

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.

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Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God & In Thanksgiving for family & Jim's Birthday by Ann and Jim McGuire

930am Service:

Greeters: Jan Mickelson
Lectors: Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Gerry Schneck, Pam Bartholomew
Acolytes: Ronan Corley, Renn Corley
Children's Chapel: NA
Coffee Hour: Potluck
Dishwashing Angels: Everyone!
Altar Guild: Jordin Johnson, Pat Johnson

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 ras-splinters@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

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

28 January, 2018

What's Going On This Week

Today, The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany & Annual Meeting/Potluck

930a—Holy Eucharist with Annual Meeting

1045a—Potluck—All Are Welcome!

Monday

2p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners

Wednesday

9a—Altar Guild

Next Week, The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

830a—Choir Rehearsal

930a—Holy Eucharist Rite 11, Children's Chapel

1115a—Liturgy Team Meeting

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

Bureaucracy happens!

I am congenitally allergic to bureaucracy...partially because of my Ph.D. classes and seminars in early Christianity. These studies which I completed in the 1990's showed me how swiftly a really terrific underground movement morphed into a somewhat stodgy club / organization. In fact, the working title of my never completed dissertation on the Pastoral Epistles was "Hierarchy happens!" So, I know it's an issue, but let me be clear ... I have NEVER liked annual meetings. Please cue up the shaker song "Simple Gifts."

However, it looks like here at St. John's we do it right ... Annual meeting at SJEC is short, sweet and to the point – especially when compared to other communities

I've experienced. This approach to annual meeting befits a faith community like ours, more interested in living the gospel by serving those in need than talking about it!

That said, I am excited at the news which will be shared with us all on Sunday - and I am hoping that my mysterious allusion to good news will bring a few more of you out of the woodwork for a brief annual meeting during our 9:30 a.m. service and a delicious potluck to follow. I promise a brief, nearly non-existent sermon. That should help also.

Yours in simplicity,
Phil B.+



Weekly Evangelist (1)

Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$2,341
 *Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$7,674
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$6,476

**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of January, please pray for youth ministries within the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, especially for those who are involved with Teens Encounter Christ; for the new ministry Circle of the Beloved and all those in our faith community who are involved with faith formation ministries with children, youth and young adults. (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, Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Jonathan, Gary, Elizabeth

For Birthdays: Jolly Corley, Jim McGuire

Anniversaries: None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

2017/2018 BUDGET UPDATE

St. John's is a faith community committed to prayer, worship, growing in our knowledge and love of God, and serving as God's ambassadors in our daily lives. Our overarching goal is to deepen the faith of, empower, equip, and encourage us so we can serve. It is also aimed at helping us connect with and learn from each other so that we can grow spiritually in community and participate in God's mission more fully.

In 2017 we approved an annual budget of \$187,160 in expenses, but with the changes in our clergy expenses, we spent \$171,330.

Of that amount: \$105,911 came in from pledges. The additional funds came from our PIF distributions (\$40,000); plate and other special offerings, service group fund raising (\$24,731); and our local savings account (\$700).

The Finance Committee and the Vestry are expecting the 2018 budget request to be about \$133,300. This amount is based on us keeping a half-time Priest on our payroll. As of this week, we have received pledges equaling \$98,706 with several pledges still expected to come in. The Pooled Investment Fund has recommended a distribution amount of \$10,410 for 2018. That means we will need to raise \$24,184 in plate and other special offerings and service group fund raising and/or any more pledges received.

Opportunities for Service

- **Children's Chapel!** Do you love working with the Youth? Volunteers are needed to lead Children's Chapel, 15-20 minutes during the sermon, every other Sunday. Open to ALL! Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.
- **Can you help?** I need ideas on how to fix a leaking toilet, heat tape plug replacement, and an outside outlet on a mobile home. Will be an outdoor project. Please contact Karl Mundell at karlmundell@hotmail.com. Thank you!

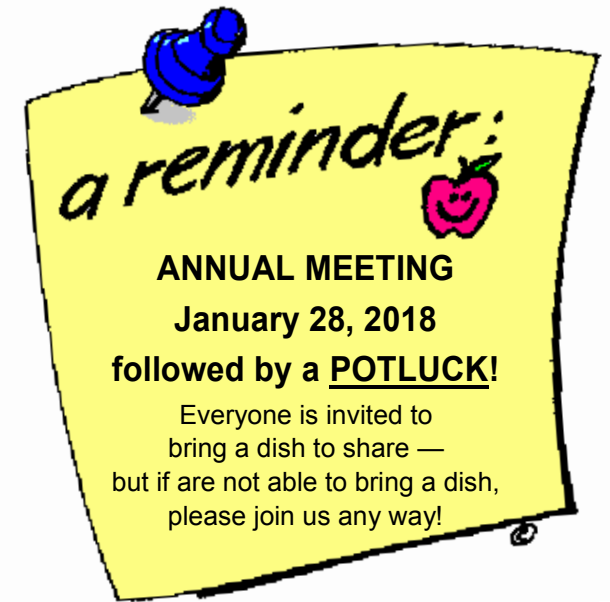
- **In need of a Hot Meal?** With the cold that has been brought upon us, call 625-8970 and have a hot delicious meal delivered to your home. For folks age 60+ there is a suggested donation of \$4.50; and for under the age of 60 there is a suggested donation of \$7.25 per meal. Let us do the work, and keep you in where it's warm and safe. God Bless You — Shawn Hermanson, Site Manager, LSS Senior Dining/Meals On Wheels.
- **SHELTER UPDATE:** St. John's will host the shelter for the third time from February 18-25. If computer savvy, you can sign up online at the link below or you can watch for a written signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for supporting this service to our community.

Sign-up Link: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2068009/true#/invitation>

- **ECMN Grant:** The Episcopal Church of MN has awarded a Missional Innovative Partnership grant for \$4,980 to Connections Ministry Rotating Shelter. The money will be used to purchase a trailer to transport cots, extra linens, laundry bags, diapers, and other supplies as needed. Thanks ECMN!

What's Happening Right Now?

- **Mankato Peace Vigil:** every Wed. noon-1pm, across from the Post Office on Second Street. Call or email Sister Gladys Schmitz at 507-389-4114 or gschmitz@ssndcp.org, or call Richard Reisdorf at 507-625-6904 for more info.
- **Meg Stump Art Show @ Carnegie:** Congratulations to Meg Stump who will be one of 20 artists at the Kaleidoscope of Artists Show at the Carnegie Art Center, Thursday, February 1 through February 17.
 Meg would like to invite you to come join her at the **Opening Reception, Saturday, February 3, from 7 to 9 pm.** or take in the show during its two week opening. She noted that there is a great deal of depth and variety of art from the 20 artists and that she is showing several woven items including her collection of soft sculptured



fiber animals, some of whom graced this year's nativity creche.

The show is open each:

Thursday, 1-7 pm.,
 Friday, 1-4 pm. and
 Saturday, 11 am -5 pm.

at the Kaleidoscope of Artists Show at the Carnegie. See notice below.

