

## 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

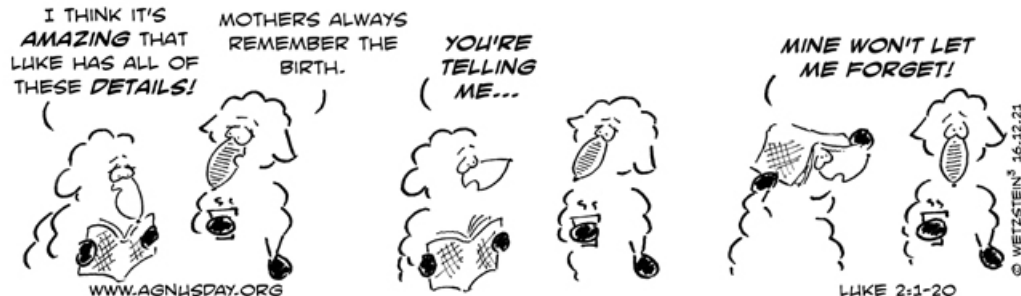
**Sexton:** Jordin Johnson

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

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

**Phone:** 507-388-1969

## Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

## Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

### 930am Service:

*Greeter:* Candace Black

*Lectors:* Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Gerry Schneck, Pam Bartholomew

*Acolytes:* Ryan Wiehr, Grace Mackie, Klara Lybeck

*Youth & Children's Program Participants & Special Music:* Eliza Berlin, Ryan Berlin, Renn Corley, Ronan Corley, Elyzah Erickson, Liam Erickson, Marissa King, Jonathan King, Atem Lueth, Klara Lybeck, Grace Mackie, Quinn Mackie, Logan Olauson, Liz Paul, Lydia Paul, Ryan Wiehr, & Parents!

*Coffee Hour:* Phil & Ann Clark

*Dishwashing Angel:* Donna Casella

### 10:30pm Service:

*Greeter:* Jan Mickelson

*Lectors:* Candace Black, Tim Secott

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Joan Hertel, Meg Stump

*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:



# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ

## THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

Christmas Eve

24 December, 2017

### What's Going On This Week

#### Christmas Eve

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II — Children & Youth Christmas Eve Program & Special Music

1030p—Midnight Christmas Eve Service

## Merry Christmas!

Along about now during the holidays I get frustrated because there is sooo much left to do—Christmas lights to be untangled, food to be bought and prepared, last minute presents to decide on and purchase...

But then I recall the reason for the season—all the trappings fall away and we find ourselves standing in front of a manger bathed in glowing light.

You are invited to join us at either of our Christmas celebrations—two different services, both on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

The 9:30 a.m. service will feature a Christmas program staged by our children, with a brief sermon and full Rite 2 Eucharist. The 10:30 p.m. service on Sunday night is a quiet, contemplative way to welcome Christ's birth with a different sermon and lots of carol singing. Please plan on coming to whichever best fits your schedule—or both if you can make it.

See you there!

Phil B.+

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

<http://stjohnsmankato.org/calendar>

Weekly Evangelist (1)

### Offering Update

\*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599  
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,817  
 \*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$179,950  
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$162,809  
 \*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, Elizabeth

*For Birthdays:* Nancy Zwickey, Barb Hogan

*Anniversaries:* Dale & Nickie Van Stelten

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

### ANNUAL MEETING January 28, 2018

Please email your group's annual reports to [stjohns@hickorytech.net](mailto:stjohns@hickorytech.net) by **January 14.**

Please put "Annual Report" and your group name in the subject line. Reports will be printed as submitted.

## 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!**



### Children/Youth Christmas Eve Program Rehearsal Schedule

**Saturday, Dec 23—12:30pm @Church**

### 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!

- **Youth/Children's Christmas Eve Program will be at 9:30am, Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve!)** Questions? contact Jill Fischer, [jfish22@yahoo.com](mailto:jfish22@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.
- **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.

### Special Thanks to the Youth & Children & Friends of St. John's

**for sharing their talents and joy with us this Christmas Season!**

Eliza Berlin, Ryan Berlin, Renn Corley, Ronan Corley, Elyzah Erickson, Liam Erickson, Marissa King, Jonathan King, Atem Lueth, Klara Lybeck, Grace Mackie, Quinn Mackie, Logan Olauson, Liz Paul, Lydia Paul, Ryan Wiehr

*Thank you to all the Parents for all of their work and support as well!*

### 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!

### Flowers This Christmas are Given in Memory of and to the Glory of God by

**Bill & Larry** ~ Barb & Joe Hogan & our son, Joe  
**Loved ones** ~ Jan & Bill Mickelson  
**Andy Partridge** ~ Barb & Will Partridge  
**Alice & Marie** ~ Bobbi Hovren  
**Nadyne, David, & Dick** ~ Helen & Gary Hudson  
**John R. Neitge & Mary Ellen Neitge How**  
 ~ Cathie Neitge  
**Evelyn & Reinhardt + Agnes & Lyle**  
 ~ Audrey & Ray Splinter  
**Joan & Dan Paul + Susie Fischer**  
 ~ The Fischer-Paul Family  
**Loved ones**  
 ~ Pam Bartholomew & Gerry Schneck  
**Our loved ones** ~ Ann & Jim McGuire  
**Loved ones** ~ Leslie Peterson  
**Bonnie** ~ Jordin Johnson  
**Loved ones** ~ Elsie Olson  
**My wife, Judy** ~ Andy Anderson  
**Loved ones** ~ Nickie & Dale VanStelten  
**Megan Bening** ~ Margo & Steve Druschel  
**Our parents & Shirley, George, & David**  
 ~ The Rev. Phil & Ann Clark