

## 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 2016:** Mary Babcock & TBD

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

**Class of 2018:** Paul Dobratz & Lisa Westberg

**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

## Agnus Day



## Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of

Susie Fischer, and Joan and Dan Paul by Liz and Lydia Paul

### 930am Service:

Greeter: Leslie Peterson

Lectors: Candace Black, Cathie Neitge

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Karl Swede

Mundell, Ann Clark

Acolytes: NA

Children's Chapel: NA

Music: Mary Schuldt

Coffee Hour: Wiehr

Dishwashing Angel: Al Berner

Altar Guild: Bobbi Hovren

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 Second Sunday After Pentecost

03 June, 2018

### What's Going On This Week

#### Today, The Second Sunday After Pentecost

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

11a—Ryan Wiehr Graduation Reception, Parish Hall

#### Wednesday:

1130a—ECW @ Nancy Zwickey's Lake Crystal

#### Next Week, Third Sunday After Pentecost:

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

### Some rules are made to be broken

Religions in general and the big three in particular (Islam, Judaism and Christianity) have a very long history of making lists of rules which followers are required to observe. In our Old Testament lesson for this coming Sunday we are given a slice of those rules in the Torah requirement to rest on the seventh day. It's such an important rule that even God followed it when the world was created - working for six days then resting on the seventh. However, in our gospel lesson Jesus violates the letter of that Sabbath rule not just once, but twice!

First, Jesus and his disciples also "harvest" heads of grain to eat as a Snicker bar-like snack on their way through the grain fields. Then, incurring the wrath of the officials, Jesus heals a man in the synagogue in full view of the crowds. What is Jesus trying to demonstrate? He is more interested in the good of the community and the wholeness of people than he is following the letter of a humanly devised code. In fact, I would go a little further and say that some discernment is almost always necessary when making decisions about what to do. God gave us brains for a purpose - it's our duty to engage them before we act.



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### Offering Update

\*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$2,558  
 Offering Collected Last Week.....\$8,644  
 \*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$53,518  
 Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$57,374  
 \*Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals

### Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of June, please pray for Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp, Episcopal Kids Camp, Episcopal Youth Quest Camp, Episcopal Youth Music Camp, Summer in the City and all who are engaged in camping programs and embarking on mission projects during the summer in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. (from: <http://episcopalmn.org/resources-for-faith-communities>)

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please see the following website for access to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer each week: <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx>

### St. John's Prayer List

*For those in need:* Jim, Paul, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Nick, Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Steven, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Dave, Libby, Colby, Jonathan, Gary, Elizabeth, Judy, Julie, Carol, Roxanne, Karen

*For Birthdays:* Grace Mackie

*Anniversaries:* None

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

### Opportunities for Service

- **Vacation Bible School!** St. John's is again partnering with First Congregational and First Presbyterian Church to offer VBS this summer: "Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God", from July 15 from 2-5pm, and July 16 -18, from 8-11am (note new days/times) at UCC (on Stadium and Stoltzman). St. John's is looking for a **volunteer** to run the crafts portion. If you are interested, please contact Laurie Palesotti at 507-380-1485 or email: [june1299@hickorytech.net](mailto:june1299@hickorytech.net). Forms and info are in the narthax.
- **Food for Friends:** On Saturday, July 7th, St. John's will be serving Food for Friends at Salvation Army. We need cash donations and workers to serve our summer picnic menu of brats, beans, potato salad, & watermelon. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Please consider helping with this service to the community. If you have questions please contact Audrey Splinter or Nickie VanStelten. Many thanks!
- **Episcopal Church Women:** ECW will meet Wednesday, June 6, 11:30 a.m. at Nancy Zwickey's Lake Crystal home for a service of Holy Communion and a potluck porch picnic. Please bring a dish to share. We will carpool and leave the church parking lot at 11:00.

### What's Happening Right Now?

- **BASEBALL & FAIR TRADE!** Join MAFTTI and the St. John's Fair Trade SDG Team at the MoonDogs on Wednesday, June 13th and help support Fair Trade! Franklin Field is newly renovated and the MoonDogs are a blast to watch. \$3 of each ticket comes back to MAFTTI to help us educate about and promote Fair Trade. See Margo Druschel [margodruschel@gmail.com](mailto:margodruschel@gmail.com) for tickets or go online. Game time 7:05pm.
- **St. John's Directory:** The printed directory that was available last July is in need of updates. If you have additions or changes that you'd like included, please contact the office at 388-1969. A new directory will be available mid-June.

### Transition Announcement

The transition team made a recommendation to the Vestry to call **Rev. Chris Beebe** to be our priest. The call has been accepted, and the Letter of Agreement signed by all parties. Rev. Chris has been the priest in charge at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Rutherfordton, North Carolina since 2011. Prior to that she was rector at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Paragould, Arkansas. From interviews and references we see her strengths as her sermons, pastoral care, a collaborative leadership style, and her passion for the church and parishioners. She wants all of you to know of her "joy and excitement about receiving the call and beginning our journey together as the Body of Christ at St. John's!"

She is moving to Mankato to be closer to her family in Minneapolis. She also desires a part-time clergy position. Depending on the details of moving, her start date with us will be no later than August 1st and most likely sooner. Praise and Thanksgiving!

More information will be coming when we know it!

*You're Invited*

In celebration of Ryan Wiehr's graduation from Mankato West Senior High, his family invite all of St. John's to join them for refreshments and cake in our Parish Hall on Sunday, June 3, from 11am - 1pm.



### Peace Pole

The tall peace pole was broken off and stolen from St. John's sometime the last week of April. A police report was made. Gerry Schneck is working on a plan for a replacement that will be more resistant to theft.

### Property Updates

The cost to fill the hole in our parking lot was \$1048. Thanks to Jerry Stump and Steve Druschel for their expertise in managing this problem. The shingles that have come off our roof are covered under warranty and will be replaced soon. The roof of the outside walkway into church will be painted soon at a cost of \$400. **Special thanks to all those who helped with the spring outdoor clean-up last Saturday.**

### Some Rules... (Continued from page 1)

In fact, whenever people want to boost their agendas or rules into the realm of the divinely inspired and infallible, I would say that that personal discernment task becomes even more important. The main question we ought always to ask is not addressed to any particular person or group, but to God.

"God, what do you want me to do?"

Sometimes it would be much easier simply to ask for the rule book, but to do so in place of the personal relationship with the divine is clearly wrong. So, let us look at the lists of dos and don'ts that populate our lives. Let us ask what we should do and listen for the answer, as Jesus consistently did throughout his life. As that great actor (and theologian!) Katherine Hepburn once said "If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun."

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