



## Offering Update

\*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599  
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$3,337  
\*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$111,569  
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$98,183  
*\*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

## Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of August, please pray for all hospital chaplaincies, counseling chaplaincies and Spiritual Directors throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Pray for your faith community nurses, health ministers and all those who minister to the sick. And pray also for all farmers and laborers working with the harvest, especially San Jose Obrero Mission in Montgomery. *from: <http://episcopalmn.org/resources-for-faith-communities>*

## Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday: Remo - (Lagos, Nigeria)The Rt Revd Michael Fape

Monday: Renk - (Upper Nile, Sudan)The Rt Revd Joseph Garang Atem

Tuesday: The Assumption of Mary; Rhode Island - (I, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Nicholas Knisely

Wednesday: Rift Valley - (Tanzania)The Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa

Thursday: Rio de Janeiro - (Brazil)The Rt Revd Filadelfo Oliviera Neto

Friday: Rio Grande - (VII, The Episcopal Church)The Rt Revd Michael Vono

Saturday: Perth - (Western Australia, Australia)The Most Revd Roger Herft; Assistant Bishop of Perth - (Australia)The Rt Revd Kate Wilmot; Perth - Eastern and Rural Region - (Western Australia, Australia)The Rt Revd Tom Wilmot; Perth - Goldfields-Country Region - (Western Australia, Australia)The Rt Revd Jeremy James; Riverina - (New South Wales, Australia)The Rt Revd Rob Gillion

**Time of Worship:** Vestry has included a question on the transition survey about the time and number of worship services; we look forward to hearing your input! In the meantime, Vestry has decided to continue the summertime practice of one service at 9:30 am through September, when we will discuss the survey answers and incorporate everyone's input.

## Survey Reminder: We want your input!

The survey from HolyCow! Consulting was sent as a link to your computer on July 16th. If you haven't yet done so, please take the time to complete this survey called the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT). More than one person in the household can use this link to complete the CAT. If you did not get the CAT please let us know by contacting the office at 388-1969. We will make sure you get one. Paper copies are in the mail for those who do not have email. Thank you so much for being part of the CAT and for helping to build St. John's future.

—Audrey, Senior Warden

## What's Happening Right Now?

- **Sunday, August 20--Mass in the Grass at Sibley Park!** The Men's Group is supplying the grilled main course, so bring a dish to pass and utensils to eat with! Worship will begin at 10:00 am followed by Food, Fellowship, and Fun. Let's have a great turnout this year!
- **CALLING ALL CHILDREN!** OMG, Sunday School, and Church Acolytes/Crucifers!! All children of St. John's are welcome to participate/serve in these areas! Some areas do have age minimums/maximums. Talk

with Lisa Westberg if you would like your child to participate and you are not already on her lists: [westberg.lisa.lw@gmail.com](mailto:westberg.lisa.lw@gmail.com) or cell 507-995-8634.

- **Connections Ministry Update:** Based on discussion with members and a sense of our ministry, mission and outreach, Vestry has joined the Connections Ministry of downtown churches in supporting the rotating shelter model. Specifically, we will use our church education spaces as a professionally staffed woman/family shelter for a few times in the winter, a week at a time. More information and volunteer/helper training will be available during outreach meetings in August and September.
- We would like to update the **prayer list**. If you have names that can be removed or names you would like to add, please leave a message for the office at 388-1969 or [stjohns@hickorytech.net](mailto:stjohns@hickorytech.net). Thank you.
- Annual Summer Noontime **Organ Recitals**. Tuesdays @ 12:10 pm, July 25-Aug 15, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
- Prairie Oaks Institute (POI), a Belle Plaine based retreat center, is offering **Finishing Strong: What's Next** on August 18-20. A retreat for mature individuals [www.facebook.com/PrairieOaksInstitute/](http://www.facebook.com/PrairieOaksInstitute/) or [www.prairieoaksinstitute.org](http://www.prairieoaksinstitute.org) for more info.
- In partnership with Saint John's Episcopal Church, Mankato the **Saint John's Illustrated Bible** and 25 prints are on exhibit at the Blue Earth County Historical Society (BECHS) at 424 Warren St in Mankato through Friday, September 1.

Here are some special events related to this exhibit:

—Exhibit location, dates and hours: The Bible and prints will be available (free!) for viewing Tuesday through Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturdays 10 to 4. While visiting the Bible exhibit please consider a donation or an annual membership to the Blue Earth County Historical Society.

—Sunday, August 13, 11am to 2pm: Extra exhibition hours added for "after church" viewing. Saint John's Outreach Committee will be organizing treats to be served during this special time at the exhibit.

—Thursday, August 17, 12 noon: A special presentation by MSU professor Brad Coulter on the typography techniques (free!)

—Friday, September 1: The Bible exhibit will close at 4pm.

Please contact Leslie Peterson with questions or to get involved. Leslie's weekday daytime phone is 389-2290 and evening and weekend phone is 625-8939.

## Opportunities for Service

- **Mankato Pridefest** is Saturday, September 9! If interested in being a participant in Pridefest, contact Meg Stump at 507-344-1894 or Joan Hertel at 507-388-3080.
- **Fair Trade SDG Team!** Watch for an announcement about an upcoming meeting of the Fair Trade Sustainable Development Goals Team! See Margo Druschel for details. Call: 978-771-1787 or email [mardruschel@gmail.com](mailto:mardruschel@gmail.com)

## St. John's Lawn Fund!

This is your friendly reminder that it is still raining quite a bit (especially for August!) and our lawn is still growing and needs our care! The cost of mowing, edging, and cleaning up the grass has risen to \$40 per time. **We could use some donations.** If you feel called to donate, the sign-up sheet is in the stairwell. Thank you!