

## 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 Schuldt

**Sexton:** Jordin Johnson

**Office:** Jan Mickelson, Peter Poulos, & Jill Fischer

**Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am—1 pm.

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## Agnus Day

SO JOHN ATTRACTS ALL OF THIS ATTENTION JUST TO GIVE IT AWAY? YHP...



HE'S THE VOICE, NOT THE WORD.\*



WORD!



## Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God!

### 930am Service:

**Greeters:** Leslie Peterson

**Lectors:** Candace Black, John Paul Lay  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nickie VanStelten, Meg Stump

**Acolytes:** Eric Westberg, Quinn Mackie, Grace Mackie

**Children's Chapel Leader:** Jill Fischer

**Coffee Hour:** Katie Berlin

**Dishwashing Angel:** Ray Splinter

**Altar Guild:** Missy Manderfeld, Ann McGuire, Elaine Larson

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

Third Sunday of Advent

17 December, 2017

### What's Going On This Week

#### Today, Third Sunday of Advent

830a—Choir Rehearsal

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

11a—Children/Youth Christmas Eve Program Rehearsal

#### Wednesday:

6p—Children/Youth Christmas Eve Program Rehearsal

630p—Vestry Meeting

#### Saturday:

10a—Altar Guild, Christmas Services Set-up

Time TBA—Children/Youth Christmas Eve Program Rehearsal

#### Next Week, Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

930a—Holy Eucharist & Children/Youth Christmas Eve Service

1030p—Midnight Christmas Eve Service

For complete details visit the St. John's Website:

<http://stjohnsmankato.org/calendar>

## We interrupt our Advent Celebration for a special report!

Hello all:

This Sunday we will be celebrating our ingathering of stewardship pledge cards by publicly offering all of the cards we have received to date.

### We have a lot to celebrate!

According to our treasurer Nickie

VanStelten, Total Pledges in 2017 were 45. So far for 2018 we have 35. Thank you to all who have renewed and/or increased their giving commitment.

The total amount pledged last year was \$102,450. So far for 2018 our dollar amount total is \$95,246.

We have one new pledger so far, and we are up \$7,886 for the same pledgers from last year!!

What does that mean? If the remaining 9 pledgers from last year give the same amount they did then, we will be at \$104,956.

We are estimating the sum of our other income (plate, parking lot rental, other offerings) to be about \$24,700. We are also estimating our expenses to be about \$133,300.



### Offering Update

\*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599  
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$6,310  
 \*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$176,351  
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$159,992  
 \*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

### Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of December, please pray for the foundations that minister to children with special needs, especially for the work of the Sheltering Arms Foundation and for all who work in child protection agencies throughout the state of 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](http://www.stjohnsmankato.com/files/8315/0731/6508/acp_2017_quarter4.pdf)

### St. John's Prayer List

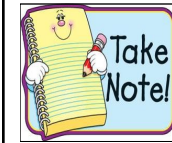
*For those in need:* Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Julie, Nick, Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Tom, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie, Jonathan, Helen, Gary

*For Birthdays:* Joan Hertel, Ryan Wiehr

*Anniversaries:* None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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



**NEXT Choir Rehearsal**  
 Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 8:30am  
 Come and prepare for Advent!  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Sunday, Dec 24—9:30 am**

**Children/Youth Christmas Eve Service**

**Sunday, Dec 24—10:30 pm**

**Midnight Christmas Eve Service**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Merry Christmas*



### Opportunities for Service

- **Shelter Needs:** We could use a few more single sheets and light-weight blankets if anyone has some they'd be willing to donate. Also DVD's and games for kids would be nice to have in the evening hours. Thanks again to all who helped with the shelter. St. John's is tentatively set to take the week of January 7-13. Watch for a sign-up sheet for volunteers!

- **Mitten Tree:** Your Outreach Committee will again be collecting warm hats, mitten, gloves, socks, and scarves to be distributed to those in need.
- **Youth/Children's Christmas Eve Service will be at 9:30am, Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve!)** An email has gone out. If you haven't received it, contact Fischer, jsfish22@yahoo.com, 507-384-7119.

### What's Happening Right Now?

- **BRING YOUR STUFFED ANIMALS!** for the Nativity set! You may put your stuffed animals on the window sills in the back of church!
- **Minnesota Valley Choral Audition!** Auditions are January 8 from 6-8pm at Bethany Lutheran College. To sign-up for an audition, please go to [www.minnesotavalleychorale.com](http://www.minnesotavalleychorale.com) or call Executive Director, Carolyn Borgen, at 612-251-8492.
- **ADVENT CALENDARS** are here! Pick one up in the narthex credenza.
- **Mankato Peace Vigil:** The Mankato Peace Vigil seeks to promote awareness of our continued involvement in wars and to advocate for a peaceful resolution to those conflicts. Since November 7, 2001, we hold a weekly vigil to oppose war and related injustices, and we have maintained an unbroken presence each week since then. How to Get Involved: Attend one of our vigils, which occur every Wednesday from noon to 1:00 pm, and are located in Mankato across from the Post Office on Second Street. You may also call or email Sister Gladys Schmitz at 507-389-4114 or [gschmitz@ssndcp.org](mailto:gschmitz@ssndcp.org), or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904.



## Children/Youth Christmas Eve Program Rehearsal Schedule

**Sunday, Dec 17—11am @Fellowship Hall**

**Wednesday, Dec 20—6pm @Church**

**Saturday, Dec 23—TIME TBA @Church**

### ECHO Delivers needs you!

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.**

### **Pledge Card REMINDER!**

If you haven't returned your pledge card, please return it as soon as you are able! We graciously await your response!

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So, to balance our 2018 budget, we would need about \$4,000 more. So we are close!

If you've not yet pledged, please consider doing so now to help us fill that small gap before the new year 2018 begins. We are so close!

*We now return to our regularly scheduled Advent celebration.*

Phil B. +