

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 2016: Mary Babcock & Jack Lindsay

Class of 2017: Chris Corley, Meg Stump, & Nickie VanStelten

Class of 2018: Paul Dobratz & Lisa Westberg

Clerk: Amy Wiehr

Financial Secretary: Gerry Schneck

Treasurer: Nickie VanStelten

Organist: Mary Schuldt

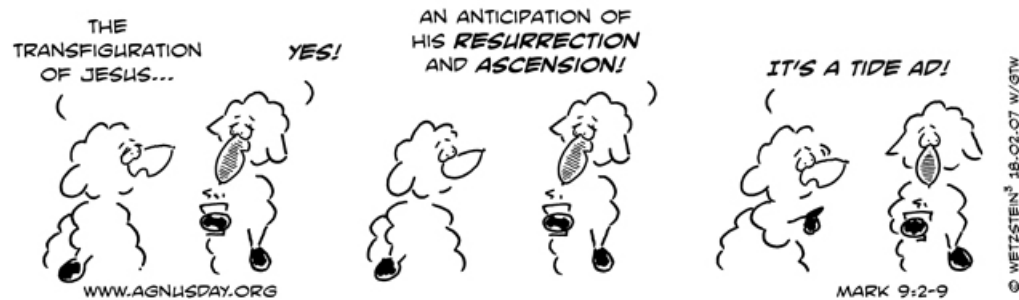
Sexton: Jordin Johnson

Office: Jan Mickelson, Peter Poulos, & Jill Fischer

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Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God & In Thanksgiving of our daughter, Nora, and son-in-law, Andrew by Nickie and Dale VanStelten

930am Service:

Greeters: Jordin Johnson, Pat Johnson
Lectors: Cathie Neitge, Andrew Westberg

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Gerry Schneck, Pam Bartholomew
Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Jonah Westberg
Children's Chapel: NA
Coffee Hour: Steve Deeren/Bobbi Hovren

Dishwashing Angels: Nickie VanStelten
Altar Guild: Audrey Splinter, Elsie Olson

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 or Steve Druschel: 978.766.5252 or stephen.druschel@mnsu.edu



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ

THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

The Last Sunday After The Epiphany

11 February, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Today, The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

930a—Holy Eucharist
1045a—Pancake Fellowship
1130a—Altar Guild Sanctuary Stripping
1130a—OMG Youth Group—TBD

Monday

2p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners
4p—Mission and Outreach @ Panera

Wednesday—Ash Wednesday

530p—Finance Committee
7p—Ash Wednesday Service

Friday

1p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners

Next Week, The First Sunday in Lent

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel
1130a—Confirmation Meeting
7p—Rotating Shelter @ St. John's

February 18—25

Connections Ministry/Rotating Shelter begins at St. John's

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

of pancakes and palms

Hello all:

It's that time of year again – Ash Wednesday is less than a week from today...! And we will be observing this important day with one single service at 7 PM.

But before that, I need your help. Do you still have last year's palms? It's traditional to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday out of the previous years palms from Palm Sunday. There is a direct connection between our observance of ash Wednesday and the events of that great week when the Savior died for us.

If you still have any palms, can you please bring them to church this coming Sunday?

We will have a basket in the back of the church to collect them. Then we can use these palms to make the Ashes for Wednesday.

Second, please also bring your appetites to church this Sunday and join us for pancake Mardi Gras celebration after church. As you may know, for many years we offered a supper on Shrove Tuesday for the larger community. So do feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for the meal – and also for church.

See you Sunday!

Phil B. +



Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,142
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$12,590
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$11,931

**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of February please pray for those who serve on the Council as Mission Area Team members, the Trustees, the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, the Chancellors and for the treasurer of the Episcopal Church in 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/2515/1742/4869/acp_2018_full.pdf

St. John's Prayer List

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

For Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

TRANSITION UPDATE

Transition: Your warden has been contacted by Karen Olson, ECMN Missioner for Ministry, clarifying that the Transition Priest is not eligible to apply for the rector position. When St. John's began the transition, we were told that it might be possible for the transition priest to be considered for the permanent (rector) position. After working with several faith communities in transition this past year, Bishop Prior is convinced it is best for the time of transition to be a time unto itself with a separate priest filling the leadership role and paving the way for a new clergy leader to join the community. Other transition priests and faith communities have been alerted to this clarification of expectations.

The unfortunate reality is that many of our members had asked and been told that Phil would be able to apply to stay with us on a long-term basis. The Transition Team and Vestry are disappointed this is no longer the case - especially now when we are so far into the process. Phil is an amazing transition priest and his talents have been a great blessing to us. Questions in this regard may be referred to Karen Olson at karen.o@episcopalm.org or [612.870.3312](tel:612.870.3312).

The clergy position has been posted on the ECMN website as of February 1st and will remain open until February 23rd. To see more go to either the ECMN website or St. John's website and look under "Rector Search." A meeting is planned with Karen Olson from ECMN on February 25th to review names of candidates.

Opportunities for Service

- **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL! Please sign up!** Volunteers are needed to lead Children's Chapel, 15-20 minutes during the sermon, every other Sunday. Open to ALL! Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.
- **PALMS wanted:** Bring your old palms to church 2/11 for use on Ash Wednesday. THANK YOU!

- **NURSERY:** St. John's does not often have young children in need of the nursery, but when we do, the Vestry arrived at a temporary solution putting the following plan in place. When the greeter is aware that nursery care is needed, the greeter will contact a vestry member who is at the service to provide care or find someone who will. Vestry members will fill this role until we can get a list of members who are willing to attend the nursery when needed. If you are interested in being a nursery volunteer, please contact the office or let a vestry member know of your interest. Thanks.
- **GREEN TEAM:** The Green Team will meet with Briana Baker, a representative of Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light at 10am at the church on Saturday, February 10th. Anyone interested in energy and the environment is welcome and encouraged to join us.
- **SHELTER UPDATE:** St. John's will host the shelter for the third time from February 18-25. Please sign up on the written sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for supporting this service to our community. **Plus** The Episcopal Church of MN has awarded a Missional Innovative Partnership grant for \$4980 to Connections Ministry Rotating Shelter. The money will be used to purchase a trailer to transport cots, extra linens, laundry bags, diapers, and other supplies as needed. Thanks ECMN!

What's Happening Right Now?

- **Pancakes, Feb 11:** Please join us after the service on Sunday, Feb. 11th for a pancake breakfast. This is taking the place of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this year. Bring your appetite!
- **Altar Guild Requests Help!** The Altar Guild will be stripping the Sanctuary for Lent after the Pancake Breakfast. We need help with moving heavy objects and reaching high places. Any help is greatly appreciated!

- **Meg Stump Art Show @ Carnegie:** Congratulations to Meg Stump who will be one of 20 artists at the Kaleidoscope of Artists Show at the Carnegie Art Center, Thursday, February 1 through February 17. The show is open each Thursday, 1-7 pm; Friday, 1-4 pm; and Saturday, 11 am -5 pm at the Kaleidoscope of Artists Show at the Carnegie Art Center.
- **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 vigils very Wednesday, noon-1pm, across from the Post Office on Second Street. Call or email Sister Gladys Schmitz at 507-389-4114 or gschmitz@ssndcp.org, or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904 for more info.
- **Reminder: No Choir During Lent!**



It's not too late...yet!

Participate in the global Lent Madness phenomenon by registering on lentmadness.com. You'll receive emails each weekday with updates and reminders to vote. It's fun, AND it's also inspiring and educational. AND/OR join local bracketologists in a pool that will benefit a local nonprofit: fill out a bracket (available in the narthex) and give it (and \$10) to Margo Druschel by **Ash Wednesday, February 14**. The local winner will determine where the pool monies are donated and get to wear a lovely Golden Halo.