

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 Van Stelten

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Sexton: Jordin Johnson

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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

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Family and Friends by Bobbi Hovren.

10am—Mass in the Grass @ Sibley
Greeter: Candace Black
Lectors: Tim Secott, Meg Stump
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Deeren, Nickie Van Stelten
Coffee Hour: Mass in the Grass
Dishwashing Angel: Nickie Van Stelten
Altar Guild: Missy Manderfeld, Ann McGuire, Nickie Van Stelten

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 11—Mass in the Grass

20 August, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, Pentecost 11—Mass in the Grass @ Sibley Park

10a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Thursday:

630p—NAFTA 101: The Current State of Labor in America @ St. John's

Next Week, Pentecost 12

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

St. John's Prayer List

For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Christina, Julie, Nick, H., Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Tom, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Carol, Don, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Audrey, Colin



For Birthdays: Rick Robbins, Ray Splinter

Anniversaries: None

For more details: <http://>

What are we doing for our younger folk?

It's an important question - not only for St. John's but also for our sister communities in Mankato. Faith communities all over are graying (or balding - or both - as in my case-j). I don't want people to think less of ourselves as a faith community because we have fewer younger folk these days... it's a demographic fact, not a judgment.

But we can and should ask ourselves, are we doing all we can to meet the needs of school to college age young people?

I'd love to hear from these younger folk themselves - and their elders, what exactly we can and should do to foster spiritual practices.



Our own Bishop, Brian Prior, provides an excellent analysis of this issue in his recent blogspot article. You can read it here: <https://brianprior.com/2017/08/08/nourish-nurture-our-faith/>

But add your own observations about this issue also - either in person to me or your Wardens or, if you prefer, via email to communications@stjohnsmankato.com, or call my cell at 651-210-4461. Rambling voice mails are welcome, as always.

Phil

Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,079
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$115,767
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$100,262
**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of August, please pray for all hospital chaplaincies, counseling chaplaincies and Spiritual Directors throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Pray for your faith community nurses, health ministers and all those who minister to the sick. And pray also for all farmers and laborers working with the harvest, especially San Jose Obrero Mission in Montgomery. *from: <http://episcopalmn.org/resources-for-faith-communities>*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday: Rochester (USA) - (II, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Prince Singh; Rochester - (Canterbury, England)The Rt Revd James Langstaff; Rochester - (Canterbury, England) Vacant

Monday: Rockhampton - (Queensland, Australia)The Rt Revd David Robinson

Tuesday: Rokon - (Loryko, Sudan)The Rt Revd Francis Loyo Mori

Wednesday: Rorya - (Tanzania)The Rt Revd John Adiema; Ruaha - (Tanzania)The Rt Revd Joseph Mgomi

Thursday: Rumbek - (Bahr El Ghazal, Sudan)The Rt Revd Alapayo Manyang Kuctiel

Friday: Rumonge - (Burundi)The Rt Revd Pedaculi Birakengana

Saturday: Rupert's Land - (Rupert's Land, Canada)The Rt Revd Donald David Phillips

Time of Worship: Vestry has included a question on the transition survey about the time and number of worship services; we look forward to hearing your input! In the meantime, Vestry has decided to continue the summertime practice of one service at 9:30 am through September, when we will discuss the survey answers and incorporate everyone's input.

SURVEY UPDATE:

Thanks so very much to all who completed the CAT survey! **The time to respond to the survey ends today, August 20th.** We have had over 55 responses out of an approximate 95 possible. A report with the outcomes will be coming as we work with Karen Olson from ECM who will be doing our interpretation. So please stay tuned! Audrey, Senior Warden
—Audrey, Senior Warden

Opportunities for Service

- **Karl Mundell** is looking for a **DIY person** to help with a couple small projects: 1) install a bathroom shower faucet; 2) install a range hood. Please reply to karlmundell@hotmail.com if you can help. Thank You!
- **Mankato Pridefest** is Saturday, September 9! If interested in being a participant in Pridefest, contact Meg Stump at 507-344-1894 or Joan Hertel at 507-388-3080.
- **St. John's Fair Trade SDG Team** will be meeting Thursday, August 31 @ 7pm at Margo Druschel's home, 312 W 7th, Mankato. For info or to join us, call Margo @ 978-771-1787 or email: mdruschel@gmail.com

What's Happening Right Now?

- **Sunday, August 20--Mass in the Grass at Sibley Park!** The Men's Group is supplying the grilled main course, so **bring a dish to pass and utensils to eat with!** Worship will begin at 10:00 am followed by Food, Fellowship, and Fun. Let's have a great turnout this year!
- **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.
- Want to learn more about how NAFTA affects you and take action? Come to the **NAFTA 101 meeting! The Current State of Labor in America:** August 24, 6:30pm @ St. John's Episcopal Church. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by IATP (Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy), co-sponsored by MAFTII and St. John's SDG Fair Trade Group. ALL WELCOME!
- **VBS Update:** Vacation Bible School was a great success with a theme of "God's Heroes Have Heart!" Local heroes gave talks each of the four nights. Lydia Paul and Grace Mackie from St. John's participated, while Jill Fischer and Liz Paul worked with

crafts. Grace and Lydia joined over 35 other children from the sponsoring churches.

- **CALLING ALL CHILDREN!** OMG, Sunday School, and Church Acolytes/Crucifers! See Lisa Westberg if you would like your child to participate & you are not already on her lists: westberg.lisa.lw@gmail.com or cell 507-995-8634.
- **Connections Ministry Update:** Based on discussion with members and a sense of our ministry, mission and outreach, St. John's has joined the Connections Ministry of downtown churches in supporting the rotating shelter model. More information and volunteer/helper training will be available during outreach meetings in August and September.
- We would like to update the **prayer list**. If you have names that can be removed or names you would like to add, please leave a message for the office at 388-1969 or stjohns@hickorytech.net. Thank you.
- In partnership with Saint John's Episcopal Church, Mankato the **Saint John's Illustrated Bible** and 25 prints are on exhibit at the Blue Earth County Historical Society (BECHS) at 424 Warren St in Mankato through Friday, September 1.
—Exhibit location, dates and hours: The Bible and prints will be available (free!) for viewing Tuesday through Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturdays 10 to 4. While visiting the Bible exhibit please consider a donation or an annual membership to the Blue Earth County Historical Society.
—Friday, September 1: The Bible exhibit will close at 4pm.
Please contact Leslie Peterson with questions: weekday daytime phone is 389-2290 and evening and weekend phone is 625-8939.