

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

Advent & Christmas at St. John's Cathedral

Sunday, December 3—First Sunday of Advent

- ♦ Holy Eucharist at **8am & 10:30am**; and Saturday December 2 at **5:30pm**

Sunday, December 10—Second Sunday of Advent

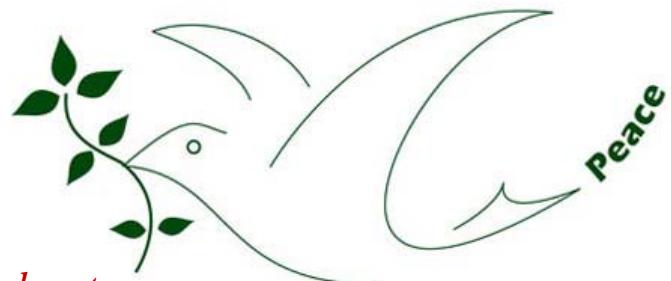
- ♦ Holy Eucharist at **8am & 10:30am**; and Saturday December 9 at **5:30pm**

Friday, December 15

- ♦ Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols at **7pm**

Saturday, December 16

- ♦ Pageant Rehearsal at **10am**



Sunday, December 17—Third Sunday of Advent

- ♦ Holy Eucharist at **8am & 10:30am**; and Saturday December 16 at **5:30pm**
- ♦ Christmas Pageant during the **10:30am** Worship Service

Sunday, December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- ♦ Holy Eucharist at **10:30am**; and Saturday December 23 at **5:30pm** (NO Sunday 8am service)

Sunday, December 24—Christmas Eve

- ♦ **Family Christmas Eucharist at 4pm** (incense-free)
Carillon Christmas Music at 3pm and after the service
Christmas Prelude Music begins at 3:30pm
- ♦ **Festival Christmas Eucharist at 10:30pm**
Carillon Christmas Music at 9:15pm and after the service
Handel's *Messiah* Prelude begins at 9:40pm

Monday, December 25—Christmas Day

- ♦ Holy Eucharist at **10am**
Carillon Christmas Music at 9:25am and after the service

Sunday, December 31—First Sunday after Christmas

- ♦ Holy Eucharist at **8am & 10:30am**; and Saturday December 30 at **5:30pm**

Sunday, December 31—New Year's Eve

- ♦ Holy Eucharist at **10:30pm**

From the Interim Vicar

By the Rev. Canon Kristi Philip

I think it was about mid-September when I was pushing my shopping cart through Shopko, made a left turn and ran into a display of lighted Christmas trees flanked by shelves of colorful ornaments. We had barely made it through Labor Day when Christmas was literally ‘in my face.’

The Christmas catalogues began to pile up shortly after that. The realities of retail have a lot of influence on our lives, it would seem. But they do not have to be in charge.

We are on the brink of Advent—that short season that is tucked between the end of the long Pentecost season and Christmas. Advent can easily get lost in a pile of Christmas catalogues and party invitations—the pressures that are inevitable and real this time of the year. A challenge for me has sometimes been making room for Advent, a season of anticipation, reflection and preparation as we move toward Christmas.

That anticipation, reflection and preparation have to do with the coming of Christ—both the birth of Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, and the time when Christ will come again in glory at the end of time. Obviously, there is much to ponder—much to ponder at a time of year that seems to have a distinct shortage of pondering time. In many ways the prevailing culture asks us to leap over Advent and right to Christmas and just forget about the deeper meaning of this time.

I think there are some wonderful ways to observe and honor the season of Advent every day,

even in the midst of the inevitable hubbub of these four weeks. One is simply to set aside a time every day to sit still and be quiet for five minutes (or ten if you are able). Just sit and let the quiet wash over and simply be aware of the presence of God. See what, if anything, emerges from this time of quiet.

Another way to do that would be to set aside that time of quiet, but also pray and reflect on the Advent collect for the week. What does it say to you? What puzzles you about it? How does it speak to or challenge some part of your life? You can find those collects on pages 211 and 212 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Of course you can also add some form of morning or evening prayer to this. There are brief forms for those prayers on pages 137-140 in the prayer book.

If you enjoy exploring the internet, there are online Advent calendars with daily reflections. One of those is from Loyola Press and can be accessed at <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/calendars/advent-calendar-for-adults>. Spending some time with that short, daily reflection could be a way to connect with the season.

The collect for the Third Sunday of Advent in our prayer book begins, “Stir up your power O Lord, and with great might come among us...” In our place of quiet reflection during this holy season, perhaps we will discern what God is stirring up in us.

Pastoral Care

Do you have a pastoral care concern? Contact the clergy staff, 838-4277.

Chapter Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for the Chapter, with election at the January 28, 2018 Annual Meeting.

Nomination forms are at the Cathedral office. Eligibility criteria: must be a member of the Cathedral, age 16 or older; and must be a contributor of record.

Nomination forms must be received in the office by December 10.

*The clergy and staff
of St. John's Cathedral
wish you a blessed
Advent and a joyous
Christmas.*

*May this holy season
fill you with hope, love,
joy, and peace.*

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in person?
Join us on-line!**

Live-stream available on our
Facebook page:
Facebook.com/
StJohnsCathedralSpokane

Sunday, Dec 17 at 10:30am
The annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve Service with
Bishop Rehberg
Prelude music begins at
10:40pm
Service begins at 10:30pm

Music at the Cathedral

By Tim Westerhaus, Music Director

*Each winter as the year grows older,
we each grow older too.
The chill sets in a little colder;
the verities we knew seem shaken
and untrue.*

This hymn text by Rev. William Gay (sung on the Fourth Sunday of Advent) captures the uncertainty we may feel in a time of discord and cold. Although we may have broken relationships and divided communities, the season of Advent invites us to make ready our hearts with love and generous welcome, especially for strangers among us. St. John's liturgies and music this season provide opportunities for quiet reflection (Lessons & Carols, Dec 15), youthful retelling of the nativity (Pageant, Dec 17), and joyful celebration of Christ as light in winter's darkest night on Christmas Eve.

Advent music this season reflects the joyful yet mystical hope: on **Dec 3**, the Junior Choir opens with this spirit as they sing "An invitation to Advent," while the Cathedral Choir sings a Scottish, neo-medieval setting of one of the O antiphons: O radiant dawn. Our waiting accelerates on **Dec 10**, with Paul Manz's "E'en so, Lord, quickly Come." On **Dec 17**, the child born of Mary is invoked with rose-in-winter metaphors in the medieval "There is no rose of such virtue" and Howells's "A spotless rose."

An opportunity for reflection and centering in the midst of this busy season is St. John's **Advent Lessons and Carols Service** on Friday, Dec 15 at 7pm. The combined Cathedral Choir, Junior Choir, and Chancel Ringers present hopeful and peaceful anthems and carols with cello, flute, and oboe. Alternating music with scripture, this recalls the path of salvation his-

tory from the Garden of Eden to the Angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary. Music includes Scottish composer James MacMillan's "O radiant dawn," Vaughan Williams's "The truth from above," and Gardiner's "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." During this full holiday season, Lessons and Carols is an opportunity to pause together in peace. Invite a friend or stranger to join us.

Our **Christmas Eve** services features special music that captures the joy and peace of the season. We welcome back our guest **carillon-neur**, Jonathan Lehrer, from Vancouver, Canada, for preludes and postludes. The Junior Choir will lead music at the **4pm** service, joined by Spokane Symphony **flautist**, Jennifer Slaughter. The Cathedral Choir and Collegium Orchestra of strings, trumpets, and oboe lead music at the **10:30pm** service. We offer an extended prelude by candlelight at 9:40pm with Part One of **Handel's Messiah**, a hallmark of Christmas choral music. The Chancel Ringers offer two inspirational carol settings, and string music include's Percy Grainger's "The Sussex Mummers Christmas Carol," Morten Lauridsen's "O magnum mysterium," and John Rutter's "What sweeter music." We continue the tradition of singing a warm string setting of Silent Night.

These rich offerings at both services are only possible with your support: please consider a donation to the Holiday Music fund.

This Advent-Christmastide, we long for the Christ child that comes for all people: we find voice to this longing in Rev. William Gay's final verse:

*O Child of ecstasy and sorrows,
O Prince of peace and pain,
Brighten today's world by tomorrow's,
Renew our lives again;
Lord Jesus, come and reign!*



Christmas Décor & Music

Help beautify the Cathedral during December! Special décor and Christmas Eve music are possible only through generous gifts from members and friends of the Cathedral. Please contribute now.

Make checks payable to "St. John's Cathedral" and mark them for either *Christmas Flowers* or *Christmas Music*. Checks marked for both flowers and music will go equally to both funds. Please note in whose honor the gift is given. After Christmas, *The Chimes* will publish a list of all those in whose honor Christmas decorations and music were given.

Advent Lessons & Carols Service

Friday, December 16 at 7 pm

with the Junior Choir, the Handbell Choir, and Cathedral Choirs

*Free: donations support
Cathedral music*



Children and Youth

By Lucas Kulhanek-Arenas
Children & Youth Ministries Director

Sunday Morning Schedule

Every week:

8am

- Building Faith Sunday School (age 2-12)

9am

- Children's Forum (age 1-12)

10:30am

- Building Faith Sunday School (age 6-12)
- Whirl: Lectionary Bible Stories Sunday School (age 2-5)

The Nursery is open 9am-noon.

**Every Wednesday, 6pm-8pm—
Youth Group (grade 7-12)**

Wed, December 20, 4pm-8pm—

Young Eagles (grade 3-6)
will join the Youth Group in
Pie Baking for Crosswalk

Children's Education during Advent

Sunday School will continue as normal throughout all of Advent for the 8am and 10:30am service. On December 17, we will not have Sunday School since many of our young members will be participating in the Christmas Pageant. The Nursery will be available throughout Advent.

Starting on December 3 at the Children's Forum (ages 2-12) at 9:15am, we will begin our journey to Bethlehem and start our "Color Everything" Advent series. Feel free to come and learn about the Birth of Jesus and do crafty things!

Looking ahead ...

Our annual Epiphany celebration will be on **Sunday, January 7**, following the 10:30am service.

A Family Advent Devotional

A family devotional for Advent has been created by Children's Illustrated Ministries for parents to do with their children. Seasons like Advent and Lent are great opportunities to say, "Hey kids—we're going to try something new for the next few weeks." Particularly during Advent, with our culture's desire to get to December 25 as soon after Halloween as possible, it's important to take time to stop, wait, and to have conversations and engage in intentional practices for the season.

An Illustrated Advent for Families is one way to do that—to slow down, ask questions, have fun, be intentional about how you spend your time, and try new things. There are coloring pages for your children, but I have often found that parents enjoy coloring them as much (if not more...) as their children. There are simple but meaningful devotions for families to do throughout Advent, an Advent Wreath activity, and an Advent Calendar.

They are provided for you and your family. This family devotional is very little prep and it is a great way of engaging your kids with faith in the home! Please contact Lucas if you are interested in copies of the Advent series!

Dance & Potluck

Join us on **Friday, December 1**, for our monthly Contra Dance. The evening begins at 6:30pm with a potluck dinner followed by dancing, 7pm-8pm—all in the Great Hall. These dances are open to adults, children, families, and singles. Susan Dankovich teaches the dances so that you can learn as you participate.

Questions? Talk to Lucas Kulhanek-Arenas, 838-4277.

Youth Group

The Youth Group meets each week downstairs in the Youth Room and Community Room. The Youth Group is for all young people in 7th-12th grades. We focus on service learning, and become disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to understand our part as young people in the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus movement and serve Christ in others. We gather every Wednesday, 6pm-8pm for dinner, games, fellowship and Christian Formation.

Throughout the season of Advent, the Youth Group will journey to Bethlehem and learn about the birth of Christ, the flight to Egypt, and engage in service projects.

The Youth Group will meet on the following dates: November 29, December 6, December 13.

Crosswalk Pies

The Youth Group and Young Eagles will bake pies for Crosswalk on **Wednesday, December 20**, 4pm-8pm. The youth make pies each year for Crosswalk's Christmas dinner.

Crosswalk provides homeless youth with meals, shelter and helps to finish their education. Many of the youth who receive services from Crosswalk are homeless because they come from unsafe home environments.

The Youth Group has traditionally made the pies for Crosswalk's Christmas dinner, one of the highlights of the year.

Yoga in the Cathedral

Join instructor Lisa Silvestri Wehr for a one-hour yoga class in the Cathedral at 3pm on **Sunday, December 17**, and the fourth Sunday of each month during the program year.

For all experience levels; bring a mat if you have one.

Christmas Pageant

Everyone is invited to join in the annual Christmas Pageant during the 10:30am service on **December 17**. This always proves to be a very festive experience that brings the Cathedral community together. For the children it is a wonderful way to understand the Nativity story.

All who would like to participate are welcome to join us! The only rehearsal will be **Saturday, December 16**, at 10am. Everyone will meet in the Cathedral to start the rehearsal. On the day of the pageant all participants need to arrive by 10am to put on their costumes and apply any makeup if needed.

Please remember to dress in the following way according to the role you choose:

- ◆ Angels: wear white tights or white socks. All undergarments should be white.
- ◆ Sheep: wear either black or white tights or socks. Pants, shirts and dresses should either be white or black.
- ◆ Donkeys: wear brown socks or tights, pants and dresses.
- ◆ Shepherds: wear brown, black or blue garments under their costume.

Everyone is asked to wear their socks without shoes unless you are a shepherd who has brought sandals. Thank you for your help with these guidelines!



White Gifts

White gifts are presented to the Christ child each year at the Christmas Pageant. This year our white gifts will support the mission and ministry at West Central Episcopal Mission's Dinner Table.

Please purchase the following items for gifts. It is very important to purchase *new* items and to not give used things. Please make sure all items are wrapped in white tissue paper and labeled with the content on the bottom of the package:

- Warm hats for men, women and children
 - warm gloves or mittens and scarves
 - socks – lots of warm socks
 - warm blankets and throws
 - backpacks/daypacks
 - small size toiletries for men and women
 - Some small gifts for children
 - Homemade cookies – they love chocolate chip and don't care if they aren't Christmas cookies
- Why are they called White Gifts?* Each gift is wrapped in white paper to remind us that all gifts are valued by Christ, no matter how big or small, plain or fancy.

Bookstore News

By Karen Byrne, Volunteer Manager

Advent is nearly here, and therefore, can Christmas be far away? The Gift and Book Store is ready for your shopping pleasure. We have Advent candles (two kinds) and Advent calendars, and Christmas Cards. Shop for the perfect book for an adult or a child in your life. How about a pocket pewter labyrinth? An Episcopal t-shirt, a prayerbook or a piece of jewelry. Come in and browse.

We are open after Sunday services, and most Tuesdays until Christmas. See you there!

St. John's Forum

Sundays 9:15am-10:15am
In the Great Hall

Dec 3: The Real St. Nick

Come and learn about The Real St. Nick, and how his life and ministry speaks well to our fall theme of mission and outreach (including how the giving of presents reflects this vital ministry!)

Dec 10: Discerning Mission and Outreach at St. John's, Part 2

Join us as we end our fall conversation on mission and outreach and help craft a set of hopes and tangible goals for the mission and outreach ministries of St. John's Cathedral.

NO Forum on Dec 17, 24, 31.

Furnishings Needed!

By Carolyn Holmes

Jonathan Myers, the new priest living in the vicarage at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Spokane, needs several items for his new home. If you are able to provide any of these items, please contact him: 206-554-1544.

Kitchen: Refrigerator, dishwasher, new faucet

Living room: area rug, side chair, coffee table

Guest room: Bed, dresser, chair, side table, area rug, lamps

Sock It to Spokane

We invite you to donate socks for those in need. There are baskets in the Welcome Center and Cathedral in which to place your sock donations. A pair of new socks is a precious gift to someone living on the streets!



Notes from the Junior Warden

By Katherine Karr-Cornejo

Greetings as we enter this Advent season!

Thanksgivings

I've been attending the Cathedral since 2012, and until last month I never knew what happened to the funds many of us give in thanks for the blessings we share—birthdays, anniversaries, safe travels, commemorations, and more. Traditionally, the funds have gone towards supporting missions. As we shift to a monthly ingathering of blessings, Chapter and the Finance Committee have determined that the gifts given in the "birthday box" will be designated for the ministries of the West Central Episcopal Mission.

Chapter Service

Sandra Montes, the Episcopal Church Foundation's Spanish Language Resource Consultant, defines stewardship as "a practice of thankfulness and generosity, and it reflects our walk with God. Our goal is for our faith to grow and to be able to give generously." In addition to my financial pledge to the Cathedral, I also consider my service on Chapter as part of my practice of stewardship.

Have you prayerfully examined the needs of Cathedral leadership and your own and others' gifts as you've considered nominating yourself or another to serve on the Cathedral Chapter? Are you feeling nudged by God to put yourself forward, to try a new ministry, to give generously of yourself and grow your faith through participation on Chapter? I would be more than happy to explore these conversations with you, as would any of the members of Chapter who will be rotating off in January: Libby Pugel, Clarissa Ramey, Bill Selby,

Stephen Thew. Nominations are due December 10.

Snow Safety Squad

At the November Chapter meeting, a number of members expressed concerns about the condition of our sidewalks and ramps last winter. While we all pray that we have a less severe winter this year, we are exploring creating a "snow safety squad" to swing into action when we have particularly severe winter weather over the weekend.

We're looking at putting together a 4-week rotation of people who would be willing to arrive at the Cathedral early, check the safety and accessibility of doors, ramps, and sidewalks, and do some shoveling or ice-melt application to help ensure that congregants can safely enter the Cathedral. Each group would be "on call" only during the winter months, and only once every month. If you would be interested in caring for your congregation in this way, please do contact me—kekarr@wustl.edu – ASAP!



Passages

Memorial Service—

Thursday, December 7 at 11am:
Marjorie McDowell, 3/4/1921–11/23/2017

Baptism, November 5—

Christopher Paul Gailley, born on August 8, 1979 in Lewisville, Texas to Johnathon B. Gailley and Robin L. Stevens. His sponsor is Lucas Kulhanek-Arenas.

Wedding, November 4—*Chelsea Anne Crawford and Kyle Patrick Cosby*

Bazaar Report

By Linda Finney
Service League President

The 89th Annual Christmas Faire & Bazaar was held on November 11 and was a wonderful success—and a lot of fun. Attendance was excellent: many of our guests mentioned to Guild members that this was the first time they had been in the Cathedral and how impressed they were by the beauty of the building. Sales were also excellent, which will directly benefit a number of outreach projects. The Guilds outdid themselves with a variety of wonderful handmade and handcrafted items for sale.

Highlights were St. Monica's jams and herbs, orange roll brunch, and tasty lunch, Altar Guild's champagne mustard, Bishop Guild's delicious breads and lovely wreaths, St. Nicholas Guild's array of cookies and white elephant table, wonderful Christmas items from The Windfall, and papers, soaps and gloves from the Stephen Novak Foundation. The raffle baskets were lavish and beautiful. The children and their parents and grandparents enjoyed visiting with St. Nicholas (courtesy Kristi Philip, Skip Hubbard, and Manny Hochheimer).

I very much appreciate Lucas Kulhanek-Arenas' opening the nursery for our guests' little ones, and Emily Moreno's help with crafts. Special thanks go to Cheryl-Anne Millsap for her article in *The Spokesman*; Cathedral staff, Joan, Richie, and Mbeae; and to the fabulous check-out crew, heroes all: Steve Vigus, Ron Morrissey, Dallas Hawkins, Tim Williams, Becky Brown, Lucretia Pladera, and Robert Stevens.

It was a pleasure working with ALL of you—we can rest on our laurels a bit before planning the 90th Faire & Bazaar.

Christmas Outreach Opportunities

We are happy to offer opportunities for Cathedral members and friends to share the love of Christ this Christmas season with members of our community and beyond.

Tree of Sharing

The Tree is located in the Great Hall. Please take a gift tag from the tree, purchase the items on the tag and **return the gift with the tag** to the tree by *Sunday, December 17*.

Please do not wrap the gifts. The Outreach Committee will distribute the gifts the week before Christmas. Requests are from several organizations, including Cup of Cool Water, Crosswalk, Shalom Ministries, Family Promise of Spokane, Daybreak Youth Services, Stephen R. Novak Foundation (Nepal Ministries).

Examples of items needed: Gift Cards (Shopko, Walmart, Fred Meyer, or Safeway), backpacks,

personal care items, warm hats, gloves, socks, scarves, blankets, art supplies, games, gas cards, STA bus passes.

For the past several years the Tree of Sharing has included Spokane Aids Network. The SAN organization closed during 2017 and so we are replacing them with Daybreak Youth Services. Daybreak operates an inpatient facility in Spokane that serves youth with substance abuse and mental health disorders.

Crosswalk, Cup of Cool Water, Shalom Ministries, Family Promise and Daybreak Youth Services

Donations of Christmas gifts (see Tree of Sharing tags) or financial donations help make Christmas special for the youth and adults who are served by these community organizations. Donations of items used by the organizations

help them to continue their work and to minister to those who are in need.

Food Bank

Second Harvest Food Bank boxes are located outside the Great Hall. Please bring food that could provide families with a Christmas dinner. Suggestions: canned items such as yams, fruit, chicken, green beans, gravy or packaged gravy mix, evaporated or condensed milk, cake and cookies mixes.

Nepal Ministries

Financial support for the work of the Stephen R Novak Foundation in Nepal, would be wonderful Christmas gifts! Tags are on the Tree of Sharing, or you can write a check for any amount, payable to St. John's Cathedral, with *Nepal Ministries* in the memo line, and put it in the offering plate or mail to the Cathedral, c/o Rosie Banta.

Important Information from the Finance Office

Just a reminder that you can use your Visa / MasterCard to make payments on your Cathedral pledge. Complete the information on the back of your pledge card before turning it in and you will be all set. If you have already turned in your pledge card (thanks) just give me a call (838-4277 ext 17) and I can get you set up. Cathedral Pledge years run from January thru December so if you authorized the Cathedral to use your Visa / MasterCard last year, those charges will end in December and you need to provide us with current Visa / MasterCard info.

Please remember to pick up your new **2018** pledge envelopes from the table in the hallway leading into the Cathedral. They will be available by mid-December. Envelopes not picked up will need to be

mailed. Also, please **DO NOT USE PREVIOUS YEAR'S PLEDGE ENVELOPES** for 2018. **Your number may not be the same and this could cause posting errors.** If you would like to use envelopes but they are not on the table, please call me (838-4277 ext 17) and I will get you a packet.

If you wish to pre-pay your 2018 pledge in 2017 please note in the memo line of your check that it is for 2018. Otherwise, any checks received in 2017 will be posted toward your 2017 pledge.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me before December 20th, as I will be out of the office after that.

Thanks

Rosie Banta, Finance Secretary

rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org

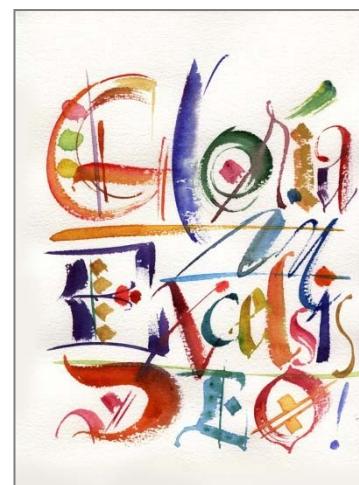
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Save trees and reduce costs—
subscribe to the emailed *Chimes*:
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

The deadline for the January *Chimes* is **Tuesday, January 2:**
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Moving? New phone number?

Let the office know:
rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org



From the Priest Associate

By the Rev. Nic Mather

Mission and Outreach

I want to thank all who have attended the Sunday Forum this fall, learning, digesting, and beginning discerning on the theme of Mission and Outreach. We've heard from a number of guest speakers about the different ministries that happen here in Spokane and all across the world. We've taken the time to learn a little bit of history, and consider if we're doing mission work or voluntourism. We've even had the opportunity to discern our own spiritual gifts as we think about where we might individually be called to serve this church and our wider community.

But, I do not want this good and fruitful work to stop here with the end of the Fall Forum series. And, this is why I want to make a special

invitation to you all to join us for our last Sunday Forum of the season on December 10 at 9:15am.

On December 10, we are going to engage in a conversation about the mission and outreach that is done under the banner of St. John's Cathedral. We will hopefully enter into deep discernment about what we do here, how we do it, and what we should be doing moving forward. If these past few weeks are any indication, this too will produce many fruits, and our lively conversation will spark enthusiasm and energy around the work of mission and outreach that we are called to do as Christians.

This is where you come in: we cannot have this lively and life-giving conversation if you don't come on December 10!

We have a great corps of attendees that I trust will be there, but I'd love to see this particular forum be our best attended of the fall

(surpassing the nearly 80 of you who attended the Becca Stevens Forum, even with the snow). The reason I'm hoping for as many as possible, is so that there are as many voices as possible in our conversation and in our discernment.

So, if you've attended even just one forum all year, you should come! If you are interested in the topic of mission and outreach, you should come! If you have ideas for how St. John's should engage in this work, you should come! And, if you simply are interested to hear more, you should come! If you have great ideas but truly cannot be with us on the 10th, email me before hand and I'll make sure they're added into our conversation!

I look forward to our conversation on December 10 and a successful launching point for the next chapter of conversation and action on mission and outreach at St. John's Cathedral.

Dean Call Committee Update

It's not easy, this whole Dean's Call business. When an executive search is carried out by a corporation, or even a faith-based organization, the Chairman of the Board starts with HR and says, "It's time to advertise for a new CEO. Here's the job description." So the favorite headhunter is notified, the ad is placed, and applications are received. Nothing new is invented.

Our situation is different. No HR, no management procedure. In a sense, we are inventing our procedure from scratch. We meet the requirements of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese and Chapter, and then take a deep breath. However, we have you: your quiet concerns, the results of the CAT survey, the results of our Symposium last summer. We know what St John's wants—what you want—in

our new Dean:

- Excellence in the pulpit
- Support for our brilliant music program
- Attracting new, young families
- Consolidating a youth program that will teach and provide safety and fun
- Helping us make a difference in the city of Spokane

So the committee talks about what kinds of questions will evoke good answers and the right choice, because we *do* know that you can only achieve the best answers when you ask the right questions.

How do we identify those qualities that will meet our requirements? What are the applicants' experiences that will best fit with our congregation? What are the questions we haven't thought about that might be critical to the choice

of a new dean? How do we make sure that the questions relevant to one candidate will be asked of all candidates so that we may judge them equally?

Further, there are 11 of us, each with different backgrounds, different understandings of the same vocabulary, all trying to bring our differences into a common focus that will—with God's help—reveal the next dean.

So when we say, pray for us, we're not just using church language. If we're left to our own devices...it won't end well. But we all deeply desire that St John's Cathedral enter into the next phase of our growth—physically and spiritually—with joy and anticipation with hearts that are open to learning much that will be new, and a great deal that is familiar. Pray for us.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12p Landscape 6p Wedding Rehearsal 6p Al Anon 6:30p Dance & Potluck	2 3p Wedding 5:30p Worship
3 8a Worship 9:15a Forum 10:30a Worship 12p Adult Ed Com 4p Fireside	4 4:45p Jr Choir 5:30p Dean Call 6p Youth Sym	5 7a Brotherhood 9:15a Staff 12p St Nicholas 6p Scouts	6 10a Worship 10:45a Bible Study 5:15p Com Com 5:30p Handbells 6p Youth Group 6:30p Al Anon 2	7 11a McDowell service 7p Choir	8 6p Al Anon	9 9a DAR 12p Integrity 5:30p Worship
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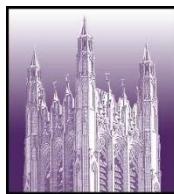
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New Year's Eve

Please join us for a New Year's Eve Eucharist at 10:30pm on **Sunday, December 31**. A social time will follow in the Guild Rooms.

Holiday Office Hours

The Cathedral Finance Office will be closed Wednesday, Dec 20 through Monday, Jan 1.

The Welcome Center and Offices will be closed from noon on Friday, Dec 22 through Monday, Dec 25; and from noon on Friday, Dec 29 through Monday, Jan 1.

Worship Services

Sunday

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| 8am | Holy Eucharist Rite I
& Sunday School |
| 9:15am | Forum |
| 10:30am | Holy Eucharist Rite II
& Sunday School |

Wednesday

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| 10am | Holy Eucharist Rite II |
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Saturday

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| 5:30pm | Holy Eucharist Rite II |
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Dec 24 (4th Sunday of Advent) at
10:30am

Christmas Eve at 4pm & 10:30pm

Christmas Day at 10am

Dec 31—8am and 10:30am
New Year's Eve at 10:30pm