

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

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Sexton: Jordin Johnson

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Agnus Day

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Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of their parents, by Mike and Sue Kolbinger

930am Service:

Greeter: Candace Black

Lectors: Cathie Neitge, Tim Secott

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Clark, Meg Stump

Acolytes: Liz Paul, Klara Lybeck, Lydia Paul

Children's Chapel Leader: Jill Fischer

Coffee Hour: Nickie VanStelten

Dishwashing Angel: Donna Casella

Altar Guild: Missy Manderfeld, Ann McGuire, Elaine Larson

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

First Sunday of Advent

03 December, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, First Sunday of Advent:

- 7a—Connections Ministry/Rotating Shelter
- 830a—Choir Rehearsal
- 930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel
- 1130a—Liturgy Team Meeting

Monday:

- 4p—Mission and Outreach Committee @ Panera

Saturday:

- 745a—Men's Group @ Weggies

Next Week, Second Sunday of Advent:

- 930a—Holy Eucharist, New Zealand Liturgy & Lessons and Carols
- 1045a—"High Potluck"
- 1115a—OMG Youth Group—Caroling & Hot Chocolate!

For complete details visit the
St. John's Website:

Hurry Up and Wait!

Like pregnancy, good spirituality takes time to develop. It takes flexibility, adjustment, and above all an openness to life itself. So, we take the next few weeks of the season of Advent to prepare ourselves for Christmas - hopefully with some silence, some quiet and some breathing room for God's Spirit. During this time God invites us to hurry up ... and wait!

I know that this time of year is a difficult time to do this - what with the ongoing holiday preparations, the gift buying, the cooking, the decorating, and, of course, the many parties and family celebrations all around.

But, this is all the more reason for us to take time to embrace the quiet, where God dwells, among, around and within us. St Francis de Sales was a great Roman Catholic writer and leader. He said "Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed."

So true!

See you Sunday.

Phil B.+



Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$1,042
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$169,153
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$150,982
**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of December, please pray for the foundations that minister to children with special needs, especially for the work of the Sheltering Arms Foundation and for all who work in child protection agencies throughout the state of Minnesota. (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/files/8315/0731/6508/acp_2017_quarter4.pdf

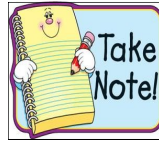
St. John's Prayer List

For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Julie, Nick, H., 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, Karen

For Birthdays: Amanda Mackie, Dexten Canavin, Elizabeth Paul, Gary Hudson, Pam Oster.

Anniversaries: Mike & Sue Kolbinger

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:
<http://www.stjohnsmankato.com>
calendar, updates, pictures and more!



Choir Rehearsal TODAY
Sunday, Dec. 3 @ 8:30am
Come and prepare for Advent!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

SAVE THE DATE:

**December 10, 2017, 9:30am Service—
Lessons and Carols @ St. John's**, followed by our **"High Potluck"** (like high tea except with hotdish). Please bring a dish to share and join your St. John's friends as we celebrate Advent!

Pledge Card REMINDER!

If you haven't returned your pledge card, please return it as soon as you are able! We graciously await your response!

Opportunities for Service

- **Episcopal Church Women:** ECW will not meet the first Wednesday of December but will meet Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the church for the annual "Christmas Cookie Wrap." Please bring 3 dozen cookies or treats. Lunch will be served. RSVP moljam@hickorytech.net
- **Youth/Children's Christmas Eve Service will be at 9:30am, Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve!)** An email will be sent soon asking for your help with putting together this service. Questions? Jill Fischer, jfish22@yahoo.com, 507-384-7119.
- **Advent Altar Set-up:** Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10am we will decorate the Altar area and set-up for Advent. *We especially need a couple of people who are comfortable working on a tall ladder hanging swags and bows. All are WELCOME!* Come join the fun! Any questions contact Bobbi H. or Audrey.
- **Mitten Tree:** Your Outreach Committee will again be collecting warm hats, mitten, gloves, socks, and scarves to be distributed to those in

need. Last year the collection went to students in need at Hoover Elementary School. Staff at the school were very grateful for the donation. Thanks so much for your generosity!

What's Happening Right Now?

- **ADVENT CALENDARS** are here! Pick one up in the narthex credenza.
- **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 gshmitz@ssndcp.org, or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904.
- **Sustainable Development Goals/Fair Trade Team selects Ayual Community Development Association**, as the recipient of St John's 0.7% annual donation. We select an organization that embodies the mission of the UN Sustainable Development Global Goals to support education, equality, health and the environment. This year's choice, Ayual Community Development Association will receive 3 years of SDG donations, starting this year. We are excited to support Ayual! James Lueth, who moved to Mankato in June and who worships at St John's with his family, is the current President of Ayual. The organization was formed by South Sudanese youth as they fled their country during the civil war in the early 2000s. Since then, they have become a non-profit and they support a primary school back in the community they left behind, Ayual. Learn more here: <https://www.aycda.org/index.php?id=3>



So many Thanksgivings!

Thanks to all who helped with providing shelter to our neighbors in need this last week!

Thanks to all who brought pie or worked the Thanksgiving Dinner with First Presbyterian!

Thanks to all who helped with the Holiday Lights opening night!

Thanks to Les H. and Mark T. for tuning our organ and giving it a good going-over!

there is still time to help **ECHO Delivers needs you!**

Volunteers are needed to deliver food to those who have challenges getting to the Food Shelf. Here's all that's to it:

1. Marcia, coordinator for ECHO Delivers, connects you with a client.
2. Shop for food at ECHO and deliver it to your client's door once a month.

**If you want to help
call ECHO Food Shelf at 345-7477
or Marcia at 351-2922.**



- **STEWARDSHIP:** During November we explored what it means for us to be the *Beloved Community*. Reminder to prayerfully consider your giving for 2018, and to return your pledge card as soon as you are able. Please respond generously!