all of us to be effective witnesses for Christ in our everyday environments.

If you would like to be part of what some consider a "life changing" experience, contact Fr. Jerry Thompson or Nancy Brown. Application forms and more information about Cursillo may be found on the Web site:

www.nebraskaepiscopalcursillo.org.

Nancy Brown, Lay Director
Nebraska Cursillo Secretariat

BIBLE STUDY WITH SIDNIE

will be meeting on this month on April 6th, April 20th, and April 27th. We will be continuing our study of Romans.

Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	6-April	13-April Bishop's Visit	20-April	27-April	4-May
8:30 RH/Acolyte	Yolanda Rolle	Jeff Sneller	Marcia White	Dick Quinn	Yolanda Rolle
10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister	Jonathan Jones	Don Gray	Jeff Sneller	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Todd Sneller
Acolytes	Don Gray Michael Fairchild	Helen Pitts Jonathan Cole	Dick Quinn Helen Pitts	Jonathan Cole Jeff Sneller	Samantha Karas Michael Fairchild
Ushers	Dennis Alfrey Dick Quinn	David Sellmyer Nora Pitts	Bob Stock Lisa Sutton	Susan Ugai Michelle Waite	Roger Wait Dennis Alfrey
Lector (OT)	Roger Wait	Cathy Sellmyer	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Anita Bowman	Pamela Starr
Epistler	Steve Foral	Leroy Svec	Mary Hall	Kelly Carlisle	Bette Sperry
Intercessor	Laura Waldman	Jonathan Jones	Dean Settle	Jeanine Jewell	Bob Stock
Greeter	Kelly Carlisle	Ray Lowther	Yolanda Rolle	Doug Durham	Joyce Wagner
Coffee Host	Dorothy Nelson	Nancy Brown	Kelly Carlisle	Opal Doerr	Nan Graf
Bread Baker	Loris Purtzer	Kathy Schmutte	Marcia White	Laura Waldman	Nancy Brown
Altar Guild	Opal Doerr	Don Gray	Opal Doerr	Joyce Wagner	Kathy Schmutte
Tellers	Andrea Nelson Stan Sipple	Richard Toren Michelle Waite	Leroy Svec Larry Krebsbach	Doug Durham Anne Puls	Andrea Nelson Stan Sipple

THE MAIN CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER
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