



Rally Sunday September 11th

9:00 a.m. Worship Celebration

Join us following worship for a variety of fun activities for the whole family!

- Fellowship
- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sunday School Open House
- Service Project – Diaper Drive (bring size 6)
- Ministry Fair (with sign-up opportunities)
- Face Painting

Please consider bringing a snack or treat to share with others during the fellowship time following worship.

Bring a backpack or book-bag, and the student that goes with it from preschool to grad school, as we pray blessings upon a new year!

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Fall Worship Schedule

Beginning Sunday, September 18th

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.***

Rev. Gary Kinkel, Senior Pastor
Rev. Linda McPeak, Associate Pastor, Youth and Family Ministry
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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.

....From Pastor Gary Kinkel

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Summer has gone by quickly! But it has been eventful. At the top of the list of events is Pastor Linda's acceptance of a call to be the solo pastor of a congregation in Houston, MN. She has done good and faithful work here. Her ministry at St. John's has been an important mainstay during a time of transition. I am grateful for the generous and open way in which she received me. She has been tremendously helpful to me as I continue to find my way in a new congregation and its unique rhythms. I know there are many to whom she has given support, counsel and always prayer. As she leaves for Houston we send her with blessing and prayer for her new work and home. Together we say to Pastor Linda, "Go with God!"

Meanwhile, as we gear up for the fall, please be aware of two adult discussion opportunities. First, the ELCA is working toward a social statement regarding Gender and Justice. An important component of this involves congregational conversations of the issue. Beginning on September 18 there will be a discussion of the issues—using the ELCA resource. It will take place during the education hour between services. Sara Oliver will lead the discussion. We are still in the process of working out where it will meet. But it is your opportunity to engage with others, to grow by hearing what others think—and how they think—and to let your voice be heard on the issues. Please consider being a part of this important process.

The second opportunity will take place simultaneously with the first (again, the exact space to be determined). The second will be a discussion and engagement with the book, *Reading the Bible with Martin Luther*. Both of these adult discussions will happen over a matter of weeks, or perhaps months. But the general plan is to complete these by about Advent and then plan a new set of adult discussions to span the winter and spring.

Taking part in such a discussion is not only a chance to grow in understanding. It is also a good chance to get to know other St. John's members better and to let them know you. It is an opportunity to make new friends and connections and to be drawn more deeply into the lives of sisters and brothers in Christ. I sure hope we get to see you in one or the other. If there is something you would like to see discussed, please let me know!

See you Sunday mornings!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Gary

DESIRE A DEEPER LIFE WITH GOD?

You are invited to be on the ground floor of a new thing at St. John's! It will be a small group (if there are too many people we will divide into multiple groups). This group will gather in confidentiality to share the "true state of our hearts," our struggles and joys, and as we share we will support each other and pray for each other. We will learn together to refer all things to God and to understand ourselves and each other in light of God's love. We will seek to experience God's love. This is not a study group. The goal is not really education. The goal is real communion with God and growth in godliness. The time and place to be determined by what works best for the group.

Let Pastor Gary know if you are interested!

....From Pastor Linda McPeak

August 22, 2016

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

After much prayer and reflection, I am resigning my position as Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church. After thoughtful and prayerful discernment of my pastoral skills, dependable strengths and leadership, I have decided to accept a call to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Houston, MN of the SE MN synod of the ELCA. My last Sunday at St. John's will be Sunday, September 18, 2016. I will be using vacation during the week of September 12th.

I am ever grateful for the five years that God has called me to serve first as your youth minister and for the last 3 ½ years your pastor. I am extremely grateful to all of you for your partnership in ministry here in this place. I have always appreciated your love, your passions, and your willingness to give of your time and talents to further God's mission. Finally, I will never forget the ways you have welcomed me into your individual lives as you shared yourselves with me and entrusted me with your joys and sorrows.

I am leaving this congregation feeling excited and confident that you in partnership with Bishop Ann Svennungsen, her staff and Senior Pastor Gary Kinkel will be blessed in your own transition. St. John's will continue to discern what God is doing in this place, where God is leading you in mission, and where God is working in and through each of your lives.

I continue to pray and give thanks for each of you, asking God to continue to strengthen and lead the people of St. John's into the future. We shared in a common mission: to call all people to a vibrant life of faith in Christ. For this I say, thanks be to God!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Linda McPeak

**Join us for a Farewell Reception in honor of Pastor Linda on
Sunday, September 18th @ 4:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.**

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, September 4th.

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.

Sunday School Teacher & Confirmation Small Group Leader Orientation

Please come on **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.

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

We are soon ready to kick off our next season – 2016 & 2017. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m.** We will meet in the library at church. In both September and November, we will have an opportunity to learn about the Psalms and do a study on some of them. If you have a Psalm you would like to learn more about, bring your suggestion to Pastor Kinkel or Del. It will be "fun" to study the Psalms! As usual coffee and snacks will be served. Please invite your friends to join us for these gatherings. If you have any questions, feel free to call Del at 952-4124-4917. See you on the 7th! **OWL are welcome!**



LOAVES AND FISHES

Our next free community meal will be served on **Tuesday, September 6th, 2016.**
Volunteers are still needed and all are welcome. Please contact Renee Lea at 952-890-0201.

New High School Youth Group – "GOD SQUAD"

Attention incoming high schoolers 10-12th grade!

There's a new youth group just for you here at church!

It is called **God Squad** and we will be doing Bible studies, service projects, and fun activities together!

Add us on Snapchat or Twitter @StJohnsgodsquad!

Our first bible study will be **Wednesday, September 7th @ 8:15 pm** at the Caribou Coffee on Heather Court.



Money Counter Volunteers Needed

The St. John's Money Counting Ministry is in need of two volunteers to join their team to count money after the Sunday morning worship services. This would require your time usually for only one Sunday a month. A basic level of experience of Excel is a plus! Please see Sarah Baumgartner for more information at 952-913-2677 or sarah.a.baumgartner@gmail.com.



Musicals with a Mission

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!"

Rehearsals: Sunday afternoons & Tuesday evenings

Performances: December 9-11

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



News from the Sunday School Office...

We are excited to start another Sunday school year! Our Sunday School open house will be on Rally Sunday, September 11th following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Come meet your teacher and see your classroom!

It's not too late to register for Sunday School! Registration forms can be found on the church website and at the Youth bulletin board at church. Please turn in your forms (or you can mail them) to the church office.

Volunteers needed for Sunday School music time:

La la la laaaaaa! Little Lambs and Singing Shepherds are in need of some musically inclined people to assist with their music time, which happens between services each Sunday during the school year. If you can help lead songs and/or encourage participation, we would love your help (and you don't need to commit to every Sunday - even if you can be a backup person, that would be great!)

Contact Brian Johnson 952-688-7833 or brian@brianjohnson.tv.

A note from Council...

Grace and peace to all those working in God's church. Here is a brief outline of some projects that St. John's council is leading at this time.

- It is September and the Spiritual Formation team is busy building a family of teachers, staff, and students for the Sunday school year. They are collecting registrations for Sunday school and planning for an open house event on Rally Sunday. Registration for the confirmation program is also open, and plans for Wednesday night simple suppers, small groups, and Summit Worship are taking shape.
- In a joyful collaboration between the Finance and Spiritual Formation teams, the Stewardship Team meets each month to learn, plan, and pray together regarding stewardship at St. John's.
- The Properties and Management team is collecting bids on a project to replace some nonfunctioning ballasts in the older part of the building.
- The Social Concerns team leads the Loaves and Fishes meal each month, feeding as many as 100 plus people at the St. Mark's cafeteria. They are also working to build a network of volunteers to support our worship servant opportunities.
- The council held a special meeting in August to learn of Pastor Linda's call to Cross of Christ Lutheran in Houston, MN. The council shared her joy in this new phase in her ministry, and expressed their sadness in her leaving St. John's. The council will be in constant conversation in the next few months regarding next steps in staffing and ministry.

Thank you for supporting the council as they seek to learn and grow as followers of Christ.

Sandy McCullough, Council President

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2016

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

Council Members Absent: Patti Hayer and Pastor Linda McPeak

Meeting called to order: Sandy McCullough, President @ 7:03 pm

Devotions (Scripture and Prayer): Pastor Gary Kinkel – Acts 1:15-26

Old Business:

- *Renee Lea/Mark McGraw:* Motion to approve council agenda: *Carried*
- *Nancy Berndt / Renee Lea:* Motion to approve June council minutes: *Carried*
- *Mark McGraw /Mollie Viola:* Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: *Carried.*
- **Church Directory Update** – The new Church Directory will be available at the end of September.
- **MWAM Update** – Next spring's musical dates are set for the second weekend of May, 2017.
- **Rally Sunday** – The Rally Sunday date was set for September 11. A query was sent to all church groups and committees to invite them to present their ministries.
- **Nursery Note** – Discussed nursery items needed and paint for the nursery area.

New Business:

- **Council Role In Congregational Leadership** – It was decided monthly committee reports will be restarted with one committee per month reporting.
- **General Purchasing Practices** – Discussed establishment of a process for purchases. Eric Allen will look into an approval form system and will report back.
- **Staffing Matters** – Discussion moved to a future executive committee only meeting.
- **Stewardship** – Stewardship Working Group is meeting monthly and studying the book *Embracing Stewardship*. More discussion is planned on the topic when Pastor Linda returns.
- **Fall Planning** – Discussed vision on what is St. John's is now and what will it be ten years. Looking to collect data from the congregation and plan a volunteer pot luck night.
- **Leadership Seminar** – Council was encouraged to save the date of November 5, 2016 for a seminar called *Toolkit for Leaders* at Lord of Life Lutheran, in Maple Grove.
- **Loaves and Fishes** – Renee Lea reported that long term, there will need to be more help with regard to the heavy work that goes into this ministry.

Mollie Viola /Renee Lea: Motion to Adjourn: *Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted: Jim Hime, Church Secretary

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 PM Christian Ed Teacher/Leader Orientation 7:00 PM AA*	2	3 9:00 AM AA *
4 9:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Hispanic Church	5 LABOR DAY <i>(office closed)</i> 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting	6 5:00PM Loaves & Fishes @ St. Mark's Church	7 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 PM Simple Supper 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM HG Rehearsal 7:30 PM Summit Worship 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:15 PM God Squad @ Caribou (Heather Ct)	8 7:00 PM AA*	9	10 9:00 AM AA *
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Called as children of God
Comforted and **Challenged** by the Holy Spirit
Committed to serve **Christ** in the world