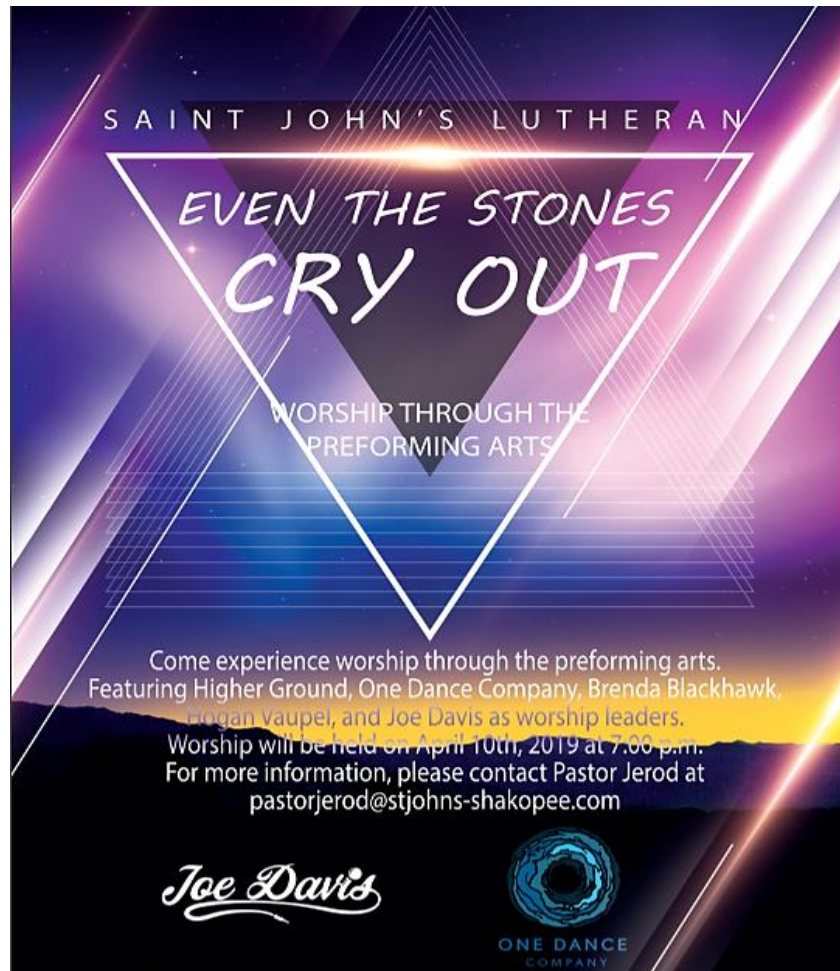


Join us for a special service on Wednesday April 10th @ 7:00pm



SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN

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CRY OUT**

WORSHIP THROUGH THE
PERFORMING ARTS

Come experience worship through the performing arts.
Featuring Higher Ground, One Dance Company, Brenda Blackhawk,
Hogan Vaupel, and Joe Davis as worship leaders.
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For more information, please contact Pastor Jerod at
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Holy Week Services

April 14th – Palm Sunday Worship

April 18th – Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm

April 19th – Good Friday Worship 7:00pm

April 21st – Easter Sunday Worship

From Pastor Gary Kinkel...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Easter draws near. During Holy Week we will recall and worship our way inside the climax of Jesus' Galilean and Judean ministries. The services and readings will remind us of the world's response to Jesus, to his way and his call. The powerful in both government and religion moved decisively and brutally against him. He was arrested, tortured, tried and crucified—a death reserved for political criminals against Rome. We are called to think deeply about what it means to believe and say that he was crucified for us [pro nobis]. What does it mean to say he died for me [pro me]? How does this death fit into God's work in and for the world? The New Testament has a good deal to say about these matters and it is there that we must seek the answers.

On the third day he destroyed the power of death. Death could not hold Jesus. God raised him up from the dust into which the powers of sin, death and the devil had crushed him. God shattered the power of these powers and brought Jesus out from the cold tomb, exalted him and gave him the Name above every Name so that every knee should bow before him for the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:9-11). Jesus is the Lord and Master of all things. He lives and he reigns over the universe. His way is God's way. This is the heart, the living core, the blazing fire at the center of the New Testament.

A convicted criminal was being led out to be hanged in 19th century England. A Church of England priest was telling him about these things, urging him to repent and cast himself on the mercy of the Savior before his final moment. The felon stopped in his tracks and said to the cleric, "Mister, if I believed all that about Jesus was the truth, I would crawl across England on broken glass to make sure that every person understood it."

There are some key questions to keep before our minds. Do you really believe "all that about Jesus" is the truth? How does that gain traction in your life? How does your way of living reflect and point to the truth about Jesus? If Jesus is the Lord and Master of all things, reigning in the universe, alive, present and available to you, how closely to him do you live? If you say you belong to him, do you share his sufferings (an important New Testament theme)? If you say you belong to him, does your giving match that confession; does your giving reveal that all you are and all you have belongs to him? If you say you believe "all that" about him, do you join the public gathering for worship, at which his Word is set forth? It is all too easy for our claim to belong to him, to love him, to follow him to be nothing more than pretty words that have no reality. They acquire reality when we begin to serve, to do the things that he says, to give all that we can for his cause and mission, to love with his love and to treat others with his grace. And that requires growth through regular engagement with him by hearing his Word preached.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary



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

OWLS – April Meeting

The OWLS will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Thanks to Paul Youngs for the very informative Q & A on financial giving in March. Joan Freeberg will be with us on April 3rd. She has titled her presentation "Leaning into Vocation". May's guest will be Brian Johnson. Brian is a legal hacker and will present a power point program on that topic. Brian, Amy and family are members of St. John's. Brian accompanies the Sunday School children and leads the music on Wednesday nights. Pastor Gary will be with us in June and that will round out the first half of our year. *OWL see you soon!*

For information call Becky Sexton 952-445-4002

A Note from the Treasurer on Discipleship at St. John's

Brothers and sisters in Christ we live in changing times. As we move along the timeline in early 21st century America, our society's values, beliefs, and priorities are evolving into something different. These changes are having a direct effect on the Church of God in America. As our lives become more consumed with the world around us, it seems God's Church has become less of a priority for many. But we must not forget that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is an unchanging message of hope to every generation and is the center of the church's mission in making Disciples of Christ regardless of the cultural changes going on around us.

Scripture teaches us that a church is a body of believers who follow Jesus Christ. Jesus taught us to love one another, to treat others as we want to be treated, to love our enemies, to remember the poor and to be humble servants like he was. Above all of these he wants us to seek him with all our heart, soul, and mind. His life on earth was his example to us on how we ought to be.

How then does that apply to St. John's? If we take Jesus' teachings to heart, then we should desire to take full advantage of all that our church offers. The celebration of God's grace and sacrifice should be something we look forward to every Sunday morning as it gives us the opportunity and blessing to seek him through worship and praise, the sacraments, and through God's spoken word. This time gives us the opportunity to serve others through helping in the preparation, execution, and cleanup of the service. It's also an opportunity to show our gratitude by giving back some of what God has given us so that the church may function.

And as members of this body we have the opportunity, both in and out of Sunday services, to love one another, to be friends with one another, to be supportive of one another, and to be literal friends of Christ as he described in the Gospel of John. I believe Jesus desires us to be a unified and socially connected outward looking group of friends that is centered on Christ and his mission and not inwardly focused on ourselves like the current cultural changes are pushing us to do.

I believe the St. John's body of Christ as a whole has earned the title of 'friend' for each of us. But I now must painfully tell you that this friend is currently in great need. Our church is suffering from neglect that we all have a part in. Our drop off in attendance, in serving, and giving has taken a toll. At our annual meeting in January the congregation approved the 2019 budget which relies on a 10% increase in giving over 2018. Not only did we not have this increase for the first two months of 2019, we saw our giving for this period down close to 38% from the expected level needed to sustain the approved budget. If this does not improve soon, painful choices will need to be made.

So, I am pleading with every member to please pray for your friend St. John's. Pray that God will open our hearts and minds to what he is doing and for the strength and faith to follow him in the direction he wants us to go. Pray that we might rely on God to provide the resources needed to fulfill his plan. Pray that God will show you how you personally may help in any of the areas of need. And finally, please pray that St. John's Lutheran Church will Rise Up and Be Renewed by the living God so that we may continue our long history of generosity and of carrying out Christ's mission for years to come.

Jim Hime, Council Treasurer

Wednesday Evening Lent Soup/Sandwich Meal & Services

Community Soup & Sandwich meal @ 6:00 p.m. with Lenten Worship @ 7:00 p.m. following

Confirmation Large Group Class with Pastor Jerod will meet @ 6:30 p.m. (will end just prior to Lenten service starting. 9th grade confirmation class will work on their stoles).

ALL are welcome to share in a meal and join us for worship on Wednesdays during Lent. Please see the schedule below for when your Sunday School or Confirmation class is scheduled to serve.

Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper Serving Donation Schedule:

- **April 3rd:** 7th and 9th Grade Confirmation students/parents
- **April 10th:** Church Council

Please Bring:

- 10-12 Sandwiches (meat & cheese, about one loaf) **OR** 1 dozen of bars or cookies

If you are helping with set-up, please arrive before 5:00 p.m.

Please have the food at the church between 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Students and parents should plan to help serve and clean up.

If you are interested in donating soup, please see the sign-up sheet in the kitchen or contact Janis Judd at jjudd@sacsschools.org

Confirmation Schedule

- 4/03:** The Ten Commandments
4/10: Confession
4/17: *NO Confirmation (Holy Week)*
4/24: End of Year Party
5/01: 9th Gr. Affirmation Meal & Rehearsal

Simple Supper Helper Schedule

- 4/03:** Lent - 7th & 9th Grade families
4/10: Lent - Church council
4/17: *NO Meal (Holy Week)*
4/24: Linda Anderson
5/01: Linda Anderson & 8th Grade students

Below is the schedule for worship helpers. Everyone will be helping once every couple of months.

**If you cannot be at your scheduled time, please reach out to your classmates to see if they will switch with you.*

8:15 Service	7-April	14-April	21-April	28-April
Cross Bearer	Sierra Nascene	Mitchell Blenkush	Noah Brown	Daniel Eckers
Acolyte	Olivia Hayer	Peter Swenhaugen	Alexis Schuler	Colby Hahn
Communion Server	Landon Vaupel	Hogan Vaupel	Cecilia Lemke	Kylie Hahn
10:30 Service				
Cross Bearer	Cannon Miller	Hailey Sauer	Jacen Skogrand	Nicholas Briggs
Acolyte	Kady McGraw	Jacob Radke	Lillian Allen	Brinley Garvey
Communion Server	Cameron Johnson	Josie Pond	Molly Anderson	Gabby Anderson

Spring Social Silent Auction Items



Spring Social is Friday, April 26th at Turtle's Social Centre

The social committee needs help in collecting gift cards, big & small ticket items, baskets and/or cash to purchase items for the silent auction and raffle.

Your help is needed to make this year a success!

Any questions, please contact Patti Hayer @ 612-723-9734.

Make it Stop!

(Rescheduled - this event got snowed out on February 10)

Sunday, April 28th from 5-7 PM

Beth Holger, Executive Director of The Link MN, and participants from their Passageways program will present a training they developed for the volunteers at last year's Super Bowl on how to recognize children and youth who are possibly being exploited and how to respond and assist them. A light supper will be served, and a discussion will follow about our continued involvement with The Link. **Attendees are invited to bring a donation of \$10 gift cards** (Subway, McDonalds, Target or Cub Foods) for The Link to use in their programming to assist homeless youth and those recovering from exploitation. A box will also be in the narthex of the church to collect cards from the congregation. **Youth and adults are welcome and encouraged to come and participate.**

For more information, please contact Pastor Jerod Freeberg at pastorjerod@stjohns-shakopee.com, Beth Johnson at baj16@outlook.com, or Kay Kinkel at kinkel4@msn.com.

To RSVP or request child care, contact Beth Johnson.

Sponsored by the Cherish All Children Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church



Easter Plants

I (we) would like to order _____ plant(s) to decorate our sanctuary for Easter services.

___ 6" Easter Lily	\$9.00 each	___ 6" Hyacinth	\$7.00 each
___ 6" Tulips	\$8.00 each	___ 6" Cyclamen	\$9.00 each
___ 6" Mums	\$8.00 each	___ 6" Azalea	\$14.00 each

Given by:

In memory:

(or) To Honor:

**Order forms can be found near front entrance of church and weekly worship folders.
Please turn in form and payment to the church office by Thursday, April 11th.**

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes - February 19th, 2019

Council Members Present: Pastor Gary Kinkel, Pastor Jerod Freeberg, Sandy McCullough, Jesse Rients, Kirsti Youngs, Scott Wilts, Aimee Johnson, Jim Hime, Paula Brennan

Council Members Absent: Jenny Pudwill

Visitors: Mark McGraw, Jodie McKie, Debra Rogers

I. Gathering

- A. Call to order: Sandy McCullough, President @ 7:03pm
- B. *Motion to approve agenda: Pastor Gary Kinkel/Scott Wilts; carried*
- C. Scripture and prayer: Pastor Gary Kinkel, The Council in the Word Acts 9:10-19

II. Discernment (New Business)

- A. Beacon/Families Moving Forward – Debra Rogers with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative gave an overview of the program which offers families experiencing homelessness hospitality, emergency shelter and support for stability. Beacon is a collaboration of currently 80 congregations committed to making sure people have a home. The Council unanimously agreed that St. John's will partner with Cross of Peace to aid in this effort. Cross of Peace staff provides training for volunteers. The next hosting week is in May.
- B. Sound board operator – Sandy McCullough suggests that this become a volunteer position filled by a team of at least 4 volunteers. This position was included in the budget at \$1,000. Altar Guild – need to build a group of volunteers to perform several duties including recording the service.

Motion to pay Mark McGraw \$1,000 now and \$1,000 when a volunteer group is identified. Pastor Gary Kinkel.

Motion amended to pay only \$1,000 in order to stay within budget and identify volunteers. Jim Hime; defeated

Motion to pay \$500 now and \$500 when volunteers are identified, covering 6 months, Jan. 27 – July 28. Aimee Johnson; defeated

Motion to pay \$1,000 the last Sunday in July. Pastor Jerod Freeberg/Jim Hime

Motion amended to pay Mark McGraw \$1,000 either following the last Sunday in July or when volunteers have been established to take his place. Sandy McCullough, President/Aimee Johnson; carried.

- C. Retreat date - Pastor Jerod will send a doodle invitation to determine best date.
- D. Stewardship -

III. Decisions (Old Business)

- A. Treasurer's Report – *Motion to approve, Aimee Johnson/Pastor Gary Kinkel; carried.*
Discussion of how Spring Social funds are distributed. Stewardship and Fellowship will partner for Spring Social.
- B. Motion to approve council minutes – approved by previous Council.
- C. Assign report for newsletter – Sandy McCollough will write report.
- D. Pastor Jerod – Mardi Gras celebration for students and families is Sunday evening, March 3, at St. John's.

IV. Sending

- A. Review action items established—next council meeting date is **March 19, 2019**
- B. Closing Prayer – Pastor Gary led us in the Lord's Prayer
- C. Adjournment - *Motion to adjourn, Jim Hime/Pastor Gary Kinkel; carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Brennan, Council Secretary

APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting 7:00 PM Gemeinschaft	2	3 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Lenten Worship	4 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	5 5:00 PM Ross/Plom Wedding Rehearsal	6 9:00 AM AA * 9:30 AM First Communion Workshop 1:00 PM Ross/Plom Wedding 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Band Rehearsal
7 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School/ Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	8	9	10 12:00 PM Bible Study 1:00 PM Quilters 6:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:15 PM Higher Ground 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	12	13 9:00 AM AA * 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Band Rehearsal
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21 Easter Sunday 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Adult Education <i>(No Sunday School)</i> 10:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM Hispanic Church 	22	23	24 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Simple Supper 6:30 PM Confirmation- Large/Small Group 6:30 PM Higher Ground 7:30 PM Worship 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	25 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	26 5:30 PM Spring Social @ Turtle's Social Hall 6:00 PM DeGia Piano Recital	27 9:00 AM AA * 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Band Rehearsal
28 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School/ Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship/Baptism 1:00 PM Hispanic Church 5:00 PM Cherish All Children Event	29	30				

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