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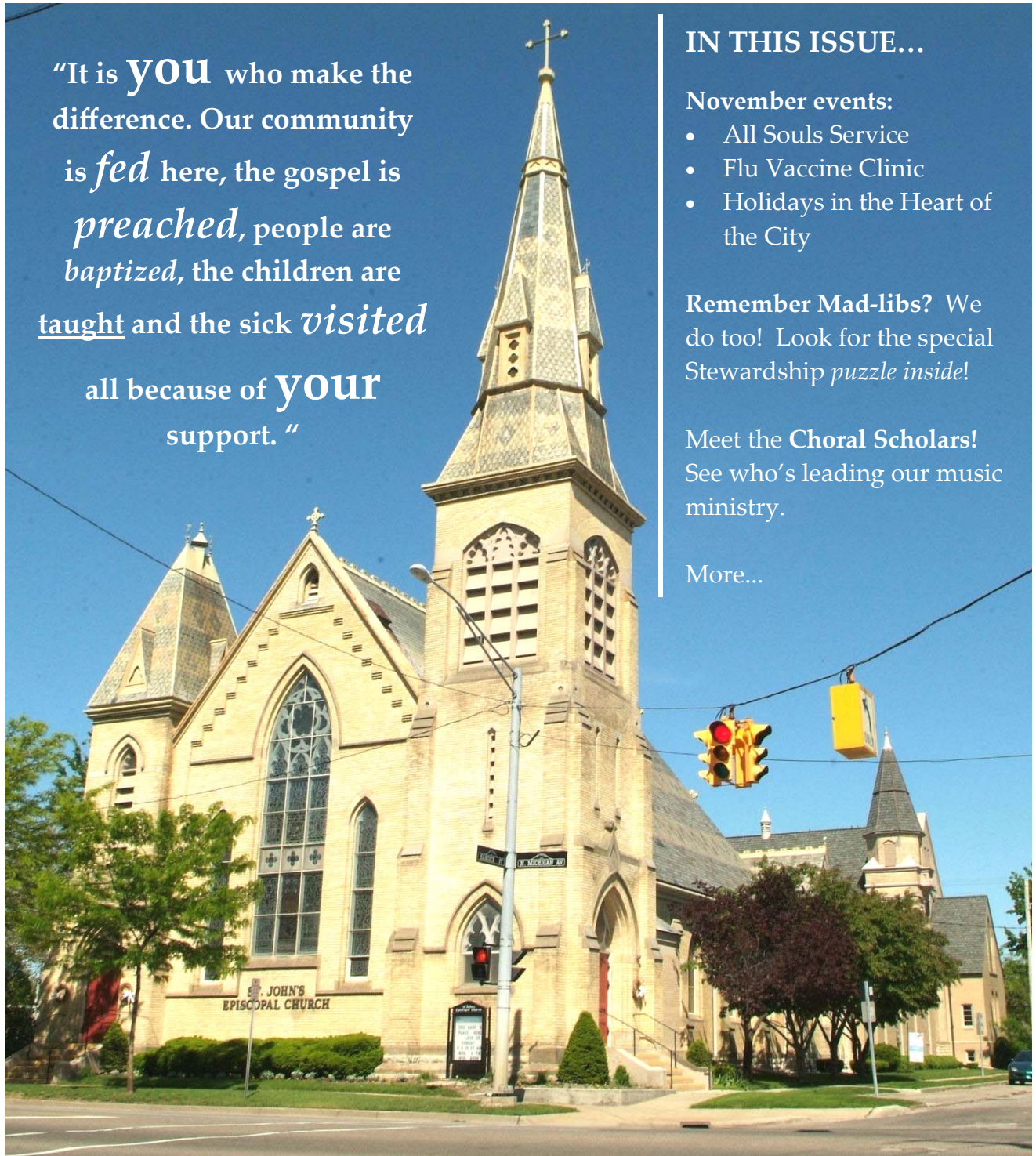
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- Holidays in the Heart of the City

Remember Mad-libs? We do too! Look for the special Stewardship *puzzle inside!*

Meet the Choral Scholars! See who's leading our music ministry.

More...



A Message From the Rector

Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Corinthians 9:7)

With the economy sputtering towards recovery and the stock market as turbulent as Michigan weather, we at St. John's are entering into our stewardship time knowing that times are tough. That

is why we want each of you to know that we appreciate all that you do to keep the doors of St. John's open for God's work. It is you all who make the difference. Our community is fed here, the gospel is preached, people are baptized, the children are taught and the sick

visited all because of your support. So this year we want to thank you for making this possible. Even while times are hard in the economy, you all keep investing your time and passion and money into God's work. I believe that this is the best investment that we can make. Because this investment pays off not only now in the lives of the people we serve but in eternity with the

gratitude of God. Our appeal this year is for people to pledge and give whatever they can with a cheerful heart, knowing that these times are tough financially for many. God knows our circumstances and asks for what we can give cheerfully to his work.

We are also encouraging those who wish, to consider putting this parish into their wills. If you would like help with this process please contact the church

office and we can provide assistance.

Finally, one of the greatest gifts a church can receive is for its members to buy into it's long term future. A great way to do this is with a directed gift to the St. John's endowment fund. Our goal is to rebuild the endowment to it's former

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levels so that we can cover significant costs of maintaining the parish off of the interest on the endowment only. St. John's has a wonderful legacy as the 'mother church' which planted the faith of the Episcopal Church throughout this region. With your continued support, we look forward to continuing this Divine work until Kingdom come.

Christ's Peace,
Fr. Daniel+

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Julia Burdis
- 2 Margaret Maul
- 4 Frederick Blake
- 6 Marion Koeplinger
- 7 Burris Smith
- 8 Mary Slater
- 9 Berney Jones
- 9 Ellee Wilson
- 10 Robert Adams
- 12 Ken Williams
- 13 Ken Scott
- 15 Edward Majask
- 15 Camille Daugherty
- 15 Valerie McDonald
- 17 Miranda Garza
- 17 Jean Thomas
- 18 Dennis Greenwood
- 21 Hazel Stoner
- 22 Bill Vlassis
- 23 Chrissy Cannon
- 23 Dave Humpert
- 23 Sharelle Johnson
- 23 Kevin Simons
- 25 Sallie Swanson
- 26 T.C. McLeod
- 28 Judi Braun
- 30 Mary Tupes

Happy Anniversary!

- Patricia & Ralph Jackson
- 15 Evelyn & Ken Williams
- 18 Virginia & Bob Warner
- 28 Louise & Jerry Smith

Thank You

Thank you to **Sue Luxton, Sharon Kaylor, Ida Smith, and Kay Moore** for your help with the bereavement dinner for Gary Hollman.

Thank you to **Lou Smith & Dave Humpert** for organizing our part of the 2011 Crop Walk.

Thanks to **Sue Brigham** for your continued help folding weekly bulletins.

Is there someone in our parish who has gone above and beyond? If you would like to offer thanks, please call the office at 793-9575.

Good Samaritans:

Oct. 30 - Nov.12	Sperry Garber	790-4940
Nov. 13 - Dec. 3	Lou Smith	799-5583

ALL SOULS SERVICE

November 2nd, 2011 | 12:30pm

Join us for a special Eucharist to honor:

Charles Richardson
Shirley Iler
Bette Schweier
Emma Gempel
Susan Dikeman
Lynda Glenn
Clarence Blodgett
Rexford Herrick
Marion Herrick
Gary Hollman
Willow Johnson
Helene Whitehead

Warden's Report

Over the past year and a half we have been clear in our responsibility of discerning a new Rector who best meets our needs as a congregation. There is no more important job than finding the right person – one whose vision, skills and experience include church growth and expansion.

Church growth and expansion require resources – and as much as it's sometimes difficult to talk about it, increased resources always come back to us as a congregation. We're entering the season of soul searching and action – the annual Stewardship campaign. We have a wonderful new Rector who is winning back many of those who have left in recent years and is preparing an exciting place for those in the community who do not know us yet. But we have a vital role in this rebirth too. Please consider carefully your commitment to the church during the stewardship campaign. Take some time to complete the "MadLibs" on the next page of The Messenger – we think it's a fun way to consider what St. John's means to you. **We'd love to have you drop off a copy and we'll post them in the Community Room.**

To be blunt, you get what you are willing to pay for – and we have received much. Paying for it comes from both growth and expansion of membership as well as growth and expansion of our own commitment of personal resources. St. John's future is bright indeed, and depends on growth and expansion from both sources. And that depends on us. Please prayerfully consider your part in both during this Stewardship campaign.

Faithfully,

Burriss Smith
Senior Warden



The congregation listens to Fr. Daniel's sermon...

My Church

*A Stewardship "Mad Lib" for the Parishioners of St. John's... **Think you have a good one? Make a copy and send it back to us!** We'll display your creative work in the Community Room to inspire your fellow parishioners.*

When I tell people that I attend St. John's Episcopal Church they always seem a little

_____ at first. "That _____ church on the corner of Court and
feeling *adjective*

Michigan Avenue?" they ask. "What's that place like?" I _____ tell them
adverb

that St. John's is a really _____ church and that the people are
adjective

_____, too. Even the staff is _____. When I explain what I like
adjective *adjective*

best about St. John's, I mention the _____ and the _____. That's
noun *noun*

what makes it such a _____ place for me and _____.
adjective *noun*

"_____! It sounds like a _____ church," they exclaim.
exclamation *adjective*

What does it take to make it all happen? "Well, we need _____ people and
adjective

a _____ budget" I answer. And I realize that without my _____
adjective *noun*

the church couldn't possibly _____ such _____ ministries. That's
verb *adjective*

why as part of my commitment to St. John's and the work of God I also would be

_____ to be involved in _____ and _____. I
Feeling *ministry* *ministry*

_____ look forward to being part of this _____ church
adverb *adjective*

community in 2012!

From the Director of Music:

Music is a very important part of what we do together at St. John's. Our choir is made up of both **volunteers** as well as **three choral scholars** that help to support those volunteers.

The volunteers that sing with the choir come from all walks of life. Some are cradle Episcopalians while some are new to the church. Some have been singing in choir all their lives, while others are students at Saginaw Valley State University. They are united by a desire to sing the finest music to the best of their ability.

Our three choral scholars are students at Saginaw Valley State University. **Rachelle Austin** is a music education major and hopes to study vocal performance in graduate school. **Brad Fergin** is a fine saxophone player as well as singer and is getting ready to student teach beginning in January. **Jeremiah Kraniak** is the choir director at SASA and a continuing student at SVSU.

You can hear our choir every Sunday at 10:30 and I know that you will want to mark **November 20th at 4:00** on your calendar. That day, the choir of St. John's Episcopal Church in Mt. Pleasant will join us for a service of Evensong.

We are so blessed by the ministry of both our volunteers and choral scholars!

Faithfully,
Kevin Simons



November 20th at 4:00pm

EVENSONG FOR THANKSGIVING

The Choirs of St. John's Saginaw & St. John's Mt. Pleasant

Join us for an evening service filled with music and liturgy that brings us together amongst family and friends this season.

Flu Vaccine Clinic

November 6th, 9am-Noon

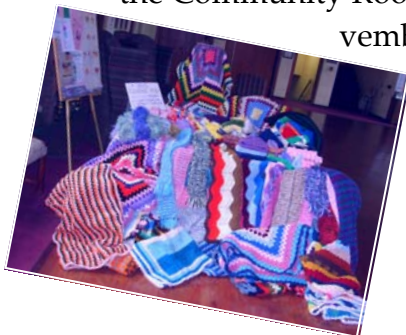
Have you had your Flu shot yet? No? Help protect you and those you love from the Flu this season! **Open to members and non-members alike**, the women from Lutheran Home Care are coming to St. John's equipped the vaccine. Shots are \$25 each and some insurance is accepted.



C.A.N. Mittens

November 6th & 13th.

All year members and friends of St. John's crochet hats, scarves, and mittens for the Council for Abused and Neglected children. Our gifts are distributed during the winter months to children in foster families. This year, please gather your finished projects in the Community Room on No-



November 6th and 13th to be taken to the Council!

Holidays in the Heart of the City

November 18th @ 6:30pm

St. John's is opening its doors and hosting the Saginaw Area Concert Band as part of the Old Town event: Holidays in the Heart of the City.

The SACB will perform a holiday concert on Friday, November 18th, at 6:30pm. We'll **need some volunteers** to help usher the event and bake cookies for a reception. Can you help?



Crop Walk Recap

The Saginaw County Annual Crop Walk was held on October 9th. We were blessed with a wonderful, warm, sunny day and a lively group of walkers from St. John's. This group included Martha Neuman, Janet Cosenza, Dave Humpert, Ida Smith, Paul Ilka, Barb, Ilka, and Tom Donaghy. In addition, Sue Brigham helped out at one of the rest stops along the way. Thanks to the generosity of those who supported the walkers we turned in \$955 from St. John's. (This is \$435 MORE than last year). Many thanks to all.

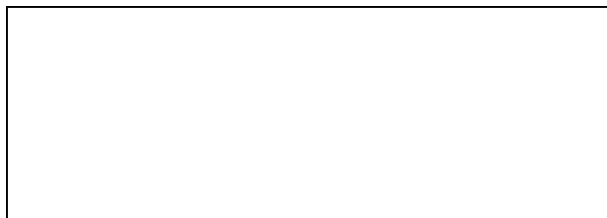
Dave Humpert and Lou Smith.

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November @ St. John's

November 6th

Public Flu Clinic from
9am to Noon.



November 18

Holidays in the Heart
of the City – Saginaw
Area Concert Band



November 20

Thanksgiving
Evensong @ 4:00pm



ST. JOHN'S IS CALLED TO CARE, SHARE, WORSHIP, CELEBRATE, AND LOVE.