



# THE CHRONICLE

Mankato, Minnesota

April 2012

## *Paul's Ponderings*

### This Month's Happenings

"...and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." [Mark 16.8]

Seems somewhat strange, don't you think, that Mary Magdalene and her two companions would keep quiet about what they had witnessed that first Easter morning? Arriving at the place where their friend Jesus had been buried barely two days earlier, they found an amazing sight: the huge stone at the tomb entrance had been rolled back and standing by the side was a strange man dressed in white. What's more, this man told them that Jesus was not there. His place was empty, nothing but the burial linens remained!

The other Gospellers—Matthew, Luke, and John—all indicate that the women [they each have different lists of *which* women] ran to tell the others. But Mark, who was the first to write an account of Jesus' life and ministry and who penned the term *Gospel*—meaning *Good News*—ended his story before the women had a chance to tell anyone the *Good News*. Amazing! He has them running away in fear and amazement.

Perhaps he was trying to tell his audience [which, of course, is us] that *we* are the ones who are called to proclaim the *Good News*.

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| Apr 1  | Outreach Mtg., noon   |
| Apr 1  | Ponderings at the Pub, 1 pm   |
| Apr 4  | ECW Mtg., Wow Zone at noon  |
| Apr 7  | Green Team mtg, 10 am   |
| Apr 8  | Ready for Success Collection ends   |
| Apr 8  | Easter Services, 6 am (w/breakfast) and 10:30 am. Bring your bells to ring!             |
| Apr 11 | Laurel's Edge Service, 2 pm   |
| Apr 14 | Men's Group, Webster's Rest., 745 am  |
| Apr 15 | One Service at 10:30—Bishop's Visit, Sabbatical Commissioning, Confirmation and potluck |
| Apr 17 | St. Julian's Guild mtg, 7pm   |
| Apr 22 | Vestry Meeting, noon  |
| Apr 26 | Altar Guild, 9 am   |
| Apr 29 | "Preparing for Change," 3-5 pm  |

***Holy Week schedule on page 7***

Perhaps, since this whole story of Jesus is a retelling of *Good News*, he didn't need to have Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of James, and Salome say anything. If the reader had gotten that far in the account, s/he knows the *Good News* anyway!

Alas, there are so many who do not know this Gospel of Love incarnate. Many in the world reject what the Church teaches and says because

the Church is filled with too many people who don't practice the Love of God and who are more content to proclaim sin than to pronounce forgiveness.

May this Eastertide be a time for us all to become better proclaimers of the *Good News* of God's love for the world. And may we do so through our love of and service to others.

Thanks be to God!



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**CELEBRATIONS...**  
**birthdays,**  
**anniversaries**

#### BIRTHDAYS:

April 02 - Mary Babcock  
02 - Barbara Partridge  
06 - Dale VanStelten  
08 - Andrew Westberg  
09 - Larry Lageson  
15 - Barbara O'Brien  
19 - Nannie Clements  
23 - John Paul  
24 - Gerry Schneck  
24 - Mike Kolbinger  
30 - Larry Fowler  
30 - Roger Sheffer

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

April 11 - Andy & Judy Anderson  
25 - Mike & Jane Kearney  
28 - Jerry & Rochelle Wegman



### The Episcopal Church in Minnesota Presents...

Statistics show that poverty rates in Minnesota are increasing and along with them homelessness, food insecurity, and unemployment.

The Gospels clearly call Christians to action in times like this.

Through Mission Project 2012, Episcopalians across Minnesota will take action by joining forces with Episcopal Community Services to help those in need and struggling.

Find out more how you can help at [www.episcopalmission.org](http://www.episcopalmission.org).

Now you can donate \$10 to Mission Project 2012. Text the word MISSION to 80000 to donate \$10. (Standard messaging rates may apply.) You can also make a donation through our secure website. (cont. pg. 3)



**More from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota:**



*I was hungry...*

More than 583,000 Minnesotans do not always know where their next meal will come from. (Source: *Hunger Free Minnesota*)

Minnesota families who are food--insecure need an additional \$13.74 per day to meet their food needs. (Source: *Hunger Free Minnesota*)

*... and you gave me food.*

To feed the hungry, you can help by serving a meal at your church for those in need, volunteering at a nearby food shelter, or collecting food items for your local food shelf. *Do you have one night to spare?*

*I was a stranger...*

More than 13,000 Minnesotans are homeless on any given night, including nearly 4,000 children. (Source: *Wilder Foundation*)

Half of homeless children are 5 years old or younger. (Source: *Wilder Foundation*)

*... and you welcomed me.*

Volunteers across Minnesota will work with ECS' EpiscoBuilders to build at least two houses – one in the metro area and the other in Greater Minnesota. This ambitious goal will require many individuals to donate their time, talents, and to help raise the funds it takes – around \$100,000. *Will you be one of them?*

*I was naked...*

In 2009, 11 percent of Minnesotans were living in poverty and the media income for households fell to \$55,604, a decrease of about \$1,000. (Source: *US Census Bureau*)

As of August 2011, the unemployment rate in Minnesota was 7.2%. (Source: *US Department of Labor*)

*... and you gave me clothing.*

Faith communities throughout Minnesota will collect accessories including men's and women's wallets, handbags, personal care items, ties and jewelry to be available to individuals preparing for job interviews. *Do you have items to donate?* —from Your Mission and Outreach Committee



### A Celtic Prayer of Blessing

Bless to me, O Lord,  
the earth beneath my feet;  
bless to me, O Lord,  
the path I tread:  
my walk this day with the Father,  
my walk this day with Christ,  
my walk this day with the Spirit.

### Emergency Contacts during Sabbatical

St. John's Wardens, Vestry, and Leadership Team [heads/chairs of all Parish Ministry Teams] have done a fine job in preparing for our time of Sabbath Rest [Sabbatical] which begins on 15 April with a commissioning by our own Bishop, Brian Prior. In addition, our Sabbatical Team has put together a wonderful series of events for the whole congregation as a way for you to participate [see page 8 in this *Chronicle* for more information regarding that].



### April Visit of the Bishop

#### Visit from Bishop Brian, with Confirmation and Sabbatical Commissioning, April 15th:

We will gather for a Jazz Mass at a joint Eucharistic Celebration, at 10:30 am. +Brian will join us to bless us all and send us off with prayer.

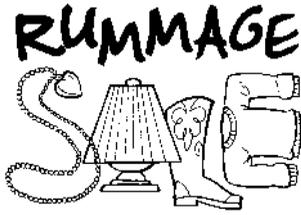
There will be a pot-luck after church, so please bring a dish to share if you are able. You can bring whatever you like, or find a Cajun Recipe. No pressure for Cajun dishes, just join us to celebrate, share a meal and send Paul+ off with our blessing.

In case of emergency or pastoral need please call the Office or one of the Wardens: **St. John's Office: 507.388.1969**  
[Leave a message or, if this is an emergency, call one of the Parish Wardens]

**Wardens—**

**Jaci Lageson: 507.995.4706**

**Jerry Stump: 507.304.2355**



## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

ECW will host the Spring Rummage Sale May 3 - 5. Please "recycle" your gently used clothing, CDs, DVDs, books, toys, shoes, purses, luggage, games, small furniture, and kitchen + house-items! Wrap securely and put in storage room at the bottom of the stairs.

(Please, no exercise equipment.)

Set-up will be May 2: 5pm - 7pm  
and May 3: 9am - noon

Questions?

Help set- up or sell and have some fun.  
contact Ann 387-4396  
[moljam@hickorytech.net](mailto:moljam@hickorytech.net)



## **Pecans**

There are a few remaining bags of pecans still for sale by ECW. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase these extra-large, delicious pecans! They're great for snacking, salads, & baking.

\$9 for a 1 lb. bag



## **BOOK KEEPER'S REPORT**

Total income in the general account for the month of February was \$ 13,514, including \$2,309 from the Pooled Investment Fund. Expenses for the month from the general account came to \$13,413. Offerings for the property escrow account were \$100.

End of February balances for the following three accounts were:

Capital Investment	\$48,924
Property Escrow	\$20,105
Pooled Investment	\$240, 244

Respectfully submitted, Nickie VanStelten

**TREES FOR LIFE** —Planting season is upon us and we will be making arrangements soon to have memorial trees placed at the playground park near Tanager Rd and Oriole Place. If you are interested call Betty Winkworth, 387-7170, or check out the city of Mankato website:

[www/Mankato-mn.gov/WB\\_TreesForLife/Page](http://www/Mankato-mn.gov/WB_TreesForLife/Page)

# EARTH DAY



## Earth Day...plus a week

Tired of the wrangling over the question of climate change? We are. We think it is a lot more productive to offer some solutions. So, on **Sunday, April 29, 3-5 pm**, St. John's will be hosting a community wide event entitled **"Preparing for Change—What do we do now for our Earth?"**

We will start with panelists who will address different aspects of our current situation but always with solutions in mind.

Dr. Richard Schiming will address economic solutions, Dr. Chris Ruhland will connect to the biology of Antarctica, two members of Transition Northfield will speak on their community response and a MSUM climatologist/meteorologist will explain the shifts we are seeing. After each panelist briefly addresses his or her area of expertise we will have plenty of time for questions and answers.

Please join us for this important topic as St. John's celebration of Earth Day.

Your Green Team



**Dear St. John's family—**

Just a quick email to let you know that my trip with the Fair Trade USA delegation to the Dominican Republic began on March 28. Keep us in mind for Travel Mercies and a fabulous and educational time. My hope is that we will be challenged to understand Fair Trade in action and to connect deeply with the producers whom we meet and with our fellow travelers. Margo Druschel

We look forward to hearing about Margo's experiences. Meanwhile, for updates on the group you can visit <http://www.fairtradetownsusa.org/>

### Worship at Laurel's Edge

We have begun a [semi]regular schedule of Holy Eucharist at Laurel's Edge Living Center. Our next scheduled service will be during Easter Week on Wednesday, 11 April at 2pm. Worship will be in the Parlor just across from the main entrance. Please join us if you can as we make Eucharist with our St. John's residents of Laurel's Edge.

Lent Schedule		
Every Sunday	8 am	Holy Eucharist
	1030am	
	1 pm	Ponderings @ Pub 500
Every Tuesday	530pm	Evening Prayer
Every Wednesday	530pm	Contemplative Prayer, Soup Supper, Program
Every Thursday	Noon	Brown Bag Retreat
	530pm	Evening Prayer
Every Saturday	430pm	Contemplative Prayer
April 1 Palm Sunday	8 am	Palm Sunday::
	1030am	Holy Eucharist
April 5 Maundy Thursday	7pm	Holy Eucharist/ Night Watch
April 6 Good Friday	Noon	Liturgy
	7 pm	Stations of the Cross
April 7 Holy Saturday	9 am	Liturgy of the Word
April 8 Easter Day	6 am	Easter Vigil/ Holy Eucharist
	1030am	Festival Eucharist



## Shout Outs!

*Share the good news! E-mail Betty Winkworth at [jbwink@charter.net](mailto:jbwink@charter.net), or call 387-7170.*

- Congratulations to Karl Mundell on completing enough hours at his new job at Pathstone Living to receive a raise!
- April 4 marks Jerry Stump's first day as officially retired. His work has included teaching English and years in the ethanol industry ending with 15 years at Dunwoody College of Technology in the custom training department. The good news is that he will now have just one full time job as the man who can fix anything for St. John's. Congratulations to you and to us, Jerry.
- A big SHOUT OUT to all of you who participated and worked on St. John's first Spelling Bee to benefit ECHO. It was an evening of fun, great food and we raised \$493 and 253 pounds of food for ECHO in one evening.
- Our totals for the month of March for ECHO are truly impressive—almost \$2000 and 360 pounds of food! That includes donations from the Men's Group, ECW, Outreach and St. Julian's donated costs for the supper.
- The 14 from St. John's who worked for Kids Against Hunger on March 3 assembled enough food packets to feed 4,104 people. Way to go!

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## **Sabbatical Plan Up-Date**

We hope that many of you attended the Sabbatical Showcase on March 18th to learn about and sign-up for the activities that the parish will undertake while we and Paul+ are on sabbatical. There is now a poster in the narthex [entryway] outside the sanctuary where you can sign-up to participate. The goal of our committee is to offer a mix of activities and times of reflection, sharing, and prayer as we seek those thin places in our individual and corporate lives, and as we accompany Paul+ in spirit on his pilgrimage.

Please note that some of the events (Retreat to the House of Prayer and Trip to Pipestone) have deadlines to sign-up, so check out the poster and sign-up today!

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## **Our Sabbatical Showcase Includes:**

**Kasota Prairie Outing and Picnic,  
May 12, 10:30-2:30.**

**House of Prayer Retreat, June 1-3.**

**Iona in the City, Book Studies**

**The Lakota Way...of Strength and  
Courage, a Book Study**

**The Labyrinth Journey**, walking and exploring our labyrinth.

**Trip to Pipestone MN National Park  
Site**, July 28, 8am-6pm

**Walking Rasmussen Woods**, Aug. 12

**Pilgrimage Pals for Paul+ —**  
individually or in groups we will walk, bike, garden or play to support Paul+ as he walks St. Cuthbert's Way.



**ALTAR GUILD**

### **Altar Guild in April**

8:00 a.m. Jan Mickelson

10:30 a.m. Pat Johnson and Elaine Larson

Monthly meeting Thursday, 4/26/12 at 9 am

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.



## Sunday School

### April teacher's schedule:

Preschool – Meg Stump

Kindergarten-2nd grade – Margo Druschel

3rd-5th grade – Sara Brave Heart

**\*\* There is NO Sunday School on Easter, April 8th \*\***

**Bibles** – The children have been doing great sharing the bibles that we purchased thus far, but it is difficult for many to try to follow along when reading the passages. We have some really good readers in our groups!! So, it was decided to ask for donations to purchase 7 additional bibles. I want to thank everyone who participated. The children and teachers really benefit from your generosity!

**Teacher's Meeting on May 6th** – We will have a meeting immediately following the 10:30 service on May 6th to talk about the following agenda items: current curriculum (likes/dislikes), teacher schedule for next year, needs/wants for supplies, what went right this year, what can we improve on or change to meet our needs, etc. I would also like to plan our end-of-the-year celebration (May 20th) at that time as well. If you have any additional agenda items, please email Lisa Westberg at [westberg@hickorytech.net](mailto:westberg@hickorytech.net).

Just a reminder to all teachers to please make sure that the lights are turned off in the classrooms once you are finished teaching. Thanks!



## House Sitter Available

The Rev. Marilla Whitney, who will be our primary supply priest during Paul+'s sabbatical, is exploring the idea of living in the big city of Mankato with her family (daughter and granddaughter) during the summer. If you know of anyone who needs a house sitter, please contact Marilla at [marillaw@juno.com](mailto:marillaw@juno.com).

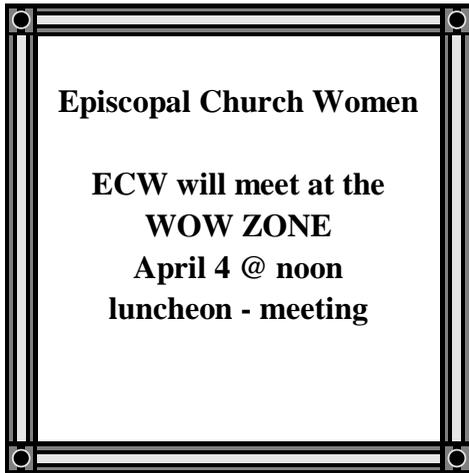


The Men's Group will once again be providing breakfast after the 6 am service on Easter Sunday. Please come and rejoice.

At the March 10, 2012 meeting of the St. John's Episcopal Men's Club meeting, \$250 was given to Echo Food Shelf which will be matched by an Echo Food Shelf Supporter. \$250 was also given to the Minnesota Diocesan Mission Project 2012 for Lent.

Please contact Phil Clark, 507-931-6414, if you have any interest in working on one of the two housing projects to build homes for needy Episcopalians. Phil can fill you in on the details.

St. Julian's Guild will next meet on Tuesday, April 17 with Nickie VanStelten hosting. Join us in the church library at 7pm. All are welcome!



**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN**

ECW is selling coupon booklets  
for Herbergers' Community Days

April 27 & 28.

Cost for each is a \$5 donation,  
and the entire amount will go to  
St. John's ECW ministries.

Please help us raise funds  
to help others!

Thank You

**Please consider making a donation to St. John's Easter Flowers.**

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS For Easter Sunday ~ April 8**

I / We wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Easter flowers at St. John's.

In Memory ~ In Thanksgiving ~ To Honor (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to bring a plant by April 5.

**Please attach this form to your check.**

**Write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line**

and give to Nickie Van Stelten or Ann McGuire. Thank you!

# Lay Ministry Schedule

	8:00 AM SERVICE	10:30 AM SERVICE
<p><b><u>April 1</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Bobbie Seberson, Cathie Neitge Stephen Deeren</p> <p>Berners</p>	<p>Mary Yurek, L Peterson, Peter Poulos Audrey Splinter, Steve Druschel Pam Bartholomew, Karl Mundell Ryan Wiehr Nora Lybeck, Cyrus Brave Heart McGuire</p>
	6:00 AM EASTER SERVICE	
<p><b><u>April 8</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Ryan Wiehr Ambry Brave Heart, Cyrus Brave Heart Men's Group</p>	<p>Eric Westberg Nora Lybeck, Jonah Westberg VanStelten/Dudash EASTER</p>
<p><b><u>April 15</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p><b><i>Bishop's Visit – One Service at 10:30</i></b></p>	<p>Judy Anderson, Peter Poulos, M Yurek Ray Splinter, Margo Druschel Nickie VanStelten, Gerry Schneck Eric Westberg Ronan Corley, Jonah Westberg Druschel/Potluck</p>
<p><b><u>April 22</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Jaci Lageson, Leslie Peterson Stephen Deeren</p> <p>Anderson</p>	<p>Peter Poulos, Jan Mickelson, Joe Hogan Meg Stump, Candace Black Karl Mundell, Pam Bartholomew Ryan Wiehr CyrusBrave Heart, Ronan Corley Hogan</p>
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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!



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