

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 2016: Mary Babcock & Jack Lindsay

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

Class of 2018: Paul Dobratz & Lisa Westberg

Clerk: Amy Wiehr

Financial Secretary: Gerry Schneck

Treasurer: Nickie VanStelten

Organist: Mary Schultdt

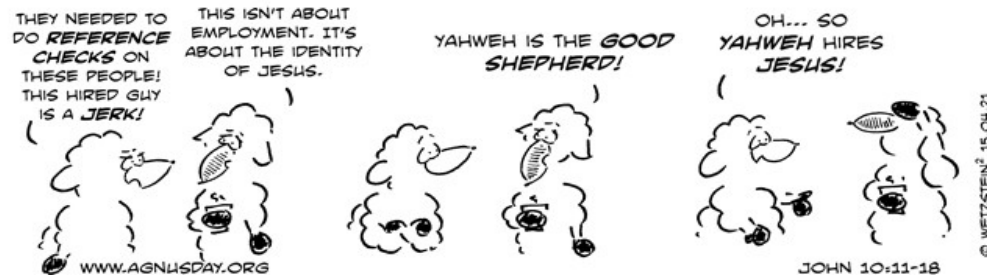
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Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

930am Service:

Greeter: Candace Black
Lectors: Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Nickie VanStelten, Meg Stump
Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Atem Lueth, Jonah Westberg
Children's Chapel: NA
Music: Mary Schultdt
Coffee Hour: Manderfelds
Dishwashing Angel: Ray Splinter
Altar Guild: Bobbi Hovren, Ann McGuire, Missy Manderfeld

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@mnsu.edu



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ

THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

Fourth Sunday of Easter

22 April, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

1045a—Brianna Baker, Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light during Fellowship

1130a—OMG YOUTH GROUP—

CANCELLED

1p—Connections Ministry Thank You Party @ Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato

Tuesday:

noon—ECW Luncheon w/ Women's of St. Martin's

Wednesday:

9a—Altar Guild

Next Week, Fifth Sunday of Easter:

930a—Holy Eucharist

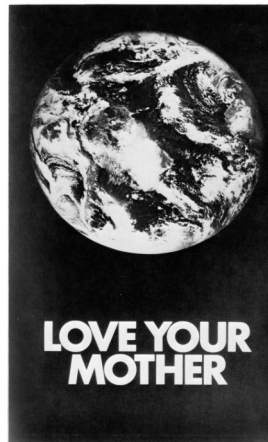
For complete details visit the St. John's Website:
<http://stjohnsmankato.org/calendar>

Why Earth Day?

Why should we celebrate Earth Day in the context of worship? Traditionally, the earth was viewed by many Christians and others as an inanimate object, not really very "spiritual", and the proper object of conquering / exploitation / abuse.

What's changed?

In recent years the followers of Jesus' Way and many other folk have come to a renewed appreciation of the intimate relationship between our physical world and



the spiritual one. The world around us is not to be disdained, ignored or exploited. Instead, the finite world is the container and expression of divine Spirit—God always seeks incarnation and connection with us through it, even though at times "flesh" (or matter) and spirit may seem temporarily to be at odds with each other.

The radical truth is God created both the physical world and our spiritedness out of nothing. God

has endowed both with design, intelligence, grace, and compassion. So it is fitting on this Earth Day that we exhort each other to "Love our mother!" Mother Earth, together with all that exists, is wondrous and worthy of our admiration, exploration and protection.

Happy Earth Day!

~Phil B. +

Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$4,414
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$35,612
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$36,646
**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of April – please pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. (from: <http://episcopalmn.org/resources-for-faith-communities>)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please see our website homepage for access to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer each week, <http://www.stjohnsmankato.com/>
or: http://www.stjohnsmankato.com/files/2515/1742/4869/acp_2018_full.pdf

St. John's Prayer List

For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Nick, Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Jonathan, Gary, Elizabeth, Judy, Julie, Carol, Roxanne

For Birthdays: Mike Kolbinger, John Paul, Gerry Schneck

Anniversaries: Mike & Jane Kearney

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

<http://www.stjohnsmankato.com>
calendar, updates, pictures and more!

TRANSITION UPDATE

Your transition team has completed first interviews of our two candidates for the part-time clergy position. We're happy to report we have two excellent people interested in our position. Second round interviews are being scheduled for the first part of May. Please continue in prayer for our transitions team and St. John's during this discernment process.

Opportunities for Service

- **ECW Rummage Sale**—Help and Donations needed! See info in the box to the right!
- **Food For Friends**—St. John's did **not** serve the noon meal at Salvation Army on April 14th due to the spring blizzard. Fortunately we will be able to serve the meal this Saturday, April 21st. If you'd like to help please come to the Salvation Army about 11:30. Thanks!
- **United Thank Offering**—Envelopes available April 29. IN-GATHERING May 6.
- **"Get on the Beam" campaign** —St. John's is again participating in this important fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. We received our "beam" (a 2x4) the week of April 16 and it will reside in the narthex until May 21. All beams find their home in a Habitat for Humanity home. Please consider making a donation to "Get on the Beam".
- **Meals on Wheels:** MOW is in need of drivers to deliver meals to their seniors and people with disabilities. Their clients love the friendly faces, and sometimes this is their only contact with others. Hours are Mon-Fri, from 10:30am—11:30am. To volunteer: call 625-8970 and ask for Shawn.

What's Happening Right Now?

- **OMG Youth Group** – Cancelled for April 22

- **Altar Guild:** Monthly Altar Guild meeting on Wednesday, April 25 @9:00am. RSVP if not attending. ~ Bobbi Hovren
- **Brianna Baker**, outreach worker for **Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light**, will come and do a short presentation on MNIPL's work at coffee hour on Sunday, April 22nd, Earth Day.
- **ECW EVENTS**
 - April 24, Lunch with the women of St. Martin's at Amboy Cottage Café. (RSVP Ann Mcguire). We will carpool and leave the church parking lot at 11:30am
 - May 9, Charley's restaurant, 920 Madison Ave. Noon luncheon-meeting.
- **St. John's Confirmands** will be confirmed on Saturday, May 12 at 11 :00 a.m. at St Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont. Mark your calendars!
- **MN ORCHESTRA—Special Opportunity!** Violinist **Peter McGuire**, Ann and Jim's son, will be the featured soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra Friday, April 27, 7:30pm at Mankato's Verizon Center. The MN Orchestra has not performed in Mankato for 30 years. Peter was baptized and confirmed here at St. John's and often served as an acolyte.
- **The Prospects for Universal Health Care in Minnesota presentation**—by Rose Roach, Exec Dir, Minnesota Nurses Association, Thursday, April 26, 7pm @ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato, 937 Charles Ave., Mankato.
- Visit the **VINE Adult Day Program** on Wednesday, May 2 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm for refreshments and a tour at 421 E. Hickory St. in Mankato. Older adults in midlife and beyond with physical or cognitive challenges, as well as those who are isolated, enjoy active engagement with others, purposeful activities, and intellectual stimulation. Family caregivers enjoy a much-deserved break while loved ones attend. Call Mary W. at (507) 386-5577 for more information.

Food for Friends

On Saturday, April 21th, St. John's served a delicious meat loaf dinner at Salvation Army. Thanks to all who contributed so generously!



Missional Innovative Partnership Grant

The money is in! We have received \$4980 from the Episcopal Church of MN to purchase a trailer and other items needed to continue the work of Connections Ministry Rotating Shelter. Thanks again ECMN!

St. John's Children's Chapel Leaders

Thank you also to everyone who signed up to teach Children's Chapel for the rest of the year. The remaining schedule is:
May 6—Ann McGuire
May 20—Meg Stump

ECW — RUMMAGE SALE

Set-up: May 16: 5pm—6:30pm
May 17: 9am—noon
(please volunteer to help)

Sale: May 16—19

It's time for spring cleaning + organizing. Please donate your clean, gently used items: household goods, clothing, shoes, kid's clothes, kitchenware, toys, treasures, CDs, books, anything that will sell.

****but no exercise equipment or electronics pls.**