

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 & TBD

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

Sexton: Jordin Johnson

Office: Jan Mickelson, Peter Poulos, & Jill Fischer

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am—1 pm.

Phone: 507-388-1969

Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Sara and Matt by Nickie & Dale Van Stelten

930am Service:

Greeter: Candace Black
Lectors: Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Gerry Schneck, Pam Bartholomew
Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Ryan Berlin, Elyzah Erickson
Children's Chapel: NA
Music: Mary Schultdt
Coffee Hour: Rochelle Wegman
Dishwashing Angel: Al Berner
Altar Guild: Elaine Larson, Mary Babcock

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

Ascension Sunday

13 May, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Ascension Sunday:

830a—Choir Rehearsal
930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
1115a—Liturgy Committee Meeting
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Wednesday:

5p-6p—Rummage Sale Drop-off, helpers available
5p-630p—Rummage Sale Set-Up (volunteers needed)
630p—Vestry Meeting

Thursday:

9a-noon—Rummage Sale Set-Up
5-7p—Rummage Sale

Friday:

10a-2p—Rummage Sale

Saturday:

9a-noon—Rummage Sale, \$3 Sack Sale
noon-130p—Rummage Sale Clean-Up (volunteers needed)

Next Week, Pentecost & Jazz Service:

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, Jazz Service, Children's Chapel

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

going up?

Almost every culture which has a religion also has the cosmological structure that indicates where the better place (i.e. heaven) is.

For many, and perhaps for you and me, up is good and down is bad. That is the assumption behind of the gospel stories of Jesus' ascension.

And what if the polarities were reversed? What if "down here" is good? How would our lives be different if we really believed that here is where we belong, that here is where God is, that here is the best of all possible worlds?

Imagine what a difference it would make in how we live life, and how we lead our lives, and indeed in life itself.

That is precisely the move that occurs between Ascension and Pentecost. Jesus leaves, so that the Spirit may come dwell with us.

God comes here.

God comes now.

God never leaves.

In these few and liminal days between our celebration of Jesus' Departure and Spirit's coming, think about what that means...

For God,
For you,
For your neighbors,
For the world.

Phil B. +



Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,335
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$45,844
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$43,168
 *Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of May – please pray for all academic graduates, for all educational institutions, and for the specialized chaplaincies in those institutions. Remember especially ECMN’s School for Formation, Breck School and Shattuck-St. Mary’s and their chaplains, University Episcopal Community, and all those who work with campus ministries. (from: <http://episcopalmn.org/resources-for-faith-communities>)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please see the following website for access to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer each week: <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx>

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, Karen

For Birthdays: Lisa Westberg, Al Berner

Anniversaries: None

Check out St. John’s WEBSITE at:

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

TRANSITION UPDATE

Second interviews were held the week of May 7th. We know many of you would like to know more about our applicants. However, the transition team can’t release names; applications are made in private and must be protected as such. After the team has completed interviews, they will make a recommendation to the Vestry. The Vestry will then issue a call. Once the call is issued, accepted, and letter of agreement signed, then the full faith community is given our new rector’s information. If there are questions or comments in this regard please talk with a member of the transition team: Audrey Splinter, Steve Druschel, Meg Stump, Tim Secott, Candace Black, Jill Fischer, or Steve Deeren. Continued prayers in this discernment process are greatly appreciated.

Opportunities for Service

- **NEW Choir Rehearsal TODAY—May 13 @ 8:30am.** All are welcome!
- **ECW Rummage Sale—HELP NEEDED.** St. John’s ECW will host a spring rummage sale at the church next week. Volunteers are always welcome and especially needed for Wed., 5 - 6:30 + Clean Up: Sat., 12:00-1:30. See box to the right more details.
- **“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”.

What’s Happening Right Now?

- **Jazz Service coming Sunday, May 20—**We will celebrate Pentecost with a Jazz service! Plan to attend this lively and lovely service!
- **St. John’s Directory:** The printed directory that was available last July is in need of updates. If you have additions or changes that you’d like included, please contact the office at 388-1969. A new directory will be available mid-June.
- **REMINDER! Church Service Survey—** Please complete the survey re: time of service either through Survey Monkey on your computer or by filling out a paper copy available at the church. Paper copies can be mailed back to the church or left in the office or on the door. **Please respond by May 15th.** The Vestry thanks you for your input!
- **Poverty Simulation Opportunity, United Way:** Thursday, June 7 at Crossview Covenant Church, 6pm—8:30pm, check-in begins at 5:30pm. (1 in 4 people in Mankato live in poverty.)
- **Presentation: Update on Iraq and the Middle East,** by Sami Rasouli, at Good Counsel Conference Center, Wednesday, May 23, 6:30pm—7:45pm. Call Sister Gladys Schmitz at 507-389-4114 for more information. Free will donations welcomed.

Connections Ministry-Rotating Shelter: Check out the trailer purchased with grant funds from ECMN! Thank you, ECMN!



St. John’s Children’s Chapel Leaders

Thank you also to everyone who signed up to teach Children’s Chapel for this year! The remaining schedule is:
 May 20—Meg Stump



ECW RUMMAGE SALE

DROP-OFF:

Wed, May 16: 5pm—6pm—Helpers will be at church to assist you if you wish to drop off any sale items.

SET-UP:

Wed., May 16: 5pm—6:30pm

(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)

Thurs., May 17: 9am—noon

SALE:

Thurs., May 17: 5pm—7pm

Fri., May 18: 10am—2pm

Sat., May 19: 9am—noon,

\$3 Sack Sale

CLEAN-UP:

Sat., May 19: noon—1:30pm?

(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)

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.**