



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*

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

Dear Friends,

Some of you know that most Tuesdays during the academic year I participate in a group that focuses on prayer and spiritual growth. Last year the focus was on continual conversion with St. Ignatius. This year, the group is "Praying with the Mystics," and we spend several weeks on one or two different prayers throughout church history.

Currently we're using a book that focuses on Benedict of Nursia and Bernard of Clairvaux. As I was working in this book, I came across the following quotation by a Jesuit named Walter Burghardt. Although written for a Roman Catholic context, it really addresses all church contexts (and so you can hear the root meaning of "catholic," that is, universal.)

. . . [T]his living, pulsing, sinning people of God,

[I] love it with a crucifying passion. Why?

For all the Catholic hate, I experience here a community of love.

For all the institutional idiocy, I

find here a tradition of reason. For all the individual repressions, I breathe here an air of freedom. For all the fear of sex, I discover here the redemption of my body. In an age so inhuman, I touch here rich joy and laughter. In the midst of death, I hear an incomparable stress on life. For all the apparent absence of God, I sense here the real presence of Christ.

(Tell the Next Generation)

Burghardt's tougher on the institutional church than I might be, but over the years I have lived more deeply into the reality that the institution is not the kingdom of heaven. (I realize this surprises many of you!) But as a friend of mine says, "What else do we have?"

As Burghardt suggests, the miracle of the church is that despite its very humanness, we do encounter the living God within it. In other words, despite our fragile humanity, we have been graced to such an extent that God is still known among us. If that isn't a miracle, I don't know what is!

From the Rector

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As I recently celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood and look ahead to the upcoming third anniversary of coming to St. Mark's on the Campus, I find myself profoundly grateful for the gifts God gives us "in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ," as we say when we send out a eucharistic visitor on Sunday. That community reaches beyond our congregation and beyond our denomination and beyond the institutional church in ways that God alone knows. And that community reaches deeply within all of these, despite everything to the contrary; despite the fact that we are the "living, pulsing, sinning people of God," we find ourselves blessed by God in ways that are continually surprising, in this community we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Yours in Christ,

Education for Ministry

Deacon Christine Grosh

Education for Ministry is excellent, local, theological training. The seminary at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee developed the curriculum in the mid '70s. It is continually revised and improved. It is 4 years: 1st year Hebrew Scriptures, 2nd New Testament, 3rd year church history, 4th year modern theology. Theological reflection and spiritual autobiographies are important aspects of the program. The mentor is required to attend 18 hours of continuing education. EFM meets at my home, Tuesdays from Sept thru May. Registrations are turned in at the end of July. If you're interested, please contact Christine Grosh at 486-3259 or cgrosh@windstream.net.

At its May meeting,
The Vestry...



- ✘ Decided to continue its work from its April retreat by considering the parish's mission statement.
- ✘ Discussed the possibility of adding money to the 2009 budget to enable the Vestry to retreat overnight outside of Lincoln (e.g. at the Benedictine Center in Schuyler).
- ✘ Discussed advertising electronically on the UNL campus.
- ✘ Voted to support the Paint-a-thon once again this year.
- ✘ Approved additional construction costs for the room in the Undercroft (\$637).
- ✘ Moved to begin adding stained glass to the windows in the nave as memorial monies are available, with a tentative plan of four windows at a time, at an approximate cost of \$1,800 dollars per window. The design largely uses light color glass and leaves plenty of clear glass in the windows.
- ✘ Heard from Fr. Thompson that Pastor Gretchen Naugle, who has recently joined St. Mark's on the Campus in the role of Priest Associate, will be assisting with pastoral care and occasionally serving liturgically.

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.

The Curate's Corner

by
Rev. Ryan Hall



"The Body of Christ"

One of the many amazing things I learned firsthand on the day of my ordination to the priesthood is to what extent that our branch of Christianity is amazingly interconnected. I guess that I had always known on some more cerebral level that this was the case for our church body. Certainly, if you ever visit General or Diocesan Conventions you are constantly running into friendly faces that you recognize that seem to appear from places that you least expect.

On the day of my ordination, I received several phone calls from literally around the world. All of whom called to wish me many blessings and well wishes for the occasion. I was literally awoken out of bed that day by the dean of the seminary in Cambridge, England, that I attended for a semester as a foreign exchange student. Besides the well wishes, he felt the need to also profusely apologize for calling so early because he "was nah" sure what time 'twas in Nebroska."

All the well wishers were people I had

met through the church in one way or another. The cast included everyone from a priest I know in South Africa to several calls from clergy in this diocese who were not able to attend but told me that I was in their prayers. At the end of the day, it reminded me of that scene from the end of *It's a Wonderful Life* when the Jimmy Stewart character finally realizes how many lives have intersected with his in positive ways.

As most people in our denomination know, the Episcopal Church is one branch of the Worldwide Anglican Communion. I have always thought that "Worldwide Anglican Communion" sounds like a title from some bizarrely esoteric alien planet alliance in *Star Trek* or some other science fiction show.

Unlike uniform alien flying saucers descending from the mother ship, however, each branch of the Anglican Communion is unique, having descended and evolved in one way or another from the established Church of England of the Protestant Reformation.

In theory at least, all the different branches are "in communion" with the other branches. As the theory goes, such varied Anglican Churches of New Zealand, Nigeria, the United States, and others are supposedly allies in carrying out the global mission of the Kingdom of God under the auspices of the Anglican family. Sadly, in actual practice, this is becoming less and less

the case as the Anglican Communion continues to fragment over various and sundry theological and geopolitical issues.

Life in the Anglican church has always been fraught with the potential for schism and quarreling, sometimes over legitimate issues and sometimes over nonsense. Some of the fights over the history of our church have been very bitter indeed, but, even in the worst of times, there has been some form of interconnectivity between various warring parties within the Anglican family.

This summer, the Anglican Communion will come together for the Lambeth Conference, which is a ten year meeting of all the bishops of the church from all over the world. I am not certain if anything will come of it, positively or negatively, as we live in difficult times within our Anglican family. There are many heated opinions on many topics. However, as all the well wishers reminded me on my ordination, we may not always agree, but we are all interconnected in numerous ways that we can only just begin to understand. Please take the time to pray this summer for not only our bishop, Joe, but for all the bishops who will be meeting in England this summer that they may remember that all the pieces of the Body of Christ should work together and not against each other, for as the scriptures remind us, "We are all one body, for we all share in the one bread."

Thinking you might like to serve on the Vestry? Want to offer a comment for Vestry consideration? Meetings are always open to all parishioners in the Episcopal Church, and the Vestry would welcome anyone who would like to join us for our meetings. Generally the Vestry meets on the second Sunday at 12:15 in the Undercroft, but watch the calendar because sometimes we must change our date.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP - By Kurt Knecht, Music Director

I have always found it a little odd that the earliest descriptions of Christian worship normally begin with something called “greeting” or “salutation”. This seems strange to me because most of the greetings that I experience during the week are not liturgical acts. I normally don’t think of worshipping God by greeting people. . I’m just saying, “Hi.” In liturgical worship, we have several greetings throughout the service. This reminds me that the simple act of greeting someone can be a holy thing.

The first greeting in our worship occurs as part of the entry rite. After saying our private prayers and symbolizing the entrance of God with a processional, the celebrant addresses us. The form of the opening greeting for most of the year is, “Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” The language used for this greeting was lifted straight out of the synagogue service. You always say a blessing before you pray. That blessing begins with the words, “Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God.” The early Christians simply Trinitized that practice (if I can invent a verb). Knowing a little history, however, does not make it an act of worship. In order for it to take on meaning, I need it to be something different than saying, “Hi” to Father Jerry before services. These are the thoughts that help me. (I’m going to use Father Jerry as my example to avoid pronoun trouble.)

First, the person addressing me at the beginning of the service is the celebrant. The one who will soon be presiding over the Lord’s Table and offering me a heavenly meal is the one that is addressing me. I know this because he is wearing a chasuble.

Secondly, he is wearing a priestly collar. This shows me that he is bound to something. I like to think of it as God having him by the scruff of the neck.

Finally, he has a stole. There is too much controversy surrounding the exact history and purpose of the stole, so I made one up that was meaningful to me. To me, the stole has always looked like some sort of yoke that would be used to harness a beast of burden. This reminds me that we have pooled our resources together and asked Father Jerry not to enjoy the joys and satisfaction of a regular job. Instead of normal work, we have asked him to live among us and spend his energy and time worrying about our spiritual lives. We have asked that he maintain his own spiritual life without faltering so that he can be our example. We have asked him to challenge us to grow in our own spiritual lives by word and deed. We have asked that he guard this little flock from wolves of dissension and error. We have asked that his family be subjected to the sometimes difficult position of living among church people. What might be the most terrifying part is that we ask all this knowing that St. James suggests those “who teach will be judged more severely.”

The one with chasuble, collar, and stole is leading the way, calling us to prayer by blessing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We respond to his greeting by saying, “And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever.” What I contribute to the response often depends on the day. Sometimes I think of the “kingdom” and how we are all a part of it. Sometimes I mean, “Yes, blessed be God whether I feel like it or not.” Sometimes I mean, “OK, Father Jerry, you lead the way, and I’ll follow you as you follow Christ.” Sometimes the words just come out, and I don’t mean anything at all. The wonderful thing is that it doesn’t have to mean nothing. The greeting can be a holy act of worship, now and forever.

Financial Report

INCOME	2008 APR	2008 YTD	2008 BUDGET
Contributions			
- Pledge contributions	14554	78563	217,728
- Plate offering, general	1361	4781	21,460
- Easter Offering	75	508	1,069
- Christmas Offering	0	0	3,235
- Flower Income	0	395	1,750
Total Contributions	15990	84247	245,242
Diocesan Assistance			
- Grant in Aid	2,083	10417	25,000
- *Curate Support	0	16,139	64,558
- Insurance Subsidy, Rector	2349	4428	9,126
Total Diocesan Assistance	4432	30984	98,684
Other Income			
- Interest Income	270	775	3,869
- Other Income	0	1319	2,000
- Transmittal Funds	0	286	0
- Transfer from Restricted	0	0	3,900
Total Other Income	270	2380	9,769
TOTAL INCOME	20692	117611	353695

EXPENSES	2008 APR	2008 YTD	2008 BUDGET
Advertising / Promotional	222	1344	3,550
Campus Ministry	0	566	6,100
Capital Items, budgeted	0	768	2,400
Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	619	1383	2,850
Diocese Asking	2,534	10137	30,410
Education Expenses	1287	1466	2,850
Ed - Youth Special Projects	246	(-307)	0
Insurance	0	1,405	5,559
Kitchen Supplies	22	159	600
Labor, Advertising	0	295	600
Lay Ministry Expenses	0	8	150
Legal and Professional Fees	349	349	450
Memorial Fund Expense	0	107	0
Misc Expenses	11	59	720
Office Equipment	136	1210	3,350
Office / General Admin	1161	3253	8,170
Outreach	0	0	4,400
Renovation, Budgeted	1678	1678	1,500
Repair & Maintenance	396	2135	3,050
Travel	0	0	1,750
Utilities	1389	5983	10,600
Worship -- Flowers	354	474	1,850
Worship -- Altar Supplies	191	568	1,330
Worship -- Music	0	97	1,100
Worship -- Special Music Event	100	100	0
* Payroll Expenses	27107	90243	258,190
TOTAL EXPENSES	37802	123478	\$ 351,529
Net income minus expenses	(\$ 17,110)	(\$ 5867)	2,166

* These items reflect the new Diocesan Curate Agreement

June Birthdays

- 02 - Willa Toren
- 03 - Cody Waite
Shane Spivey
Corey Chrisp
- 04 - Jessica Karas
Tim Hill
- 07 - Margie Kniep
- 08 - Cheryl Hejl
- 16 - Janet Davidson
- 18 - Opal Doerr
Mollie Durham
- 19 - Margaret Worth
- 23 - Jack Merritt
- 24 - Sarah Fairchild
- 25 - Jessica Chrisp
- 26 - Maggie Fairchild

CROP HUNGER WALK 2008

The Lincoln / Lancaster County Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) Hunger Walk is scheduled for October 12, 2008. This is a great opportunity to help raise funds for Bread for the World, People's City Mission, and various other Food Pantries in our community. If you are interested in coordinating a group of "walkers" from SMOc this year, please contact Fr. Jerry. More info on the bulletin board in the hall by the office.

St. Mark's on the Campus * June 1 - July 12, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 1 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	2 Ryan Day Off	3 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	4 Fr. Jerry Day Off 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	5 NSE BEGINS 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	6	7 CHRISP WEDDING
8 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:30 - Vestry Mtg	9 Ryan Day Off	10 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	11 Fr. Jerry Day Off NO Evening Prayer	12 NO Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	13 11:30 - Campus Outreach Mtg	14
FATHER RYAN ON VACATION						
15 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	16	17 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel NO Evening Prayer	18 Fr. Jerry Day Off 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	19 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	20	21 Mens Breakfast 10-2 - Nat'l Fed for the Blind Mtg
FATHER RYAN ON VACATION						
22 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	23 Ryan Day Off	24 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	25 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	26 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	27	28
FATHER JERRY ON RETREAT						
29 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	30 Ryan Day Off	July 1 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	2 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	3 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5
FATHER JERRY ON RETREAT		FATHER JERRY CONTINUING EDUCATION				
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FATHER JERRY CONTINUING EDUCATION			FATHER JERRY ON VACATION THRU JULY 23RD			

CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRAYER - Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY SERVICES: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am and 10:30 am
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Adult Forum and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
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

- * **BIBLE STUDY WITH SIDNIE: Sunday mornings following the 10:30 am Eucharist (summer break)**
- * **STUDY LOUNGE: Sunday and Wednesday nights - 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm (summer break)**
- * **KNITTING GROUP: Wednesday nights from 7:30 - 9:30 pm (summer break)**

New Student Enrollment at UNL

It's that time of year again! New Student Enrollment starts on Thursday, June 5th and continues thru Friday, June 11th. Your help is needed at our table from 7:15 am to 8:00 am on those days. Please sign up on the list provided on the door of the office or ask Fr. Jerry for more information.

MARK-US NOTES

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next gathering of the Men's Breakfast Group is on Saturday, June 21st at a location to be determined at the May 31st breakfast.

We will continue our May discussion on the book "The Misunderstood Jew"

Food Pantry Needs

Some of the greatest needs of the Food Pantry this month are

- * Pork and beans
- * SPAM
- * Toilet paper
- * Canned vegetables
- * Jelly
- * Chili
- * Cream soups
- * Vegetable beef soup

Bringing these in paper sacks is helpful. 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.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

As we have come to the end of another Sunday School year we wish to say thank you to our dedicated staff.

This year's teachers were:

Mita Sipple and Kim Thomason in the Primary class, Leighannah Akins and Sarah Fairchild in the Intermediate class and in the Middle and High School class Opal Doerr, Don Gray, Larry Krebsbach, David Pitts. Our Nursery was staffed by Margaret Fairchild and our Special Projects coordinators were Karen Krebsbach and Margo Young.

ADULT FORUM NEWS

Interested in supporting the ministry of the Adult Forum? Because of changing personal commitments, we find ourselves unexpectedly without coordinators for next year. If you would like to help fill those ministries, please contact Fr. Jerry. If you want to know more about the responsibilities involved, Fr. Jerry can tell you or you can contact Bob Stock or Janet Davidson.

KNITTING GROUP SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Knit Together gatherings will not meet in the student lounge over summer, but knitters never quit! We are planning to meet at participants' homes during the summer months to continue working on projects. New crafters are always welcome.

Let us know if you're interested, and we'll let you know when and where to join us. Contact Janet Davidson or Susan Ugai or any member of the Knit Together group.

Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	1-June Pentecost 3	8-June Pentecost 4	15-June Pentecost 5	22-June Pentecost 6	29-June Pentecost 7	6-July Pentecost 8
8:30 RH/Acolyte	Yolanda Rolle	John Flint	Marcia White	Yolanda Rolle	Marcia White	Todd Sneller
10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister	Todd Sneller	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Don Gray	Todd Sneller	Jeff Sneller	Don Gray
Acolytes	Helen Pitts Samantha Karas	Jeff Sneller Jonathan Jones	Jonathan Cole Samantha Karas	Michael Fairchild Helen Pitts	Jonathan Jones Jonathan Cole	Helen Pitts Samantha Karas
Ushers	Susan Ugai Bob Stock	Michelle Waite Lisa Sutton	Roger Wait Dean Settle	Dennis Alfrey Doug Durham	Don Gray Nora Pitts	Bob Stock Roger Wait
Lector (OT)	Mary Hall	Colleen Baade	Don Nelson	Sarah Fairchild	Michelle Waite	Ray Lowther
Epistler	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Dean Settle	Tim Hill	Anita Bowen	Roger Wait	Steve Forol
Intercessor	Jeanine Jewell	Laura Waldman	Kelly Carlisle	Pippa Lawson	Bob Stock	Burns Davis
Greeter	Andrea Nelson	Kelly Carlisle	Ray Lowther	Connie Backus-Yoder	JoAnn Hruban	Doug Durham
Coffee Host	Jim Karas	Kelly Orr	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Margo Young	Dorothy Nelson	Karen Krebsbach
Bread Baker	Loris Purtzer	Nancy Brown	Kathy Schmutte	Laura Waldman	Marcia White	Nancy Brown
Altar Guild	Joyce Wagner	Opal Doerr	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte	Joyce Wagner	Don Gray
Tellers	Stan Sipple Richard Toren	Doug Durham Larry Krebsbach	Andrea Nelson Anne Puls	Stan Sipple Leroy Svec	Richard Toren Michelle Waite	Larry Krebsbach Andrea Nelson

**THE MAIN CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR
PRAYER DURING OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9 am - 4 pm
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