



# THE CHRONICLE

Mankato, Minnesota

February 2011

## *Paul's Ponderings*

### This Month's Happenings

Okay. Everyone put away your books and take out a pencil. It's time for a pop-quiz!

Considering our worship and ministry life at St. John's, which of the following categories describes you the best:

• **Visitor**- "a person who resides temporarily...one who goes or comes to inspect...one who makes a short stay at a place for a particular purpose."

• **Guest**- "a person one welcomes into one's house; a person to whom hospitality is extended; a person held in honor who is due special courtesies."

• **Greeter**- "one who meets or extends welcome in a specified manner; one who gives a formal salutation at a meeting."

• **Host**- "one who receives or entertains socially...one who opens his/her home for a special event...one who takes particular care and concern that guests are well accommodated."

If you put yourself in one of the first three categories, good for you! As a matter of fact we can put ourselves in all three:

- Feb. 2 ECW Mtg., 11 am
- Feb. 6 Outreach Mtg., noon
- Feb. 12 Men's Group, 8 am
- Feb. 13 Undie Sunday
- Feb. 13 Acolyte Training, noon
- Feb. 13 "Dance" Team Mtg., 1:30 pm
- Feb. 15 St. Julian's Mtg., 7 pm
- Feb. 19 Green Team Mtg., 9 am
- Feb. 20 Training for Lectors & LEMs, 2 pm
- Feb. 24 Altar Guild, 9 am
- Feb. 27 Vestry Mtg., noon

*More Inside...*

•We are mere visitors in this place we call our spiritual home, as we are but mere visitors on this earth, staying such a short time, for the purpose of praising God.

•We are also guests. We are called together. We are invited to the table which has been prepared for us. We are held in special honor.

•We are all greeters, too. Extending a welcome and showing hospitality is not just for those who are the official "Greeters" of our parish. All of us — young and old alike — are inviting to extend the hand of friendship and welcome.

What about the fourth category, Host? Well, if you put yourself there, that's okay. We all like

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to call St. John's *our* home or *our* church. We look at the work we do in Christ's name and refer to such as *our* ministry. In reality, though, God is the only *real* host. It is God who calls us together, God who invites us to the table, God who take care of us, God who gives us work to do. It is God who sees that we are well accommodated! So, the next time you find yourself in worship, or doing some work that makes better the lives of others, look around you and notice all the other visitors, guests, and greeters that make up this wonderful world. And give thanks to the Host.

Thanks be to God!

### **Episcopal Church Women**

ECW will meet  
Wednesday, February 2  
St. John's Parish Hall  
11:00 a.m.  
Lunch will be served.

RSVP  
[moljam@hickorytech.net](mailto:moljam@hickorytech.net)  
Ann: 387-4396



## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2/01 - Carter May
- 2/03 - Vi Hudson
- 2/05 - Olivia Duncanson
- 2/18 - Mark Manderfeld
- 2/26 - Jim Pengra
- 2/28 - Paul Manderfeld

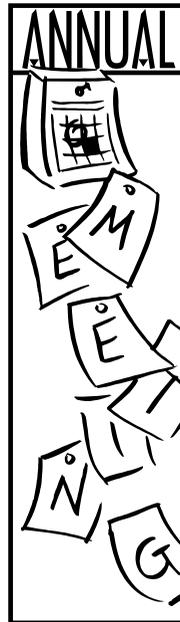
**The Annual Meeting of St. John's Parish** will be held this Sunday 30 January during the

10:30 am worship. At this time we celebrate the past year and look forward to the coming year.

We will also elect three Vestry Members and two Wardens of the Parish and will decide on our operating budget for 2011.

In addition, we will be electing three persons to represent St. John's at Diocesan Conventions and Regional Conferences.

Following the service we will gather in the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon and serving of the Epiphany cake.



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## St. John's Outreach Committee

*Matthew 25:35"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." 40"...Truly I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me."*

St. John's Outreach Committee met Sunday, January 2. The meeting was opened with prayer.

**CARE International.** CARE is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. They place special focus on working alongside poor women because, equipped with the proper resources, women have the power to help whole families and entire communities escape poverty. Women are at the heart of CARE's community-based efforts to improve basic education, prevent the spread of HIV, increase access to clean water and sanitation, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources. CARE also delivers emergency aid to survivors of war and natural disasters, and helps people rebuild their lives. Our contribution of \$100 was matched and therefore doubled.

**World Vision.** World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families

and communities to overcome poverty and injustice regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. World Vision works at the grassroots level, both locally and globally, to inform and educate the public about its work and as well as inviting them to participate in it. Some areas that World Vision addresses are child rights, education, health and nutrition, HIV and AIDS, and peace building. At this time all donations are being multiplied by eleven, making our \$100 donation into a \$1100 contribution.

**CADA.** The mission of the Committee Against Domestic Abuse is to provide safety and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through education, advocacy, and shelter. We donated \$50 to support this local organization.

### **Undie Sunday is Sunday, February 13th.**

Think about it...when we donate to charities we usually donate used clothing. Undies are often overlooked because nobody really wants second-hand underwear. St. John's Episcopal Church is collecting:

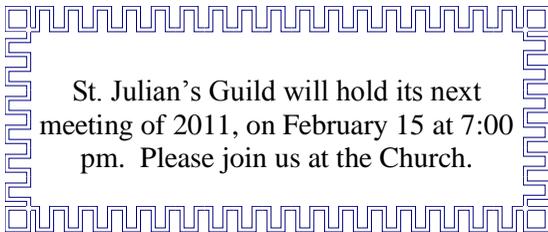
- packages of men's underwear, and undershirts;
- packages of women's underwear or sports bras;
- boys and girls underwear.

All sizes will be accepted but must be new and in the packages. St. John's parish members can place their donations in the box under the coffee table in the narthex anytime the church is open. Non-parish individuals or organizations in the community can drop off their donations on February 13<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Episcopal Church from noon to 4pm. Donations received will be delivered to local charitable organizations and elementary schools. It would be nice to get the com-

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munity at large to donate as well. Help us get the word out. Please post a flyer and talk about Undie Sunday to those you see at work or around town. Post a flyer on a bulletin board you see without an Undie Sunday flyer. If you have questions, email the church office with Attn: Joan on the subject line or talk to me when you see me on Sunday.

The Outreach committee meets the first Sunday of each month. Participation in this committee is open to all members of St. John's. Join us in caring for the needs of others.



St. Julian's Guild will hold its next meeting of 2011, on February 15 at 7:00 pm. Please join us at the Church.

### **St. John's "Dance" Team!**

We had a great first meeting, with 16 people — a wonderful start to a new ministry at St. John's. We discussed several exciting ways that our parish can share the Joy of God, including holding a block party, a community gala, and expanding a totally free market event. Our next meeting will be on 13 February at 1:30pm. Come join us in planning and implementing ways that we can share the Joy of the Lord with our community.

### **Ash Wednesday is 9 March**

Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes will be observed at noon and 7pm that day.

### **Vestry Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2011**

Meeting for less than an hour in regular session, the vestry reviewed recommendations from the nominations committee.

The vestry also had in hand the financial report of the year end closing showing an operating deficit of \$18,138 which was nearly \$10,000 less than budgeted. The capital fund shrunk less than projected and finished the year with a \$26,932 balance, a decline of \$6,665 from the beginning of the year.

The brightest spot is the \$37,414 balance in the maintenance escrow fund with an additional \$15,000 due from insurance when the roof replacement is completed in the spring.

In other business the vestry heard a proposal from Retrofit Lighting in Owatonna to upgrade lighting in the sanctuary to more energy efficient lamps with some relocation of fixtures to make lamp replacement easier. No action was taken and they discussed the purchase of a new taller ladder to allow us to do the work. They also discussed some possible roof modifications to reduce the on-going ice dam damage.



Watch for the Men's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper coming on March 8th. Starting at 5:00 PM.

# **PANCAKES!**



## TREASURER'S REPORT DEC. 2010

Our total offerings for the month were \$12,726 and we received our 4th quarter distribution from the Pooled Investment Fund of \$1,994.76. We transferred \$10,000 from the General Fund checking account into the Capital Fund checking account. Our total expenses were \$18,507 including Fr. Paul's first payroll check of 2011 that cleared our bank on Dec. 31. So our real deficit for the month was \$11,054. We ended the year with a deficit of \$18,138 which is \$10,816 less than on the projected 2010 budget. We received \$200 in offerings for the Capital Account and \$600 in offerings for the Property Escrow Account. The balance in the Capital Account is now \$26,932 and in the Property Escrow Account is now \$37,414.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie VanStelten, Treasurer

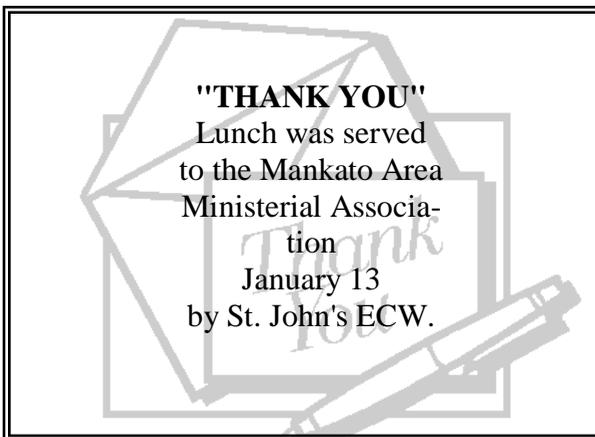
### *EpiscoPALS has fabulous news:*

**We have so many children that we need more teachers!!!**

We would like to divide the classes into Pre-K and Kindergarten, Grades 1&2, and Grades 3-5. We have a curriculum already purchased and it is set up in an easy to follow format. We have an additional classroom set up as well. If you are interested in having fun with St. John's kids, but are unable to commit to every Sunday, we still want your help. We are hoping to get enough volunteers to possibly team teach or partner up and only teach every other Sunday. Please contact Lisa Westberg (344-0643) or Jolly Corley (386-1602) if interested in spreading a joyful noise to the children.

### **Calling all acolytes!! Calling all acolytes!!**

Thanks to our growth in youngsters, St. John's will be starting up the acolyte program again for the 10:30 service. There will be an information/training session on Feb 13th after the 10:30 service for all children in third grade or above, and for their families. Other adults who would like to wear some snappy robes during the service are also welcome to join us. We will even teach you the names for those robes. If you have questions, feel free to contact either Chris Corley or Andrew Westberg.





### **The Green Corner**

While the need to recycle, reuse and reduce remains with us all, some of the methods, products and opportunities have changed over time. St. John's Green Team would like to start a new column for the Chronicle aimed at answering your questions—anything from the latest solar products, starting a rain garden or insulating a drafty spot. Just send your question to [jbwink@charter.net](mailto:jbwink@charter.net) and we'll get a researcher to reply to you directly. We'll also write up the response (without your name attached) to share the information in the next Chronicle.

### **Congratulations to our newly commissioned Liturgical Lay Ministers!**

#### **Greeters:**

Donald Duncanson, Joe Hogan, Jordin Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Ginny McNear, Janet Mickelson, Elizabeth Olson, Leslie Peterson, Mary T. Yurek, Candace Black, and Barbara Hogan

#### **Lectors:**

William Gray, Joan Hertel, Ginny McNear, Catherine Neitge, Pamela Oster, John D. Paul, Leslie Peterson, Barbara Seberson, Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter, Meg Stump, Andrew Westberg, Candace Black, and Jaci Lageson



### **Fair Trade Valentine Chocolates**

Chocolate is the go-to answer for many of us, no matter the question. If your question involves Valentine's Day, you still have this Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> available to order Fair Trade chocolate hearts by Divine. They come in a decorative container and in dark or milk chocolate, for \$6 each. Simply place your order form in the red and white box in the Parish Hall and make your check out to "St. John's" with "chocolates" on the memo line. We will receive our orders a week before the big day. Any questions, ask Betty Winkworth, 387-7170.

#### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers:**

Pam Bartholomew, Ann Clark, Stephen Deeren, Joan Hertel, Karl Mundell, Gerald Schneck, Nickie VanStelten

If you would like to join this august group of ministers, we'll be having a training session for **Lectors and LEMs** on 20 February at 2pm.

# Lay Ministry Schedule

	8:00 AM SERVICE	10:30 AM SERVICE
<p><b><u>February 6</u></b>                      Greeters                      Lectors (1,2)                      LEM                      Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Jaci Lageson, Cathie Neitge Stephen Deeren Kolbinger	Mary Yurek, L Peterson, Peter Poulos Andrew Westberg, Candace Black Nickie VanStelten, Ann Clark McGuires
<p><b><u>February 13</u></b>                      Greeters                      Lectors (1,2)                      LEM                      Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Pam Oster, Leslie Peterson Stephen Deeren Britton/ Cumming	Peter Poulos, Elsie Olson, Jan Mickelson Bill Gray, Joan Hertel Karl Mundell, Gerry Schneck Reeve
<p><b><u>February 20</u></b>                      Greeters                      Lectors (1,2)                      LEM                      Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Bobbie Seberson, Cathie Neitge Stephen Deeren Duncanson	Peter Poulos, Pat Johnson, G McNear John Paul, Ginny McNear Nickie VanStelten, Pam Bartholomew Robbins
<p><b><u>February 27</u></b>                      Greeters                      Lectors (1,2)                      LEM                      Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Jaci Lageson, Pam Oster Stephen Deeren Berner	Peter Poulos, Mary Yurek, C Black Audrey Splinter, Meg Stump Ann Clark, Gerry Schneck Foy

Please do note that we are meeting in the Parish Library five minutes prior to each service of worship for a gathering prayer.

As always, if you are unavailable on your scheduled date, please make your own substitutions and inform the Church Office at [stjohns@hickorytech.net](mailto:stjohns@hickorytech.net) no later than the Wednesday prior. That way we can be sure to include the right list of servers in our Weekly Evangelist and we can send the service reminder to the right person! Thanks!



## Altar Guild in February

8:00 a.m. Missy Manderfeld

10:30 a.m. Pat Johnson, Ann McGuire

Monthly meeting Thursday, 2/24/11 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.

FEBRUARY



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