

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 Schult

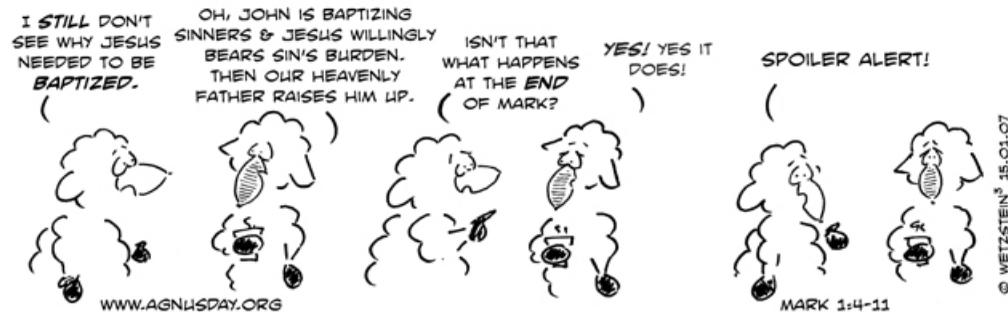
Sexton: Jordin Johnson

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: Candace Black
Lectors: Cathie Neitge, Andrew Westberg
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Nickie VanStelten, Karl Mundel
Acolytes: Ronan Corley, Renn Corley
Children's Chapel: NA
Coffee Hour: Chris and Jolly Corley
Dishwashing Angel: Al Berner
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 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 Baptism of Jesus

14 January, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Today, The Baptism of Jesus

930a—Holy Eucharist
1115a—OMG Youth Group

Monday

2p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners

Wednesday

6p—Confirmation Meeting at Fischer/
Paul's Home
630p—Vestry Meeting

Saturday

9a—SUM-SC 23b Blue Postcard Party,
Fellowship Hall

Next Week, The Third Sunday after Epiphany

830a—Choir Rehearsal
930a—Holy Eucharist Rite II, Children's
Chapel

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

Walking Wet

Hello all:

Traditionally, many Christians saw baptism as the entry point for being a follower of Jesus. One of the main perks in that scheme of things was fire insurance ... i.e. some people believing that baptism in water saves the baptized from going to Hell, and is the ID card that provides proof of membership in the church.

This Sunday we celebrate Jesus' baptism ... and I can think of no one in less need of fire insurance or proof of membership than Christ.

Instead, the three gospels that record Jesus' baptism all stress that his baptism was the beginning of Jesus' work on earth.

Out of that baptism flowed all the teaching and healing and good things that Christ brought and brings.

So when we think about and renew our own baptismal promises, it's not really much like renewing our AAA card, or paying our annual dues for the privilege of belonging to a club.

Baptismal renewal is really more like on the job training – a refresher course in compassion, in justice, and in trust that God and the universe have our best interests



(Cont'd on page 3)

Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,738
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$2,558
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$2,738

**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

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: Pam Bartholomew

Anniversaries: None

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!

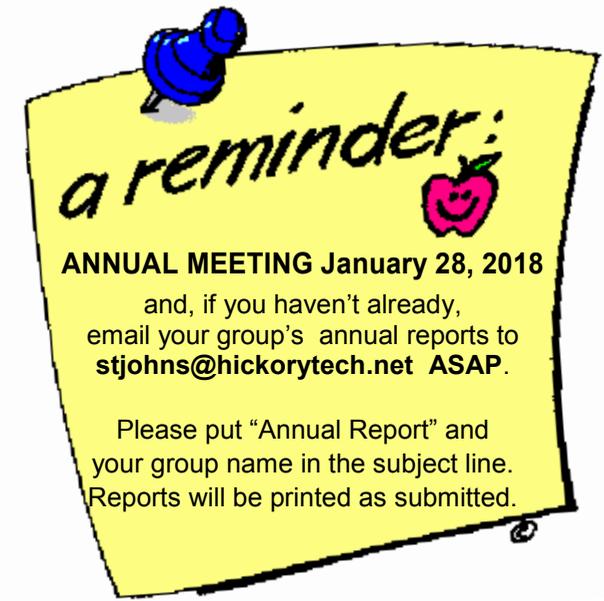
This means that I shall be moving sometime between 26-31 January, 2018. My work begins in February, with a licensing by Bishop Graham on 13 February, just in time for Lent!

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!

What's Happening Right Now?

- **Stand Up Minnesota**, a grass roots organization supporting social justice issues, has sought and gotten permission to use our fellowship hall on January 13th and 20th from 9:00 am to noon to hold their meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cindy Olson is coordinating this activity and can be reached at sumsouthcentral@gmail.com
- **Staged Reading:** Jill Fischer with On the Verge Theatre is producing a staged reading of **Love, Loss and What I Wore** by Nora and Delia Ephron, a series essays sharing about women's experience with particular articles of clothing. Funny and poignant. Performances are Sat., Jan 13 at 7:30pm, and Sun., Jan 14 at 1:30pm at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts (Emy Frenz Gallery). Free admission. Doors open 1/2 hour before the show.
- **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, or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904 for more info.

- **Pledges:** The vestry would like to thank everyone who turned in pledges over the last 2 months. Our parishioners have really stepped up to the plate to keep St. John's a healthy, vibrant community. This is greatly appreciated!
- **Shelter:** Thanks to everyone who helped make the week of hosting the rotating shelter another wonderful experience. Our beds were full every night providing a warm place for 23 to 30 guests. Our next and possibly final week of hosting the shelter is tentatively scheduled for February 18th -24th. If you've not been a volunteer as yet, please consider doing so. It warms the heart.



Transition Team Update

Steve Druschel, Candace Black, Steve Deeren, Jill Fischer, Meg Stump, Tim Secott, and Audrey Splinter took part in a Saturday, January 6th, retreat facilitated by Karen Olson, Missioner for Ministry with ECMN. We had a very productive day nearly completing our paperwork and preparations to get our rector position posted on the ECMN website. Our portfolio and other information will also be posted on the St. John's website for all to see. Our goal is to post the position by February 1st, run it for 3-4 weeks, and begin looking at prospective candidates in March. If this timeline should change we will keep you posted. Thanks for your continued prayers in this transition process.

...Walking Wet... (Continued from page 1)

at heart.

Come in for a one hour refresher this Sunday, and spend the rest of your week walking wet, that is, being conscious of Who you are, and Whose you are.

Yours in Christ,
 Phil B. +