



THE CHRONICLE

Mankato, Minnesota

August 2012

Ponderings on Sabbatical

Happenings for August

Sabbatical Musings as our summer continues...

I was sad to hear of the change to his St Cuthbert's Way Pilgrimage; however, it is not surprising that Paul+ had his plan changed by the circumstance of his injured foot. It is so much like life, where we make plans that are often interrupted or changed by circumstances.

Just this morning I was talking with a friend who I had not seen in almost 3 years. We were sharing about the times in our lives when hardship was the catalyst for growth. It sounds like a cliché, but it is true that when our comfortable lives are shaken by the unexpected, we are forced to trust God in new and different ways, to be vulnerable to family and friends, and to step outside our comfort zone.

Paul+ found unexpected blessings in the changed plans along St Cuthbert's Way. Each of us will find the same blessings in the presence of the Holy Spirit and in the comfort and love of our sisters, brothers and friends, as we allow life's unexpected to become for us a Thin Place.

- Aug. 7 "Lakota Way" book study, 7pm
- Aug. 9 St. Julian's mtg., 8:30 am, Panera
- Aug. 11 Men's Group, 7:45 am
- Aug. 11 Twin's Game, bus leaves @ 2:45
- Aug. 12 Rasmussen Woods Walk
- Aug. 15 Bike Ride, 7 pm
- Aug. 26 Acolyte Training after 9:30 service
- Aug. 26 Vestry, 11 am
- Aug. 29 Holy Eucharist, 2pm Laurel's Edge
- Aug. 30 Altar Guild, 9 am

More inside...

As our summer continues, remember to access the on-going activities for our Sabbatical time:

- Evening Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm
- Experience our labyrinth in the garden beside the church.
- Participate in a ministry like Food for Friends
- Join the new Pilgrimage Pals' Sculpture Walk on Aug. 11 and Bike Ride on Aug. 15.
- And try other events listed on p. 7 inside.

I am writing these musings from my beloved New England, where I am soaking up the beach, ocean, lakes and family and friends. But, I am also missing my new faith family there in Mankato. As I spend time rejoicing in creation along this Thin Place at the shore, I look forward to experiencing the trip to Pipestone and the sacred place there with all of you. May we each continue to seek and find Thin Places in our surroundings and in our hearts.

Margo Druschel



Ways We Can Help Bill Gray and His Family—

There is going to be a benefit for Bill Gray to help with his ongoing medical expenses and care costs on Sunday, Sept. 23rd at Hosanna Lutheran Church (a space bigger than St. John's or Beth Gray Luepke's church). There will be a spaghetti dinner (Bill's favorite), bake sale, silent auction, and live music provided by the family's good friend Jim McGuire.

Everything is still in the planning stages but so far our Men's Group will be cooking, serving, and covering the cost of the spaghetti dinner. Women from St. John's will be cleaning-up.

We can also help with bake sale items and silent auction items. There will be a bake sale sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall in late August and there is currently a sheet for auction items there or you can contact Rochelle Wegman, 345-8089, or Betty Winkworth, 387-7170 about your items for the auction.

Cards for Bill can be sent directly to Autumn Grace, 108 Raven Court, Mankato, or to Beth Luepke, 226 Marcy Street, Mankato. Each one will be read to him.

From Adam and Beth, "PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE continue to pray for all of us, especially for dad's continued improvement and stable health. We need every prayer, good thought, and positive energy vibe that you are all willing to send our way; they are truly what get us through each day and keep our faith strong! With thanks and love, Adam and Beth"

You can find current information on Bill at his Caring Bridge site:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/billandadamgray/journal>

St. Julian's Guild

We will return to Panera for our next meeting on Thursday, Aug. 9, at 8:30 am. All are welcome at these casual, summer get-togethers.



CELEBRATIONS...
birthdays,
anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

- August 3 - Joe Hogan
- 3 - Andy Anderson
- 6 - Candace Black
- 12 - Helen Hudson
- 12 - The Rev'd Paul Rider
- 14 - Audrey Splinter
- 16 - Melissa Hagggar-Olson
- 22 - Steve Penkhus
- 27 - Phyllis Brine
- 27 - Rick Robbins
- 29 - Ray Splinter

ANNIVERSARIES:

- August 4 - Joe and Marje Britton
- 6 - Andrew and Lisa Westberg
- 15 - Will and Barb Partridge
- 16 - Cliff and Ellie Canavin
- 19 - Lowell and Bobbi Hovren
- 24 - Al and Mary Berner

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

ECW will meet at

Nancy Zwickey's lake home for a

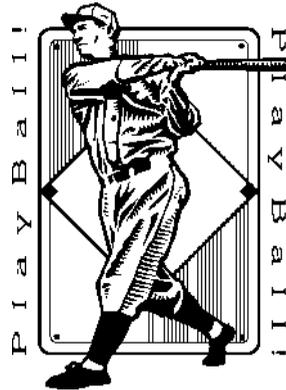
POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Wed., Sept. 5

11:30 AM

Carpool from parking lot

11:15



Twins Game Bus Trip

Twins trip is filling up fast. Not too many seats left (21) Ticket, Bus, Food, Drink. Saturday August 11th, leaving at 2:45pm for a 6:10 start. Cost, \$48. Please sign up by Sunday August 5th or you will have to go on your own.....Thanks. Jerry&Mike



TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2012

Our offerings for the month totaled \$7,979 for the General Account and I transferred \$2,500 from the Capital Account, giving us \$10,479 to cover our expenses of \$12,310, leaving us with a deficit this month of \$1,831. We also received offerings for the Property Escrow Account of \$95.00. We had expenses for the building that we paid out of the Capital Account totaling \$586. These were for parts to repair/replace the AC and exhaust fans on the roof. Thank you to all who are keeping current with their pledges this summer. It helps prevent the transferring of more funds from the interest bearing accounts. We should have the balance of the Pooled Investment Fund for the second quarter sometime in August.

Respectfully submitted,
Nickie VanStelten, Bookkeeper

We've all heard it before but it's true again this summer. While people travel ECHO Food Shelf donations drop off at the very time families have children home from school.

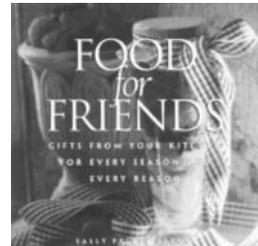
**REMEMBER ECHO
THIS SUMMER**

John Splinter

A special benefit will be held Sunday, August 19 from 1-5 pm at Hooligan's in Mankato to assist John Splinter, long-time state trooper and Ray Splinter's brother. He has had a year-long process of recovery and physical therapy following a brain aneurism and the plan is to work on wheelchair access so that he may finally return to his home.

There will be a pulled pork meal, bake sale, raffles, live bands and an auction. If you would like to help by providing a bake sale item there is a sign-up sheet in the undercroft.

Please bring bake sale items wrapped and marked directly to Hooligan's by noon on Aug. 19th or bring them to the church the morning of the 19th. Audrey will get them to the benefit. Thanks!



Food for Friends: Many thanks to all who contributed to the July 7th meal at the Salvation Army. We served 62 guests a meal of brats, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, and Elsie's cookies. Our church is on the schedule to serve one more meal this year on September 8th. We will do our traditional meal of meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, and fruit jellios. Please watch for the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to be coming soon.

Submitted by Splinters & VanSteltens

Summer Green Tips

Be Wise About Water: Water Saving Tips

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clear your driveway.
- Your lawn only needs .5 to 1.5 inches of water per week, so use an empty tuna can to measure when you've reached the limit.
- Air drying uses 15 to 50 percent less energy in practically the same amount of time, so use your dishwasher's air-dry setting instead of the heat-dry option. If it doesn't have an air-dry setting, simply open the door once the final rinse is complete.

Fast Fact: If each U.S. household installed one low-flow sink faucet or aerator, it would save more than 60 billion gallons of water annually.



ART QUILT RAFFLE and FILM NIGHT

THIS UNIQUE ART QUILT, ENTITLED "FAIR TRADE", (26"X30") HAS BEEN CREATED AND DONATED BY SHELLEY CORDS-SWANSON OF ODIN, MN.



Join Us for Film Clips About the Worldwide

Banana Trade at 7:00 pm

August 21, 2012 at

EMY FRENTZ ARTS GUILD

523 S SECOND STREET, MANKATO

Quilt Drawing Will Take Place at 8:30 pm

TICKETS (6 FOR \$10.00; \$2.00 SINGLE)

AVAILABLE FROM: Margo Druschel, 720-0768 or Betty Winkworth, 387-7170



Sunday School News

Sunday School:

Sunday School will start on September 16th (not the 9th!!) at 9:30am.

New Parents: Please register for a new account on the Sunday School webpage:

<http://stjohnsmankato.sparksundayschool.org>

Once you have registered your family (using a parents name), you may then add your spouse and children under your profile. There are instructions for parents under “Getting Started” on the right side of the page. If you have any questions or experience difficulty, please call Lisa Westberg (344-0643).

Returning Parents/Students:

Please update your grade/age in your family’s profile.

** If your child is involved in or interested in joining OMG (Our Mighty Group youth group) and/or acolyting, please register on the Sunday School website as well. This website is how we can communicate via email the easiest.

September Teacher’s Schedule:

Preschool – Meg Stump and Sarah May

Kindergarten – 2nd grade – Lisa Westberg

3rd-5th Grade – Joan Hertel

Acolytes:

Save the Date – August 26th

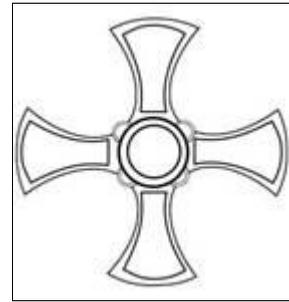
We will be having an acolyte training session right after the 9:30am service for about 30 minutes for ALL acolytes. Even if you already went through training last spring, you will still need to attend. Each season of the church year brings changes to the church service.

Please check your calendars for September/October as I will be trying to make the schedule then. Acolytes will start participating in the church service on September 9th.

Starting in September

OMG (Our Mighty Group) will re-start this fall on Wednesday, September 19th at 5:30 pm at Holy Communion Church in St. Peter. Supper will be served at 5:30 will bible study and activities to follow. All youth grade 6 and above are welcome to come! Any questions or if you need a ride, please call Lisa Westberg at 344-0643.

Upcoming Sabbatical Activities You Don't Want to Miss



Urban Iona Book Study Group

Details TBA. Contact Jaci Lageson with questions.

Saturday, August 11, Pilgrimage Pals Sculpture Walk

Combine culture, exercise and fun to earn miles toward a St. Cuthbert's medallion/or just have fun. Meet in St. John's parking lot at 8 a.m. We'll walk to the Hilton Garden Inn, then begin the route and view the 26 sculptures in downtown Mankato before walking back to St. John's for lemonade. Roundtrip total about 1.5 miles, about 2.5 if we walk across the bridge to see the sculptures in downtown North Mankato. Contact Missy Manderfeld, 625-3630, with questions.

Sunday, August 12, Rasmussen Woods Walk

Explore the beautiful nature preserve within Mankato's city limits and discuss Scriptural references to nature. Some details TBA. Contact John Weber with questions.

Wednesday, August 15, Pilgrimage Pals Bike Ride

Another opportunity to "earn" some miles toward a St. Cuthbert medallion and/or get some exercise and/or have some fun. We'll meet at the top of the steps between West High School and the YMCA at 7 p.m. and ride the Red Jacket Trail to the parking lot below the trestle bridge, where we'll pause for a refreshing snack before heading back. Roundtrip total of 7.6 miles. Contact Candace Black or Sara Brave Heart with questions.

Sunday, Sept. 2, Paul+ in the Pews

We'll have a special guest at our 9:30 a.m. Eucharist celebration, a pilgrim who has traveled far and wide in search of thin places. The last of the St. Cuthbert medallions will be bestowed, and we'll also be saying goodbye and thank you to the Rev. Marilla Whitney. Note to all medallion earners: please wear them to church as we will be taking a group photograph immediately after the service.

Sunday, Sept. 9, Paul+ in the Pulpit

Our last 9:30 a.m. Eucharist celebration of the summer, and the beginning of our transition from sabbatical time. Immediately after the 9:30 service at St. John's (10:45 or so) we'll picnic at Sibley Park (at the barn by play area and zoo). Everything will be provided—this will be a time to welcome back all travelers and start sharing our stories.



August 17-18, 2012
Verizon Wireless Center – Mankato, MN

The Minnesota Dental Association, in conjunction with the Minnesota Dental Foundation, will host its first Minnesota Mission of Mercy (MnMOM) event on August 17-18, 2012, in Mankato, Minnesota. These events, currently active in 18 states, are projects which provide free dental care to anyone who is unable to access care. A large, temporary dental clinic will be erected inside the civic center over the two-day period to provide treatment to children and adults in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

No pre-qualification is needed. Anybody, child or adult, who is in relatively good health and able to show up at the event, qualifies for treatment. The first 1,000 people in line will be treated on the first day and another 1,000 first in-liners on the second day.

Go to www.mndental.org for more information.

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



St. John's Vestry Meeting

July 15, 2012

Vestry Funds Youth, Discusses Signage, Chows Down

The vestry approved a \$250 funding request from OMG (Our Might Group), discussed some proposals for new signage at the church, and held their annual cookout at Jaci Lageson's house Sunday, July 15. Funds for youth group activities will come from some retreat income and youth will be asked to help with Adopt-a-Highway cleanup and mowing in return.

The vestry reviewed estimates from Sign Pro for new signage for the church. The lion's share of the \$3000 proposal was for metal letters like those on Warren Street for Broad St. and cleaning and repainting the existing metal letters. Existing signage on Broad and Warren has been subject to weather and vandals. The marquee at the corner has not been used, is obscured by foliage, and has been repeatedly damaged by vandals. Some favor removal and others are looking into redoing it.

There was general consensus that the duplicate metal letters were really expensive at \$2000 plus, that we could probably clean and repaint the existing metal letters for way less than \$675, and that the \$156 each for the hanging signs to list service times was quite reasonable.

With no financial report in hand, the vestry asked the finance committee to evaluate whether they want to continue using the ACS accounting package which has been expensive to maintain and difficult to use.

The cookout that followed the meeting provided the draw for a quorum of vestry members.



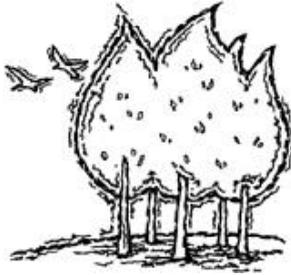
The REACH Drop-in Center for Homeless and At-risk Teens is located behind Bethlehem Lutheran Church and is staffed by Lutheran Social Service social workers and volunteers.

Operating on donations and a slim budget it works to reach a hard-to-reach population. On an average day, 5 teens stop by The REACH to talk to LSS staff, use the computer to search for a job or apartment, eat some food, or look through the supplies of free clothing, food and apartment supplies, all donated by individuals.

This summer, The REACH needs bottled water, sunscreen, bug spray, diapers, baby wipes, toys, baby clothes, disposable silverware, paper products, snack items, food items (non-perishable OR fruit and vegetables), gift cards (gas, grocery, clothing, thrift store, drug store), tooth brushes, personal care items (no bar soap needed), undergarments for men and women, and feminine products.

If you would like to help, please call The REACH, 720-0331, to ask about their services or to donate money or supplies for at-risk teens. THANK YOU!

The Creation Bible Study used in this year's Lenten program considered the land around us and the significance it has in our spiritual lives. The two poems on this page came from that study and remind us to cherish every phase and nuance of our earth.



Minnesota Benedicite'

Let thanks to our God flow from the rivers and lakes, from the grains, corn, and soybeans of the fields.

The pine trees point in thanksgiving. The maples blanket the earth with red and gold, and their sap proclaims the sweetness of creation.

Limestone bluffs, granite crags, and colorful pipestone praise the Creator with their strength and majesty.

The snow glitters and glows mysteriously by the light of the moon and the Northern Lights to reflect God's glory.

The snake, fox, squirrel, deer, coyote, and bear do their work in silent praise, while farm animals graze on God's goodness.

The immigrants and first nation people praise God in their lives as they work and play in Minnesota - striving for good stewardship.

James McGuire

Give Thanks

Give thanks for a place where God exhibits his love and his strength. He gives us what we need; He gives us hills and plains.

Give thanks to God for his love and guidance. He gives us compassion and love for each other; He helps us care for one another.

Give thanks to God for our fields of fertile black earth. He gives us fields of corn and soy beans; He gives us trees that bear fine fruit.

Give thanks to God for productive weather. He gives us spring and summer for productive crops; He gives us winters of beauty and sport.

Give thanks to God for our beautiful lakes. They are sanctuaries for food and drink; They are places of recreation and meditation.

Give thanks to God for the beauty and purity of our environment. Help us to preserve the purity of rivers and streams; Help us maintain our forests and fields.

Give thanks to God for the creatures of this earth. He gives us some for our comfort and love; He gives us others to honor and maintain.

Give thanks to God for he is good. He has given us shelter and sustenance; He has made us a part of his beautiful creation.

Bobbie Seberson

Lay Ministry Schedule

	9:30 AM SERVICE
<p><u>August 5</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	Jan Mickelson and Elsie Olson Cathie Neitge and Ginny McNear Karl Mundell and Nickie VanStelten Partridges
<p><u>August 12</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	Bobbie Seberson and Judy Anderson Margo and Steve Druschel Joan Hertel and Steve Deeren Manderfelds, Missy/Mark
<p><u>August 19</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	Leslie Peterson and Mary Yurek Audrey and Ray Splinter Pam Bartholomew and Gerry Schneck Kolbingers, Mike/Oscar
<p><u>August 26</u> Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	Jan Mickelson and Candace Black Margo and Steve Druschel Karl Mundell and Nickie VanStelten Wegmans

As always, if you are unavailable on your scheduled date, please make your own substitutions and inform the Church Office at 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!



AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Breakfast meeting: Thursday, August 30

9:30 Judy Anderson, Pat Johnson, Jordin Johnson

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.

ALTAR GUILD



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