

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 Scholdt

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

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

930am Service:

Greeter: Pat Johnson, Jordin Johnson
Lectors: Candace Black, Andrew Westberg
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Gerry Schneck, Pam Bartholomew
Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Liz Paul, Lydia Paul
Children's Chapel: NA
Coffee Hour: Margo & Steve Druschel
Dishwashing Angels: Al Berner
Altar Guild: Nickie VanStelten, Jan Mickelson

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

11 March, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Today, The Third Sunday in Lent

930a—Holy Eucharist, Children's Chapel
11a—Liturgy Team Mtg

Wednesday

noon—ECW @ Charley's
530p—Lent Service, Soup Supper and Study Group
530—Finance Committee Meeting
6p—Confirmation Meeting @ Church

Next Week, The Fourth Sunday in Lent

930a—Holy Eucharist

John 3:16

Dear friends:

In his book "A Farewell to Arms", Ernest Hemingway writes about how the tough things in life mold us and shape us, and eventually kill us and raise us up again. Hemingway describes those who survive as "strong at the broken places."

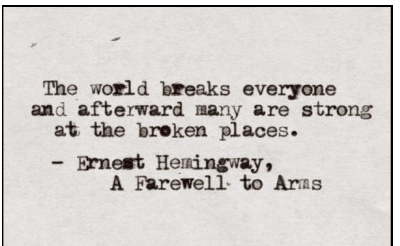
This Sunday we will hear two stories about the redemptive power of evil. The children of Israel journeying through the barren wild were cured of serpent bites by gazing on the bronze serpent uplifted on a pole. In John's gospel Jesus describes his own ascension to the cross in death as the source of new life.

Within that story lies the sweetest verse of all for many of us:

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Where in your life is death turning toward life? Come explore this Sunday.

Phil +



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

Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$4,492
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$22,822
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$23,408

**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

During the month of March please pray for those involved in specialized licensed ministries throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota including lay preachers, Eucharistic ministers and visitors, and lay readers; and for our musicians and worship committees. (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: Ann Clark, Pat Johnson

Anniversaries: None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

TRANSITION UPDATE

Bishop Prior is pleased to offer the name of one candidate for the Transition Team's further discernment. The posting remained open until March 8th allowing additional candidates to express interest in the position. The Transition Team will keep you posted on next steps as they are taken. Patience and Prayer are greatly appreciated.

Opportunities for Service

- **Episcopal Church Women:** ECW will meet Wednesday, March 14. This is a change from our usual meeting day. Please join us for a noon luncheon and brief meeting at Charley's, 920 Madison Ave. All women of St. Johns are welcome. See you there!
- **March is Food Shelf Month** in Minnesota, and here at St. John's we view it as a time to, again, collect both cash and non-perishable food for ECHO FOOD Shelf. A large basket is located downstairs in which food items will be collected. Checks can be made out to ECHO and placed in the collection plate. During this March campaign, all money raised is proportionally matched by Minnesota Food Share. Let's keep our reputation in place as a church that gives generously from the heart and purse to this community cause...GIVE in thanksgiving for your blessings.
- **Food for Friends** Opportunity Coming Soon — April 14! Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks in advance for your help!

What's Happening Right Now?

- **RESCHEDULED** — St. John's Confirmation Class to **Wednesday, March 14 from 6pm–7:30pm** at church. We will join the Lenten Soup Supper for our meal and then will meet after on our own. You are encouraged to come to the 5:30pm Lent Service, if you can make it.

- **FREE! Jesus Christ Superstar Pageant & Singalong:** Get geared up for Easter and have a great time singing along with JC Superstar, the Rock Opera, at Patrick's on 3rd, St. Peter, Saturday, March 24. Two shows! 4pm and 8pm. You may also come to a rehearsal time at Patrick's, Wednesdays, March 7, 14, & 21 at 8pm. Jill Fischer and Lydia Paul are singing! Sponsored by KMSU and The Art Center of Saint Peter.
- **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 gsschmitz@ssndcp.org, or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904.
- **Intercultural Competency Workshop: Who Are Our Neighbors?** Hosted by Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato, 937 Charles Ave., Mankato. Friday, April 13, 7— 9pm, Saturday, April 14, 9am-5pm. Fee \$20 (if before March 30), \$25 (if after March 30). Contact the church to register and for more info: 507-388-5022, uomankato@gmail.com
- **Pipe Organ Encounter**—June 24-29. See TCAGO.ORG/POE2018 for details! In Faribault and Northfield.

Father Paul in the news!

- Father Paul has made his new local news! Check out an article about his move to Norwich and following his dreams: <http://www.eveningnews24.co.uk/news/reverend-paul-rider-new-priest-at-st-john-s-church-norfolk-1-5410896>



LENT

JOIN US!

Wednesdays during Lent:

- 5:30 pm—Lent Service
- 6:00 pm—Soup Supper
- 6:30pm—Lenten Study Group*

**Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation* by Stephanie Spellers

Getting the book: There are some books available now in the church office. The book costs \$12.20 but you can get one without cost if needed. Meg Stump also has a couple ebooks that she can lend out, this is particularly good if you need large type. You can also order an ebook through Amazon or B&N which costs about 10.00.

God who created me,
 You offer me new life through your Son
 and through the gift of your sacraments.
 While I see new life all around me,
 I don't always recognize the new life you
 offer me.
 Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness
 of the gifts you place in my life
 and in a greater appreciation for your care.
 Give me the courage to ask for help.



Who will win the Golden Halo?

You may check the brackets at

lentmadness.com