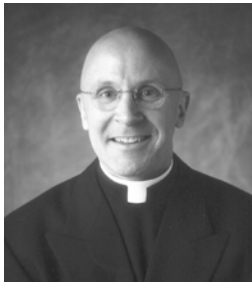


From the Dean: New Ventures in Our Life



A Christian community like Saint John's Cathedral exists for several primary purposes.

First, Christians worship together.

We are a community that worships the One, True God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Life-giving Spirit. This sounds all rather conventional, until we realize that we live in a culture where even we Christians are distracted by a range of other gods that have a tempting call on our time, attention and allegiance. What does it mean to worship God, and God alone? What commitments does that entail?

Then, Christians learn and are formed together.

We make space for individuals to grow into a deeper relationship with this living God. As we say in our mission statement, we are "to know Christ and to make Christ known." There is no lessening of interest in our society in the things of God and the exploration of spirituality. The sort of biblical, historical, sacramental, and responsive Christianity that is our inheritance as Episcopalians is not just *our* way, but a way for *all* who long for God's love and mercy in their lives.

From this, Christians give of themselves together.

We give of ourselves because we are made by God to give of ourselves, and we discover over a lifetime that it really is in giving of ourselves that we receive. We give our time, our gifts, our money for a range of Gospel activities here, and we do the same in other arenas of our lives. Many give, of course, often sacrificially, but Christians give because we understand that God made us to be givers, and that it is in our self-giving that God continues to live and work in our world.

And related to this, Christians serve together.

Service is, of course, a mode of self-giving, and we know its importance, especially at a time in our history when so many, both near and far, are in such need. We are to be known by our fruits, and it is by our good actions that our eternal destiny is shaped.

We are good at all these foundational aspects of being a Christian community at Saint John's, and in the next few weeks you are going to see some fresh initiatives especially in the area of deepening learning and formation, from classes, to bible study, to prayer

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The Holy Name of our Savior Jesus Christ New's Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 8:00, 9:00, and 11:15 am.

Ring in the New Year on Sunday, January 1, 2012. On this first Sunday after Christmas day we will have congregational lessons and carols giving all an opportunity to sing their favorite Christmas hymns.
Sunday, January 1, 6:00 pm - The Wilderness Service.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Friday, January 6, 5:30 pm. Saint Martin's Chapel.

The Baptism of our Lord

Sunday, January 8. Baptisms at 9:00 and 11:15 am.
Cathedral Breakfast following at 10:00 am.

Annual Meeting of the Parish

Sunday, January 15. Principal service at 9:00 am, followed by the Annual Meeting. No 11:15 am service in the Cathedral that day.

Evensong

Sunday, January 15, 3:30 pm.

The Ordination of Blake Sawicky

Saturday, January 21, 10:00 am.

The Third Sunday in Epiphany

Sunday, January 22

Join us in celebration for the Reverend Blake Sawicky's first Sunday as Celebrant. Also, new vestry members will be installed at the 11:15 am service.

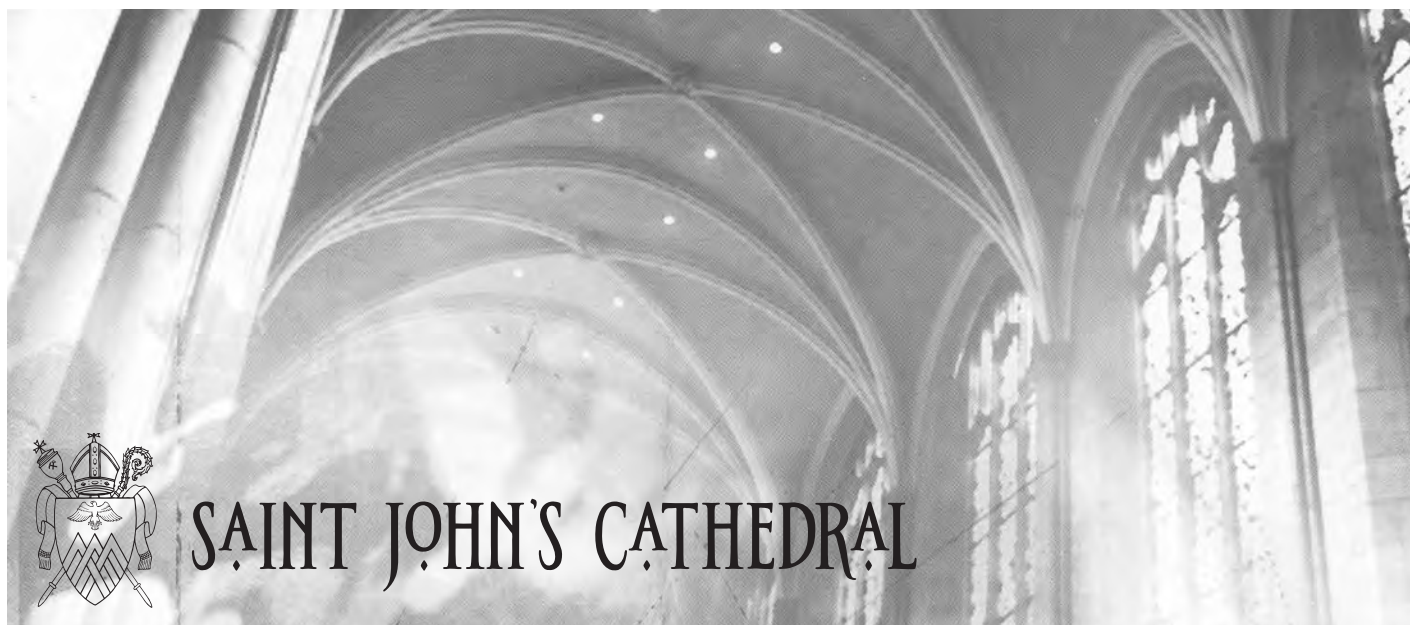
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groups, to book readings, and all those areas that help us grow as Christians, deepen our relationship to this community of faith, and make us more effective witnesses to Christ's love.

Just as we expect that everyone here will be a regular worshipper, just as we expect that everyone will be a committed giver, just as we expect that everyone will be a true servant, so we invite you to a new level of commitment to your own formation and understanding. I hope that every member of the parish will become part of a formation group of some kind, as we seek to deepen all the many ways in which Saint John's enables us to live lives of meaning and purpose in response to our Baptismal promises.

Join us. Make a commitment to a study group, a bible study, an exploration of prayer, a new discovery. It will change you, and it will make us a more vigorous, effective force for good in our city.

Lee



151st Annual Meeting & Election of Vestry Members Sunday, January 15, 2012

The Holy Eucharist at 9:00 am, Cathedral

The annual meeting will follow at 10:15 - 11:15 am

All members are cordially invited to attend the 151st Annual Meeting of the Cathedral Church of Saint John in the Wilderness. Vestry ballots were sent to members on December 1. If you did not receive a ballot and are a member of Saint John's Cathedral, please contact Christine@sjcathedral.org. **Please return your ballot by 5:00 pm (MST) on Friday, January 13, 2012.** If, however, you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to cast your vote by proxy, please fill out the proxy form located on your ballot.



Sunday, January 1, 10:10 - 11:00 am – Celebrate the New Year!

New Year's Day does not often fall on a Sunday. Join us in spending time together over refreshments in Dagwell Hall.

Sunday, January 8, 10:10 - 11:00 am – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This is always a wonderful feast on which to recall our own baptisms and welcome new Christians into our midst. Please join us for the Cathedral Breakfast in Dagwell Hall for a potluck event. Details in ad below.

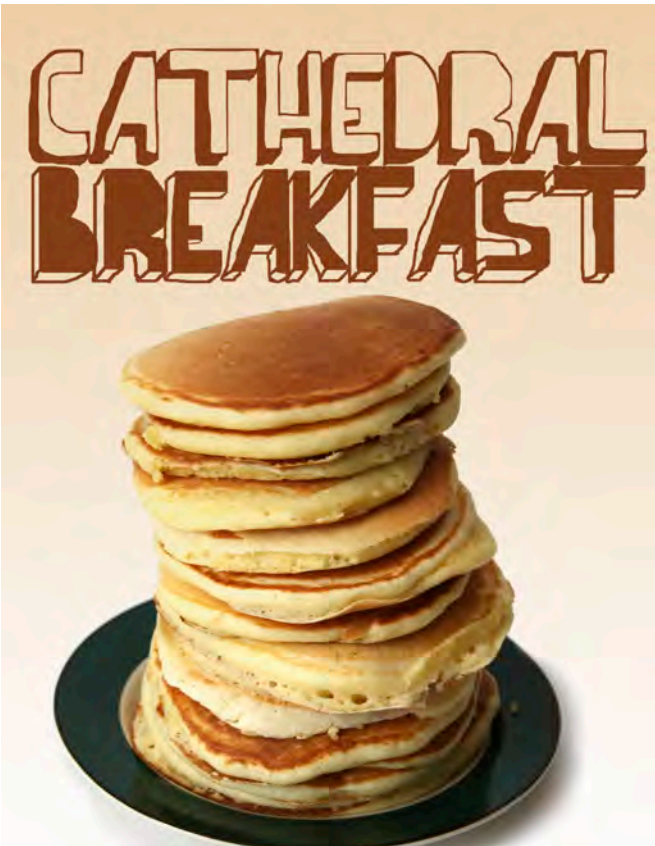
Sunday, January 15 – Annual Meeting Sunday

Every year we celebrate our common life as a parish with our Annual Meeting Sunday. Join us and learn more about how our common life is organized and functions.

Sunday, January 22 – Father Blake Sawicky's First Eucharist

Our deacon, Blake Sawicky, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, January 21, at 10:00 am at Saint John's, and on this Sunday he will preside at the Eucharist for the first time at 9:00 am and 11:15 am. Join us to celebrate with him this wonderful milestone in his life and ours as we foster yet another young person's life in the ordained ministry.

Sunday, January 22, 10:10 - 11:00 am – To be announced



**Sunday, January 8
10:00 am**

Dagwell Hall

A potluck event to celebrate the life and ministry of Saint John's.

Following the 9:00 am service, please join us for a potluck community breakfast.

Do you love to cook? Would you like to prepare a part of the meal? Able to help serve? Email CathedralBreakfast@sjcathedral.org! Otherwise, all you need to do is show up and enjoy the fellowship.

Foyer Groups

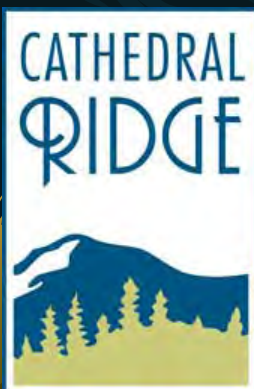
Your Cathedral.
Your Community.



Connect with others at Saint John's by joining a Foyer Group. You'll be placed in a group with 6-8 others and will meet for a meal approximately once a month between January and June. Dinner? Brunch? Restaurant? Potluck? Each group decides. After six months, groups will change as new people join in and we start again.

Register online at sjcathedral.org, in Memorial Hall or in the Welcome Center. Groups will begin meeting in mid-January.

Please contact communications@sjcathedral.org with any questions.



Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for the Saint John's Women's Retreat, Friday, March 23 - Sunday, March 25 at Cathedral Ridge. Retreat Leaders: Canon Rebecca Crummey & Kim McPherson.

Volunteering at Saint John's

Welcome Center

Volunteers are needed for the Welcome Center Reception Desk. We have openings all week to serve, Monday through Friday. To serve, contact Christine@sjcathedral.org or call her at 303.577.7721.

Production and Office Assistance

Enjoy office work? Every month, we have a large need for volunteer help to stuff envelopes and help with copying and printing for our different communication materials. Please email MikeO@sjcathedral.org or call 303.577.7730.

Glory in the Wilderness

Glory in the Wilderness features the art of Saint John's Cathedral from 1911 - 2011 with over three hundred photographs and descriptions.

The book is available in the Cathedral library during the week during library hours. The book is also available online at GuestGuidePublications.com.

Are you on our e-newsletter list?

Receiving weekly e-newsletters is a great way to find out what is going on in your Cathedral Parish. Email communications@sjcathedral.org with your contact information!

Questions/Comments?

Contact us at info@sjcathedral.org with any question you may have. We'd love to help!

The Ordination of Blake Sawicky

On Saturday, January 21, at 10 am, Bishop O'Neill will ordain our curate, Blake Sawicky, to the sacred Order of Priests. The Reverend F. Washington Jarvis, formerly the Headmaster of Roxbury Latin School, and a mentor to Blake, will be the preacher.

This is a great day for Blake, who has been working and serving to this moment for many years, and it is a great day for us as well as a community of formation. Blake will be the fourth priest on the Cathedral staff whom we have ordained in the last decade – a remarkable achievement – and this is further testimony to our role in the training of gifted young people for the Church's ministry.

Please join us for the service, and for a reception afterwards. All are welcome, and it is a great service for children, because there is a lot that happens that they can watch!

An Ordination Gift for Blake

As always, the Cathedral is giving to our new priest a couple of significant gifts. We always give to our new priests a set of stoles and a chalice – items that are expensive, but which they will use for the rest of their lives. We encourage you to contribute to these gifts, and Blake will receive a complete list of those who made donations to his ordination presents.

Please send your donations to the Cathedral, and mark them "Blake's Ordination Gifts." This will enable us to ensure that Blake has the necessary things he needs for his priestly ministry, and we thank you for your generosity in helping us do this.

Cathedral Nite

Wednesday Nights

at Saint John's Cathedral
beginning January 18

An evening of fellowship, prayer, and learning to nourish your soul and deepen your faith. Register online at sjcathedral.org or email communications@sjcathedral.org for more information.

5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist. 6:15 pm - Supper. 7:00 pm - Classes.
8:30 pm - Compline with Benediction.

Newcomers Reception

Monday, January 30

6:00 pm in the Library (Parish House, 2nd Floor)

If you are new to Saint John's or simply want to re-acquaint yourself with the wonderful ministry going on all around, plan to join us for a light wine and cheese reception. Connect to Saint John's at this welcoming event with clergy, staff, and other newcomers.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NURSERY AGES 0-3

Our nursery is a cheerful, safe and welcoming environment for our very youngest members. It is staffed by professional caregivers as well as volunteers—all trained to ensure your child's stay is safe in every possible way! Nursery Volunteers begin the introduction to our Christian tradition through creative play and stories. During weekday or other offerings, older children are welcome, too.

Sundays:

8:30 am - 12:45 pm

5:30 – 7:30 pm for the Wilderness

Wednesdays:

4:00 to 8:45 pm and during special services & events throughout the year.

When you visit us, parents are asked to fill out an information sheet and to alert caregivers of anything that might make their child's time in the nursery more pleasant. Please put your cell phone on vibrate (and have it handy in case we need to call you).

Serving:

We would love to have you serve our children! For more information about our Nursery or to volunteer, please visit sjcathedral.org or call Kim McPherson at 303.577.7729.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN AGES 3 - GRADE 5

Sundays:

9:00 am Children's Chapel (Ages 3 & up) Saint Francis Chapel, 2nd Floor

The Children's Chapel time includes a lesson with activity, confession, prayers, hymns, songs and involvement every step of the way! Parents may drop off children or remain in Chapel.

10:15 am Godly Play (Ages 3 - 3rd Grade)

In Godly Play, we create a safe and beautiful space where children are deeply respected as they see, hear and wonder about stories from the Bible or another part of our Episcopal tradition. Using hands-on materials and "wondering questions" to reflect on the story together, children then choose from a variety of materials—art supplies, building materials, books, etc—to make their own creative responses, and to help make the stories truly their own. Prayers and a feast (snack) round out the session.

- 3-4 year olds: Preschool Godly Play, Room 101
- K-1st Grades: Godly Play Class, Room 103
- 2nd-3rd Grades: Godly Play for Older Kids, Room 107

10:15 am SOWhAT (4th - 5th Grade) Room 204

SOWhAT stands for: Stories, Outreach, Wonder, Arts & Theology. At this age, children can begin to delve more deeply into the meaning of biblical core stories, and to learn ways to respond that are more sophisticated. This year, we are working

with the creation story, delving into the mystery and meaning contained in each of the “days.” From creating pinhole viewers to a meditation on thirst, from experimenting with art, to exploring the stars, this class will deeply engage in wondering, and in reaching out to people in need.

Wednesdays:

4:00 – 5:00 pm Godly Play, Room 103

Director of Christian Education, Kim McPherson, will share stories, wonder with the children and invite them to respond to the stories of our tradition through play, art, and other experiences. (Younger children may stay in the nursery, and older children attending choir may be signed in to the nursery in advance by parents who wish to attend yoga classes from 5:30 - 6:45 pm. Choir members will be escorted to rehearsal following class.)

SJC Kids Pledge, Too!

It’s not too late to pledge! Please encourage your child to participate. This is a wonderful way to teach our children the spiritual discipline of giving some of our money to help others. This year’s campaign will go to Episcopal Relief and Development. To learn more: www.er-d.org. To pledge, just fill out a card at the display outside rooms 101 & 103.

Kacolytes: “Kid Acolytes”

Children and youth (4th-12th grades) can be part of the SJC Kid Acolyte team! For more information, please contact Connie Kurtz at mamadogwood@q.com. Join this visible service and experience Holy Eucharist in a brand new way!



We provide a caring, peaceful, justice-seeking and fun community in which youth can engage their faith in relevant ways. After the 9:00 a.m. service, all youth gather in room 300 for refreshments and some play time. Pool or ping pong, air hockey or cards, this is a time for laughter and fun. Then they gather for consideration of a topic, and separate into middle and high school groups (in rooms 208 & 209) for deeper conversation relevant to their age group. We encourage questions and conversation in a trusting atmosphere, and will intersperse the year with a variety of spiritual practices.

Sundays:

10:15 am, Room 300

Middle School-Room 209; High School- Room 208

Important dates for Youth:

Saturday, January 7: Meet at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral for downtown ice skating and more!

Sunday, January 15: Annual Meeting following the 9:00 am service. Youth will entertain younger children with a “Taste of Cathedral Camp,” including parachute games, fun snacks, songs and more.

Sunday, January 29: Youth will prepare dinner for the residents at The Delores Project: Shelter for Homeless Women. Shelter tour is included. Details to come!

Sunday, February 5: Burrito Sunday and Pajama Sunday!

Confirmation for High School Youth:

We work to help our young people understand that this is a journey (one that began at baptism) of being changed and living more and more in Christ. At this time when they are so engaged intellectually and often questioning everything, our work is to give them this faith as one they can take with them for their whole lives; big enough to hold their questions and engaging enough to make them want more. Please call Kim McPherson at 303.577.7729 for more information. Confirmation classes help prepare our youth (15 years +) for the decision about being confirmed at the Easter Vigil Service, April 7. Classes are Sundays from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in room 208, beginning January 8.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Parents

Meet the Parents

This is a time to get to know other parents.

Join us Sunday, February 5 in Room 202 at 10:15 am. This is a good way to get to know other parents, drink excellent coffee and feast on doughnuts. Drop off your children at their classes and come on up the stairs to join us.

First Tuesday Play Dates

Tuesdays, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Nursery and Room 200. Next Play Date: January 3. Join other parents and young children to play and get to know one another. Bring your lunch!

Annual Meeting

Our youth will entertain younger children with "A Taste of Cathedral Camp" while parents attend the Annual Meeting. Meet in Saint Francis Chapel.

SJC Kids & Parents e-Newsletters

If you have not received our newsletter, please contact carol@sjcathedral.org. These are short and focused on events and programs for families with children. This is a great way to connect to our Christian Education program and get involved. Also, we use Evite to invite and gather RSVPs; please note that some smart phones do not automatically accept these invitations, and you may need to set up yours to do so or just check your email via computer.

Pajama Sunday!



Hard to get the kids ready for church? At the 9:00 am service, wear your pajamas to church on Sunday, February 5 in support of Denver's Road Home to end homelessness (and to have fun seeing all the silly pj's!)

For more information about Denver's Road Home, visit denversroadhome.org or contact Kim McPherson at kim@sjcathedral.org.

Yoga for Every Body

Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:45 pm in Room 200

This is a lovely restorative Yoga practice that will leave you feeling refreshed. Jan (and sometimes Bob) will guide you through a gentle asana (yoga poses) and pranayama (breathing) practice followed by a luxurious 10 minute savasana (relaxation), and meditation. Childcare is available in the nursery. The fee for this class is \$5-20 per session (pay what you can afford). All are welcome!

Saturdays, 8:30 - 9:45 am in Room 101

Using the Anusara Yoga universal principles of alignment, Jan will guide you through a restorative asana (yoga poses) and pranayama (breathing) practice followed by a luxurious 10 minute savasana (relaxation), and meditation. The fee for this class is \$5 minimum (pay what you can).

Jan Bernstein has been teaching yoga since 1980. She is a teacher of Yoga teachers and is registered with Yoga Alliance's as an RYT500 (*Experienced Registered Yoga Teacher at the highest level)



From the top shelf...

Library News

A Resolution for the New Year

As we celebrate the new liturgical year and the first days of 2012, it is the traditional time to make plans and resolutions for the future. In addition to the "losing weight" and "giving up smoking" resolutions, how about beginning a journey of discovery about the Bible? The Saint John's library has an impressive collection of Bibles and information about the Bible, all available for checkout.

To begin with, readers can access over twenty different versions of the Bible, including the New Revised Standard, Modern English, Jerome, King James, and the 34 volume Anchor Bible, to mention a few, and also versions in Greek, Latin and Spanish. Several New Testament parallel versions are also available, which print similar passages from the synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke on facing pages.

Volumes of Bible commentary and handbooks of information include William Barclay's valuable *Introduction to the Bible*, the Church's Teaching Series *Bible for Today's World* and *Engaging the Word*, and Marcus Borg's interesting *Reading the Bible again for the first time: Taking the Bible seriously but not literally*. Helpful reference books are *Who's Who in the Bible*, and *Guide to pronunciation of names in the Bible*. And if the history of the Bible is your interest, try *The Bible in the making*, or *How our Bible came to be*. The shelves containing works on the Old Testament provide over 150 works of commentary, including C.S. Lewis' *Reflection on the Psalms*, J.B. Phillips' *Four Prophets*, and Bill Moyers' *Genesis*.

The section of New Testament works is even more extensive, with over 200 volumes of commentary and biographical information. Try A.N. Wilson's *Paul*, or Robin Griffith-Jones' intriguing *The Four Witnesses: The Rebel, The Rabbi, the Chronicler and The Mystic*. Here also are J.B. Phillips' scholarly and very readable translations of the Epistles and Acts of the Apostles-- *Letters to young churches and Young church in Action*.

It is our hope that the St. John's Library will continue to be a valuable resource for all our parishioners in the coming year. Thanks to our two new volunteers, Brian Rivera and Mary Halpin, library hours have increased and patron use and book circulation are growing every day. Located on the second floor just above Dagwell Hall, the Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 4:00 and on Wednesday from 9:30 to 6:00. Welcome, and Happy New Year to all!

Book Club

The next Cathedral Book Club meeting will be on Sunday, January 8, at 10:00 am in the Library. This group will be discussing *The Book of Creation, an introduction to Celtic Spirituality* by J. Philip Newell. For more information, please contact Susan Montgomery at 720.949.1815.

CONCERTS

All Music at Noon concerts are FREE to the public.
Visit sjcathedral.org for current concert and ticket information.

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Music at Noon: Lucille Reilly, dulcimer player TUESDAY 1/10

Joseph Galema, organist FRIDAY 1/20

Lyn Loewi, organist FRIDAY 1/27

Richard Robertson, organist FRIDAY 2/10

♦ Ticketed event

Evening concerts begin at 7:30 pm, and doors open 30 minutes prior, unless otherwise indicated. Concert dates and times are subject to change.

General and handicapped parking is available in front of the Cathedral's Welcome Center. Additional general parking is located north of 14th Avenue behind Argonaut Liquors with entrances on Washington and Clarkson Streets.

Music at Noon: Colorado Chamber Players TUESDAY 2/14

Benjamin Sheen, organist. Oxford, England FRIDAY 2/17

♦ **Michael Unger**, organist Hosted by the Boulder Bach Festival FRIDAY 2/24

Christophe Mantoux, organist. Paris, France FRIDAY 3/2

Music at Noon: The Polite Jazz Quartet TUESDAY 3/13

Alan Dominicci, organist FRIDAY 3/16

♦ **The Tallis Scholars** Oxford, England. Doors open at 6:30 pm SATURDAY 3/24

Music at Noon: The Renaissance Project TUESDAY 4/10

Joyce Shupe Kull, organist FRIDAY 4/27

♦ **Kantorei** Spring Concert FRIDAY 5/4

Music at Noon: Opera Colorado Young Artists TUESDAY 5/8

♦ **Colorado Chorale** *Bernstein and Britten* FRIDAY 5/18

♦ **Ars Nova Singers, New Perspectives: Modern Masterworks** FRIDAY 6/1

Christopher Houlihan, organist. The Complete Organ Symphonies by Louis Vierne FRIDAY 6/15 SATURDAY 6/16

Concert Highlights

Tuesday, January 10, 12:00 pm – Music at Noon: Lucille Reilly, dulcimer player

Please join us for this lunchtime concert, during which audience members are welcome to eat a bag lunch.

Sunday, January 15, 3:30 pm – Evensong

Choral Evensong in the English Cathedral tradition, featuring music by Stephen Tappe, Harold Darke, Orlando Gibbons, Bernard Rose, and Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina.

Friday, January 20, 7:30 pm – Joseph Galema, organist

Joseph Galema is currently Music Director and Academy Organist at the United States Air Force Academy, a position he has held since September 1982. At the Academy, he directs the Cadet Chorale and The Academy Singers, in addition to playing the organ for hundreds of annual services and tours in the famous Cadet Chapel. Freewill offering.

Friday, January 27, 7:30 pm – Lyn Loewi, organist

Organist Lyn Loewi earned a Doctor of Musical Arts from Stanford University, and a First Prize in Organ from the French National Conservatory. This program includes works by Olivier Messiaen, Marcel Dupré, Maurice Duruflé, and others, and will include Gregorian chant and other pieces sung by a small choir interspersed between solo organ selections. Freewill offering.