

## 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 Schultdt

**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 & In Thanksgiving for Spring Weather by Missy Manderfeld

### 930am Service:

Greeter: Leslie Peterson  
Lectors: Candace Black, Tim Secott  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Gerry Schneck, Pam Bartholomew  
Acolytes: Liz Paul, Lydia Paul, Ryan Berlin  
Children's Chapel: Ann McGuire  
Music: Mary Schultdt  
Special Music: Roger Sheffer  
Coffee Hour: McGuire/Olson  
Dishwashing Angel: Donna Casella  
Altar Guild: Ann McGuire, Missy Manderfeld

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](mailto:rasplinters@gmail.com) or Steve Druschel: 978.766.5252 or [stephen.druschel@mnsu.edu](mailto:stephen.druschel@mnsu.edu)



# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ

## THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

Fifth Sunday of Easter

29 April, 2018

### What's Going On This Week

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite 1

#### Tuesday:

10a—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners

#### Wednesday:

6p—Confirmation Meeting @ Church (Parents invited)

#### Next Week, Sixth Sunday of Easter:

830a—Choir Rehearsal

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 w/ Children's Chapel

1130a—OMG Youth Group

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

## Is God Love?

John the Evangelist declares in a letter that "God is Love." But how can that be true?

We find "less than love" all around us in the world... The world of politics, our home life, our neighborhoods are all scarred by lack of compassion. We regularly run across occasions when we hurt, wound, or kill each other—spiritually, if not literally.

How can this be? If there is a God, why does God allow such things in the world?

Like us, God is involved in the Compassion Project. God is constantly and consistently raising up the possibility of a new future for all—a future where we can increase the amount of love in a world that works for everyone, with no one and nothing left out.

That is the world we are called to be, to create, to live in.

Come join the Compassion Project.

Phil B +



Weekly Evangelist (1)

### Offering Update

\*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558  
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,777  
 \*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$40,728  
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$39,423  
 \*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

### Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of April – please pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. (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](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, Julie, Carol, Roxanne

*For Birthdays:* Roger Sheffer  
*Anniversaries:* None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

<http://www.stjohnsmankato.com>  
*calendar, updates, pictures and more!*

### TRANSITION UPDATE

Your transition team has completed first interviews of our two candidates for the part-time clergy position. We're happy to report we have two excellent people interested in our position. Second round interviews are being scheduled for the first part of May. Please continue in prayer for our transitions team and St. John's during this discernment process.

### Opportunities for Service

- **ECW Rummage Sale**—Help and Donations needed! See info in the box to the right!
- **United Thank Offering**—Envelopes available April 29. [IN-GATHERING May 6.](#)
- **"Get on the Beam" campaign** —St. John's is again participating in this important fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. We received our "beam" (a 2x4) the week of April 16 and it will reside in the narthex until May 21. All beams find their home in a Habitat for Humanity home. Please consider making a donation to "Get on the Beam".
- **Meals on Wheels:** MOW is in need of drivers to deliver meals to their seniors and people with disabilities. Their clients love the friendly faces, and sometimes this is their only contact with others. Hours are Mon-Fri, from 10:30am—11:30am. To volunteer: call 625-8970 and ask for Shawn.

### What's Happening Right Now?

- **Church Service Survey**— Please complete the survey re: time of service either through Survey Monkey on your computer or by filling out a paper copy available at the church. Paper copies can be mailed back to the church or left in the office or on the door. **Please respond by May 15th.** The Vestry thanks you for your input!
- **Next Choir Rehearsal**—May 6 @ 8:30am.

- **ECW No Meeting May 2.** We will meet May 9, Charley's restaurant, 920 Madison Ave. Noon luncheon-meeting.
- The five choirs of the **Mankato Children's Chorus** will be presenting "A Season to Sing!" on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3:00pm at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Tickets are \$12-adults, \$10-seniors/children. Grace Mackie is a member!
- **St. John's Confirmands** will be confirmed on Saturday, May 12 at 11 :00 a.m. at St Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont. Mark your calendars!
- Visit the **VINE Adult Day Program** on Wednesday, May 2 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm for refreshments and a tour at 421 E. Hickory St. in Mankato. Call Mary W. at (507) 386-5577 for more information.
- **Poverty Simulation Opportunity, United Way:** Thursday, June 7 at Crossview Covenant Church, 6pm—8:30pm, check-in begins at 5:30pm. (1 in 4 people in Mankato live in poverty.)
- **Gustavus Handbell Ensembles** in Concert: Sunday, May 13, 7:30 pm, Christ Chapel on the Gustavus Adolphus College campus. Free!

### ECW — RUMMAGE SALE

**Set-up: May 16: 5pm—6:30pm**

**May 17: 9am—noon**

(please volunteer to help)

**Sale: May 16—19**

It's time for spring cleaning + organizing. Please donate your clean, gently used items: household goods, clothing, shoes, kid's clothes, kitchenware, toys, treasures, CDs, books, anything that will sell.  
**\*\*but no exercise equipment or electronics pls.**

### Farewell to Donna

April 29 marks Donna Casella's last Sunday with us (until she comes to visit!)

Donna, you have meant so much to St. John's and to us all. Thank you for your fellowship, your passion for all things sustainable, and for your devoted service. You will be missed, but we wish you well!

### A Special Note from Jack Lindsay

*Hello all,  
 I am writing to you to inform you that I am resigning from the Vestry. I love our church and all of you, but I am moving to the metro soon after graduation and as such it will be untenable to continue as a vestry member.*

*I wish you all the best.*

*Sincerely,  
 Jack Lindsay*

**Jack**, we will miss you! And we wish you well! congrats on your graduation!

### Special Music today

Thank you Roger Sheffer for visiting us and blessing us with your lovely voice! We appreciate it, Roger!

### Men's Group Thanks!

Thank you to the Men's Group for adding to the Discretionary Fund!

### St. John's Children's Chapel Leaders

Thank you also to everyone who signed up to teach Children's Chapel for the rest of the year. The remaining schedule is:

May 6—Ann McGuire  
 May 20—Meg Stump

