

St. John's Ministers

- All people of the Parish
- The Most Rev'd Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
- The Rt. Rev'd Brian Prior, Bishop
- The Rev'd Phil Boelter, Transitional Rector

St. John's Vestry—

Wardens: Audrey Splinter & Stephen Druschel

Class of 2015: Missy Manderfeld & Paul Dobratz

Class of 2016: Mary Babcock & Jack Lindsay

Class of 2017: Chris Corley, Meg Stump, & Nickie VanStelten

Clerk: Amy Wiehr

Financial Secretary: Gerry Schneck

Treasurer: Nickie VanStelten

Organist: Mary Schuldt

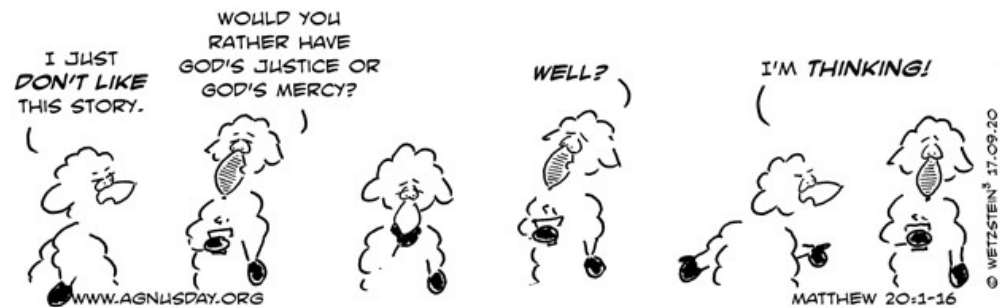
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Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Nancy Zwickey.

8am:

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Steve Deeren

930am:

Greeters: Jordin Johnson and Pat Johnson

Lectors: Andrew Westberg, Cathie Neitge

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Bartholomew & Gerry Schneck

Acolytes: Liz Paul, Lydia Paul, Klara Lybeck

Coffee Hour: Lybeck

Dishwashing Angel: Nickie VanStelten

Altar Guild: Jan Mickelson, Audrey Splinter, Elsie Olson

During this time of transition if you have questions or concerns, please know that you may contact either of our Wardens. Audrey Splinter: 507.720.8571 or rasplinters@gmail.com or Steve Druschel: 978.766.5252 or stephen.druschel@msnu.edu



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ

THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

Pentecost 16

24 September, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, Pentecost 16

8a—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday:

9a—Altar Guild

Next Week, Pentecost 17

—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, followed by Pet Blessing

St. John's Prayer List

For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Julie, Nick, H., Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Tom, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Carol, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Colin, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie



For Birthdays: Holly Reeves

Anniversaries: Nancy Zwickey & Bill Steil

For more details: <http://stjohnsmankato.org/calendar>

Change Ahead!

Change is rarely easy for any of us, especially for faith communities.

Following last Sunday's Eucharist, our faith community gathered to hear the results of our recent survey and ponder / share about future changes of direction for St. John's.

As noted by Steve Druschel who led the meeting, there was a strong emphasis in the survey results on education for all ages and on worship. In these two areas, as in others, it seems to be St. John's desire to be even more closely oriented toward serving the larger community.

An area of special discernment included worship service times – with the majority favoring a change to a single service at 9:30 am. Vestry plans to make a final decision regarding time of service at their September 21 meeting.

As parish leadership have pondered these results, we have considered implementing a time change as part of a larger schedule with choir practice beforehand and educational opportunities for youth and adults grouped on various Sundays of the month after the service.

These changes would be designed to maximize the use of both our resources and time. It was also noted on Sunday that the change to a single service would be

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Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,370
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$133,163
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$118,732
**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of September, please pray for the Episcopal Homes of Minnesota, Episcopal Group Homes, Guardian Angels, and all other institutions that do ministry for and with the elderly. Please pray for your local senior residential facilities and care centers. Please pray also for the 160th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to be held September 15-16, 2017 in Duluth. (from: <http://episcopalmn.org/resources-for-faith-communities>)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday: Southeast Florida - (IV, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Leopold Frade; Coadjutor Bishop - (IV, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Peter David Eaton

Monday: Southeastern Mexico - (Mexico)The Rt Revd Benito Juarez-Martinez; Western Mexico - (Mexico)The Rt Revd Lino Rodriguez-Amaro

Tuesday: Southern Brazil - (Brazil)The Rt Revd Humberto Maiztegue

Wednesday: Southern Highlands - (Tanzania)The Rt Revd John Mwela

Thursday: Southern Malawi - (Central Africa)The Rt Revd Alinafe Kalemba

Friday : Southern Nyanza - (Kenya)The Rt Revd James Ochiel; Victoria Nyanza - (Tanzania)The Rt Revd Boniface Kwangu

Saturday: Southern Ohio - (V, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Thomas Breidenthal

Opportunities for Service

• Rummage Sale

The women of St. John's will host a fall Rummage Sale.

Sale: October 19—21

Set-up: 10/18 ~ 5 - 6:30 and
10/19 ~ 9 - noon

Clean-up: 10/21 ~ noon

Everyone is encouraged to recycle your "stuff." Donate your clean, gently used items and please help set up for the sale, sell, and/or join our clean up team!

More hands = More fun + Less work

• **Kiwanis Lights Coordinator:** We are looking for someone to coordinate St. John's participation in Kiwanis Lights. Jaci Lageson has coordinated for St. John's for many years, and has done an amazing job — but it's time to give someone else a chance! Please talk with Jaci for info.

• **Children's Service:** Please consider volunteering for a Sunday to share a favorite Bible story, verse, church history, church committee or other personal faith connection you feel might help connect our youth to St. John's and their personal faith journey. Our youth love connecting with the adults in our congregation. It is only 15 minutes during the Sermon; specific schedule to be determined. We are looking for many volunteers so that the youth can meet as many congregation members as possible. Please contact Jolly Corley 215-518-6021 or email jolly-corley@hotmail.com if you are willing to volunteer or have questions.

• **Altar Guild** will meet for their monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept.27 at 9:00 am communion; followed by breakfast, meeting, polishing and setting up the harvest display. All are welcome! -*Bobbi Hovren*

• **Food for Friends:** Our community is serving the meal at Salvation Army on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Because of a change by the health department we can no longer bring in home-made meatloaves or jellos. Everything must be made in the Salvation Army kitchen. Because of this we are asking for cash donations only. (If you usually provided a meatloaf we would ask that you donate the price of 2 pounds of hamburger.) Our chefs, Dale VanStelten and Ray Splinter, will be ready to make meatloaf for 100 that morning! We will still need workers, so look for a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Checks can be made out to Food for Friends and given to Nickie VanStelten or Audrey Splinter. We'll still be the "meatloaf church!"

• **Connections Ministry Update:** St. John's is on the schedule to host the rotating shelter **November 19th to 25th**. This is Thanksgiving week. Volunteers will be needed on the set-up team from 6-7pm, on the hospitality team from 7-9:30pm, snack team to drop off snacks or serve with hospitality team, an overnight team (2 volunteers) from 9:30pm to 6am (one volunteer may sleep at a time), and on the morning team from 6 to 8:30am. More details on these team duties and sign-up sheets will be coming. Volunteer training will be offered in October. Please let coordinators Chris Corley or Ray Splinter know your questions or concerns.

What's Happening Right Now?

• **Mankato Peace Vigil:** The Mankato Peace Vigil seeks to promote awareness of our continued involvement in wars and to advocate for a peaceful resolution to those conflicts. **How to Get Involved:** Attend one of our vigils, which occur every Wed. from noon to 1:00 pm, and are located in Mankato across from the Post Office on 2nd Street. You may also

call or email Sister Gladys Schmitz at 507-389-4114 or gschmitz@ssndcp.org, or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904.

PRAYERS: Please remember Sue and Mike Kolbinger and family in your prayers. Sue's mother, Carol Minnick, died this past Sunday night. May light perpetual shine upon her.

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accompanied by use of a rotating variety of worship styles, including both Rites 1 and 2 and others as well.

This could represent some major changes to worship at St. John's — both for our 10:30 am attendees, who could be worshipping earlier and also for those who have traditionally attended the 8 AM service. So, this move deserves careful explanation.

Therefore, I am inviting those who have regularly attended the 8 AM service in the past, and any others who wish to attend, a special 8 AM Eucharist this coming Sunday, September 24th.

This will be a spoken service without music and will be followed by a dialogue about the upcoming changes with me and other leaders of our faith community, with all who choose to attend.

We will end in time to begin the 930 am service - and I especially urge those who have traditionally attended the 8 AM service to join us.

Thank you to all who are journeying together through this time of change.

Yours for the journey,

Phil