

# St. John's Messenger

## A Message from the Rev. Kathleen Milligan

*Jesus of Nazareth Requests the  
Honor of your Presence  
At a Banquet to be given in His Honor*

I once had a poster that depicted a loaf of bread and a cup of wine, and it used the words above. I think about that poster whenever I consider the importance in my own life of regular church attendance. It's true that for me, this is not exactly an optional thing. An old joke would have it that Sunday morning is my one hour of work each week. The truth is, however, that I almost never miss Sunday worship, no matter where I am. I need to worship with the gathering of the faithful. I need the sacramental reality of Christ's presence. So know this: it is always a privilege and blessing when you join me in our worship here at St. John's.

We often treat worshipping on Sunday as one option among many for spending our time. And it seems to be an easy habit to break and a hard one to reestablish. But I think it is far more important than we sometimes wish to acknowledge. There are reasons for making it an absolute priority in our lives. Of course there will be times when illness, work or unavoidable emergencies arise. But I think we need to reframe the questions: not "should I go to church this morning?" but rather: "why in the world would I not go?" I can think of at least four reasons for attending church, and participating in corporate worship.

1, WE NEED YOU. We are incomplete without the regular participation of all our members. It is very easy, especially in smaller congregations, to feel discouraged by low attendance. The music sounds better; the church feels different when there are more people here. There is a feeling of hope and strength when the faithful gather in force. Especially in a congregation which wishes to grow, faithful participation in our worship life says that something important is being offered. Summer is often a time when people check out churches; so those who are present on summer Sundays provide needed testimony to the value of our worship.

2. YOU NEED US. The Christian life is not always easy. Our personal lives are not always easy. There are times of discouragement, loneliness, pain and confusion in our lives. We experience grief and hard-

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## Rev. Kathleen's Message cont'd

### From Kathleen

As I write this, I am preparing to return to Des Moines for another 10 days or so, to be present with my mother. She is now receiving Hospice services, and is daily slipping a little more.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers for her, and for me and our family. It is so good to know that I have the support of a loving Christian community.

And I want to thank Kent and Diane for filling in, in various ways; and to the office volunteers including Jeanine, who figured out how to do things with the office equipment. It is good to be reminded I am not indispensable.

ship. We know times of doubt and disillusionment. In these times the gathered faithful, praying when we are unable to pray for ourselves, can strengthen our own resolve. We can find hope and courage in the support of our Christian brothers and sisters; in the hugs and handshakes which tell us we are not alone. Strange but true, it is the times we least feel like going when it is most important for us to be present to worship God.

3. THE WORLD NEEDS OUR WITNESS. We live in an age which is, outwardly at least, increasingly secular: when even those who profess belief find church attendance quant at best, if not downright silly. The world needs our witness that there are other purposes and deeper realities than those represented by success, money or the gratification of personal desires. Our submission to the discipline of regular attendance and participation in corporate worship is one way to say that there is something more important than our own will or our own rights. The world needs to hear and to see this message lived out in our commitment to Jesus Christ.

4. IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM. As the poster reminds us, the Sunday service is a glorious banquet. We are invited to kneel at the Lord's Table and to be served by Him with the food that carries us through life and death and into an everlasting life with Him. Here we have the opportunity to worship and to feast with all of those who have gone before us. Those we have "loved long since and lost awhile" are joined with us to praise the Lamb. It is the most important party around.

Our times are times of spiritual search. In larger numbers than ever Americans profess a belief in God and in the power of prayer. But fewer than ever say they regularly attend corporate worship. Of course personal prayer is important; vitally important. But corporate prayer and public worship help us learn to pray. Our participation keeps our own prayer life from narrowness of focus, and it provides a bridge for us over the "dry" times that seem to be inevitable in our personal spiritual lives. This summer, wherever you happen to be, look for a community of faith in which to worship. Bring back your worship bulletins to share with me. We may see some good ideas for St. John's. And remember that in addition to Sundays, we always have a weekday service on Wednesday noon. See you in church.

*Kathleen +*

# June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:30a Study 12:10p Holy Eucharist	3	4	5
6 9:00a Holy Eucharist 10:30a Fellowship	7	8	9 10:30a Study 12:10p Holy Eucharist	10	11 Youth trip to Great America	12
13 9:00a Holy Eucharist 10:30a Fellowship	14	15 6:30p Vestry Meeting	16 10:30a Study 12:10p Holy Eucharist	17	18	19
20 9:00a Holy Eucharist 10:30a Fellowship 7p Book Club	21	22	23 10:30a Study 12:10p Holy Eucharist	24	25	26
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# June Worship Assistants

	June 6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pente- cost	June 13 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pente- cost	June 20 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pente- cost	June 27 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pente- cost
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Psalm</b>	Pam VanVleck 1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146	Dan Willis 1 Kings 21:1-10 Psalm 5:1-8	Pam VanVleck 1 Kings 19:1-4 Psalm 42 and 43	Dan Willis 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 Psalm 77:1-2,11-20
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Ron Sims Galatians 1:11-24	Fred Chenery Galatians 2:15-21	Fred Chenery Galatians 3:23-29	Ron Sims Galatians 5:1,13-25
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 7:11-17	Luke 7:36-8:3	Luke 8:26-39	Luke 9:51-62
<b>Intercessor</b>	Deacon Diane Eddy	Deacon Diane Eddy	John Stewart	Kim Miller
<b>Chalice</b>	Becky Johnson Cindy Ernzen Keila Eddy Lexi Linn Evan VanVleck Green	Becky Johnson Kim Miller Claire Slagel Hailey Kettering Chris Anderson Green	Keila Eddy David Eddy Virginia Meurer Lexi Linn Bradley Warner Green	Cindy Ernzen Kim Miller Lincoln Stewart Keila Eddy Chris Meurer Green
<b>Acolytes</b>				
<b>Altar Guild</b>				

# July 2010

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# July Worship Assistants

	<b>July 4</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pente-</b> <b>cost</b>	<b>July 11</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pente-</b> <b>cost</b>	<b>July 18</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pente-</b> <b>cost</b>	<b>July 25</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pente-</b> <b>cost</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b> <b>Psalm</b>	Pam VanVleck 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	Dave Vanderah Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82	Dan Willis Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52	Dave Vanderah Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Fred Chenery Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Ron Sims Colossians 1:1-14	Fred Chenery Colossians 1:15-28	Fred Chenery Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13
<b>Intercessor</b>	Deacon Diane Eddy	Barb Gooch	Kim Miller	Pam VanVleck
<b>Chalice</b>	Keila Eddy David Eddy	Cindy Ernzen Paul Ernzen	Kim Miller Cindy Ernzen	Keila Eddy David Eddy
<b>Acolytes</b>				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Green	Green	Green	Green

## Book Club

### **Sunday June 20 at 7 PM at the Parish House:**

**"Bang The Drum Slowly" By: Mark Harris**

**Publisher's Summary** Henry Wiggen, hero of *The Southpaw* and the best-known fictional baseball player in America, is back again, throwing a baseball "with his arm and his brain and his memory and his bluff for the sake of his pocket and his family." More than a novel about baseball, *Bang the Drum Slowly* is about the friendship and the lives of a group of men as they each learn that a teammate is dying of cancer.

### **Sunday July 18 at 7 PM at the Parish House:**

**"Intensity" By: Dean Koontz**

**Publisher's Summary** Past midnight, Chyna Shepherd, 26, gazed out a moonlit window, unable to sleep on her first night in the Napa Valley home of her best friend's family. Instinct proves reliable. A murderous sociopath, Edgler Forman Vess, has entered the house, intent on killing everyone inside. A self-proclaimed "homicidal adventurer", Vess lives only to satisfy all appetites as they arise, to immerse himself in sensation, to live without fear, remorse, or limits, to live with intensity. Chyna is trapped in his deadly orbit.

Chyna is a survivor, toughened by a lifelong struggle for safety and self-respect. Now she will be tested as never before. At first her sole aim is to get out alive, until, by chance, she learns the identity of Vess' next intended victim, a faraway innocent only she can save. Driven by a newly discovered thirst for meaning beyond mere self-preservation, Chyna musters every inner resource she has to save an endangered girl, as moment by moment, the terrifying threat Edgler Foreman Vess intensifies.

### **Sunday August 15 at 7 PM at the Parish House**

**"Trail Of Tears -The Rise and Fall Of The Cherokee Nation" By John Ehle**

**Publisher's Summary** A sixth-generation North Carolinian, highly-acclaimed author John Ehle grew up on former Cherokee hunting grounds. His experience as an accomplished novelist, combined with his extensive, meticulous research, culminates in this moving tragedy rich with historical detail. The Cherokee are a proud, ancient civilization. For hundreds of years they believed themselves to be the "Principle People" residing at the center of the earth. But by the 18th century some of their leaders believed it was necessary to adapt to European ways in order to survive. Those chiefs sealed the fate of their tribes in 1875 when they signed a treaty relinquishing their land east of the Mississippi in return for promises of wealth and better land. The U.S. government used the treaty to justify the eviction of the Cherokee nation in an exodus that the Cherokee will forever remember as the "trail where they cried." John McDonough narrates with thoughtful gravity. The heroism and nobility of the Cherokee shine through this intricate story of American politics, ambition, and greed.

### **Sunday September 19 at 7 PM at the Parish House**

**"The Mayor of Casterbridge" By: Thomas Hardy**

**Publisher's Summary** Hardy's powerful tale, set in mid-19th century Dorset, tells the tragic story of Michael Henchard, a man who cannot escape his past.

Drunk on rum at a country fair, Henchard sells his wife to a sailor for five guineas. Unable to find, them and overcome with guilt and remorse, he vows to be teetotal for 21 years.

Many years later his wife seeks him out in Casterbridge, where he has gained both wealth and the well-respected position of mayor. His family restored to him, Henchard's happiness should be complete. But beneath the surface still smoulders the same impetuosity and temper that, combined with fate, bring about his degradation and ruin.

## A Big Thank You

To John Stewart, Dan Sullivan, and all who helped to make our May 30<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday Dinner another success. Approximately 100 persons were served. As always, contributions of dessert came from many sources. Others helped to welcome our guests and to serve the beverages, and to do the dishes. And while we're at it: we owe a huge debt of gratitude for the dedication of Duke Langanis, who has made this dinner his particular ministry. His participation in events of the Memorial Day Weekend prevented him from taking charge this time; but we are grateful for his work in keeping this ministry going. And of course, we remember Jane Fuhrman each time we serve the meal, which is paid for in her memory. Our next Fifth Sunday dinner will be August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Scrip

Summer is here and our thoughts are often on the great outdoors. Please keep Scrip in mind as you do your summer gardening and activities. As a church we put a Scrip line item in our budget each year for \$3,000. To date (as of the beginning of June) we have a profit of \$1,161. As you can see, we all need to keep using scrip. It's such an easy way to support our church. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact the Scrip coordinator - Kathe Richardson at 583-4643.

## The Tour De Nzara: Bicycles for Parishes

Nzara, the newest diocese in the Episcopal Church of Sudan, consists of 23 parishes. Each parish has several satellite outposts, and bicycles will help the clergy make the rounds. A bicycle, including an air pump and a tool kit, will cost approximately 150 dollars. We have been challenged by our friend, Father Robert North, to raise enough money for 4 bicycles. We are close to half way to that goal; and if we raise money for more, it will be a great thing. Father North has resigned from Grace Church Galena, and expects to spend the next year or more as the Director of Development for the Diocese, assisting our old friend Bishop Samuel Peni. The Diocese of Iowa is also supporting this project, and we expect to enter into a companion relationship with Nzara subsequent to the next annual convention in October. Please consider this need, and be generous.

## RAGBRAI comes to Dubuque

This annual bicycle classic ends in Dubuque on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Some of our Episcopal brothers and sisters will be making the trip this year, and we may be asked to provide overnight accommodations for them. If you would be willing to do this, please let Kathleen or Kim Miller know as soon as possible. Also – the Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to serve in various capacities in preparing for this event. The office has more information if you are interested.

## Congratulations to our Graduates

Three of our young people recently graduated from High School. On Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we prayed with Keila Eddy, who will begin her college career right here at Northeast Iowa Community College; and with Lauren Slagel, who will attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Keila and Lauren graduated from Hempstead. Another St. John's member, Sam Baur Shoer graduated from Senior. We wish them all well, whatever the future holds for them.

## 165th Anniversary—The Gilded Age



Mark Twain dubbed the period from the 1870's to 1900 as "the Gilded Age." It was a time when immense fortunes were made as well as a period of social reform. In Chicago, this included the settlement house work of Jane Addams and, in Dubuque, the start of Hillcrest by Dr. Nancy Hill, the city's first woman physician.

During the Gilded Age, St. John's, at 14th and Main Streets was near the town business center. Streets like Main, North of 11th, and Locust, North of 9th, were lined solidly with grand mansions, row houses and churches. A look around today, shows surviving structures. Present uses include private homes, funeral homes and bed and breakfasts as well as low-rent rooms and cut-up apartment dwellings.

The church's neighborhood was equivalent to today's Arbor Oaks area. Across Main from St. John's was the residence of David Bremer Henderson, U.S. Congressman and Speaker of the House of Representatives. He was perhaps the most famous St. John's member. Others include judges, physicians and Civil War veterans. Alonzo Van Duzee, customs official and father of Kate Van Duzee, a noted artist. In 1901 Kate founded the Dubuque Boy's Club, which exemplifies the social outreach of parishioners.

By 1889, St. John's was able to pay down its debt and consecrate the building, on Whitsunday/Pentecost, June 9, 1889. The Rev. William Bohler Walker of Stratford, Connecticut was the eighth rector of St. John's.

The old church building at 9th and Locust was torn down in 1892. It had served a congregation of the Christian Church denomination. Keeping with a tradition of calling rectors from the East, the Rev. William DeLancy Benton of Bellafonte, Pennsylvania, became the 9th rector in 1893. The general church custom of pew rent with free pews available continued as one means of financial support. The 19th rector, the Rev. Frederick William Keator, had a short term, being elected Bishop of Olympia, Washington in 1901.

He was succeeded by the Rev. John Charles Sage of Dixon, Illinois. According to Maurine Schmitz, author of the parish history, due to his energy and the addition of an assisting curate, a period of domestic mission work ensued in Dubuque County and nearby areas.

Rev. Safe, "...apparently was in charge of St. Andrew's Chapel at 507 Delhi, Dubuque (Sunday evensong), St. George's Church, Farley (2nd & 4th Sundays), Christ Church, Dyersville (2nd & 4th Sundays), St. Andrews, McGregor (3rd Sunday), St. Paul's, Bellevue (Friday evenings), and monthly services in Elkader.

Today, St John's domestic mission work includes services and visits by Rev. Kathleen, Deacon Diane and lay Eucharistic ministers to Bethany Home and other nursing homes and has included taking church services to the Julien Care Facility.

On the foreign mission scene, St John's is assisting the "Bicycles for Nzara project." The bicycles provide transportation for the clergy of the Diocese of Nzara traveling to missions. The Rt. Rev. Samuel Peni, is bishop of this new diocese in the Episcopal Church of the Sudan. Bishop Peni is well-known to St. John members from his student days at the University of Dubuque and Wartburg seminaries.

### Monday Services

Until further notice, there will be no Monday evening Bible study or Eucharist.

### Sympathies

Our sympathies go to Kim and Glenn Miller, Allison and Erica, and to Kim's mother and sister Diane and Stacie, on the death of Evelyn Hohnecker, Kim's grandmother. She died on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and was buried from St. John's on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

## Rector's Discretionary Fund

Jesus told us that the poor would always be with us. The Rector's Discretionary Fund helps various people both in the community and even within the congregation. As the economy continues to give concern, the need for assistance from the fund continues to grow. Please be generous, especially on the first Sunday of the month; or at any other time you wish to make an offering. Kent and Diane have discretionary funds as well.

## The Public Service of Healing

This service will be part of our Sunday worship on Sundays, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and August 8<sup>th</sup>. This service of special prayer and blessing is for those who are in need of healing in body, mind or spirit. You may come forward for prayers for yourself, or on behalf of a loved one. You may tell those praying for you of a specific need; or you may simply ask for a general prayer. Prayer with anointing and laying on of hands was part of the mission Jesus set for his disciples. It is a sacramental sign of God's healing presence in the world, mediated through the church.

## June 27-July 2 Diocesan Summer Camp for 3rd-12th grades

[Join the Fun! Summer Camp 2010](#) will be held June 27-July 2 at [Pictured Rocks Camp](#), Monticello, Iowa. Camp programs are designed for those completing 3rd-5th Grades, 6th-8th Grades, and 9th-12th Grades.

[Register by April 16 for the Early Bird Discount!](#) The cost is \$275 if you register by April 16. After this date, the cost will be \$300 per camper.

## Thanks To

Paul and Cindy Erzen for their dedication to the "Cup of Cold Water" outreach ministry. They offered water and bathroom facilities to those attending the Memorial Day parade on May 31<sup>st</sup>. This ministry is one way of being of visible service in our community and in our neighborhood. We never know what such a visit might mean to someone. At any time, we could be entertaining a person who is looking for a church home. Our next opportunity for this ministry will be on the Independence Day Parade. Plan to be present to assist on that day.



**June Birthdays**

- 2 Katrina Friederich
- 2 Vivian Roberts
- 4 Thomas Davies
- 4 David Eddy
- 6 John Stewart
- 7 Charlie Cunliffe
- 7 John Irelan
- 10 Erica O'Rourke
- 11 Marcia Robinson
- 14 Phoebe Erzen
- 16 Joseph Brenke Jr.
- 20 Phoebe Keck
- 22 Kyle Anderson
- 23 Benjamin Kettering
- 24 Donna Jamison
- 25 Nathan Weber
- 26 Susan Decker

**July Birthdays**

- 3 Kathleen Milligan
- 10 Christopher Meurer
- 13 Stephan Roberts
- 14 Dave Van Derah
- 15 Joyce Hoover
- 16 Ann Anderson
- 17 Ian Erzen
- 23 Nancy Wortley
- 29 Christopher Anderson
- 29 Michelle Warner
- 30 Glenn Miller

**Anniversaries**

- June 3 Dan & Karen Slagel
- 18 Bill & Kathe Richardson
- 25 Paul & Cindy Erzen
- 30 Dennis & Deb Hillard
- July Glenn & Kim Miller
- 17 Jeff & Sandy LaPage
- 28 David & Diane Eddy

Is your celebration missing from our list?  
Please contact the church office and let us know!

**In Loving Memory**

- June 1 Susan DeForest Hendry
- 1 Alfred Ruprecht
- 3 Mira Belle Hoover
- 3 Ellen Sarson
- 4 Donald D. Bandy
- 5 John Vance Sr
- 5 Blanche Zaras
- 13 Ethel Erzen
- 13 Maurine Schmitz
- 18 Jane Fuhrman
- 19 Mervyn Dew-Brittain
- 21 Elizabeth Ressler
- 23 Clyde Dunlap II
- 26 Oppie Lee McMilan
- 30 Dorothea Waller
- July 2 Albert Wise
- 9 Herman Henker
- 13 Doni Curler
- 14 Henrietta Lusch
- 21 Felice Echternacht
- 22 Dorothy Ressler
- 23 Emma Boll
- 23 Charlie Chapman
- 26 The Rev. Eric Johnson
- 29 Lora Richards
- 29 Evelyn Ruprecht

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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