

## 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

**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 & In Memory of Jan's sister, Jo, and her brother, Bill, by Jan and Bill Mickelson

### 930am Service:

**Greeters:** Leslie Peterson  
**Lectors:** Candace Black, Tim Secott  
**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Meg Stump, Steve Deeren  
**Acolytes:** Liz Paul, Lydia Paul  
**Children's Chapel:** TBA  
**Coffee Hour:** Al and Mary Berner  
**Dishwashing Angels:** Donna Casella  
**Altar Guild:** 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](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

The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

04 February, 2018

### What's Going On This Week

#### Today, The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

830a—Choir Rehearsal  
930a—Holy Eucharist Rite 11, Children's Chapel, & Commissioning!  
1115a—Liturgy Team Meeting

#### Monday

2p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners  
4p—Mission and Outreach @ Panera

#### Wednesday

10a—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners  
noon—ECW @ Charley's

#### Friday

1p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners

#### Saturday

10a—Green Team Mtg @ Church

#### Next Week, The Last Sunday after Epiphany

930a—Holy Eucharist  
1045a—Pancake Fellowship  
1130a—OMG Youth Group—Ice Skating!

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

## Do we really need to tough it out?

Inner resiliency is easier to achieve when we know where we are going. As long as we keep an eye toward a goal, we can at least chart and stay on a course. But what happens when we lose our sense of direction? Have you ever done that, and ended up going around in circles, only to end up frustrated and tired, seemingly right at the place you started?

That was life for the Israelites who had experienced the Babylonian Exile in 587 B.C.E. Like many refugees, the places they had been forced to go and the lives they had been subjected to living had made them rudderless, gun-shy, and more than a little afraid. But like many modern day refugees, a word from God came to them in the form of Isaiah Chapter 40. In essence, God says, "take a look not at where you are or what you have, but Whose you are."

We need to hear that reassuring voice over and over again in our lives so that we can continue, as Isaiah proclaims, to rise up on eagles' wings and literally soar above the problems and issues that plague us. We will run and not get weary, with souls made young by the Soul-Shaper God.

This is the tender toughness, the inner resiliency, the new life that God gives to those who practice Trust and Compassion.

Come practice with me.

Phil B. +

Weekly Evangelist (1)

### Offering Update

\*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558  
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$3,313  
 \*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$10,032  
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$9,789

*\*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

### Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of February please pray for those who serve on the Council as Mission Area Team members, the Trustees, the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, the Chancellors and for the treasurer of 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](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, Julie, Nick, Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Jonathan, Gary, Elizabeth, Judy, Togo

*For Birthdays:* Libby Duncanson

*Anniversaries:* None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

### TRANSITION UPDATE

**Transition:** Your warden has been contacted by Karen Olson, ECMN Missioner for Ministry, clarifying that the Transition Priest is not eligible to apply for the rector position. When St. John's began the transition, we were told that it might be possible for the transition priest to be considered for the permanent (rector) position. After working with several faith communities in transition this past year, Bishop Prior is convinced it is best for the time of transition to be a time unto itself with a separate priest filling the leadership role and paving the way for a new clergy leader to join the community. Other transition priests and faith communities have been alerted to this clarification of expectations.

The unfortunate reality is that many of our members had asked and been told that Phil would be able to apply to stay with us on a long-term basis. The Transition Team and Vestry are disappointed this is no longer the case - especially now when we are so far into the process. Phil is an amazing transition priest and his talents have been a great blessing to us. Questions in this regard may be referred to Karen Olson at [karen.o@episcopalm.org](mailto:karen.o@episcopalm.org) or [612.870.3312](tel:612.870.3312).

The clergy position has been posted on the ECMN website as of February 1st and will remain open until February 23rd. To see more go to either the ECMN website or St. John's website and look under "Rector Search." A meeting is planned with Karen Olson from ECMN on February 25th to review names of candidates.

### Opportunities for Service

- **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL!** Do you love working with the Youth? Volunteers are needed to lead Children's Chapel, 15-20 minutes during the sermon, every other Sunday. Open to ALL! Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.

- **NURSERY:** St. John's does not often have young children in need of the nursery, but when we do, the Vestry arrived at a temporary solution putting the following plan in place. When the greeter is aware that nursery care is needed, the greeter will contact a vestry member who is at the service to provide care or find someone who will. Vestry members will fill this role until we can get a list of members who are willing to attend the nursery when needed. If you are interested in being a nursery volunteer, please contact the office or let a vestry member know of your interest. Thanks.
- **GREEN TEAM:** The Green Team will meet with Briana Baker, a representative of Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light at 10am at the church on Saturday, February 10th. Anyone interested in energy and the environment is welcome and encouraged to join us.
- **ECW:** will meet at noon, Wednesday, February 7 at Charley's Restaurant, 920 Madison Ave., for a lunch. All women are welcome to join us!
- **SHELTER UPDATE:** St. John's will host the shelter for the third time from February 18-25. If computer savvy, you can sign up online at the link below or you can watch for a written signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for supporting this service to our community.  
**Sign-up Link:** <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2068009/true#/invitation>. **Plus** The Episcopal Church of MN has awarded a Missional Innovative Partnership grant for \$4980 to Connections Ministry Rotating Shelter. The money will be used to purchase a trailer to transport cots, extra linens, laundry bags, diapers, and other supplies as needed. Thanks ECMN!

### What's Happening Right Now?

- **Vi Hudson is 102!** Vi Hudson will be 102 on February 3. If you wish you can send her a card at Laurels Peak, 700 James Ave., Mankato.

- **Commissioning** of Vestry, Wardens, and Delegates will take place Sunday, Feb 4th, during the service.
- **Pancakes, Feb 11:** Please join us after the service on Sunday, Feb. 11th for a pancake breakfast. This is taking the place of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this year. Bring your appetite!
- **Meg Stump Art Show @ Carnegie:** Congratulations to Meg Stump who will be one of 20 artists at the Kaleidoscope of Artists Show at the Carnegie Art Center, Thursday, February 1 through February 17. The show is open each Thursday, 1-7 pm; Friday, 1-4 pm; and Saturday, 11 am -5 pm at the Kaleidoscope of Artists Show at the Carnegie Art Center.



Who will wear the Golden Halo? Martin de Porres? Catherine Winkworth? Margaret of Scotland? Or our own John the Evangelist? You can help determine history by participating in the **Lent Madness** phenomenon. Register on [lentmadness.com](http://lentmadness.com) and receive emails each weekday for updates and reminders to vote. It's fun, but it is also inspiring and educational.

AND/OR join local bracketologists in a pool that will benefit a local nonprofit by filling out a bracket (available in the narthex) and giving it (and \$10) to **Margo Druschel by Ash Wednesday, February 14.**

The local winner will determine where the pool monies are donated—the more folks in the pool, the larger the donation—and *gets to wear a lovely Golden Halo.*