



# The Chronicle

**Mankato, Minnesota**

**May 2010**

## *Paul's Ponderings*

### This Month's Happenings

(Note: This is the third in a series of articles exploring the meaning of the tag-line, "Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing, In Christ" that is part of St. John's logo)

- May 1 Adopt-A-Highway Sweep, 9 am
- May 2 Outreach Committee Mtg., noon
- May 5 ECW, noon
- May 7 Church Women United, 1:30 pm
- May 8 Men's Group
- May 8 World Fair Trade Day, 10-noon
- May 9 St John's Childrens' Choir, 10:30
- May 15 Safe Church Training, 9-3 pm
- May 16 UTO In-gathering
- May 18 St. Julian's Meeting, 7 pm
- May 23 Last Sunday School
- May 23 Vestry Meeting, noon
- May 27 Altar Guild, 9 am
- May 29 Food for Friends, 11 am

*More Inside...*

### **Growing: The mind of Christ**

The spirituality of Benedictine monasticism centers around three aspects of the life of the Christian: Prayer, Study, Work. Finding balance in these three areas of life is the ongoing goal of a person of faith and brings one into a closer relationship with Christ and with one's neighbor.

"We are called to the transformation of our minds, to have in us the mind of Christ, to see our lives and our world through the eyes of Christ. Concrete ways for this transformation to occur are offered by Our Lord, within and through the Church, in the Scriptures, in the Catholic and Apostolic Tradition, and in

the Holy Reason of the People of God. As Anglicans we give authority to those teachings that we can recognize in the Scriptures, that have come to be generally accepted in the Church through many centuries, and that can withstand the test of human reason in each age." (Robert Gallagher, *Fill All Things: The Dynamics of Spirituality*)

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in the Parish Church, p. 63)

“Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship...?” The first question of our baptismal covenant reminds us that we are called to ongoing transformation by sharing in the fellowship of the church and recounting the savings deeds of God through history. Through a faithful—not necessarily literal—reading of Holy Scripture, informed by a reasonable mind, and seen through the lens of an ongoing faith tradition, Christians can come to a fuller understanding of the mind of Christ, and thus be shaped more by the Spirit of God than by any other ongoing influence. Faith formation is life-long. It doesn’t end at baptism—or confirmation—it continues to grow in us! Our daily lives are crowded with other influences that make demands on our time and energy. By renewing our minds in the mind of Christ we can make decisions that are more in keeping with our faith values.

Our Faith Formation programs for all ages—Sunday School, Bible Study, *Via Media*, Rite-13, and others—in combination with our participation in the worship life and work of the Church, assist us to grow more deeply in the life of Christ and, with the grace of God, empower each of us to be a life-changing force for good in our community and in the world.

Thanks be to God!



**May Birthdays:**

- 6 - Jan Mickelson
- 7 - Charles (Charlie) Olson
- 8 - Kelli Christianson
- 9 - Paul Hadley
- 12 - Joan Pengra
- 15 - Lisa Westberg
- 16 - Daniel Hudson
- 17 - Gene Broughton
- 17 - Helen Trost
- 20 - Elsie Olson
- 20 - John Winkworth
- 23 - Paul Mackie
- 29 - Oscar Kolbinger

**May Anniversaries:**

- 20 - Steve and Martha (Marty) Penkhus
- 21 - Gerry Schneck and Pam Bartholomew
- 31 - John and Betty Winkworth

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN  
ECW**

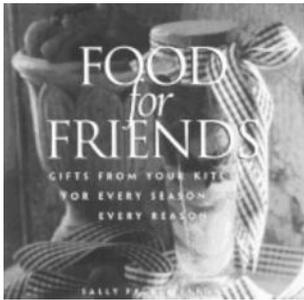
Best Webster’s Restaurant

Wednesday, May 5 @ noon

1111 Range Street

North Mankato

fellowship – luncheon - meeting



The last two times St. John's has hosted Food for Friends the generosity has been fantastic. The monetary donations that have been given have enabled us to take another Saturday filling in one of the holes still left in the schedule. We will plan to serve a picnic lunch on May 29th of Memorial Day weekend. We have enough money to buy the brats, buns, potato salad, and beans! We could, however, use a few helpers from about 11am to 1:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Audrey Splinter (243-3505) or Nickie VanStelten (278-3804). We especially encourage our young people to join us in this activity. Thanks!

### St. Julian's Guild

St. Julian's Guild will next meet at Mary Berner's home, 18415 561<sup>st</sup> Lane, Good Thunder. If you need directions for this May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting contact Mary at 278-4490 or [orpvbritts@hickorytech.net](mailto:orpvbritts@hickorytech.net). There will also be carpooling from the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m.



Dear Abbot,

*What is the meaning of the large candle at the front of the church, and why is it only used during holidays, funerals and baptisms?*

Signed,

*Need to be enlightened.*

Dear Needy,

Funny you should ask this question, since this is the time of year when the candle to which you refer remains lit for all services of worship. The word *paschal* comes from the Hebrew *pesach*, meaning Passover and pertains to the season of Easter when the people of God celebrate the victory over death affected for all creation by the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord. The paschal candle is a large decorated candle first lit on Easter morning and represents the light of Christ which has come into the world. It remains lit during all worship between Easter and the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days later.

As a symbol of our Lord's resurrection, the paschal candle is also lit for all baptisms and burials as a reminder that, "Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised." (BCP 507) You may have noticed that, when the waters of baptism are blessed by the priest, the paschal candle is dipped into the water during the prayer of thanksgiving. This action comes from an ancient rite whereby a connection is made between the Paschal Feast of Easter (Resurrection) and the sacrament of new life given to us through the waters of baptism.



### St. John's Outreach Committee

*Matthew 25:35 "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." 40 "...Truly I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me."*

St. John's Outreach Committee met the week after Easter on Sunday, April 11. The meeting was opened with prayer.

**Red Cross for South Central MN.** This is the annual time of floods and tornadoes so the committee decided to donate \$100. This will help our local Red Cross provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

**Feeding America.** A perfect opportunity to make our money s-t-r-e-t-c-h with a contribution that will multiply FOURTEEN TIMES! On the Feeding America website it states "that hunger is increasing at an alarming rate in the United States.... Feeding America is annually *providing food to 37 million Americans, including 14 million children*, an increase of 46 percent over 2006. Thirty-six percent of the households served have at least one person working and more than one-third of client households report having to choose between food and other basic necessities, such as rent, utilities and medical care. Our donation of \$50 multiplied by 14 becomes a contribution of \$700!

**Save the Children.** This organization ensures: "that children [in the developing world] can survive and thrive, and that their families and communities have the resources, and skills to enable them to do so; that [American] children in need participate in quality literacy, nutrition and physical activity programs; that in [emergencies and crisis], Save the Children works for and with children at risk of hunger and malnutrition and those affected by natural disaster, war and conflict"; and finally, sponsor support helps develop programs from early childhood through adolescence for children. The committee likes the mission of this organization and at this time all contributions are multiplied four times. Our donation of \$50 multiplied by four becomes a contribution of \$200.

**Habitat for Humanity.** The beam is back! The committee is donating \$50 as seed money toward this worthy local cause.

The Outreach committee meets the first Sunday of each month. Participation in this committee is open to all members of St. John's. Join us in caring for the needs of others.

Church Women United of Greater Mankato will be meeting next on May 7, 2010, to celebrate May Friendship Day with "Living the Vision" of our founding mothers. The meeting will include Women from the Greater Lake Crystal area and will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the School Sisters of Notre Dame, 170 Good Counsel Hill.

*Minutes of Vestry Meeting 3/28/2010*

### **Vestry Revisits Goals and Plans Spring Workshop**

Meeting in regular session Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, the vestry set April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-4 PM for their annual spring retreat and workshop continuing the "Appreciative Inquiry" process. Most of the meeting time was spent revisiting goals set last spring and moving forward with brain storming.

Two projects headlined the meeting: hosting and promoting a free market swap meet and possibly holding a "wall comes tumbling down" event to raze the retaining wall that we have until Oct. 31 to replace. Doing our own demolition could hedge some of the costs pegged at close to \$15,000.

Marketing reported that St. John's will sponsor some programming on KSMU's "world bazaar." And, the Junior Warden circulated an initial capital projects list for review and prioritizing by the vestry before circulating it to wider audiences in the congregation for additional input.

The executive committee will meet sometime after Easter to talk about how to raise funds to pay for the city mandated replacement of the

## **Really Free Market**

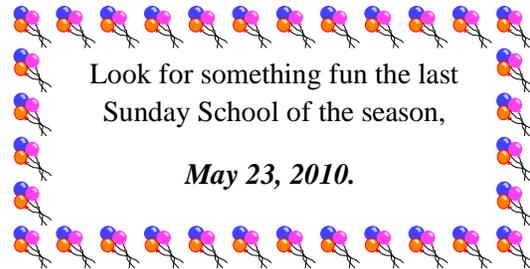


Your Vestry has some exciting news!! We are sponsoring a totally "free market" un-sale. This will be taking place on June 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday from 10-2pm in our parish hall. This is a very community-building event. We hope all of you will join in this exciting new experience. Essentially the concept is: you will bring in your unwanted articles and others will or won't bring theirs, but they can pick from the items available for FREE. Please ask us any questions about this extraordinary event. You can always reach me at 507-469-0595 or at [lagesonann@aol.com](mailto:lagesonann@aol.com)

Sincerely,  
Jaci Lageson  
Your Senior Warden



*Don't miss St. John's Children's Choir singing in the service on May 9, 2010. They will be sharing 3 pieces from Walter Horsley's cantata for kids, 100% Chance of Rain.*



Look for something fun the last  
Sunday School of the season,

**May 23, 2010.**



**May Day Set for Adopt-A-Highway**

Saturday, May 1st, has been set for the spring adopt-a-highway sweep. Volunteers are needed to meet in the St. John's parking lot at 9 AM for the journey out to the church's adopted section of Highway 68 toward New Ulm. Kids are welcome. Bring your work gloves. Work should finish by noon. Questions? Contact Jerry Stump, 344-1894.

**ST. JOHN'S ECW**  
**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**  
*Thanks to all who helped make the  
rummage sale a success!*



**U.T.O.**  
**United Thank Offering**  
**Ingathering**  
**May 16**

**Get on the BEAM**  
**for Habitat for Humanity**



In the narthex next to the office door is a 2x4 "beam" with a bank on it for signatures and donations. The signed 2x4 will become a part of the next Habitat for Humanity home.

Keep in mind that the average cost of building each house to an affiliate is about \$110,000. Much of the money used to cover these costs comes from contributions by individuals. All the money put into a particular Habitat home returns to the affiliate as the homeowners repay their no-profit, zero interest mortgage. This means that every cash donation given will continue to build more houses. The following is an example of what various cash donations can be used for:



- \$10 - A floor joist
- \$20 - A 50-lb box of nails
- \$30 - A roof truss
- \$40 - 5 gallons of paint
- \$50 - An interior door
- \$75 - 8 sheets of wallboard
- \$250 -50 bundles of roof shingles

Senior Warden's Report:

This month your vestry has a request of our wonderful, caring, faith community. This year, the vestry has tried to implement ways we can "feed" our St. John's community. We baked bread to share, we hosted a potluck and now we've begun a card campaign to the parishioners that have been hospitalized, are homebound, need a little cheer or a great big thank you for their good works, but we need YOUR help. We have discovered that there are too many times that a friend, family member or a new addition to our congregation has fallen through the communication gap. Our hope is that you will help inform us of anyone you feel may need a card from us. Please help us welcome, comfort, thank or give comfort to these parishioners. You can tell Father Paul, or put a note in my box in the coat room so we can continue on with this mission. Also, please check out the giant post-it notes that are on the wall in the downstairs parish hall. Also, if you have any additions to our goals let us know.

Faithfully yours,

Jaci Lageson, Senior Warden

### The Gift That Keeps On Giving

To celebrate May 8<sup>th</sup>'s World Fair Trade Day and Mothers' Day on May 9<sup>th</sup>, look to your local coffee shops. Five different shops will be selling their usual Fair Trade coffee with a portion of the proceeds from 10:00 to 12:00 noon going to a special Haitian relief fund. During the same time



period members of MAFTTI, our local Fair Trade group, will be in the shops offering Mother's Day cards and a Fair Trade flower for your donation. The cards will read "In your honor a donation has been made to help Fair Trade mango and coffee cooperatives that were damaged by the Haitian earthquake. Happy Mothers' Day!"

Kudos to the Coffee Hag, Christy's Café, Smiley Cup, Dunn Brothers and the Fillin' Station for their generous support.

**NOTE:** We at St. John's will also have the opportunity to obtain the Mother's Day cards early—**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the Parish Hall after each service for a donation to the Haitian fundraiser. And a thanks to each of you for continuing to use your purchasing power to help people worldwide pull themselves from poverty.



Your MDG/Fair Trade Team



Mike Kearney started his second term on the Vestry with our annual meeting but his St. John's connection can be traced back to his birth. Son of Elizabeth and Dr. Wynn Kearney Sr., Mike was born in Mankato and has seen many changes in the city and our church in the interim.

His undergraduate education was in Economics at Dartmouth followed by medical school at the University of Minnesota and orthopedic residency at Mayo Clinic. It was at Mayo that Mike met his wife Jane who was an x-ray technician and they were married in Wisconsin in 1981. His orthopedic practice began in Mankato with brother Wynn, Jr., and four other orthopedic physicians. Today that practice has 16 doctors and a new building at Wickersham Health Campus.

As sons Matt, Evan and Jon were growing up Mike enjoyed their activities from scouting to fishing or skiing. Now the whole family enjoys regular skiing trips and the guys still do a yearly fishing adventure together.

Much of Mike's free-time is involved in keeping abreast of the many changes in his medical specialty. But when he does have time his fa-

vorite reads are historical novels, biographies or factual historical books.

Mike's perspective on Minnesota was sharpened by a year he and Jane spent in Colorado when he was training for a sub-specialty and another year he spent as an intern in Hawaii. These places were vastly different from Mankato and appreciated for their beauty but he has a real connection to the people of Mankato, the changes here and even the toughening influence of the climate.

Our "thanks" to you, Mike. We at St. John's appreciate your willingness to assume once again the responsibilities of a Vestry member.



A Reminder—the Men's Group is now meeting at the Best Webster's Restaurant connected to the Best Western Hotel, 1111 Range Street in North Mankato. The next meeting is Sat., May 8, at 8:00

### **St. John's Earth Day Event**

Many thanks for the great Earth Day pledges. Jolly Corley and Kelsey Maki were able to record 74 new pledges on April 18th—a fine effort from people who have already changed their lives considerably to preserve the earth.

## YAY, KELSEY !

A big “CONGRATS!” to Kelsey Maki who is graduating from MSU on May 8 with her Masters in Communication. You will be missed around here but we wish you luck in your job search and our prayers go with you.



Be sure to set aside Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> for the return of St. John’s Progressive Dinner. We will begin the evening in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm with appetizers provided by the Men’s Group. We will end at the same location with dessert and coffee from 8:00 to 9:00 pm courtesy of St. Julian’s Guild. In between you will share a meal in groups of 6-8 at a parishioner’s home. And right now those meal ideas are ranging from grilled, marinated pork loin to salmon to steak with Southwest fixings.

If you’ve never been to a progressive dinner, please do consider it. We have found them to be a relaxing way to get to know each other better and we’re even reducing the price this year as our contribution to the stimulus package. Look for complete details and a sign-up form in next month’s Chronicle.

## Safe Church Training Event

Holy Communion Parish in St. Peter will be hosting a Safe Church Training Event on Saturday, 15 May from 9.00am–3.00pm. This event will consist of two sessions: Adult Sexual Harassment Prevention and Safeguarding God’s Children: Preventing Child Abuse. Both sessions are free and open to the public.

The Diocese of Minnesota Safe Church Policy lists who must participate in Safe Church Training Events: clergy, lay employees, vestry members, any lay person with pastoral oversight, persons working with children or youth, and any person with a key to the building, among others. In addition, all persons who have or desire to have a key to the building must undergo a simple background screening process. More about this process will be addressed at a future time.

The schedule for training is as follows:

9-Noon: Safeguarding God's Children (Child Protection Training for anyone with a key to the building and anyone who works with young people/children, ie. Youth volunteers, Sunday School teachers, nursery attendants, etc.).

1pm-3pm: Adult Sexual Harassment Prevention (for anyone employed by the church, clergy, vestry & any adult with pastoral responsibilities, i.e. Lay Eucharistic Visitors, lay pastors, etc.).



A sincere “thanks” to our 2010 Vestry. Pictured with Fr. Paul Rider are Mike Kearney, Jr. Warden Jerry Stump, Sr. Warden Jaci Lageson, Pam Oster, Mary Berner, Jan Mickelson, Candace Black and Bobbie Seber-son. (Not picture, Andrew Westberg)



#### TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2010

Our offerings collected during March were \$14,137 and our expenses were \$13,677. We also received \$230 in offerings to our Capital Checking Account. That brings our balance in that account to \$34,505. I am planning on sending out Pledge statements after the April offerings are entered into the books.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nickie VanStelten, Treasurer



#### IT'S A REAL “DON'T MISS!”

Be sure to mark your calendars for the ever-popular, Men's Group Fish Fry. It's scheduled for June 28. Look for more details in the June Chronicle.

# Lay Ministry Schedule

	8:00 AM SERVICE	10:30 AM SERVICE
<b><u>May 2</u></b> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Bobbie Severson, Cathy Neitge Steve Deeren M. Kolbinger	Mary Yurek, Elsie Olson, Peter Poulos Candace Black, Ginny McNear Karl Mundell, Pam Bartholomew T Olson
<b><u>May 9</u></b> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Pam Oster, Jaci Lageson Steve Deeren Anderson/Hadley	Peter Poulos, Leslie Peterson, Hogans Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter Joan Hertel, Nickie VanStelten Babcock/ Schultz
<b><u>May 16</u></b> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Leslie Peterson, Cathy Neitge Steve Deeren	Peter Poulos, Elsie Olson, Ginny McNear Bill Gray, Meg Stump Gerry Schneck, Ann Clark C Hudson
<b><u>May 23</u></b> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Bobbie Severson, Jaci Lageson Steve Deeren	Peter Poulos, L Peterson, Jan Mickelson Joan Hertel, John Paul Karl Mundell, Nickie VanStelten Brunch(?)/ End of Sunday school
<b><u>May 30</u></b> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts	Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Leslie Peterson, Pam Oster Steve Deeren	Mary Yurek, Elsie Olson, Peter Poulos Ginny McNear, Andrew Westberg Ann Clark, Joan Hertel Reeves

*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!*



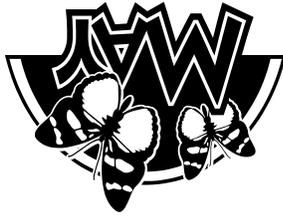
## Altar Guild in May

8 a.m. Bobbie Hovren

10:30 a.m. Audrey Splinter, Mary Babcock, Pat Johnson

Monthly meeting Thursday, 5/27/10 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.



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