

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

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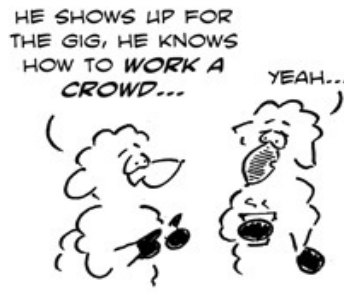
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Agnus Day



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MARK 1:1-8

Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God,
and in Loving Memory of Jerry,
and in Thanksgiving for Granddaughters
Blakely and Sawyer,
by Rochelle Wegman

930am Service:

Greeters: Jordin Johnson, Pat Johnson
Lectors: Tim Secott, Andrew Westberg
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Nickie VanStelton, Karl Mundell
Acolytes: Ronan Corley, Renn Corley, Lydia Paul
Children's Chapel Leader: NA
Coffee Hour: Westbergs
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 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 Advent and Lessons & Carols

10 December, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, Second Sunday of Advent, and Lessons & Carols

830a—Choir Rehearsal
930a—Holy Eucharist, New Zealand Liturgy, Lessons and Carols
1045a—High Potluck, Fellowship Hall
1115a—OMG Youth Group Caroling & Hot Chocolate!

Wednesday:

10a—ECW Cookie Wrap
530p—Finance Committee
6p—Confirmation Meeting @ Church

Next Week, Third Sunday of Advent:

830a—Choir Rehearsal
930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel

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

Come, Lord Jesus!

Hi everyone,

Last Sunday at church we talked about two things we can do to bring God more fully into our lives this Advent - making a **gratitude list** and **performing acts of service**. I have thought of another small way we can celebrate Advent and prepare for Christ's presence in our lives.

Someone asked me just this morning if I knew of any daily devotionals available on line. When I checked, I found a wonderful online resource from an Episcopal organization, the Forward Movement. These are the same folk who produce our devotional booklets which are available in the gathering space at church.

You can use these Daily Devotionals and Daily Prayer resources any time - day or night from your home computer, laptop, tablet or even cell phone!

Check them out at:

<http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/>

See you Sunday - and Happy Advent!

Phil B.

Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
 Offering Collected Last Week.....will be reported next week.
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date...will be reported next week.
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date...will be reported 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

St. John's Prayer List

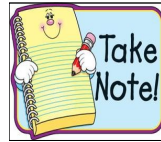
For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Julie, Nick, H., Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Tom, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie, Jonathan, Helen, Gary,

For Birthdays: Steve Druschel

Anniversaries: None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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



NEXT Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 8:30am
 Come and prepare for Advent!
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

TODAY—December 10, 2017

9:30am Service—Lessons and Carols

After the service:

High Potluck” (like high tea except with hotdish). Please bring a dish to share and join your St. John's friends as we celebrate Advent!

Fair Trade Holiday Sale! Downstairs in Fellowship! Please join us and see the announcement to the right for more info!

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!

Opportunities for Service

- **Shelter Needs:** We could use a few more single sheets and light-weight blankets if anyone has some they'd be willing to donate. Also DVD's and games for kids would be nice to have in the evening hours. Thanks again to all who helped with the shelter. St. John's is tentatively set to take the week of January 7-13. Watch for a sign-up sheet for volunteers!
- **Episcopal Church Women:** ECW will meet Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the church for the annual "Christmas Cookie Wrap." Please bring 3 dozen cookies or treats. Lunch will be served. RSVP moljam@hickorytech.net
- **Mitten Tree:** Your Outreach Committee will again be collecting warm hats, mitten, gloves, socks, and scarves to be distributed to those in need.

- **Youth/Children's Christmas Eve Service will be at 9:30am, Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve!)** A plan is in progress! An email will still be sent soon asking for your help with putting together this service. Questions? Jill Fischer, jsfish22@yahoo.com, 507-384-7119.

What's Happening Right Now?

- **Fair Trade Holiday Sale TODAY!** Stop by the Fair Trade table downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after church today. Beautiful handmade gift items from artisans around the world. Fair Trade provides a fair wage, and protects the environment and workers. Most of all, Fair Trade changes lives and brings education hope and freedom to individuals and communities in the global south. Your purchases make a difference!
- **ADVENT CALENDARS** are here! Pick one up in the narthex credenza.
- **Sustainable Development Goals/Fair Trade Team selects Ayual Community Development Association**, as the recipient of St John's 0.7% annual donation. We select an organization that embodies the mission of the UN Sustainable Development Global Goals to support education, equality, health and the environment. This year's choice, Ayual Community Development Association will receive 3 years of SDG donations, starting this year. We are excited to support Ayual! James Lueth, who moved to Mankato in June and who worships at St John's with his family, is the current President of Ayual. The organization was formed by South Sudanese youth as they fled their country during the civil war in the early 2000s. Since then, they have become a non-profit and they support a primary school back in the community they left behind, Ayual. Learn more here: <https://www.aycda.org/index.php?id=3>
- **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 op-

Transition Team Update

Your transition team (Candace B., Tim S., Jill F., Meg S., Steve Dr., Steve De., & Audrey S.) has been meeting monthly to complete our Office of Transition Ministry Portfolio. The team is taking off the month of December, but on Jan 6th we have a day workshop planned with Karen Olson from ECMN to put the finishing touches on the Portfolio and continue planning. We hope to interview candidates for our priest by spring of 2018. We plan to finish our transition by late summer or early fall.
 —Audrey Splinter, Warden

ECHO Delivers needs you!

Volunteers are needed to deliver food to those who have challenges getting to the Food Shelf. Here's all that's to it:

1. Marcia, coordinator for ECHO Delivers, connects you with a client.
2. Shop for food at ECHO and deliver it to your client's door once a month.

**If you want to help
 call ECHO Food Shelf at 345-7477
 or Marcia at 351-2922.**



pose 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 gshmitz@ssndcp.org, or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904.