

**Lay Reader Schedule for  
January**

**Jan. 5 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.**

Lay Reader: David Wheeler

**Jan. 12 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.**

Lay Reader: Joanne Groves

**Jan. 19 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.**

Lay Reader: Lyn Steen

**Jan. 26 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.**

Lay Reader: Connie Vicuna



**Coffee Servers - January**

**Jan. 5 – Joanne Groves**

**Jan. 12 – Kristin Wheeler**

**Jan. 19 – Jackie Bjorke**

**Jan. 26 – Wendy Voss**

***Ushers for January –  
Arlan & Beth Brenner***

**ALERT. . .**

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, a special offering will be taken for the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund’s appeal for “Nets for Life” (malaria prevention.) Come prepared!!!

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**The Annual Meeting/Potluck will be Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, following the service—please bring a dish to pass (meat and the Epiphany cake will be provided) and your place setting(s). Annual report are due in the office by January 15<sup>th</sup>—thanks!**

**Acolyte Schedule  
January**

**Jan. 5 – Holy Eucharist  
Henry Rubish &  
Nick Freeman**

**Jan. 12 – Holy Eucharist  
Patrick & Will Burns**

**Jan. 19 – Holy Eucharist  
Donika Bjorke &  
Joey Hotchkiss**

**Jan. 26 – Holy Eucharist  
Jessica Hotchkiss &  
Emma Freeman**

**VESTRY will meet on  
Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at  
7:15.**

## Notes from Mother

### Jean...

Back when I was a theater major in college, the University of Minnesota theater department was well known for its modern, *avant garde* productions.

(And by modern and *avant garde*, I mean weird and incomprehensible.)

One show that got a lot of buzz was a joint production with the music department and the philosophy department. I don't remember too much about it except that there was one phrase that the characters would periodically walk on stage and declaim in various dramatic ways. The phrase was, "Who am I; where am I; why am I here? What is reality? What is love?"

These questions are not new, of course. Humankind has been wrestling with these ideas since the dawn of time. They keep philosophers in business. So now, at this fresh beginning of a brand new year, I think it's a wonderful time for us, as members of the Body of Christ, to wrestle with them, too. So to reframe those questions a bit:

- Who are we, as a church? Who do we want to be?
- What is our place in the world and in our community – where do we fit in?

- What is our purpose in this place and this time – what could we be doing to further spread the Gospel?
- What is the financial and social reality of the Church in our world today?
- How are we manifesting the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters, whoever they may be?

To these questions, I would add two more: What do we want, as a church, and what is keeping us from attaining that? In the past year some exciting things have begun happening, and I know we'd all love to see that momentum continue. To that end, before the Annual Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, spend some time with these questions, and any more that you can think of and we'll discuss them together. If we can answer these questions and form an action plan as a community, there's no saying how far we can go in the New Year!

May God's blessings be upon you always, and have a happy and healthy New Year!

**Mother Jean**

## Sunday School

Sunday School is every Sunday morning from 9:20 until 10:15. All children, ages Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are welcome to attend. Mrs. Zeyna Kleinsasser is the teacher. She can be reached at 352-4050, if you have any questions.

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### Episcopalooza News...

We're constantly tinkering with our Episcopalooza formula to try and make it work best for our families. The latest change is that we will no longer be serving meals, "brown-bagging it", etc., except for special occasions, in which case notice will be sent out. Eventually, we'd like to get to the point of a family/parish meal each Wednesday during the school year, but for this year, it's just not feasible, and it's confusing for families to try and remember which night supper needs to be brought and which night it will be served. Family Fun Night supper will continue to be provided, but we do ask that you contribute to the cost by "Feeding the Monkey". ☺

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## Episcopalooza Zone

The time has come to create a new space for our upper-middle school and high school youth! We're very excited to have a place for our older kids to feel is "their space", and we'll be setting a date to decorate in the next few weeks. If you have bean bags, lava lamps, funky posters, anything you think the kids might be able to use, please contact Sarah. Thanks!

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### Episcopalooza & Family Fun Night Schedule for January

- Wed., 1/8 - Episcopalooza, 6:15-7:30
- Wed., 1/15 - Episcopalooza, 6:15-7:30
- Sun., 1/19 - Youth Service, 9:15
- Wed., 1/22 - Episcopalooza, 6:15-7:30
- Wed., 1/29 - Family Fun Night  
MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT!!  
Supper & Fun at 6:00

(The full youth schedule will be arriving in your email/mail boxes within the next week.)

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*Grace Episcopal Kids, don't forget to fill out your Sunday Service card. For every Sunday you attend church or Sunday school, write your name on an index card found at the back of the church on the table. Put the card in the collection box, and after four cards have been collected, you'll earn a prize. Starting in January, you'll earn video rental coupons from Coborn's Video.*

## Lower Brule Happenings:

Once again, you amaze me – and I am so grateful! We were able to take to Lower Brule 49 pairs of truly warm gloves, 224 AA Batteries (can you believe it?), 36 AAA batteries, one game of Sorry, Connect 4, Phase 10, Bop-It, and 2 Xbox cartridges – Harry Potter and Ultimate Genesis Collection. We also delivered four large cans of Hot Chocolate Mix, 72 oranges, 80 apples, and 11#'s of peanuts in the shell. The sad part of this is that very few of you get to experience the gratitude that they bring.

The afternoon we arrived was the evening of their Christmas Party. Our gifts made that evening much more special. I thank all of you! Please consider going with me next spring/summer. Lower Brule is truly a special place and it was the picture of Christmas when we arrived. The bluffs were covered by a dusting of snow. If you've ever seen a Joann Bird painting, you know exactly what I mean. My thanks to all of you – this isn't possible without your steadfast giving to this project. Our donations were \$407.88 + all of the games and batteries and, of course, gas. May 2014 shower all of you with wonderful times!

Joanne Groves

## January Birthdays, Anniversaries & *In Memorium*

- 3 *Ralph Jones (I.M.)*
- 4 *Myrtle Lampe, Theodore Spaulding*
- 5 John Fuglsang, Kelsey Fuglsang (B)
- 6 Emily Johnson (B); *Art Bjorke (I.M.)*
- 7 *Juliet Demean (I.M.)*
- 9 *Glen LaFee (I.M.)*
- 11 *Anna Reilly (I.M.)*
- 12 *Carmen Eid (I.M.)*
- 13 Andrew Tate (B)
- 14 Micah Robertson; *Jeanette C. Lusk (I.M.)*
- 15 Jacob Hotchkiss (B)
- 16 Jim Burton (B)
- 17 *Fern Brunick, Lee Snyder (I.M.)*
- 21 *Jane Haskell (I.M.)*
- 23 *Ted Ellwein (I.M.)*
- 24 *Betty Locker (I.M.)*
- 25 John Sievert (B); *Curtis Crawford, Dewey Gascoigne (I.M.)*
- 26 Elias Bonnemann, Gladys Hagggar (B); *Jeff Wheeler (I.M.)*
- 27 Keith Wilcox, Elizabeth Groves (B); *Margaret Schaefer (I.M.)*
- 28 Jason Engel, Andy Ellwein (B); *Teresa Lagarrigue Vicuna (I.M.)*
- 29 *Beulah Skezas (I.M.)*
- 30 *Vivian Johnson, Forry Lawson (I.M.)*



VESTRY MINUTES - Dec.  
117, 2013

(unapproved)

The vestry met with the following members present: Mo. Jean Mornard; Marla Lichty, Sr. Warden; Doug BJORKE, Jr. Warden; Marie Wheeler, Treasurer; Ron Wheeler, Joanne Groves, Connie Vicuna, Lyn Steen, and Beckie Freeman.

The meeting opened with the first reading of Advent.

Old business: motion by Ron Wheeler and seconded by Marla Lichty to approve the minutes of last month with the changes. Advertising costs were discussed, will check with Sarah Rubish about financial support that was offered for advertising purposes.

Treasurer's report: Connie Vicuna moved and Joanne Groves seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.

Rector's report: Mo. Jean reported that she will be taking vacation from December 4 to December 11. Bishop John Tarrant was here Sunday, December 15, for his official visit. Bishop Tarrant and his family stayed for a potluck that followed the morning service and returned at 5pm for the Christmas Pageant and potluck then also. The Bishop is impressed with our outreach program to the Lower Brule Boys and Girls Club and wished more parishes would do outreach like this. Pastor Ronald Brugger's family has donated a quilt to the church. Mo. Jean would like to see it hung in the library.

Sr. Warden's report: Marla Lichty had nothing to report.

Jr. Warden's report: Doug BJORKE reported on lights, roof and snow removal. The west vestibule doors' weather stripping has been resealed.

Finance Committee report: the budget was reviewed along with the pledges received from the Stewardship drive. Twelve pledges were increased from last year. It was moved by Marla Lichty and seconded by Joanne Groves to approve the updated 2014 proposed budget.

Stewardship report: The energy audit was discussed. Joanne Groves moved and Marla Lichty seconded to order the energy audit. Motion carried. Safe church audit/training for Kindernook and Sunday school staff will be completed by June 1, 2014.

New Business: Out-going vestry members are Beckie Freeman and Ron Wheeler. Suggested members are Sarah Rubish and Dean Kleinsasser. Cheri BJORKE has agreed to fill in for Lyn Steen's remaining 1 year left on the vestry. New members will be voted on at the annual meeting on January 26, 2014. Recognition and commissioning Sunday will be a week or two after the annual meeting.

It has been requested by parishioners to have the west vestibule doors unlocked on Sunday mornings so the parking lot can be used. The west vestibule will not be used as a store room from now on.

A donation of \$100 was received from Joanne Morford. Motion by Marie Wheeler to give the donation to Mo. Jean's Discretionary Fund.

Advertising in the Huron Chamber's sports tournament brochures was discussed and voted against.

Creedo Education Fund, Clergy retreat in February, Niobrara Convocation in June. Joanne Groves moved to pay for Mo. Jean's clergy retreat in February.

Episcopal Relief and Development is looking for donations for malaria nets aka "Nets for Life". Loose offerings from Sunday, January 5, 2014, will be designated to this project.

Next vestry meeting will be at 7:15 pm, Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas BJORKE, clerk

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# Epiphany Guild

The Guild will meet at Jackie BJORKE's home on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

The west entrance to the church will now be available for those wishing to use it, especially during snowy and treacherous conditions, and we are asking that "junk" and such not be stored there—

## Don't Forget...

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH

**KINDERNOOK CORNER**  
"Thank You" for sharing in our Christmas Program—we hope you enjoyed the sights and sounds of the evening!  
January will find us snuggled up with snowy stories and artwork, reinforcing numbers, shapes and letters, as well as learning more about animals that live in cold weather climates.  
We will also discuss the importance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, "Dream for Equality" and the significance of this special holiday.