

# The Episcopaper – September 2011



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### Year-Round Schedule:

Sundays: 8am and 9:45am

Thursdays: 10am and 5pm

## From the Rector:

St. John's has its share of fun activities and important service projects. We cherish and try to nurture the fellowship and friendships among us, and support each other's families. All of us, I think, agree that the good we do in the community is a necessity and something to be proud of.

What makes us different from many other groups and programs, all of which gather people together and also can do good work in the community and the world?

**Worship.** We want to make the worship relevant to the good work we do, and the fun times we have. Yet do we really want to make worship itself just like everyday life? We already have everyday life and it's a good life! Enjoy it, struggle and grow in it!

Worship is related; it is the place for looking at life from another perspective, to see everyday things in the light of the purpose of life.

I'm beginning a series in these letters to examine aspects of our worship life together: perhaps to rediscover the beauty of the old practices, as so many of the younger generation are doing in the "emerging church" movements. For starters, let's think about the old standby of Episcopal worship: sitting, kneeling and standing. Next month I'll have some thoughts on how our body and soul are united in the presence of God. Do some thinking yourselves.

~Fr. Mark

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## Looking Forward:

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- ❖ Fall Events Flyer

## Sunday School Registration – September 11

Registration begins at 9:15 a.m., on Sunday, September 11th, in the classrooms. All teachers and other helpers will be on hand to welcome the children and acquaint their parents with our program. We offer three classes: Pre-school – Kindergarten; Primary (grades 1-3); and Intermediate (grades 4-6). The typical Sunday School session begins at 9:30 a.m., with a short children's chapel, followed by classes until approximately 10:15 a.m. The children (and their teachers) come into the church at the offering and join their families for the remainder of the service.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs". Matthew 19:14*

## Celebrate St. John's Day & Ministry Faire – September 18

We celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, with services at 8:00 and 9:45 a.m. The annual Ministry Faire, following the services, is a "Poster Walk" in the Parish Hall, with displays of the various St. John's groups and committees and representatives from each to answer your questions. The Faire is intended to aid the stewardship of your Time and Talent.

Note: Posters must be submitted by Friday, September 16.

Come – learn about our many ministries, find your interests and pursue a new ministry!

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## St. John's Garden Grows at Chinook Farms

The mosaic column in the Garden has been tiled with fish and looks wonderful! Tiling work done by Jackie, Sarah, Lin, Nancy and young helpers Sarah, Emma, and Sierra. Next comes the grout; we'll have the help of a few experts. Margaret and Dick Hays donated a plate and finial - a pineapple - for the top.



Mosaic Fish Column in the St. John's Garden at Chinook Farms

The garden has suffered from the lack of sun this summer - no surprise. We have finally delivered some organic vegetables to the Snohomish and Monroe food banks: radishes, lettuce, broccoli, peas, beets, carrots and chard. We've even contributed a few ripe tomatoes. Poundage is really low compared with last year, but the food banks are grateful as they are receiving less produce this year. On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 44 pounds of tomatoes, carrots, peas and green beans were delivered to the Marysville Food Bank!

Jim Anderson and I really appreciate the Wednesday crew of Cathy and Rich Davis, Lin Nyberg, Linda Shroy and Nancy Vandenberg who have faithfully kept their commitment of 5 hours per month of garden work. Jackie Grove, John First and Ann Sage have helped out, too. Brian Berard has donated two loads of wonderful Bailey compost to the garden; the veggies love that stuff!

~Nancy McConnell

## Creation Stewards Fall Events:

- **Vaux's Swifts Picnic** – Thursday, Sept. 8th at 6:30 p.m. Join the Creation Stewards for a BYOP (Bring Your Own Picnic) while we celebrate the arrival of the 2nd largest roost of Vaux's Swifts and watch thousands of these birds swirl into a 4-foot chimney in an hour. Meet at Frank Wagner Elementary School, 639 W. Main St., Monroe, around 6:30 p.m. Paul Bannick, bird photographer, author and conservationist, will join us. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. This is a child-friendly event! See more: <http://monroeswifts.org/swift-night-out-2010/announce2011/>.
- **350.org Moving Planet** – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> around noon. Be part of the team, or cheer the Stewards on as they transport organic, homegrown food (from the St. John's Garden at Chinook Farms) to the Snohomish Food Bank - without using any fossil fuel. How? The relay team plans to walk the food from the Garden to a put-in on the Snohomish River, canoe it to Snohomish, and then walk, bike or wheelbarrow it to the Food Bank. The idea piggybacks off an Everett event, and other church gardens might join in! More details soon!



Carrot Harvest in the Church Garden

## Community Remembrance Ceremony – September 11

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 a.m., the Snohomish Fire EMS is holding a Remembrance Ceremony at:

Headquarters Fire Station  
1525 Avenue D  
Snohomish

There is an Open House and Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to noon, as well as kid's games, a tour of the Fire Station and a tour of a new fire truck.

More information can be found at: [Snohomishfire.org](http://Snohomishfire.org) or call 360-568-2141.

## ECW Meets– September 14 Cookbook Addendum

ECW President, Georgia Machotka, invites all women of St. John's and especially new parishioners to the meeting on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at church. The agenda includes the Cookbook Addendum and plans for the Holiday Tea in December, as well as catching up on everyone's summer.

The ECW hopes to defray expenses of the original (2007) Cookbook by selling the Addendum. Your recipe contributions (especially appetizers, beverages, breads and rolls, vegetables and side dishes) will be accepted no later than Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, and can be left in the Recipe Basket in the Narthex, or e-mail to Judy Burrell at [judy.burrell@yahoo.com](mailto:judy.burrell@yahoo.com) – be sure to pre-order the Addendum at the Ministry Faire.

## **Songbook Previews--Sept. 11 & 25 --Choir Rehearsals Begin--**



A new songbook is coming! Join us on two Sundays, September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, to preview some of the music that the Worship Committee is considering to include in a small songbook for the pews. Included will be Taize and music from sources other than the Hymnal, which are currently printed separately in the weekly bulletins. The preview sessions will be of songs we do not know as well, and the Worship Committee appreciates your input and evaluation of the music. Don't

worry – we will continue to sing all kinds of music, but not all can be included in the songbook. Meet in the church at 11:30 a.m.

Want to sing more? Join the Choir!! Weekly rehearsals began at the end of August, and are each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The annual Choir Potluck is Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m., hosted by Mike and Shirley Allert.

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### **Current Events Group Meets September 16**

The Current Events Discussion Group meets on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's. How do we - as followers of Christ - think about the events in the world both locally and globally? Have you ever wondered?

Join us and explore current events and topics. Discuss, debate, laugh, explore, fellowship, discovery – all in the context of faith.

The meeting concludes with an optional dinner at a local restaurant at 7:30 p.m.

### **Muslim Speaker to Visit St. John's on October 1**

Abed Jawal will give a presentation at St. John's on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. He visited us several years ago, and was well received. His theme is "Prayer in Islam." He will explain some of the basics of Muslim prayer, including the five times for prayer each day. He also will share with us how Jesus is remembered and indeed revered among Muslims. Coffee and muffins will be provided, and all who come are asked to bring a brown bag lunch. There is no charge to attend this event, which will last until 2 p.m.

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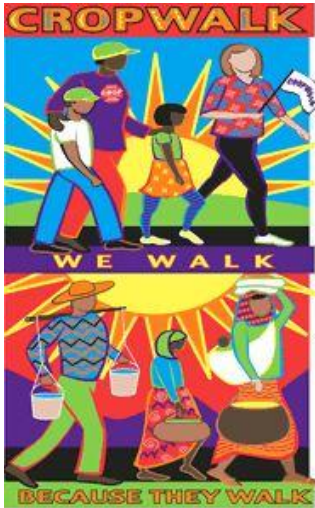
### **Family Service & Blessing of the Animals – October 2**

The first Family Service of the school year is Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:45 a.m. service. The Sunday School children join their families for the entire service and participate as acolytes, lectors and ushers. Fr. Mark always has a sermon planned just right for the children but pertinent to the adults, as well. The day is capped with the blessing of animals (large and small) in the courtyard during coffee hour.

### **Safeguarding God's Children Training – October 8**

All people who work with our children in the Nursery, Sunday School and VBS programs, **and** those who want to learn more about protecting our children from sexual and emotional abuse, are invited to attend the training session at St. John's on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Parents and Vestry members are also encouraged to attend. A Diocesan trainer will be here to facilitate the session, which is geared toward adults only. Please register with Mary Nilsen, and bring a sack lunch.

## Snohomish Crop Walk – October 9



Meet on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at Zion Lutheran Church, 329 Avenue A, Snohomish, for the annual Snohomish Crop Walk.

Help end hunger in our community – 25% of all proceeds directly support the Community Kitchen, which is housed here at St. John's. Registration is at 1:00 p.m.; walk begins at 1:30 p.m.

Walk or pledge to support parish participants, or both!!

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## "Stewardship" by our Bishop - Dinner October 18

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. an all-parish dinner will be held. Bishop Greg Rickel is the speaker, and his theme is "Stewardship of all our Resources", one of the three major emphases in his vision for the Episcopal Church in Western Washington. This dinner will be followed by 12 "cottage meetings" held in homes, for folks from the congregation to gather to discuss what the Bishop said and what stewardship means to each of us. The dates and locations for these cottage meetings will be announced early in September.

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## Vacation Bible School – 2011...Penny-Matching Challenge

Our VBS children began a penny campaign during the recent Vacation Bible School program - to purchase Gifts for Life to help less-fortunate children in other parts of the world. The children brought in over \$60 in pennies, and challenge the rest of the congregation to help by matching their donations. Please step up to the challenge!!

The first week of August brought a hustle and bustle to the Parish Hall and Sunday School classrooms as 18 energetic young people gathered for Vacation Bible School to learn about the Abundant Life Garden. There were different themes each day - water, seeds, soil, animals and harvest. Every day included projects, prayers, songs and Bible stories, and the kids learned a special song "Together We Can Change the World".



Listening to Seeds

A big thank you to all who helped to make the week such a success!!

Marilyn Imbach's complete wrap-up story and many photos are on the St. John's website – take a look!!

## Outreach Committee Activities

The Outreach Committee delivered a lovely salmon meal (prepared by St. John's for Community Kitchen) to feed the volunteers working at the Snohomish Mobile Health Clinic on July 21st. As an added bonus, Committee members toured the Mobile Health Clinic facility and visited with the volunteers. The clinic is in Snohomish every Thursday evening.

Outreach Committee members have been busy this summer – helping as volunteers for the Summer Food program and assisting with the School Supply/Backpack Drive, originally spearheaded by our Doris Wentworth, who departed this life a year ago.

# Thank you...to!

- Parishioners of all ages who helped with the Biblical Arts Summer Sunday School Program – our children enjoyed many fun activities and connecting with each of you!
- Summer Food Program volunteers from St. John's who served meals for the youth of Snohomish during the summer months.
- School Supply/Backpack Drive contributors – nine cases of school supplies and cash contributions, as well as an anonymous \$1,000 contribution, were generously donated to the Snohomish School District/Snohomish Community Food Bank drive for our local school children.

## Vestry Report/Facilities Update

St. John's has been a busy place this summer. In addition to the sewer line replacement and water line repairs – the church exterior was painted and locks were changed. The next task is evaluating the steeple (currently in progress), and considering Parish Hall floor work. Remember to thank our Junior Warden, Jud Chapin, for his extra efforts!!

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### Vestry Members

Dottie Nelson (Senior Warden)  
Jud Chapin (Junior Warden)  
Mike Allert  
Cathy Davis  
Sharon Hall  
Jerry Johnson  
Rick Jusko  
John Macho  
David McConnell  
Jack Norvell  
Marsha Russell  
Nancy Vandenberg

### Convention Delegates

Katie Akesson, Sally Wesley,  
Bob Knight & Jim Church  
Eleanor Church (Alternate)  
Eric Fritch (Alternate)

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### Communication "How to"

Have you wondered how to get your news in the Episcopaper, on the St. John's website or on the announcement page in the Sunday bulletin?

Here's how: provide the information (e.g. via e-mail) to the church office: [office@stjohnsnohomish.org](mailto:office@stjohnsnohomish.org).

**Mark your calendar: St. John's cooks at Community Kitchen  
Thursday, September 15th**