

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

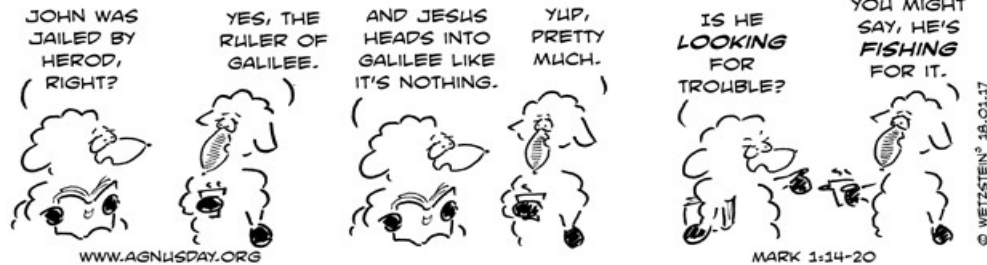
Sexton: Jordin Johnson

Office: Jan Mickelson, Peter Poulos, & Jill Fischer

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

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Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

930am Service:

Flowers: Poinsettias
Greeters: Jordin Johnson, Pat Johnson
Lectors: Candace Black, John Paul
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Clark, Meg Stump
Acolytes: Liz Paul, Lydia Paul, Jonah Westberg
Children's Chapel: Ann McGuire
Coffee Hour: Mary Babcock/Paul Dobratz
Dishwashing Angel: Paul Dobratz
Altar Guild: Jordin Johnson, Pat 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 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

The Third Sunday After Epiphany

21 January, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Today, The Third Sunday after Epiphany

830a—Choir Rehearsal
930a—Holy Eucharist Rite II, Children's Chapel

Monday

2p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners

Wednesday

630p—Vestry Meeting

Next Week, The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

930a—Holy Eucharist & Annual Meeting
11a—Potluck (following service)

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

Go Team!

I wanted to do a six month check-in with you all ... And to report that I am thoroughly enjoying my time among you as transition priest. SJEC Leadership continues to work through the lengthy process of getting ready for future priestly ministry leadership at St John's. See the report elsewhere in this Evangelist from your Warden Audrey Splinter. I continue to marvel at your involvement in the Mankato community, your love for each other, and the many things that happen here on a daily, weekly monthly basis, ...all pretty much thanks to you all and your spirit of generosity compassion and service.

If this were a football game - it would be the excited, jumping up and down, shouting, take a grateful knee moment at the end of last Sunday's game. It's far from over... God willing, but it's time to pause and celebrate / give thanks.

Oh, and by the way, we are NOT changing the paraments to purple for Super Bowl Sunday if the Vikings are still in the mix- LOL.

Skol! Go Vikes! And I'm not even a football fan.

-Phil



Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$1,397
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$5,116
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$4,135

**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of January, please pray for youth ministries within the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, especially for those who are involved with Teens Encounter Christ; for the new ministry Circle of the Beloved and all those in our faith community who are involved with faith formation ministries with children, youth and young adults. (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, Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie, Jonathan, Helen, Gary, Elizabeth

For Birthdays: Bobbi Hovren, Bernie Lindberg, Nickie VanStelten, Rochelle Wegman, Kevin Wiehr

Anniversaries: None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

2017/2018 BUDGET UPDATE

St. John's is a faith community committed to prayer, worship, growing in our knowledge and love of God, and serving as God's ambassadors in our daily lives. Our overarching goal is to deepen the faith of, empower, equip, and encourage us so we can serve. It is also aimed at helping us connect with and learn from each other so that we can grow spiritually in community and participate in God's mission more fully.

In 2017 we approved an annual budget of \$187,160 in expenses, but with the changes in our clergy expenses, we spent \$171,330.

Of that amount: \$105,911 came in from pledges. The additional funds came from our PIF distributions (\$40,000); plate and other special offerings, service group fund raising (\$24,731); and our local savings account (\$700).

The Finance Committee and the Vestry are expecting the 2018 budget request to be about \$133,300. This amount is based on us keeping a half-time Priest on our payroll. As of this week, we have received pledges equaling \$98,706 with several pledges still expected to come in. The Pooled Investment Fund has recommended a distribution amount of \$10,410 for 2018. That means we will need to raise \$24,184 in plate and other special offerings and service group fund raising and/or any more pledges received.

Opportunities for Service

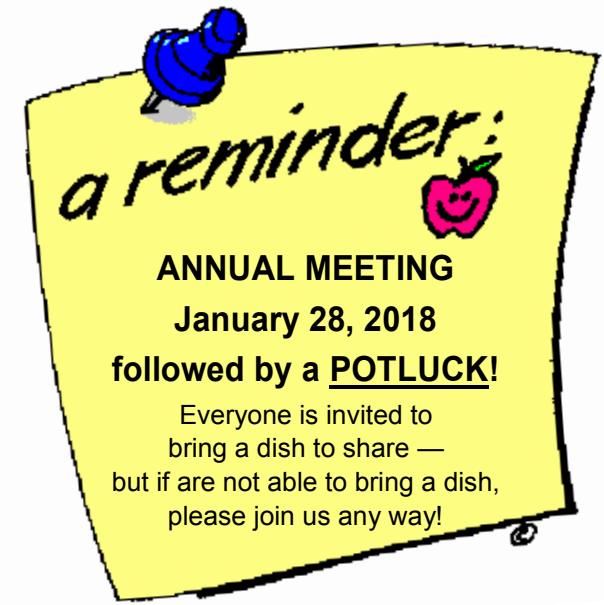
- **Children's Chapel!** Do you love working with the Youth? Volunteers are needed to lead Children's Chapel, 15-20 minutes during the sermon, every other Sunday. Open to ALL! Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.
- **Can you help?** I need ideas on how to fix a leaking toilet, heat tape plug replacement, and an outside outlet on a mobile home. Will be an outdoor project. Please contact Karl Mundell at karlmundell@hotmail.com. Thank you!

- **In need of a Hot Meal?** With the cold that has been brought upon us, call 625-8970 and have a hot delicious meal delivered to your home. For folks age 60+ there is a suggested donation of \$4.50; and for under the age of 60 there is a suggested donation of \$7.25 per meal. Let us do the work, and keep you in where it's warm and safe. God Bless You — Shawn Hermanson, Site Manager, LSS Senior Dining/Meals On Wheels.

What's Happening Right Now?

- **Stand Up Minnesota**, a grass roots organization supporting social justice issues, has sought and gotten permission to use our fellowship hall on January 13th and 20th from 9:00 am to noon to hold their meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cindy Olson is coordinating this activity and can be reached at sumsouthcentral@gmail.com
- **Mankato Peace Vigil:** The Mankato Peace Vigil seeks to promote awareness of our continued involvement in wars and to advocate for a peaceful resolution to those conflicts. Since November 7, 2001, we hold a weekly vigil to oppose war and related injustices, and we have maintained an unbroken presence each week since then. How to Get Involved: Attend one of our vigils, which occur every Wednesday from noon to 1:00 pm, and are located in Mankato across from the Post Office on Second Street. You may also call or email Sister Gladys Schmitz at 507-389-4114 or gschmitz@ssndcp.org, or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904.

- **Pledges:** The vestry would like to thank everyone who turned in pledges over the last 3 months. Our parishioners have really stepped up to the plate to keep St. John's a healthy, vibrant community. This is greatly appreciated!



Transition Team Update

Steve Druschel, Candace Black, Steve Deeren, Jill Fischer, Meg Stump, Tim Secott, and Audrey Splinter took part in a Saturday, January 6th, retreat facilitated by Karen Olson, Missioner for Ministry with ECMN. We had a very productive day nearly completing our paperwork and preparations to get our rector position posted on the ECMN website. Our portfolio and other information will also be posted on the St. John's website for all to see. Our goal is to post the position by February 1st, run it for 3-4 weeks, and begin looking at prospective candidates in March. If this timeline should change we will keep you posted. Thanks for your continued prayers in this transition process.

