



# THE CHRONICLE

**Mankato, Minnesota**

**June — July 2011**

## *Paul's Ponderings*

**June/July Happenings**

Well, it's getting to be that time of year once again when people, itching to escape the confines of work and school [and, in this part of the world, the long cold winter] travel to exotic places like Kansas, Lake Okoboji, and Duluth. That's right—summer vacation is upon us!

Like most kids growing up, I couldn't wait for school to be out [well, there was Sarah; she loved school so much, she actually cried when classes were over]. Our family would often take trips to South Padre Island. This was long before real estate developers ruined the public beaches with "Do Not Trespass" signs warning interlopers to stay away from their hotels and condos. We probably went "beaching" four or five times a summer.

And there was the annual Fourth of July trip to be with my Dad's family in Newgulf, Texas. Every Independence Day the company which "owned" the town [literally, if not figuratively] held a wonderful celebration in the town park. I remember the year we were scolded for shooting off bottle rockets from a hole on a fence post. It was great fun!

I also remember the year we went to Six Flags Over Texas. What a treat! It was on my

- June 1 ECW Mtg., 11 am
- June 5 Roof & Path Blessing
- June 5 Outreach Mtg., 11 am
- June 11 Men's Group, 8 am
- June 26 Vestry Mtg., 11 am
- June 26 Blooming Pretty Tour Here, 11-4
- June 29 Men's Group Fish Fry, 5-7 pm
- June 30 Altar Guild Mtg.
  
- July 3 Outreach Mtg., 11 am
- July 6 ECW Mtg., TBA
- July 9 Men's Group, 8 am
- July 23 Twin's Game Trip
- July 28 Altar Guild Mtg.
- July 30 Food for Friends

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birthday [or so I recall]. My favorite rides were the Runaway Mine Train, the Log Ride where everyone got soaking wet, and Pirate's Cove, an island with a huge skull you could play in.

And the sno-cones. Weslaco, Texas, where we lived, had a little shop at the end of the main drag that had the absolute best-ever sno-cones known to humankind. I am not kidding! The ice was as fine as real snow [or so I imagined, having never seen snow before—we didn't get much of that in the Rio Grande Valley!] The flavors were scrumptious and they used a lot of it. Not like the sno-

cones you get today: hard ice, little flavoring that just coats the top. No, they just poured the flavored syrup so that the snow was thoroughly drenched. Rainbow was my favorite: generous amounts of cherry, blueberry, lemon, lime, and grape. Oh my! The coconut wasn't half bad, either.

Amid all this sun-drenched summer holiday goodness there was church [you *knew* I'd come around to this, eventually!]. No matter where we found ourselves on Sunday, we'd always attend worship. Us kids weren't much for Vacation Bible School back then, though I did attend once with a friend at his church. But we did go to church as a family. Grace Episcopal saw us most Sundays. They didn't have air-conditioning, but the open windows allowed for fresh breezes to cool us down. When the weather permitted, we had fellowship outdoors. The Kool-Aid was never sweet enough, but it was cold and wet and good. The boys would do what normal boys do, running around, teasing the girls and getting into just a little bit of mischief.

Now I know that it can be awfully tempting to want to sleep in on Sundays in the summer. And, goodness knows, once or twice or even three times isn't gonna hurt you any. But, wherever you find yourself this summer, spend a little time with your faith community, giving thanks to God for the opportunity to enjoy the gifts that summer brings. Like family, friends, the wonders of nature, the thrill of a roller-coaster ride, and sno-cones. Please, don't forget the sno-cones!

Thanks be to God!

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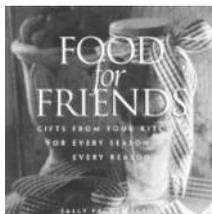


## BIRTHDAYS

- June 03 - Jerusha Zimmerman  
05 - Grace Mackie  
11 - Barb Junker  
11 - Mike Kearney  
15 - Meg Stump  
16 - Eric Zimmerman  
19 - Peter Poulos  
22 - Chris Hudson  
24 - Karl Mundell  
29 - Andrew Splinter  
30 - Jonah Westberg
- July 03 - Bobbie Seberson  
11 - Marje Britton  
18 - Cliff Canavin  
18 - Will Partridge  
21 - Shirley Mikle

## ANNIVERSARIES:

- June 05 - Eric and Jerusha Zimmerman  
18 - Don and Olivia Duncanson  
23 - Oscar and Nicholle Kolbinger
- July 05 - Jim and Joan Pengra  
15 - Eric and Jennifer Wendt  
18 - The Rev'd Philip (Phil)  
and Ann Clark  
21 - Brad and Holley Reeves



Watch for sign up sheets with Food for Friends at Salvation Army on Saturday, July 30th!



### TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2011

Total offerings for the month were \$11,883. We transferred \$4,000 from the Capital Investment account into the General Checking account. We also collected \$467 from the Men's Group events. Total income for April was \$16,350. Our expenses were \$17,541 leaving us with a deficit of \$1,191. The deficit for the year now stands at \$2,459 which is still lower than the deficit of \$6,411 budgeted through April. Earnings on the Pooled Investment Fund (less fees) for the first quarter of 2011 were \$9,788.

The balances in the savings accounts on April 30<sup>th</sup> stand as follows: Capital Investment Account has \$17,263, the Property Escrow Account has \$39,329 and the Pooled Investment Fund has \$261,128.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickie VanStelten, Treasurer

### It's That Time Again

On June 5, St. John's will begin it's summer schedule by offering one service at 9:30 AM each Sunday. Faith Formation classes and two services will resume in September.

You are cordially invited to a **Retirement Open House** in honor of **The Rev'd Al Thompson**, longtime pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ, on Sunday, 26 June, from 2-4pm. There will be a short program at 230pm and our own Paul+ is expected to say a few words. Join in this celebration of ministry at the church, 150 Stadium Court, in Mankato.

-  Don't forget to sign up for our Twin's bus trip on July 23. It is a Sat afternoon game. Bus, Ticket, Hot Dog and Drink all for \$45.00. Pay Jerry Wegman Or Mike Kolbinger at the bus game day. (Only 40 tickets)
-  Look for the sign up at the front doors of St. John's.



Cathie Neitge's twins, John and Elizabeth will both be graduating this year. Elizabeth from East High School will be majoring in musical theater at Arizona State University in Tempe next year.

John will be graduating from the Arts High School in Golden Valley (the Perpich Center for Arts Education). He's been a boarding student there for his senior year with a focus in music. Interested in languages, film and electronic music, he plans to take a gap year while he decides what area to pursue.

AND...

Congratulations to our hard-working Steven Juncewski who will soon graduate from West High School. While attending high school the last four years, Steven has worked for Najwa's Catering Service and shared his skills with us in many brunches, lunches and coffee hours. After his graduation Steven will be pursuing a dream by cooking with Chef John Massad at Olive's Restaurant.

ALSO...

Steven's mother, Mary Yurek would like to extend an invitation to all of St. John's parishioners to attend Steven's graduation party June 12, 2-5 pm, at Wheeler Park in North Mankato.

## St. John's Episcopal Men's Fish Fry



**Bring your family and come join the men of St. John's Episcopal Church for a Fish Fry on the Feast of St. Peter and Paul.**

**What:** Halibut and sides

**Where:** St. John's Episcopal Church, Broad and Warren Streets

**When:** Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

**How Much:** \$6.00, children under 12 are free

### Lilly Endowment Grant Process

Thanks to all who participated in the grant research and writing process, and to all who encouraged and supported us with your faithful prayers. The Lilly Foundation Sabbatical Grant Application was completed on May 11th and received in Indianapolis on the 13th. Please keep the process in your prayers, as the committee reviews applicants through the summer and awards grants in September. We believe that our application is strong and that whether we receive the funding or not, that we and Father Paul will benefit from the ideas generated in the application process.



“Godspell” Cast and Crew--Pictured left to right

Front row: Nora Lybeck, Cyrus Brave Heart, Klara Lybeck, Ambry Brave Heart, Bridget Foy  
Second row: Meredith Larson, Jaci Lageson, Elizabeth Paul, John Weber, Clare Foy, Lolly Foy, Ginny McNear  
Third row: Bobbie Seberson, Lauren Mikeal Parsons, Joan Hertel, Margot Druschel, Marci McGleno, Eric Westberg  
Back Row: Andrew Westberg, Alison Shirk

## **Spellbinding!**

A very big THANKS to the hard-working cast and support crew of “Godspell.” Their performances gave us a fresh, engaging look at the Biblical events that shape our beliefs and did it through humor, energy and moving moments. Plus, they collected 50 pounds of food and almost \$1000 for ECHO Food Shelf and Partners for Affordable Housing over the three nights of May 5, 6 and 7. Special thanks go to Lolly Foy as Director/Producer, Musical Director Lauren Mikeal Parsons and Accompanist Alison Shirk. Well done and again, thanks!

## Jim McGuire, New Vestry Member



If the above photo looks strange it's because Jim McGuire isn't wearing a choir robe or doesn't have a guitar in his hands. And for a man whose life has revolved around music that's probably rare.

Jim's music "education" started by emulating his brother who was a dance band musician 12 years older than Jim. There were never childhood lessons but Jim taught himself to play the accordion, then the banjo and settled into the guitar by age 11 or 12. By 13 or 14 he was playing with pop, jazz and dance bands in Mankato.

Majoring in music education at Mankato State University also included 3 nights a week in various rock bands. But by day he managed to meet Ann Searing as she had to walk by the music department to get to her art classes. Married in 1968 the couple spent their first two years of marriage in St. Cloud where Jim taught junior high and elementary orchestra. Returning to Mankato for his Masters set Jim on his lifelong career of teaching classical guitar at such colleges as Gustavus Adolphus, St. Olaf, the University of Minnesota, MSU and Bethany. Even in "retirement" Jim enjoys teaching at MSUM and Gustavus two half days a week.

While he's "playing less and enjoying it more" Jim has always played with various bands around

Southern Minnesota and Minneapolis. His Jim McGuire Trio still plays jazz regularly and he is also a part of the slightly different sound of the Jim Whitman Trio.

Another great outlet for him is composing. He has published a solid body of work in compositions for the solo classical guitar, and has also written anthem-like pieces and the Jazz Mass we enjoy regularly at St. John's. As a member of St. John's for over 40 years he has also been a backbone of our choir.

For Jim family life is another source of satisfaction. He and Ann exercise regularly together at the YMCA and share cooking duties at home. And he's pleased that their 3 sons are all in good places in their lives. The oldest, J.P. is an award-winning police officer in Waseca with a wife and daughter. His two sons are now 16 and 18. Peter is also married with 3 children and in the first violin section of the Minnesota Orchestra. Colin is engaged to be married next year and has been playing violin with the Duluth Symphony and the Thunder Bay Orchestra.

And what would he like to see changed in the world? He hopes for more of a team spirit of co-operation to make the world work for everybody, not just the powerful.

Our sincere thanks to Jim for joining the Vestry—and for the third time.





## The Labyrinth Lawn

Thanks to the hard work of Oscar and Mike Kolbinger our paver pathway to the labyrinth got installed May 19 between the roofers and the rains. The grass seed will follow when, and if, the rains subside. Regardless, St. John's labyrinth will be included in Zonta's upcoming Blooming Pretty Garden Tour. We'll be greeting visitors with lemonade as they visit our labyrinth between 11:00 and 4:00 on Sunday, June 26.

These are the details provided by Zonta:

### Save the Date: Zonta Blooming

#### Pretty Garden Tour

The Zonta Club of Mankato is pleased to present their annual Blooming Pretty Garden Tour on Sunday, June 26, 2011, from 11 am – 4 pm at area gardens! We hope you can join us!

Participants enjoy a self-guided tour of beautiful gardens in the Mankato and North Mankato area. A variety of garden styles are highlighted including formal, country, wildflower, and shade gardens. Monies raised benefit Zonta scholarships and other local service projects.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets (with maps) are available at the following local nurseries and floral centers after June 15:

- Drummers Garden Center & floral

- Edenvale Garden Center
- Green Thumb Garden Center
- Hilltop Florist & Greenhouse
- Kobers Nursery

For additional information please contact Judy Arzdorf at 507-387-8281, ext. 247 or [jarzdorf@harrymeyercenter.org](mailto:jarzdorf@harrymeyercenter.org) or visit [www.zontamankato.org](http://www.zontamankato.org).

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.



## Blessings Upon Our House

As many of you have seen, we have a new roof and a new path to our labyrinth. As with anything new, we have to have a blessing! So. On 5 June after worship [and remember, we go to our summer schedule that day—930am] we'll gather outside for a quick blessing ceremony. Since most blessings involve the use of water and since the roof is too high for us to climb upon and sprinkle, you are asked to bring your water guns! That's right. Bring your super-soakers, water pistols, and other assorted water delivery devices [no water balloons, please!] and let's give our new roof and path a proper blessing!



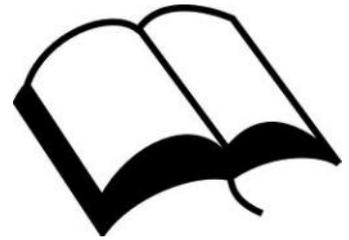
## Peace Flag/Prayer Flag Contest for PrideFest

St. John's PrideFest Team is planning this year's hand-out at PrideFest. This year we plan to make prayer flags or peace flags that speak to our stance on peace and acceptance. In order to find the best ideas and designs we are holding a contest for designs for prayer flags.

We would like to incorporate the theme, "may peace prevail on earth" on some of the flags. If you have other ideas related to peace or acceptance, we would like to see them as well. We hope to use three to four different designs.

Sketch out your idea in a 6"x6" square, it doesn't have to be a finished drawing, we will be using carved or manufactured rubber stamps to make the completed flags. Submit your ideas to the church office during office hours or bring it to the church on any Sunday in June.

We will display the designs in the Undercroft and ask the people of St. John's to choose their favorites. Your design could be immortalized on a prayer flag! If you have any questions write Meg Stump at [megstump@charter.net](mailto:megstump@charter.net) or call 344-1894. The signup sheet for making flags and sitting at the PrideFest booth will be posted closer to PrideFest dates in the fall.



## ECW GIVES BIBLES TO YOUNG PEOPLE

On May 22, after the 10:30 service St. John's Episcopal Church Women presented Bibles to 4th, 5th, & 6th graders who have participated this year in St. John's Faith Formation Church School. GOOD NEWS BIBLES were provided for Bridget Foy, Ryan Wiehr, Nora Lybeck, Cyrus Brave Heart, & Clare Foy.



## The Chronicle On-Line

Did you know that the Chronicle can now be accessed on-line in an easy to read format through St. John's website? Simply go to [www.stjohnsmankato.com](http://www.stjohnsmankato.com) and click on "Newsletter."

If you would like to save paper and postage by not receiving a mailed version of the Chronicle let us know in the office by e-mailing [stjohns@hickorytech.net](mailto:stjohns@hickorytech.net). A brief e-mail will notify you each month on the day that the Chronicle is posted to the website.

## St. John's Outreach Committee

Mission: To support Christ's mission in the local, national, and international communities.

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*

St. John's Outreach Committee met Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting was opened with prayer. From April 25 to April 28, tornados blazed a path of destruction in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia causing over 340 deaths. Our committee members agreed that our donation emphasis needed to be focused nationally for the month of May.

**Red Cross.** A \$150 donation was given to the Red Cross with a memo line stating that the money be directed toward tornado recovery efforts.

**Feeding America.** Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity. Their mission is to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger. Food banks -- in the tornado affected areas and across the U.S. -- are ready to help victims in need of food assistance as well as the daily disaster of hunger in America that affects 50 million people. A donation request that would multiply our donation FIFTEEN times prompted

us to make a \$50 contribution which multiplied fifteen times becomes \$750 of assistance.

**Native American Emergency Relief (NAER).** Many Navajos live on Indian Reservations without ovens, have children with almost no clothes and little food, an average family income far below poverty level, and a teen suicide rate over four times the national average. NAER makes weekly food distributions to Indians living on the Navajo and Hopi reservations and is dedicated to improve living conditions for these people. We donated \$50 toward NAER's efforts.

**NetsForLife® Lenten Initiative.** As of May 1st, St. John's collected a total of \$1,143. This purchases 95.25 nets, and protecting 3 people per net, we've helped 285.75 people! Thanks to ALL of you for your fantastic support!!

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.



Tips from: The Green Life  
<[Green.Life@sierraclub.org](mailto:Green.Life@sierraclub.org)>

### **Different garden ideas.**

Planning a garden can be tricky, particularly if your space is limited. Try increasing your per-square-foot yield by planting efficiently. The "three sisters" scheme based on Native American tradition, plants corn, squash, and beans together so that the trio has better growing structure ([www.reneesgarden.com/articles/3sisters.html](http://www.reneesgarden.com/articles/3sisters.html)).

Also, choose plants that attract pollinators to help the birds and the bees, many of which are in serious decline ([http://gardening.about.com/od/attractingwildlife/a/Bee\\_plants.htm](http://gardening.about.com/od/attractingwildlife/a/Bee_plants.htm)).

To minimize your garden's water use, mulch with cocoa shells, bark, or other natural materials to reduce evaporation. (Bonus: This also helps keep weeds down.) When you do need to sprinkle your crop, consider using gray-water or installing a rain-collection system — simply placing a barrel under a downspout could suffice. Try drip irrigation instead of a broadcasting sprinkler, and put water-delivery devices on a timer ([http://eartheasy.com/grow\\_drip-irrigation.htm](http://eartheasy.com/grow_drip-irrigation.htm)).

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN**

**Wed., June 1, 11:00 am**

ECW will meet at Nancy Zwickey's lake home for worship, fellowship, and a potluck luncheon.

### **RSVP**

Directions - Carpool

[moljam@hickorytech.net](mailto:moljam@hickorytech.net)

387-4396 (Ann McGuire)

### **July Coffee Hour Hosts:**

July 03 Duncanson

10 Lagerson/Oster

17 Manderfeld/Neitge

24 Kolbinger

31 Peterson/Seberson



### **JULY ALTAR GUILD**

Breakfast meeting: Thursday, July 28

9:30 Missy Manderfeld

Elsie Olson

Audrey Splinter

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.

# Lay Ministry Schedule

	9:30 AM SERVICE
<p><b><u>June 5</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Mary Yurek, Leslie Peterson, Peter Poulos Bobbie Seberson, Candace Black Stephen Deeren, Joan Hertel Rozeboom/Fowler</p>
<p><b><u>June 12</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Judy Anderson, Joe Hogan, Peter Poulos Jaci Lageson, Ray Splinter Nickie VanStelten, Gerry Schneck Christianson/Colby</p>
<p><b><u>June 19</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Peter Poulos, Pat Johnson Leslie Peterson, Audrey Splinter Karl Mundell, Ann Clark Berner</p>
<p><b><u>June 26</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Peter Poulos, Jan Mickelson, Candace Black Cathie Neitge, Bill Gray Pam Bartholomew, Joan Hertel Deeren</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](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!

## JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Breakfast meeting: Thursday, June 30

9:30 Bobbi Hovren

Elaine Larson

Ann McGuire

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.





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