

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 2015: Missy Manderfeld & Paul Dobratz

Class of 2016: Mary Babcock & Jack Lindsay

Class of 2017: Chris Corley, Meg Stump, & Nickie VanStelten

Clerk: Amy Wiehr

Financial Secretary: Gerry Schneck

Treasurer: Nickie VanStelten

Organist: Mary Scholdt

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Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of our Mother and Grandmother, Luva Lloyd by Nickie VanStelten and Helen Durdash.

930am Service:

Greeter: Candace Black

Lectors: Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Bartholomew and Gerry Schneck

Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Jonah Westberg,
Children's Chapel Leader: none
Coffee Hour: Jerry & Meg Stump

Dishwashing Angel: Ray Splinter

Altar Guild: Jan Mickelson, Pat Johnson, Nickie VanStelten.

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



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ

THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

Last Sunday After Pentecost & Christ the King Sunday

26 November, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, Last Sunday after Pentecost & Christ the King Sunday

930a—Holy Eucharist, New Zealand Liturgy

7p—Connections Ministry/Rotating Shelter @ St. John's

Monday:

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Wednesday:

9a—Altar Guild

7p—Connections Ministry/Rotating Shelter

Thursday:

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Friday:

7p—Connections Ministry/Rotating Shelter

Saturday:

7p—Connections Ministry/Rotating Shelter

Next Week, First Sunday of Advent:

830a—Choir Rehearsal

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel

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

The King and You

Citizens of God's realm:

This Sunday is the last Sunday in our Church year before we start our seasonal cycle again with the four Sundays of Advent. This coming Sunday is called by many Christians "Christ the King" Sunday. Apparently, the "liturgical planning department" or some such entity at the Vatican came up with this Feast sometime during or after that age rulers started toppling from their thrones in Europe and elsewhere. I suppose these bright-minded planners may have wanted to say "looky there - here's a REAL King for you!" Hmhmhmhm. Not sure.

Well, now we've passed another couple of hundred years since then and there are very few rulers in actual government left who bear that name - King or Queen or whatever. So ... this Sunday's title IS starting to look a little outmoded - like a liturgical leisure suit or maxi skirt (remember those?). Modern folks can and indeed sometimes do include the name of this Sunday with titles like "Christ the Ruler" or the "Realm of Christ" Sunday - good titles which point rightly to the non-gendered and egalitarian nature of what the New Testament calls the "Kingdom of God."

But I'd offer a reason for keeping this Sunday intact, even if it has to be renamed. As in every generation, we are still beset by things which claim rulership over us - whether they be certain politicians, our jobs, family problems, economic woes, or whatever. These times all press in pretty close sometimes and sometimes threaten to take over our thought processes. Let this coming Sunday be a reminder that none of those things are really in control of us OR of the world. Instead, this Sunday's readings and Jesus our Teacher with his very life

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Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$4,219
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$165,554
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$139,940
**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of November, please pray for the Minnesota Commission on Indian Work (MCIW), and for the Hispanic, Hmong, Liberian, Karen, and numerous multi-cultural ministries and faith communities throughout 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/8315/0731/6508/acp_2017_quarter4.pdf

St. John's Prayer List

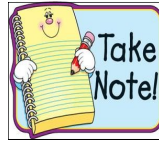
For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Julie, Nick, H., Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Tom, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie, Jonathan, Helen, Gary, Karen

For Birthdays: Ann McGuire, Amanda Mackie, Pam Oster.

Anniversaries: None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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



NEXT Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 3 @ 8:30am
Come and prepare for Advent!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

SAVE THE DATE:

December 10, 2017, 9:30am Service—Lessons and Carols @ St. John's, followed by our "High Potluck" (like high tea except with hotdish)

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

A message about [Beloved Community](#) from our Bishop Brian Prior can be found online at: <https://brianprior.com/2017/11/14/creating-beloved-community/>

Opportunities for Service

- **Youth/Children's Christmas Eve Service will be at 9:30am, Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve!)** An email will be sent soon asking for your help with putting together this service. Questions? Jill Fischer, jfish22@yahoo.com, 507-384-7119.
- **Advent Altar Set-up:** Saturday, Dec 2 at 10am we will decorate the Altar area and set-up for Advent. *We especially need a couple of people who are comfortable working on a tall ladder hanging swags and bows. All are WELCOME!* Come join the fun! Any questions contact Bobbi H. or Audrey.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts:** Copies of the 2018 coffee host schedule can be picked up at the greeters table. Please know this is only a guide - changes are expected! If we decide to change our service time in the fall adjustments will be made. If you are not included on the schedule and would like to be, please let me know. Thank-you all so much for your wonderful service in hosting coffee hour in the past and in the future. We love

our fellowship time! —Audrey Splinter (720-8571) rasplinters@gmail.com

- **Mitten Tree:** Your Outreach Committee will again be collecting warm hats, mitten, gloves, socks, and scarves to be distributed to those in need. Last year the collection went to students in need at Hoover Elementary School. Staff at the school were very grateful for the donation. Thanks so much for your generosity!
- **Connections Ministry Update:** The shelter is finishing up its 4th week, and WE ARE NEXT! We/St. John's is hosting the shelter from Nov. 26—Dec. 2. If you'd still like to volunteer contact coordinators Chris Corley or Ray Splinter or go to the link <http://signup.com/go/cepRdNL>.

What's Happening Right Now?

- **Altar Guild:** Wednesday, Nov 29 is our Altar Guild meeting starting with communion at 9:00 am in the chapel.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** During November we've been exploring together what it means for us to be the *Beloved Community*. You should have received your pledge card for 2018. Our prayer is that you will return it to the church by the end of November with an indicated amount of your weekly giving to St. John's. Please respond generously!
- **Sustainable Development Goals/Fair Trade Team selects Ayal Community Development Association**, as the recipient of St John's 0.7% annual donation. We select an organization that embodies the mission of the UN Sustainable Development Global Goals to support education, equality, health and the environment. This year's choice, Ayal Community Development Association will receive 3 years of SDG donations, starting this year. We are excited to support Ayal! James Lueth, who moved to Mankato in June and who worships at St John's with his family, is the current President of Ayal. The organization was formed by South Sudanese youth as they fled their country during the civil war in the early 2000s. Since then, they have become a non-

profit and they support a primary school back in the community they left behind, Ayal. Learn more here: <https://www.aycda.org/index.php?id=3>

THANK YOU

to Jordin Johnson and Donna Casella for their work on and cooking for the OMG Youth Group Kiwanis Tree decorating day!



there is still time to help
ECHO Delivers needs you!

EVEN YOU HAVE TWO HOURS A MONTH TO VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are needed to deliver food to those who have challenges getting to the Food Shelf. Here's all that's to it:

1. Marcia, coordinator for ECHO Delivers, connects you with a client.
2. Shop for food at ECHO and deliver it to your client's door once a month.

If you want to help
call ECHO Food Shelf at 345-7477
or Marcia at 351-2922.

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both point us toward the fact that it is GOD who controls the world through the power of love and compassion.

The prisoner visited, the hungry fed, the naked clothed, the mourning comforted. These and their like constitute the rules and activities of GOD'S Realm - and the gates of hell itself cannot prevail against them. Sufficient reason in my mind to take this last Sunday of the Church Year as the Celebration it is.

Happy Christ the King/Ruler/Realm of God Sunday!

—Phil B.