



THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

Palm Sunday—The Sunday of the Passion

25 March, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Today, Palm Sunday—The Sunday of the Passion:

830a—Choir Rehearsal

930a—Holy Eucharist

11a—Confirmation Meeting @ Church

Wednesday:

9a—Altar Guild

Thursday:

7p—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday:

noon—Good Friday Service

7p—Good Friday Service - traditional

Next Week, Easter Sunday:

630a—Easter Vigil

730a—Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

830a—Choir Rehearsal

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 & Baptism

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

Eight crazy days

In the 2002 film, *Eight Crazy Nights*, Comedian Adam Sandler portrays a young man in trouble with the law who is forced to do community service over the Hanukkah holiday. His journey is fun and full of learning.

This Sunday we begin eight crazy days - Holy Week: Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday on into Easter.

Two observations:

1. This is a lot more religion than most people, even Episcopalians, are used to. We are fortunate if we even get ourselves to church once a week – much less attending four or five services in seven days. We who do so deserve some credit.

2. The reason we do this every year is not because we forget what happened in the last week of Jesus' life on earth. The reason we revisit the same events every year that we grow throughout our lives – our appreciation for death and for life changes, develops, and needs reinforcement. Like Adam Sandler in eight crazy nights, we too learn about the importance of service to others while being true to ourselves.

Come join us this week as we Parade through Jerusalem's streets and pray in the quiet night garden with Christ and the sleeping Disciples. Trudge with Jesus through city streets and



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Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,758
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$27,938
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$28,521

**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: Donna Casella, Karen Lybeck, Cathie Neitge

Anniversaries: none

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:
<http://www.stjohnsmankato.com>
calendar, updates, pictures and more!

TRANSITION UPDATE

Bishop Prior is pleased to offer a *second* 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

- **HELP REQUESTED! Altar Guild Needs YOU** — Saturday, March 24, at 10:00am, meet in the Sanctuary to set up for Easter. We need help in putting the banners up and furniture back in place, plus dressing the Altar and arranging the flowers. Many hands make light work. Any help is greatly appreciated. ~Bobbi H.
- **Altar Guild Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday, March 28 at 9:00am in the undercroft for polishing, etc.
- **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!



Easter Sunday ~ April 1

St. John's Easter Plants

I / We wish to make a donation to the Easter flower fund.

Name: _____

In memory of: _____

_____ I will bring a plant to church by Friday, March 30.

Donations are requested by March 25. Please attach your check to this form, write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line of your check, and give to

Ann McGuire or Nickie VanStelten.

Thank you!

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

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

Phone: 507-388-1969

Agnus Day



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Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

930am Service:

Greeters: Pat & Jordin Johnson
Lectors: Cathie Neitge, Audrey Splinter
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Gerry Schneck, Pam Bartholomew
Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Atem Lueth, Jonah Westberg
Children's Chapel: NA
Coffee Hour: Lueth/Splinter
Dishwashing Angels: Ray Splinter
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

What's Happening Right Now?

- **JC Superstar Pageant & Singalong!** Saturday, March 24 @Patrick's on 3rd in St. Peter. Two Shows: 4pm and 8pm. FREE!
- **REMINDER— St. John's Confirmation Class** meets Sunday, March 25 at 11am @ church.
- **Looking Ahead to Spring—**Watch for the United Thank Offering and the ECW May rummage sale! ~Ann M.
- **Free Concert.** March 25th at 3:00 PM at Bethany College Chapel. Freewill offering for Spasmodic Dysphonia. This concert features Karl Swede Mundell's cousin.
- **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.
- 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.
- **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

Weekly Evangelist (3)

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.

Easter Plant Donations Needed~

Donations towards Easter Plants are requested by March 25. Please complete the insert in today's Weekly Evangelist or call the church office to donate toward Easter Plants.

Thank you! ~Ann M.



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up a lonely hill to his death.

Feel the heat and see the light as Christ bursts forth from the tomb, Like morning sun on melting snow.

See you at church.

Phil B +