



The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church
NOVEMBER 2011



St. Mark's on the Campus

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Holy Eucharist Schedule
Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30
Tuesday — 12:30 pm
Wednesday — 7:00 pm

The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,
Priest Associate

The Rev. Gretchen R. Naugle,
Priest Associate

Lyn Forester, *Senior Warden*

Jim Karas, *Junior Warden*

Stephanie Hill, *Treasurer*

Kurt Knecht, *Music Director*

Natalie Shepard, *Christian Education*

Margaret Fairchild, *Nursery*

Denise Meredith, *Admin. Assistant*

Trevor Vargason, *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,

Recently Rebecca Fischer played violin during the offertory, and as she was leaving church I thanked her for offering her talents during our worship experience; I commented that it was a real gift to us. I was struck by her reply. She said, "It's a gift to me to be able to play in this way; thank you."

I later shared Rebecca's comment with our Director of Music, Kurt Knecht, and he reminded me, "Musicians need to be able to offer their gifts to God in worship."

Of course what is true for musicians is true for all of us. The offering in our liturgy is partly about our need to present our gifts to God as part of the "lifting up of our hearts" to the one who has given us the richness of this life in its many forms. The gifts we offer signify our lives and all that makes our lives signs of God in the world. We present these gifts, these signs, and we ask God to bless them – bless us! - to be instruments of the Holy Spirit as God continues the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

Some of you might have noticed that, when presiding at the Eucharist, I keep the monetary offerings close to the gifts of bread and wine. Hugh Mager, the former head of stewardship in the National Church Office, used to dump the monetary gifts onto the cloth with the bread and wine to make the point even more clearly: each week we pray for the Holy Spirit to "descend upon us, and upon these gifts," as we say in Prayer D. We pray that the Spirit will transform us and the monetary gifts we offer – the signs of our life - as well as transform the bread and the wine.

Becca and Kurt remind us that we all (not just musicians) have the need to make offerings to God. We all need to remind ourselves who grants the gifts we and others need and enjoy. One word for this principle is stewardship. Stewardship is not principally about fundraising; stewardship is primarily about our relationship with the living God, and our gratitude for all of life.

Stewardship is about us offering back to God what already belongs to God; our offering isn't about the generosity of our hearts but about the gracious generosity that pours from the heart of God. To echo Jesus in the gospel of Luke, when practicing faithful stewardship, "we do only what we ought to do" as servants of God. (Luke 17:10) This is our privilege and joy.

Christ's peace be with you as you continue your
journey of faith, filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Annual Diocesan Council

will be held at the Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte, Nebraska, beginning Thursday, Nov. 3 and ending on Saturday, Nov. 5.

From The Vestry...

For two Sundays in October, the vestry held focus groups concerning our Campus Ministry. As you know, the diocese is not going to fund Campus Ministry beginning in the 2012 budget year.



The purpose of the focus groups was to ascertain our commitment to the idea of Campus Ministry. Here is what we found.

- Campus Ministry remains important to the mission of St. Mark's.
- Suggestions were made to focus the ministry in a few places rather than many.
- It was suggested that we take the ministry to students rather than bringing students to us.
- There was great support of SPACE. Participating individuals believed this should continue.

After visiting with members of the Campus Ministry committee, it was decided to put \$4000.00 into the budget for the 2012 budget. The campus ministry committee will meet in the near future and discuss future plans. Anyone interested should contact Allison Cole.

The vestry also held its October 16th meeting.

The following was discussed:

1. Updates on Lounge remodeling - windows (Don't they look great!!)
2. Solar Panels (They are humming along as we speak)
3. Approved the planning budget for 2012
4. Appointed a nominating committee for vestry. If you are interested in serving contact anyone on the vestry.
5. Ministry Fair - we received many offers to work within committees at St. Marks.

Thank You: Your prayers and pastoral care for Rebecca and me during this past month were deeply felt and appreciated. What a group! - Steve Liechti and Rebecca Rising.

EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD

It is that time of year again when we consider the people around us and nominate those we feel deserve special recognition for the efforts that they have made for this parish. Some of the past recipients are:

- 2011 Kurt Knecht and Jonah Sirota
- 2010 Nancy and Darrell Brown
- 2009 Kelley Grey Carlisle and the Jim Karas family
- 2008 Opal Doerr
- 2007 Bob Stock and John Flint
- 2006 Rector search committee
- 2005 Dean Settle
- 2004 Connie Backus Yoder and Anne Puls

Please submit your nomination with an explanation of why you have chosen to select them. Entries should be submitted by Thanksgiving to Lyn Forester at Lyn.Forester@doane.edu. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY

If you or you know of someone who would be interested and qualified to serve on the Vestry at SMOC, please talk with any vestry member. According to diocesan canon, to be eligible to serve on Vestry, a person must be "confirmed communicants in good standing in the Parish for at least six months, of the age of majority, and regular contributors of record to the Parish treasury." Nominees must be willing to make a three year commitment.

Submitting a name does not obligate anyone at this time. All names will be considered and persons may be contacted by a member of the Vestry nominating committee exploring their interest and desire to be presented on the slate of candidates. The election of new vestry members will be held at the annual meeting. If you have further questions contact Opal Doerr, Colleen Baade, or Tim Hill.

Financial Report September 2011

INCOME	2011 SEP	2011 YTD	YTD BUDGET	+OVER/ -SHORT	2011 BUDGET
Contributions					
- Pledge contributions	14714.05	140419.26	144211.50	-3792.24	192282.00
- Faith contribution	1050.00	12996.00	9250.00	+3746.00	17582.20
- Flower Income	35.00	1045.00	1600.00	-555.00	2300.00
- Christmas Offering	0	100.00	0	+100.00	1500.00
- Easter Offering	0	1558.89	1500.00	+58.89	1500.00
- Plate offering, general	1108.50	9209.96	6750.00	+2459.96	9000.00
Total Contribution Income	16,907.55	165,329.11	163,311.50	+2017.61	224,164.20
Diocesan Grant in Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9500.00
Miscellaneous Income					
- Designated Income	0	0	0	0	0
- Interest Income	3.06	112.79	225.00	-112.21	300.00
- Other Misc Income	0	0	0	0	0
- Use of Church Income	200.00	663.01	1360.00	-696.99	2480.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	203.06	775.80	1585.00	-809.20	2780.00
TOTAL INCOME	17,110.61	166104.91	164,896.50	+1,208.41	236,444.20

EXPENSES	2011 SEP	2011 YTD	YTD BUDGET	+OVER/ -SHORT	2011 BUDGET
Campus Ministry	656.02	7711.55	7470.00	+241.55	9500.00
Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	169.29	1429.51	1350.00	+79.51	2100.00
Diocese Asking	2166.77	19500.93	19500.93	0	26000.00
Education Expenses	189.56	1932.99	1925.00	+7.99	2100.00
HVAC Replacement Fund	100.00	900.00	900.00	0	1200.00
Insurance	6.00	3838.85	3650.00	+188.85	3650.00
Kitchen Supplies	15.43	26.88	225.00	-198.12	300.00
Legal and Professional Fees	0	399.00	350.00	+49.00	350.00
Misc Expenses	0	14.34	25.00	-10.66	25.00
Office Equipment	135.85	2674.91	2115.00	+559.91	2970.00
Office / General Admin	375.90	5565.06	5555.00	+10.06	7170.00
Repair & Maintenance	512.51	2665.27	3000.00	-334.43	5150.00
Travel	0	0	0	0	500.00
Utilities	726.84	8916.66	8425.00	+491.66	10400.00
Worship and Music	294.94	3232.15	2490.00	+742.15	2970.00
Payroll Expenses	12,317.48	122029.71	121821.84	+207.87	162059.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	17,666.59	180,837.81	178,802.77	+2035.04	236,444.20

Net Income after Expenses	-555.98	-14732.90	-826.63		
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GENERAL FUNDS BALANCE	September 30, 2011	44,876.11
UNRESTRICTED CD BALANCE	September 30, 2011	12,540.57
TOTAL BALANCE OF ABOVE FUNDS	September 30, 2011	57,416.68

MISC DESIGNATED FUNDS	September 30, 2011	131,598.10
SOLAR PANEL FUND	September 30, 2011	3,645.68
PANTRY FUNDS BALANCE	September 30, 2011	3,003.50
RECTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND	September 30, 2011	539.01

OUTREACH FUND TRANSMITTED	September 30, 2011	555.58
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ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2011 Altar Flower sign up chart is still available in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider the blessings in your life and recognize them with a Sunday flower dedication. Please remember to place your donation of \$35 in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the office. If you are unsure if you've sent a donation for a past dedication, please contact Denise in the office and she can confirm that for you.

TREASURE CHEST

Our expenses and income this month were steady this month. We should be receiving the campus ministry reimbursement, for expenses thus far, very soon. I'm hoping we'll be able to show this reimbursement in next month's report. Also, just a reminder that if you have sponsored altar flowers this year, and haven't yet paid for your flowers, please take a moment to do so.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

These are the balances of the misc funds currently being held in interest-bearing accounts.

Allington with CDs	\$ 33,077.11
Memorial Fund	\$ 592.72
HVAC Replacement	\$ 2,100.00
Bathroom Fund	\$ 94.09
CE - Music Director	\$ 360.00
Kitchen Fund	\$ 1,038.05
Youth Fund	\$ 1,480.42
Spire Faulkner Music	\$ 13,499.39
Endowment at ECF	\$ 79,356.32
TOTAL MISC FUNDS	\$131,598.10

MARK-US NOTES

BOOK MARK'S BOOK CLUB

Book: *Lost Lady* by Willa Cather
Sunday, November 20 at 3 P.M.
Susan Steinegger - 601 Mulder Dr.
402-488-8064

MEN'S BREAKFAST

will be meeting on Sat, November 12th at the home of Doug Durham. Our book is **God Wins** by Mark Galli – an evangelical response to Rob Bell's **Love Wins**

2012 PLEDGE DRIVE

Please prayerfully consider your 2012 pledge to the ministry of SMOC. Pledge packets can be found in the Narthex. They can be returned in the envelope provided either by placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the office.

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION POTLUCK

SMOC will host a pot luck on Sunday, November 13th, 2011 following the 10:30 a.m. service. Suggested food to share - please bring items based on last name beginning with:

- A-I** bring a main dish or casserole
- J- R** bring salad or vegetable
- S- Z** bring dessert

FOOD PANTRY

So far in 2011, we've served over 300 people and helped more than 240 families with needed food and supplies. Currently, our largest needs are for:

Soups of all kinds, pork -n-beans, chili, individual instant oatmeal, individual cold cereal, and 18 oz Oatmeal.

GATHERING PLACE

St. Mark's is pleased to help serve at the Gathering Place, on the second Tuesday of the month. We are looking for volunteers to help on a rotating basis, usually about once per quarter.

If anyone is interested in working in the Pantry or at the Gathering Place, please contact Anne Puls, 402-483-6860

ADULT FORUM - NOV

- 6 Annual Council / Evangelical Responses to Bell (Thompson)
- 13 Intro to The Hidden Power of the Gospels (Liechti)
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- 27 No Forum; Thanksgiving Weekend

HOLIDAY HUGS

During Advent, St. Mark's will once again collect Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks (HUGS). Mittens and scarves are welcome, too. Your warmth - and theirs - will be much appreciated by the people staying at the City Mission. Donation boxes are located near the church entrance and in the lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Peg Sheldrick.

SOUP LUNCHESES

Many, many thanks to all of the fine cooks who donated soup for the Sunday lunches and to the congregation for their wonderful support! Since everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship, as well as the great soup, it seemed a good idea to keep on with a good thing. Our next "Soup Sunday" will be on December 11th, as we will be having a Pledge Campaign Celebration potluck in November. A Sign-up sheet is on the office door. Please feel free to invite a friend for soup.

KNITTING FOR CHRISTMAS AT SEA

The St. Mark's knitters are once again knitting for Christmas at Sea. Hats and scarves will be given by the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) at Christmas to mariners. 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 knitting group on Saturday mornings from 10 am to noon at Cultiva Cafe, 727 S. 11th, or knit at home. Patterns and yarn are available from Susan Ugai at 580-4156 or by email to: book1456@aol.com. Anyone wanting to do any kind of hand work is welcome to join the group. We have crocheters, beaders, and quilters.

KURT PERFORMS

On Tues, Nov 1st @ 7:30pm, Soprano Carrie Kirby will join Kurt Knecht at Nebraska Wesleyan University for a program of song cycles written by Kurt. The program will include texts by Gerard Manley Hopkins, Wallace Stevens, Carl Sandburg, Rainer Maria Rilke, and a new piece entitled "Mathilde who liked to sing Schubert and who also liked to put strange things in her ears: a cautionary tale."

BIBLE STUDY WITH SIDNIE!

Sundays at 12:00 in the Narthex (the church entrance). We are studying Ecclesiastes.

November and December schedule is:

Nov. 6, chaps. 6-7 - Nov. 13, 20, no meeting

Nov. 27, chap. 8 - Dec. 4, chap. 9

Dec. 11, chap. 10 - Dec. 18, chaps. 11-12

FOURTH FRIDAYS: There will be no 4th Friday events in November or December due to the holidays.

THANKS FOR MAKING STRIDES

Thanks to St. Mark's members and friends for donating to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 2011. Your generous gifts are helping the American Cancer Society to research cures, comfort patients, and make life better for all of us. Thanks for your lion-hearted support.

November Birthdays

Kim Thomason
Steve Blum
Bob Kuzelka
Leigh Anna Harken
Ken Shepard
Beth Hemmer

Rick Bales
Parker Durham
Rebekah DeFusco
Loris Purtzer
Kathy Schmutte
Ethan Kemper

Larry Reznicek
Craig Lawson
Katherine MacLeod Hill
Rachel DeFusco

Be sure the office knows your birthday so you can be included!

SPOTLIGHT ON: CAMPUS MINISTRY

St. Marks gets 24,000 new neighbors every year. Just across the street is the UNL campus, filled with students from all corners of the world, who are eager to become experts in their chosen fields of study. The campus ministry committee at St. Marks focuses on outreach to these students, offering them a chance to learn outside the classroom and grow spiritually within a faith community.

Outreach to Students:

1. **Big Red Welcome:** We welcome students back to campus and with homemade cookies and cold water.
2. **SPACE:** We offer students a chance to take a break midweek from the pace of college life to spend time in quiet contemplation and worship.
3. **Facilities:** We offer use of the building for studying, group meetings, and recitals.

Focus groups to collect ideas on the future of campus ministry at St. Marks will be held Sept. 25th and Oct. 2nd after the 8:30am and 10:30am services.

Suggestions can also be emailed to Allison Cole at zoocolea@gmail.com.

SPACE:

Contemplative Student Liturgy

Our student-focused liturgy, called SPACE, continues on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Those who have previously attended the contemplative liturgy based on the Order for Evening Worship have found 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. Especially appreciated is the quiet time for meditation and the music which our Director of Music has prepared for this service.

We've added a new aspect after the Wed evening liturgy. Afterwards, anyone interested in reflecting together about the gospel used in the liturgy can gather in the lounge for a while after the Eucharist.

GREEN REASONS TO CELEBRATE!

We have had two major projects going on recently which will help us reduce our energy usage as well as our energy costs. One is the solar panels donated by a faithful parishioner. The panels are now in place and generating electricity for us. Many thanks for the gift to both SMOC and the earth! The other project is the new windows in the lounge and kitchen. The lounge windows are being provided through the Allington bequest received several years ago. We again give thanks for Bob Allington's faithful stewardship in this final offering to God through SMOC. Watch in next month's Roar for more details!

TEA AND AUCTION UPDATE

In order to make this event a success, approximately forty five volunteers would be needed. As of now we have only nineteen workers signed up. Even though those who have volunteered are signed up for more than one activity, we have decided to cancel plans for a Tea and Silent Auction in June of 2012. Thanks to all of you who expressed an interest in helping. Perhaps we can plan this for another time.

*We will have a liturgy on the **Eve of Thanksgiving**, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** Although it is a Wednesday, we'll celebrate a normal **Eucharist**. **SPACE** is cancelled for the evening.*

St. Mark's on the Campus * Oct 30 - Dec 3, 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5
SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below)	Fr. Jerry Off 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi	12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel 7:30 pm: Kurt Knecht Concert	5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open	DIOCESAN ANNUAL COUNCIL		
				(see schedule below)	Fr. Jerry Off 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi	12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) All Saints Sunday	Fr. Jerry Off 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi	Fr. Jerry Off 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open	(see schedule below)	Veteran's Day	Mens Breakfast Group Huskers vs. Penn State (away)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) Pledge Potluck	Fr. Jerry Off 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi Czech/Russian Food Festival	12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel Lions Roar Deadline Czech/Russian Food Festival	Fr. Jerry Continuing Education 5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open	Hastings College Luncheon	(see schedule below)	Huskers vs. Michigan (away)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) Vestry Meeting Book Mark's	Fr. Jerry Off 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi	12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	5:30 - Choir 7:00 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist	Office Closed - Thanksgiving		(see schedule below)
27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3
SUNDAY WORSHIP (see schedule below) First Sunday in Advent	Fr. Jerry Off 6:00 p.m. Kappa Phi	12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Main Chapel	5:30 - Choir 7:00 - SPACE Lounge Open	(see schedule below)	(see schedule below)	(see schedule below)

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 pm: BIBLE STUDY with Sidnie White Crawford

OTHER WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesdays 12:30 pm HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays 7:00 pm SPACE: Contemplative Worship Service

8:00 pm STUDY LOUNGE with free WiFi, snacks, and pop for all students

The Lounge will be open on Wednesday nights for study or other purposes during the school year. Father Jerry will be available for appointments after the SPACE service.

THE MAIN CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PRAYER
 DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:
 MONDAY THRU FRIDAY from 9 am - 4 pm
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 smoc.office@stmarks-episcopal.org

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SUNDAY SERVICE PARTY VOLUNTEERS

Date	NOV 6 Pentecost 21	NOV 13 Pentecost 22	NOV 20 Last Pentecost	NOV 23 Thanksgiving Eve	NOV 27 First Advent
8:30 RH/Acolyte	Todd Sneller	John Flint	Don Gray	None	Don Gray
10:30 Chalice Bearer Eucharistic Minister	Mary Lutz	Don Gray	Mary Lutz	Don Gray	Todd Sneller
Acolytes	Don Gray Pamela Starr	Lisa Shaumburg Nathan Karas	Todd Sneller Parker Durham	Todd Sneller Pamela Starr	Lisa Shaumburg Carol Thompson
Ushers	Durham Family	Lyn Forester Michelle Waite	Bob Stock Bob Kuzelka	David Sellmyer Roger Wait	Lisa Sutton Susan Ugai
Lector (OT)	Colleen Baade	Tim Hill	Doug Durham	Cathy Sellmyer	Bette Sperry
Epistler	Bob Stock	Berwyn Jones	Michelle Waite	Donna Harler-Smith	Opal Doerr
Intercessor	Pippa Lawson	Dean Settle	Roger Wait	Ray Lowther	Peg Sheldrick
Greeter	Allison Cole	Donna Harler-Smith	Kate Maattala-Sirota	Berwyn Jones	Jim Karas
Coffee Host	Nancy Brown	Nan Graf	Jeanne Vannorsdall	None	Andrea Nelson
Bread Baker	Jessica Freeman	Loris Purtzer	Kathy Schmutte	None	Don Steinneger
Altar Guild	Opal Doerr	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte	None	Kathy Schmutte
Tellers	Leroy Svec Andrea Nelson	Richard Toren Stan Sipple	Michelle Waite Anne Puls	None	Doug Durham Richard Toren

Readers at the 10:30 service are reminded to please check in with the Eucharistic Minister prior to the service.