

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.

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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 and in Celebration of their Anniversary and Thanksgiving for family by Bill and Jan Mickelson.

930am:

Greeter: Leslie Peterson

Lectors: Andrew Westberg, Cathie Neitge

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Meg Stump, Steve Deeren

Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Renn Corley, Klara Lybeck

Coffee Hour: Black / Robbins

Dishwashing Angel: Casella

Altar Guild: Bobbi Hovren, Mary Babcock, Jordin 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

Pentecost 20

22 October, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, Pentecost 20

930a—Holy Eucharist, New Zealand Liturgy

1045a—Adult / All Ages Forum: Dr. Chris Corley on Dr. Martin Luther and the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation

1115am—OMG Youth Group

Tuesday:

2p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners Presentation: Understanding Fair Trade

Wednesday:

9a—Altar Guild

Friday:

2p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners Presentation: Capitalism

Next Week, Pentecost 20

Sunday:

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

1045a—Liturgy Team

For complete details: <http://stjohnsmankato.org/calendar>

Vacation!

This weekend is the holiday formerly known as MEA - the time when the teachers from across the state gather in convention to do continuing education.



I am fairly sure that attendance at many faith communities will be sparse, because many families who can afford to do so take the two days off from school as an opportunity to get out of town. Since I was gone from among you last weekend, I too have had some time myself to recreate and refresh.

Which leads me to my point ... God doesn't call us to endless volunteering and activity. We all need to take time for ourselves regularly - for self and family care. God isn't always most present where guilt induced "who will do this if I don't?" feelings drive us to always be "doing things."

There comes a time when the most godly thing we can do is to let go and let God. Just breathe deeply and realize that God is present in every facet of life - not just the doing good and the churchly things. God is equally - and dare I say perhaps even more so - with us in those "secular" pursuits that give us and those whom we love joy.

Now.... Please don't take this as an invitation to check out. But, when you DO need to be away - please do so, confident that the good work we have begun at St.

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Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$1,731
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$147,559
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$126,741
**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of October, please pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world and for the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Episcopal Church USA, and the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop. (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

ADULT / ALL AGES FORUM TODAY!

Today we welcome Dr. Chris Corley to share both during and after our worship service on the significance of Dr. Martin Luther and the Reformation. Chris is a professor of history at MSU, Mankato and a member of the St John's faith community. Next Sunday, October 29, will mark the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, which led to sweeping changes in how followers of Jesus' Way perceived and practiced their faith.



Artwork by Lucas Cranach the Elder [1472–1553]; images from Wikimedia Commons

St. John's Prayer List

For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Julie, Nick, H., Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Tom, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Carol, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie, Jonathan, Helen, Gary, Karen

For Birthdays: Lydia Paul

Anniversaries: Bill and Jan Mickelson



FOOD FOR FRIENDS

On Saturday, October 14th, St. John's served 82 guests our famous meat loaf dinner. We had a hard working crew of 8!

Making the meat loaves in the Salvation Army kitchen worked out very well thanks to Dale and Ray. **Thank you** so much to everyone who donates their time and money to make this service to our community possible!

Dates for 2018 are: March 17th, July 7th, and October 13th.

Opportunities for Service

- **Children's Chapel Leaders Needed!** Please sign up to lead Children's Chapel, a mini-program which happens during service (the sermon through the peace) the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.** You may follow a pre-designed program or bring your own ideas as desired! It's FUN! And, our youth love connecting with the adults in our congregation. Contact Jolly Corley 215-518-6021, email jolly-corley@hotmail.com with any questions!

- **Connections Ministry Update:** St. John's will be hosting the shelter November 26-December 2 and again January 7-13, 2018. Sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall if you are interested in volunteering. Please contact coordinators Chris Corley or Ray Splinter with questions.

What's Happening Right Now?

- **TODAY! Adult / All Ages Forum—See article to your left!**
- **OMG!! A reminder:** we will meet as OMG this Sunday after church around 11:15. Our assignment this week is to share a meal and let Ray Splinter help us paint fireworks on the wall of the youth room! Please bring paint worthy clothes and also as many paper towel rolls as you can find to use as brushes. For those who don't have emails on my list, I will send a text but **spread the word and bring a friend!**
- **All Saints Celebration:** Mark your calendars now for our All Saints Celebration Sunday on November 5th. We will be celebrating with icons from the Rev. Keith Holmstad of Northfield, MN. Please plan to bring pictures of your own beloved dead to church that Sunday to be a part of this celebration. If you would like deceased loved ones remembered during the service by name, please contact the church office via phone 507-388-1969 or email stjohns@hicorytech.net. On November 19, Rev. Holmstad will be joining us to explain why icons are an important part of religious practice.
- **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** are selling \$5 coupon booklets for Herberger's Community Days Sale November 8 thru November 11. ECW keeps the full \$5 for its missions. Get your coupon booklet today from Bobbi Hovren or Ann McGuire.
- **Episcopal Confirmation Call:** Are you or any folk in your household interested in confirmation in the Episcopal Church? Confirmation is simply the study and public affirmation of one's baptismal faith and can take place at any age -

though frequently it happens in late middle school or the high school years. There is currently no definite plan on format or shape of instruction as of yet but a confirmation service will take place here at St. John's in mid May 2018. Possible confirmands (and parents where appropriate) will discern together in the next month what will work best as to time frequency and shape of instruction. Are you interested or do you have questions? Please see or email Father Phil or let the church office know.

- **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.
- **Gustavus Adolphus College Reformation 500:** Public events at Gustavus Adolphus College to commemorate Reformation 500 this month: **Sunday, October 29**, at 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel, a Vespers service will feature the Choir of Christ Chapel, handbells, brass and organ; **Monday, October 30**, at 4:30 pm in Beck Hall, room 311, Peter Marshall from the University of Warwick will lecture on "Martin Luther and the Invention of the Reformation;" **Tuesday, October 31**, at 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel, members of the Gustavus organ studio will present organ music from the Lutheran tradition. Also, on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Christ Chapel, a speaker series titled "The Ongoing Reformation (1517 – 2017): Lutheran Diversity Worldwide" focuses upon Lutherans in the global context. For info: <https://gustavus.edu/>

Vacation! (Continued from page 1)

John's will still continue while you are gone - and when you come back refreshed there will always be ... I was going to say more work to do ... but I choose instead to say: there will always be a warm welcome!

—Phil B.