

Vacation Bible School August 6th-10th hosted by Good Earth Village

The cost is \$30/student and registration ***is still open.***

Students going into grades K-6 are invited to participate.

This year's VBS program will run from 9:00am-4:00pm with the option for parents to drop-off students as early as 8:00am.

We hope that this makes it more convenient for working families to participate in this exciting opportunity.

You can register online at <https://goodearthvillage.squarespace.com/shakopee> and drop your checks off to the church office.

Please make checks out to St. John's Lutheran Church and include VBS in the memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerod at
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Closed – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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From Pastor Gary Kinkel...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I write to you from vacation. And as I write, Musicals with a Mission is performing *The Little Mermaid*. Summer programs are running. St. John's Vacation Bible School 2018 is about to launch. Shakopee's Wednesday evening Rhythm on the Rails is rolling. The weather is fine.

But, of course, it is the unavoidable way of the world that the present quickly slips away and becomes the past. Our days are fleeting. Our experiences are transitory. What we thought was solid deteriorates. That is why the psalmist, addressing the living God, says, "*My times are in your hand.*" (Psalm 31:15) Our times are in the hands of the Lord. We certainly cannot control them or hold onto them. Summer will soon be gone and autumn upon us. For some, the challenges of a new school year will rise up. For others, it will be a life change such as retirement, or a new job, or maybe a move. Our times rush past us and flow over and around us, and we cannot hold them or slow them down.

But in this transitory, crumbling life, in this world in which all things tend toward disintegration (entropy), there is one thing that is unchanging. There is one thing upon which we can always depend. There is one solid handhold to which we can cling. There is one immovable rock amid the shifting sands. Jesus said, "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but MY WORDS will never pass away.*" (Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33). Really, it is a matter of life and death.

As Bob Dylan once sang,
Are they lost or are they found?
Have they counted the cost it'll take to bring down
All those earthly principles they're gonna have to abandon?

It's a good question. It lies at the root of all our thinking about ourselves, all our priorities, all our judgments about what we should do or not do. The question of our basic orientation is of profound importance. But too many of us never ask it; never make it explicit. Are we growing deeply into the words of Jesus? Are we learning to live them out? Have we allowed ourselves to come under the discipline of practicing his words and his way? If we look closely, we will find that his words are actually quite different from many of the general impressions of him according to which most people live most of the time. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote long ago, that he was absolutely convinced that the key to the renewal of the Christian Church lay in hearing, taking seriously and learning to live the words of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). All other things change. But not that. "*Heaven and earth will pass away. But my words will never pass away.*"

We are connecting with him, calling to him and listening to him at St. John's every Sunday morning. It really is a matter of life and death. His words are the one eternal thing available to us in this world that is passing away. Please come join us!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary

From Pastor Jerod Freeberg...

Confirmation News!

Parents of Confirmation Students,

We are excited to announce the expansion of our Confirmation program to include students going into **6th grade**. For the next three years we will have four confirmation classes as we seek to reflect the change in the Shakopee School District. This means that we will confirm two classes in the year 2021. It also means that we are looking for **Confirmation Small Group Leaders** for both the sixth and seventh grade students. We prefer if Small Group Leaders make a three-year commitment and volunteer as a team of two, in case one of you has a conflict.

Confirmation will start on **Wednesday September 19th**, and registration is due Sunday August 26th. Additional registration information should be arriving to you via e-mail from our Volunteer Confirmation Coordinator Linda Anderson. Please join me in thanking her when you see her this fall and thank you for choosing to have your children participate in St. John's Confirmation program.

Looking forward to seeing you this fall!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jerod

Nominating Committee Seeks Council Candidates

The Nominating Committee seeks candidates to fill future openings on the church council. Three positions will need volunteers in February, but the nominating committee would like to find candidates who can attend council meetings this fall and prepare in advance. An important requirement of council members is to attend every meeting, on the third Tuesday of each month, and to feel the call to work as a servant in God's church.

- **Secretary.** The council secretary takes the minutes of council meetings and congregational meetings; prepares the minutes for the newsletter, council members, and official church records; and becomes familiar with the constitution and supports the president in upholding the constitution. The secretary is a member of the executive committee/officer of the church.
- **Treasurer.** The Treasurer receives and disburses funds as required by the congregation and/or the council; submits a monthly financial statement that can be compared against the budget; provides regular reports to the council and the members; prepares a forecasted budget for the coming year and reports to the congregation at the time of the annual meeting. The treasurer is a member of the executive committee/officer of the church.
- **Community Relations Team Lead.** This position guides the congregation in fellowship and community outreach and oversees the teams that are planning events and directing work in those areas. Committees and groups reporting to this team lead include evangelism, fellowship, social concerns, lay ministry, discipleship service teams, care team, OWLS, circles, and the Mom's group.

If you are interested in one of these positions, or know someone who would be suitable, please contact a Nominating Committee member: *Becky Sexton, Paul Youngs, Carmela Nascene, Sandy McCullough, Jim Hime.*





Summer Worship Hours

Sundays @ 9:00am through September 9th

Rally Sunday Worship & Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 9th

Worship @ 9:00am

Pancake Breakfast @ 10:00am

***Face Painting, Carnival Games and
Meet your Sunday School Teacher!***



St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes May 15th, 2018

I. Gathering

- A. The May 15, 2018, council meeting was called to order by Nancy Berndt at 7:04 PM. Council members Nancy Berndt, Shelley Gehrman, Erik Allen, Scott Wilts, Pastor Gary, and Pastor Jerod were present. Absent council members were Kathy Larson, Jenny Pudwill, and Aimee Johnson.
- B. Pastor Gary made and Shelley Gehrman seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- C. Pastor Gary led council through prayer and a continued study of Acts 7:9-23.

II. Discernment (New Business)

- A. Council Retreat Update / Executive Committee Meeting:
The Executive council may meet if there is a reason to do so. Any of the Executive Council members can request to have a meeting if there is an agenda item for the Executive Council.
- B. Endowment Committee:
An Endowment proposal was handed off to Erik (treasurer) for discussion next month.
- C. Spring Social Update:
Net proceeds from the Spring Social were \$15,132. Those proceeds will be used for WiFi downstairs, VBS camp and the Youth Gathering with the remaining funds to be deposited into the general fund. The proposed amounts were \$1000 for VBS, \$1500 for Youth Gathering, and \$5500 for WiFi. Pastor Jerod made and Pastor Gary seconded an amended motion from April council meeting minutes to approve the spending of \$1000 for VBS, \$1500 for Youth Gathering, and \$5500 for WiFi. Motion Carried as amended.
- D. Synod Assembly:
Pastor Gary shared that the Synod Assembly took place and three lay people from St. John's attended. Those three people were Renee Lea, Sandy McCullough and Kay Kinkel.

III. Decisions (Old Business)

- A. April Council Minutes:
Erik Allen made and Pastor Gary seconded a motion to approve the April council meetings. Motion Carried.
- B. Reports:
Due to the time constraint we skipped the Pastor's reports and team reports. Pastor Jerod was excited to be leaving for the Youth Gathering in the coming month.
- C. Treasurer:
Treasurer walked through budget. Expenses are coming in slightly under budget but all the rest is the same. We are on target to hit our budget for 2018. Scott Wilts made and Nancy Berndt seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion Carried.
- D. Newsletter Assignment:
Newsletter is due on May 20th.

IV. Sending

- A. Next council meeting is scheduled for June 19th, 2018.
- B. The meeting was closed with prayer.
- C. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	2 7:00 PM AA* 7:00 PM Hispanic Church	3	4 9:00 AM AA *
5 9:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	6 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School Day Camp 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting 7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Team	7 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School Day Camp	8 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School Day Camp 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	9 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School Day Camp 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA* 7:00 PM Hispanic Church	10 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School Day Camp	11 9:00 AM AA *
12 9:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM All Church Picnic @ Lion's Park 1:00 PM Hispanic Church 5:30 PM Luther & Lager	13	14	15 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	16 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA* 7:00 PM Hispanic Church	17	18 9:00 AM AA *
19 9:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	20 7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Team	21 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	22 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	23 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA* 7:00 PM Hispanic Church	24	25 9:00 AM AA *
26 9:00 AM Worship Outdoors 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	27	28	29 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	30 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA* 7:00 PM Hispanic Church	31	

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Committed to serve **Christ** in the world