

## 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:

Flowers: Poinsettias  
Greeters: Leslie Peterson  
Lectors: John Paul, Tim Secott  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Deeren, Meg Stump  
Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Lydia Paul  
Children's Chapel: Meg Stump  
Coffee Hour: Zwickey/Steil  
Dishwashing Angel: Casella  
Altar Guild: Jordin Johnson, Pat Johnson

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

The Feast of the Epiphany

7 January, 2018

### What's Going On This Week

#### Today, The Feast of the Epiphany

830a—Choir Rehearsal  
930a—The Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel  
1115a—Liturgy Team Meeting  
7p—Rotating Shelter

#### Monday

Rotating Shelter, Connections Ministry  
2p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learner  
4p—Outreach Mtg @ Panera

#### Tuesday

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5p—Finance Committee Mtg

#### Thursday

Rotating Shelter, Connections Ministry

#### Friday

Rotating Shelter, Connections Ministry

#### Saturday

Rotating Shelter, Connections Ministry  
745a—Men's Group @ Weggy's  
9a—SUM-SC 23b Blue Postcard Party, Fellowship Hall

#### Next Week, The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Rotating Shelter, Connections Ministry  
930a—Holy Eucharist  
1115a—OMG Youth Group

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

### We survived the holidays! But wait... there's MORE!

By the time you read this most of the holiday sales will be over, our relatives (hopefully) will have gone home and many of us will be hitting the gym and the salad bar in hopes of regaining our pre-holiday shapes.

However, the liturgical year has another surprise for us this coming Sunday.

We will gather to celebrate **Epiphany** together - which in many ways is a more ancient holiday and deeper theologically than its more popular neighbor, Christmas. If Christmas proclaims the love of God for family, friends, home and hearth ... then Epiphany ups the ante a bit. Epiphany's message is that Christ came not just for those near and dear to us, but to those far away ... and different than, perhaps even estranged, from us.

All this God's love stuff is ok, but then strange men in robes show up, riding smelly camels and bearing unfamiliar packages. They come to call, bringing with them God in an unfamiliar and perhaps distressing guise ... those "other people" whom we would most likely not invite over for cocktails and dinner.

We all have such Magi in our lives - unfamiliar and perhaps unwelcome intruders upon the comfortable, the clean, and the well-off crowd with whom we usually try to spend our time. Epiphany teaches us to honor them, to welcome them - and in doing so we honor the Christ child, who raised his pudgily Divine infant hand to bless them for coming so far to see Him.

Phil B. +

Weekly Evangelist (1)

### Offering Update

\*Offering Needed Each Week.....TBA  
Offering Collected Last Week.....will update next week  
\*Offering Needed Year-to-Date....will update next week  
Offering Collected Year-to-Date...will update next week  
\*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

### Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of January, please pray for youth ministries within the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, especially for those who are involved with Teens Encounter Christ; for the new ministry Circle of the Beloved and all those in our faith community who are involved with faith formation ministries with children, youth and young adults. (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:* Phil Clark, Linda Duckett

*Anniversaries:* NA

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

### 2017/2018 BUDGET UPDATE

St. John's is a faith community committed to prayer, worship, growing in our knowledge and love of God, and serving as God's ambassadors in our daily lives. Our overarching goal is to deepen the faith of, empower, equip, and encourage us so we can serve. It is also aimed at helping us connect with and learn from each other so that we can grow spiritually in community and participate in God's mission more fully.

In 2017 we approved an annual budget of \$187,160 in expenses, but with the changes in our clergy expenses, we spent \$171,330.

Of that amount: \$105,911 came in from pledges. The additional funds came from our PIF distributions (\$40,000); plate and other special offerings, service group fund raising (\$24,731); and our local savings account (\$700).

The Finance Committee and the Vestry are expecting the 2018 budget request to be about \$133,300. This amount is based on us keeping a half-time Priest on our payroll. As of this week, we have received pledges equaling \$98,706 with several pledges still expected to come in. The Pooled Investment Fund has recommended a distribution amount of \$10,410 for 2018. That means we will need to raise \$24,184 in plate and other special offerings and service group fund raising and/or any more pledges received.

#### **A message from Father Paul Rider:**

I have been appointed to be Vicar of Old Lakenham and Tuckswood Parishes in the Diocese of Norwich in the Church of England. Old Lakenham and Tuckswood are two small parishes in the city of Norwich, and I cannot be more excited!

This means that I shall be moving sometime between 26-31 January, 2018. My work begins in February, with a licensing by Bishop Graham on 13 February, just in time for Lent!

I want to thank everyone at St. John's for their encouragement, prayers, and support over these past six months in my journey. I love you all very much and will always have a special place in my heart for you! God is good!

### Parking Lot News

The Vestry has voted and entered into a contract with Blue Earth County (BEC) to rent out 50 of our 58 parking spaces from March 1st, 2018 to February 28th, 2019, for \$25 per space per month or \$1250/month. BEC will have use of the lot from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Because the County is beginning a major renovation project to their building and parking lot they are in need of parking space for their employees. Tim Edwards, Physical Plant Director at BEC, has been our contact person for this project. The 8 spaces we will keep are the 5 along the wall closest to our building, the 2 handicap spaces near the building, and the 1 guest space across the alley. The Vestry is glad to be able to help our community neighbor and generate a little income at the same time. Direct questions to any Vestry member. ~Audrey Splinter, Warden

### Opportunities for Service

- **Shelter Needs:** St. John's is hosting the shelter the week of January 7-13. [A sign up sheet for volunteers in in the fellowship hall.](#) We could use a few more single sheets & light-weight blankets if anyone has some they'd be willing to donate. Also DVD's & games for kids would be nice to have in the evening hours. Thanks again to all who helped with the shelter.
- **TODAY—Your help is needed!** Sunday, Jan 7 (today) after the church service we will be putting the Christmas decorations away for another year. Please plan to join us after coffee in the sanctuary. "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"! ~Bobbi H.

### What's Happening Right Now?

- **Mankato Peace Vigil:** every Wed. noon-1pm, across from the Post Office on Second Street. 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 for more info.



### Christmas Poinsettias

are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of:

- Bill & Larry** ~ Barb & Joe Hogan & their 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  
**Their loved ones** ~ Ann & Jim McGuire  
**Loved ones** ~ Leslie Peterson  
**Bonnie** ~ Jordin Johnson  
**Loved ones** ~ Elsie Olson  
**His wife, Judy** ~ Andy Anderson  
**Loved ones** ~ Nickie & Dale VanStellen  
**Megan Bening** ~ Margo & Steve Druschel  
**Their parents & Shirley, George, & David**  
~ The Rev. Phil & Ann Clark