

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 2016: Mary Babcock & Jack Lindsay

Class of 2017: Chris Corley, Meg Stump, & Nickie VanStelten

Class of 2018: Paul Dobratz & Lisa Westberg

Clerk: Amy Wiehr

Financial Secretary: Gerry Schneck

Treasurer: Nickie VanStelten

Organist: Mary Schultdt

Sexton: Jordin Johnson

Office: Jan Mickelson, Peter Poulos, & Jill Fischer

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am—1 pm.

Phone: 507-388-1969

Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

930am Service:

Greeter: Leslie Peterson
Lectors: Candace Black, John Paul
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Clark & Karl Swede Mundell
Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Lydia Paul, Elyzah Erickson
Children's Chapel: NA
Altar Guild: Bobbi Hovren, Ann McGuire
Music: Mary Schultdt
Dishwashing Angel: Al Berner
Coffee Hour: Lybeck

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

Second Sunday of Easter

08 April, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Second Sunday of Easter

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
1130—OMG Youth Group @ St. John's

Monday:

4p—Transition Team Mtg

Wednesday:

530p—Finance Committee Mtg
6p—Confirmation @ Corley's
6p—Transition Team Mtg

Saturday:

11a—St. John's/Food for Friends @ Salvation Army

Next Week, Third Sunday of Easter:

830a—Choir Rehearsal
930a—Holy Eucharist, Children's Chapel
11a—Liturgy Mtg

For complete details visit the St. John's Website:
<http://stjohnsmankato.org/calendar>

Easter: What does it all mean?

The meaning of Christ's resurrection was not immediately apparent to his disciples. On Easter morning, even Mary Magdalene had trouble recognizing the risen Christ. Later that day, the disciples on the road to Emmaus were clueless as to Christ's identity, until he sat down to eat with them.

Likewise, in this Sunday's Gospel we find a group of fearful disciples gathered in the upper room. Even a week later, they were still digesting what happened. Along with them, Thomas, forever labeled as Doubting Thomas, tried to grasp who this Jesus was and what God was doing.

And so it always is...

We are never settled, but always exploring. We are never convinced totally, but always seeking understanding.

I like what theologian Richard Rohr said:

The Resurrection is not a one-time miracle that proved that Jesus was God.

Jesus' death and resurrection name and

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Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,488
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$33,054
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$32,232
 *Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of April – please pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in 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/>
 or: http://www.stjohnsmankato.com/files/2515/1742/4869/acp_2018_full.pdf

St. John's Prayer List

For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Nick, Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Jonathan, Gary, Elizabeth, Judy, Julie
For Birthdays: David Boyum, Andrew Westberg, Jill Fischer, Marcia Olauson
Anniversaries: none

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

TRANSITION UPDATE

Interviews are set up for the transition team to talk with our two candidates during the week of April 9th. The team members are Meg Stump, Candace Black, Steve Deeren, Tim Secott, Jill Fischer, Steve Druschel, and Audrey Splinter. Please keep them and our community of St. John's in prayer as we continue this process.

Opportunities for Service

- **Food for Friends** On Saturday, April 14th, St. John's will be serving the noon meal at Salvation Army. Just a reminder that we now need to buy all the food we serve so monetary donations are most welcome. Thanks to our chefs, Dale and Ray, we will again be presenting a delicious meatloaf dinner. If you'd like to help serve and/or clean up please come to the Salvation Army between 11 and 11:30 am. Contact Audrey Splinter or Nickie VanStelten with questions. Thanks.
- **CHOIR REHEARSAL**—next rehearsal will be Sunday, April 15 @ 8:30am. All Are Welcome!

What's Happening Right Now?

- **St. John's Confirmation Class** meets Wednesday, April 11 @ 6pm @ Corley's. And, Confirmation is now scheduled for Saturday, May 12 at 11 :00 a.m. at St Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont. Mark your calendars!
- **Connections Ministry Thank You Dessert Party**—Connections Ministry Board is having a "Thank-you Dessert Party" for all the volunteers who played a part in the Rotating Shelter. Whether you donated time, money, food, linens, or labor, you are welcome! The Party will be at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 22nd between 1 and 3 pm. If you are planning to go, please let Audrey know by April 15th. Hope to see you there!

Hey OMG Youth Group!

Upcoming Meetings:

Sundays April 8, 22, & May 6
 11:30am-1:30pm @ St. John's

We are looking for a St. John's person to head up the April 22 session, and we are looking for lunch volunteers for May 6!

Let Father Phil or Jill know if you are interested in helping out.

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

Saint Augustine

BrainyQuote

- **Looking Ahead to Spring**—Watch for the United Thank Offering and the ECW May rummage sale! ~Ann M.
- The **Minnesota Valley Chorale**— Spring concert "Crescendo" on Friday, April 13 at Church of St. Peter, St. Peter, and on Saturday, April 14 at Bethany College, Trinity Chapel. 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased thru any MVC member, at the door, or on Eventbrite.
- **Intercultural Competency Workshop: Who Are Our Neighbors?** Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato, 937 Charles Ave., Friday, April 13, 7— 9pm, Saturday, April 14, 9am-5pm. Fee \$20 (if before March 30), \$25 (if after March 30). Contact the church to register and for more info: 507-388-5022, uumankato@gmail.com

March was Food Shelf Month in Minnesota. Thanks to those who contributed to the Food Shelf during this year's drive!

During the March campaign St. John's raised **\$1,300** for Echo Food Shelf! Wow! Thank you for giving generously and from the heart to support this worthy community cause.

St. John's Children's Chapel—Thank you also to everyone who signed up to teach Children's Chapel for the rest of the year. The remaining schedule is:

April 15—Audrey Splinter
 May 6—Ann McGuire
 May 20—Meg Stump



Mankato Peace Vigil

What we do: 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 gschmitz@ssndcp.org, or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904.

Easter: What does... (Continued from page 1)

reveal what is happening everywhere and all the time in God.

Happy Easter, Week 2.

-Phil