

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 2014

St. Bartholomew's is an inclusive and affirming faith community, welcoming all.



THANK YOU !!

Thanks to all who share their talents and time on our behalf,
especially those that do the work of the Bishop's Committee.

From left to right:

Bob Montebello has been serving as Jr. Warden and will continue to do so for 2014.

Shirley Solberg also completed her term on the Bishop's Committee.

Eric Lund has been serving as Clerk/Secretary and will continue to do so.

Carol Carpenter just completed *five years* as our Senior Warden!!

Ray Waukazo also just completed his term on the Bishop's Committee.

Kathy Schmit is on the Bishop's Committee and serves as co-treasurer.

Gretchen Hazard has been a faithful servant to St. Bart's, in many capacities, including Bishop's Committee.

Rev. Steve Schmit, along with our Shared Ministry Team, participate in Bishop's Committee meetings.

Carol Milowski (*not pictured*) will be the official Team representative on the Bishop's Committee this year, and also agreed to take on the position of Senior Warden!
Tom Jessen (*not pictured*) completed his most recent term as Bishop's Committee member.
Carrie Jessen (*not pictured*) will continue in the role of Co-Treasurer.



THANKS TO THE MEN!!

**Last fall, we gave special celebration for the gifts that the men of our congregation share with us.
Thank you, thank you!!**

Front:

Rodney Austin, Chuck Stone, Kent Hering, Rev. Don Conner, Dale McKenzie

Back:

Eric Lund, Bob Montebello, Peter Bohn, Larry Stember, Rev. Steve Schmit

And there are many more talented guys not shown in this photo!

Thank you all !!

COMMUNITY MEALS AT PEOPLES CHURCH

St. Bart's is renewing our food outreach through Peoples Church.

On the first Friday of each month, St. Bartholomew's will provide a noon meal.

To help, please see use sign-up sheet for food items, which will be in the narthex a week ahead of time.

If you would like to volunteer to be a cook, please see Betsy Hering.

**Deadline to bring food supplies for next meal is 10am on Thurs, March 6,
(and the meal will be served on March 7.) *Meals are open to the community.***

THE HEART OF THE LENTEN JOURNEY

(from the Bishop's Blog)

Dear Friends,

Every morning she would dawn her floral house coat and fuzzy slippers, go into the kitchen and pour a cup of coffee that her husband had lovingly made. Then she would walk out to her sun porch, light a cigarette and begin to make a to-do list in a small spiral notebook.

As a boy, I watched this ritual unfold every time I would go to visit my maternal grandparents. One day I asked my loving, yet cranky, grandmother why she made a daily to-do list. At the core of my curiosity was the fact that the same items appeared every day. These were not routine things but rather significant tasks that she wanted to accomplish. And what I observed was that many had been on the list not only from the last time I visited but every time I visited.

Next week we will begin the Lenten journey. For many of us we will make a list of things we hope to stop doing, start doing, or a combination of the two. I am in favor of said lists, if in fact they will assist us in growing closer to be the people God is calling us to be. This, I believe, in the end is not about us.

John states it this way, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:27-30

I believe at the heart of our Lenten journey is the opportunity for us to decrease so that Christ can increase in us and through us.

It is as we pray in the General Thanksgiving in the Daily Office of the Book of Common Prayer, "And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

May you have a blessed Lent.

Blessings,



+Brian



LENTEN STUDY



Join us on Wednesdays in Lent. We will have a noon liturgy, then soup lunch, followed by a study session.

We will study the readings that will be used on the Sundays following each session. The readings will be made available on the previous Sunday and at the sessions. If you prefer, please bring your own Bible.

FOOD SHELF DATES

Please contact Art Gullette if you would like to help at any upcoming Food Shelf Dates. St. Bartholomew's help at the Food Shelf all 5th Mondays, Weds, and Fridays of each month.

Next date: March 31

ECW WILL MEET ON

March 8, 10am

April 5, 10am



ECW Rummage Sale: May 3

Everyone is asked to be thinking about the rummage sale as they begin spring cleaning and discover things that they no longer need but that may be treasures for someone else. Rummage sale items may be stored in the "rummage room" at the back of the undercroft.

Mariah Stember's Namibia blog

<http://collaborativesocialchange.blogspot.com/>

ALTAR GREENERY

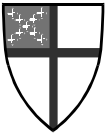
If you would like to bring greenery during Lent, please sign the chart by the office door and complete one of the forms that are in the folder below it.

This is a great way to celebrate or to remember a special person or day!

MARCH 2014	MARCH 2 (HE)	MARCH 9 (HE)	MARCH 16 (HE)	MARCH 23 (HE)	MARCH 30 (MP)
PRESIDER	Rev. Steve	Rev. Steve	Rev. Steve	Rev. Steve	Bea K.
DEACON		Rev. Don	Rev. Don	Rev. Don	
EM/AM	Rob				Jeanne
PREACHER	Eric	Carol PM	Rev. Steve	Rob	Bea K.
ACOLYTE	Rodney	Jeanne	Rob	Eric	Taylor
LECTOR	Bea	Susan	Danielle	Carol PM	Rob
INTERCESSOR	Bea	Gretchen	Chuck	Carol PM	Rob
CANTOR	~tba~	~tba~	~tba~	~tba~	~tba~
MUSICIAN	Gretchen	Carol J.	Gretchen	Carol J.	~tba~
GREETERS	Art & Jeanne	Tom & Carrie	Bob & Sally	Peter & Suzanne	Chuck & Danielle
ALTAR GUILD	Susan	Carol C.	Rob	Carol C.	Jeanne
COFFEE HR	Carol PM	Patricia & Suzanne	Donna & Carol C.	Susan & Betsy	Tracy & Sally
SUNDAY SCHL.	~tba~	~tba~	~tba~	~none~	~none~

ST BARTS MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 HOLY EUCHARIST <i>[Rev. Steve]</i> 10 am SUNDAY SCHOOL	3	4 Theology for Breakfast 8am Pastoral Care 9:30 am SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES !! 5:30 PM	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00 PM 5:30 PM Office 10-4	6 Office 10-4	7 ST. BART'S COMMUNITY MEAL 12PM: HELD AT PEOPLES CHURCH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 1ST LUTHERAN, 1:30 Office 8-2	8 ECW 10AM
9 HOLY EUCHARIST <i>[Rev. Steve]</i> 10 am SUNDAY SCHOOL	10	11 Theology for Breakfast 8am Pastoral Care 9:30 BISHOP'S COMMITTEE 6:00 PM	12 LENT SOUP & STUDY 12:00 PM Office 10-4	13 Office 10-4	14 WORSHIP COMMITTEE 10 AM OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 FOOD SHELF SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST <i>[Rev. Steve]</i> 10 am SUNDAY SCHOOL	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 Theology for Breakfast 8am Pastoral Care 9:30 am	19 LENT SOUP & STUDY 12:00 PM Office 10-4	20 TREKNORTH REHEARSAL 10AM-3PM Office 10-4	21 Office 10-4	22
23 HOLY EUCHARIST <i>[Rev. Steve]</i> 10 am	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25 Theology for Breakfast 8am Pastoral Care 9:30 am TREKNORTH CONCERT (7 pm?) Office 4pm-10pm	26 LENT SOUP & STUDY 12:00 PM Office 10-4	27 Office 10-4	28 Office 10-4	29
30 MORNING PRAYER <i>[Bea K]</i> 10 am	31 FOOD SHELF 12:15 PM					



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✂ *Celebrating 102 Years of Ministry & Mission* ✂

March 4 -- 5:30 -- SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

March 5 -- 12:00 & 5:30 -- ASH WEDNESDAY

March 7 -- 1:30 -- WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (1st Lutheran)

March 12 -- 12pm -- LENT STUDY GROUP BEGINS

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rector, The Bishop of Minnesota

The Right Rev. Brian N. Prior

Bishop's Committee

Senior Warden Carol Millowski
Junior Warden Bob Montebello
Clerk Eric Lund
Treasurers Kathy Schmit, Carrie Jessen
Members Gretchen Hazard
 Tom Jessen

Shared Ministry Team

Ministers People of St. Bartholomew's
Deacon/Evangelist The Rev. Charlie Champlin
 The Rev. Don Conner
Intercessor/Past.-Care Rodney Austin
Pastoral Care Kathy Schmit
Preaching Carol Porterfield Milowski
Priest The Rev. Stephen R. Schmit

Music Coordinator Carol Johnson
Musician Gretchen Hazard
Artist in Residence Gretchen Hazard

OUR VISION

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is an inclusive and welcoming Community empowered by the Holy Spirit, committed to spiritual growth, offering healing and hope to a suffering world through shared ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

OUR MISSION

We walk humbly with God, confirming the Call to spread the Good News through outreach, justice, diversity and loving compassion.

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