



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. 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, *Admin. Assistant*

Robert Mounce, *Sexton*

*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,

As you are reading this article, I will be starting some time away from parish responsibilities – and I'm looking forward to it! Like everyone, parish priests need a break, and I find that I am especially ready for one this year.

I begin my time with my annual eight day retreat, what I think of as an extended Sabbath time. Someone recently asked what I would be doing over my vacation time, and I clarified that only two weeks were vacation, the rest of the time is retreat and continuing education time.

So what's the difference? Well, in some ways it's the same, in that I am not in the parish going about my usual routine. But Sabbath time is more than just a break in routine. Sabbath time is time not only away from work but also time devoted to God, to grounding oneself in the primary relationship for us all, the relationship which undergirds every other relationship in our lives. Sabbath time is actually the most important time any of us spend.

I look forward to my retreat each

year for this very reason. I always find that whatever agenda I take to the retreat, the Spirit leads me in the direction I need to go over the course of those eight days – as is true in all my Sabbath time. Over the years, I have grown to trust in that rhythm and now tend to approach that time with less of my own intention. But there are usually things that seem important to me to be addressed by God. So of course I am reminded – yet again – that God has God's own desires for my life in Christ. And my work is to follow God's lead, not to try to determine it.

I deeply appreciate that the parish helps to make my "extended Sabbath time" possible each year, along with my family, who also gives me up for these eight days. I will also appreciate your prayers, as I delve into my soul, to be refreshed by the Spirit of God.

In peace,

The Curate's Corner

by

Father Ryan Hall



"A lesson in generosity."

After a week in South Dakota at an Episcopal Youth Camp, I have literally just returned to St. Mark's as of this writing because I came back on the day of the Roar deadline. After a blissful frolic in the Black Hills - where there was no e-mail access or cell phone coverage where I was, I found St. Mark's to be a bustle of activity. My computer is currently still downloading the 238 e-mails awaiting my attention. The church smells from the new doors downstairs that were apparently primed and painted yesterday. I, at first, thought the main chapel was on fire because there was a haze of smoke. (Turns out our organist, Kurt, burned some incense in there to cover up the paint smell.) And last but not least, the massive water main construction project on R Street is going full blast outside my office window, which unfortunately has to remain open for the time being due to the aforementioned paint smell.

As I stated in the first paragraph, I got invited back to be the chaplain at the Diocesan Youth Camp that our neighboring Diocese of South Dakota runs in the Black Hills of South Dakota. During seminary, I was an intern one summer on the cluster of Episcopal Churches on the Rosebud Lakota Reservation, just north of Valentine, Nebraska. Part of my duties that summer were to help out at the Thunderhead Episcopal Center youth camp.

What keeps me going back to the South Dakota diocesan youth camps are the kids. Usually at any given camp, over half of the youth are

children from the various Native American Reservations in South Dakota, usually Lakota children. To this day, there are more Native American Episcopalians in South Dakota than any other ethnic group, including what used to be called the WASP demographic, because the Diocese of South Dakota was, from its inception in the 1800's, created specifically to minister to Native Americans. This was an anomaly since the Episcopal Church historically tended to follow the white settlers.

Unfortunately, issues of extreme poverty, alcoholism, and other serious problems are still rampant on many reservations. What was most shocking to me when I was first working on the Rosebud reservation was the growing issue of gangs and gang violence gaining ever increasing strength among the youth. Needless to say, I still volunteer when I can at the youth camp because many of the youth that come are youth that are at extremely high risk to join gangs or engage in other destructive behavior.

While many of the endemic problems found on reservations are cyclical and can seem hopeless, I believe with God's help, there is still hope. I saw a glimpse of this hope the last day I was at camp. The theme of the camp was the traditional four virtues of Lakota culture: Bravery, Wisdom, Fortitude, and Generosity. Each day we focused on one of those four virtues. It so happened that the last day was the day for generosity. I admit I was somewhat ambivalent about how to approach the topic of generosity to children who live in dire poverty and about whom American culture would just as soon forget. I took the track of stressing that being generous is not necessarily about being able to give stuff to other people. You can be generous by loving others, giving compliments, or by helping others.

As it happened, the kids had either brought a bit of money to buy Cokes and such at break time, or if they did not have

any money, had been given some money to do so by the camp director. On the last day, we talked about how Jesus had told the church to be generous to others. We talked a bit about Episcopal United Thank Offering and a project that the Diocese of South Dakota was doing to build a well in a war ravaged community in the Sudan. We gave the kids the option, if they wanted to, to be generous and donate some of the snack money they had left over from camp to one of those two projects.

That was when I got my lesson in generosity. When it came time to check out and load the kids on the bus to go home, I noticed one particular 6th-grade Lakota boy staring intently at the two cans we had set out for the UTO and the Sudanese Well project. The boy was standing there with a handful of change that was probably not more than a dollar and a half. He would look at his handful of change, look at one can and then the other, and then look back at his handful of change. He was no doubt deciding into which can to put the money. He finally nodded to himself after a long moment and split the money into the two cans evenly. He then got the "I just did a good deed" grin on his face and merrily ran off to get on the bus.

I do not know for certain but I am fairly sure that those coins were probably the only money he had in the world. In terms of mortal money, a handful of coins was not going to go far in building a well around the world. But as Jesus reminded his disciples after they witnessed a similar incident that the King James Version used to refer to as 'the widow's mite,' he gave more than everyone else because he gave all he had. I may never see that boy again, but I believe God will be with him because though he may never have much else, he has love in his heart. That is something that gangs cannot give nor can all the riches in the world ever buy you for love and showing love to others is a gift from God.

Financial Report

INCOME	2008 MAY	2008 YTD	2008 BUDGET
Contributions			
- Pledge contributions	16,869	95,433	217,728
- Plate offering, general	582	4,340	21,460
- Easter Offering	0	508	1,069
- Christmas Offering	0	0	3,235
- Flower Income	95	490	1,750
Total Contributions	17,546	100,771	245,242
Diocesan Assistance			
- Grant in Aid	2,083	12,500	25,000
- *Curate Support	0	16,139	64,558
- Insurance Subsidy, Rector	0	4,428	9,126
Total Diocesan Assistance	2,083	33,067	98,684
Other Income			
- Interest Income	526	1,301	3,869
- Other Income	36	1,382	2,000
- Transmittal Funds	(-260)	0	0
- Transfer from Restricted	0	0	4179
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 19,931	\$ 136,521	\$ 353,974

EXPENSES	2008 APR	2008 YTD	2008 BUDGET
Advertising / Promotional	260	1603	3,550
Campus Ministry	0	566	6,100
Capital Items, budgeted	900	1,688	2,400
Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	(-242)	1,199	2,850
Diocese Asking	2,534	12,671	30,410
Education Expenses	11	1,419	2,850
Ed - Youth Special Projects	0	(-307)	0
Insurance	1,634	3,039	5,559
Kitchen Supplies	(-22)	137	600
Labor, Advertising	0	295	600
Lay Ministry Expenses	0	8	150
Legal and Professional Fees	0	349	450
Memorial Fund Expense	0	179	179
Misc Expenses	17	76	720
Office Equipment	1,061	2,271	3,350
Office / General Admin	857	4,150	8,170
Outreach	0	0	4,400
Renovation, Budgeted	400	2,078	1,500
Repair & Maintenance	193	2,328	3,050
Travel	0	0	1,750
Utilities	976	6,959	10,600
Worship -- Flowers	160	634	1,850
Worship -- Altar Supplies	152	648	1,330
Worship -- Music	86	183	1,100
Worship -- Special Music Event	0	100	100
* Payroll Expenses	19,533	109,776	258,190
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 28,510	\$ 152,048	\$ 351,808
Net income minus expenses	(\$ 8,579)	(\$15,527)	\$ 2,166

July Birthdays

- 01 - Richard Toren
- 02 - Margi Runge
- 08 - Andrew Thompson
Abby Shepard
- 10 - JoAnn Hruban
- 11 - Catherine Sellmyer
Robin Mahoney
Donna Martin
- 12 - Micah Sutton
Oliver Doerr
Christine Grosh
- 13 - Bette Sperry
- 16 - Barbara MacKnight
- 17 - Lisa Schaumberg
- 21 - Samantha Karas
- 22 - Mary Jane Humphrey
- 23 - Pat Bruce Sullivan
- 27 - Michelle Waite
- 28 - Barbara Gray
Elizabeth Thompson
Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson

IF YOU'RE NOT LISTED HERE,
 IT'S LIKELY BECAUSE WE
 DON'T HAVE YOUR BIRTHDATE
 ON THE MASTER LIST!
 PLEASE GIVE DENISE A CALL
 IN THE OFFICE AT 474-1979 -
 OR SEND HER AN EMAIL - AND
 PASS IT ON TO HER.

St. Mark's on the Campus * June 29 - Aug 9, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				
6 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	7 Ryan Day Off	8 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	9 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	10 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	11 NSE ENDS 11:30 - Campus Outreach Mtg	12
FATHER JERRY CONTINUING EDUCATION			FATHER JERRY ON VACATION THRU JULY 23RD			
13 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:30 - Vestry Mtg	14 Ryan Day Off	15 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	16 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	17 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	18	19 10-2 - Nat'l Fed for the Blind Mtg
FATHER JERRY ON VACATION THRU JULY 23RD						
20 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	21 Ryan Day Off	22 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	23	24 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	25	26 Mens Breakfast (Anderson's)
FATHER JERRY ON VACATION THRU JULY 23RD				FATHER RYAN AT CAMP THRU JULY 28TH		
27 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	28 Ryan Day Off	29 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	30 Fr. Jerry Day Off 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	31 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	Aug 1	2
FATHER RYAN AT CAMP						
3 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	4 Ryan Day Off	5 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	6 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	7 4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	8 11:30 - Campus Outreach Mtg	9 DENISE VACATION THRU AUG 17th

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)**

Exercise Class

Exercise class will be moving to Holy Trinity on August 18th, 2008.

MARK-US NOTES

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next gathering of the Men's Breakfast Group is July 26 at the Anderson's. Our book is "The Party Faithful" by Amy Sullivan.

WELCOME GRETCHEN NAUGLE

Many of you are already aware that Gretchen Naugle, who served as the Interim Rector here at St. Mark's on the Campus, is in the process of transferring from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to the Episcopal Church.

At the same time, Gretchen is joining the staff at SMOC as a Priest Associate. Like Sidnie White Crawford, Gretchen will be in a non-stipendiary position (i.e. the only pay she'll get is our gratitude and the joy of fulfilling her vocation among us — neither of which should be underestimated!).

As Gretchen and I talked, it made sense to us that she would help out with pastoral care, in recognition of her gifts in that area. So on occasion Gretchen will be assisting me with pastoral care needs as they crop up in the parish. (For example, she was very helpful when Richard Buchanan was going through his recent difficulties prior to his death.) In addition, Gretchen will occasionally preside or preach on Sunday mornings, although she is often out around the diocese doing supply work.

When her transfer becomes "official," we'll have a welcoming reception for Gretchen — but in the meantime, welcome, again, Gretchen, among us!
- Father Jerry

Food Pantry Needs

Thanks for your prompt response to our emergency requests in June. The greatest needs this month are:

- * Canned fruits & veggies
- * Big boxes instant potatoes
- * Fruit juice, cans or bottles
- * 1 lb boxes of sugar
- * Dried beans
- * Chili
- * Vegetable beef soup
- * Jelly
- * Pancake mix
- * Cooking Oil (12-16 oz)
- * Saltines
- * Toilet paper

Bringing these in paper sacks helps. The 1st Sunday is designated for collecting donations, but food is received any time in the basket in the narthex.

Charlie Brown's Kids - Good Grief

is a local support group for children and teens that have experienced the death of a parent. Meetings are held monthly on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays to provide opportunities for youth to meet others in a similar situation and to share their grief. Fundraising efforts are currently underway with Raffle tickets and an Evening of Jazz with Darryl White tickets for sale. Topping the raffle prizes are tickets to Husker football, volleyball and basketball games. The 3rd Annual Evening of Jazz will be at the Rococo Theater on July 29th. Other opportunities to help Charlie Brown's Kids are: part-time staff, volunteer with children's groups and Board openings. For ticket sales or questions, please call Karen Krebsbach at 488-5140.

Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	29-June Pentecost 7	6-July Pentecost 8	13-July Pentecost 9	20-July Pentecost 10	27-July Pentecost 11	3-Aug Pentecost 12
8:30 RH/Acolyte	Marcia White	Todd Sneller	Jeff Sneller	Yolanda Rolle	Marcia White	John Flint
10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister	Jeff Sneller	Don Gray	Don Gray	Todd Sneller	Don Gray	Jeff Sneller
Acolytes	Jonathan Jones Jonathan Cole	Jeanne Vannorsdall Samantha Karas	Jonathan Jones Jonathan Cole	Michael Fairchild Helen Pitts	Jonathan Jones Samantha Karas	Jonathan Cole Michael Fairchild
Ushers	Don Gray Nora Pitts	Bob Stock Roger Wait	Dennis Alfrey Doug Durham	Lisa Sutton Nora Pitts	Dennis Alfrey Roger Wait	Don Gray Dean Settle
Lector (OT)	Michelle Waite	Pamela Starr	Peg Sheldrick	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Laura Waldman	Sarah Fairchild
Epistler	Roger Wait	Steve Forol	Colleen Baade	Bette Sperry	Doug Durham	Pamela Starr
Intercessor	Bob Stock	Don Nelson	Pamela Starr	Roger Wait	Jeanine Jewell	Michelle Waite
Greeter	JoAnn Hruban	Doug Durham	Jim Karas	Bob Kuzelka	Ray Lowther	Andrea Nelson
Coffee Host	Dorothy Nelson	Karen Krebsbach	Nancy Brown	Kelly Carlisle	Nan Graf	JoAnn Hruban
Bread Baker	Marcia White	Nancy Brown	Loris Purtzer	Kathy Schmutte	Marcia White	Laura Waldman
Altar Guild	Joyce Wagner	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte	Joyce Wagner	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte
Tellers	Leroy Svec Michelle Waite	Larry Krebsbach Andrea Nelson	Anne Puls Stan Sipple	Doug Durham Michelle Waite	Andrea Nelson Larry Krebsbach	Leroy Svec Anne Puls

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