

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

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Sexton: Jordin Johnson

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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 and in Joyous Memory of his wife, Judy, by Andy Anderson.

930am:

Greeter: Leslie Peterson

Lectors: Cathie Neitge, Candace Black Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Steve

Deeren & Meg Stump

Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Quinn Mackie, Renn Corley

Coffee Hour: Schneck/Bartholomew

Dishwashing Angel: Donna Casella

Altar Guild: Jan Mickelson, Pat Johnson, Nickie VanStelten.

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

Pentecost 24

19 November, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, Pentecost 24

830a—Choir Rehearsal

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel

11a—OMG Youth Group—Lunch and Kiwanis Tree Decorating

Monday:

7p—Fair Trade/SDG Meeting @ Margo Druschel's home

Tuesday:

630p—Transition Team Meeting

Wednesday:

9a—Altar Guild

545p—Choir Practice for Interfaith

Thanksgiving Service @ UCC

7p—Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @ UCC

Thursday:

11a—Thanksgiving Meal Service @ First Presbyterian Church

Friday:

715p—Kiwanis Lights Opening Night

Next Week, Last Sunday After Pentecost/Christ the King Sunday:

930a—Holy Eucharist, New Zealand Liturgy

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear friends,

As we approach Thanksgiving, my thoughts turn towards gratitude for the abundance of all we have been given. Since we are still in our ingathering phase for Pledges for 2018, I will let you draw your own appropriate lines from gratitude and Thanksgiving to your response to our needs at St. John's.

However, I cannot resist sharing one of my personal favorite Thanksgiving traditions from that great theologian, the advice columnist Abigail Van Buren, aka *Dear Abby*. For years our family read this each Thanksgiving around the table and each shared one thing we are thankful for:

Today is Thanksgiving Day, so take a few minutes to reflect upon all the things for which you are thankful.

How's your health? Not so good? Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people haven't.

You're hurting? Thousands -- maybe millions -- are hurting even more. (Have you ever visited a veterans hospital? Or a rehabilitation clinic for crippled children?)

If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table on two good legs, and read the newspaper with two good eyes, praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't.

How's your pocketbook? Thin? Well, most of the world is a lot poorer. No pensions. No welfare. No food stamps. No Social Security. In fact, one-third of the people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, pick up the phone and call someone.

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Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,267
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$161,955
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$135,721
*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of November, please pray for the Minnesota Commission on Indian Work (MCIW), and for the Hispanic, Hmong, Liberian, Karen, and numerous multi-cultural ministries and faith communities throughout 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/8315/0731/6508/acp_2017_quarter4.pdf

St. John's Prayer List

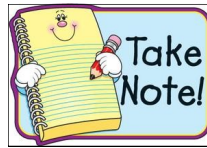
For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Julie, Nick, H., Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Tom, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie, Jonathan, Helen, Gary, Karen, Joan

For Birthdays: Elaine Larson, Jerry Stump

Anniversaries: Joe and Barb Hogan

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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



Choir Rehearsal today
(Sunday, Nov 19) @
8:30am!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

SAVE THE DATES:

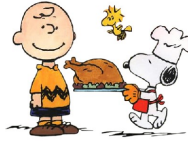
Wednesday, November 22, 7pm—Community Wide Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @ First Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) (located at Stadium and Stoltzman).

Choir rehearsal at 5:45pm.

Thursday, November 23, 11am

-1pm—Thanksgiving Meal at First Presbyterian, Mankato.

Volunteers Needed! See more info following!



ECHO Delivers needs you!

EVEN YOU HAVE TWO HOURS A MONTH TO VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are needed to deliver food to those who have challenges getting to the Food Shelf. Here's all that's to it:

1. Marcia, coordinator for ECHO Delivers, connects you with a client.
2. Shop for food at ECHO and deliver it to your client's door once a month.

**If you want to help
call ECHO Food Shelf at 345-7477
or Marcia at 351-2922.**

Opportunities for Service

- **Children's Christmas Eve Service Coordinator Needed!** Would you like to work with St. John's youth to put together the 9:30am Christmas Eve Service? Please contact Jill Fischer (jfish22@yahoo.com, 507-384-7119) or Fr. Phil.
- **Echo Food Shelf** is looking for help in distribution and \$ donations for their **Thanksgiving Baskets** project. Write "Thanksgiving Basket" on your check and it will go toward this project. Call Diane Deeren @ 625-4663 to volunteer.

- St. John's is partnering with First Presbyterian to serve a **Thanksgiving meal** from 11am-1pm, Nov. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, corner of Broad & Hickory. All are welcome! If you'd like to donate a pie, work a shift, or donate \$ for food, please sign up by the greeters table. Make Checks out to First Presbyterian Church.

- **Mitten Tree:** Your Outreach Committee will again be collecting warm hats, mitten, gloves, socks, and scarves to be distributed to those in need. Last year the collection went to students in need at Hoover Elementary School. Staff at the school were very grateful for the donation. Thanks so much for your generosity!

- **SDG/Fair Trade Team Meeting:** Join us at Margo Druschel's home at 312 W. 7th at 7pm on Monday, Nov. 20th. We will make plans for staffing the Holiday Fair Trade Boutique and for researching SDG progress. See Margo or any other Team Member if you're interested in learning more and joining us.

- **Lights!** As in previous years, your help is being requested by the Kiwanis with the local Holiday lights. On opening night, Friday, Nov. 24th, we need 8 volunteers who can meet at the park by 5pm and work until 10:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. See Jordin Johnson if you have any questions.

- **Connections Ministry Update:** The shelter is finishing up its 3rd week. All seems to be going well. "Every volunteer and every guest has had a positive experience" according to Pastor Collette at Bethlehem Lutheran. We're looking forward to St. John's turn in the rotation coming up 11-26 to 12-2. If you'd still like to volunteer contact coordinators Chris Corley or Ray Splinter or go to the link <http://signup.com/go/cepRdNL>

What's Happening Right Now?

- **November Icon Festival:** Today, Rev. Keith Holmstad of Northfield, MN, noted Iconographer and ELCA pastor, will join us and after the service will share about his work.

- **STEWARDSHIP:** During November we've been exploring together what it means for us to be the *Beloved Community*. You will receive a letter with a pledge card for 2018. Our prayer is that you will return it to the church by the end of November with an indicated amount of your weekly giving to St. John's. Please respond generously!



ECW thanks each of you for your support of our missions by participating in Herberger's Fall Community Days Sale!

...Happy Thanksgiving! (Continued from page 1)

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern. Your country may not be a rose garden, but neither is it a patch of weeds.

Freedom rings! Look and listen. You can still worship at the church of your choice, cast a secret ballot, and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock on the door at midnight. And if you want to live under a different system, you are free to go. There are no walls or fences -- nothing to keep you here.

As a final thought, I'll repeat my Thanksgiving prayer; perhaps you will want to use it at your table today:

O heavenly Father:

We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service

That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and yours. -- LOVE, ABBY