



# THE CHRONICLE

**Mankato, Minnesota**

**May 2012**

## *Ponderings on Sabbatical*

## **This Month's Happenings**

Now that we are in the midst of our shared time of Sabbatical, let's take a minute to look at the Goal Statement:

*We will seek "thin places" in our local community, and a bit farther afield, as well as in our daily and weekly worship. Are we more able to hear the "still small voice of God" when we walk the labyrinth, pause for reflection during Sunday worship, walk in the majestic silence of the Rasmussen Woods, the openness of the Kasota Prairie and other areas of southwestern Minnesota? How do we carry the palpable presence of Christ from "thin places" out into our lives? We will continue to seek new ways to respond to the needs of our community, to invite others into worship and daily life, and to be instruments of the love, peace, justice and mercy of Christ.*

Some of the ways that we can explore "thin places" and stretch ourselves during Fr. Paul's Sabbatical is to take part in the many and varied opportunities that the Lilly Grant funds have helped us to make available.

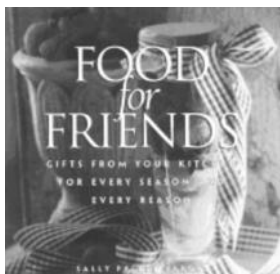
ALL activities, including the Trip to Pipestone, are free-of-charge and families and

May 2	ECW Mtg., Wow Zone at noon
May 3-5	ECW Rummage Sale
May 6	Sunday School Teachers' Mtg., noon
May 6	Outreach Meeting, noon
May 12	Men's Group, 7:45 am
May 12	Kasota Prairie Outing & Picnic, 10:30-2:30
May 13	Margo's Fair Trade Trip, noon
May 15	St. Julian's Mtg., 7 pm
May 20	End-of-Sunday-School celebration, After 10:30 service
May 20	Vestry Meeting, noon
May 26	Food for Friends
May 31	Altar Guild, 9 am

children are WELCOME! Sign-up TODAY on the poster board in the Narthex.

PLEASE sign-up by April 29<sup>th</sup> for Pipestone so we can reserve the bus, and by May 1<sup>st</sup> for the Retreat to the House of Prayer. (Note, the retreat does require a \$20 payment, but there are scholarships available.)

Questions? Ask any member of the Sabbatical Team, Candace Black, Sara Brave Heart, Margo Druschel, Jaci Lageson, Jan Mickelson, Jerry Stump or John Webber.



Food for Friends: May 26th. Please consider helping with this community service. Donations of time, money, and food are welcome. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall or contact Nickie VanStelten (278-3804) or Audrey Splinter (720-1155) if you are able to help. Thanks.

### Minutes of St. John's Vestry Meeting 3-25-2012

**Vestry Check-In:** after some discussion of the role of Vestry liaisons with the ministry areas they represent, members volunteered to serve as liaisons with the following ministry areas:

Liturgy (Jim McGuire)

Faith Formation (Marcia Olauson)

Service (Mike Kearney)

Parish Life (Candace Black)

Finance Committee (Leslie Peterson)

Personnel (Sara Brave Heart)

Property (Jerry Stump)

Safe Church (???)

**Rector's Report:** Paul + thanked those vestry members who were able to attend the vestry workshop on 3/24. He encouraged the vestry to attend the Leadership meeting on Tuesday, 3/27, and stressed that leadership during the sabbatical time will come from the wardens and the vestry. Next Vestry meeting is April, 29.

## May Friendship Day

Listening to My Sisters

The Church United Women of Lake Crystal

Invite the Mankato Church Women United to  
May Friendship Day, May 4, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship followed

by the program

Zion Lutheran Church

211 East Robinson Street, Lake Crystal



### MAY BIRTHDAYS:

- 5/06 - Jan Mickelson
- 5/07 - Charlie Olson
- 5/08 - Kelli Christianson
- 5/12 - Joan Pengra
- 5/15 - Lisa Westberg
- 5/16 - Daniel Hudson
- 5/17 - Gene Boughton
- 5/20 - Elsie Olson
- 5/20 - John Winkworth
- 5/23 - Paul Mackie
- 5/29 - Oscar Kolbinger

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

- 5/20 - Steve and Martha Penkhus
- 5/21 - Gerry Schneck and Pam Bartholomew
- 5/31 - John and Betty Winkworth

## Easter Flowers Given to the Glory of God By

David, Sara, Gerald, Cyrus, & Ambry Brave Heart	In loving memory of Cedar Everett Brave Heart
Ray & Audrey Splinter	In thanksgiving for our family
Jim & Ann McGuire	In memory of loved ones
Nannie Clements	In thanksgiving for my grandchildren Kyan, Koda, Sebastian, & Adelina
Nickie VanStelten	In memory of Corrine VanStelten
Bobbi Hovren	In thanksgiving
Phil & Ann Clark	In thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren
Leslie Peterson	In memory of Marcia & Albert
Helen Dudash	In thanksgiving for my children's safe journey & arrival
Bill & Jan Mickelson	In memory of our parents & loved ones
Sally Taylor	In memory of my parents The Rev. Audrey Knutson & Fritz Taylor
Ginny McNear	In thanksgiving
Steve & Margo Druschel	In memory of Hank & Barb Druschel and Jock & Maggie Wallace
Will & Barb Partridge	In thanksgiving for family
Andy & Judy Anderson	In memory of Matthew Couper
Steve & Cindy Medenwald	In loving memory of Jennifer Anderson
Gary & Helen Hudson	In memory of Nadyne, David, & Richard
Joe & Barbara Hogan	In memory of loved ones
Elsie Olson	In thanksgiving for my loving family

### Episcopal Church Women

ECW will meet  
Wednesday, May 2  
noon , Wow Zone  
luncheon - meeting

St. Julian's Guild will next meet  
Tuesday, May 15, 7pm in the Li-  
brary at St. John's. Pam Oster will  
be hosting and all are cordially in-  
vited.



Left to right: Confirmands Dexten Canavin and Eric Westberg, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brian Prior, Tina Hudson and newly baptized Andrew, Serena, Daniel and Chris Hudson.

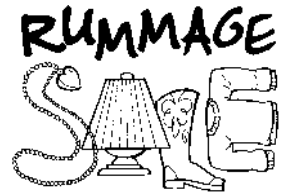
**Thanks** to all who made the April 15<sup>th</sup> service at St. John's such a joyous celebration--specifically, the expanded choir and Jazz Mass musicians, the delicious potluck, the shared occasions of confirming Dexten Canavin and Eric Westberg and the baptism of Andrew Hudson. A special thanks goes to Bishop Prior for his help and blessings as we sent Paul+ off and now assume our own sabbatical mission.

### BOOK KEEPER'S REPORT

We received \$11,640 in offerings in March and I transferred \$1,800 from the Capital Account into the General Fund to cover our expenses of \$13,849. We also received \$190 in offerings to the Property Escrow Account. The current balances in our accounts are as follows:

- General Fund checking \$71.74
- Capital Acct. checking \$47,134.00 This account is used to cover larger repair expenses associated with upkeep of the building and/or to transfer funds into the General checking account to help cover shortages.
- Property Escrow checking \$20,699 This account is a long-term savings account to hold funds in preparation for any unexpected large expenses associated with the building.

Respectfully submitted, Nickie VanStelten



ECW will host the **Spring Rummage Sale, May 3 - 5**. Please "recycle" your gently used clothing, CDs, DVDs, books, toys, shoes, purses, luggage, games, small furniture, and kitchen + house-items! Wrap securely and put in storage room at the bottom of the stairs.

(Please, no exercise equipment.)

**Set-up** Wed., May 2: 5 - 7pm

Thurs., May 3: 9am - noon

**Sale** Thurs., May 3: 5 - 7pm

Fri., May 4: 10am - 2pm

Sat., May 5: sack sale 9am - noon

**Clean-up** Saturday, May 5 @ noon

## Fair Trade in the First-Person

By Margo Druschel



I was privileged to be able to spend 8 days in the Dominican Republic (March 28th to April 4th) with 12 other Fair Trade Town Activists and 4 members of the Fair Trade USA staff. The DR is a lovely country, but also one where many people live in poverty. Housing often consists of a particle-board shack and a leaky roof with no plumbing; schooling is limited to those who can afford shoes and books, which is beyond the reach of many. But the Dominican people are intelligent and hard-working and when given the chance to improve their lives through fair trade cooperatives, many farmers join, and their lives are improved. The DR has some of the oldest and most well-established Fair Trade cooperatives in the world, with many over 25 years old.

The trip exceeded all my expectations, as we saw fair trade cooperatives in cocoa/cacao, coffee and bananas and visited a sweat-free apparel factory. We also lived for 2 days with cacao-farm families, where we saw improved water sanitation, schools for all children, cinderblock houses with tin roofs that don't leak, and environmental farming methods that preserve shade and prevent soil erosion.

The Fair Trade Certification process is effective, and is reinforced with yearly visits to farms, and reviews of the accounting practices and of the distribution of the Fair Trade Premium funds. The FT Premium is money above the fair price which is paid to farmers. The premium goes to the cooperative and the members vote to use it for community needs. Clean water, improved education, better access to healthcare, training in organic and environmental practices and scholarships to university, are some of the areas supported by the premium.

The biggest take-away for me is that here in the US, each of us needs to choose Fair Trade whenever we can and ask for more Fair Trade. FT does make a difference in the lives of those in poverty in the Global South. Fair Trade is also better for the planet and better for us, as the products are grown with organic methods. Fair Trade may indeed cost somewhat more, but it is the right thing to do for us as people of faith. So, resist the temptation to buy those 39 cents/lb bananas at Kwik Trip and get those Fair Trade Organic fruits for \$1.09/lb. Join me in supporting Fair

### **ALSO—**

Margo is showing her trip photos and talking to a number of Mankato congregations and we are pleased to have her share with us at St. John's on May 13 following the 10:30 service.

It is also **WORLD FAIR TRADE SUNDAY**, so you can enjoy her talk with Fair Trade coffee and treats, too.



## Sunday School

### May Teacher's Schedule:

Preschool: Lisa Westberg

K-2nd grade: Jolly Corley

3rd-5th grade: Amanda Mackie

### Spring Teacher's Meeting:

May 6th after the 10:30 service. We will be planning the end of the year celebration for Sunday School and talking about next year, too. All adults interested in teaching and/or parents are invited to come.

### OMG (Our Mighty Group):

This is a *new youth group* that has been formed in fellowship with Holy Communion Episcopal Church and Union Presbyterian Church both of St. Peter. We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Supper will be served at 5:30 and activities, bible study, fun time from 6-7pm. The meetings place will be rotated between the three churches on a monthly basis with Union holding the meetings in May on the 2nd and 16th. The group activities are geared towards 7th-12th graders, but elementary children are also welcome to join in the fun!!

### End-of-the-Year Sunday School Celebration

May 20th after the 10:30 service, we will be celebrating our youth with cake and presenting the children with a special gift for participating in Sunday School.

## Adult Education Hour

Between April 29 through May 20, Chris Corley will be leading the adult education hour. The topic will be The Crusades (1095-1204). Come learn about this extraordinary series of events in world history. No homework and no tests.

## Graduation Shout Outs!

- **Maggie Druschel** will graduate from the University of Vermont on May 20th with a major in Political Science and a minor in Community Development. (Steve, Margo and her brother, Henry, will all be there!) She will remain in Burlington for the summer, continuing her work with African refugee children in a Nutrition and Sustainable Farming Program. After that, she will either move to Boston or Washington DC. She has applied for an amazing Internship with Sojourners in DC and will hear by May 15th if she has been selected.
- It's been three years of juggling classes, family and lots of volunteer commitments but Saturday, May 5, **Jolly Corley** will receive her Masters of Science in Educational Leadership from Minnesota State Mankato. Congratulations and Way to Go, Jolly!

*Share the good news! E-mail Betty Winkworth at [jbwink@charter.net](mailto:jbwink@charter.net), or call 387-7170.*

# Lay Ministry Schedule

	8:00 AM SERVICE	10:30 AM SERVICE
<p><b><u>May 6</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Bobbie Seberson, Cathie Neitge Stephen Deeren</p> <p>Anderson</p>	<p>Mary Yurek, L Peterson, Peter Poulos Meg Stump, John Paul Nickie VanStelten, Gerry Schneck Ryan Wiehr Nora Lybeck, Elizabeth Paul Johnson</p>
<p><b><u>May 13</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Margo Druschel, Steven Druschel Stephen Deeren</p>	<p>P Poulos, L Peterson, Jordin Johnson Audrey Splinter, Ray Splinter Karl Mundell, Pam Bartholomew Eric Westberg Ambry Brave Heart, Nora Lybeck May/ Larson</p>
<p><b><u>May 20</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Cathie Neitge, Leslie Peterson Stephen Deeren</p>	<p>Joan Hertel, Ann Clark Ryan Wiehr Ronan Corley, Cyrus Brave Heart Yurek</p>
<p><b><u>May 27</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson, Judy Anderson Bobbie Seberson, Steve Druschel Stephen Deeren</p>	<p>Peter Poulos, Ginny McNear, C Black John Paul, Andrew Westberg Karl Mundell, Nickie VanStelten Eric Westberg Jonah Westberg, Ambry Brave Heart Mackie</p>

As always, if you are unavailable on your scheduled date, please make your own substitutions and inform the Church Office at [stjohns@hickorytech.net](mailto:stjohns@hickorytech.net) no later than the Wednesday prior. That way we can be sure to include the right list of servers in our Weekly Evangelist and we can send the service reminder to the right person! Thanks!



## Altar Guild in May

8:00 a.m. Judy Anderson

10:30 a.m. Nickie VanStelten and Jordin Johnson

Monthly meeting Thursday, 5/31/12 at 9 am

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.



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