



THE CHRONICLE

Mankato, Minnesota

June — July 2012

Ponderings on Sabbatical

Happenings for June/July

Sabbatical— A time to step outside our comfort zones

This time of Sabbatical for our congregation and for Paul+ has many aspects. Quiet, contemplation, seeking God in new ways through new practices and new relationships. Our mission is to step outside of our comfort zones.

What does that really mean? It will mean something very different for each of us. Perhaps it is daring to be quiet and to work to put our busyness aside. For others, it might be reaching out in conversation to a new person or even to someone we've seen for years, but don't really know.

Our hike and picnic at the Kasota Prairie on Saturday, May 12th was a time to soak up the natural beauty, see and hear wildlife and birds, smell and experience the flowers and trees. We listened to the sounds of the prairie and learned of it's history and geology. We shared time and a meal together as we read poems about Minnesota farm life. It was a wonderful first activity of this Sabbatical Season. As we continue our journey together each of us can find a way to embrace a new practice.

June 1-3	House of Prayer Retreat
June 2	Men's Group, 7:45 am (date change)
June 3	Single services start at 9:30 am
June 5	St. Julian's mtg., 8:30 am, Panera (date and time change)
June 6	Holy Eucharist, 2 pm, Laurel's Edge
June 6	OMG Youth Group, 5:30 pm
June 9	Garden/Property clean-up, 8 am
June 15	Labyrinth walk with Paul+, time TBA
June 16	Adopt-a-Highway clean-up, 8-noon
June 17	Vestry, 11 am
June 20	OMG Youth Group, 5:30 pm
June 21	Community-Wide Fair Trade Talk with Margo Druschel, 7 pm
June 28	Altar Guild, 9 am
June 29	Men's Group Fish Fry, 5-7 pm
July 10	"Lakota Way" book study starts, 7pm
July 14	Men's Group, 7:45 am
July 15	Vestry, 11:30 am
July 26	Altar Guild, 9 am
July 26	Holy Eucharist, 2 pm, Laurel's Edge
July 28	Pipestone Trip, 8 am-6 pm
July 29	Mass in the Grass, Sibley Park, 10 am



Paul+ traveled to the UK on May 15th to begin his time there. That's stepping outside of one's comfort zone for certain!

One of the Sabbatical paths that we may follow is around the labyrinth with a group of fellow pilgrims here at St John's. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings on May 30, June 6 and June 13. Contact Betty Winkworth if you are interested in joining us. The group will also plan a way to walk the labyrinth in support of Paul+ as he walks St. Cuthbert's Way, June 15-19.

There are many other ways to join Paul+'s Pilgrimage along St Cuthbert's Way! You can walk, bike, swim and do yard and housework to add up to the 62 miles he will be walking.

The Lakota Way book study offers another opportunity to explore a thin place. The book group will meet at the Brave Heart's home on July 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7th from 7-8:30 in the evening. The bus trip to Pipestone on July 28th is another way and still has space available. Consult the sign-ups in the Narthex and invite friends and family to join us.

Finally, many of us will find ourselves hitting the road this summer. It is an ideal time to see new places that touch us with the beauty of God's creation, or to see familiar places through new eyes. Keep seeking those "thin places"; and keep Paul+ and our faith family in your prayers as we journey together with the promise of God's presence and peace to guide us.

Your Sabbatical Committee

BIRTHDAYS:

- June 03 - Jerusha Zimmerman
- 03 - Ambry Brave Heart
- 05 - Grace Mackie
- 11 - Barb Junker
- 11 - Mike Kearney
- 15 - Meg Stump
- 16 - Eric Zimmerman
- 19 - Peter Poulos
- 22 - Chris Hudson
- 24 - Karl Mundell
- 30 - Jonah Westberg

- July 03 - Bobbie Seberson
- 11 - Marje Britton
- 18 - Cliff Canavin
- 18 - Will Partridge
- 21 - Shirley Mikle
- 21 - Cindy Medenwald

ANNIVERSARIES:

- June 05 - Eric and Jerusha Zimmerman
- 18 - Don and Olivia Duncanson
- 23 - Oscar and Nicolle Kolbinger
- July 05 - Jim and Joan Pengra
- 15 - Eric and Jennifer Wendt
- 18 - The Rev'd Phil and Ann Clark
- 21 - Brad and Holley Reeves

Please Note:

There will be no ECW meeting
in June or July.



Habitat House is Back!

Once again we have the opportunity to bring our bagged aluminum cans to church to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The small Habitat House on wheels will be in our parking lot for us to fill with cans for the month of June.

Summer Green Tip

Remember—Anything that lands in your street gutters goes down a storm drain and into our rivers. If your mower leaves grass clippings in the gutter sweep them up before they contribute to the algae or chemicals in our waterways.

Time for a change?

St. Julian's Guild has been considering changes that would keep us enjoying each other but make it easier to meet. We've decided to schedule a morning meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 8:30 am at Panera's. We're inviting anyone who would like to join us for morning coffee, tea and conversation—the more the merrier!



Mass in the Grass

Please plan to attend Mass in the Grass, with Fr. John Robertson, Sunday, July 29. We'll be located in our usual spot in the shelter near the river at Sibley Park but will be starting the service at **10:00 a.m.** instead of 9:30.

The Men's Group will provide the meat and beverage. They do ask that you bring a dish to share AND in an effort to save the earth from another 3 bags of trash, please bring your own plates, cups and eating utensils.



BOOKKEEPER'S NARRATIVE APRIL 2012

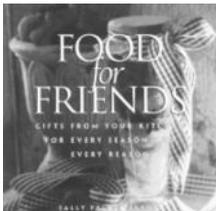
Our offerings for April totaled: \$11,549.37 to the General Account and I transferred \$4000.00 from the Capital Account to cover the expenses of \$16,592.18. We received \$250 in offerings to the Property Escrow Account.

The balances in the various checking accounts are as follows:

General Fund	\$1,196
Capital Acct.	\$43,143
Property Escrow Acct.	\$21,153

We have received the first quarter report from the Pooled Investment Account. The net change in the account total was a gain of \$16,039, which brings our total balance in the account to \$256,384.

Respectfully submitted,
Nickie VanStelten, Bookkeeper



Food for Friends: Thanks to everyone that helped feed our friends at the Salvation Army on May 26th. Your money, food, and time was greatly appreciated!

Two Saturday Dates to Remember:



June 9, 8 am. will be our **annual garden and property clean-up**. Things are looking good but could use some weeding, wood chips and pick-up. You need only bring your work gloves and a favorite weeding tool if you have one.



June 16, 8 am-noon for our **Adopt-A-Highway clean-up**. We will meet at St. John's parking lot and car pool to our designated stretch of road. Again, work gloves are recommended but Jerry Stump will bring the necessary bags and reflective vests.



Men's Group Change

St. John's Men's Group will have its June meeting on Saturday, **the 2nd**, 7:45 am. at the Best Webster Inn. Switching dates will allow members to work at the Air Show, June 9 and 10. More details will be available at the June 2nd meeting.



Fair Trade in the First-Person

Stories from the Dominican Republic

An illustrated presentation

by

Margo W. Druschel
(MAFTTI Steering Committee)

7:00p.m. Thursday, June 21, 2012

St. John's Episcopal Church,
corner of Broad and Warren, Mankato

Margo visited the Dominican Republic March 28-April 4 with a dozen Fair Trade Town activists from all over the USA. She spent time with workers on Fair Trade coffee, cacao and banana co-operatives, stayed in local homes and saw at close hand what a positive difference Fair Trade made in their lives.

If you have not had the opportunity to hear Margo speak and have questions about how Fair Trade helps artisans and small farmers combat poverty in the Global South, this is just for you.

St. John's will be hosting this community-wide event and Fair Trade products will be available for sale.

ART QUILT RAFFLE

THIS EXQUISITE ART QUILT, ENTITLED "FAIR TRADE", (26"X30") HAS BEEN CREATED AND DONATED BY SHELLEY CORDS-SWANSON OF ODIN, MN.



THE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE AT
8:30P.M. ON
AUGUST 21, 2012 AT

EMY FRENTZ ARTS GUILD

523 S SECOND STREET, MANKATO

TICKETS (6 FOR \$10.00; \$2.00 SINGLE)

AVAILABLE FROM: Margo Druschel, 720-0768
or Betty Winkworth, 387-7170

PRESENCE AT DRAWING NOT REQUIRED
BUT ANY WINNER OUTSIDE THE MANKATO
AREA NOT PRESENT AT THE DRAW-
ING MUST COVER THE SHIPPING COSTS



Sunday School

Sunday School News:

The end of the school year celebration went very well. Our last Sunday School class was held and then all the classes participated in the 10:30 service. Renn and Klara greeted the people as they entered church; Ronan, Jonah and Cyrus read the lessons and Psalm; Lydia and Emi helped with the offertory; and Liz and Ambry read the Prayers of the People. We concluded the celebration with certificates and t-shirts for all those who participated in Sunday School, youth group and as acolytes. We even finished off an entire sheet cake!!

Sunday School will resume September 9th at 9:30 am. There is a sign up sheet for teachers for the 2012-2013 school year on the bulletin board between the vestry and the youth room for all those interested in teaching next year.

Acolytes:

Take the summer off! We will be planning a “refresher” course this August (likely 8/25/12). We will resume acolytes September 9th.

OMG:

St. John's is hosting OMG in June on the 6th and 20th. We will have supper at 5:30pm with activities from 6-7pm. This group is generally for those going into 6th grade in the fall through high school. Elementary children may be included if they wish. The group has decided to do three activities this summer: camping, the Sky Zone, and Valleyfair. Please contact Lisa Westberg (344-0643) for questions.

****We will have a nursery attendant this summer!!****

Brandi Dohman will be staying in Mankato this summer and has offered to continue to watch our little ones during the service.

Shout Outs!

- **Thank you, THANK you, THANK YOU** to all the teachers this last year. You all did a lot of praying, working, growing and even some dancing with our children. I appreciate all the time and talent that went into our Sunday School program. *Lisa Westberg*
- **Thank you** to all who helped make St. John's Spring Rummage Sale a success! thank you thank you thank you thank you.
- **A warm “God Be With You!”** goes out to the Corley family as they begin their new adventures and Chris's sabbatical. Chris has left for Dijon, France and Jolly, Renn and Ronan will be joining him in August after their summer camp stint in New Hampshire. We look forward to a few blog posts from them and their return January 20, 2013—our best to you!
- **It was a great service** at 10:30 on May 20th with our EpiscoPals handling virtually every duty with freshness (and even a little joyous dancing). Our thanks to all of the children—and a very special thanks to Lisa Westberg and Jolly Corley for a year of growth and imagination in our Sunday School.

Share the good news! E-mail Betty Winkworth at jbwink@charter.net, or call 387-7170.



Dentists here in Mankato are asking Mankato congregations to please distribute the following information. Mission of Mercy is a group of persons in the dental field who provide free dental health care to persons who are not able to access care. Perhaps there are individuals/families in your congregation who could benefit from their service, or perhaps they could help volunteer at the event on August 17-18.

Event Dates

Set up: August 16, 2012

Treatment: August 17-18, 2012

Tear down: August 19, 2012

Verizon Wireless Center – Mankato, MN

The Minnesota Dental Association, in conjunction with the Minnesota Dental Foundation, will host its first Minnesota Mission of Mercy (MnMOM) event on August 17-18, 2012, in Mankato, Minnesota. These events, initiated in 2000 and currently active in 18 states, are projects which provide free dental care to anyone who is unable to access care. A large, temporary dental clinic is erected to provide treatment over a two-day period in areas of the state where individuals are not able to easily access oral health care. It provides dental treatment to children and adults in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

No pre-qualification is needed. Anybody, child or adult, who is in relatively good health and able to show up at the event, qualifies for treatment. The goal for the first MnMOM event is to treat approximately 2,000 patients, providing over \$1,000,000 worth of free dental treatment.

Many volunteers are needed. Go to www.mndental.org for more information and to register.



St. John's Outreach Committee

Mission: To support Christ's mission in the local, national, and international communities.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

St. John's Outreach Committee met Sunday, April 1 and opened with prayer. The committee discussed our annual allotment from the vestry, \$1750. We donated \$427.50 to ECHO in March leaving us with a total of \$1247.50. Looking at our remaining funds it was decided to donate \$249.50 to five different local non-profit organizations. The breakdown of St. John's Episcopal Church Outreach will be as follows: CADA House in June, ECHO Food Shelf in July, Theresa House in August, The REACH (for homeless youth) in September, and the House of Hope in December.

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On June 3rd from 1-4 pm, St John's will once again be hosting "Undie Sunday." Underwear is often forgotten about when people donate to

clothes drives. Charities such as House of Hope must then take monies from their already too small budgets to supply people with this most basic need. The area churches have been contacted and asked to join in our charity drive. We even have a Facebook page. Just go to St John's Facebook page and check out the events section. We hope to have a PayPal link up and running so anyone forwarding the event via their own Facebook friends list, will help draw in a few cash donations as well. *Semper Ubi Sub Ubi*. Any questions? Call Andrew Westberg, 344-0643.



Don't Miss It!

Watch for the sign-up sheet at church for our annual Twins Game Bus Trip scheduled for Saturday, August 11. More information will follow.

In case of emergency or pastoral need please call the Office or one of the Wardens: **St. John's Office: 507.388.1969**
[Leave a message or, if this is an emergency, call one of the Parish Wardens]

Wardens—

Jaci Lageson: 507.995.4706

Jerry Stump: 507.304.2355



St. John's Vestry Meeting April 29, 2012

Vestry Moves on Elevator Upgrades and Handicap Door Repair

Meeting in regular session on April 29th, the Vestry authorized repair expenses for upgrading the elevator to current codes proposed by Minnesota Elevator earlier for \$5050 and authorized necessary repairs to the handicapped access door for up to \$2000 if a new mechanism is required. Damage resulted when people forgot to turn the power off to the actuator and locked the door.

In other business the Vestry discussed the need to update "Safe Church Training" for key holders and people working with youth. They also discussed a meeting on the proposed anti-marriage and assigned someone to attend and bring information back, and organization of an area youth group for ages 8 and up.

Anyone who is having difficulty getting their church key to work should contact the Junior Warden. It appears some of the keys are bad copies.

St. John's Vestry Meeting May 20, 2012

Vestry Sets Summer Calendar

After considerable discussion, the Vestry decided to take an educational role on the Minnesota Constitutional Amendment to ban gay marriage coming up in November. The measure has passed in 29 states to date. Failure of the amendment does not allow gay marriage. A showing of a brief in-

formational video will begin on June 10th during coffee hour.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to setting the summer calendar and exploring ways to support church youth activities.

Note: Single services start June 3 at 9:30 a.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church Men's Fish Fry



Bring your family and come join the men of St. John's Episcopal Church for a Fish Fry on the Feast of St. Peter and Paul.

- **What:** Halibut and sides
- **Where:** St. John's Episcopal Church, Broad and Warren Streets
- **When:** Friday, June 29th, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Price \$7 for adults, children \$4 under 12 are free (Hot Dogs also if Kids don't care for fish)

Lay Ministry Schedule

	9:30 AM SERVICE
<p><u>June 3</u></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Judy Anderson, Leslie Peterson Cathie Neitge, Ginny McNear Joan Hertel, Stephen Deeren Mackie</p>
<p><u>June 10</u></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Ginny McNear, Candace Black Andrew Westberg, Cathie Neitge Karl Mundell, Nickie VanStelten Cvancara</p>
<p><u>June 17</u></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Pat Johnson, Jordin Johnson Meg Stump, Bobbie Seberson Pam Bartholomew, Gerry Schneck Rozeboom/Fowler</p>
<p><u>June 24</u></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Mary Yurek, Leslie Peterson Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter Joan Hertel, Stephen Deeren Clark</p>

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ALTAR GUILD

JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Breakfast meeting: Thursday, June 28

9:30 Bobbi Hovren, Audrey Splinter

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.

Lay Ministry Schedule

	9:30 AM SERVICE
<p><u>July 1</u></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Judy Anderson, Leslie Peterson Leslie Peterson, Ginny McNear Pam Bartholomew, Gerry Schneck Peterson/Seberson</p>
<p><u>July 8</u></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Ginny McNear, Jan Mickelson Andrew Westberg, Candace Black Karl Mundell, Nickie VanStelten Paul/Fischer</p>
<p><u>July 15</u></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Candace Black, Leslie Peterson Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter Joan Hertel, Stephen Deeren Berner</p>
<p><u>July 22</u></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Pat Johnson, Jordin Johnson John Paul, Jaci Lageson Pam Bartholomew, Gerry Schneck Deeren/Boulester</p>
<p><u>July 29</u></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Mass in the Grass at 10:00 am at Sibley Park</p> <p>Mary Yurek, Judy Anderson Margo Druschel, Steve Druschel Joan Hertel, Stephen Deeren Mass in the Grass Potluck</p>

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ALTAR GUILD

JULY ALTAR GUILD

Breakfast meeting: Thursday, July 26

9:30 Missy Manderfeld, Ann McGuire, Elsie Olson

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.




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