



THE CHRONICLE

Mankato, Minnesota

September 2012

Ponderings on Sabbatical

Happenings for September

Paul+ Returns and We Travel Together

As the time for Paul+'s return is just around the corner, I am reminded that his and our journeys are far from complete. I look forward to welcoming Paul+ back and to hearing about and seeing pictures of his travels. There is also much for us to share with him, as we reflect on our activities, times of community and silence and exploration of Thin Places.

If you are like me, you are excited to have things "get back to normal." However, as I think about it, that's not really what I want. What I want is for the growth and changes that both Paul+ and our congregation have experienced to guide us as we come back together. The challenge I've given myself, and will humbly put out there for others, is to continue to seek God's presence in my own heart and life and to join that with the desire of our faith community to worship, fellowship and serve together. As it says on our website, *Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing, In Christ*. May God in Christ and the Holy Spirit be our guide as we embark on new travels together.

Sept. 5	ECW Potluck, 11:30 am
Sept. 8	Men's Group, 7:45 am
Sept. 8	Food for Friends, 11 am
Sept. 8	Pridefest Parade, 11 am Booth, 12-5 pm
Sept. 9	9:30 service, picnic afterwards
Sept. 13	St. Julian's mtg, 8:30 am
Sept. 15	Green Team mtg, 9 am
Sept. 16	Services at 8 & 10:30, Sunday School at 9:30 am
Sept. 19	OMG, 5:30 pm, St. Peter
Sept. 21 & 22	Diocesan Convention, Jackpot Junction, Morton
Sept. 23	Vestry, noon
Sept. 27	Altar Guild, 9 am

More inside...

Some of the Sabbatical Activities are taking place after Paul+'s return. An exciting opportunity is the:

**Post-Sabbatical Retreat with Paul+ and
 Rev. Ward Bauman
 HERE at St John's
 Friday, Oct 26-Saturday, Oct 27
 Childcare will be provided**

Join us for a retreat here at St John's as we gather to reflect, worship, celebrate and plan together for the future. Paul+ will have been back for 6 weeks by then and it will be a good time for us to take time out together. The Rev. Ward Bauman will lead us.

Our retreat will begin at 6pm on Friday with dinner. We will be done by 10pm on Friday evening and will return from 8am to 5pm on Saturday. All meals will be provided, Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch. There will be times of group worship, sharing and generating ideas, and silence, as we reflect on our Sabbatical experience and dream and plan for the future.

There is no limit to who may attend and we would like for anyone who is interested to join us. Talk with anyone on the Sabbatical Team with questions.

Margo Druschel

Shout Outs!

They did it again. The dynamic foursome of Mike and Sue Kolbinger and Jerry and Rochelle Wegman gave us another great bus trip to a Twin's Game on Aug. 11. The cool night game was a great idea regardless of the final score.

Cause for Celebration! Elias is among us. He entered into the Means family without much difficulty on June 9th at 9 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces. Jackie and Scott report that he's a calm boy and a good sleeper. And Sister Emi? "I love Eli."

A big "THANKS" from Ray and Audrey Splinter for the outpouring of baked goods from St. John's for John Splinter's fundraiser. The bake sale alone raised \$1200!

With Great Appreciation

A sincere "thank you" to Rev. Marilla Whitney for her wise homilies, her humor and her warmth. We have been indeed fortunate to have such a solid presence in Fr. Paul's absence.

And to daughter Elizabeth and granddaughter Annabelle, thanks, for making the trek repeatedly and becoming a part of our Sabbatical time.

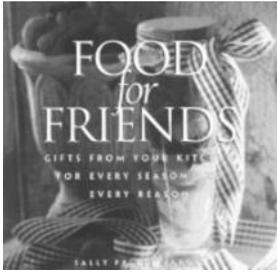
Your St. John's Family

Our biggest thanks yet belong to our amazing Sabbatical Committee. Not only did they write the grant that financed our five months of adventures and excellent supply priests, they also arranged a wide range of experiences that brought us closer together and nearer to that intangible spirit we are seeking.

Thank you, thank you, thank you:

Jaci Lageson, Jerry Stump, Jan Mickelson, Margo Druschel, Candace Black, John Weber, Sara Brave Heart and Nickie VanStelten.

You have worked hard and done well!



Food for Friends: Our church is on the schedule to serve one more meal this year on September 8th, 11 am. We will do our traditional meal of meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, and fruit jellos. Cash donations are always welcome.

Submitted by Splinters & VanSteltens

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 9/04 Missy Manderfeld
- 9/07 Alice Hadley
- 9/13 Jill Fischer
- 9/14 Brad Reeves
- 9/14 Robert Minzel
- 9/15 Paul Rozeboom
- 9/15 Sue Kolbinger
- 9/15 Lynn Keller
- 9/17 Joe Britton
- 9/22 Renn Corley
- 9/24 Mary Yurek
- 9/25 Holley Reeves
- 9/25 Lincoln Olson
- 9/25 Maxwell Olson
- 9/27 Kenneth Zimmermn
- 9/30 Malia Jones

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 9/01 Chris and Jolly Corley
- 9/04 Gary and Helen Hudson
- 9/04 Richard and Barb Junker
- 9/08 Rick Robbins and Candace Black
- 9/13 Ray and Audrey Splinter
- 9/17 Paul and Jan Rozeboom
- 9/19 Kevin and Amy Wiehr
- 9/25 Nancy Zwickey and Bill Steil

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

ECW will meet at

Nancy Zwickey's lake home for a

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Wed., Sept. 5

11:30 AM

If you want to carpool
from the church parking lot,
call Ann 387-4396



TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2012

Total income for the General Fund for the month of July totaled \$9145.79 and our expenses for the month were \$12,752.15 leaving us with a deficit of \$3606.36 which was covered by a transfer from the Capital Fund of \$4,000. Our balance in the Capital Fund is now \$31,312.

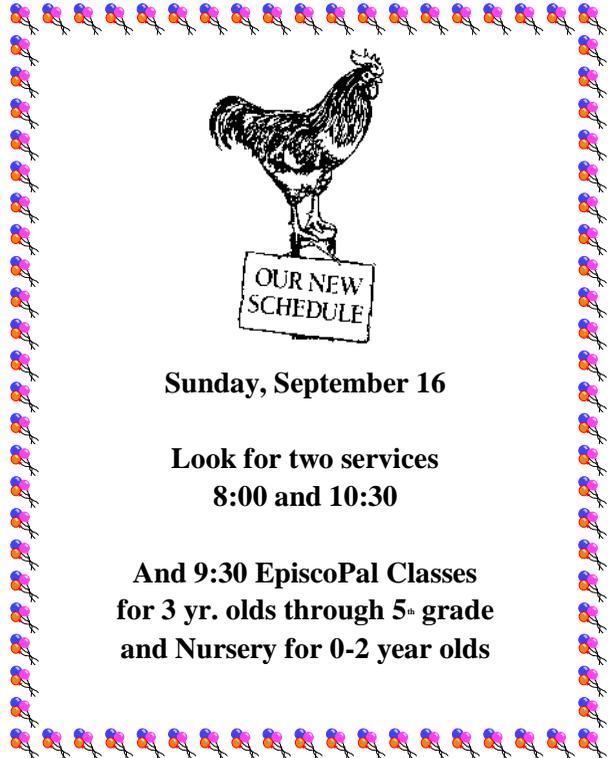
We paid one bill from that account in the amount of \$5,050 in July for upgrading our elevator to meet the current safety code. The Property Escrow account received \$100 in donation in July bringing the balance in that account to \$22,184. We also received our quarterly statement from the Pooled Investment Account and the total there at the end of the second quarter is \$247,764. We have earned a gain of \$7,419 so far this year in our investments.

I wanted to let you know that the software update installed earlier this year has been causing some bookkeeping headaches--mostly to Gerry Schneck & myself!--but Gerry is working hard to get these under control. We will have offering statements mailed out to everyone by the start of the Stewardship campaign in October.

Respectfully submitted,
Nickie VanStelten, Bookkeeper



October begins the planning for the 2013 financial year of St John's. Committees and groups will be asked to submit proposals for budget consideration by the Vestry. This will also be the time for asking for your pledges of support for next year. The goal of these activities is to have the budget ready for Vestry approval at the December meeting and presentation at the January Annual Meeting. Doesn't time just seem to zip by? Questions to the Finance Committee, please (Bruce B., Gerry S., Jan M., Leslie P. and Senior Warden Jaci).



Sunday, September 16

**Look for two services
8:00 and 10:30**

**And 9:30 EpiscoPal Classes
for 3 yr. olds through 5th grade
and Nursery for 0-2 year olds**



PRIDEFEST INFORMATION

Saturday, September 8

St. John's is supporting the Mankato Pridefest again this year by marching in the Parade and having a booth at the Pridefest, held at Riverfront Park. Unfortunately, this is happening the same day as our commitment to Food for Friends. But you can still come and visit the booth after your FFF stint.

There will be a sign-up sheet over the next several Sundays to sign up to man the booth. If you have a "God Thinks You're Fabulous" T-Shirt, please wear it. If you don't have one, there will be a place on the sign-up sheet to request a t-shirt decal. I (Meg Stump) will get one for you. I can also provide a t-shirt and iron them it on at your request.

11am Mankato Pride Parade

Parade participants meet at 10:15 am to lineup for the parade which officially begins at 11:00. If its very hot, I would encourage people to plan to meet closer to 10:30 so that we can keep everyone cool and happy. We will have people marching with our banner escorted by Big Blue, the official parade truck – so there is room for anyone who needs a ride. The route begins at the Blue Earth County Library, marches down Riverfront Drive, and ends at the festival grounds at Riverfront Park, Mankato.

12pm-5pm Mankato Pridefest

Come out and have a great time handing out this year's giveaway and touching base with the LGBT community. Please bring a folding chair for yourself if you have one. Don't worry, there are always extras.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

ECW will host the Fall Rummage Sale

October 4, 5, 6

Please recycle your gently used clothing, cds, dvds, books, shoes, toys, purses, games, luggage, small furniture, and kitchen + household items. Wrap securely and put in storage room at the bottom of the stairs.

(Please no exercise equipment.)

Set -Up

Oct. 3: 5 - 7 pm

Oct. 4: 9 - noon

Sale

Oct. 4: 5 - 7 pm

Oct. 5: 10 - 2 pm

Saturday Sack Sale

Oct. 6: 9 - noon

Clean-Up Oct. 6: noon

Questions? Help set-up, sell, or clean-up and have fun with your friends at church.

contact Ann 387-4396
moljam@hickorytech.net



Sunday School News

Sunday School:

Sunday School will start on September 16th (not the 9th!!) at 9:30am.

New Parents: Please register for a new account on the Sunday School webpage:

<http://stjohnsmankato.sparksundayschool.org>

Once you have registered your family (using a parents name), you may then add your spouse and children under your profile. There are instructions for parents under “Getting Started” on the right side of the page. If you have any questions or experience difficulty, please call Lisa Westberg (344-0643).

Returning Parents/Students:

Please update your grade/age in your family’s profile.

** If your child is involved in or interested in joining OMG (Our Mighty Group youth group) and/or acolyting, please register on the Sunday School website as well. This website is how we can communicate via email the easiest.

September Teacher’s Schedule:

Preschool – Meg Stump and Sarah May

Kindergarten – 2nd grade – Lisa Westberg

3rd-5th Grade – Joan Hertel

Starting in September

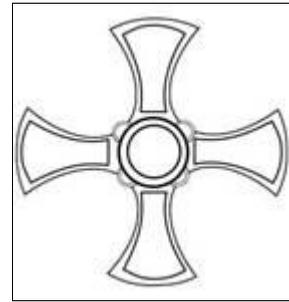
OMG (Our Mighty Group) will restart this fall on Wednesday, September 19th at 5:30 pm at Holy Communion Church in St. Peter. Supper will be served at 5:30 with bible study and activities to follow. All youth grade 6 and above are welcome to come! Any questions or if you need a ride, please call Lisa Westberg at 344-0643.

St. Julian’s Guild will next meet on Thursday, Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m. at Panera’s. With the coffee and conversation we’ll be discussing our new meeting schedule and ideas for the next year. Please join us!

Church Data Base Update

We need your help! If you haven’t yet reviewed the contact information we have for you and your family, please look over your print-out as soon as possible. You can talk to Jan in the office (388-1969) or Gerry Schneck (gschneck@charter.net).

Upcoming Sabbatical Activities You Don't Want to Miss



Sunday, Sept. 2, Paul+ in the Pews

We'll have a special guest at our 9:30 a.m. Eucharist celebration, a pilgrim who has traveled far and wide in search of thin places. The last of the St. Cuthbert medallions will be bestowed, and we'll also be saying goodbye and thank you to the Rev. Marilla Whitney. **Note to all medallion earners: please wear them to church** as we will be taking a group photograph immediately after the service.

Sunday, Sept. 9, Paul+ in the Pulpit

Our last 9:30 a.m. Eucharist celebration of the summer, and the beginning of our transition from sabbatical time. Immediately afterwards (10:45 or so) we'll picnic at Sibley Park (at the barn by play area and zoo). Everything will be provided, including music from the Jim McGuire Trio. This will be a time to welcome back all travelers and start sharing our stories.

As our picnic will be catered we need to know how many will be attending by Sept. 2nd. Simply **add your name to the list on the Sabbatical Board in the entry way**. We'll have picnic tables but lawn chairs are also recommended.

November 17 Holiday Craft & Bake Sale at Madison East Mall: I'm hosting two tables at this non-profit fundraising activity and would be glad to add another for St. John's. If you or your group is interested in participating in this fun fund-raising day please call me. Thanks, Leslie Peterson (evening phone 625 8939)



Together We Make It Work

If you are the last one to leave the church please turn lights off and double check that alley and front doors are locked. **Thanks!**

Making Styrofoam creates air pollution, large quantities of solid and liquid waste, uses petroleum and it doesn't break down.

While the U.S. produces 3 million tons of Styrofoam each year we are able to recycle only **1%** of that volume due to cost and difficulty.

But, Great News for St. John's! We can now recycle Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap to be reused by a local business. Look for the collection box in the Parish Hall.

Your Green Team

A Benefit for

Bill Gray

September 23,

12:00-3:00 PM

**At Hosanna Lutheran
Church**

105 Hosanna Dr., Mankato

Spahetti Dinner

Silent Auction

Bake Sale and

Live Music by the

Jim McGuire Trio



Bill Gray and his grandsons in 2011.

On July 20th, 2011, Bill Gray, a long time active member of St. John's, and his son, Adam Gray, along with two motorcyclists were struck head on by a pickup truck on Hwy 14 west of North Mankato. Bill and Adam both suffered severe injuries, but Bill received the brunt of the impact. After numerous surgeries, and spending two weeks at Rochester Mayo, Bill developed a blood infection that spread throughout his whole body and left him in a coma for two months.

Since the accident, Bill has been hospitalized 13 times, is unable to care for himself, and requires specialized 24 hour a day care. All proceeds from this benefit will help pay for Bill's current and future care needs.

How Can We at St. John's Help Bill Gray and His Family?

1.

**Attend the spaghetti supper,
September 23, 12-3pm at
Hosanna Lutheran Church**

2.

**Help the Men's Group pre-
pare the spaghetti supper
Talk to Jerry Wegman, 345-8089**

3.

**Help clean-up after it.
See Ann McGuire, 387-4396**

4.

**Provide a Bake Sale item.
Audrey Splinter, 720-7155, or
sign-up in the Parish Hall**

5.

**Donate a new or never-used item for
the Silent Auction.
Rochelle, 345-8089 / Betty, 387-7170
or sign-up in the Parish Hall**

6.

**Make a cash donation to Minnesota
Valley Credit Union:
RE: Bill & Adam Gray Accident
Benefit Account**

Take your pick—But above all, keep them in your prayers!



The 155th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held September 21-22 on the Lower Sioux Indian Community's Jackpot Junction Casino in Morton, Minnesota

Convention is being held in our Southwest Minnesota Mission Area for the first time in many years. It will be at Jackpot Junction Hotel near Morton, Minnesota. The date has been moved up from the usual last weekend in October to September 21 and 22. We'd like to be good hosts, by welcoming people as they arrive, and assisting with behind the scenes convention logistics, such as ballot handling.

The greatest need is for volunteers on Friday afternoon, between 2:00 and 7:30. We will also need some folks available during these business sessions:

7:00 to 9:00 on Friday and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday.

A volunteer does not need to serve the entire time. It would be helpful if you could serve a three hour block, however, to keep the logistics a bit simpler.

If you are willing and able to help, contact the Rev. Tom Harries: TomHarries@q.com.

Church of the Holy Communion &

Minnesota Episcopal Environmental Stewardship Commission

Cell: 952-297-5856

Also for Convention:

Introducing Our Parish and Community

There will be a slide show about our churches displayed near the registration table at Diocesan Convention. We are being asked to send favorite pictures of church activities or photos of our church to Rev. Marilla Whitney: marillajw@msn.com by September 15.

We can also bring a few items to display that indicate the assets or distinctive features of our town. Any ideas would be appreciated!

Altar Guild in September



ALTAR GUILD

8:00 a.m. Jan Mickelson

10:30 a.m. Elaine Larson, Audrey Splinter

Monthly meeting Thursday, 9/27/12 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.

Lay Ministry Schedule

9:30 AM SERVICE

<p><u>September 2</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Bobbie Seberson, Phil Clark Andrew Westberg, Ginny McNear Ann Clark, Joan Hertel Zwickey/Steil</p>
<p><u>September 9</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Candace Black, Leslie Peterson Margo Druschel, Steve Druschel Karl Mundell, Gerry Schneck Sibley Park Picnic</p>

	8:00 AM SERVICE	10:30 AM SERVICE
<p><u>September 16</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Candace Black, Bobbie Seberson Stephen Deeren</p>	<p>Pat Johnson, Jordin Johnson John Paul, Ginny McNear Nickie VanStelten, Karl Mundell Eric Westberg Ambry Brave Heart, Nora Lybeck Reeve/Mickleson</p>
<p><u>September 23</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Pam Oster, Cathie Neitge Stephen Deeren</p>	<p>Jan Mickelson, Leslie Peterson Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter Pam Bartholomew, Gerry Schneck Ryan Wiehr Jonah Westberg, Lucas Cvancara Robbins/Black</p>
<p><u>September 30</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Cathie Neitge, Leslie Peterson Stephen Deeren</p>	<p>Pat Johnson, Jordin Johnson Margo Druschel, Steve Druschel Nickie VanStelten, Karl Mundell Eric Westberg Cyrus Brave Heart, Liz Paul Brave Heart</p>

As always, if you are unavailable on your scheduled date, please make your own substitutions and inform the Church Office at 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!



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