

## 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 Scholdt

**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



## Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Stephen Deeren.

930am:

**Greeters:** Leslie Peterson

**Lectors:** Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter  
**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Nickie VanStelten, Meg Stump

**Acolytes:** Ryan Wiehr, Jonah Westberg, Quinn Mackie

**Coffee Hour:** Mackie

**Dishwashing Angel:** Ray Splinter

**Altar Guild:** Bobbi Hovren, Mary Babcock, Jordin Johnson

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](mailto:rasplinters@gmail.com) or Steve Druschel: 978.766.5252 or [stephen.druschel@mnsu.edu](mailto:stephen.druschel@mnsu.edu)



# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ

## THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

Pentecost 17 and Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

01 October, 2017

### What's Going On This Week

#### Today, Pentecost 17 & Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II followed by Pet Blessing

#### Monday:

4p—Mission & Outreach @ Panera

#### Wednesday:

1130a—ECW Communion and Porch Potluck @ Nancy Zwickey's

#### Thursday:

10a—Life Long Learners Committee Mtg

#### Next Week, Pentecost 18

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Jazz Mass

#### 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:* None

*Anniversaries:* None

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

### God Bless us, everyone!

This coming Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at our 9:30 a.m. worship we will be celebrating the life of St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of the animals to follow the service at 10:45 or so - hopefully outside in the labyrinth area - weather permitting.

You are certainly welcome to bring your pets to church that day, or run home and get them right after service if you so prefer. All are welcome, including also stuffed animals, pictures of pets, both present and dearly departed. I have blessed chickens and snakes before—bring it on!

God bless us, every one!

In addition, all during the month of October we will be debuting our **Fall Activities Schedule** which will include the following on various Sundays, grouped around our single 9:30 a.m. Eucharist:

**Choir Rehearsal:** Beginning at 8:30 a.m. this Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. (Choir will rehearse and lead worship on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month.) All are welcome; come when you can!

**OMG for older youth:** Beginning Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. (OMG will be 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month after worship).

**Episco-pals for younger youth:** Beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> during sermon time in worship. (Episco-pals will meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month).

**Adult / All Ages Forum:** Beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> with Margo Druschel leading a discussion on Fair/Sustainable Trade at 10:45 a.m. following worship. (This Forum will regularly occur on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays - but for October we will also have Chris Corley on the 22<sup>nd</sup> discussing the Reformation- more on that later!)

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### Offering Update

\*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599  
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$1,799  
 \*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$136,762  
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$120,530  
 \*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

### Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of October, please pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world and for the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Episcopal Church USA, and the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop. (from: <http://episcopalmn.org/resources-for-faith-communities>)

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday: Southern Philippines - (Philippines)The Rt Revd Danilo Labacanacruz Bustamante

Monday: Southern Virginia - (III, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Herman Hollerith

Tuesday: Southwark - (Canterbury, England)The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun; Southwark - Croydon - (Canterbury, England)The Rt Revd Johnathan Clark; Southwark - Kingston - (Canterbury, England)The Rt Revd Richard Cheetham; Southwark - Woolwich - (Canterbury, England)The Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu

Wednesday: Southwell & Nottingham - (York, England)The Rt Revd Paul Gavin Williams; Southwell & Nottingham - Sherwood - (York, England)The Rt Revd Anthony Porter

Thursday: Southwest Florida - (IV, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Dabney Smith

Friday: Southwestern Virginia - (III, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Mark Allen Bourlakas

Saturday: Spokane - (VIII, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Gretchen Rehberg; Springfield - (V, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Daniel Martins

### Service Time Update

Thank you again to all who participated in the recent survey and the two subsequent meetings at St. John's. The vestry voted to retain a single 930 service for the coming year. Next April or May, this arrangement will be evaluated, and any additional necessary changes will be made in preparation for next fall.

### October Rummage Sale

It's time for another recycling event - a rummage sale!

Your boxes and bags of clean, usable, sellable, gently used stuff can be placed in the downstairs storeroom now (household items, clothing of all sizes, linens, holiday decorations, toys, books, but please - no exercise equipment.) There will be helpers to assist you if you want to drop rummage at the church Wed., Oct. 18 (5:00 - 6:30). See the schedule below and let me know if you can help. Thanks for participating.

— Ann McGuire [moljam@hickorytech.net](mailto:moljam@hickorytech.net)

#### SET UP

Wednesday, Oct. 18 - Set up and drop off at the door: 5:00 - 6:30

Thursday, Oct. 19 - Set up: 9:00 - 12:00

#### SALE

Thursday, Oct. 19 - Sale: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 20 - Sale: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 21 - Sack Sale: 9:00 - noon

#### CLEAN UP

Saturday, Oct. 21 - (Legion will help) Clear room, + take away: noon - 1:30

### Opportunities for Service

- **OMG Lunches!** Could you provide a meal for hungry teenagers and two priests? OMG will begin meeting again on October 8, next Sunday. We are looking for a family or individual who is willing to provide a lunch meal at the church that day around 11:15 AM. If you can help next Sunday, or on any second or fourth Sunday this fall, please see Father Phil or call the church office.
- **Transition Team Service:** We would like 1 or 2 more people to join the Transition Team to work

on the search, interview, and welcoming of a Rector. Our first meeting is this Thursday, October 5th. Please let Audrey Splinter or Steve Druschel know of your interest in serving on this team. Thanks!

- **Connections Ministry Update:** St. John's will NOT be hosting the shelter Thanksgiving week. Crossview Covenant Church has joined the rotation and wants to take that week! The dates of our week are not known as this time, but we'll keep you posted. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs for those who are interested in volunteering for the shelter week. **Training** for volunteers will be Sunday, October 15th 1-4pm or October 16th 6-9pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St.
  - **Children's Service:** Please consider volunteering for a Sunday to lead Children's Service (Episco-pals). Our youth love connecting with the adults in our congregation. It is only 15 minutes during the Sermon during the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. 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](mailto:jolly-corley@hotmail.com) if you are willing to volunteer or have questions.
  - **Food for Friends:** Our community is serving the meal at Salvation Army on Sat, Oct. 14th. Because of a change by the health department we can no longer bring in homemade meatloaves or jellos; everything must be made in the Salvation Army kitchen. Because of this we are asking for cash donations only. Checks can be made out to Food for Friends and given to Nickie VanStelten or Audrey Splinter.
- What's Happening Right Now?**
- **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** will meet Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Lake Crystal home of Nancy Zwickey. We will carpool and leave St. John's parking lot at 11:10 am. Please RSVP to Ann 387-4396. 11:30 Holy Communion; 12:00

Potluck Porch Picnic; 1:00 ECW meeting. All women of the church are welcome!!!

- **Viewing Party for "Out North"** Mark your calendars now for the viewing party! On Monday, October 16th Saint John's will host a viewing party for the upcoming debut of "Out North" a new PBS documentary on gay history in Minnesota. We gather at 7:30 for refreshments and conversation. The one hour documentary entitled begins at 8 pm.
- **Episcopal Confirmation Call:** Are you or any folk in your household interested in confirmation in the Episcopal Church? Confirmation is simply the study and public affirmation of one's baptismal faith and can take place at any age- although frequently it happens in late middle school or the high school years. There is currently no definite plan on format or shape of instruction as of yet but a confirmation service will take place here at St. John's in mid May 2018. Possible confirmands (and parents where appropriate) will discern together in the next month what will work best as to time frequency and shape of instruction. Are you interested or do you have questions? Please see or email Father Phil or let the church office know in the next several weeks.
- **Mankato Peace Vigil:** every Wed. noon-1pm, across from the Post Office on Second Street. Call or email Sister Gladys Schmitz at 507-389-4114 or [gschmitz@ssndcp.org](mailto:gschmitz@ssndcp.org), or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904 for more info.

### God bless us, everyone *(Continued from page 1)*

This is a lot to absorb, but watch the Evangelist for reminders / heads up on this schedule each week. Faith Community Leadership have worked together the last month to craft a schedule that is sustainable and also meets the needs of us all.

See you Sunday-  
 aarrfff, bow-wow and arrooooo!!!  
 Phil B