



Worship Servants

RUGS Team

Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Servers

Altar Team

Communion Preparation

Beginning in October leaders for the Worship Servants will be preemptively scheduling worship servants for Sunday mornings. Using the lists of people who have already signed up for the RUGS Team (Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Servers) and the Altar Team (communion preparation), team leaders will fill in names for any open slots. Those team members who have signed up for specific dates and duties will keep their slots. The automated Sign-Up.com is still available for those who wish to commit to specific dates. Also, Sign-Up.com will remind and notify team members when they are scheduled. A schedule for the upcoming week will also appear on the announcement sheet in the worship folder. Keep an eye on your email and the announcement sheet for your opportunity to serve at St. John's.

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Worship Schedule

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

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

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12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Wednesday, Closed – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

....From Pastor Gary Kinkel

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At the end of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, the prophet declares:

***The LORD is the everlasting God...
[The LORD] does not faint or grow weary;
[The LORD's] understanding is unsearchable.
[The LORD] gives power to the faint,
And strengthens the powerless...
Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
They shall rise up with wings like eagles...***

Here at St. John's we are in the ground stages, the early beginnings, of renewal. We are laying the necessary foundation. This foundation includes giving up our own strength and relying on God's; laying down our own will and being caught up in God's; setting aside our own ways and ideas and following in God's; surrendering our desires in favor of discerning God's. God's will, God's desires, God's very heart is known and available to us through Jesus Christ, in his suffering, death and resurrection. So hearing good preaching is part of the foundation, too. Faith, hope and love, which follow from good preaching, are necessary to the foundation.

Seeking the LORD, we believe we are being renewed. It is a new day and a new beginning! And being renewed, we are going to rise up! St. John's is on the verge of rising up like a mighty eagle in the strength and grace of God. Oh, how we want you to be renewed and rise up with us! We want you to experience new life, new excitement and new vitality of faith. We want you to catch the wind of God's Spirit among us. But each of us, and all of us together, have to begin at the beginning. Each one of us, and all of us together, are called to seek the LORD, the LORD's grace and strength, the LORD's presence and guidance, the LORD's voice. As Paul Holmer once wrote, "After all, seeking God with one's whole heart is no joke, especially if that is the only way to find [God]."

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning as we seek the LORD together and learn more and more to love one another in the LORD. Please make a point of being there so that you, too, can be part of St. John's renewal and rising. If you want to see me or talk to me, please do not wait for Sunday morning! Stop by the church, or give me a call. Invite me to your house. All of these work! Isaiah wrote (Isaiah 41:17-20) that this is what the LORD says:

***When the poor and needy seek water...
I will open rivers in the bare heights...
I will make the wilderness a pool of water...
I will set in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle and the olive...
So that all may know that the hand of the LORD has done this,
The Holy One of Israel has created it.***

The LORD is on the move at St. John's and we are about to rise up!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary

You Have an Opportunity!

John 17:3 reads, "This is eternal life: to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." This is the watchword and reason for being for a new group I am trying to form at St. John's. Do you want deeper life with God? Do you want to experience and know eternal life right now—in the midst of the trials of the present? Do you want to learn discernment, in order to gain skill in seeing and noticing the work and presence of God all around you? Do you long for peace and real joy? Do you want to know God? If your answer to any of these questions is, "Yes," then this group is for you. Please join me, pastor Gary. Day and time to be determined.

....Farewell from Pastor Linda McPeak



Dear Members and Friends of St. John's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the loving farewell reception on Sunday, September 18th. I was moved by the words and gestures of thanks and shared ministry. Your gift card to Fleet Farm offers exciting possibilities for our new home and I am so pleased to know that ELCA Good Gifts is also being supported through a farewell gift. I am grateful and deeply appreciative for all of you and the many ways we connected over the years. Thanks be to God!

My hope is that we will discover some amazing things about ourselves and God upon my departure from St. John's and move to Houston, MN with my husband this week to be pastor at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Almost immediately we will begin to discover that I will no longer be able to relate to you in the same way as I previously have as your associate pastor when I was daily active and present in the congregation's life and Sunday worship. I won't be in a position to provide pastoral care or talk about church business or perform baptisms or preach, teach and serve with members. Nor will I be able to answer questions about youth trip logistics, confirmation, or help church leaders discern ministry issues they're facing. After working so closely with the congregation in that capacity for the last five years, shifting out of that role will be difficult for both of us.

Continue to love your pastors as much as you love me. It will be your best affirmation that my ministry with you was healthy, strong and enduring. It has been my main prayer in this ministry to deepen your commitment to Jesus Christ, his church and his mission, and to know you belong, to live this out will be the best tribute to me and my ministry.

The many glimmering traces of God's presence during my time at St. John's have made me a better person, mother, spouse, pastor and Christ-follower. Those glimmering traces of God's presence have shaped and will continue to shape all of you to be the loving and passionate people God calls you to be.

And while there is no guarantee that any of us will ever see each other again in our mortal life, I do believe the glimmering traces of God's presence will forever connect us and forever illuminate the separate paths we travel to do the work of Christ.

God be with you. Farewell.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Linda McPeak



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

The St. John's Seniors (OWLS) will meet on **Wednesday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m.**

Kay Kinkel will be our guest speaker. As we age we often experience change, loss and grief. We have health problems, sometimes loss of energy, sometimes memory loss, retirement and people close to us die, etc. etc. Kay's presentation will focus on positive steps we can take in the response to our many aging changes. People usually like to stay in their own home as long as possible and she will address these needs.

Kay is a Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW) who is currently working as a Care Coordinator with seniors who are members of the state health plans Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) and Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) in Hennepin County. She meets with her clients to do health risk assessments, recommends equipment or services to help improve their quality of life, and does the follow up work of completing the government paperwork and ordering the equipment and services. She will talk to our group about how seniors can qualify for these programs, the services and equipment that are available through the programs, and simple tips that can help seniors live more safely and more fully.

Please invite your friends and relatives to join you for this "one time" special presentation. Coffee and treats will be served. We will share a good time together! For additional info call Del at 952-4124-4917. **OWL are welcome!**

Musicals with a Mission

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!"

Performances: Friday, December 9th @ 7pm
Saturday, December 10th @ 1pm & 4pm
Sunday, December 11th @ 10:30am worship

Charity: Feed My Starving Children

If you have any questions, contact Kari Vaupel at theatreind@gmail.com.



LOAVES AND FISHES

Our next free community meal will be served on **Tuesday, October 4th, 2016.**

Tim and Renee Lea will not be at Loaves and Fishes this month. However, any volunteers who wish to serve can show up at 5:00 p.m. on October 4th. Since we are on vacation, we asked the Loaves and Fishes organization to cook the meal. The meal is held at Saint Mark's Catholic Church on the 3rd street side. Enter the double doors near the Shakopee Community Assistance sign. There will also be a sign for Free Community Meal. If you like to cook, you could help with easy tasks at 3:00 p.m. Tim and I will resume Loaves and Fishes in November and we will be on vacation again in December. **Thank you for your help.**



Sunday School Singing Schedule

- **Little Lambs** (3yrs-2nd grade) @ 10:30am service
 - October 9th
 - November 13th
 - December 4th
- **Singing Shepherds** (3rd-6th grade) @ 10:30am service
 - October 16th
 - November 20th
 - December 11th

The Sunday School will continue to collect food for the **CAP Agency**. We have a goal of collecting a least 100 of each month's designated food or item requested. For the month of **October**, we are asking for **toiletry items**. We invite the entire congregation to participate. We will have a basket outside of the Sunday School office each Sunday and the children can also bring their donations to their Sunday School room.

A note from Council...

Finance Team Lead Report - September 2016 - Stewardship Update

A group of members have been meeting on a regular basis over the summer to discuss "Embracing Stewardship" by Charles Lane and Grace Pomroy as well as the current and future state of stewardship at St. John's. A stewardship table was presented at Rally Sunday to introduce the topic to the congregation. Plinko was available for kids.

Theme: Rise Up & Be Renewed!

Goals

- To secure the budget through the use of a response campaign and any additional funds will be used towards our missions.
- Kick start a capital campaign, which will be used to create a reserve for the boiler as well as other needed capital projects.
- Identify and revitalize current mission work as well as find additional opportunities to show God's grace.

Recommendations

The group would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Execute a response campaign.
 - a. Design a response card.
 - b. Introduce and share with the congregation in November and ask for their response.
 - c. Incorporate temple talks to have members share their experiences.
2. Create a narrative budget that accurately reflects how St. John's is living its mission of growing in faith together to celebrate and share God's grace with all people.

What we need from members of the congregation

- To share their stories of how they have seen stewardship at work at St. John's. Stories can be emailed to Mollie Viola at mollieviola@gmail.com.
- To join us for further discussions and input.

Any and all members are welcome to join these discussions!

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2016

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

Council Members Absent: All Present

Meeting called to order: Sandy McCullough, President @ 7:05

Devotions (Scripture and Prayer): Pastor Gary Kinkel – Acts 2:1-13

Recognition of Individuals: Kaitlin Rubash presented her youth program proposal that is intended to be implemented this fall at St. John's.

Old Business:

- *Mark McGraw /Eric Allen:* Motion to approve council agenda: *Carried*
- *Renee Lea / Mollie Viola:* Motion to approve July council minutes: *Carried*
- *Mollie Viola /Nancy Berndt:* Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: *Carried.*
- **Rally Sunday** – Discussed possible groups and ministries to be presented in the planned Ministry Fair.
- **Nominating Committee** – Discussed possible names for the nominating committee. Also it was stated that current council members who can serve an additional year need to make their intentions known by September as to whether they are interested in continuing an additional term.

New Business:

- **Council Role in Congregational Leadership** – Discussion occurred on the format and topics of the future council meetings and possible formation of additional sub-committees. More discussion is needed on establishing church mission
- **Stewardship** – Stewardship Working Group is meeting monthly and studying the book *Embracing Stewardship*. Looking to create a narrative budget that tells the story of St. John's. Next working group meeting is scheduled for August 30.
- **Fall Planning: Data Gathering Opportunities** – Pastor Gary stated he would be forming a strategic data gathering team.

Patti Hayer /Mark McGraw: Motion to Adjourn: *Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted: Jim Hime, Church Secretary

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Special Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2016

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

Council Members Absent: Mark McGraw and Pastor Linda McPeak

Meeting called to order: Sandy McCullough, President @ 7:17

Devotions (Scripture and Prayer): Pastor Gary Kinkel – Luke 15: 1-10

New Business:

- **Discussion of Next Step Regarding Associate Pastor Position** – The council discussed at length a variety of options suggested by Pastor Gary and the synod. The option the council accepted was to contract an interim half-time associate pastor with the intent to call a permanent half-time associate pastor in about a year.
Renee Lea/Erik Allen: Motion to contract an interim half-time associate pastor. *Carried*

Jim Hime/Nancy Berndt: Motion to Adjourn: *Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted: Jim Hime, Church Secretary

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 AM AA * 12:00 PM Hispanic Church
2 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School/ Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship & Kodet Baptism 12:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal 3:00 PM Hispanic Church	3 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting	4 5:00PM Loaves & Fishes @ St. Mark's Church 6:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal	5 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 PM Simple Supper 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM God Squad 6:30 PM HG Rehearsal 7:30 PM Summit Worship 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 PM AA*	7	8 9:00 AM AA *
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