

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 & Jack Lindsay

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 Schuldt

Sexton: Jordin Johnson

Office: Jan Mickelson, Peter Poulos, & Jill Fischer

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Agnus Day

I WISH I COULD BE AS CLEAR ABOUT MY PURPOSE IN LIFE AS JESUS IS ABOUT HIS.



JESUS IS THE LIGHT SHINING IN THE DARKNESS AND HE CALLS YOU TO FOLLOW HIM THROUGH THE CROSS TO REAL LIFE.



I WISH JESUS COULD BE AS CLEAR ABOUT MY INABILITY TO PULL THAT OFF AS I AM.



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Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

930am Service:

Greeter: Leslie Peterson

Lectors: Caithie Neitge, Tim Secott

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Nickie VanStelten, Meg Stump

Acolytes: Ronan Corley, Renn Corley, Jonah Westberg

Children's Chapel: Missy Manderfeld

Coffee Hour: Donna Casella & Jack Lindsay

Dishwashing Angels: Donna Casella

Altar Guild: Nickie VanStelten, Jan Mickelson

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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

18 March, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Today, The Fifth Sunday in Lent

930a—Holy Eucharist, Children's Chapel

Wednesday

530p—Lent Service, Soup Supper and Study Group

730—Vestry Committee Meeting

Saturday

10a—Altar Guild Mtg & Palm Sunday Set-up

Next Week, Palm Sunday

930a—Holy Eucharist

11a—Confirmation Meeting @ Church (rescheduled)

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

Wheat that springs up green

Hello all:

We are still in the middle of Lent - and yet on the outside at least there appears to be a thaw coming - by the weekend we will see much less snow and more bare ground. There are high school sports playoffs afoot. Can spring be far behind?

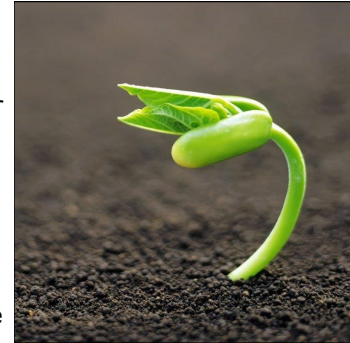
Yet it is STILL Lent. We hold within ourselves opposites like this - winter and spring, snow and warmth, death and life. And that is as it should be - since we are all creatures born to die - but with great possibilities in the meantime! Jesus understood this great truth because he lived it...and died it also. So when we hear his voice in this Sunday's gospel proclaim the eternal life which comes from death, we listen.

One of my favorite hymns is "Now the Green Blade Riseth." Here is my favorite verse - in a version slightly modernized from the 1982 Hymnal words.

*"When our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain,
By Your touch You call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green."*

Where are you dying today? Where are you rising?

Phil B. +



Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,355
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$25,380
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$25,763
 *Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

During the month of March please pray for those involved in specialized licensed ministries throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota including lay preachers, Eucharistic ministers and visitors, and lay readers; and for our musicians and worship committees. (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

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, Togo, Julie

For Birthdays: Chris Corley, Gay Schultz

Anniversaries: Marcia and Ron Olauson

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

TRANSITION UPDATE

Bishop Prior is pleased to offer the name of one candidate for the Transition Team's further discernment. The posting remained open until March 8th allowing additional candidates to express interest in the position. The Transition Team will keep you posted on next steps as they are taken. Patience and Prayer are greatly appreciated.

Opportunities for Service

- **Altar Guild Meeting!** The Altar Guild will meet on Saturday, March 24 @ 10am in the undercroft to set-up for Palm Sunday (3/25). Anyone interested in helping is welcome! Questions? See Bobbi H.
- **Food for Friends** Opportunity Coming Soon — April 14! Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks in advance for your help!
- **March is Food Shelf Month** in Minnesota, and here at St. John's we view it as a time to, again, collect both cash and non-perishable food for ECHO FOOD Shelf. A large basket is located downstairs in which food items will be collected. Checks can be made out to ECHO and placed in the collection plate. During this March campaign, all money raised is proportionally matched by Minnesota Food Share. Let's keep our reputation in place as a church that gives generously from the heart and purse to this community cause...GIVE in thanksgiving for your blessings.
- **EASTER BELLS!** Reminder to bring your bells for Easter Services!

What's Happening Right Now?

- **RESCHEDULED (again!) — St. John's Confirmation Class to Sunday, March 25 from 11am – 12:30pm** at church!
- The **Minnesota Valley Chorale** will host their Spring concert "Crescendo" featuring works by Haydn, Britten, Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Handel on Friday, April 13 at Church of St. Peter, St.

Peter, and on Saturday, April 14 at Bethany College, Trinity Chapel. Both concerts take place at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased thru any MVC member, at the door, or on Eventbrite.

- **Vespers in the Anglican Tradition with the Gustavus Choir:** *FREE!* Conductor Greg Aune leads the Gustavus Choir in a worship service featuring music and liturgy from the Anglican Evensong tradition on Sunday, March 25, 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel at Gustavus. Chad Winterfeldt will perform organ music by English composers. The Rev'd Tom Harries from the Church of the Holy Communion in Saint Peter will provide a brief homily & assist with the liturgy.
- **FREE! Jesus Christ Superstar Pageant & Singalong:** Get geared up for Easter with the JC Superstar Pageant & Singalong, Patrick's on 3rd, St. Peter. Open Rehearsal at Patrick's @ 8pm on Wednesday, March 21. Two Performances on Saturday, March 24 @ 4pm and 8pm.
- **Pipe Organ Encounter**—June 24-29. See TCAGO.ORG/POE2018 for details! In Faribault and Northfield.
- **Intercultural Competency Workshop: Who Are Our Neighbors?** Hosted by Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato, 937 Charles Ave., Mankato. Friday, April 13, 7— 9pm, Saturday, April 14, 9am-5pm. Fee \$20 (if before March 30), \$25 (if after March 30). Contact the church to register and for more info: 507-388-5022, uumankato@gmail.com
- **Reminder: No Choir During Lent!**

The Rev. Deborah Brown (Debbie) lives in Eagan with her husband Ron. They have two children and five grandchildren. Debbie was born in California, graduated from Occidental College in Los Angeles and taught elementary school in California and in Colorado. She was graduated from The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas and ordained a Priest in 1990. The Browns have moved eleven times in their marriage, living in California, Wyoming, Colorado, Texas and Minnesota as Ron's US Navy commitment, education, and employment found them working first in the steel industry and finally with 3M Company where he is retired. Debbie's ministry has evolved over the years. She is a trained Interim Priest and has served in that capacity in several metro area parishes. Debbie has served various Diocesan ministries: taught in The School for Formation and currently is serving on the Standing Committee. Over the years she has enjoyed being a Supply Priest. She has had a specialized ministry in the first responder community since 1995.

LENT

JOIN US!

Wednesdays during Lent:

- 5:30 pm—Lent Service
- 6:00 pm—Soup Supper
- 6:30pm—Lenten Study Group*

**Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation* by Stephanie Spellers.

Palm Sunday Palms

By choosing *Ecopalms* for Palm Sunday we promote environmental and social justice!

Social Justice

- Harvesting palms is an important source of income but gatherers receive a low price.
- Gatherers will receive a higher price for their "fair trade" palms improving their income.

Environmental Stewardship

- Palms protect valuable natural forests because they provide income to forest communities.
- Palms will be "sustainably" harvested and managed protecting the palms and the forests they need for shade.

Why a "Fair Trade" Palm?

- To improve income and living conditions for the communities gathering the palm.
- To protect the palms and the important forests from which they are gathered through sustainable harvest programs.