

## 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 2015:** Missy Manderfeld & Paul Dobratz

**Class of 2016:** Mary Babcock & Jack Lindsay

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

**Clerk:** Amy Wiehr

**Financial Secretary:** Gerry Schneck

**Treasurer:** Nickie VanStelten

**Organist:** Mary Schuldt

**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

## Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

### 930am Service:

**Greeters:** Jordin Johnson, Pat Johnson  
**Lectors:** Leslie Peterson, Candace Black  
**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Steve Deeren, Karl Mundell  
**Acolytes:** Eric Westberg, Jonah Westberg  
**Children's Chapel:** NA  
**Coffee Hour:** Cliff & Ellie Canavin  
**Dishwashing Angel:** Nickie VanStelten  
**Altar Guild:** Missy Manderfeld, Ann McGuire, Elaine Larson

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](mailto:rasplinters@gmail.com) or Steve Druschel: 978.766.5252 or [stephen.druschel@mnsu.edu](mailto:stephen.druschel@mnsu.edu)



# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ

## THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

The First Sunday After Christmas

31 December, 2017

### What's Going On This Week

#### Today, First Sunday After Christmas

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

#### Monday

No Outreach Meeting

#### Wednesday

10a—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners Committee Meeting

Noon—ECW Meeting @ Charley's Restaurant

#### Saturday

10a—2p Transition Team Retreat @ Church

#### Next Week, The Feast of the Epiphany

830a—Choir Rehearsal

930a—The Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel

## Happy New Year's!

As we approach the end of 2017, we pause to take a few moments and think about the past year.

What were our greatest joys? What caused us the most sorrow?

What did we achieve?

What is there left still undone?

Here is a prayer which I love to pray at night, or at the end of a meeting. Its peaceful words allow us to deal with issues and emotions evoked by my questions above.

*Lord,  
it is night.*

*The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.*

*It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done;  
let it be.*

*The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives  
rest in you.*

*The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us,*

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## Agnus Day

YOU KNOW, THE IDEA THAT GOD—THE WISDOM OF THE COSMOS—WOULD BECOME A REAL HUMAN WAS BEYOND THE IMAGINATION OF THE GREEK PHILOSOPHERS.



WAIT! ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT US "SETTING CHEESE ON FIRE" AND YANNI...



WERE LACKING IN IMAGINATION?



Weekly Evangelist (4)

For complete details visit the St. John's Website:

<http://stjohnsmankato.org/calendar>

Weekly Evangelist (1)

### Offering Update

\*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599  
 Offering Collected Last Week.....will update next week  
 \*Offering Needed Year-to-Date....will update next week  
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date...will update next week  
 \*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

### Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of December, please pray for the foundations that minister to children with special needs, especially for the work of the Sheltering Arms Foundation and for all who work in child protection agencies throughout the state of 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/8315/0731/6508/acp\\_2017\\_quarter4.pdf](http://www.stjohnsmankato.com/files/8315/0731/6508/acp_2017_quarter4.pdf)

### St. John's Prayer List

*For those in need:* Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Julie, Nick, Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Tom, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie, Jonathan, Helen, Gary, Elizabeth

*For Birthdays:* Mary Berner, Linda Duckett

*Anniversaries:* NA

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

<http://www.stjohnsmankato.com>  
*calendar, updates, pictures and more!*

### ANNUAL MEETING January 28, 2018

Please email your group's annual reports to [stjohns@hickorytech.net](mailto:stjohns@hickorytech.net) by **January 10.**

Please put "Annual Report" and your group name in the subject line. Reports will be printed as submitted.

#### Christmas Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of:

- Bill & Larry** ~ Barb & Joe Hogan & their son, Joe
- Loved ones** ~ Jan & Bill Mickelson
- Andy Partridge** ~ Barb & Will Partridge
- Alice & Marie** ~ Bobbi Hovren
- Nadyne, David, & Dick** ~ Helen & Gary Hudson
- John R. Neitge & Mary Ellen Neitge How**  
~ Cathie Neitge
- Evelyn & Reinhardt + Agnes & Lyle**  
~ Audrey & Ray Splinter
- Joan & Dan Paul + Susie Fischer**  
~ The Fischer-Paul Family
- Loved ones**  
~ Pam Bartholomew & Gerry Schneck
- Their loved ones** ~ Ann & Jim McGuire
- Loved ones** ~ Leslie Peterson
- Bonnie** ~ Jordin Johnson
- Loved ones** ~ Elsie Olson
- His wife, Judy** ~ Andy Anderson
- Loved ones** ~ Nickie & Dale VanStelten
- Megan Bening** ~ Margo & Steve Druschel
- Their parents & Shirley, George, & David**  
~ The Rev. Phil & Ann Clark

### Opportunities for Service

- **Shelter Needs:** St. John's is set to take the week of January 7-13. [A sign up sheet for volunteers in in the fellowship hall.](#) We could use a few more single sheets & light-weight blankets if anyone has some they'd be willing to donate. Also DVD's & games for kids would be nice to have in the evening hours. Thanks again to all who helped with the shelter.

### Parking Lot News

The Vestry has voted and entered into a contract with Blue Earth County (BEC) to rent out 50 of our 58 parking spaces from March 1st, 2018 to February 28th, 2019, for \$25 per space per month or \$1250/month. BEC will have use of the lot from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Because the County is beginning a major renovation project to their building and parking lot they are in need of parking space for their employees. Tim Edwards, Physical Plant Director at BEC, has been our contact person for this project. The 8 spaces we will keep are the 5 along the wall closest to our building, the 2 handicap spaces near the building, and the 1 guest space across the alley. The Vestry is glad to be able to help our community neighbor and generate a little income at the same time. Direct questions to any Vestry member. ~Audrey Splinter, Warden

### What's Happening Right Now?

- **Episcopal Church Women:** ECW will meet at Charley's Restaurant, noon, Wednesday, January 3, for lunch and a brief meeting. All women of St. Johns are welcome!
- **Minnesota Valley Choral Audition!** Auditions are January 8 from 6-8pm at Bethany Lutheran College. To sign-up for an audition, please go to [www.minnesotavalleychorale.com](http://www.minnesotavalleychorale.com) or call Executive Director, Carolyn Borgen, at 612-251-8492.
- **Mankato Peace Vigil:** 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 a vigil, 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](mailto:gschmitz@ssndcp.org), or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904.

### A message from Father Paul Rider:

I have been appointed to be Vicar of Old Lakenham and Tuckswood Parishes in the Diocese of Norwich in the Church of England. Old Lakenham and Tuckswood are two small parishes in the city of Norwich, and I cannot be more excited!

This means that I shall be moving sometime between 26-31 January, 2018. My work begins in February, with a licensing by Bishop Graham on 13 February, just in time for Lent!

I want to thank everyone at St. John's for their encouragement, prayers, and support over these past six months in my journey. I love you all very much and will always have a special place in my heart for you! God is good!

### Pledge Card REMINDER!

If you haven't returned your pledge card, please return it as soon as you are able! We graciously await your response!

*...Happy New Year's... (Continued from page 1)*

*and all who have no peace.*

*The night heralds the dawn.  
 Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
 new joys,  
 new possibilities.*

*In your name we pray.  
 Amen.*

*[Night Prayer of A New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa (page 184)]*

Peace and all good to you and to all people as we enter this new year.

Phil B. +