

## St. John's Ministers

- All people of the Parish
- The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
- The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Bishop
- The Rev. Chris Beebe, Rector

## St. John's Vestry—

**Wardens:** Audrey Splinter & Stephen Druschel

**Class of 2016:** Mary Babcock & Ann McGuire

**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

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## Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for Winifred and Walter by Will and Barbara Partridge

### 9:30 AM Service:

Greeter: Candace Black

Announcements: Audrey Splinter

Lectors: Tim Secott, Leslie Peterson

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Karl Swede

Mundell, Nickie VanStelten

Acolytes: NA

Children's Chapel: NA

Music: Mary Schuldt

Coffee Hour: Hertel/Larson

Dishwashing Angel: Al Berner

Altar Guild: Missy Manderfeld



# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing. In Christ

## THE WEEKLY EVANGELIST

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

16 September, 2018

### What's Going On This Week

#### Today, Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost:

9:30 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

#### Thursday

6:30 PM—8 PM Vestry Meeting

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

9:30am—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

### Episcopal Explanations: Polity (Form of Government)

This weekend, as the Episcopal Church in Minnesota gathers in our city for its annual convention, we're reminded that our polity is democratic, mirroring our country's form of government. There are three levels within the hierarchy of our church: the Episcopal Church, which meets in convention every three years; the diocese, which meets in convention once a year; and our faith communities, which hold their own meetings annually. Between these meetings, each of these three levels is guided by the oversight of lay and clergy persons elected for that purpose. For The Episcopal Church and the dioceses, these are called Executive Councils. In faith communities, they are the Vestry. We rely on these groups to make decisions that best serve the needs and interests of the church, regardless of whether that is international, diocesan, or local. Because these representatives have been duly elected to conduct business on our behalf, it's important that we understand their authority, and the responsibility they bear. It's especially important to know that our input makes a difference—when we elect leaders and when they are considering actions that affect all of us. At each level of our governance, meetings are open for the rest of us to see these bodies at work and to hear how they make decisions which are sometimes difficult and weighty. The bottom line is that in order for this system of governance to work, we who have not been elected to serve must nevertheless exercise our rights as members/voters in the business of the church. I'll write more about all this later as we approach our own annual meeting. In the meantime, please keep our leaders in your prayers that they may glorify God through their words, actions, and decisions. And feel free to ask them—and me—if you have questions about what the Vestry does and how its decisions are made. MC+

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

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## Agnus Day



Weekly Evangelist (4)

Weekly Evangelist (1)

### Offering Update

Weekly Expenses.....\$2,558  
 Weekly Offering Collected.....\$2,073  
 Year-to-date Expenses.....\$91,888  
 Year-to-date Offerings..... \$76,501  
 Year-to-date Difference.....\$-15,387

### Minnesota Cycle of Prayer—September

For the month of September, please pray for the Episcopal Homes of Minnesota, Episcopal Group Homes, Guardian Angels and all other institutions that do ministry for and with the elderly. Please pray for your local senior residential facilities and care centers. Please pray also for the 161st Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to be held September 14-15, 2018 in Mankato.

(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:** Andy, Ann, Libby, Gary, Carol, Roxanne, Bobbie, Pat, Jason, John, Kate, G. Amundsen Family, Rica, Julie, Bruce, Barb, Patti, Shaundra.

**Birthdays:** Renn Corley (22)

**Anniversary:** Paul and Jan Rozeboom (17), Amy and Kevin Wiehr (19), Nancy Zwickey and Bill Steil (25)

Check out St. John's WEBSITE at:

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

*save the date*

### Lifelong Learners At St. John's **Wednesday September 26, 2018, 4-6 PM** *Faith Sullivan Discusses Her Life as a Writer*

Faith Sullivan, author of nine novels set in Minnesota, will discuss her work and what being a novelist means. After growing up in Minnesota, she lived on both coasts, returning to Minnesota frequently. Now a Minneapolis resident, she especially appreciates that there is no mandatory retirement for writers. This will be held at St. John's and everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Saturday, October 13, 2018 Food For Friends** Salvation Army 11 AM—1 PM There will be a sign-up sheet downstairs as the date gets closer.

### **Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 5:30 PM** **Celebration of New Ministry**

Bishop Prior will be here to celebrate the ministry of Rev. Chris Beebe's and our community of St. John's at a 5:30 PM service followed by a light meal.

### Connections Ministry Rotating Shelter

Connections Ministry Rotating Shelter to open October. 22nd. St. John's is tentatively set to start off the year by hosting the first week! Transition day between churches will be on Mondays (not Sundays) this year. We're excited to have St. John the Baptist Catholic Church partner with us this year. Watch for volunteer sign-up sheets!

### Lens On The Border—Creative Resistance Through the Eyes of Borderland Photographers.

Sept. 16, 2018—Oct. 12, 2018 Sponsored by the 1st Congregational UCC, Mankato. 387-6592

### Proclaiming Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins to All Nations

Below is the Invocation of Inclusion mentioned in my sermon last week. It was written by Chuck Hazlett of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and is copied without his permission, but somehow I don't think he'll mind.

I have no doubt that people of every description are welcome at St. John's. I wonder how we can let them know they're welcome.

Blessings and peace,

Chris+

### Who Is Welcome Here?

I want it to be of public record that those of all skin colors and heritage are welcome here.

I want it to be known that those who suffer from addiction to drugs and alcohol (whether they are recovering or not) and their families are welcome here.

I want it to be known that women and children are welcome here and that they will not be harassed or abused here.

I want it to be public record that in this congregation you can bring children to worship, and even if they cry during the entire service, they are welcome.

I want it to be known that those who are single by choice, by divorce, or through death of a spouse are welcome here.

I want it to be known that if you are promiscuous, have had an abortion, or have fathered children and taken no responsibility for them, you are welcome here.

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### Continued (Who Is Welcome Here)

I want it to be known that gossips, cheats, liars, and their families are welcome here.

I want it to be known that those who are disobedient to their parents and who have family problems are welcome here.

I want it to be of public record that gays and lesbians and members of their families are welcome here.

Let it be public knowledge that we take seriously that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The young and old, the rich and poor, all of the broken are welcome here.

I want it to be public knowledge that we are justified by the grace of God, which is a gift through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sinners are welcome here. Sinners like you and me, and like our neighbors.

May God give us the grace to welcome and forgive one another as Christ has welcomed and forgiven us.



Pridefest 2018

Thanks to all of the volunteers!

### Responding to the Spirit's Invitation: Engaging God's Mission of the Beloved Community

### Episcopal Church of Minnesota Annual Convention

Thanks to all from St. John's who took part in Convention! If you want to know more about the 2018 ECMN Convention that was held in Mankato September 14th and 15th, talk to your delegates, Jerry Stump or Tim Secott. There will also be a summary on the ECMN website.

Audrey Splinter, Senior Warden