



The Chronicle

Mankato, Minnesota

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Paul's Ponderings

(Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles exploring the meaning of the tagline, "Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing, In Christ" that is part of St. John's logo)

Dancing: The joy of Christ

"...David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might." (2 Samuel 6.5)

"...do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." (Nehemiah 8.10)

The spirituality of Benedictine monasticism centers around three aspects of the life of the Christian: Prayer, Study, Work. Finding balance in these three areas of life is the ongoing goal of a person of faith and brings one into a closer relationship with Christ and with one's neighbor.

Do you ever have moments during the day when you just want to leap for joy? Maybe you've finally turned in that re-

Happenings

May 29	Outdoor Clean-up, 8 am
May 29	Food for Friends, 11 am
June 5	Wedding, 1 pm
June 6	Begin 9:00 am Summer Services
June 6	Outreach Mtg., after service
June 6	Progressive Dinner deadline
June 12	Men's Group, 8 am
June 12	Free Market Unsale, 10-2
June 13	Potluck Brunch & Informational Meeting, after service
June 19	Progressive Dinner, 5:30-9:00
June 24	Altar Guild, 9 am
June 27	Vestry Meeting, after service
June 28	Men's Group Fish Fry, 5-7 pm

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port which has taken you weeks to prepare. Or perhaps you received a great grade on a test. Or you've gotten a clean bill of health from the doctor or good news from a friend or maybe you just feel like dancing! I think that's a lot what it's like to be part of a community of people who have a shared vision and who strive to work together toward

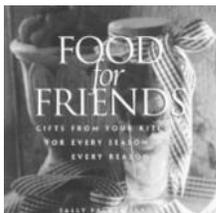
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meeting common goals: when things go right — when you are grooving to the beat of life — you just want to get up and dance.

Our highest calling as people of God is to praise and worship the One who calls us each by name and who draws us into community to proclaim God’s love. As we live into that calling — as the heart, hands, and mind of Christ — we experience the joy of what it means to be truly free of the expectations to live as the world would have us live and we can celebrate the unity, peace, and love which only comes from God. This is what being a people of faith is about. The joy of the Lord is the strength of the community and such joy is infectious and draws others to God through us.

As we experience the joy of the Lord in our midst, can we not help but dance?

Thanks be to God!



“Thanks to all Food for Friends helpers on May 29th.”

The Splinters and VanSteltens



Birthdays:

- June 5 - Grace Mackie
- 9 - Molly Peterson
- 11 - Barb Junker
- 11 - Mike Kearney
- 15 - Meg Stump
- 16 - Eric Zimmerman
- 19 - Peter Poulos
- 22 - Chris Hudson
- 24 - Karl Mundell
- 28 - Matthew Kearney
- 29 - Andrew Splinter
- 30 - Jonah Westberg

Anniversaries:

- June 18 - Don and Olivia Duncanson
- 23 - Oscar and Nicholle Kolbinger

Saturday, MAY 29th

The warmer weather has been a big boost for our plants (and weeds) at St. John’s. We’ll be gathering at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 29, to do some general outdoor sprucing up—trash pick-up, weeding, mulching and so forth.

Please join us!



You Are Invited!

Come celebrate the marriage of choir members Eric Peter Zimmerman and Sarah Jerusha Mecredy at St. John's on Saturday June 5, 2010 at 1 pm.

Their reception will be held at Neil and Karen Zimmerman's home, 10015 County Road 17 SE, Delano, Minnesota, starting at 4 pm

They want to share this special occasion with their "faith family" so please feel free to attend one or both events.

No RSVP required. Any questions? Contact them at Sarah.Mecredy@mnsu.edu or call Jerusha at 952-288-6357.

They are registered at Target.

The Latest

St. John's Vestry has selected a 9:00 am time-slot for our combined summer service, beginning on Sunday, June 6. Thanks to you all for your input!



TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2010

Our total offerings for the month of April totaled \$11,784 and our expenses were \$17,254, leaving us with a deficit for the month of \$5,470. We made a couple of quarterly payments that will balance out over the next two months, but exaggerate our expenses this month. The balance in the Capital Checking Account stands at \$34,549 and the Pooled Investment Fund balance is now \$240,491. Any questions about your pledge statements? Please call me.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie VanStelten, Treasurer

June 13 Parish Meeting Potluck

Join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 am service for a potluck brunch and informational meeting. St. John's has four pending building maintenance projects that your Vestry would like to discuss. Bring your questions and a dish to share.



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, May 2 after the 10:30AM service.

ECHO Food Shelf. St. John's donated 25 pounds of personal care items to ECHO. Thank you for remembering and helping those in our own community who are in need of food.

The need at ECHO for personal care items is great. All age groups need various supplies, such as: shampoo, soaps, toothpaste, diapers, feminine supplies, toilet paper, and other non-food items. A box has been placed near the Outreach table downstairs to collect our donations.

CARE. A leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty that places special focus on working alongside poor women because, equipped with the proper resources, women have the power to help whole families and entire communities escape poverty. Women are at the heart of CARE's community-based efforts to improve basic education, prevent the spread of

HIV, increase access to clean water and sanitation, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources. CARE also delivers emergency aid to survivors of war and natural disasters, and helps people rebuild their lives. Our contribution of \$100 is multiplied FOUR times, making our donation work as if it were \$400!

Fair Trade. Fair trade mango and coffee cooperatives were damaged in the Haitian earthquake. Betty Winkworth, as St. John's representative to the Fair Trade Church Network submitted a letter to Outreach requesting financial support in the amount of \$35 to finish covering the cost of the Mothers Day card fundraiser. The committee unanimously voted to offer our support.

World Vision. World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. The millions of people served include earthquake and hurricane survivors, abandoned and exploited children, survivors of famine and civil war, refugees, and children and families in communities devastated by AIDS in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The committee received a donation request promising any money donated would be multiplied SIX times. We sent in a donation of \$125 making our contribution worth \$750.

The Outreach committee meets the first Sunday of each month immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Participation in this committee is open to all members of St. John's. Join us in caring for the needs of others.

Congratulations to MSU graduates Eric Zimmerman and Mara Olausen!

Eric has completed his degree in music education and while job hunting in this area he is widening his experience by substitute teaching for District 77.

Mara Olausen received her nursing degree, May 8th. After completing her senior year work in Mayo's emergency room she's currently scouting for a hospital position.

AND--Kelsey Maki's job hunt has landed her in Seattle (just where she wanted to be) working for a non-profit to help farmers achieve more sustainability. Thanks for the many ways you have pitched in around St. John's, Kelsey. You will be missed but we are glad you have found such a great job for your talents.



“FREE MAKET”

UNSALE"!!!!!!!!!!!!

What is that you ask? It is like a rummage sale, but everything is FREE!!!

FREE, you say? Yes, FREE! This will be the vestry's 1st try at hosting this community building event. The date is June 12th, Saturday, from 10 - 2.

If you would like to donate to this inaugural event, Please call Jaci Lageson at 469-0595 and she will meet you at the church to receive your treasures—OR you may leave them in the old choir room. (Rummage sale items now in the room will be covered to keep them separate.)

At the conclusion of the un-sale, if there are any remaining items, they will be joyfully donated to the next church rummage sale.

Your Senior Warden

Jaci Lageson (lagesonann@aol.com)

Junior Warden's May Report

Pending Unbudgeted Repairs:

- The liturgy team has picked a color for carpet replacement in the sanctuary and that information has been forwarded to Rickway for a final bid.
- Schwickerts has been contacted for a bid on replacing the two aisle shed roofs with a rubber membrane over 4" of insulation to stop the ice dams causing the leakage into the wall cavities. Once this work is done, durable wall repairs can be made.
- Two circulation pumps in the heating system are down for repairs. One has a broken coupling (office) and another has a bad seal and bearing (sanctuary air handler). Parts have arrived and rebuild should be completed by the time you read this for less than \$500.
- We have until Oct. 31st to replace the concrete block retaining wall with the mural. The lean angle has increased since the citation by the city and the bid in hand from Bluth Bros. Excavating approaches \$15,000.
- We have received a \$2350 paving assessment from the City as have most people on Broad and Warren Streets.

Other:

I have looked into renting (\$200-\$300) a lift to allow access to some lighting in the altar area that has not worked in more than 8 years. Fixtures are located on the roof arch at 18', 24', and 30', from the floor. One lamp at the 24' level is out and all six lamps at the 30' level are out. There appears to be another light at the ridge of

the area that is 43' above the floor that doesn't work. Only the 18' fixtures can be reached for replacement and that is a stretch.



Thanks:

- Thanks to Jan Mickelson for holding the ladder and offering a soft place to land while I managed to reach one of the burned out lamps and replace it.
- Thanks to Al Berner, Barb and Will Partridge, and Ray and Audrey Splinter for braving high winds to clean up our "Adopt a Highway" section of Highway 68 between mileposts 137 and 139 on Saturday May 1.
- Thanks to Al and Mary Berner for cleaning out the roof gutters and scuppers and Andrew Westberg for help in the continuing effort to de-clutter room after storage room and spruce up the youth rooms.





A BIG Success

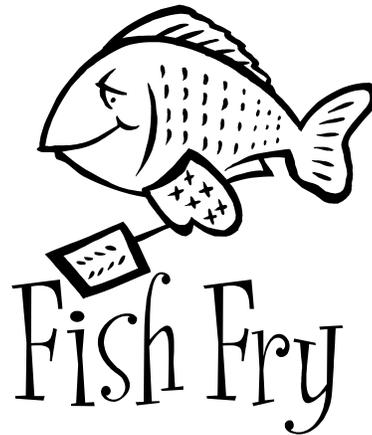
Thanks to all of you who did your part to support World Fair Trade Day in Mankato. Between the donations for Mother's Day cards at Mankato churches and the coffee house events on May 8, the MAFTTI (Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative) group was able to raise over \$700. That money is being sent via TransFair to help destruction at Fair Trade cooperatives in Haiti.

The events helped locally as well to bring some notice to the coffee houses that provide Fair Trade products regularly. If you missed it you can log onto the KEYC-TV web site and see a short video that aired on May 8th about Fair Trade in Mankato.

The Cutting Edge

Looking for a chance to get some fresh air, sunshine, and exercise this summer? Simply sign up to mow the church lawn one week during the summer.

Talk to Jerry Stump, 344-1894, or jer-stump@charter.net, for more information or add your name to the list on the entryway bulletin board.



IT'S A REAL "DON'T MISS!"

Bring your family and come join the men of St. John's Episcopal Church for a Fish Fry on the Feast of St. Peter and Paul.

What: Halibut and sides

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church, Broad and Warren Streets

When: Monday, June 28th, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

How Much: \$6 for adults, children under 12 are free!



You Are Cordially Invited To...

St. John's Progressive Dinner on Saturday, June 19

We will begin at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall with appetizers provided by the Men's Group. The evening will end there as well with dessert and coffee provided by St. Julian's Guild. In between you will have one of the following entrees:

Beef Short Ribs with Candace Black and Rick Robbins

Roast Leg of Lamb prepared by Ann and Phil Clark at the home of

John & Betty Winkworth

Cajun Salmon with Barbara and Will Partridge

Shrimp Gumbo with Leslie and Glen Peterson

Steak, Chicken and Shrimp Fajitas with Meg and Jerry Stump

Grilled Marinated Pork Loin with Nickie and Dale VanStelten at the home

of Helen Dudash

Stuffed Pork Chops with Rochelle and Jerry Wegman

Please indicate your first, second and third choice on the slip below. You will find out your meal destination and receive driving/carpooling directions during appetizers. We are suggesting a \$10 donation per person. We do hope you will join us for this evening of good company and good food.

St. Julian's Guild

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

Number attending _____

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices and return this reservation slip and your check to:

Betty Winkworth, 907 Baker Ave., Mankato by Sunday, June 6th.

(Please make checks payable to St. John's with Progressive Dinner on the memo line)

St. John's
Episcopal Church Women
will meet at Nancy Zwickey's
Lake Crystal home.
Wednesday - June 2 - Noon
Lunch will be served.
RSVP
[for directions, carpool, meal]
387-4396 or
moljam@hickorytech.net

Earth Ministry

As you fill your yard with new plants is your pile of discarded plastic pots building and building? There is a good solution for gardeners this year.

Many of your nurseries and plant suppliers will take back your clean pots and trays to recycle them. You can also take them directly to Genesis Poly Recycling on Saturday, June 19, from 9:00 to noon. Its located at 480 North Industrial Road (take Third Avenue to Gopher Scrap, and turn right onto Industrial Road).

This is an event sponsored by Genesis and Blue Earth County. They also advertise a 24-hour waste and recycling hotline at 507-304-4242.

Remember When?

On Earth Day 2009 St. John's Green Team hosted an event entitled "Watt's Up." Jr. Warden Jerry Stump helped us analyze our utility bills and West High Physics instructor Eric Koser provided free of charge the use of watt meters that he uses in his class.

For those of you who missed that opportunity, similar portable energy meters are now available for check out at Blue Earth County Libraries in Mankato, Mapleton, Lake Crystal and at North Mankato Taylor Library. The meters are easy to use and can be plugged into any standard 120-volt appliance to measure voltage, electricity cost and electric consumption.

A big thanks to Xcel Energy and the Envision 2020 Energy Conservation Task Force for this program that will help us all figure out the biggest energy hogs in our homes.

Lay Ministry Schedule

9:00 Summer Service	
<u>June 6</u>	
Greeters	Judy Anderson, Mary Yurek, Peter Poulos
Lectors (1,2)	Candace Black, Ginny McNear
LEM	Karl Mundell, Pam Bartholomew
Coffee Hour Hosts	Partridge
<u>June 13</u>	
Greeters	Don Duncanson, Peter Poulos, Leslie Peterson
Lectors (1,2)	Pam Oster, Ray Splinter
LEM	Steve Deeren, Nickie VanStelten
Coffee Hour Hosts	Wegman/ M. Kolbinger—Potluck Brunch
<u>June 20</u>	
Greeters	Peter Poulos, Elsie Olson, Ginny McNear
Lectors (1,2)	Bill Gray, Leslie Peterson
LEM	Gerry Schneck, Ann Clark
Coffee Hour Hosts	K. Christianson/ Manderfeld
<u>June 27</u>	
Greeters	Judy Anderson, Peter Poulos, Jan Mickelson
Lectors (1,2)	Bobbi Seberson, Jaci Lageson
LEM	Jan Rozeboom, Joan Hertel
Coffee Hour Hosts	E. Larson/ Gray/ Neitge

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 June

9 a.m. Jan Mickelson, Pat Johnson, Elaine Larson

Monthly meeting Thursday, 6/24/10 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.




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