

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, Hardy, by Elsie Olson.

930am:

Greeters: Jordin Johnson, Pat Johnson
Lectors: Candace Black, Cathie Neitge
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Deeren, Karl Mundell
Acolytes: Ronan Corley, Renn Corley, Jonah Westberg
Coffee Hour: Pat & Jordin Johnson
Dishwashing Angel: Al Berner
Altar Guild: Bobbi Hovren, Mary Babcock, Jordin Johnson

Special thanks to our
Jazz Mass Musicians:
Jim McGuire, *guitar*
Rick Orpen, *bass*
Scott Petersen, *drums*
Doug Snapp, *flugelhorn*
Mary Schuldt, *piano*

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 18, Jazz Mass

08 October, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, Pentecost 18, Jazz Mass

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday:

530p—Finance Committee Mtg

Friday:

2p—Life Long Learners Program

Saturday:

745a—Men's Group @ Weggy's

11am—Food for Friends, Sal Army

Next Week, Pentecost 19

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

1pm—Connections Ministry/Rotating Shelter Training @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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, Carol, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie, Jonathan

For Birthdays: Ronan Corley, Don Duncanson, Eric Westberg

Anniversaries: Jim & Ann McGuire

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

Small but Mighty!

How many of you remember Lil Sebastian, the tiny Shetland pony who was made famous on the TV show Parks and Rec? Although he was laid to rest at the end of the show's third season, he continues to live on through the Internet.

Lil' Sebastian teaches me a valuable lesson ... you don't have to be big to be mighty. Let me start by admitting that St John's is a smaller church than some, with fewer bodies in the pews and less programming. Sometimes we hear that as bad news, or as marking us as inferior.



But just because we are small doesn't mean we are less than others. In fact, I would argue that body for body, we are one of the most active churches in Mankato.

Our people do so much in the community. And, maybe I'm flattering myself, but I like to think that St John's, especially our worship, education and outreach, as engines that fuel all that activity.

Throughout the next year we will be talking a lot about our mission as a faith community - and also lifting up the lives of our members as signs and substance of that mission. YOUR work, YOUR volunteering, and YOUR presence makes Mankato a better place.

Let's celebrate that fact this Sunday with our Jazz Service and every day with lives which continue to be given over to doing good.

— Phil B.

Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$1,162
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$140,361
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$121,692
*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of October, please pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world and for the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Episcopal Church USA, and the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop. (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



- A special thank you to Andy Anderson who provided the fixings for our fall decorations in the worship space.
- Also, a thank you to Jordin Johnson who has volunteered to coordinate St. John's participation in Kiwanis Holiday Lights this year! Please see Jordin if you'd like to help out. Thank you, Jaci Lageson, for your years of service as well!

Service Time Update

Thank you again to all who participated in the recent survey and the two subsequent meetings at St. John's. The vestry voted to retain a single 930 service for the coming year. Next April or May, this arrangement will be evaluated, and any additional necessary changes will be made in preparation for next fall.

October Rummage Sale

It's time for another recycling event - a rummage sale!

Your boxes and bags of clean, usable, sellable, gently used stuff can be placed in the downstairs storeroom now (household items, clothing of all sizes, linens, holiday decorations, toys, books, but please - no exercise equipment.) There will be helpers to assist you if you want to drop rummage at the church Wed., Oct. 18 (5:00 - 6:30). See the schedule below and let me know if you can help. Thanks for participating.
— Ann McGuire moljam@hickorytech.net

SET UP

Wednesday, Oct. 18 - Set up and drop off at the door: 5:00 - 6:30

Thursday, Oct. 19 - Set up: 9:00 - 12:00

SALE

Thursday, Oct. 19 - Sale: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 20 - Sale: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 21 - Sack Sale: 9:00 - noon

CLEAN UP

Saturday, Oct. 21 - (Legion will help) Clear room, + take away: noon - 1:30

Opportunities for Service

- **Connections Ministry Update:** St. John's will be hosting the shelter November 26-December 2 and again January 7-13. Sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall if you are interested in volunteering. Training for volunteers will be Sunday, October 15 from 1-3pm or Monday, October 16 from 7-9pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd. If you are unable to attend either of these dates, future trainings will be offered.

- **Children's Service:** Please consider volunteering for a Sunday to lead Children's Service (Episco-pals). Our youth love connecting with the adults in our congregation. It is only 15 minutes during the Sermon during the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. We are looking for many volunteers so that the youth can meet as many congregation members as possible. Please contact Jolly Corley 215-518-6021 or email jolly-corley@hotmail.com if you are willing to volunteer or have questions.

- **Food for Friends:** Our community is serving the meal at Salvation Army on Sat, Oct. 14th. Because of a change by the health department we can no longer bring in homemade meatloaves or jellios; everything must be made in the Salvation Army kitchen. Because of this we are asking for cash donations only. Checks can be made out to Food for Friends and given to Nickie VanStelten or Audrey Splinter.

- **Volunteer in Mankato Area Public Schools!** Positions, time commitments and skills needed are very flexible. If interested, please contact the 507-387-5501 or volunteer@isd77.org.

What's Happening Right Now?

- **This Sunday** marks the return of the jazz ensemble organized by Jim McGuire—they will be leading us in worship with his jazz service at 9:30am.
- **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** are selling \$5 coupon booklets for Herberger's Community Days Sale November 8 thru November 11. ECW keeps the full \$5 for its missions. Get your coupon booklet today from Bobbi Hovren or Ann McGuire.
- **OMG** returns this Sunday at approximately 11:15 AM. Older youth from St. John's and Holy Communion and St Peter will meet, share a meal, get acquainted and plan some activities for the year. We plan to meet regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month after church.
- **Fair Trade Event, October 19th!** Join St John's Fair Trade/SDG Team and MAFTTI for Suds

and Songs at the Mankato Brewery from 6 to 8pm, Thursday, October 19th. David Gadberry, MSU Music professor and folk singer, provides the music while MAFTTI shares Fair Trade producer stories and educational materials. Raffle tickets for one of four \$100 Patagonia gift cards will be drawn that night; no need to be present to win! See any member of the FT/SDG Team or email Margo at mdruschel@gmail.com for tickets.

- **Change of venue! Viewing Party for "Out North"** The watch party for Out North, the PBS documentary on Minnesota GLBTQ history will now be held on the MSU campus at Ostrander Auditorium in the Centennial Student Union on Monday, October 16 from 8 to 10 PM. Come join us as we celebrate the diversity of all our out-state Minnesota communities.

- **Episcopal Confirmation Call:** Are you or any folk in your household interested in confirmation in the Episcopal Church? Confirmation is simply the study and public affirmation of one's baptismal faith and can take place at any age—although frequently it happens in late middle school or the high school years. There is currently no definite plan on format or shape of instruction as of yet but a confirmation service will take place here at St. John's in mid May 2018. Possible confirmands (and parents where appropriate) will discern together in the next month what will work best as to time frequency and shape of instruction. Are you interested or do you have questions? Please see or email Father Phil or let the church office know.

- **Memorial Service for Richard Lurth:** Richard Lurth passed away September 13 at age 82, after an extended illness and hospitalization. Dick was born March 31, 1935 in St. Peter and made a career of building, tuning, and repairing pipe organs. A memorial service will take place at 3:30 pm Saturday October 14 at Church of the Holy Communion in St. Peter, MN. Refreshments and a time for sharing favorite memories will follow in the parish hall.