



# THE CHRONICLE

**Mankato, Minnesota**

**October 2012**

## *Ponderings*

## Happenings for October

I had only been in England and Wales for just about two weeks and already I had experienced many wonderful services of worship in four cathedrals and one parish church. Most of these orders of worship were evensong, with wonderful choristers and in congregations consisting primarily of visitors [tourists] who were quite unfamiliar with Prayer Book worship and who had come to hear the music and see the beautiful worship space. Two services of Holy Eucharist and a smattering of spoken services of the Daily Office were thrown in for good measure.

I'd experienced contemporary and traditional forms of worship, using the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*, the *Book of Common Worship*, and the *Book of Common Prayer* of the Church of Wales. Psalms for these orders of worship came exclusively from the 1662 English Prayer Book.

At this early stage of my Anglican sojourning I was quite taken by the fact that worship remains basically the same no matter where you are within the Anglican Communion. Especially was this brought home one morning at Holy Eucharist when we prayed the

- Oct. 2 "The Line," UCC, 6:30pm
- Oct. 3 ECW, Wow Zone, noon
- Oct. 3 OMG, St. Peter, 5:30pm
- Oct. 4-6 ECW Rummage Sale
- Oct. 7 Pet Blessing, 2pm
- Oct. 11 St. Julians, Panera, 8:30am
- Oct. 13 Men's Group, 7:45am
- Oct. 17 Holy Eucharist 2pm Laurel's Edge
- Oct. 17 OMG, St. Peter, 5:30pm
- Oct. 19 OMG, 5:30 pm, St. Peter
- Oct. 21 Visit with Bess Palmisciano
- Oct. 25 Altar Guild, 9am
- Oct. 26-7 Sabbatical Review
- Oct. 28 Vestry mtg., noon
- Oct. 31 OMG, All Hallow's Eve

*More inside...*

Prayer of Humble Access prior to communion. It was the same as that found on page 337 of our Book of Common Prayer. I didn't need the English Prayer Book at all for most of the service.

Throughout the remainder of my time in the United Kingdom I rarely had to crack open a

prayer book during worship. Even in Scotland where the Episcopal Church is not the state church, and, therefore, is quite small, I only had to use their Prayer Book for the Eucharistic Prayers, which are different enough from our own that I wanted to follow along. After worship one Tuesday morning in Ft. William, the congregants knew I must be Episcopalian because I had no trouble at all keeping up with the order of service!

We Episcopalians—we Anglicans—are a people of two books, the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. Both provide us with strength for the journey and it is comforting to know that wherever travels may take us we can almost always find a place of worship where both provide the foundation of community prayer.

Thanks be to God!



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As we enter this election season, here are some prayers you might find helpful as we come to this critical time for our community and the world.

**For an Election:**

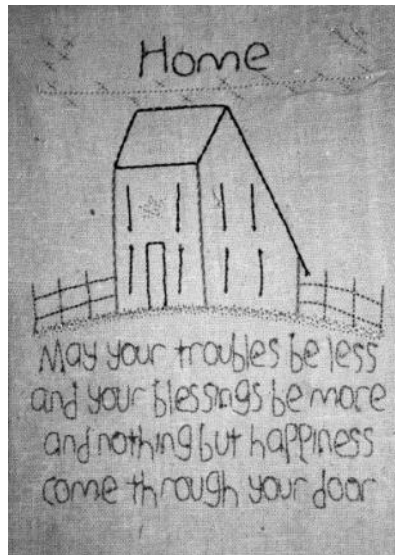
Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States and this community in the election

of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For the Nation:**

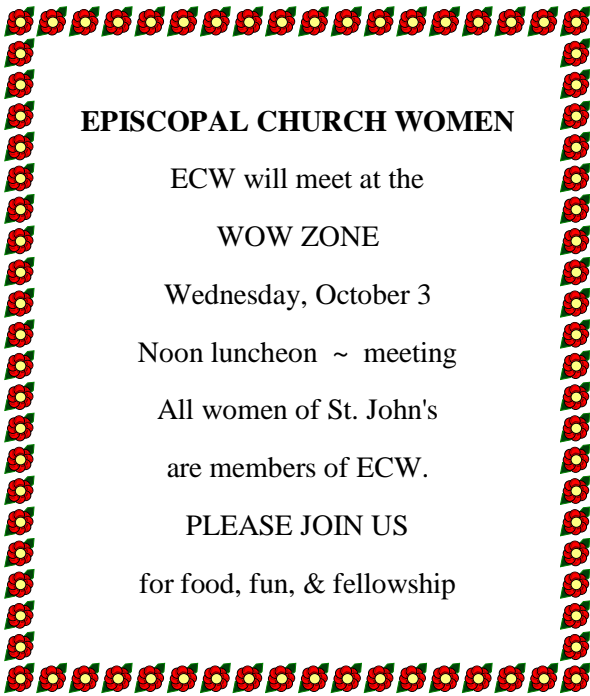
Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace:

Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Our family has asked Paul+ to perform a house blessing at our new home on Saturday, October 13 at 2:00. We would like to invite people from the parish to the ceremony. We will be serving coffee, lemonade and cookies. The house blessing will be at 206 W 8th Street, Mankato. Phone is 625-9360.

Thank you, David and Sara Brave Heart



**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN**

ECW will meet at the

**WOW ZONE**

Wednesday, October 3

Noon luncheon ~ meeting

All women of St. John's

are members of ECW.

**PLEASE JOIN US**

for food, fun, & fellowship



**CELEBRATIONS...**  
**birthdays,**  
**anniversaries**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- October 06 Koltin Kolbinger
- 07 Timothy Olson
- 12 Don Duncanson
- 12 Cathy Colby
- 12 Ronan Corley
- 14 Eric Westberg
- 17 Bill Gray
- 19 Reeve Cumming
- 24 Emilia Means
- 27 David Brave Heart
- 29 Lydia Paul
- 30 Ginny McNear

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- October 12 Jim and Ann McGuire
- 22 Bill and Jan Mickelson



**Annual Pet Blessing at St. John's**

It's that time of year again: Gotta get your pets blessed! Yes. In honor of St. Francis—patron Saint of animals and pets—we will gather on Sunday, 7 October at 2pm here at the church. The order of worship will be the new "Liturgy for the Blessing of Pets" approved by the Episcopal Church at General Convention this past summer. So, leash up your four- or two-legged, crawling, flying, hopping and creeping pets and come get them blessed. Bring your stuffed animals, too [the toy kind, not the trophy kind!] and join us for a howling good time.

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**Coming to a Church Near You!**

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- On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Life Line
- Screening will be set-up at St. John's offering 5 different medical tests to the community at large and to St. John's parishioners at a \$10 discount. They will also
- donate \$10 to St. John's for every member who participates. This requires pre-registration by calling 1-800-324-9458.
- Please, check the pink from on the narthex bulletin board for further details.

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## BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT AUG. 2012

The offerings to the General Fund in August totaled \$8,737 and we transferred \$3,600 from the Capital Account to cover expenses totaling \$12,606. We received offerings of \$125 to the Property Escrow Account. The balances in the two investment accounts at the end of August were:

Capital Account	\$ 27,426
Property Escrow Account	\$ 22,509

We will be mailing out the offering statements at the end of September. If you have not received one or have any questions regarding your statement, please contact either Gerry Schneck or Nickie VanStelten. Thanks to all who have kept up their pledges during the summer. Please remember to send in a check when you are on the Flower Chart...we have a few open Sundays left for this year, so check the chart in the stairway if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nickie VanStelten, Bookkeeper

Our next St. Julian's meeting will again be a morning one at Panera. We will be there Thursday, Oct. 11, at 8:30 am. Drop by if you are in the neighborhood!



## “Poverty in America-- It's not what you think”

*The Line* is a film from Emmy Award-winning producer, Linda Midgett. It documents the stories of people across the country living at or below the poverty line. They have goals. They have children. They work hard. They are people like you and me.

From Chicago's suburbs and west side to the Gulf Coast to North Carolina, millions of Americans are struggling every day to make it above *The Line*.

**Date: Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm**

**Sponsors: St John's Episcopal and First  
Congregational Church/UCC**

**What: We are part of the National Premiere  
with a National Panel Discussion to follow.**

**Visit [thelinemovie.com](http://thelinemovie.com) or [sojo.net](http://sojo.net) for more  
information.**

St John's is co-sponsoring this event with our friends at First Congregational Church/UCC and our goal is to reach out to communities of faith in the area and to others who are concerned with issues of justice and poverty. The film is not about politics but the focus is on the struggle that many families live each day right here in America. Mark your calendar, invite friends and neighbors and join us for this important film at 150 Stadium Court. Our discussion after the film will focus on what we can do right here in Mankato.

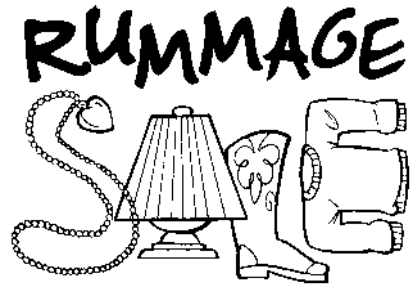


## Shout Outs!

- To St. John's Vestry and Sabbatical Prep Team for their leadership.
- To Jan and Joan and Gerry and Nickie and Peter and Jordin for keeping things running.
- To all who sought out their own "Thin Places" this summer.
- To the Green Team for earning for St. John's the distinction of a third Environmental Stewardship Award with the greatest number of projects completed by any congregation in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota!
- To Joan Hertel, Ray Splinter, & Karl Mundell, St. John's delegates to the convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. [Be sure to ask them how convention went!]
- To Jerusha and Eric Zimmerman for another wonderful addition to the St. John's family. Jonathan Neil was born September 2, and attended our picnic service Sept. 9!

## And From EpiscoPals:

- Thank you Jan Mickelson for supplying our Sunday School rooms with school supplies!!
- Thank you Jerry Stump for fixing the pencil sharpeners in the classrooms!!
- Thank you Nickie VanStelten and Andrew Westberg for training our acolytes. They are doing a wonderful job!



## FALL RUMMAGE SALE

**ECW will host the Fall Rummage Sale**

**October 4, 5, 6**

Please recycle your gently used clothing, cds, dvds, books, shoes, toys, purses, games, luggage, small furniture, and kitchen + household items. Wrap securely and put in storage room at the bottom of the stairs.

(Please no exercise equipment.)

### Set-Up

Oct. 3: 5 - 7 pm

Oct. 4: 9 - noon

### Sale

Oct. 4: 5 - 7 pm

Oct. 5: 10 - 2 pm

Saturday Sack Sale

Oct. 6: 9 - noon

Clean-Up Oct. 6: noon-1:30

Questions? Help set-up, sell, or clean-up and have fun with your friends at church.

contact Ann 387-4396

[moljam@hickorytech.net](mailto:moljam@hickorytech.net)



## Sunday School News

### Sunday School:

Sunday School is weekly from 9:30am – 10:25am. If you have not done so, please sign-up your child(ren) at

<http://stjohnsmankato.sparksundayschool.org>  
(NO www!!)

### October Teacher's Schedule:

Preschool – Lisa Westberg

K-2nd gr – Meg Stump

3rd-5th gr – Amanda Mackie

### OMG

Youth group will meet in October at Union Presbyterian Church in St. Peter on October 3rd and 17th at 5:30pm for supper with bible study and activities from 6-7pm. There will be a special service on October 31st at 8:30pm to celebrate All Hallow's Eve – including spooky organ music! There will only be one meeting in November and December (first Wednesday only) due to holidays. OMG is open to any youth in 6th-12th grade. Please call Lisa Westberg (344-0643) if any questions or if you need a ride.

### Nursery

We are currently in need of volunteers for our nursery. We would like a consistent person(s) from 9:30-11:30am each week to watch over age newborn to 2yrs old during Sunday School and through preschool during the church service. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call Lisa Westberg at 344-0643. This is a paid position of \$10/hr.



### Something New for a Fair Trade Halloween

This year Equal Exchange is selling two kinds of mini-bars to give your trick-or-treaters. You can order the usual dark chocolate mini-bars or new this year--milk chocolate ones with a hint of hazelnut in them. You will also receive an informational postcard and a sticker for affixing each mini-bar. We are offering them broken down into lots of 25 each for \$4.50.

### But time is limited!

We need all orders in by **Sunday, Oct. 7** and you will receive your mini-bars by Sunday, Oct. 28. Just look for order forms on the Fair Trade table in the Parish Hall and make Halloween a positive time for children around the world. Any questions? See Betty Winkworth, 387-7170, or Margo Druschel, 978-771-1787.



## **A Benefit for Bill Gray**

**At Hosanna Lutheran Church**

**(From an E-mail, Sept. 23, 2012)**

Thank you to each and every one of you that made today possible as well as so very special. We had volunteers from all facets of Bill's life helping today and each one of you played an important role in the success of the benefit. We fed roughly 500 people, sold over 150 bake sale items and helped auction bidders purchase almost 400 items.

The St. John's Men's and Women's group did a wonderful job feeding everyone today. I hope each of you had a chance to eat the incredible meal they prepared. It was a lot of fun checking in with the kitchen crew and your fun fact of the day; 20 lbs of noodles feeds around 75 people! If you are a member of St. John's, please pass a big thank you to the Men's and Women's group as well as members who donated auction baskets and bake sale items! St. John's members made life easy today (not to mention delicious!) We are grateful for St. John's.

I know many of you donated baked goods as well as auction items today. Thank you for your generous gifts as they accounted for thousands of dollars worth of donations today.

It was truly a treat to be in Hosanna's space today. Should any of you visit Hosanna in the near future and have a chance to talk with staff, please send a HUGE thank you to Doug in maintenance as well as the accommodating pastors and staff.

It was such a pleasure working with each of you today. Thank you for bringing your positive attitude and working so very hard to make for a really wonderful afternoon for the Gray Family. Please continue to pray for Bill and the Gray family.

With sincere gratitude,  
Kate Roberts



**Tea in a Thin Place: The Sabbatical Review  
with Special Guest, Rev. Ward Bauman**

**HERE at St John's**

**Friday, Oct 26-Saturday, Oct 27**

**Childcare will be provided**

Join us for a Sabbatical review here at St John's as we gather to reflect, worship, celebrate and plan together for the future. Paul+ and the Rev. Ward Bauman will lead us.

We will begin at 5:30pm on Friday with dinner. We will be done by 8:30pm on Friday evening and will return for 9am to 3pm on Saturday. All meals will be provided, Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch. There will be times of group worship, sharing and generating ideas, and silence, as we reflect on our Sabbatical experience and dream and plan for the future.

There is no limit to who may attend and we would like for anyone who is interested to join us. Talk with anyone on the Sabbatical Team with questions.

**Bananamania  
Or Why Buy Fair Trade Bananas?**

Meet Colombian Fair Trade banana producers Jorge Restrepo and Felipe Zapata on Thursday, Oct. 18 and find out. Both men are eager to share with us how Fair Trade has affected the lives of their families, their co-workers and their community.

It will be an open meeting at First Congregational Church/UCC, 150 Stadium Court, 7-9 pm and include a banana dessert buffet. Tickets are available from Margo Druschel and other members of our MDG/Fair Trade team—adults \$5, students \$4.



**We did it and we**

**are going to celebrate!**

On Oct. 28, Fr. Tom Harries, from the Minnesota Episcopal Environmental Stewardship Commission will be at St. John's at the end of our 10:30 service to congratulate all of us and bestow our Evergreen plaque for reaching the final level in the Green Congregations Program. We will enjoy a waste-free coffee hour afterwards and enjoy some local harvest and Fair Trade treats.





**TRANSITION:  
CO-CREATING  
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

**Saturday, November 3, 2012  
8:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.**

**CONTACT:**  
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507. 389. 4272



Design: Gen Cassari, SSND



**“How will we equip ourselves  
to address the coming changes  
in our society?”**

**7TH ANNUAL EARTH CONFERENCE**

**The Transition Movement**, a global effort, offers unique solutions, seeing the challenges with which we are faced as the beginning of something new. A culture of transition turns the quest for solutions to a search within; for the skills, strengths and leadership present in ourselves and our local communities.

*In this conference: We will look closer at the values of the Transition Movement and how our communities need us to come together to create a transition culture which focuses on inner transition, placing value on resilience and community.*

**Where:**  
School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference Center  
170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

**Fee:**  
BEFORE October 21, pay \$30 (\$20 students)  
ON or AFTER October 21, pay \$40 (\$25 students)

*center for*  
**Earth Spirituality & Rural Ministry**



a ministry of  
**School Sisters of Notre Dame**  
*Central Health System*

**TRANSFORMING THE WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION**



## Meet Bess Palmisciano

(excerpts from RAIN website,  
[www.rain4sahara.org](http://www.rain4sahara.org) )

Bess is the resourceful woman who visited northern Niger in 2000 and made a deep connection with the nomadic families she met. Following the traditional lifestyle of nomadic herders, they moved when they needed to find pastureland for their herds of goats, sheep and camels. They shared with one another whatever they had but longed for an education for their children. With no teachers, supplies or food their children had no way to stay and learn at the abandoned state-run school. Bess felt that somehow, she needed to help these joyful and fiercely independent people not only survive, but thrive.

She left her law career in Boston and started her partnership with the Tuareg and Wodaabe people to understand how they best could be involved in their own solution. The result was RAIN, a very poetic name for a region that exists with the reality that “water is life.”

After 10 years RAIN and the nomadic people have developed a system of tapping underground water in a harsh, drought stricken land, to in turn irrigate gardens that then feed their school children and grow cash crops to support their schools. Two other strong elements of the partnership are helping them develop agricultural and income-producing skills.

The area that St. John’s is supporting with our MDG donation is their ongoing mentoring program in Iferouane to help keep children in school and train the next generation in independence.

Girls in communities like Iferouane are at a disadvantage in several ways—their families suffer from poverty, lack of education, illiteracy, a very challenging environment, and few opportunities to support themselves.

RAIN’s mentoring programs consist of local women, providing academic tutoring, encouraging them to attend and advocating with their parents and teachers. In Iferouane ten mentors meet with fifty girls once a week, where they receive health education, gender role counseling and skills training in traditional and practical handicrafts, such as knitting, crocheting, cooking, leatherwork, embroidery, and sewing.

The Iferouane mentoring program is also making a difference in the lives of individual mentors and strengthening the community. In the interest of making the program self-sustaining, mentors generate earnings through small enterprises such as herding or handiwork with an initial investment from RAIN.

How did all of this evolve in an area so remote and difficult that Peace Corps workers and other NGOs don’t even go there?



**We’re about to find out from Bess herself.** RAIN for the Sahel and Sahara’s Executive Director, Bess Palmisciano will be visiting us on Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> to share their story and give us an update on the area in which we have invested. We can visit with her in the Adult 9:30 class and after the 10:30 service.

# Lay Ministry Schedule

	8:00 AM SERVICE	10:30 AM SERVICE
<p><b><u>October 7</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson Leslie Peterson, Bobbie Seberson Steve Deeren</p>	<p>Pat Johnson, Jordin Johnson Andrew Westberg, Ginny McNear Nickie VanStelten, Ann Clark Ryan Wiehr Nora Lybeck, Lucas Cvancara Cvancara</p>
<p><b><u>October 14</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson Jaci Lageson, Bobbie Seberson Steve Deeren</p>	<p>Candace Black Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter Joan Hertel, Ann Clark Eric Westberg Jonah Westberg, Liz Paul Schultz/Clements</p>
<p><b><u>October 21</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson Cathie Neitge, Bobbie Seberson Steve Deeren</p>	<p>Mary Yurek Margo Druschel, Steve Druschel Pam Bartholomew, Karl Mundell Ryan Wiehr Cyrus Brave Heart, Ambry Brave Heart Stump</p>
<p><b><u>October 28</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson Cathie Neitge, Leslie Peterson Steve Deeren</p>	<p>Jan Mickelson, Mary Yurek Andrew Westberg, Candace Black Joan Hertel, Pam Bartholomew Eric Westberg Lucas Cvancara, Liz Paul Green Team</p>

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 October

8:00 Bobbi Hovren

10:30 Elsie Olson/Ann McGuire

Monthly meeting Thursday, 10/25/12 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
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Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing in Christ  
PO Box 1119  
Mankato, MN 56002

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