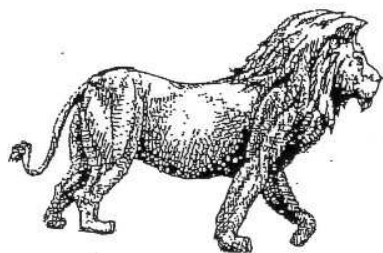




# THE LION'S TALE

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## OPENING DAY SUNDAY, SEPT. 11<sup>TH</sup>

*We will kick off our program year  
with the opening day picnic –  
Here at St. Mark's following the  
10:00 a.m. service.*

- ❖ The grill will be on. The Parish Life committee will provide brats and hot dogs.
- ❖ Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert
- ❖ Games, fun and good times for all.
- ❖ All volunteers welcomed.



## BISHOP'S VISITATION Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

No 7: 30 a.m. service on this day.

**Bishop Smith** will be at St. Mark's for his pastoral visit to the congregation.

He also will Confirm and Receive members into the Episcopal Church, and I know you will want to be present to offer your support to those being Confirmed and Received.

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**11:30 a.m. Reception and Opening  
Day Picnic**



## Bishop Smith Will Visit September 11, 2011

Bishop George Wayne Smith will be at St. Mark's Church September 11, 2011 for his Pastoral Visitation.

There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. that day, and the following persons will be Received into the Episcopal Church from another denomination, or be Confirmed in the Episcopal Church:

Phil Egart	will be Received
Margo Smith	will be Received
Jeannete Swallow	will be Received
Carter Jeffery	will be Confirmed
Katie Rucinsky	will be Confirmed
Molly Thompson	will be Confirmed
Tom Smith	will be Confirmed

I am certain you will want to be present to offer your prayers and support.

That Sunday also is Opening Day, so there will be a special luncheon after the service. During the reception the Bishop will be available for a Question and Answer session if you have anything you want to ask him.

When a Bishop visits a congregation, it is customary for there to be an offering for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. On September 11 there will be special offering envelopes in the service bulletin along with a flier on how the Fund is used to help support the work and ministry of the Diocese of Lui, and to address poverty in the state of Missouri. I encourage you to be lavishly generous!

(The Rev. Dr.) Peter E. Van Horne  
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## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The next Search Committee meeting will be Thursday Sept 15 at 7:00 in the AA room. Below is a list of the search process...the black bullet points are things we have completed, the open circles are yet to be done.

- Say Goodbye to the current Rector
- Alert Diocesan resources
- Arrange for supply and interim clergy
- Review history of the church
- Gather data to form an accurate picture of the congregation
- Form a search committee
  
- Complete the Community Portfolio Information to be used to match us with candidates
- Candidate identification
- Screening of candidates by the Search Committee
- Presentation of final candidates to the Vestry
- Selection of the final candidate by the Vestry
- Making the call
- Call is accepted
- Welcome the new Rector!

*This list will be updated as we go along. Please check the weekly "Markings", the website, or the bulletin for future updates.*

### COMING SOON

The vestry is in the process of forming new St. Mark's Committees. Committee chairpersons and members will be needed. Please check upcoming bulletins and the weekly "Markings" for more information when it is available.



## Dear Friends:

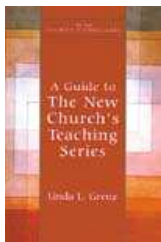
Last Lent we studied the book *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. At the end of our sessions, people expressed an interest in reading another book together this fall, and I suggested you look at *The New Teaching Series* of the Episcopal Church. Following is a list of those books and a brief explanation of each of them.

Please review the list and talk among yourselves and see if there is a consensus on which one you would like to study. After we have chosen one and have studied it together, I suggest that we spend several weeks in Advent (the four weeks before Christmas) studying *The First Christmas* by Borg and Crossan. Although it was written after *The First Week*, I think you will find it to be a great prequel. If you have not read the book, *The First Christmas* is based on the birth stories in Matthew and Luke.

## *New Church's Teaching Series*

**The New Church's Teaching Series** presents and explores basic claims and questions about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church, revealing the distinctive vision Anglicanism offers for the people of God today. They are available from Amazon.com at \$9.56 each.

Each book includes a study guide and a list of additional resources and will be suitable for group study and individual use.



### [A Guide to The New Church's Teaching Series](#)

By Linda L. Grenz / Paperback / July 2000

A complete reference for clergy and lay leaders, teachers and small group facilitators, the guide provides a brief overview of each book and contains suggestions for additional activities to enhance learning. It surveys a wide variety of church groups and formats for using the series from adult forums and Bible study groups to retreats and vestry meetings and recommends volumes of the series that would be most helpful in each context.

Finally, the guide offers specific guidelines for recruiting, teaching, and leading small groups in a chapter describing how to create and maintain a learning environment for adults.

### [The Anglican Vision \(Vol. 1\)](#)

By James E. Griffiss / Paperback / 1997

In this first volume to the New Church's Teaching Series James Griffiss provides an introduction to the Anglican tradition. He focuses especially on Anglicanism's ability to hold together theological continuity (especially the emphasis on the Incarnation) with social and cultural change.

### [Opening the Bible, \(Vol. 2\)](#)

By Roger Ferlo / Paperback / 1997

For many people the Bible is strange and



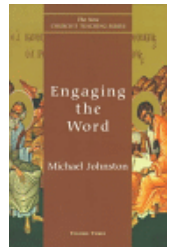
unfamiliar territory, impossible to navigate without a certain kind of knowledge and skill. Roger Ferlo leads his readers through the practical difficulties of reading the Bible, offering advice that is true to the way Anglicans have read Scripture from the time of Tyndale

and Cranmer.

### [Engaging the Word, \(Vol. 3\)](#)

By Michael Johnston / Paperback / 1998

The companion to Volume 2, *Opening the Bible*, Michael Johnston's *Engaging the Word* teaches us how to use the critical and practical tools for reading the Bible described by Ferlo to interpret the Hebrew and Christian scriptures: what did they mean for their original audience and what do they mean for us today?



### [The Practice of Prayer, \(Vol. 4\)](#)

By Margaret Guenther / Paperback / 1998 \*

Guenther uses the images of the spiritual director as host, teacher, and midwife to describe the ministry of spiritual direction today. She pays particular attention to spiritual direction for women, and addresses such down-to-earth questions as setting, time, and privacy. The stories of real people bring the practice of spiritual direction alive.

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### [Living With History, \(Vol. 5\)](#)

By Fredrica Harris Thompsett / Paperback / 1999

Fredrica Harris Thompsett, a scholar of the English Reformation, introduces us to the role that history has played in creating and shaping the Episcopal Church as we know it today. In giving us the broad lessons of Anglican history, she explores in detail both the historian's task and Anglicanism's distinctive history, from its roots in Scripture and the English language Bible and prayerbook to its seventeenth century flowering in poetry and prose and the different forms it has assumed in the American landscape from the time of the Revolution right through to the late 20th century.

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### [Early Christian Traditions, \(Vol. 6\)](#)

By Rebecca Lyman, / Paperback / 1999

Rebecca Lyman introduces us to the world of the early church. Beginning with the Jewish, Greek, and Roman cultures in which the first followers of Jesus lived and worshiped, she traces the growth of the Christian church's theology, worship, leadership, and ethics through its first six centuries, ending with Augustine of Hippo.

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### [Opening the Prayer Book, \(Vol. 7\)](#)

By Jeffrey Lee / Paperback / 1999

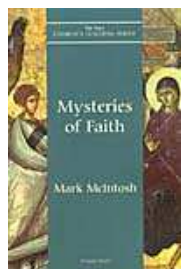
What Roger Ferlo did for the Bible in *Opening the Bible*, volume 2 of *The New Church's Teaching Series*, Jeffrey Lee now does for the prayer book in volume 7 of the series. *Opening the Prayer Book* introduces us to the history and liturgies of *The Book of Common Prayer*, and helps us understand why the prayer book is such an important aspect of Anglican self-understanding.

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### [Mysteries of Faith, \(Vol 8\)](#)

Mark McIntosh / Paperback / 2000

In this volume of *The New Church's Teaching Series*, Mark McIntosh introduces the great mysteries of the Christian faith: the doctrines of creation, revelation, incarnation, salvation, and eschatology, which are all held together by the doctrine of the Trinity. To explain these beliefs for Christians today,



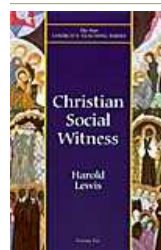
particularly the Trinity, McIntosh begins with what we know: the language of relationship and mutuality, of friendship and family ties. The central theme of the book is our relationship with Jesus and our relationship with our neighbor, for such mutuality lies at the heart of every doctrine.

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### [Ethics after Easter, \(Vol 9\)](#)

by Stephen Holmgren / Paperback / Jun 2000

In developing a distinctively Anglican approach to ethics, with its emphasis on holiness, sanctification, and the need for spiritual disciplines, Holmgren identifies clear axioms for Anglican moral theology and the ethos required for moral decision-making on the part of individuals and church bodies. He explains why ethical reflection is not the same as church governance, and why the institution cannot "make" its moral theology. Holmgren also discusses the role of conscience and reason, the work of moral discernment, the difference between moral knowledge and saving knowledge, the meaning of natural law, and the high value Anglicans place on consensus.

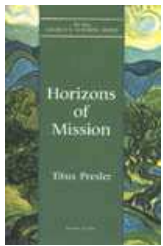


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### [Christian Social Witness \(Vol. 10\)](#)

By Harold T. Lewis / Paperback / Jan 2001

Harold T. Lewis surveys the teachings and witness of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church concerning the Christian vision of a righteous social order, including the challenges of the new millennium. Beginning with the Bible's understandings of social justice, Lewis summarizes the Anglican witness of theologians like F. D. Maurice and William Temple and goes on to discuss the Episcopal Church in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Later chapters discuss the challenges of a new social order that face the church today raised by liberation theology, third-world debt and economic justice, and questions of race, gender, and human sexuality.

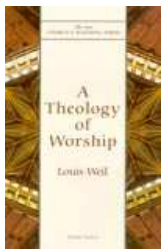


### [Horizons of Mission \(Vol. 11\)](#)

by Titus Leonard Presler /  
Paperback / May 2001

Titus Presler offers a fresh vision of mission in the multicultural environment of a global community.

Arguing that Christian mission expresses God's longing to embrace humanity in love, Presler explores how gospel understandings are being reshaped by Christians in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, Christianity's new centers of gravity. He explores the scriptural basis of mission, historical and contemporary Anglican approaches to mission, the encounter with other religions, and the interaction of gospel and culture. His ten principles for mission in the twenty-first century will help parishes and dioceses to engage in world mission as companions in mutuality.



### [A Theology of Worship \(Vol. 12\)](#)

by Louis Weil / Paperback / Sep 2001

In this exploration of the foundations of Anglican worship,

Louis Weil invites the laity to claim their true baptismal role and serve alongside the ordained as ministers and celebrants of the liturgy. He explains how the contribution of the people of God has steadily diminished over the centuries and why it is necessary to reclaim it today in the midst of Anglicanism's increasing multiculturalism. Since Anglicans are no longer primarily English-speakers worshipping in Gothic cathedrals, Weil challenges us to engage new forms of culture, music, liturgical prayers, and dance in order to renew Anglicanism for the new century.

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### WHAT'S COMING UP?

**WEDNESDAYS**, Choir Rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11** Opening Day, Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation

**THURSDAY, SEPT 15<sup>TH</sup>** 7:00 p.m. Search Committee Meeting

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 18<sup>TH</sup>** Vestry Meeting 11:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** St. Louis Fashion Doll Club

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPT. 30<sup>TH</sup> & OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup>** Kathy Thompson Hall Rental and Sale

**SAT. OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup>** 9:00 am – noon Vestry Stewardship Meeting in AA room.


  
**ST. MARK'S TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**SAT., OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
 Mark your calendars for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual "Nothing's Too Trivial" event for the trivia-minded, lovers of the obscure fact, or anyone looking for a good time. Price includes beverages and light snacks, outside food permitted.  
 Doors open at 6:00, trivia begins at 7:00. More information on tickets and how you can help will be coming soon.

 CHORIR

Congratulations! Comments have been made by visitors these past weeks regarding the strong participation and singing of the congregation at St. Mark's. That is good news indeed as our singing is an offering to God and an inspiration to all. Keep up the good work!

The choir will begin rehearsing on **Wednesday evening, August 31<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Hall at 7:30 P.M.** All are encouraged and invited to join the choir regardless of prior choir experience or thoughts that "I can't sing!" Everyone can sing with practice and a willingness to join in! We especially need tenors and basses but all voices are most welcome. The choir's main work is to lead the congregation in the hymns, Psalms, and service music. Please consider helping St. Mark's to continue a strong musical tradition.

You may have noticed a small pamphlet of the musical setting of the Communion Service in the pews. We change the Communion music setting several times during the liturgical year and have prepared a different color pamphlet for each of the services we use. At St. Mark's we have eight possible musical settings available providing for freshness and variety of style appropriate to the different liturgical seasons. This is an easy way to have the entire music for the Communion setting in one place for convenience. The color of the service being used is noted in the service leaflet and will be placed in the pews when the musical setting is changed.

Keep up the good singing! It adds vitality, life, and energy to a church and is just plain old good fun!

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Bob Mullgardt  
Organist & Choirmaster



## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup> VESTRY MEETING**

**Financial Report:** Discussion of store cards.

**Clergy Concerns:**

~Peter is recommending "The Magnetic Church" workshop on evangelism to be held at Grace Church, Kirkwood on Nov. 11 & 12.

~The Missouri Diocesan Convention will be Nov. 18 & 19 at Christ Church Cathedral.

~Stewardship training Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 9-noon.

**Search process.** When it is complete, Peter will leave 30 days before the new rector is due to arrive. There will be one service on his last day which is his "leave taking." The new rector will have a "Celebration of Ministry."

**Member Concerns:**

~Discussion of alarm security and locking of doors.

~Kittie Golomski will look into the mice problem in the parish hall.

**Old Business:**

~Opening Day & the Bishop's Visitation are both 9/11. The Bishop will meet with the vestry about stewardship.

~The Search committee is working on the Community Portfolio Information which will be presented to the vestry on the 9/18 meeting.

~Committees to form & lead are being finalized. Before the next vestry meeting on 9/18, requests will be sent out for committee chairs & members in the bulletin, Markings, etc. Vestry liaisons are also needed.

~Front Doors: More bids will be sought.

**New Business:**

~"Art in the Park" on Sept. 25 in Francis Park from 10am -6pm. Volunteers are needed.

~Request from Altar Guild to purchase a new fair linen.

~Movie Night Licensing to be renewed.

~Rectory Inspection: There were several areas that need to be addressed to restore the rectory as a residence.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Macke



## ART IN THE PARK SEPTEMBER 25TH

St Mark's will be having a tent at this wonderful neighborhood event, sponsored by the St Louis Hills Association in Francis Park. We will distribute fans with St Mark's banner on them and have our informational brochures available. We could use two people to work at all times between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You'll meet lots of people you know, get to share the good news of St Mark's with people you don't know and you get to listen to the music.



## GATEWAY CUP KIDS BIKE RACE Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:40 p.m.

All registration for the Kid's races will be done on site the day of the race. The registration area will be near the front of St. Gabriel's Church on Nottingham. Registration is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the T-Shirt, plus a suggested donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters, the official charity of this year's Gateway Cup. There are several age groups. For more info go to <http://gatewaycup.com/kids-races>



## RUN FOR THE HILLS

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association's annual "Run for the Hills" 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17. Proceeds from the event are used for the beautification of both Francis and Willmore Parks. Registration is \$16 per individual entry. A \$40 family entry also is available and includes three T-shirts. Fees due by Sept. 10 and are non-refundable. Same-day individual registration is \$20. Questions? Call Mike Banahan at 353-2860.

Also . .

### Helmet Safety Check at 'Run for the Hills,' Sept. 18

Children can bring their own bike helmets, and a trained professional from St. Louis Children's Hospital will check for a correct fit and ensure that it is an approved helmet — all at no charge! If your child needs a different helmet, or does not have one, these professionals can provide an approved, properly fitting helmet for \$8. Parents and kids will be taught how to put a helmet on correctly so they can continue this important safety practice at home.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are still collecting school supplies for Ames Visual and Performing Arts magnet elementary school in the Old North St Louis area. Boxes are at the back of church. In particular Art Supplies such as:

- Crayola Markers, thin and thick line
- Fiskars scissors
- Elmer's glue
- Glue sticks of any size
- Anything else – if the art department can't use it, then dance, music or classroom teachers will.

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For the St. Mark's Calendar, please visit our website [www.saintmarks-stl.org](http://www.saintmarks-stl.org) and click on the calendar tab.

