



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing, In Christ

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Paul's Ponderings

This Month's Happenings

Those of you more astute readers of this column may remember that we spent the months of March through June exploring the meaning of St. John's "tagline" — Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ. Well, today I'd like to share with you something I've been thinking much about over the past few weeks. I'd like to start a dance team.

Yes, that's right. I'd like to start a St. John's Dance Team.

Now before you turn the page, read on. I'm not talking about getting together a bunch of folks to do what the Rockettes do in Radio City Music Hall. I mean, can you just imagine a chorus-line of Episcopalians kicking up their heels to "Lift high the cross" or "Drop kick me Jesus through the goalpost of life"? (Though that would be rather fun, don't you think?) No. I don't know about you, but my dancing days are long gone — ever since ABBA broke up back in the 80s.

What I'm thinking of is a group of Johannites interested in taking that "Dancing" part into our community. We do pretty good at the praying, working, and growing parts, and there's much more we can do in these areas. But how about our dancing? And we may

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| Nov. 3 | ECW Field Trip, 10 am |
| Nov. 5 | Apple Pie Pick-up, noon- 6 pm |
| Nov. 7 | Outreach Mtg., noon |
| Nov. 10 | Nursing Home Worship |
| Nov. 13 | Men's Group, 8 am, Best Western |
| Nov. 14 | "Dancing" & Pizza mtg. noon |
| Nov. 16 | St. Julian's mtg. 7 pm |
| Nov. 18 | Altar Guild 9 am |
| Nov. 21 | Fair Trade Bazaar, 8:45am-1:00pm |
| Nov. 21 | Vestry mtg. noon |
| Nov. 24 | Community Thanksgiving Service 7 pm |
| Nov. 25 | St. John's Worship, 9 am |
| Nov. 25 | Thanksgiving Dinner, 1st Presbyterian Church, 11 am |

More Inside...

experience the joy of the Lord in the ways we celebrate within our faith community, what with all our potlucks, holiday parties, special meals and such. But we can do so much more in sharing the joy of the Lord outside our walls and into our community.

Dream with me for a moment.

What if we were to celebrate our patronal feast day with our own edition of "Dancing with the Stars" — invite the community to a gala ball,

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with music, hors d'oeuvres, dancing, etc. and use this as a fund raiser for one of the many service organizations in our community? Or how about a block party at the beginning of the school year in which we'd invite all our neighbors to come and join for an afternoon of fun, food, and festivity? Or we could designate one year's worth of church activities as a time to concentrate on ways in which to invite the community to "dance" with us? Think of the creative possibilities for engaging those who live beyond our walls!

I'll be working with the Vestry on this over the next few months and I invite you to join us. Later this month on the 14th, we'll have a get-together after 1030 worship, for all interested. Pizza will be served!

Go ahead. Put on your tap shoes. Let's start a dance team!

Thanks be to God!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/3 - Jaci Lageson
- 11/5 - Joy Gerard
- 11/7 - Jerry Wegman
- 11/9 - Brennen Canavin
- 11/9 - Cullen Canavin
- 11/13 - Jane Kearney
- 11/16 - Michael Manderfeld
- 11/18 - Jan Rozeboom
- 11/22 - Elizabeth Kearney
- 11/22 - Jerry Stump
- 11/23 - Ronnie Burton
- 11/24 - Elaine Larson
- 11/27 - Judy Anderson
- 11/27 - Ann McGuire

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/25 - Paul & Alice Hadley
- 11/25 - Joe & Barb Hogan (50th)
- 11/19 - Tim Olson & Melissa Hagggar-Olson

A warm St. John's welcome to Kenneth Delmont Zimmerman, the healthy baby boy born to Jerusha and Eric Zimmerman on Sept. 27th. The family now lives in Eagle Lake with Jerusha taking a couple of classes at MSU and Eric teaching music in Madelia. They ask us all to join in his celebration of baptism on Sunday, November 7th.





Fair Trade Holiday Bazaar

Back by Popular Demand

Look for this Label!

Looking for something special that you can be proud of giving for the holidays? You are in luck. Once again St. John's will have a Holiday Fair Trade Bazaar. On Sunday, November 21st, Joyce Bucklin from 10,000 Villages in Mountain Lake will have an array of Fair Trade food, purses, scarves, holiday decorations, games, jewelry, baskets and other gift items for sale. She'll set up during the 8:00 am service and stay with us for our shopping convenience until 1:00 pm. Don't miss this great opportunity to find unique gifts while you make a difference for poor people around the globe .

Making Something Special

There's nothing better than a gift you have made, unless that gift that also helps artisans on the other side of the world who are trying to break out of poverty.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 9-10:30 a.m. at Lincoln School there will be a workshop that will begin with a story about Fair Trade and end with a completed necklace or bracelet made from Fair Trade beads. This is intended for ages 3 to adult and costs \$7 for materials. You can register with Community Education and Recreation, 387-5501, or @ www.mankatocer.com.

Any questions, ask Betty Winkworth at 387-7170.



TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2010

Total offerings to the General Fund were \$9,052 and total expenses for the month were \$13,601; leaving us with a deficit of \$4,549. Offerings to the Capital Account were \$130 and to the Property Escrow Account were \$1,450. We paid the bill for the wall and landscaping in the parking lot which totaled \$12,116. This leaves us with a balance of \$22,480 in the Capital Checking Account and a balance of \$13,397 in the Escrow Account.

Everyone should receive their pledge statements through September 30th and also the statement of your previous pledges from 2007-2010 either by mail or with your Stewardship material packet. Any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to call me @ 278-3804.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie VanStelten, Treasurer

FOOD FOR FRIENDS



A brief "thank-you" to all those who helped with Food for Friends on October 16th. We've become known as the "meatloaf church" and were pleased to serve 81 guests.



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."

St. John's Outreach Committee met on Sunday, September 7.

ECHO Food Shelf. St. John's donated 146 pounds of food to ECHO. Thank you for remembering and helping those in our own community who are in need of food. The need at ECHO is not going away and we are aware that donations are also needed. Outreach donated \$250 to ECHO so that the organization can continue to meet the increased needs of this community.

MAP International. Medical Assistance Programs International has a mission to "advance the *Total Health* of people living in the world's poorest communities." MAP goes about accomplishing this mission through "community

health advocacy." We donated \$50 to MAP so that essential medicines and supplies can be provided to people in need and to train health workers to serve.

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

Next Sunday, Oct. 31st, will be the last Sunday that we will be collecting your supermarket receipts. Thanks, so much, for the support on behalf of Fair Trade and if you have more receipts to bring, the bag will be in the undercroft until the end of the day.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

"FIELD TRIP"

Wednesday, November 3

Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior

tour ~ worship ~ luncheon

Carpool @ 10 AM (parking lot)

RSVP

moljam@hickorytech.net
or 387-4396



Something New

Have you noticed the new kitchen serving window's folding door? Memorial money was given to ECW by Bill Blethen "In Memory of Toy Wilson Blethen," his wife. Since then, Bill has also passed away. This year, ECW decided to replace the old folding door. ~Mission Accomplished~ The project was recently completed "In Memory of Bill & Toy Blethen."

(If that person on the left looks familiar you are remembering Mary Jean Baker who has returned to us from Vermont to live with daughter Barb at 124 Clover Lane, 625-5451. Welcome Back!)

St. Julian's Guild will next meet on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7:00 pm in St. John's Church Library. We hope you can join us!



ST. JULIANS

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6 P.M

Mankato Golf Club Dining Porch

Pay at the club, by card or cash

Optional: bring your spouse or friend

Attire: church chic

RSVP to Jan Rozeboom

janroze@hickorytech.net or 387-4334

PIE! PIE! PIE!

It's not too late if you haven't ordered your apple pie yet. Simply call Nickie at 625-6236 or 278-3804. The pies are \$ 9 or \$ 8.50 each for two or more and pick-up is Friday, Nov. 5th, noon-6pm.

Community Thanksgiving Worship

The annual Mankato Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, 24 November, at 7.00 pm. Hosted by ten Mankato area churches—including our own St. John’s—this yearly event is an opportunity for people of different faith communities to gather as one voice to offer thanks and praise for God’s blessing.

Each church is asked to bring four or five dozen cookies or bars to be served following the service. If you would like to help with this, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. *(Note: As of the Chronicle deadline, the host church has not been set. When that happens, notice will be placed in The Weekly Evangelist)*



Thanksgiving Service and Dinner

A great way to start out your Thanksgiving Day is to join us for worship at 9am. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in a small, intimate gathering of family and friends and is a wonderful way to acknowledge the gratitude in our hearts for all that God has provided.

Another great way to give thanks to God is by helping those who have nowhere to go to celebrate the day. St. John’s is once again helping out with the Thanksgiving meal which will be served on Thanksgiving Day from 11.00am–1.00pm at First Presbyterian Church. Each year we have had a great turnout from St. John’s folks and we know this year will be just as great!

We are inviting folks to sign up for one of three shifts to help one of the crews. Shifts are 10.30–11.30; 11.30–12.30; 12.30–1.30. Just add your name to the list which is located on the entryway “Notice Wall”. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to your community and help those who may not have a family with whom to share Thanksgiving.





Help get St. John's website up to speed! St. John's has wonderful services and ministries dedicated to encouraging and supporting the worship life, mission, faith formation, and education, and we want to know about your organization.

We invite you to submit a brief mission statement about your group or organization, along with how frequently you meet, for our website. Help us spread the word about group activities and events online at www.stjohnsmankato.org by contacting Kelli Christianson at 380.6963 or Candace Black at 625.6104 and please let us know if you have questions. Or email at webmaster@stjohnsmankato.com to share the ways you are praying, working, growing, and dancing at St. John's!

Guest Parking

You may have noticed a new small parking sign near the handicapped parking area on the south side of our parking lot. It says "Guests of St. John's." We encourage you to leave this parking space open on Sunday mornings so that our guests — persons who may be joining us in worship for the first time — may park here. Oftentimes we have guests who arrive a bit later than others and it would be nice for them to have a parking spot close to the church. This is one more way that we can show a spirit of hospitality to those who are new to us!

Upcoming Attraction

Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols will be on 12 December in the afternoon (exact time yet TBA). Vestry will prepare and serve a meal afterwards so save the date!

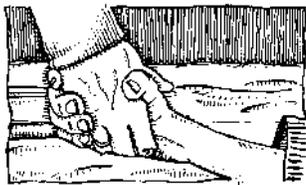


Nursing Home Worship

From time to time St. John's is responsible for providing worship to the residents of our area nursing homes. In the past, our rector Paul has done these mostly on his own and now he'd like to share the joy. And it is such a wonderful joy to be able to share God's Word and to sing and pray with our elderly neighbors!

We are looking for volunteers to assist in this important ministry. No special talent is necessary, but if you play a musical instrument or like to tell stories or read, that'd be great. Volunteer duties may include, but are not limited to: assisting the residents with songbooks, showing hospitality, and encouraging participation among the worshippers.

This ministry involves one hour of your time on a Wednesday afternoon approximately four times per year. Please call the Church Office at 388.1969 or speak to Paul if you would like to be put on this volunteer list. Many elderly are unable to worship in their own church on Sunday. This ministry is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with them! Our next scheduled service is at Hillcrest Nursing Home on 10 November, 2010.



Nursing Home Ministry



Feeding Our Roots

St. John's 2011 Stewardship Campaign

Our 2011 Stewardship Campaign is rapidly approaching its end – with October 31st being our target date for completion! Over the past several weeks we have received completed pledge cards from many members of the St. John's community.

For those who have not as yet submitted their 2011 pledge, we encourage you to bring it to church this coming Sunday and place it in the offering plate as it is passed, or mail it to the church in the return envelope that was included in your stewardship packet. If you did not receive or have misplaced your stewardship packet, please contact one of us, so that you can participate in this effort. Thank you for your continuing support of the mission of St. John's as we enter a new year.

Leslie Peterson and Gerry Schneck,

2011 Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

ECHO Building Campaign

As you probably know from recent news reports, the amount of hunger among our neighbors increases daily and the demand for food assistance has grown. ECHO is in line to distribute 1,000,000 pounds of food this year and the space they have to distribute that food is inadequate. They have outgrown their present facility and are relocating to the former DeGrood's Costumes Galore building on South Front Street. The new facility will meet present needs and needs for the foreseeable future.

The new building and the renovations needed to move into it will cost \$600,000.

ECHO is making a one-time appeal for special funds in order to better serve our neighbors affected by hunger.

Donations will be gratefully received at:

ECHO Food Shelf, PO Box 3212

Mankato, MN 56002

(excerpted in part from an ECHO mailing)



ECW ~ PECANS

California

pecans are here!

16 oz. bag - \$8.00

ECW is selling those beautiful,

Large pecan halves again after

Sunday Services.

They are delicious!

Buy them now for snacking

And your holiday baking.

The one pound bags

Make great gifts.

Notes from the Junior Warden

Hopefully, the Vestry will be able to move forward on the roof repairs at the next meeting (Oct. 24th) and capitalize on hail damage reparations from church insurance.

Work has begun on the last two storage areas needing some serious weeding. We need help from ECW and other groups that may have materials stored in the room adjacent to the choir room or the closet in the Warren St. staircase. Things not claimed by Thanksgiving will be tossed.

Another Sunday school classroom is being made ready with help from St. Martins in Fairmont who needed some of our surplus chairs and tables.

I will be meeting with the Retrofit Lighting company on Friday, Oct. 22 to survey church lights and to look at some possible changes so we don't need a lift to replace bulbs on the spots on the arch facing the altar. They may also be able to help us reduce energy usage as well. All of the exit lights have been replaced with LED units that use way less energy and have very long service life. The new units also have battery backup so they work in power outages.

All of the windows in the sanctuary have new weather-stripping and I am going to attack the classroom wing next.

Thanks to Nickie and Dale Van Stelten for painting the front doors. Four down and three to go. I was replacing the door sweeps and seals when the Bishop strode in. Thanks also to Jan Mickelson for helping get a start on clean up of the storage room next to the choir room.



You are cordially invited to meet with the Church Women United of Greater Mankato on November 5, for World Community Day. This year's celebration will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his challenge to reach economic justice by nonviolent means. The 1:00 pm celebration will happen at Centenary United Methodist Church with a dessert followed by the program.



The Bishop's Visit!

St. John's hosted Bishop Brian Prior and representatives from regional churches on Saturday, October 9. We discussed our current and future missions, identified the resources we have and the resources we need, while having a good time getting to know each other and our new bishop.

Lay Ministry Schedule

	8:00 AM SERVICE	10:30 AM SERVICE
<u>November 7</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Leslie Peterson, Jaci Lageson Steve Deeren	Mary Yurek, Elsie Olson, Peter Poulos Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter Joan Hertel, Gerry Schneck Canavin
<u>November 14</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Bobbie Seberon, Cathie Neitge Steve Deeren	Peter Poulos, L Peterson, Jan Mickelson Candace Black, Andrew Westberg Pam Bartholomew, Nickie VanStelten Hogan
<u>November 21</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Leslie Peterson, Bobbie Seberon Steve Deeren	Peter Poulos, Elsie Olson, Ginny McNear Bill Gray, Meg Stump Gerry Schneck, Ann Clark Mickelson/McNear/Yurek
<u>November 28</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Cathie Neitge, Jaci Lageson Steve Deeren	Peter Poulos, M Yurek, Candace Black John Paul, Ginny McNear Karl Mundell, Nickie VanStelten G. Hudson

Please do note that we are meeting in the Parish Library five minutes prior to each service of worship for a gathering prayer

As always, if you are unavailable on your scheduled date, please make your own substitutions and inform the Church Office at 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 November

8:00 a.m. Judy Anderson

10:30 a.m. Audrey Splinter, Pat Johnson

Monthly meeting Thursday, 11/18/10 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.



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