



The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church
FEBRUARY 2010



St. Mark's on the Campus

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Holy Eucharist Schedule
Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30
Tuesday — 12:30

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

The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,
Priest Associate

The Rev. Gretchen R. Naugle,
Priest Associate

Christine Grosh, *Deacon*

The Rev. Bob Schlismann, *Curate*

Bob Kuzelka, *Senior Warden*

Joyce Wagner, *Junior Warden*

Mark Musick, *Treasurer*

Stephanie Hill, *Asst. Treasurer*

Kurt Knecht, *Music Director*

Natalie Shepard, *Christian Education*

Denise Meredith, *Admin. Assistant*

Bennett Meredith, *Sexton*

*St. Mark's on the Campus
strives to be a Eucharistic
Community of reflection and
action, acceptance and
growth, Gospel and world.*

A View from the Courtyard

By Father Jerry Thompson

Dear Friends,

Winter can be a long, hard season – don't we all know it this year! Despite how challenging the season has been this year, I actually have found it psychologically easier than last year. Last year I thought winter would never end; this year, I seem to be accepting the cold with a different spirit. (Although I'm still looking forward to getting back into my garden come spring!)

Challenging times in our lives come to us all, and to all our communities. We can't always predict those times – there's no Farmer's Almanac to tell us when cancer is going to hit our bodies and our families or when recession will hit our economy. (And even if there were, the Almanac is not always correct!)

That lack of certainty is a powerful reminder of our ongoing reliance on God. Many of us find ourselves crying out more loudly to God at those unexpected times of pain – crying out for justice or for healing, for insight or for strength or for help of a kind we can't even name – we only know that it comes from God and not elsewhere.

Even though I was never very happy about the cold last year, things never got so bad for me that I was crying out to God with particular fervor! But in an odd sort of way, I find myself thankful for those challenging times that draw me to my knees with special intensity. Because when I call, I know that God is there, listening and responding as only God can. In my depths I rely on Jesus to bring into my life a hope that rests in him, an assurance that whatever happens in this life, God is lovingly present.

The great gift of challenging times is to be pulled back to the foundation where we all live best, back to the source of life and hope for the future whatever comes our way. Back to a warmth that surpasses anything that even the best summer days have to offer.

I pray the rest of this season brings hopeful times to your heart, as together we turn to Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

In Christ's Peace,

During its JANUARY meeting, The Vestry...

- ✘ Approved a Stained Glass Window lottery for the sale of the remaining half of a window dedication.
- ✘ Accepted the 2009 Financial Report showing that we ended the year with a positive balance
- ✘ Confirmed the candidates for Vestry Positions to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting
- ✘ Reviewed and accepted the revised letter of agreement with the Administrative Assistant
- ✘ Discussed options for a plan for snow removal
- ✘ Amended the 2010 budget to reflect the change in Father Jerry's health insurance to his wife's insurance plan
- ✘ Discussed Campus Ministry, including Study Lounge, Student Dinners, New Space Liturgy, and new Bible Study
- ✘ Approved signature of the Letter of Recommendation for Bob Schlismann's Ordination to the Priesthood
- ✘ Discussed options for electronic distribution of the Church Directory and elected for a trial with Vestry members only



The Curate's Corner - by The Rev. Bob Schlismann

Last month I mentioned that the weather gods had not been too kind to us during the latter part of December. Well, neither were they for the first part of January, 2010, with more foul weather. Things have improved since then, enough so that the first college student's "Non Bible Thumper's Bible Study" got off to a good start on schedule. We began with an orientation as to what kind of approach we will take to the Bible and to the book of James, which is where we started. The time is informal and geared toward college students, but is open to anyone who would like to attend, with no obligation at any time.

The new Wednesday evening (7pm) contemplative service also got off to an encouraging start, after its inaugural December "launch" was postponed, once again due to nasty weather. What a beautiful and well-done time of worship it was, quite different in emphasis from a regular liturgy. Many thanks to those who put so much work behind the scenes to put it together.

You won't be seeing quite as much of me on Sundays, starting in February. I have been invited to preach at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Crete twice a month. That's actually too often since my primary service and responsibilities are to St. Mark's on the Campus, but I have permission to be away once a month. Until whenever the supply situation settles there I will be in Crete once a month, the exact dates to be determined. It will be a nice experience to serve in a small community along with our more urban/university setting, although I missed being at St. Mark's the two Sundays I was gone in November and December.

FROM YOUR PRIEST ASSOCIATE - SIDNIE WHITE CRAWFORD

I will be away from St. Mark's for most of the seasons of Epiphany, Lent and Holy Week. I am not off on academic junkets for once, but supplying at Christ Church, Beatrice, which has been without a priest since January 1. Although I will miss my St. Mark's family, I feel it is important that I offer my services to the diocese in this way. You will be in my prayers, and I ask for yours as I take on this heavier schedule of ministry.

FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION

My name is Joe Prickett. I'm currently 14 and live in smalltown Nebraska. I've been working with Free Wheelchair Mission for more than a year, and have raised with "Nebraska Youth For Locomotion" over \$28,000 to send 550 wheelchairs to the Dominican Republic. Now I am starting an campaign using email and internet "Five by Six Thousand" to see how quickly the funds for our second container of chairs can be raised. Around the world, 100,000,000 people in third-world countries cannot walk on do many normal things their own, due to disease, accidents, occupation in war zones, etc. Free Wheelchair Mission is changing that. Free Wheelchair Mission is a non-profit organization that manufactures and ships wheelchairs to people in third-world countries. The chairs are specifically built to last and work well in all conditions; from the mountains of Peru to the deserts of the Middle East. The amazing part about this wheelchair, other than it's unique design, is the cost. It costs approximately \$59.20 to make and ship one wheelchair. I would like to ask you to donate \$5 to my Campaign for Mobility. If just 6000 people give \$5, our second container of 550 wheelchairs will be on its way to changing lives. For More Info, go to: www.freewheelchairmission.org

PRAYER GROUP DURING LENT

*Thursdays during Lent beginning on Feb 25th and continuing through March 25th, we will meet in the Lounge from 6:15 pm -7:15 pm to discuss and experience a variety of forms of prayer: including the Examen, Lectio Divine (divine reading), and healing prayer. Come and share and explore ways of deeping our prayer practice.
- Robin McDannel*

KNIT 4 LENT IS BACK - 4,000 HATS IN 40 DAYS

A knitting group from Ravelry seeks to incorporate knitting into the discipline of Lent. Its goal is 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. The Seamen's Church Institute also adds these items to their gift packages : lip balm, hand lotion, sudoku or word search books, microwave popcorn, hard candy, or playing cards. Non-knitters wishing to contribute these items are welcome, and we will mail them in with our hand-knit items.

If you are interested in knitting with us, please join us at the St. Mark's on the Campus knitting group on Sunday evenings at 7 pm or knit at home. Patterns and yarn are available from Susan Ugai at 423-5953 or book1456@aol.com Anyone wanting to do any kind of hand work is welcome to join the group. We have crocheters, beaders, and quilters.

February Birthdays

Dennis Alfrey	Barbara Stock	Joe Salotto
Mary Lutz	Dave Holmquist	Natalie Shepard
Betty Fischer	Barbara Banks	Richard Sutton
Janna Karst	Don Nelson	Ferd Anderson
Nan Graf	Leith Orr	Leroy Svec
Richard Quinn	Margo Young	

PAINT-A-THON

Painters ... mark your calendars. The next Lincoln Paint-a-Thon is scheduled for Saturday August 7th, 2010.

Financial Report December 2009

INCOME	2009 DEC	2009 TOTALS	2009 BUDGET	+OVER/ -SHORT	2010 BUDGET
Contributions					
- Pledge contributions	16774.09	205257.29	219214.00	-13956.71	211657.00
- Faith contribution	2317.00	8419.60	3600.00	+4819.60	2592.35
- Flower Income	960.00	2290.00	1400.00	+890.00	2150.00
- Christmas Offering	2125.00	2125.00	1500.00	+625.00	1500.00
- Easter Offering	0	1524.26	600.00	+924.26	1500.00
- Plate offering, general	1250.00	14269.35	10000.00	+4269.35	11000.00
Total Contribution Income	23,426.09	233,885.50	236,314.00	-2428.50	230,339.35
Diocesan Assistance					
- Curate Support	0	11177.00	11177.00	0	0
- Grant in Aid	6250.00	25000.00	25000.00	0	25000.00
- Insurance Subsidy, Rector	2559.00	12585.00	10030.00	+2555.00	0
Total Diocesan Assistance	8809.00	48,762.00	46,207.00	+2555.00	25000.00
Miscellaneous Income					
- Designated Income	0	500.00	0	+500.00	0
- Interest Income	8.18	563.17	1323.00	-759.83	1500.00
- Other Misc Income	485.00	657.82	0	+657.82	0
- Use of Church Income	205.00	2467.06	2700.00	-232.94	2600.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	698.18	4188.05	4023.00	+165.05	4100.00
TOTAL INCOME	32,933.27	286,835.55	286,544.00	+291.55	259,499.35
EXPENSES					
Advertising / Promotional	53.10	739.56	940.00	-200.44	0
Campus Ministry	835.47	10103.96	13000.00	-2896.04	17000.00
Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	21.18	1595.78	2350.00	-754.22	2525.00
Diocese Asking	2820.75	33849.00	33849.00	0	36000.00
Education Expenses	104.47	2433.01	2200.00	+233.01	2200.00
HVAC Replacement Fund	0	0	0	0	1200.00
Insurance	0	4672.00	5059.00	-387.00	5250.00
Kitchen Supplies	49.03	547.14	700.00	-152.86	400.00
Lay Ministry Expenses	0	13.00	75.00	-62.00	0
Legal and Professional Fees	0	349.00	350.00	-1.00	349.00
Misc Expenses	61.29	620.12	300.00	+320.12	450.00
Office Equipment	224.85	3971.52	3200.00	+771.52	5151.15
Office / General Admin	786.30	8145.94	7520.00	+625.94	6652.00
Repair & Maintenance	129.40	3833.39	3700.00	+133.39	4593.00
Travel	0	689.32	700.00	-10.68	500.00
Utilities	646.82	11065.72	11668.00	-602.28	11000.00
Worship and Music	1449.21	5122.44	4250.00	+872.44	4420.00
Payroll Expenses	12989.69	198223.83	196703.00	+1520.83	161809.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,171.56	285,974.73	286,544.00	-589.27	259,499.35
Net Income after Expenses	+12,761.71	+860.82			
GENERAL FUNDS BALANCE		December 31, 2009			60,972.52
UNRESTRICTED CD BALANCE		December 31, 2009			12,255.32
RESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCE		December 31, 2009			90,833.09
TOTAL BALANCE OF ALL FUNDS		December 31, 2009			164,060.93
PANTRY FUNDS BALANCE		December 31, 2009			1,794.39
RECTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND		December 31, 2009			1,406.91
FOR GENERAL OUTREACH FUND		Total Donated in 2009			3,446.90

Treasure Chest

Ought nine ended with a blast,
So much snow, hope it won't last.
Finances came down to the final bell,
God does provide, as we did well.
Thank you to those in the parish,
Your attendance we will cherish.
2010 is going to be a great year,
It should begin with a rousing cheer.

The Poet Treasurer

2010 VESTRY

Joyce Wagner (Sr Warden)
Lyn Forester (Jr Warden)

Colleen Baade

Opal Doerr

Doug Durham

Don Gray

Timothy Hill

Julee Lowe

Ray Lowther

Todd Sneller

Lisa Sutton

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Group will take place at St. Mark's on the Campus on Saturday, Feb 20th from 7:30-9 a.m.

Our current book is
"Powers, Weaknesses, and
the Tabernacling of God"
by Marva Dawn.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Berwyn Jones, who won the Stained Glass Window Lottery, which collected \$430 for the Pantry

ARTISTS ON THE EDGE

The Artists on the Edge will have an exhibit throughout the month of February in the lounge. Outsider art is interesting and a great buy, please support this unique community program. This is our ninth year at SMOC.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the pieces, see Dean Settle or call 441-6603 for further information.

The opening is Sunday afternoon, February 7th, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Our poets will read around the fireplace at 2:00 pm.

ADULT FORUM NEWS

Beginning in Lent, our Curate, Bob Schlismann, will be leading a series of forums about other religious faiths. [

COME AND SEE AT 9:30 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to everyone for your contributions during this cold winter. Please continue to remember the Pantry as you give your outreach offerings on the first Sunday of each month. Our current needs are for: Toilet paper, all soups (especially cream and tomato), syrup, pancake mix (boxes and 6.75oz bags), shampoo, bars of soap, pork-n-beans, and canned pasta.

MARK-US NOTES

FATHER JERRY WILL BE TAKING HIS DAY OFF ON FRIDAYS FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER.

BOOK CLUB

Book: The Shack by William P. Young

Date: February 21st at 3:00 p.m.

Place: Sidnie White Crawford, 925 Piedmont 483-1157

PARENTS OF RUGRATS OR ANYONE WANTING TO SOCIALIZE

The February gathering will take place at Jessica Freeman's house on February 28th. We'll be having another potluck, so bring a dish and the kiddos.

QUILTING BY CONNIE BACKUS YODER

I'm having a quilt show at the Burkholder during February. The First Friday Opening is February 5th from 7 to 9 pm. Also, a copy of the Lenten altar set, "The Many Facets of Repentance" used at St. Mark's is being sent to the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fabric Arts in Cedarburg, WI, for display in their show "Liturgical Banners and Vestments" being held between January 21, and April 11, 2010. I feel very honored to have this opportunity.

ARTISTS AND ART LOVERS *from Peg Sheldrick*

Would you like to be part of a Committee on the Arts at St. Mark's? The idea is to develop and present projects in various forms of art (visual, performing, literary, etc.) for St. Mark's and for the whole community. There will be a short meeting at 9:15 am on Sunday, February 7. We'll gather in the lounge and then find a good spot for a short talk about ideas and possibilities.

meditate. pray. worship

space

a new wednesday night service for students

wednesdays

7 pm

@ st marks on the campus
episcopal church and student center

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SPACE:

Contemplative Student Liturgy

meditate. pray. worship.

Our new Wednesday night student-focused liturgy, called SPACE, has begun and those attending the contemplative liturgy based on the Order for Evening Worship are finding it meaningful. We wanted to develop a liturgy that called on the strengths of this church -- both the Episcopal tradition and our own St. Mark's congregation. We also wanted to offer students something that would be of direct and immediate use to them. Especially appreciated is the quiet time for meditation and the music which our Director of Music has prepared for this service. Join us at 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights.

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STUDY LOUNGE EXTRAS

Study Lounge is open from 7-11 pm every Sunday and Wednesday night during the school year. There is a sign up sheet on the office door for anyone who is interested in providing assistance. Donations of pop and snacks (including string cheese, yogurt, and individual serving sizes of munchie items) are always welcome.

BUDDHISM CLASS AT SMOC

Starting on January 30th, parishioners are invited to a series of classes on Buddhism given by Professor Yaroslav Komarozski at the St. Mark's on the Campus parish Hall on Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Professor Komarozski is Professor of Asian Religions at UNL. For more information, please call 472-2420 or email ykomarozski2@unl.edu.

CORNERSTONE WORSHIP AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Here at SMOC/STONE we've started our regular weekly student activities. We'll begin each week with worship at 5:30 pm followed by a fellowship dinner. Our "Non-BibleThumpers Bible Study" led by Pastor Bob is on Tuesdays at 7 pm. There will be SPACE: worship on Wednesdays at 7pm, and we'll have Movie Night on Thursdays at 8 pm. In addition to these weekly activities, the Kappa Phi Group will be meeting and there will be Study Lounge on Sunday and Wednesday nights each week. We will also have special events scheduled for Lent and Easter. If you have questions, feel free to contact me or Pastor Bob, or check the websites; www.cornerstone.unl.edu or www.stmarks-episcopal.org Come join us for worship, food, fellowship, and fun! - Blessings, Pastor Karen

St. Mark's on the Campus * January 31 - March 6, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 31 SUNDAY WORSHIP No Evening Activities	Feb 1 Dcn Bob Day Off	2 11:30 am - AlAnon Meeting 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 7:00 pm: Student Bible Study	3 5:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm - Fellowship Time 7-11 pm - Study Lounge 7:00 pm: SPACE Meditate. Pray. Worship	4 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon 7:30 pm Student Movie	5 Fr. Jerry Day Off	6 10 am: Buddhism Series of Classes Prof. Komarozski
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14 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below)	15 Dcn Bob Day Off <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Lion's Roar Deadline</div>	16 11:30 am - AlAnon Meeting 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 7:00 pm: Student Bible Study	17 5:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm - Fellowship Time 7-11 pm - Study Lounge 7:00 pm: SPACE Meditate. Pray. Worship	18 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon 7:30 pm Student Movie	19 Fr. Jerry Day Off	20 Men's Breakfast (at SMOG) 10 am: Buddhism Series of Classes Prof. Komarozski
21 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) VESTRY MEETING 3pm: Book Club 7-11 pm - Study Lounge	22 Dcn Bob Day Off	23 11:30 am - AlAnon Meeting 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 7:00 pm: Student Bible Study	24 5:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm - Fellowship Time 7-11 pm - Study Lounge 7:00 pm: SPACE Meditate. Pray. Worship	25 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon 7:30 pm Student Movie 6:15 pm: Lent Prayer Group	26 Fr. Jerry Day Off	27 10 am: Buddhism Series of Classes Prof. Komarozski
28 SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) 5-7 pm: PRAWNS 7-11 pm - Study Lounge	Mar 1 Dcn Bob Day Off	2 11:30 am - AlAnon Meeting 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 7:00 pm: Student Bible Study	3 5:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm - Fellowship Time 7-11 pm - Study Lounge 7:00 pm: SPACE Meditate. Pray. Worship	4 5 - 6 pm - Alcoholics Anon 7:30 pm Student Movie 6:15 pm: Lent Prayer Group	5 Fr. Jerry Day Off	6 10 am: Buddhism Series of Classes Prof. Komarozski

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE: HOLY EUCHARIST AT 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

- 9:30 - 10:15 am: SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT FORUM - Christian Formation Classes**
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm: BIBLE STUDY - led by Sidnie White Crawford (Nov 8, Dec 6, Dec 13)**
- 5:30 - 6:15 pm: CORNERSTONE - United Ministries for Higher Education Worship Service**
- 6:15 - 7:00 pm: STUDENT DINNER FELLOWSHIP - for students of all denominations**
- 7:00 - 11:00 pm: STUDY LOUNGE with free WiFi, snacks, and pop for all students**

OTHER WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Tuesdays**
 - 12:30 pm HOLY EUCHARIST**
 - 7:00 pm NON-BIBLE THUMPERS BIBLE STUDY**
- Wednesdays**
 - 6:15 pm SPACE: Food, fellowship and preparation**
 - 7:00 pm SPACE: Contemplative Student Liturgy**
 - 7:00 pm STUDY LOUNGE with free WiFi, snacks, and pop for all students**

THE MAIN CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER
 DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:
 MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9 am - 4 pm
 PHONE: (402) 474-1979
 smoc.office@stmarks-episcopal.org

REMINDER: THE
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Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	FEBRUARY 7 5 Epiphany	FEBRUARY 14 Last Epiphany	FEBRUARY 21 1 Lent	FEBRUARY 28 2 Lent	MARCH 7 3 Lent
8:30 RH/Acolyte	John Flint	Jeff Sneller	Don Gray	Todd Sneller	Sara Toren
10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister	Don Gray	Todd Sneller	Jeff Sneller	Don Gray	Jeanne Vannorsdall
Acolytes	Mary Lutz Mitchell Karas	Carol Thompson Kelly Carlisle	Helen Pitts Chris Slane	Carol Thompson Steve Foral	Todd Sneller Lisa Shaumburg
Ushers	Michelle Waite Bob Kuzelka	Dean Settle Bob Stock	Lisa Sutton Susan Ugai	Roger Wait Michelle Waite	Dennis Alfrey Don Gray
Lector (OT)	Bette Sperry	Sarah Fairchild	Todd Sneller	Laura Waldman	Leroy Svec
Epistler	Bob Stock	Opal Doerr	Colleen Baade	Michelle Waite	Kelly Carlisle
Intercessor	Colleen Baade	Bob Kuzelka	Roger Wait	Jeanine Jewell	Steve Foral
Greeter	Lyn Forester	Kelly Carlisle	Doug Durham	Joyce Wagner	Julee Lowe
Coffee Host	Nan Graf	Nancy Brown	Opal Doerr	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Peg Sheldrick
Bread Baker	Laura Waldman	Don Steininger	Laura Waldman	Kathy Schmutte	Loris Purtzer
Altar Guild	Kathy Blum	Opal Doerr	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte	Joyce Wagner
Tellers	Stan Sipple Michelle Waite	Anne Puls Leroy Svec	Doug Durham Andrea Nelson	Jean Barker Richard Toren	Leroy Svec Stan Sipple