



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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2009 Annual Report

2010 ANNUAL MEETING

31 JANUARY, 2010

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting for 2009

31 January, 2010

AGENDA

- 1. LITURGY OF THE WORD-OFFERTORY**
2. Election of Clerk
3. Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting
4. Approval of 2009 Annual Reports
5. Year-end Financial Report
6. Elections
 - a. Vestry (3-year term):
 - i. Michael Kearney
 - ii. Candace Black
 - iii. Others?
 - b. Wardens:
 - i. Senior Warden: Jaci Lageson
 - ii. Junior Warden: Jerry Stump
 - iii. Others?
7. Budget for 2010
8. Other discussion
9. Time for individual offerings of thanksgivings for the past year
- 10. HOLY EUCHARIST**

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting held January 25, 2009

Call to Order

The annual meeting of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church was held on Sunday, January 25, 2009, and called to order at Offertory time during the 10:30 service by Father Paul Rider. Senior Warden, Jerry Wegman, presided over the meeting.

Election of Clerk

Mike Kolbinger moved, and Paul Hadley seconded a motion to elect Susan Kolbinger as the Clerk of the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were published in the 2009 Annual Report. Paul Hadley moved, and Philip Clark seconded a motion to accept the minutes as published. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2008 Annual Reports

Gerry Schneck moved, and Jaci Lageson seconded a motion to accept the 2008 Annual Reports as published. Motion carried.

Year-End Financial Report

Nickie Van Stelten and Bill Gray explained the year-end financial report and capital account. There was a minor correction to be made to the heading on page 19. It should read “operating expenses for 2008/proposed budget for 2009.” Paul Hadley moved, and Gerry Schneck seconded a motion to accept the year-end financial report as published after the correction on page 19. Motion carried.

Budget for 2009

After explanation and discussion of the proposed budget for 2009, the Vestry moved, and Paul Hadley seconded a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2009. Motion carried.

Elections

The outgoing Vestry members Linda Duckett, Jerry Stump, and Gerry Schneck, as well as Senior Warden Jerry Wegman, and Junior Warden Mike Kolbinger were thanked for their years of service to St. John’s.

Junior Warden, Mike Kolbinger, spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee and announced the nominations of Jan Mickelson and Bobbie Seberson to fill the three-year Vestry positions; and Alex Kelly for the one-year term. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Gerry Schneck moved, and Jerry Stump a motion to accept the nominations for the Vestry positions by unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Jaci Lageson was nominated for Senior Warden, and Jerry Stump was nominated for Junior Warden. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Paul Hadley moved, and Candace Black seconded a motion to accept the nominations by unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Election of Delegates to Convention

Father Paul Rider explained the duties of a delegate. Nominations and motions were made by Paul Hadley, and seconded by Pam Oster to elect the following as Delegates: Bill Gray, Meg Stump and Ann Taylor-Sundstrom, with Rochelle Wegman, Gerry Schneck, and Nickie Van Stelten as the alternates. The motions carried.

Other Discussion

Thank you gifts were presented to the outgoing Vestry members.

Father Paul Rider announced that on February 8, 2009, after the 10:30 service, there would be a dinner at church to thank Jerry Wegman and Mike Kolbinger for their four years of service as Senior and Junior Warden. Libby Duncanson will be honored for her 10+ years as altar guild director.

It was announced that Mary Babcock will be the new Altar Guild Director.

Paul Hadley requested more heat for the 8:00 service.

Nancy Zwickey thanked St. John's members for consistently giving the most aid to Echo Food Shelf despite the small size of the congregation

Thanks were given for the children in our midst and those who teach them; the time and talent people give freely to St. John's; for those who perform the duties of Junior and Senior Warden; for those who guard our piggy bank, and for our Priest. Our Priest gave thanks for the congregation who brings joy to his heart!

Holy Eucharist

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Schneck, and seconded by Jaci Lageson. Motion carried. The Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. and was followed by Holy Eucharist and a Parish potluck..

Minutes submitted by Susan Kolbinger
Annual Meeting Clerk
January 25, 2009

REPORTS FOR 2009

SENIOR WARDEN

My final report for this year is a collective thank you.

First, I'd like to thank the wonderful congregation of St. Johns. This year I was chosen to be your senior warden, and I wasn't sure what that actually meant when I began, but over the last year I have learned a great deal. My learning curve was straight up, but I found it to be a terrific blessing.

St. Johns has an incredible pastor in Father Paul Rider. He has helped me over the last year, to understand both the spiritual and practical importance of serving on the vestry. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him publicly.

While working with your vestry this year, I realized what an honor it was to serve with the other members. They are hard working and devoted people who give freely of their time to try to do their very best for the church. Whether it's agonizing over the budget or cooking for our parish family to help build our wonderful community, they do it tenaciously and joyfully. Our work over that last year has built a special camaraderie. So, I'd like to express a special thank you to the vestry members for all their hard work.

Serving on the vestry this year also helped me become aware of all the groups that work so hard to make St. Johns the extraordinary church we love: St. Julian's, the Men's Group, the ECW, the Altar Guild, the Outreach Committee, the Liturgy Team, the Finance Committee, the teachers, the musicians, and the endless number of volunteers who support the church in so many ways add to the substance and fun of St. Johns. For the parishioners that are a part of the great groups, thank you for your service. If any of you haven't had the chance or time to participate here, please consider joining one of these groups.

The Junior Warden is the unsung hero of the vestry. He is chairman of the property committee. This committee takes care of the physical plant (which is the church building, in and outside). Jerry Stump has accomplished many things this year and continues to oversee the ongoing work. Thank you Jerry.

Judy Anderson is our Sexton and so much more. She is always at the church early on Sunday mornings to help make or advise the folks that are in charge of fellowship after the 8 am service. Many times no one signs up and Judy and Andy are always there to cover coffee and treats.

Finally, here are some of the accomplishments of the vestry this year:

- Provide a family style meal after the Advent Carols and Lessons service
- Introduced the idea of outreach within our own church community, by baking and sharing bread
- Participated in the yearly vestry retreat and continued to explore Appreciative Inquiry, and ways to implement that in our community

- The annual Potluck dinner for the parish

Thanks to all of you for your service to St. Johns.
Jaci Lageson

JUNIOR WARDEN

Our house of worship is home to program but not a small project to keep in repair. We have kept maintenance costs down with volunteer efforts. We have made some progress in cleaning up rooms and de-cluttering closets to make space for new things to happen.

Some railings have been painted, lights automated, lights replaced, handicap door repaired, and upgrades made to the sound system.

Utility costs are under study, and some conservation measures have been completed including installation of a new high efficiency water heater. Though the large thermal mass of the masonry structure keeps temperatures comfortable, there is not a lick of insulation in the building, the boiler is old, and the sanctuary has lots of surface to lose heat. Major improvements will be very capital intensive but can probably be done when required roof repairs force our hand.

Several deferred projects will need to be completed in 2010, *including repair or replacement of the retaining wall, addressing some elevator code issues*, solving continual water damage to the wall at the corner near the piano, and carpet replacement. (italics denote items that will be especially costly)

Troubleshooting on-going dishwasher problems is up next on the junior warden's plumbing projects. The property committee will move forward with additional clean-up projects in the storage area off the choir room and in the former choir room that is now used for rummage. We also hope to come up with a consensus decision on carpet replacement and finish the railing and door repainting project in the spring. And, the Faith Formation Team has plans for improving the EpiscoPals' classroom.

Jerry Stump
Junior Warden

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild members share the common task of caring and providing for the Altar, Sanctuary and worship centers. Currently, we have eleven active members.

A budget figure is submitted yearly to the Finance Committee to cover expenses for wine, wafers, candles, candle wax, new linens, cleaning supplies for brass and silver, dry cleaning of vestments and altar hangings, palms and anything necessary for the smooth delivery of the worship service. Altar Guild expenses can reach \$1200 per year. The dedicated memorials received are very much appreciated and the requests are honored and fulfilled.

Anyone interested, men or women, in this spiritually rewarding ministry is welcome to join us.

The monthly meetings include worship, brunch and discussion of issues relating to the improvement of our mission.

Mary Babcock, Directress

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Ann McGuire, President - Jan Mickelson, Secretary - Phyllis Brine & Nancy Zwickey, Co-Treasurers.

ECW met at a local restaurant, member's home, or the church on the first Wednesday of each month for luncheon-meetings. Paul Rider celebrated Holy Communion at several of our meetings.

We hosted rummage sales in April and October, and during our sales many items were donated to the residents of CADA and Theresa House. ECW members sold Herbergers Community Day coupon booklets in the spring and fall. Our annual pecan sale was timed perfectly for holiday baking. The funds raised made it possible for us to purchase kitchen supplies and donate to many organizations throughout the year.

ECW sponsored United Thank Offering in-gatherings in April and November. The women served at Phil and Ann Clark's July wedding reception. In November, we hosted the Mankato Ministerial Association and served lunch to the members of that group. On December 2, we furnished desserts and served the luncheon-reception after the funeral of our member and friend, Jean Doyle. Also in December, we had our annual Cookie Wrap and delivered 15 plates of holiday treats. On December 20, we hosted the annual Advent Holiday Tea.

The women of St. John's also participate in Region IV ECW. Mary Babcock is currently president and Ann McGuire serves as secretary-treasurer.

St. John's Episcopal Church Women faithfully and lovingly served in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McGuire, President

ECW 2009 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

Episcopal Church Women of St. John's sent the following checks in 2009:

Salvation Army of Mankato	\$1400
CADA House	500
Theresa House	700
Red Cross	400
Sheltering Arms	500
Episcopal Relief & Development	300
ECHO Food shelf	200
Priest's Discretionary Fund	100

ECW also paid for certain supplies in the kitchen and covered the cost of the Ministerial Association of Mankato meeting.

The ECW earned revenue for 2009 through:

- Rummage sales
- Community Days
- Pecan Sales
- Serving at church functions
- Dues

End of 2009 balances:

- Checking account: \$1313
- Designated savings acct. balance: \$2493

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Chairperson: Joan Hertel, Secretary: Bobbie Seberson, Treasurer: Bobbi Hovren

St. John's Outreach Committee meets the first Sunday of each month. Our money comes from St. John's budget and our mission comes from Matthew 25: 35 and 40.

A detailed financial statement within this Annual Report lists the many projects supported this year. Thanks to the support of this congregation, the following organizations received donations:

Locally	Nationally	Internationally
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theresa House - ECHO - Salvation Army - Central Freedom School - VINE - Red Cross - Open Door Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feeding America - Native American Emergency Relief - Running Strong for Indian Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Vision - Feed the Children - Kids Against Hunger - M.A.P. (Medical Assistance Programs International) - CARE International

The Habitat for Humanity beam made an appearance again, school supplies were donated to our local community, the mitten tree gathered enough items to fill two cardboard grocery boxes, fifteen shoeboxes were donated to Operation Christmas Child, and over 800 pounds of food were hauled to the ECHO Food Shelf this year. This has been a challenging year with so many people in need of support. Our parish helped many people this year because of your willingness to contribute. Thank you for your help.

This coming year our goal is to continue helping those in need financially and through donations. Our current main focus is to support our local community. The committee does recognize that a

need for help is global in nature and we will strive to also donate both nationally and internationally. When contributing to organizations, opportunities to have our donation multiplied are given special attention and we verify that each organization sends the majority of its funding to the person in need rather than toward administrative and public relations costs so that we can make a maximum impact with the money we have available.

MISSION AND OUTREACH FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance forward 12/31/08			\$4.51
Receipts:			
St. John’s Budget		3000.00	
Donations		0.00	
subtotal		3000.00	3000.00
Total Receipts			\$3004.51
Disbursements:			
Theresa House	\$200.00		
America’s Second Harvest (renamed Feeding America)	100.00		
Central Freedom School	100.00		
ECHO Food Shelf	350.00		
Salvation Army—Flood Relief	200.00		
Native American Emergency Relief--Food	150.00		
Theresa House	100.00		
M.A.P. International (gift doubles)	75.00		
ECHO Food Shelf	100.00		
World Vision (gift multiplied by 15)	100.00		
VINE	100.00		
Kids Against Hunger	100.00		
Central Freedom School	100.00		
CARE International	50.00		
Feeding America (gift doubles)	50.00		
Open Door Health Center	100.00		
Running Strong for American Indian Youth	50.00		
American Red Cross-So. Central MN	50.00		
Copying costs for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes	3.09		
ECHO Food Shelf	125.00		
Salvation Army-Christmas Food Baskets	125.00		
World Vision (gift multiplied by 14)	135.00		
MVAC—Reach Out for Warmth	135.00		
Theresa House	150.00		
Total Disbursements	\$2998.09		

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Checking Account Balance 12/31/09	\$6.42

ST. JULIAN'S GUILD

*Mission Statement: St. Julian's Guild is **open to all women** of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church. We engage in social and fund raising activities to enhance parish life, the physical space of our church property and the well-being of the Mankato community at large.*

Meetings are the third Tuesdays, September through May. We invite all women to join us. We save a chair just for you. All it takes to belong is a willingness to laugh, have fun and a desire to make new friends.

St. Julian's Guild began their 24th year with Jan Rozeboom and Pam Oster as co-chairs; Cathy Colby, treasurer and Barbara Partridge, secretary. In September, Jan Rozeboom assumed the chair position. Mary Berner became treasurer and the secretarial position was discontinued. For personal reasons, Jan resigned the end of November. The monthly hostess is leading the meetings.

A favorite project—the ECHO/shower, was repeated in honor of the precious Fischer, Hudson, Kolbinger, Mackie, Manderfeld and Paul babies and for our favorite charity.

Our popular “Going Green” bag sales are on-going.

In September, officers attended St. John's leadership meeting.

We assisted ECW with rummage sales, food for friends, Advent tea, and a member's wedding reception.

The fourth annual apple pie sale leaves us giving a huge thanks to our anonymous monetary donor, those who provided apples, built cold storage shelves and gave time and energy to make the fund raiser a great success. We receive much help and deeply grateful.

We are delighted to carry out our mission by tithing 10% of the pie income, addressing the priest's discretionary fund donating to local charities, plus leaving some seed money for future projects.

The year had difficulties too, as we learned of church member's concerns. You are always in our prayers

We finished the year with a delightful, out of members' pockets, holiday party at the golf club.

St. Julian's Guild thanks you for your support, help and encouragement which make filling our mission statement a faith family affair and consequently, more fun. We thank God for our St. Julian sisters and our extended faith family here at St. John's. We take great pleasure and comfort in working, playing, and praying together.

Looking ahead: we are planning and making a design for the street corner stone marquee, an exciting late April progressive dinner for the whole parish and we want to take another summer daytrip.

Jan Rozeboom, 2009 Chairperson

St. Julian’s Treasurer’s Report: DISCRETIONARY FUND????

Date	Item	Deposit	Expense	Running Balance	Balance
1-18-2009					\$877.34
	Unknown	\$26.00		903.34	
	Jane K)		\$75.00	828.34	
	Bags, etc.	60.63		(888.97)	
	Postage		12.96	(876.01)	
	ECHO		300.00	(576.01)	
	Theresa House		100.00	(476.01)	
	WalMart (Echo)		15.78	(460.23)	
	Diapers		100.00	(360.23)	
	Junk & Jewels”	16.25		(376.48)	
	Flowers		32.22	(344.26)	
	Deposit	181.25		(525.51)	
	Pie sales	616.50		(1142.01)	
11/24/09					\$1142.01

Mary Berner, Treasurer

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDG) AND FAIR TRADE 2009 REPORT

In 2009, the MDG Team worked during the season of Epiphany to raise awareness and funds in support of the Millennium Development Goals. MDG prayers of the people were read throughout the season and members of the congregation were invited to add to our “Chain of Love,” messages of connection on paper hearts that grew to surround our sanctuary. We became the first fair trade church in Mankato, increasing fair trade support and serving fair trade coffee and products in our kitchen. Prayer magnets were distributed to provide a daily reminder to pray together for those who struggle in extreme poverty and for those who have the resources to end this suffering. Additionally, people of the congregation were invited to consider actions they could do to support the MDGs, such as prayer, education, advocating and donating. Team members worked with St. John’s youth to support Reverse Trick-or-Treating, giving out chocolates provided by Equal Exchange to raise awareness of child labor practices in chocolate production; hosting adult education class; and sponsoring an international fair trade bazaar with 10,000 Villages, raising \$1100. Together with the 0.7% MDG line item in our budget and the generous contributions of our parishioners, St. John’s was able to donate over \$2400 to Haiti Outreach, whose vision is that Haiti become a developed country, with an abundance of food, clean water, health care, schools, maintained infrastructure, and economic opportunities for all.

Dale Snyder, executive director of Haiti Outreach, visited St. John's and gave a presentation about the valuable work done by his organization.

Expenses for the MDG/ Fair Trade Team included \$40 for the expenses of Dale Snyder of Haiti Outreach.

GARDEN GUILD

In 2009 the Garden Guild concentrated on the maintenance and care of our 2008 hedge and perennial garden. That led us to relocating some plants as well as the usual pruning and weeding. We did add \$ 51.96 worth of sedum plants to continue the march of this excellent heat/salt/drought resistant ground cover to the alley from the perennial bed on Warren Street. We appreciate Bill Gray's generosity in paying for those plants and the wood chips and labor provided us by those working on Spring Clean-up Day.

The great news is how hardy and colorful our new plants have proven to be. We had to water the new plantings regularly their first summer and the summer of 2009 they needed no watering.

--A big thanks to all the good people in the Garden Guild who get out there and do what needs to be done whenever they see it.

GREEN TEAM

During 2009 St. John's Green Team continued its efforts to improve our environmental impact and to share ideas that will help us all live more responsibly.

- For an Earth Day event in April we held a community-wide forum we called "Watt's Up?". Jerry Stump helped us analyze and understand our utility bills and we shared tips and resources for taking advantage of new government tax incentives for improving home energy efficiency. West High Physics teacher, Eric Koser, also demonstrated how to measure energy use of home appliances and brought watt meters that were loaned out to attendees to do their own testing.
- A team of three continues to wash and sanitize ceramic mugs used at our coffee hours.
- We provide "Earth Ministry" articles for the Chronicle.
- We continue to participate in Mankato's Green Network of Churches and monitor our own energy use.
- We collected electrical cords and Christmas lights for recycling by MRCI clients.

We have no budget report as all incurred costs were absorbed by Green Team members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Faith Formation aka Christian Education- 2009 Annual Report

I began last year's report with a goal of forming a larger Faith-Formation committee and that has been accomplished. The committee is made up of Lisa Westberg, Meg Stump, Rick Lybeck and Jolly Corley. We also asked for many volunteers and that too was answered as you will see in the following report.

This past year we had many volunteers in helping us grow St. John's Faithformation. We are happy to have Bobby Seberson as our liaison to the Vestry. Dale VanStelten has been tremendous and consistent help as one of the teachers during the 10:30am Sunday EpiscoPALS program. The following people answered our call for volunteers for a wide variety of programs: Meg Stump, Phil and Ann Clark, Pam Bartholomew, Amanda Mackie, Rochelle and Jerry Wegman, Mary Mohn, Sarah May, Jan Mickelson, Nickie VanStelten, Andrew Westbeg, Jill Fischer and John Paul, Brad and Holly Reeves, Jerry Stump, Kelsey Makie, Matt Denton, Missy Manderfeld, Audrey and Ray Splinter, Lolly Foy, and Marcy McGlenon.

We also want to give a huge thank you to Jerry Stump and Andrew Westberg who answered our prayers and request for woodworkers. Between the two of them the EpiscoPALS program now has a wonderful sand table for use in Biblical stories about the desert or sea, Noah complete with ark and animals, whale, boat, and various other wooden figures that allow the children to explore Bible stories in a hands on manner.

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in joining us on this journey. My contact information is Jolly Corley, 507 386 1602 or jollycorley@hotmail.com

CURRENT PROGRAMS:

- 1) **Intergenerational Class:** Meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am. This class has potential to help different generations connect with the Word and with the people in St. John's community. It has been temporarily suspended.

Needs for 2010: 1) More participants in the class. 2) We are looking for volunteers to help team teach this class. We are asking for a 2-4 Sunday commitment. It does not have to be consecutive Sundays. People interested in volunteering should know that the class material is already set and can be taught existing according to the lesson plans. To see sample plans feel free to check out

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/50534_50553_ENG_HTML.htm?menupage=50552

- 2) **Topic Discussion Class:** Meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am. This group has 5-15 people each week. This past year's topic was 'The English Reformation'. Chris Corley, a historian at MSU, is leading the class. This topic will run through November 2009.

The goal of the class is to offer different topics sessions that can enhance our understanding of various topics as it relates to our lives as Christians.

Needs for 2010: 1) More participants in the class. 2) We are looking for ideas on topics you would be interested in exploring. Ideas offered thus far are literature and environment or "living

green". 3) We are looking for people interested in leading a topics class. The topics proposed can be explored once, or in a 6-8 week session or an entire year as was the case this year.

- 3) **EpiscoPALS:** This program is offered each Sunday during the 10:30am service. It is for children ages 2-10. There are 6-12 children who regularly participate. Dale VanStelten and I (with the help of various volunteers) have been leading the program. The program is based loosely on Godly Play which is part of the Montessori Method of teaching. Following the church calendar the children hear the Word in a child friendly manner of storytelling, games, art projects and play. The schedule is the same each week and the children are becoming accustomed to the consistency of what the morning will bring.

When the children arrive they can begin playing. There is 5-10 minutes of free play before we begin. After the play areas are cleaned the children meet in our circle. Each child sits on a mat in the circle. There we talk about what the scripture is that we will learn about that Sunday. Then the children share any requests for prayers. They are very generous and thoughtful, almost always concerned for others in their requests. After the prayer the scripture is retold in a story format. Then the children are able to tell or act out the story if they wish. This allows them to absorb what they have heard by putting it in their own words. Then we have a snack and finish the morning with an art project. We join the congregation during the 'passing of the peace'.

Needs for 2010: 1) Volunteers to substitute when EpiscoPAL leaders are unable to be at church. For safety there must be two adults. 2) Snacks (such as goldfish crackers, graham crackers, etc) and art supplies.

- 4) **Creative Programs:** The children helped with the scripture reading during the 5:30pm Christmas Eve service. Eight children and Jolly Corley participated despite less than desirable weather conditions. Lolly Foy did a wonderful job finding and making costumes.
- 5) **College Program:** Meg Stump is working a marketing strategy and programs for college age students. This program is in the developing stages and we would love to have help with this. Especially from college age students.
- 6) **Wednesday Night Thing:** At the moment that's what we call our Wednesday night program. There are two components to the activities.
- a. **Children's Choir:** Another pray answered when Sam McCune volunteered to direct a Children's Choir. Sam has assistance from Kelsey Makie. The choir began late this past fall and will continue through the spring. They sang a prayer during a service during Advent. The children ages pre-K-5th grade are working toward a spring program.
 - b. **Rite 13:** This program is geared to those in our congregation in 6-8th grade. It is part of the Journey to Adulthood program. It is led by Father Paul and Matt Denton.
 - c. **Dinner:** Before the kids go to their programs on Wednesday we enjoy a meal together at 5:30pm. We invite anyone who would like to join us for this fellowship to join us! Thank you to all the volunteers willing to help provide meals this year!

Needs for 2010: 1) Children ages 4-14 to join us in the programs 2) Volunteers who would like to participate with us on Wednesday Evenings. We would love to have something for every age!

- 7) **Nursery:** In accessing the needs for 2009 we have discovered there are many new families, many with young babies. We have attendants available at the 10:30am service. It is for children age 2 and under. We believe it is essential in helping to grow St. John's congregation. Lisa Westberg is in charge of the Nursery and is vigilant about wiping down toys and the upkeep of the room.

Needs for 2010: 1) Volunteers willing to help 2-4 Sundays during the year to care for infants at the 10:30am service. We will be hiring one person to provide consistency for the babies. For safety we must have 2 adults in the Nursery each Sunday. So we are still looking for volunteers to help.

As you can see we have had a year of many answered prayers and growth. We hope to continue to meet the needs of the congregation here at St. Johns and the community of Mankato. Thank you to all your help in working toward our goals of growth and fellowship.

Prayerfully submitted,

Jolly Corley
Faith-Formation Chair

MEN'S GROUP

MEN'S GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 Balance Brought Forward	\$ 288.95
<u>Income : Events</u>	
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	\$ 700.50
Easter Sunday Breakfast	120.00
Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul Fish Fry	826.00
Continental Mills Rebate	9.72
Sale of St. John's Aprons	290.00
Donations	<u>1,350.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 3,296.22
<u>Expenses : Events and Donations</u>	
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	\$ 240.00
Easter Sunday Breakfast	NONE
Aramark, St. John's Aprons	353.08
Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul Fish Fry	275.86
CADA House Christmas Party	184.75
ECHO Food Shelf	100.00
Salvation Army	100.00

First Presbyterian Thanksgiving Dinner	100.00
Theresa House	<u>200.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1,553.69

December 31, 2009 Ending Balance \$ 2,031.48

Respectfully Submitted,
William Gray, Treasurer

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING MINISTRY

2009 Summary

- The Communications and Marketing Ministry focused on two important projects during the first half of 2009: the redesign of St. John’s “brand” and website.
 - The “Praying. Working. Growing. Dancing. In Christ.” part of our “brand” is a modernization of the Benedictine tradition of “prayer, study and work,” and expresses the totality of our commitment to living as Christians. Several font and color options were presented for parish feedback, with overwhelming support expressed for what ministry team members thought was the most traditional design: the Episcopal shield and Celtic Hand font. Our original intent had been to update/modernize St. John’s image. But after several months of using this brand, it does seem to accurately express St. John’s identity: a community that blends the traditional and the contemporary, that is seriously joyful in its many ministries.
 - The redesign of St. John’s website by Greg Lee of Webicine took several months but the colorful pages and easy access to information have already helped visitors find their way to St. John’s. It continues to be a work in progress. Our web masters, Kelli Christianson and Gerry Schneck, need photos, descriptions and event details from the various parish organizations and guilds.
- St. John’s tries to take advantage of *The Free Press*’ “In Brief” column (printed on Fridays) as much as we can. Its deadline is noon on Wednesdays, so if you have information about an event, please email Candace Black with enough lead time so she can make the deadline.
- A listing for St. John’s appears in the Hickory Tech phone book: in the business and professional listings and in the Yellow Pages. St. John’s also placed ads in a local map, in MSU’s *Futures 2009* (which was given to every student who attended summer orientation), and in the Mankato Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention Bureau’s *Visitor’s Guide*, which is published twice a year. We bought ads in *The Free Press* for Easter, the November Jazz Mass, the Winter Worship Guide, the Advent Festival, and Christmas. We bought ads in the MSU *Reporter* for Ash Wednesday and Easter.

2009 Budget and Expenses

2009 Budget	\$3000.00
December 09 Free Press ads	257.02
Website design, development, registration	1365.00
city map ad	495.00
color copies of brand samples	6.21
The Free Press Visitors Guide (spring & fall)	244.00

The Free Press Easter ad	84.18
The Free Press Student Guide ad	200.00
The Free Press Jazz Mass ad	28.06
MSU Reporter Ash Wednesday ad	27.90
MSU Reporter Easter ad	50.00
MSU Directory	216.60
MSU <i>Futures</i>	60.00
Pride Fest (printing, water)	32.23
Total Expenditures	3066.20

Plans for 2010

1. St. John's will continue to place ads in *The Visitor's Guide*, *MSU Futures*, and the MSU Directory (which is distributed to faculty and staff as well as students).
2. St. John's will continue to have a Yellow Pages listing in the Hickory Tech phone book.
3. St. John's will continue to submit religious briefs to *The Free Press*, as well as suggest feature articles about events.
4. Webicine will continue to host St. John's website.
5. St. John's would like to try additional types of marketing, such as sponsoring programming on KMSU.

“Free” Coverage and Marketing Coordination

- Local media (like *The Free Press* and KEYC) are contacted with suggestions for features, but the decision to send a reporter/camera crew is theirs. Feature stories also require a lot of lead time (at least two weeks), so **the Marketing Team needs to be informed of an upcoming event as soon as possible**. The Marketing Ministry team would be happy to help publicize any program/guild's activity/special event, but it needs to be told about events in time to make deadlines. Please contact a member of the team directly with information. Do not assume the team knows about your event.

“In-House” Communications

- As always, *The Chronicle* and *The Weekly Evangelist* do a great job of keeping all at St. John's informed. Items for *The Chronicle* can be emailed to John and Betty Winkworth (jbwink@charter.net) and items for *The Weekly Evangelist* can be emailed to the parish office (stjohns@hickorytech.net).

Marketing Ministry Team

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ST. JOHN'S OPERATING EXPENSES FOR 2009/PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010

Item – Income	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	2010 Proposed
PIF Distribution	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 7,976.00
Plate Income	7,500.00	7,778.00	6,500.00
Pledge Income	138,794.00	137,647.00	136,305.00
Flowers	2,300.00	2,330.00	2,300.00
Parish Events Income	2,000.00	2,046.00	2,000.00
Misc. Income	0.00	1,134.00	0.00
Check Acct. Interest	5.00	3.00	3.00
Special Offerings	600.00	10,756.00	3,285.00
Memorial Income	0.00	.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 158,824.00	\$ 169,319.00	\$ 158,369.00

Expenses – Personnel

Audit	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
Organist	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,500.00
Sub-Organist	300.00	0.00	300.00
Sexton	3,800.00	3,922.00	4,000.00
Employee SSI	1,250.00	1,203.00	1,453.00
Rector Salary	65,015.00	65,031.00	65,638.00
Rector Pension	12,600.00	12,598.00	12,788.00
Rector Insurance	8,934.00	9,617.00	9,054.00
Rector SSI	4,975.00	4,957.00	5,405.00
Rector Travel	500.00	0.00	0.00
Rector Education	500.00	0.00	0.00
Rector Spiritual Retreat	0.00	2060.00	0.00
Supply Clergy	1,628.00	1,030.00	1,250.00
Workers Compensation	900.00	877.00	950.00
Parish Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christian Ed Director	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nursery Workers	250.00	0.00	0.00
Instrumental/Soloists	0.00	2,880.00	2,500.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$ 113,652.00	\$ 116,175.00	\$ 116,838.00

Expenses - Physical Plant

Altar Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 944.00	\$ 1,000.00
Church Insurance	4,400.00	4,177.00	4,500.00
Church Repair & Maint.	3,000.00	1,847.00	2,750.00
Church Telephone	2,700.00	2,834.00	2,800.00
Church Electricity	7,000.00	7,314.00	7,500.00
Natural Gas	10,000.00	5,947.00	8,000.00
Water & Sewer	650.00	628.00	650.00

	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	2010 Proposed
Trash & Disposal	850.00	863.00	900.00
Office Supplies	5,000.00	4,030.00	3,600.00
Snow Removal	3,000.00	2,040.00	3,000.00
Taxes and Assessments	600.00	580.00	600.00
Lawn Care	0.00	52.00	50.00
TOTAL PHYS. PLANT	\$ 38,200.00	\$ 31,256.00	\$ 35,350.00
Expenses – Program			
Adult/Children Educ.	\$ 500.00	\$ 416.00	\$ 2,550.00
Diocesan ACG	19,020.00	19,020.00	17,620.00
Convention	300.00	300.00	300.00
Discretionary Fund	1,700.00	1,294.00	1,200.00
Parish Events Expense	300.00	676.00	700.00
Flowers	2,300.00	1,974.00	2,300.00
Marketing	3,000.00	3,191.00	3,000.00
Millennium Devel. Goals	1,200.00	2,560.00	1,500.00
Music	200.00	209.00	200.00
Outreach	3,000.00	5,340.00	3,000.00
Pledge Campaign	250.00	506.00	500.00
Region IV	125.00	125.00	125.00
Nursery Supplies	200.00	0.00	100.00
Instrument Maintenance	350.00	605.00	400.00
Men’s Group Expense	0.00	1,354.00	900.00
Green Team	100.00	0.00	90.00
Fair Trade	100.00	317.00	150.00
Garden Guild	0.00	0.00	100.00
Misc. Expense	250.00	1,495.00	400.00
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 32,895.00	\$ 39,382.00	\$ 35,135.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 184,747.00	\$ 186,813.00	\$ 187,323 .00
DEFICIT	(\$ 25,923.00)	(\$ 17,494.00)	(\$ 28,954.00)

DIOCESE OF MINNESOTA POOLED INVESTMENT FUND

In April, 2006, the Vestry authorized the Treasurer to close our investment account of \$85,000 with Nations Financial Group, Inc. due to six years of poor growth. A new account was opened with the Diocese of Minnesota Pooled Investment Fund. This Fund is managed by Smith Barney Investment Co., with oversight provided by the Trustees of the Diocese and the Diocesan Finance Committee, on which I have served for the past nine years.

All of our memorial funds are now deposited in the Pooled Investment Fund, as well as the endowment gifts of \$70,000 received in 2006, and the \$90,000 bequest from the Wally and Jean Jaax Annuity Trust Fund received in 2008. By action of the Vestry, no money from the Pooled Investment Fund can be transferred into the General Fund to pay for general operating expenses.

Despite the current economic problems and the significant downturn in the stock market during 2007-2008, the market began a recovery toward the end of the first quarter in 2009. During this period, the Pooled Investment Fund outperformed all leading mutual fund and stock fund indices on a comparative basis. In the first quarter of 2009, the Pooled Investment Fund declined 7.69%; in the second quarter the Fund registered a gain of 12.5%; during the third quarter the Fund improved by 11.4%. The quarterly balances for our account are listed below:

Balance Brought Forward January 1, 2009	--	\$203,949.58
March 31, 2009	--	\$186,686.12
June 30, 2009	--	\$207,600.99
September 30, 2009	--	\$228,772.03

The final fourth quarter report through December 31, 2009, with detailed information on Fund Contributions, Interest/Dividends earned, and Distributions/Fees will be received in early February. Since the market has risen again during the fourth quarter, and the S&P 500 and General Stock Indices have shown a strong gain, I anticipate our fund balance will be in the area of \$240,000.

Respectfully Submitted,
William Gray, Bookkeeper

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CAPITAL/CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND SUMMARY

MONTHLY BALANCES

MONTHLY TRANSFERS

December 31, 2008	\$52,051.55	None
January 31, 2009	\$51,534.79	None
February 28	\$52,734.79	None
March 31	\$53,730.89	None
April 30	\$53,776.89	None
May 31	\$55,222.12	None
June 30	\$51,221.89	\$5,000
July 31	\$39,455.09	\$12,000
August 31	\$39,575.20	None
September 30	\$42,095.35	None
October 31	\$43,316.41	\$ 10,000
November 30	\$39,037.71	\$ 5,000
December 31	<u>\$33,570.78</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Difference	\$18,480.77	Total \$ 27,000

HISTORY OF THE FUND

TOTAL TRANSFERS

2003	\$149,688 to \$111,097 = - \$38,591	\$ 41,500
2004	\$111,097 to \$ 60,600 = - \$50,497	\$ 47,000
2005	\$ 60,600 to \$ 64,894 = + \$ 4,294	\$ 20,000
2006	\$ 64,894 to \$ 34,447 = - \$30,447	\$ 22,495
2007	\$ 34,447 to \$ 56,056 = + \$21,609	\$ 14,688
2008	\$ 56,056 to \$ 52,051 = - \$ 4,005	\$ 26,000
2009	\$ 52,051 to \$ 33,570 = - \$ 18,481	\$ 27,000

2009 CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND ACTIVITY SUMMARY

January 1, 2009 Balance Brought Forward \$ 52,051.55

INCOME

Contributions from Parishioners \$ 10,650.00
Voyageur Bank Interest 415.58

Total Income \$ 11,065.58

DISBURSEMENTS

2009 Pledges Paid in Dec. 2008 Transfer to General Fund \$ 1,500.00
Regular Monthly Transfers to General Fund 27,000.00
Mankato Control Systems, Inc. 262.47
Del Lawson, Inc. 98.35
Mankato Elevator, Inc. 685.53

Total Disbursements \$29,546.35

December 31, 2009 Ending Balance \$ 33,570.78

Respectfully submitted,
William Gray, Bookkeeper