

NEWSLETTER



Episcopal Parish of Ames

August 2016

Change

I have often said in the past that change can be useful and fun. Well this summer has been a time of change for us at St. John's. With our chaplain Erin finishing her graduate work at Iowa State and moving to Beirut we needed to fill her position. In addition to that search we have been looking for a replacement for Jim Tener who retired last year. Victoria Farwell served as Interim Music Director and is now in her 4th year of veterinary college. I am happy to report that we have been successful in both of these searches and I am truly excited about the year before us.

The chaplaincy position will be filled by Mr. David Moore. David is a graduate of ISU and works full time in the water purification industry. He joined us as an undergraduate from Trinity Cathedral in Davenport, and we are excited about his new ministry to and with us.

The organist and music director position will be filled by Dr. Miriam Zach. Dr. Zach is a musician of great ability and experience and comes to ISU to develop an organ studio in the Department of Music. She has served various congregations in her career and comes to us directly from an Episcopal Church in Florida.

I hope that each of us will enthusiastically welcome David and Miriam.

Faithfully,

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Formation Focus August 2016

First off I want to thank all of you for your donations for the pilgrimage that Ian, Jane, Olivia, Kevin and I were able to go on at the beginning of June. We had a wonderful stay at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. We ziplined, climbed a rock wall, played miniature golf, hiked in Rocky Mountain National Park and whitewater rafted. After three days in the Rockies we drove into Denver and helped out with Volunteers of America. We spent some time at a local food bank, delivered meals on wheels to shut ins and helped with some landscaping at a shelter. We laughed, we worshiped and we prayed a lot. We are so very blessed to have such a wonderful parish who assisted in us being able to wonder in the beautiful nature that the Lord has provided us with. I know I received a lot from this trip and I hope each of the youth did as well.

Onto the fall

We have a lot of things coming up in the next couple of months.

- Confirmation classes will start on August 24 at 7 p.m., and we will have a meeting for those interested in confirmation on August 3 at 6:30pm. Confirmation Sunday will be October 2.
- Sunday school classes will start on September 11 at 9am and EYC will start that evening at 5pm.
- St. Francis Day will be pushed back to October 9th due to Bishop Scarfe being here on the 2nd.
- You can register now for Happening #41 at St. Andrew's in Des Moines on September 3rd.
- New Beginnings will be at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Des Moines on October 7th.

I hope you all have had a great summer and are gearing up for a great fall at St. John's!

Amy



White Water Rafting and Work Day in Denver, Youth Pilgrimage, June 2016

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August Coffee Hour

August 7
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

August 14
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

August 21
8:00 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10:00 a.m. The Rev. Mary Jane & Dave
Oakland

August 28
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

August Lectionary

August 7
The First Lesson: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
The Psalm: Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24
The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

August 14
The First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7
The Psalm: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18
The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29—12:2
The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

August 21
The First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10
The Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6
The Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29
The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

August 28
The First Lesson: Jeremiah 2:4-13
The Psalm: Psalm 81:1, 10-16
The Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Food at First

We have had a busy summer at Food at First. On June 25th we had a crew of 9 and served 47 guests. Thanks to Sarah Terrones, Laurie Bryant, Victoria Farwell, Chef Joanna Muggli, and the Schwartz family (Marie, Chris, Victoria and Aldo). Then on July 23 we served 42 with a crew of 8 workers. Thanks to Beverly Baustian, Sarah

Terrones, Roger Balmer, Kathy Johnston, Jim Murdock, Chef Michael Howell, and Laurie Bryant.

Our next dates will be August 27, September 24, October 22. Please check your calendars and consider bringing the family to help serve a meal at the First Christian Church! We begin meal prep at 10 am and serve the meal from 11:45 to 12:15. We usually finish cleanup by 2 pm. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

In addition to our meals on the 4th Saturday, there are many opportunities to volunteer with the meal program, the free market and the garden plot online at [Food at First](#).

St. John's Work Days

We had a great turnout for the landscaping work day on Saturday June 11. Scott and Vicki Saienga weeded and spiffed up the north side plantings along Lincoln Way. Steve Prater cleaned gutters, pulled weeds and trimmed the yews along the west side. Beverly Baustian pulled weeds along the south and George Smith weeded around the west parking lot. Ed trimmed the shrubs in the memorial garden and back-filled low areas around the foundation. This was the best turnout we have had in two years and it was amazing to see all that was accomplished in 2 or 3 hours! We filled out two yard waste containers with the fruits of our labor!

On Wednesday, June 29 from 8:30 to 11 am, 14 4H youth participating in the annual statewide conference were at St. John's as a community service project to help with our landscaping tasks. Galen Wilke, David Oakland and Ed were there to work alongside the 4H youth. It was a pleasure to work with these young people. We weeded and installed mulch around the south and west perimeter, finished grading the west property area between the sign and the tree, trimmed a few trees as we dodged a few rain drops. We also had time to clean equipment in the nursery and table and chairs in the parish hall.



4H Youth who volunteered at St. John's

Next up - Painting the parking lot. Please join us for one of our next work dates:

1. Saturday August 20 - 8 am to 10 am - Work day & spruce up before ISU classes start.
2. Student move in weekend - August 20 and 21
It's a nice little fundraising opportunity for youth or college group to raise money 'leasing' parking spaces for students moving back in, with a little help from Ed Gillott. Anyone, anyone?
3. Saturday, September 17 - 8 am to 10 am - Work day

Metro Chapter Events.

St. John's is one of 10 Episcopal Churches in the Metro Chapter of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa. There are several opportunities before convention to get to know our neighbors better.

August 13, 2016 from 8:30 to 12. Metro Chapter Fall meeting - St. Andrew's Church, Des Moines. Anyone who plans to attend convention should try to attend this meeting. We will review the proposed 2017 budget and discuss other issues of concern in preparation for the convention.

September 3-5. Happening #41, St. Andrew's, Des Moines

October 1-2, 2016. Bishop's Teaching Weekend and regional visitation for the Metro Chapter in Ames, St. John's Church. The weekend's

conversations will be based on some of the issues raised in the book: The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus by Robin Meyers

October 7-9. New Beginnings #17, Cathedral of St. Paul, Des Moines

October 28 - 29, 2016. Diocesan Convention in Des Moines.

More information is available on the [Diocesan Website](#), and the Metro Chapter Facebook page or contact Ed Gillott, Metro Chapter representative to the Diocesan Board of Directors.

Monday Daisies

We need volunteers to take flowers to shut ins or to people who are in need of encouragement. Open dates include most of August.



2016 CROP walk - Sunday October 9, 2016 -
Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Readers for the 10:00 a.m. Service

We need volunteers to sign up to read for the service. A signup sheet is on the table in the Parish Hall.

Emergency Residence Project

If you are willing to provide the evening meal for the Emergency Residence Project shelter on **the second Wednesday of each month** please sign up on the signup sheet on the table in the Parish Hall. Open dates include **Nov. 9.**

Contact person is Dorothy Yoerger (232-4384) for scheduling and questions, and Vick Moss,

Executive Director (232-8075) for information about the number of residents to be served.

Altar Flowers

There are a few open dates on the flower chart: August 7, September 18 and 25. Flowers are given for celebration of thanksgiving of events in our lives or in memory of loved ones and friends.

Christian Formation Announcements:

Confirmation Meeting

I invite all parents, youth and adults who are interested in being confirmed or received to an informational meeting on **Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m.** If you aren't able to make the meeting, please contact Amy for more information.

VBS

Thank you to all those who donated food or money for snacks at VBS this year. Thank you to Joanna Muggli for making all those delicious cookies for us. And thank you to Olivia Galyon and Jane Joiner for volunteering! We had a great week and are looking forward to next year!

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Youth Events:

August 3 - Confirmation meeting
Happening #41 - September 2-5 at St. Andrew's in Des Moines
Sunday School Classes – Begin September 11
Confirmation Sunday - October 2
New Beginnings #17 - October 7-9 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Des Moines
St. Francis Day - October 9

Book Club

We will start "The Color of Water" by James McBride and "Eve" by W.M. Paul Young on September 14 at 6 p.m.



Goodbye Erin – Thanks for the memories and congratulations on your marriage to James. Good luck in Beruit!

August Events 2016

August 3 (Wednesday)

Holy Eucharist resumes 12:05 p.m.
Confirmation meeting 6:30 p.m.

August 7 (Sunday) 10:00 a.m.

Healing Service at the 10:00 a.m. service
Special Offering: Emergency Residence Project

August 16 (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting

August 20 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

St. John's Work Day

August 21 (Sunday)

Update Prayer List

August 27 (Saturday) 10:30 a.m.

Food At First



View of Estes Park, Youth Pilgrimage, 6/2016