



Summer Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m. through Sunday, September 11th

Fall/Winter Worship
**Please Note New Times Beginning September 18th **
Sundays 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Education 9:25 a.m.
Wednesday Summit Worship 7:30 p.m.

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**Summer Worship
Outdoors**

Join us for our final outdoor Sunday
Worship service on the church
grounds at 9am on August 14!



Rally Sunday
September 11th
Worship @ 9:00am

The staff of St. John's is here to serve you. Please don't hesitate to contact the church office at 952-445-5666 if you have any questions or concerns. If you are in need of pastoral care or have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office and you will be directed to Pastor Gary.

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Monday, Tuesday & Thursday,
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Wednesday, Closed – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

****Please contact the church office for specific prayer requests or if a home or hospital visit is needed.***

....From Pastor Gary Kinkel

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have passed the midway point of my first summer at St. John's. Kay and I are so blessed to be here among you. I love coming in the doors every day! I love gathering with you on Sundays to worship the living God! It is such a privilege to be called to feed the flock of God with God's Word and to become so closely involved in your lives in order to bring that Word near. There are still so many of you I desire to know better; many of you with whom I want to have a more personal and direct conversation. But we have to be patient (me included!), that just takes time!

Meanwhile, it is Jesus who has called us together into his mission and cause. It is Jesus who is in our midst, the Lamb of God, who in every circumstance is the most potent presence—whether we recognize him, or have faith in him, or not! It is Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One, who is on the move in the world for the sake of its healing and redemption. And his presence and grace, his saving and healing power—directly available to us through simple faith and prayer—means we do not have to reel in fear, lose our balance or perspective or reach in panic for possible self-generated solutions to the terrible things we see around us and which touch us. We hear of violence every day. There is injustice and evil that is both socially systemic and individual and personal. There is threat that is quite real. But no human project and no human person can save us. But the true and real Savior is in our midst and he is on the move. So we live not by fear but by faith. We live not by anger, or vengefulness, or even by the desperate attempt to get things under our control. It is enough to know that the Savior is in control and we are free to be faithful; to take a cross (a CROSS—instrument of cruel torture and death) and follow the One who once for all bore our sins to that cross and destroyed the power of death for us. We carry a cross and live by the same grace that saves us. For we know the secret that the world's healing lies neither in "greatness" nor in "power," not even in "safety" or "security," but rather in the humble One from Galilee, who is God forever, and in his way of life. Jesus is in our midst, in humble mystery, in grace and power, the Lord of Life. How might he use us (me) to touch the world with his gracious healing, redeeming, saving, transforming power?

It is that question that burns before us as we read and hear the news. It is that question that needs to inform our gathering together. And it is that question that sends us to our knees to ask: How can we know the Savior better? How can we grow more deeply into his life and grace? How can we live faithfully and bear witness to his truth and grace, to his presence and his future? Because we cannot give away what we do not have. We cannot share what we do not yet possess ourselves. Come be with us on Sunday mornings to be healed, to be forgiven, to be transformed and sent into the world for Jesus' sake!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary



During this past Lenten season, we reflected mid-week on readings and messages with the theme, "Open My Life, Lord." Participants were invited to color black and white weekly themes. Member and Council President, Sandy McCullough completed her Lenten coloring devotion and brought it in to share. It is a beautiful display of blessing; Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hands open to serve those you meet, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross. The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life + bless you now and forever. Amen.



This year's Vacation Bible School program, "God on the Loose", was enjoyed by 32 children! Thank you to the counselors from Green Lake Ministries and all the volunteers from St. John's that made this possible: teachers, helpers, decorations, housing, registration and food. Thank you!!!



CONFIRMATION NEWS!

Confirmation Class Registration

Welcome to a new Confirmation School year! **First night of classes for 7th, 8th and 9th graders is Wednesday, September 7th.** All students and families, please watch your emails for more registration information. Forms for all students should be returned to the church office by Sunday, August 28th.

Please complete and return the registration form that can be found in the gathering area by youth board and on the St. John's website, along with a check for \$45, payable to "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church". Scholarships are available for all students upon request. Any questions, please see Pastor Linda in the church office or by email.

Confirmation Orientation

Seventh graders and others new to confirmation will begin with a **Confirmation Orientation on Wednesday night, August 31st at 6:30 p.m.** Students and parents are invited and encouraged to attend the gathering. First class for all students and grades is Wednesday, September 7th.

Sunday School Teacher & Confirmation Small Group Leader Orientation

Please come **Wednesday, August 31st @ 7:45 pm** or **Thursday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm** for a getting ready session on Christian Education for the year at St. John's. All Sunday School teachers and Confirmation Small Group Leaders new and old are encouraged and invited to attend. Please mark your calendar! Questions, please contact Pastor Linda in the church office.

Volunteers are still needed for the 2016/2017 Sunday School year!

- Team Teacher for 3 yr olds
- Team Teacher for 1st Grade
- 2 or more to form a teaching team for 3rd Grade
- 2 or more to form a teaching team for 4th Grade
- Interested being on an "on-call" volunteer? Looking for individuals to be on the Substitute Teaching list.

Interested, contract Linda Anderson via email lindamanderson4664@gmail.com
or by phone 952-358-1083 (after 6 p.m. please).



Sunday School Supplies Needed

As you are out and about this summer buying school supplies, please keep St. John's Sunday School in mind!

Our wish list is: Construction Paper, Glue Bottles, Glue Sticks, Bubbles, Paint Doppers,
Colorful Tissue Paper, Clear Contact Paper, Washable Ink Pads, Stickers,
Trinkets, bookmarks, or small toys for the birthday basket - grades 3 - 6th
Small Stuffed animals for birthday basket: 3yrs- 2nd grade

OWLS (St. John's Older, Wiser, Lutheran Seniors)

Starting in September we will again meet on the
first Wednesday of each month at 10am.

Please invite other members or friends
to join us for these meetings.

OWL are welcome!

For questions call Del at 952-412-4917.



LOAVES AND FISHES

Our next free community meal will be served on
Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016.

Volunteers are still needed and all are welcome.
Please contact Renee Lea at 952-890-0201.

Musicals with A Mission 2016-2017 Season!



THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER — DECEMBER 2016

"Hey! Unto you a child is born!"

Meet the Herdmans--they lie, cheat, and love to give clonks on the head. They are, without a doubt, the worst kids in the history of the world. So no one is prepared when this outlaw family invades church one Sunday and decides to take over the annual Christmas pageant.

None of the Herdmans has ever heard the Christmas story before. Joseph, Mary, the baby Jesus--it's all news to them. So they're convinced that the Wise Men should bring pizza and that the Angel of the Lord is straight out of a comic book. Everyone worries that this year's pageant will be horrible (just like the Herdmans!), but they are sure to make it the most unusual anyone has seen and, just possibly, the best one ever.

Adapted from the beloved novel of the same name, this sparkling picture-book version is perfect for younger children. They will delight in the antics of the terrible Herdmans, who surprise everyone when they capture the true meaning of Christmas.

AUDITIONS: MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST 5PM-9PM AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD 7PM-9PM (CALLBACKS)

***REHEARSALS BEGIN SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH @ 4PM

REHEARSALS: SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AND TUESDAY EVENINGS

PERFORMANCES: DECEMBER 9TH -11TH



SISTER ACT: THE BROADWAY MUSICAL — MAY 2017

When disco diva wannabe Deloris Van Cartier sees her gangster boyfriend Curtis Shank commit a murder at the grungy club where she's performing, she reports the crime to the police and is placed in the witness protection program. Disguised as a nun named Sister Mary Clarence, she is placed in the convent of the Holy Order of the Little Sisters of Our Mother of Perpetual Faith, where she finds herself up against the rigid Mother Superior. Deloris uses her singing talent to inspire the other nuns to create a more contemporary choir, and they become the hit of the community. Word of their success reaches Curtis and his mob, who arrive on the scene to settle their score with Deloris and find themselves battling not only her, but a gang of feisty nuns and the Mother Superior as well. It tells the story of spreading God's word through a contemporary format, forgiving one another and helping others through difficult times!

AUDITIONS: SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH 1PM-6PM AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH 6PM-9PM (CALLBACKS)

***SIGN UPS BEGIN DECEMBER 1ST AT musicalswithamission.com

AGES: GRADES 3 - ADULT

REHEARSALS: SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AND TUESDAY EVENINGS

PERFORMANCES: MAY 10TH - MAY 17TH

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2016

Council Members Present: Sandy McCullough, Jim Hime, Mollie Viola, Nancy Berndt, Patti Hayer, Renee Lea, Pastor Gary Kinkel, and Pastor Linda McPeak

Council Members Absent: Erik Allen and Mark McGraw

Meeting called to order: Sandy McCullough, President @ 7:06

Visitors: DaWayne Gerhman and Dianne Randolph – Dianne and DaWayne discussed with council the future plans and concerns for next spring's MWAM production.

Devotions (Scripture and Prayer): Pastor Gary Kinkel – Acts 1:9-14

Old Business:

- *Renee Lea/Nancy Berndt:* Motion to approve council agenda: *Carried*
- *Previous council meeting minutes were approved earlier via email.*
- There was no treasurer's report as Erik Allen was unable to attend.
- **Lay Ministry Team Report** – Renee Lea gave a report on the status of the Lay Ministry Team. Council discussed strategy on how to encourage more congregational participation.
- **Church Directory Update** – Nancy Berndt reported 128 families participated in photographing for the church directory. Directory layout is in progress.
- **Rally Sunday** – Council agreed to have a Ministry Fair at Rally Sunday. All church groups and committees will be contacted to see if they want to have a table to present their ministries.

New Business:

- **Council Role In Congregational Leadership** – There was discussion on council's role in the church.
- **Staffing Matters** – There was a short discussion on staffing needs. Additional discussion will need to occur at a later time when the full council is present.
- **Needs of Scott County** – A short discussion on how St. John's could be of assistance to the needs of Scott County. Discussion included possible re-engagement in the FISH network.
- **General Purchasing Practices** – Topic was tabled for the next meeting.
- **Stewardship** – Topic was tabled for the next meeting.
- *Pastor Linda McPeak/Renee Lea:* Motion to approve up to \$150 from the Worship Expense line of the budget for the purchase of three communion kits: *Carried.*

Patti Hayer/Renee Lea: Motion to Adjourn: *Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Hime, Church Secretary

AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:00 PM MWAM Auditions 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting	2 3:00 or 5:00PM Loaves & Fishes 7:00 PM Stewardship Renewal Team	3 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM MWAM Callbacks 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	4 7:00 PM AA*	5	6 9:00 AM AA *
7 9:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Hispanic Church 4:00 PM MWAM Rehearsal	8	9 7:00 PM MWAM Rehearsal	10 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	11 7:00 PM AA*	12	13 9:00 AM AA *
14 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship 12:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal 1:00 PM Hispanic Church 5:30 PM Luther & Lager	15	16 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM MWAM Rehearsal	17 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	18 7:00 PM AA*	19	20 9:00 AM AA * 1:00 PM Hispanic Church Event
21 9:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	22	23 7:00 PM MWAM Rehearsal	24 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	25 7:00 PM AA*	26	27 9:00 AM AA *
28 9:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	29	30 7:00 PM MWAM Rehearsal	31 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation Orientation 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:45 PM Christian Ed Teacher/Leader Orientation			

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The Mission of St. John's
Called as children of God
Comforted and **Challenged** by the Holy Spirit
Committed to serve **Christ** in the world