

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—

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Agnus Day

TO COMMEMORATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION, WE'VE PRODUCED THIS COMIC STRIP ON AN ACTUAL GLUTENBERG PRINTING PRESS.

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Many Thanks To Our Liturgical Ministers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Gordon & Reeve Cumming by Denise Cumming.

930am:

Greeter: Candace Black

Lectors: Margo Druschel, Steve Druschel

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Bartholomew, Gerry Schneck

Acolytes: Ryan Wiehr, Jonah Westberg

Coffee Hour: Reisdorf/Kramer

Dishwashing Angel: VanStelten

Altar Guild: Bobbi Hovren, Mary Babcock, Jordin 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 rasplinters@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

Pentecost 21 & Reformation Sunday

29 October, 2017

What's Going On This Week

Today, Pentecost 21

830a—Choir Rehearsal

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

1045a—Liturgy Team Meeting

Wednesday:

10a—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners Committee Meeting

Thursday:

6p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners

Presentation: Allen Eskens, local author

Friday:

2p—Mankato Area Lifelong Learners

Presentation: Capitalism

Next Week, Pentecost 22

Sunday:

830a—Choir Rehearsal

930a—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel (during sermon)

For complete details visit the St. John's Website:

<http://stjohnsmankato.org/calendar>

Becoming the Beloved Community!

Hello all:

For the next month we will be exploring together during Sunday worship what it means for us to be the Beloved Community.

As you may know, our patron, St John the Evangelist, is also known as "the Beloved Disciple." John was both loved by Jesus and a solid proponent of loving others. So, the name Beloved Community really fits

us. But what does it mean to BE a beloved disciple? The exact term "Beloved Community" was coined by Dr. Martin Luther King who used it to describe his own vision for a world marked by justice, equality and compassion.

In our case, my goal in leading us on this November journey is for us all to recognize these two facts:

1. That we at St. John's and in our individual lives are indeed becoming and modeling that Beloved Community for the whole world.
2. And in order to make that dream, **God's Dream**, a reality, we need resources - YOUR time, YOUR talent and specifically YOUR treasure.

In a few weeks you will be receiving a letter with a pledge card for 2018, our prayer is that you will return it to the church by the end of November with an indicated amount (and an increase!) to your weekly giving to St. John's. In the meantime here is a brief schedule of each Sunday's emphasis.

Oct 29th - **Telling the truth:** Who are we? What have we done and left undone regarding racial justice and healing?



Offering Update

*Offering Needed Each Week.....\$3,599
Offering Collected Last Week.....\$1,267
*Offering Needed Year-to-Date.....\$151,158
Offering Collected Year-to-Date.....\$128,008
**Amounts to meet budgeted expense totals*

Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of October, please pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world and for the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Episcopal Church USA, and the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop. (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

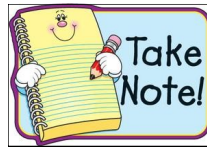
St. John's Prayer List

For those in need: Jim, Paul, Vi, Amy, Andy, Ann, Eric, Carrie, Jason, John, Jamie, Kate, Julie, Nick, H., Donna, Barbara, Eric, Sheryl, Alex, Tom, Karl, John, Peter, Justin, Jan, Carol, Steven, Tom, Danielle, Sawyer, Phil, Cindy, Dave, Libby, Colby, Karla, Bobbie, Jonathan, Helen, Gary, Karen

For Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Check out st. John's WEBSITE at:
<http://www.stjohnsmankato.com>
calendar, updates, pictures and more!



Choir Rehearsal today
(Sunday, Oct 29) @
8:30am!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

TODAY: Sunday, October 29—the **Liturgy Team** will meet after church in the Conference/Vestry Room to plan for Advent and Christmas liturgies.

NEXT SUNDAY: November 5, as on all 1st and 3rd Sundays, all younger members are invited to join in **Children's Chapel** during the sermon time.

Rummage Sale Update: The ECW Rummage Sale brought in \$645.00. **Thanks** to all who contributed and worked so hard!

Opportunities for Service

- **Lights!** As in previous years, your help is being requested by the Kiwanis with the local Holiday lights. Five volunteers 16 or older are needed on Saturday November 18th from 1-4 p.m. for general set up at Sibley Park. OMG youth will be decorating the Kiwanis tree after Church on Sunday, November 19th. Then, on opening night, Friday, November 24th, we need 8 volunteers who can meet at the park by 7:15 pm and work until 10:00 p.m. closing. Sign up sheets are available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and see Jordin Johnson if you have any questions.
- **Children's Chapel Leaders Needed!** Please sign up to lead Children's Chapel, a mini-program which happens during service (the sermon through the peace) the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.** Contact Jolly Corley 215 -518-6021, email jollycorley@hotmail.com with any questions!
- **Connections Ministry Update:** Additional Training times for Shelter Volunteers will be held on Nov. 7 from 6:30-8pm, and Nov. 9 from 6:30-7:30pm @ Crossview Covenant, 2000 Howard Drive, North Mankato. If you have already attended a training you do not need to attend again.

What's Happening Right Now?

- **Happy 500th birthday!** This coming Sunday is *Reformation Sunday* in many faith communities. Although not formally celebrated in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, we want to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation's beginning which changed the way many people "do church" in significant ways.
- **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** are selling \$5 coupon booklets for Herberger's Community Days Sale November 8 thru November 11. ECW keeps the full \$5 for its missions. Get your coupon booklet today from Bobbi Hovren or Ann McGuire.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** This Sunday will mark the beginning of a five week **Stewardship** emphasis at St. John's entitled "Beloved Community!" For the next several Sundays we will explore what it means to be the Beloved Community and how we foster, nurture and support that vision. Come journey with us, ... and bring your wallets, debit cards, and hands willing to work!
- **Episcopal Confirmation Call:** Are you or any folk in your household interested in confirmation in the Episcopal Church? **Please let Phil know by Sunday, November 3.** He will coordinate meetings among all confirmands and parents.
- **All Saints Celebration:** Mark your calendar now for **All Saint's Sunday on Nov 5th**. That Sunday we will mark the passing of our beloved dead and also begin our November Icon Festival. You can participate in two other ways in addition to being here! First, if you have a loved one you whom would like remembered during the service and have their name scribed in a book of remembrance, please let the church office know their names by Wednesday, Nov 1st by calling or emailing us. Second, please bring pictures of your beloved dead to church on Sunday, Nov 5th for carrying in procession and/or displaying among the other icons. These icons are generously on loan from the Rev, Keith Holmstad of Northfield, MN, noted Iconographer and ELCA

pastor. Keith will join us on Sunday, Nov 19th to share about his work.

- **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.
- **Gustavus Adolphus College Reformation 500:** Public events at Gustavus Adolphus College to commemorate Reformation 500 this month: *Sun. Oct. 29, 7:30 pm*, Christ Chapel-Vespers service will feature the Choir of Christ Chapel, handbells, brass and organ; *Mon., Oct. 30, 4:30 pm*, Beck Hall, room 311-Peter Marshall from the University of Warwick will lecture on "Martin Luther and the Invention of the Reformation;" *Tues., Oct. 31, 7:30 pm*, Christ Chapel-members of the Gustavus organ studio will present organ music from the Lutheran tradition. Also, on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Christ Chapel, a speaker series titled "The Ongoing Reformation (1517 – 2017): Lutheran Diversity Worldwide" focuses upon Lutherans in the global context. For info: <https://gustavus.edu/faith/reformation500.php>.

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November 5th- **Proclaiming God's Dream:** What does Beloved Community look like where I am? How can I share the stories?

November 11th- **Repairing the Breach:** How can / do I participate in the repair, restoration and healing of people, institutions and systems?

November 26th- **Practicing the Way of Love:** How can we grow as reconcilers healers and justice bearers? How can we prepare to seek relationship over dividing walls?

Please join me in praying over each of these topics. We will continue to explore these four truths in depth together throughout the coming months. But right now, in November, the month of Thanksgiving, your church leadership needs you to generously and increasingly thank God and share of the gifts so freely given to you.

More to come!

—Phil B.