



# The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church  
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## St. Mark's on the Campus

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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. Gretchen Naugle,  
*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*

*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 Fr Jerry Thompson - 2007*

It's that time of year again!

Big Red Welcome is only weeks away, which means that it's time to begin baking cookies! Big Red Welcome is a grand event designed to introduce and "welcome" new students to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Parishioners of St. Mark's on the Campus have traditionally baked cookies (up to a thousand, altogether!) for the event as part of our welcome to these students. It's great fun to ask, "Do you want a home-baked cookie?" of these new students; few turn us down! Someone recently mentioned "leftovers" after the event; that's something we haven't had!

It's a nice tradition. Each year it reminds me of how much welcoming and hospitality is a part of what it means to be a Christian. Our views on hospitality are rooted in that story we have received from our Jewish brothers and sisters and that Jesus himself would have known so well, the story of Abraham and Sarah receiving the three visitors; in the Christian tradition, those visitors have sometimes been seen to represent the Trinity.

The story opens as a revelation of God. As Abraham is resting in the shade on a hot day, three men appear. Abraham was well grounded in the hospitable ways of his tribe, ways that were later made part of the religious tradition: they called on the faithful to welcome the stranger because they themselves had been strangers and sojourners. Abraham washes the feet of the three visitors (which also should ring a bell!), and he brings them meat and bread to eat. The men enter into conversation with Abraham, and they announce that his wife, Sarah, is going to have a child - an impossibility that later comes true by the wondrous grace of God.

You might remember that the elderly Sarah laughs at the strangers, and I must admit that a little eye-rolling in the situation seems a reasonable thing to me; I hold a good deal of sympathy with Sarah in this story! But then again, like most people - Sarah included -- I can forget just how wonderful God is. We don't have to believe that God makes possible impossible physical things to believe in the truth of the metaphor; God's grace makes possible in our lives things that don't seem possible to us, prospects that we might even laugh at and shrug off when we're first presented with them. Personally, I prefer to leave room for more wondrous things to occur than I can imagine or ask for; in fact, I rather count on it! And any hospitality I exhibit to someone else, any way that I open my heart to another - or three others -- simply helps me to remember just how hospitable God is to me, making room for me and my life with a weightiness that includes playfulness and laughter. I'm reminded that any openness I exhibit to anyone else is simply a reflection of the wondrous openness God has for all of us.

St. Marks' on the Campus is especially good about being open to the spirit of God in others who walk through our door; any others. It's one of the ways this community incarnates the love of God especially powerfully. It's also one of the important reasons we need to be at places like Big Red Welcome: to help share the good news that we exist as a place of hospitality for all who seek God.

Christ's peace to you all,

*Fr. Jerry*

## The Curate's Closet

by

Father Ryan Hall



“Who Believes in Aslan anymore?” As a gift to the people being confirmed when the bishop visited in April, I gave copies of C.S. Lewis' classic children's book, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. I think that book is particularly appropriate for such an occasion because it tells a great story, is a perfectly succinct yet rich Christian allegory for adults as well as children, and was written by perhaps the most famous Anglican of the 20th Century. And last but not least, I think it is always a bit humorous to remind people who are officially joining the Episcopal Church that joining the Church is not all that unlike stepping through the wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia.

Since people now know that I am a big fan of C.S. Lewis, many have asked me what I think of the new big screen movie that came out in late spring of Prince Caspian, the second in the Narnia series. I was, for the most part, a fan of the first film because it stuck fairly close to the plot of the novel. My fear when that first film came out was that Hollywood was going to try and water down the theological message of the book to make it appeal to more than just the Christian demographic, with the end result being an outright butchery of so beloved a novel. Surprisingly enough, they managed to keep the Christological theme of the first novel intact. In lieu of a normal Roar article, I thought I would give my thoughts of the Prince Caspian film from an Anglican priest's perspective.

I have to admit I was somewhat disappointed by the movie, despite the fact that the cinematography and acting were well done. Having not reread the book in the last few years, I am hesitant to talk about the ways the movie departed from the plot line in the book. I realize that cuts have to be made unless you want a marathon of a film, but there were some glaring errors that I will avoid the temptation to knit pick here - other than to make note of the rather bizarre cameo appearance by the White Witch, and the sad lack of character development for Doctor Cornelius, the half-dwarf tutor of the young Caspian, who I believe was one of the more colorful characters in the original novel but got short changed in the new film.

What disturbed me the most about the movie was the violence. Granted, it was not Braveheart-style gore, but as far as I recall of the movie, more of the film seemed to be one continuous battle scene that I thought grew tiresome. While themes of courage and chivalry were part of what C.S. Lewis was trying to convey to his young readers in the immediate post-World War II world, I think the amount of battle scenes overtook the main theological premise of the novel. I am convinced C.S. Lewis would have been horrified by that. In a letter he wrote to a young American girl on the subject, C.S. Lewis explains that the major theme of the novel was, in fact, faith in the face of a world needing "the restoration of the true religion after a corruption" (Collected Letters, III, p. 1245). C.S. Lewis did not mean that in some sort of violent inquisitorial crusade mentality, but as a warning against religious apathy. This major theme was poignantly captured in a scene in both the novel and the current film when the dwarf, Trumpkin, is first introduced to Caspian and rather flippantly mumbles, “Who believes in Aslan anymore?”

Post-war pessimism leading to apathy, skepticism, and outright hostility to religion became trendy in Europe after two dreadful world wars. Sadly, this phenomenon continues to grow, a trend C.S. Lewis predicted and writes more about in the allegory of the last Narnia novel. We see continued evidence of this trend by churches in Europe largely empty on Sundays and the list of best sellers often being books by vociferous atheists like Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and others. While Christianity has made many mistakes, I believe that major theme of Prince Caspian is that message of hope to those people who continue to “believe in Aslan” even if the prevailing culture no longer has much use for Aslan. Ironically, a book whose main theme was about the need for culture to remember, believe, and embrace Aslan and his message was sadly glossed over in lieu of the more current belief that movies should have more dramatic battle scenes and various other eye candy in order to make more money. Luckily for those of us who still believe in the Christ that C.S. Lewis allegorized in the form of Aslan the Lion, the mystery of faith found in the Eucharistic prayer every week is still true and guides our life and our thoughts, regardless of how culture wants to ridicule or exploit it for fun or profit.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

## THE DEACON'S DOOR

by *Christine Grosh*

Congratulations to SMOC parishioner Nan Graf for being voted "Peacemaker of the Year" by the social justice group Alternatives to the Military.

Exercise class will now be at Holy Trinity, starting Aug. 18th. Same time, different place. Adding new routines. M-W-F 9:30-11 a.m.

St. David's has completed the remodeling of their sanctuary. Come see!

Sculptor of our Winged Lion, and former member of St. Mark's, Gregg Wortham, is now Curator of the Melvin Gallery at Florida Southern College and he's teaching sculpture.

Roblin Mahoney completed the course work for Spiritual Directors offered through our diocese. Ask her to tell you about the program and about spiritual direction.

We're making plans for campus outreach, including Big Red Welcome and **COOKIES!**

## STREET CLOSED

*On Sunday, August 24th, 13th Street up to R is going to be closed all day for some of the back-to-school activities related to Big Red Welcome.*

## STUDY LOUNGE OPENS WED, AUGUST 27TH

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!

We are now welcoming donations of snack-sized, individually wrapped servings of cookies, chips, granola bars, tarts - and pop. After the lounge starts, we would love perishable items like yogurt, string cheese, fruit.

## BIG RED WELCOME IS HERE AGAIN!

It's that time again!! Time to break out the cookie sheets and bake cookies for Big Red Welcome, this year to be held on Sunday, August 24th. A sign up sheet will be posted on the office door for the number of dozen you can make. Please bring cookies with you that morning, preferably wrapped in small plastic food bags, one large cookie or two small cookies to each bag. We'll be shooting for at least 1,000 cookies again this year!

## Financial Report

INCOME	2008 JUNE	2008 YTD	2008 BUDGET
<b>Contributions</b>			
- Pledge contributions	18,488	114,485	217,728
- Designated Income	105	(460)	0
- Plate offering, general	660	5000	21,460
- Easter Offering	0	508	1,069
- Christmas Offering	0	0	3,235
- Flower Income	35	525	1,750
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>19,288</b>	<b>120,058</b>	<b>245,242</b>
<b>Diocesan Assistance</b>			
- **Grant in Aid	2,083	14,583	25,000
- ***Curate Support	0	16,139	64,558
- ***Insurance Subsidy, Rector	0	4,428	9,126
<b>Total Diocesan Assistance</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>35,150</b>	<b>98,684</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
- Interest Income	179	1,487	3,869
- Other Income	91	1,473	2,000
- Transmittal Funds	0	0	0
- Transfer from Restricted	0	0	4179
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 21,641</b>	<b>\$ 158,168</b>	<b>\$ 353,974</b>

EXPENSES	2008 JUNE	2008 YTD	2008 BUDGET
Advertising / Promotional	222	1,825	3,550
Campus Ministry	15	581	6,100
Capital Items, budgeted	0	1,688	2,400
Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	143	1,333	2,850
Diocese Asking	2,534	15,205	30,410
Education Expenses	95	1,467	2,850
Ed - Youth Special Projects	0	(-307)	0
Insurance	0	3,039	5,559
Kitchen Supplies	85	316	600
Labor, Advertising	0	295	600
Lay Ministry Expenses	15	23	150
Legal and Professional Fees	0	349	450
Memorial Fund Expense	0	179	179
Misc Expenses	70	152	720
Office Equipment	261	2,533	3,350
Office / General Admin	470	4,620	8,170
**** Outreach	0	0	4,400
Renovation, Budgeted	0	2,078	1,500
Repair & Maintenance	84	2,412	3,050
Travel	0	0	1,750
Utilities	577	7,536	10,600
Worship -- Flowers	150	784	1,850
Worship -- Altar Supplies	261	925	1,330
Worship -- Music	81	274	1,100
Worship -- Special Music Event	0	100	100
* Payroll Expenses	19,683	129,459	258,190
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 24,756</b>	<b>\$ 176,846</b>	<b>\$ 351,808</b>
<b>Net income minus expenses</b>	<b>(\$ 3,116)</b>	<b>(\$18,678)</b>	<b>\$ 2,166</b>

\*\*Grant in Aid includes one add'l pmt in 2008 due to late pmt of Dec 2007.  
 \*\*\*Curate Support and Rector Subsidy are qtrly and come after July 1st  
 \*\*\*\* Outreach pmts to be paid in two equal installments, first in early July.

## August Birthdays

07 - Jacob Cerny  
 13 - Steve Sim  
 14 - Lisa Sutton  
 15 - Helen Pitts  
 18 - Jo Anderson  
 19 - Ann Watt  
       Nathan Schulte  
 20 - Bill Burke  
 21 - Kathy Clough  
 26 - Roger Wait  
 28 - Kenny Thomason  
       Tracy Spivey  
 30 - Bonnie Quinn  
 31 - Susan Musick

**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.**

### C O L U M B A R I U M

There has been some interest in the congregation, both present and alumni, about a columbarium for St. Mark's on the Campus. It would probably be located (inside) in the narthex. Please express your interest to Roger Wait, Bob Stock or Mary Jane Humphrey.

# St. Mark's on the Campus \* July 27 - Sep 6, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>27</b> 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist  <span style="background-color: yellow; display: block; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">FATHER RYAN AT CAMP</span>	<b>28</b> Fr Ryan Day Off	<b>29</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>30</b> Fr. Jerry Day Off  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>31</b>  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	<b>4</b> Fr Ryan Day Off	<b>5</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>6</b> Fr. Jerry Day Off  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>7</b>  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>8</b>  <span style="color: blue;">11:30 - Campus Outreach Mtg</span>	<b>9</b>  <span style="color: red;">PAINT-A-THON</span>
<b>10</b> 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	<b>11</b> Fr Ryan Day Off	<b>12</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>13</b> Fr. Jerry Day Off  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>14</b>  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <span style="color: blue;">Mens Breakfast (Nelson's)</span>  <span style="color: blue;">10-2 - Nat'l Fed for the Blind Mtg</span>
<b>DENISE on VACATION</b>						
<b>17</b> 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist  <span style="color: blue;">12:30 - Vestry Mtg</span>	<b>18</b> Fr Ryan Day Off	<b>19</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>20</b> <span style="color: red;">LPS BACK TO SCHOOL</span>  Fr. Jerry Day Off  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>21</b>  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist  <span style="color: red;">BIG RED Welcome</span>	<b>25</b> Fr Ryan Day Off  <span style="color: red;">UNL BACK TO SCHOOL</span>  <span style="color: red;">DENISE at seminar</span>	<b>26</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>27</b> Fr. Jerry Day Off  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer  <span style="color: red;">STUDY LOUNGE Opens</span>	<b>28</b>  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist  7:30 pm - Study Lounge	<b>Sep 1</b>  <span style="color: red;">LABOR DAY Office Closed</span>	<b>2</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer	<b>3</b> Fr. Jerry Day Off  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 7:30 pm - Study Lounge	<b>4</b>  4:30 pm - Evening Prayer 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

**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 (Resumes on August 27th)**
- \* **KNITTING GROUP: Wednesday nights from 7:30 - 9:30 pm (summer break)**

## CELEBRATION

The family of Barbara McKnight is hosting an 80th Birthday party for Barbara and would like to invite the St Mark's community. The date is Tues, August 5th at 5:00 pm in the SMOC lounge. Please feel free to come by and give your regards.

# MARK-US NOTES

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next gathering of the Men's Breakfast Group is July 26th from 7:30 to 9:30 am at Ferd Anderson's house. The book is "The Party Faithful," by Amy Sullivan, an editor at Time magazine. .

## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

This year's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event takes place at Holmes Park on Sunday, October 19 from 1-4 pm. If you would like to be part of a lion-hearted team to collect donations and walk together, contact Peg Sheldrick, 327-8138 or email shelarts@aol.com.

## PAINT - A - THON

Please consider joining the Community Service Group for the Lincoln Paint-a-Thon on Saturday August 9th. We try to be done by noon and enjoy a lunch together. House assignment will be given later in July, and we have requested a "trim-only" or a 1-story. We work best with 10-15 painters and welcome painters of all skill levels. If painting isn't your thing, we have other opportunities to contribute such as providing a part of the lunch or donating painting supplies. Please sign up for painting on the sheet on the office door or see Kim Thomason.

## Food Pantry Needs

*Thanks to your donations, and a large amount of food donated by St. Matthew's, our shelves are fairly well stocked this month. Current needs are:*

- \* toothbrushes*
- \* rice*
- \* spaghetti sauce*
- \* 1 lb boxes of sugar*

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

## PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER ADVANCED

The World's First-Ever Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced was held in Lincoln from July 6 to July 11, 2008. Many of the events took place at St. Mark's On the Campus including Improvisation Classes, regular lessons and most lunches. We also opened the week with a pot luck dinner at St. Mark's which was very successful. The POE Advanced was a huge success and the Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is most appreciative for the hospitality shown by the people at St. Marks. Thank you, thank you, thank you. And James David Christie, an Internationally-known organ recitalist, cleaned up the kitchen every day! It was quite a week!

- Jim Lytton, Dean

## Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	3-Aug Pentecost 12	10-Aug Pentecost 13	17-Aug Pentecost 14	24-Aug Pentecost 15	31-Aug Pentecost 16	7-Sep Pentecost 17
<b>8:30 RH/Acolyte</b>	Marcia White	Don Gray	Jonathan Jones	John Flint	Marcia White	Sara Toren
<b>10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister</b>	Jeff Sneller	Todd Sneller	Sara Toren	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Todd Sneller	Don Gray
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jonathan Cole Michael Fairchild	Helen Pitts Samantha Karas	Jonathan Cole Jeff Sneller	Michael Fairchild Jonathan Jones	Helen Pitts Samantha Karas	Jonathan Cole Jeff Sneller
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Gray Dean Settle	Dennis Alfrey Nora Pitts	Doug Durham Bob Stock	Roger Wait Dennis Alfrey	Don Gray Nora Pitts	Bob Kuzelka Susan Ugai
<b>Lector (OT)</b>	Sarah Fairchild	Sara Toren	Tim Hill	Mike Oliverius	Jonathan Jones	Ray Lowther
<b>Epistler</b>	Colleen Baade	Opal Doerr	Leroy Svec	Pamela Starr	Steve Buhler	Burns Davis
<b>Intercessor</b>	Pippa Lawson	Don Nelson	Kelly Carlisle	Bob Stock	Donna Harler-Smith	Steve Forol
<b>Greeter</b>	Andrea Nelson	David Pitts	Joyce Wagner	Julee Lowe	Connie Backus-Yoder	Kelly Carlisle
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Mike Oliverius	Jim Karas	Karen Krebsbach	Dorothy Nelson	John & Kelly Orr	Peg Sheldrick
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Laura Waldman	Nancy Brown	Loris Purtzer	Kathy Schmutte	Laura Waldman	Nancy Brown
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy Schmutte	Joyce Wagner	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte	Joyce Wagner	Opal Doerr
<b>Tellers</b>	Leroy Svec Anne Puls	Richard Toren Stan Sipple	Andrea Nelson Larry Krebsbach	Doug Durham Anne Puls	Leroy Svec Stan Sipple	Richard Toren Andrea Nelson

**REQUESTS FOR AVAILABILITY ARE GENERALLY  
 SENT OUT AROUND THE 10TH OF THE MONTH.  
 PLEASE HELP US TO SCHEDULE RIGHT THE  
 FIRST TIME BY PROVIDING US WITH YOUR  
 AVAILABILITY NO LATER THAN THE 15TH.  
 YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL HELP MINIMIZE  
 THE NEED FOR SUBSTITUTIONS.  
 THANKS! TODD AND DENISE**

# MARK-US DATES

AUG 09 - LINCOLN PAINT-A-THON

AUG 20 - LPS FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

AUG 24 - BIG RED WELCOME

AUG 25 - UNL FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

AUG 27 - STUDY LOUNGE OPENS

SEP 01 - LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED

SEP 06 - ADULT FORUM AND SUNDAY  
SCHOOL RESUME FOR FALL

THE MAIN CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR  
PRAYER DURING OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9 am - 4 pm  
PHONE: (402) 474-1979

Remember, the  
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