

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

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 and in Thanksgiving for Family and Friends by the Fischer/Pauls.

930am:

Greeters: Jordin Johnson & Pat Johnson

Lectors: Andrew Westberg, Candace Black

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Bartholomew & Gerry Schneck

Coffee Hour: Partridge

Dishwashing Angel: Stump

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 12

27 August, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, Pentecost 12

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday:

9a—Altar Guild

Thursday:

7p—Fair Trade SDG Team @ Druschel's, 312 W. 7th

Next Week, Pentecost 13

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, Joe



For Birthdays: Rick Robbins, Ray Splinter

Anniversaries: None

For more details: <http://stjohnsmankato.org/calendar>

It's good to be Episcopalian!

Today, it's good to be Episcopalian in Mankato. I'm not much for name brand Christianity, but in this case I make an exception.

I know that followers of Jesus' Way are not supposed to be proud. However, we have two really good reasons to be proud of our "brand" today.

The first reason is an article that appeared in today's Mankato Free Press about our fresh commitment to helping others in our community. If you haven't already done so, please take time to read it. Here is the weblink, in case you are not a subscriber:

http://www.mankatofreepress.com/news/rotating-homeless-shelter-adds-another-church-start-date/article_af415230-877b-11e7-89f6-8b284f9092e2.html

The second reason I am proud is the response to our recent faith community survey. To date we have had over 60 responses - far more than I had anticipated. Our leaders will be meeting in the next few weeks to digest and discern the results of the survey.

Then we will come back to you all, who so graciously told us your views, and report what we see and how we might respond as a faith community.

I remind myself every day, sometimes several times a day, that our single goal, as individual followers of Jesus' way, and as a community... is pure compassion.

Thank you all for helping make ours a community of compassion.

Gratefully, Phil

Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$1,245
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$118,767
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$101,507
 *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: Ruvuma - (Tanzania)The Rt Revd Materus Kapinga

Monday: Ruwenzori - (Uganda)The Rt Revd Reuben Kisembo; South Rwenzori - (Uganda)The Rt Revd Jackson Nzerebende

Tuesday: Sabah - (South East Asia)The Rt Revd Melter Jiki Tais; Assistant Bishop of Sabah - (South East Asia)The Rt Revd John Yeo

Wednesday: Sabongidda-Ora - (Bendel, Nigeria) Vacant

Thursday: Saldanha Bay - (Southern Africa)The Rt Revd Raphael Hess

Friday: Salisbury - (Canterbury, England)The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam; Salisbury - Ramsbury - (Canterbury, England)The Rt Revd Edward Condry; Salisbury - Sherborne - (Canterbury, England)The Rt Revd Karen Gorham

Saturday: Sambalpur - (North India)The Rt Revd Pinuel Dip

Time of Worship: Vestry included a question on the transition survey about the time and number of worship services; we look forward to 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:

Members of Vestry will be meeting with Robyn from Holy Cow! Consulting and Karen from ECMN on Wednesday evening, August 30th to review the survey results and interpretation for our church. Sometime soon after that results will be shared with the congregation, so please continue to staytuned! Thanks again so much to all who took part in completing the survey. *Audrey*

Opportunities for Service

- **Connections Ministry Update:** Based on discussion with members and a sense of our ministry, mission, and outreach, St. John's, part of the Connections Ministry of downtown churches, is supporting the rotating shelter model. Chris Corley and Ray Splinter will be our coordinators on this project. If you have questions please let them know. It is likely that we will host the shelter just 2 weeks out of the winter months. Volunteers will be needed! We will likely be matched with another downtown church to fill the volunteer needs. Training for volunteers will be provided in early October. The excitement builds!
- **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!

- **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
- **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.

What's Happening Right Now?

- **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.
- **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.

- 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.



A special **SHOUT OUT** to folks who were missed on last week's Weekly Evangelist due to operator error :) (Jill *not* Jan!)

Happy Belated Birthdays to Steve Penkhus & Leslie Peterson.

Happy Belated Anniversary to Al & Mary Berner!

St. John's Lawn Fund!

Yes, it's August but the grass is still green and that means we must still mow! The cost of mowing, edging, and cleaning up the grass has risen to \$40 per time. **We would love some donations.** If you feel called to donate, the sign-up sheet is in the stairwell. Thank you!