

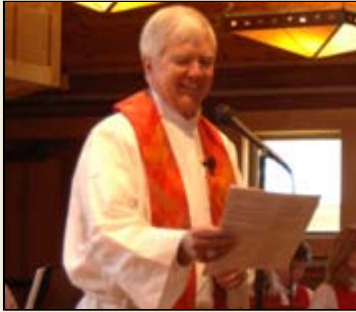


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REVELATIONS NEWSLETTER: February 2010

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Episcopal Relief & Development in Haiti As a parish, we have currently raised over \$10,000 to aid Episcopal Relief & Development efforts in Haiti. To stay abreast of developments or to learn more please visit www.er-d.org or www.episcopalchurch.org/haiti.php

More announcements...

If you have an item you would like included in Revelations please submit it to greer@stjohnsjackson.org by the third Friday of the Month

HOURS OF OPERATION

The **Administrative Office** is open Monday- Friday from 9am to 4:30pm

Sunday:

8am- Holy Communion, St. John's Chapel, Holy Communion, Chapel of the Transfiguration (Summer Only)

8:45-11:45am- Creche open for preschool children (opens at 9:45 in the summer)

9am- Children's Sunday School in the Children's Building (school year), Adult Formation Class in Hansen Hall or Undercroft, Youth

A Message from Father Ken

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

If you were around the parish during January (and attendance was good!) you know that while you are reading this a dozen of us, including Devvie and I, are in the Holy Land. So, in truth, it is Friday night, January 15th, as I am sitting in our dining room composing these thoughts. I have just finished watching the ABC news reports on the earthquake in Haiti. I wish I had something profound to say. Of all natural disasters, earthquakes and the loss of life that accompany them, seem to be the most arbitrary. It is bad enough that God allows human beings to kill, wound and exploit each other, but floods, earthquakes, hurricanes seem to be "no one's fault" so they must be God's. I'm waiting for some evangelist to tell me why Haiti deserved it and more divine vengeance is to come.

I will let our Geologists of Jackson Hole explain the science of what has happened once again to the nation of Haiti. But I am sad. I am sad because people who cannot afford a crisis are engulfed by one. So, not understanding, I pray and write a check or two and hope for the best. But, honestly, I am also hopeful and my heart is quickened. God love her, I have received at least 20, no kidding, emails the past two days from Ann Fontaine saying what the Episcopal Church is hoping to do and is doing in Haiti now and in the months to come. For those of you who don't know there are more Episcopalians in Haiti than in any other diocese in the western hemisphere – more than 100,000. While the cathedral, the diocesan office, several churches and a convent have been destroyed, the Bishop and priests and nuns have set up a relief station on a soccer field.

This Sunday we will collect money to send for Episcopal Relief and Development and, 48 hours in advance, I know I can say you were extraordinary generous. Not now, but in the coming months, the church will need volunteers to go and help. Would you go with me? Send me an email (ken@stjohnsjackson.org) and let's go together. My son wants to go. I am hopeful, because, despite what so many say about the death of the Christian Church, millions upon millions of people around the world get it. And the disparate people of Haiti will see Jesus Christ in the gifts of time and treasure of thousands. Always remember,

Sunday School in the Youth Room (school year), Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday:

4:00pm- Centering Prayer in St. John's Church

Wednesday:

12:00pm- Holy Communion in St. John's Chapel

Every Weekday:

Noon- Noonday Prayer in St. John's Chapel Parking

RESOURCES

Calendar

Staff and Vestry

General E-mail Messages

Information Update

Prayer Requests

Newsletter Signup

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Sermons

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Full Calendar >>](#)

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Beloved, that God's future is bright. Let's do this, let's go together. God's peace.

Hildegard of Bengin and the Living Light



Friday, February 19

Reception 6:00pm in Hansen Hall

Performance from 7:00-8:30pm in the Church

Join us for a special one-woman play written and performed by our own Linn Maxwell. Hildegard of Bengin and the Living Light celebrates the writings, music and life of medieval visionary and healer, St. Hildegard of Bengin. Hildegard is perhaps best known for her message of holistic healing and salvation which she called "Veritas". Maxwell will portray this remarkable woman and perform seven songs composed by Hildegard, accompanying herself on two psalteries, organistrum, Anglo-Saxon and Medieval harps.

Lent

February 17 - April 3, 2010

During Lent many of us choose to take on a prayer discipline. To assist you in this effort, we are offering several opportunities to expand your prayer life. We hope you will take advantage of many of these offerings over the Lenten Season.

Mardi Gras Celebration

Fat Tuesday

February 16th

6:00pm -8:00pm in Hansen Hall.

We will enjoy a Cajun Feast while Pam Phillips entertains us with jazz piano. Come, bring a beverage of your choice and be prepared to have a great time. Childcare will be available in the Nursery, with a special kid-friendly Mardi Gras Feast.

Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion and Disposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 17th

7:30am – North Chapel

12:00pm – St. John's Chapel

4:00pm – Instructed experiential service for children North Chapel

5:30pm – The Church

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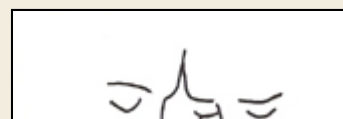
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Performance 7:00pm -8:30pm in The Church

A one-woman show written and performed by our own Linn Maxwell.

Day-Long Prayer Workshop

Saturday, February 20th



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*9:00am -4:00pm in Hansen Hall,
lunch included.*

Sponsored by the St. John's Prayer Team, we will cover a number of different forms of prayer, from Lecto Divina, to centering prayer, to praying the scripture, to healing prayer. The Prayer Workshop is free to attend, but please register by February 15 by calling or emailing Mary Erickson (733-2603 ext 112, mary@stjohnsjackson.org.)

Noonday Prayer

Please join us for Noonday Prayer in the Chapel Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with Holy Communion on Wednesdays at noon throughout Lent.

Monday Contemplative Lunch Series

On Mondays throughout Lent, we will follow Noonday Prayer with a Contemplative Lunch in the monastic tradition in Hansen Hall. Join us for soup, bread, and a peaceful, meditative time.

Lenten Devotionals

We will have Lenten devotionals available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Also, be sure to friend St. John's on Facebook or follow @stjohnsjackson on Twitter to receive daily devotionals throughout Lent.

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Sunday February 14th

Join us during the 10:00am Service as we commission our newest Stephen Ministers: Patti Boyd, Bruce Burkland, Barb Knobe, Mark Nowlin, T.R. Pierce, and Roger Strout. Stephen Ministry is a ministry of lay people who provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.



King Cakes during Coffee Hour!

Sunday, February 14th

Join us for our annual King Cake celebration during Coffee Hour.

Meet the Bishop Candidates

Friday, February 26th

The six candidates for the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Wyoming will be in Jackson. There will be an afternoon reception (time and place TBD) followed by a "Walkabout" and Dinner that evening at the Church beginning at 6:00, with Compline at 8:30.



This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with each candidate. Childcare will be provided to ensure that everyone interested in attending can do so. Take some time to learn about all of the candidates on the Bishop Search Website: <http://www.wyomingbishopsearch.org/> - and come prepared with questions. Save the date and keep an eye out for more information as the day approaches.

Youth & Young Adult News

The Youth Alliance 30 Hour Famine!

Where: The Presbyterian Church of JH

When: Friday & Saturday, February 26th & 27th

What is the 30 Hour Famine?

Students in the JH Youth Alliance will raise funds to help World Vision International feed and care for children around the world through participating in World Vision International's 30 Hour Famine. As little as 1\$ can help feed a child for a day!

Participating students will begin their fast following lunch on Friday, Feb. 26th and join their peers for night of games, fellowship and education at The Presbyterian Church of JH. On Saturday students will help our community in service and end The Famine at 6:30pm on Saturday after a hearty meal at the church.

For more information, please contact Trent or visit World Vision International at www.wvi.org.

Youth Calendar

Monday, Feb. 1 - Youth Bible Study from 7:00-9:00 in the Underground
Wednesday, Feb. 3 - Young Life Club from 6:30-8:00 at the Ranch Inn
Sunday, Feb. 7 - Youth Fellowship at 9:00am in the Underground
Monday, Feb. 8 - Youth Bible Study from 7:00-9:00 in the Underground
Wednesday, Feb. 10 - Youth Fellowship from 6:30-8:00 in the Underground
Sunday, Feb. 14 - Youth Fellowship at 9:00am in the Underground
Monday, Feb. 15 - Youth Bible Study from 7:00-9:00 in the Underground
Wednesday, Feb. 17 - Young Life Club from 6:30-8:00 at the Ranch Inn
Sunday, Feb. 21 - Youth Fellowship at 9:00am in the Underground
Monday, Feb. 22 - Youth Bible Study from 7:00-9:00 in the Underground
Wednesday, Feb. 24 - Youth Fellowship from 6:30-8:00 in the Underground
Feb. 26 & 27 - Youth Alliance 30 Hour Famine!
Sunday, Feb. 28 - Youth Fellowship at 9:00am in the Underground

Young Adult News & Calendar

Check out our young adult community website: linkjh.com.

Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 2 - WORD Bible Study in the Underground at 7:30pm
Tuesday, Feb. 9 - Theology on Tap at the Town Square Tavern at 7:30pm
Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Mardi Gras Party from 6:00-8:00pm
WORD Bible Study in the Underground at 8:00pm
Tuesday, Feb. 23 - Theology on Tap at the Town Square Tavern at 7:30pm

Be watching your virtual mail and PO Boxes for further information. As always, if you have any questions you are welcome to email or call me at: trent@stjohnsjackson.org or 733-2603 ext. 104 or Isabel at: isabel@stjohnsjackson.org or 980-522-0279.

Childrens News

Sunday Morning Youth Schedule

9:00 – Nursery & Children's Building Open with Bible games & craft projects

10:00 - Sunday School

Ages 0-2 – loving arms, laps and age appropriate toys in the nursery

Ages 3-4 – weekly Bible lesson, craft and free play in the Preschool Room

Grades K-2 – Godly Play in the Children's Building

Grades 3-5 – Episcopal Children's Curriculum in the Children's Building

10:45 – Children join family for Holy Communion



Calling all First Graders

In February, we will begin correspondence with first graders regarding Holy Communion. Although many first graders have already taken communion, these conversations will help uncover the mystery of Holy Eucharist. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to talk about the sacrament and its importance to our fellowship. The series of letters will continue for four weeks and the children will be recognized at the 10:00 service on March 21st. If you are interested in your child participating, please email Margaret@stjohnsjackson.org or call 733-2603 ext. 105.



Instructed Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17th
4:00 in the Chapel

Fr. Ken will walk us through the Ash Wednesday service and teach us the importance of this Holy day. Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

Cabin Fever Playgroup

Wednesdays from 2:00-3:30
In the Nursery

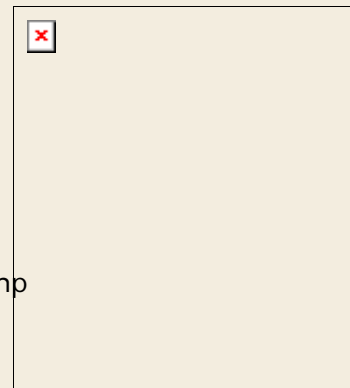
A warm and fun place for children to play and moms to visit.

I will be on vacation February 22nd-March 8th, but everything will continue in my absence. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Erickson at Mary@stjohnsjackson.org.

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Annual Gifts & Talents Fair

While circumstances may mean that some are not able to contribute to our common mission financially, all of us have some time, some talent, and some commitment to the work of Jesus Christ. When you enter Hansen Hall anytime in February you will find tables and descriptions of various ministries, classes and opportunities for service. Please sign up for any areas you may be interested in and we will contact you with additional information. This "Annual Giving of ourselves Campaign" is no less important than our Annual Giving of our Treasure Campaign. Let's make it equally successful!

Announcing the return of The Best of the Browse

Several years ago we began segregating some of the finer donations to Browse 'n Buy from other items. Then every fall we held a silent auction. While it is a tremendous amount of work for the Browse staff and those volunteers who graciously assist, it is a fun and profitable evening that furthers the mission of the church. After a two year hiatus, the Best of the Browse will return this September. If you have items, jewelry, clothing, furniture, antiques, etc that you have been unsure what to do with, please call the church office (733.2603) and arrangements will be made to pick up the item and store it until the auction. We thank the Browse staff, as hard working as it is, for volunteering to put on this event again.

Vestry & Staff Retreat The annual Vestry & Staff Retreat will be held February 14 & 15, 2010. Fr. Chip Edens of Christ Church, Charlotte NC will lead us in discussion of "Decision Making in a Resource Style Parish."

Giving Statements If you need a giving statement for your 2009 tax return, please send an email to Jan Buehler (jan@stjohnsjackson.org) and we will be happy to send you one.

For Men Only Several weeks ago we participated in the consecration of Deborah Lopez and Carol Bocker in the Daughters of the King. There is a comparable brotherhood for men in the Episcopal Church: the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. One of the opportunities for participation at the Gift & Talent Fair will be to explore the establishment of a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at St. John's. It is a prayer and service fellowship within the Episcopal Church for the Kingdom of God. If you sign the list for BSA you are agreeing to explore establishing a chapter and learning together what that means. I hope some will join me (Fr. Ken) in that venture.



World Day of Prayer The annual World Day of Prayer will be held at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church in Jackson on Friday, March 5, at noon. People around the world will say the same prayers and sing the same songs on this day, so the world is united in prayer. This year's

service was written by the women of Cameroon, Africa. The interdenominational service will be followed by a light luncheon. Of course, the event is free and open to the public. Save the date!

Summer Housing We continue to look for summer housing for our Chapel of the Transfiguration chaplains from the end of May through September. The home needs to be furnished and have at least two bedrooms. It can be in Jackson or in Teton Valley Idaho or anywhere within a reasonable distance to Moose. While we would prefer to rent a single place for the entire summer, shorter periods of time are also possible. Please call or email Joni Weed if you have a place we can rent this summer.

It is with sadness that we announce that **Joni Weed** will be resigning as St. John's Office Manager effective February 28. Joni has served St. John's faithfully and well for the past eight years in a variety of roles, and will be deeply missed. After all this time, Joni is ready to take on a new challenge and opportunity. She has taken a position as an associate with Noble Travel, a luxury travel agency owned and operated by our own parishioner, Nancy Porthan. I know that we all wish Joni great fortune and happiness in her new venture. Be assured that Joni remains committed to St. John's and will always be a part of our church family. She will also continue to worship with us and serve as a Stephen Minister at St. John's – so while we will not see her in the office on a daily basis, she will still be an active part of our lives here. Please take time to thank Joni for all her hard work and dedication over the years - and wish her well.

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