

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED!

Fall, Winter, Spring Review
Summer Preview

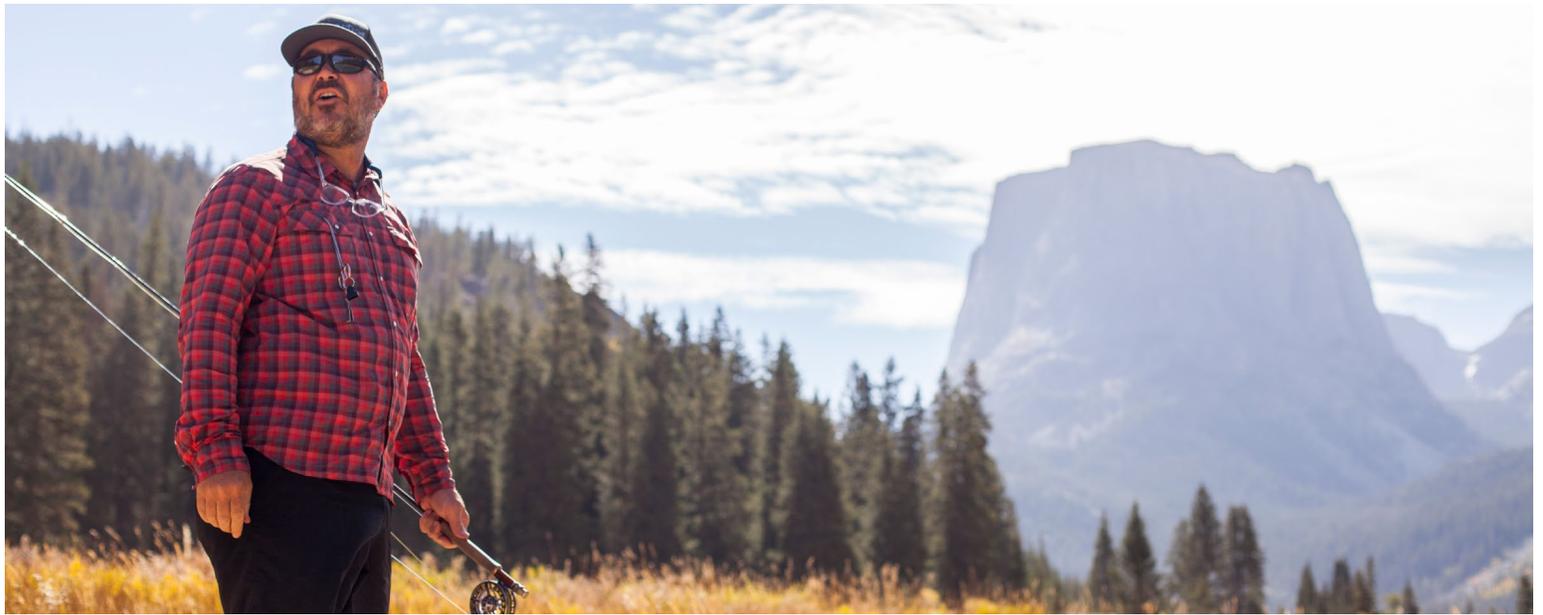
The Episcopal Church in Jackson Hole



Jackson Hole Classical Academy 2nd Grade







Dear Church,

The pictures and links and text that you will find within the pages of this document tell the story of a church vibrantly, compassionately, and faithfully serving her people and her community. (The e-version with links to articles will be sent out this week!) The stories you'll read here for the first time or the stories you were a part of during the year aren't here as a point of PRIDE—the deadliest of the deadly sins. The stories are told again as testimony to your loving work and as inspiration for “even greater works than these!” God is at work in our community of Jackson Hole, and you are God's partner in this love-spreading, difference-making mission! Stop now. Breathe. And high five one of your fellow parishioners!

As I mentioned last Sunday, full steam ahead! This summer our intention is to increase our love work in the valley and beyond. Our theme for the summer is “The Summer of beLoved”. And together, all summer long, we'll focus on building our capacity to love. Over the course of the last several months, I've become keenly aware that we talk a lot here at St. John's about the fact that we're loved. We talk about our mission to spread love and make a difference. It might help us if we became more specific about what that love looks like—the love we intend to feel and the love we intend to spread.

To that end, Brian and I will spend some time on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. (you can find the schedule and topics on page 10) over the course of the summer talking about how we might build capacity for love in our lives—the kind we feel and the kind we spread!

Finally, how will we know we've succeeded in living out our summer theme? There will be more stories about you giving away coats, supporting one another in your roles as mindful mamas, doing laundry with folks who need some help, praying together and working alongside one another as volunteers at your church, serving this community and especially, the people in it. We'll see that we have a successful stewardship campaign because we know “money follows mission.” You'll hear things from your friends like, “I don't go to church, but if I did, I'd go to yours!” That's how we'll know.

We're onto something here, Church! We have been for over a hundred years!

Love,
Jimmy

A SEASONAL REVIEW

Newsworthy & Noteworthy

Fall

- Read: [Welcome Home, Habitat Families](#). The new homes glowed as the sun set on volunteers, donors, builders, staff, and elected officials. We gathered to celebrate the work of over 1,200 supporters who brought this phase of The Grove III to fruition.
- The St. John's Service Committee began Laundry Love this fall to provide laundry services to those in need in our community. We partnered with the Jackson Laundromat to provide the quarters and detergent on the second Thursday of every month from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. For more, check out page 7.
- On Friday, November 2nd, we hosted two events in one day bringing loads of people to the campus! At the Dia de los Muertos Celebration we enjoyed altar viewings, a Mexican potluck and make your own papel picado. The Jackson Hole Jewish Community joined us for an Interfaith service of Unity and Remembrance later that night. For more, check out the press on page 6.



Winter

- The parish was gifted zipper pulls on the first Sunday of Advent that read "Present". This little tool helped us embrace the season. Advent and the run up to the holidays collide imposing certain challenges to our ability to stay focused and open.
- Watch: Relive the [Twilight Christmas Eve Service](#) that was filmed at the historic Chapel of the Transfiguration. We were so honored to partner with the filmmakers for The Episcopal Church.
- Read: [Let Your Light Shine](#). This Season of Light fund was renamed in honor of Carolyn Hawtin this year. To date the funds had raised more than \$45,000.



- The coldest air in a generation was here this winter, and the people of St. John's were ready to do something about it! Thus, the "If you need me take me" coat drive was born. See page 6 for more.

Spring

- Best of Jackson Hole recognizes businesses, organizations, and individuals in our community. Browse 'N Buy is honored to be awarded Gold for the Best Resale Store for the third year running.
- "Class, class: open your books to week one and get to it, and don't come dragging in here on a Sunday trying to tell us that G-o-d ate your homework!" We enjoyed our lenten theme of homework with mini composition books and assignments.



- Watch: [Traveling the Way of Love](#) Episode Two - REST. God invites



- us to dedicate time for restoration and wholeness, within our bodies, minds, and souls, and within our communities and institutions. It can be difficult to rest and recharge, but the Rev. Jimmy Bartz walks us through ideas and practices that might make it a bit easier. More than a program or curriculum, it is an intentional commitment to a set of practices. It's a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.
- In May, The Rev. Roxanne Friday joined us to preach and share her new work on the Wind River Reservation. As a gift to the Shoshone Episcopal Mission and St. David's House, we had a diaper drive and got a poop-load of supplies! You can listen to her [sermon](#), if you missed it.



NEWS

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Jackson Hole News & Guide

- October 17, 2018 | [Blessing of the barks, meows, neighs and clucks.](#) The blessing, a first for some, an annual tradition for others, brings everyone together for the same reason: an affinity for pets.
- October 24, 2018 | [Manly discussion tackles respect, consent.](#) “The more conversations, the more tools men can develop to treat women, other men, their children and themselves with respect.”
- October 31, 2018 | [Dia de los Muertos links living, dead.](#) A celebration rooted in ancient central and southern Mexico that honors ancestors and friends who have died.
- November 7, 2018 | [Jewish people, others assemble in solidarity.](#) Interfaith Shabbat service held at St. John's Church to remember Pittsburgh victims.
- December 5, 2018 | [‘Manel’ tries to parse new type of manhood.](#) Husbands, fathers and sons rethink gender stereotypes, masculinity.

- December 12, 2018 | [Christmas comes early in the park.](#) Parishioners pack the Chapel of the Transfiguration for a pre-Christmas filming. Faux though the holiday was, the chapel in Grand Teton National Park looked the part for Christmas, with poinsettias, red-ribboned wreaths and candles.
- January 30, 2019 | [A big thanks for help during shutdown.](#) We are especially grateful for the important financial assistance provided by St. John's Episcopal Church, One 22, Meridian Trust and First Interstate Bank.
- February 20, 2019 | [‘If you need me, take me’ spreads the warmth.](#) St. John's Church hangs donated coats for those who are cold. “As long as people are taking them,” St. John's Rev. Jimmy Bartz said, “we're going to be putting them up.”



- April 10, 2016 | [Need Spiritual Direction?](#) St. John's Episcopal Church is now offering one-on-one sessions with Amy DiSanto, a certified spiritual director, to help those interested explore their spiritual life.
- May 15, 2019 | [Laundry Love turns full hearts into full loads.](#) Laundry Love provides laundry money between 5:30 and 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Jackson Laundromat. The next laundry session is June 13. Sign up to volunteer or donate cash, detergent or other laundry supplies.



Buckrail

- January 9, 2019 | [St. John's Church hosts mindfulness retreat.](#) "Every dark cloud has a silver lining. We know the importance of struggle. This is the impetus for change," Dr. Pittman McGehee
- January 11, 2019 | [St. John's Church and Community Safety Network launch film series.](#) A mini-series called "Reframing the Lens: Changing the Way We Watch."
- February 11, 2019 | [Laundry Love lands in Jackson as a way to minister while sorting socks.](#) "What's cool

"That's where the Love is."

about Laundry Love is we're not trying to fix everything. We're offering relief once a month around what most folks find a mundane task. That's where the love is."

- April 4, 2019 | [New group teaches mindfulness to mamas.](#) "It's obvious that we need something to bring us together. We hope that this can be the community and practice that does it." The group meets every third Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in Hansen Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church.



Spirit of Wyoming Magazine

- March 26, 2019 | [Mindfulness for Mamas.](#) A Fresh Expression in Jackson Hole. We're listening to what moms are hungry for and meeting them where they are. Farney says, "We offer open hearts and minds, a safe community to share our experiences and feel like we're not in it alone. It's also a time that is infused with tools that help us rediscover purpose and empower us to use our gifts to live our most authentic lives."



SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Don't Miss These Events | June - August

- June 13 – [Beloved Community Build](#) and Conversation with Habitat and Kathy Izard
- June 17-20 – [Middle School Service Week](#)
- June 23 – [Hike Jenny Lake](#)
- June 23 – [Concert on the Green](#) with Coburn
- June 30 – St. Hubert Annual BBQ
- July 20 – [Hike Two Ocean Lake Loop](#)
- July 21 – Music at CT with Sister Karee
- July 28 – Episcopal Relief & Development Talk
- August 4 – Blessing of the Animals in Bondurant
- August 4-9 – [Youth Wilderness Trip](#)
- August 4 – [Church on a River Flotilla](#)



- August 10 – Heritage Days Sale in Bondurant
- August 12-17 – [Youth Visioning Days](#) with Diocese
- August 18 – Music at CT with Scott Claassen
- August 16 – [Hike Holly Lake](#)
- August 25 – Consecration Sunday
- August 28 – Reading with our Daughters [Book Club](#)



Reoccurring Events

- One Saturday each month – [Habitat Build Days](#)
June 29, July 6, August 3
- First Mondays – [Taizé](#)
- First Thursdays – [GALs](#)
- Thursdays in Hansen Hall – [Women's Luncheon](#)
- Thursdays in St. Joseph's Chapel – Evening Prayer
- Third Wednesdays – [Mindfulness for Mamas](#)
- Tuesday evenings in July/August – [GTMF Summer Concerts](#) Haberfeld Chamber Music Series
- Second Thursday each month – [Laundry Love](#)
- Thursdays – [Thich Naht Hanh Meditation](#)
- Mondays Dog Walking with St. John's Outdoors
- Weekly [Wednesday Hikes](#) with St. John's Outdoors



THE CHAPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION SUMMER CHAPLAINS



THE REV. DR. CATHY GEORGE | JUNE

The Rev. Dr. Cathy H. George is Associate Dean and Director of Formation at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. A graduate of Macalester College and Harvard Divinity School, Cathy completed her Doctorate in Ministry in Transformational Leadership at Boston University School of Theology in 2017. She has served as a parish priest in urban, rural, and suburban parishes, and as a chaplain in prison and hospital settings. As Associate Dean of Berkeley, Cathy teaches a curriculum and participates in worship as preacher and presider, and provides academic advising, mentoring and pastoral care to students and their families. She and her husband, Michael, love to hike, bike, garden, write, read, and cook.

THE REV. JOHN NEWTON | JULY

John Newton is a father, priest, author, and graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. In 2008, John graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood at All Saints Episcopal Church in 2009, where he served for almost three years as the University of Texas Campus Missioner. In 2011, John began working as a Canon on Bishop Andy Doyle's staff, a position he held for seven years. In 2018, John began a new post as the rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Austin, TX. John is the author of three books: *New Clothes: Putting on Christ and Finding Ourselves*, *Falling into Grace: Exploring our Inner Life with God*, and *Reckless Love: the Scandal of Grace in a Performance-Driven World*. John is married to his best friend Emily. They reside in Austin with their daughters Annie and K.K.



THE REV. SCOTT CLAASSEN | AUGUST

The Rev. Scott Claassen is the Episcopal chaplain to UC Santa Barbara and vicar of St. Michael's University Church. In 2011, Scott spent one year bicycling around the U.S. in order to engage Christian communities in dialogue about climate change while refraining from riding in cars or planes as part of a Carbon Sabbath. He was ordained to the diaconate in a laundromat in Venice Beach in conjunction with the Laundry Love ministry. His wife Maribeth and three young boys are the greatest blessings of his life. When not with them, Scott is usually surfing, playing music, or dreaming about new ways to partner with God in making a love-spreading difference in the world.

THE REV. STEPHEN KINNEY | SEPTEMBER

Stephen Kinney is the Director of The Front Porch Project, which is a mission of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Austin. The Front Porch brings people together from all over Austin through a weekly "public house church," music and cultural events, and dialogue. After serving as youth minister, chaplain, and rector in schools and parishes in Houston, New York City, and Fredericksburg, he and his family moved to Austin, where he earned a PhD in Educational Psychology, led a family service at St. David's Episcopal Church, taught at the Seminary of the Southwest. Stephen is the immediate past President of Interfaith Action Central Texas. He is married to Gwen, a licensed therapist, and father of Matthew, Kathleen, and Tyler. Apart from drinking beer and coffee and talking in pubs and cafes (part of the job), Stephen likes to catch fish, wander big city streets, hike country trails, and grow vegetables.



BUILDING THE CAPACITY FOR LOVE



Do you ever feel like we talk about love around here without ever explaining what we mean? Brian and Jimmy do! And they do an awful lot of the talking! Over the course of the summer, Brian and Jimmy are going to tackle the challenge of building our capacity for love. Together on Sunday mornings, they'll lead us on a journey of the different ways each of us might tackle growing our awareness of our own belovedness and sharing that love with others who need it or need to be reminded. The class is meant to be both conceptual and practical. They'll use tools in our Episcopal tool kit, as well as tools that are new or more secular-spiritual! Each week, you'll have a chance to talk it through with the group gathered. Maybe they'll even come up with a little homework!

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for the dates listed below. We are planning to meet in the education wing of the church in the classroom next to the nursery.

- June 16 – A Look at Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- June 23 – Caring and Healing
- July 7 – Empathy Building Practices
- July 14 – Learning From Others When It Comes to Love
- July 21 – Raising Expectations of Ourselves in the Work of Love
- August 11 – Giving and Serving: Next Level Spreading

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PERIOD POVERTY



Nearly 1 in 5 girls in the US have missed school due to a lack of period protection.

Stumbling upon the statistic that one in five girls in the US miss school due to a lack of feminine supplies, St. John's began researching the issue of "period poverty" in Teton County. After speaking with school nurses and other organizations we discovered that a lack of access to feminine supplies is an issue in our community. School nurses in this county spend one-half to two-thirds of their budget on feminine supplies. Nationally, feminine supplies are classified as luxury items. They do not have a nutrition label on the packaging and are therefore classified as non-essential. Jackson Cupboard cannot purchase feminine supplies through the Food Bank of the Rockies and these items are taxed at grocery stores. We have initiated efforts for legislative change in Wyoming. This spring, a partnership was born with St. John's Hospital Foundation and the Jackson Cupboard. We believe that girls should not miss school due to a lack of feminine supplies, and have joined forces to provide feminine supplies to Colter Elementary, Jackson Hole Middle School, Jackson Hole High School and Summit Schools. Additionally, we provide supplies at Teton County Public Health and have recently expanded to Arapahoe Middle School on the Wind River Reservation. Bags of supplies are also available at our monthly Laundry Love mission. St. John's Hospital Foundation is researching access to supplies at the medical center and rural clinics across the region. Jackson Cupboard ensures supplies are available to their customers. Together, we formed a chapter of Period.org, the first chapter in the state of Wyoming and are looking at ways to change policy, expand access and make this issue a part of our common language. Menstrual hygiene is a basic human right. Period.

PRESENT & FUTURE LEADERS



Discernment in any form is a journey. It might look like a pilgrimage to a new discovery...or a call to the priesthood. Over the course of the last few years, St. John's Episcopal Church has had the honor to walk along this journey with several lay people you might know. In fact there are currently four women in this journey to the priesthood or diaconate. You might know Lynne Matthews, who serves as a verger or Christie Laughery who leads us in adult formation with Brian. Susan Erickson is a part-time parishioner you may recognize as a lector, chalice bearer and a campus volunteer. She wrote a great piece for *Revelations* this spring about her [journey so far](#). Susan says, "I'm a student and a teacher at heart. Those are my gifts. I want to use them to reach out to a world that is increasingly hungry for meaning and for grace." You'll recognize Kirsten Farney, who leads us in music on Sunday mornings. Kirsten heard the call during a recent mission trip to Cuba. She thinks life should be about, "if we have love, we have it all, and we can give it all." When these women began their journeys, many didn't imagine that being a priest or deacon was something that God would ever call them to. Lynne, Christie and Susan are pursuing the diaconate and Kirsten is seeking the priesthood.

You can worship with these women at the Chapel of St. Hubert the Hunter in Bondraunt this summer during Morning Prayer services at 11:15 a.m. Many are also leading an Evening Prayer worship that happens on campus in St. Joseph's Chapel on Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. Encourage them along their journeys when you see them around town or the campus.



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