



# THE CHRONICLE

Mankato, Minnesota

September 2010

## *Paul's Ponderings*

### This Month's Happenings

“Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?” (BCP 302)

Do you remember this question asked to parents and sponsors as candidates for Baptism are brought before the congregation? And, do you remember the vows you as a member of the congregation took to support these persons in their life in Christ? Christian Education is one way we as a community of faith have to share the Good News of life in Christ with those we love. Sunday School is a big part of this education.

An article I read recently stated that the average school-age child spends over 1,400 hours a year in the classroom, but, at best, spends only 40 hours or so attending Sunday School. What a remarkable statistic! We sure do have a lot to cover in that 40 hours don't we?

Saint John's Faith Formation kick-off will be on September 12, the Sunday we revert to our regular schedule of two services of worship — 8am and 10:30am. And, once again, we are offering a little bit of something for just about everyone.

- Sept. 1 ECW Mtg. Luncheon, noon
- Sept. 5 Outreach Mtg., after service
- Sept. 5 Walk-Bike-Carpool to Church
- Sept. 11 Men's Group, 8 am
- Sept. 11 Pridefest, Parade 11:15, Festival 12-6 pm
- Sept. 12 Fall Kick-off, 8 and 10:30 services, EpiscoPals & Jazz Mass @10:30, Adult Class 9:30
- Sept. 12 Rozeboom Celebration, 1:30 pm
- Sept. 19 Receipts for Fair Trade starts
- Sept. 19 LLM Training, Greeters 1:00 LEMs 3:00 pm
- Sept. 21 St. Julian's mtg., 7 pm
- Sept. 26 Vestry mtg, noon
- Sept. 30 Altar Guild 9:00 am

*More Inside...*

Our Adult Class will begin at 9:30am and for the first part of the Fall session we will read *Putting Away Childish Things* by contemporary theologian Marcus Borg. This short novel provides an engaging way for readers to learn about the important issues dividing Christians today. It can be ordered through one of the many online book



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distributors — ISBN 0061888141.

EpiscoPals starts at 10:30 and is geared for children with nursery care also available for the youngest ones. Our 10:30 service on the 12th will include our moving Jazz Mass.

In addition to Sunday mornings we also have a Bible Study group which meets at Church on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm. Other study groups can be arranged as desired, just see Paul+ if you are interested in putting something together. Or, better yet, start a group on your own! What could be more meaningful than a group of friends coming together to share and grow in Christ through the study of Holy Scripture?

So join us on the 12th. After 10:30 worship, we'll have a potluck lunch and goodies out on our Labyrinth — weather permitting, of course. Bring a dish to share and your lawn chairs and help us to “Kick-Off” our new school year!

Thanks be to God!

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- 9/4 Missy Manderfeld
- 9/7 Alice Hadley
- 9/13 Jill Fischer
- 9/14 Robert (Rob) Minzel
- 9/14 Brad Reeves
- 9/15 Sue Kolbinger
- 9/15 Lynn Keller
- 9/15 Paul Rozeboom
- 9/17 Joe Britton
- 9/22 Renn Corley
- 9/24 Mary Yurek
- 9/25 Lincoln Olson
- 9/25 Maxwell Olson
- 9/25 Holley Reeves
- 9/26 Mary Jean Baker
- 9/30 Malia Jones

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 9/1 Chris and Jolly Corley
- 9/4 Gary and Helen Hudson
- 9/4 Barb and Richard Junker
- 9/8 Rick Robbins and Candace Black
- 9/13 Ray and Audrey Splinter
- 9/17 Paul and Jan Rozeboom
- 9/25 Nancy Zwickey and Bill Steil

**Don't Forget:**

We revert to our regular schedule of two services on 12 September. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8am and 10:30am. We also offer Evening Prayer twice a week at 5:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

## 2010 Annual Mankato Pridefest is

**Saturday, September 11**

The 9th Annual Pridefest is being held on Saturday, September 11. St. John's is involved in two activities, the Mankato Pride Parade and Pridefest, held this year in Riverfront Park. There will be a sign-up sheet for the next several Sundays to walk in the parade and/or spend some time at the St. John's booth. The t-shirt decals that we used last year will be available to put on t-shirts.

The St. John's booth will be giving away water, rainbow notebooks and buttons. As in past years, we will have spin art for the kids.

### SCHEDULE

#### 11:15am MANKATO PRIDE PARADE

Plan to gather shortly before 11 am at the Blue Earth County Library parking lot. We will be sharing juice and rolls with all the parade participants beforehand and we will be carrying our "God Thinks You're Fabulous" banner in the parade. This parade will start at the Blue Earth County Library parking lot, march down Riverfront Drive, and end at the festival grounds at Riverfront Park, Mankato.

#### 12pm-6pm MANKATO PRIDEFEST

Riverfront Park, Mankato. St. John's will have a booth at the Pridefest, giving away water, rainbow notebooks and buttons with activities for the kids. The Pridefest features Music, Food, Exhibitors, Rainbow Health Tent, Beer Garden, Dance Classes, Kids Crafts, Inflatable Fun Activities, and more!



### TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2010

Our offerings for July were \$9,549 for the General Fund, \$30 for the Capital Account and we transferred \$8,000 from the Capital Account into the General Checking Account to help cover expenses totaling \$16,181. Our deficit for the year stands at \$12,699 which is \$4,191 less than the amount we expected to have by the end of July according to our approved Budget. We have a balance of \$26,910 in our Capital Checking Account and a balance of \$27,750 in our Property Escrow Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie VanStelten, Treasurer

ECW

Episcopal Church Women

Wed., Sept. 1 @ noon

worship ~ luncheon ~ meeting

Mankato Golf Club

RSVP

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387-4396



## **St. John's Outreach Committee**

*Matthew 25:35 "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." 40 "...Truly I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me."*

In August, the committee met on Sunday, August 1st after the service. We received thank you letters for our recent contributions toward MAP International, Theresa House, and the Drop-In Center for In-Crisis Youth.

After reviewing the many requests for our continued support, we decided to concentrate on making a difference in our immediate community. As we are all aware, ECHO Food Shelf continually purchases food to supply our local community with needed groceries. The quantity of people using ECHO has been increasing; therefore, their needs continue to increase. We donated \$150 to ECHO to assist them in their efforts.

Another area we can reach out to is education. Central Freedom School requested our assistance. Central Freedom School is a year-round High School program serving referred students who are in recovery from Chemical Dependency. Educational costs are the responsibility of the student's home district, while the cost of

the therapeutic portion of the program is the responsibility of the county of residence, students' insurance provider or the family of the student. We decided to contribute \$100 to the school. The student feedback from this school is encouraging. One student states, "It's difficult to express how grateful I am to be surrounded with a group of peers in the same situation, to be supported and accepted as the person I am."

The Outreach committee meets the first Sunday of each month immediately following the latest worship service. Participation in this committee is open to all members of St. John's. Join us in caring for the needs of others.

## **Training for Greeters, Lectors &**

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

Have you ever wanted to read a lesson during worship? Do you like to meet new people? Perhaps you've always wanted to serve at the altar? Well now's your chance!

Fall training for Liturgical Lay Ministries will commence on 19 September. Greeters will meet at 1pm and Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers will meet at 3pm. Ongoing training is required for these ministries, so if you are already a Greeter, Lector, or LEM you will need to attend one session per year. Anyone wishing to join these important ministries should plan on coming to the September session. If you would like more information on becoming a Liturgical Lay Minister, see Paul+

Once training is complete, we will have a commissioning service in October during regular worship.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010  
1:30 pm TO 3:30 PM

CAKE, ICE CREAM & BEVERAGE  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SOCIAL ROOM – LOWER LEVEL



## JAN & PAUL ROZEBOOM

*NO GIFTS, PLEASE*

## Remember ECHO

You may have heard that ECHO is in the process of purchasing the former DeGroot's Appliance building with hopes of moving in October. Any of you who have delivered food or volunteered at its current building on Second Street have seen the serious space problem ECHO has had for years in storing the necessary food items and in serving their clients.

The good news is that the new location should meet ECHO's needs for a long time to come. However, the purchase involves a big fundraising effort while they continue to care for the day-to-day food needs of their clients.

If you wish to contribute to the fundraising please send your check to ECHO, P.O. Box 3212, Mankato and indicate "Building Fund" on the memo line.

Please consider contributing to their important work.

## ST. JULIAN'S MEETING

The first autumn meeting of the Julie's will be at Nickie VanStelten's home on Tuesday, September 21st at 7pm. Car pooling will be available from the church parking lot. An e-mail will go out as the date draws near. We will be discussing the Apple Pie Sale and some financial decisions that are a carry-over from our last meeting in the spring. Hope to see all the "regular" Julies and any new people interested in joining us for fellowship, fund-raising and fun.

## Another Great Recycling Event

ECW will host a fall rummage sale. The dates will be announced later. Organize your closets, bring your clothing, houseware, toys, CDs, DVDs, shoes, small furniture, and more... and volunteer to help.

## Using Our Purchasing Power

By buying Fair Trade products we know we are giving family farmers here and in developing countries a fair, stable price to produce and a decent living. But we can only do that if we can find Fair Trade products locally to purchase.



And how can we improve that? There's a new, simple answer—save your grocery receipts. The idea comes from MAFTTI (Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative) and the point is to demonstrate our collective purchasing power. Buy presenting our accumulated grocery receipts to supermarket managers in our area we can show them how much their loyal and frequent customers spend in their stores and that these same people would like to see more Fair Trade options available.

To participate you will simply leave your grocery receipts in our collection box in the Parish Hall through the month of October (Fair Trade Month) and put your name on our sign-up sheet. You will also find a stack of suggestion-box slips that you can give your store manager that indicates that you would like to see more Fair Trade options available.

For more specific information watch for our project kick-off on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> or contact our church coordinator, Betty Winkworth.

Working together we can make a world of difference.



## How Are We Doing So Far?

Remember your Earth Day pledges in April? Check yours out on the table in the Parish Hall and let us know how you've been doing. Just write "yes", "no" or any other comment on your pledge slip. We want to celebrate our efforts on Sept. 5th!

### Sept. 5th?

Yes! It's our last joint service of the summer and our first Walk-Bike-Carpool to Church Sunday.

The whole idea is to find your way to church any way you can that will reduce the use of fuel. There will be a table at the front door of St. John's where you can get a drink of water at the end of your trip and collect a special acknowledgement for your efforts—and that includes those who met their Earth Day pledge, too.

If you need any help locating members of St. John's who live near you for carpooling, you can contact Ginny McNear, 388-8442.

## Adopt a Door

Fall clean up is approaching and the JW has a door painting project on the list.

We are looking for six people to tackle a door a piece to put some bright red accents on our church so more people can find their way in. We will try to set a date in the not too distant future when weather cools a little. Questions? Talk to Jerry Stump.

# Lay Ministry Schedule

	9:00 AM SERVICE	
<b><u>September 5</u></b> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Mary Yurek, Elsie Olson, Peter Poulos Candace Black, Bobbie Seberson Stephen Deeren, Joan Hertel Robbins/Black	

	8:00 AM SERVICE	10:30 AM SERVICE
<b><u>September 12</u></b> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Pam Oster, Jaci Lageson Steve Deeren	Peter Poulos, Leslie Peterson, Hogans Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter Pam Bartholomew, Nickie VanStelten Potluck
<b><u>September 19</u></b> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Leslie Peterson, Cathie Neitge Steve Deeren	Peter Poulos, Elsie Olson, Ginny McNear Bill Gray, Meg Stump Gerry Schneck, Ann Clark Rozeboom/Fowler
<b><u>September 26</u></b> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Bobbie Seberson, Jaci Lageson Steve Deeren	Peter Poulos, L Peterson, Jan Mickelson Joan Hertel, John Paul Karl Mundell, Nickie VanStelten Schneck/Bartholomew

*As always, if you are unavailable on your scheduled date, please make your own substitutions and inform the Church Office at [stjohns@hickorytech.net](mailto:stjohns@hickorytech.net) no later than the Wednesday prior. That way we can be sure to include the right list of servers in our Weekly Evangelist and we can send the service reminder to the right person! Thanks!*

## Altar Guild in September

8:00 a.m. Libby Duncanson

10:30 a.m. Elaine Larson, Pat Johnson, Elsie Olson

Monthly meeting Thursday, 9/30/10 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.



