

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER



St. John's Lutheran Church has been around for more than 150 years and has a long history of events, pastors and members throughout that time. One reason St. John's has been successful is due to the ability to keep Christ at the center while changing with the times.

Starting in January, each of you will receive an invitation to attend a discussion on the purpose of St. John's in the present and the future. Our goal is to get 100% of our members to provide feedback on the following topics:

- For what purpose does this specific congregation exist?
- What are we right now?
- And what does God call us to become in ten years? Twenty?

Don't worry these discussions will not be scary, painful, or boring. You will be grouped together with your friends, your community, your neighbors. There is no preparation for you to do, there are no wrong answers, we just need your thoughts and ideas!

So watch your email, the bulletin, and the Eagle for your invitation and please attend one of the discussions.

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 29th immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please mark your calendars.



SUNDAYS

8:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
9:25 AM EDUCATION HOUR
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAYS

7:30 PM SUMMIT WORSHIP

From Pastor Gary Kinkel...



Calling All Musicians!



A new calendar year is about to begin and it is time to be thinking and praying about some new things. If you play an instrument, guitars to be sure—but other instruments are welcome, too—I invite you to begin to pray and with God's help to envision new forms of worship music for St. John's. I already have two young men who are interested in playing percussion! So here is my question (and challenge?): Could you, would you, join me in forming a St. John's worship band? I will need LOTS of help, but together I think we can do it! If you want to be part of this in any way, **please let me know by January 15**. If you know someone who has musical gifts, urge them to contact me. You can call the church or my cell phone, 515-537-4412.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There is always much more to say than can be reduced to quick note. But that's all we have! So, I'll try to say several things—but all too briefly.

First, thank you to each person who so thoughtfully gave cards, treats and gifts at Christmas. You are so kind. I appreciate each one. Kay and I truly love being at St. John's. I have been here almost a year now, and love this congregation even more than when we began. We are getting to know each other a bit, though we still have a long way to go. I don't feel as though I know any of you as well as I would like to know you! We need to continue worshipping the Lord together, praying together, working together and being together and the knowing will come.

Please be on the lookout for discussion gatherings during the first part of 2017. This is very exciting! We are going to be reminding ourselves of what God's mission is, prayerfully considering together what St. John's role in God's mission might be (that is, why did the Lord call this particular congregation into being?), and under the direction of God's Spirit we will envision our future together (that is, what does St. John's need to become 10 years from now, 20 years from now?). With these things in view we can begin to form the paths, the actions, that will get us moving in the direction of the vision. But it is very important that we hear from everyone! So please participate in the group discussion when you are invited! The Team has been hard at work preparing the gatherings with you in mind!

At the same time, the Stewardship Team has also been hard at work. Be praying about the use of your time, your gifts and your material stuff for the Lord's mission and purposes. We will all be praying regarding this aspect of our life together. St. John's has powerful resources if we will make ourselves available to the Spirit of God for the work of God. St. John's is preparing to rise up on eagle's wings with the renewing breath of God. We want so much for you to be a part of these exciting days with us!

I pray that the blessing of the Lord's mighty grace would rest upon you in 2017 to enliven you, to heal you, to deepen your relationship with our Savior, and to move you to new and daring ventures in the Lord's mission!

See you Sunday mornings in 2017!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary



Are you looking for a deeper connection to the life of the church?

The nominating committee is seeking candidates for the position of **Vice President of St. John's congregational council**. Responsibilities include regular attendance at council meetings, availability to help with council projects, and an interest in continued service on council beyond one year.

Please contact Shelley Gehrman at shelley.gehrman@wellsfargo.com.



A HUGE "BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER" THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank everyone involved with Musicals with a Mission's Christmas musical - from the actors to the parents to the back-stage crew to the front of house staff! With the generosity of the many people who came to support the presentation, we were able to raise enough money to donate \$1000 to the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Research fund in honor of Lori Schmidt, \$1000 to St. John's General Fund and \$1500 to Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen!

We continue to be blessed by the incredible support of St. John's leadership and congregation. Let's keep using our God given talents to present family friendly musicals and change the lives of those in need!



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

The OWLS of St. John's will meet on Wednesday, January 4th, at 10 a.m. This is our planning meeting for the new year. Please think of what topics or programs you would like to plan for this coming year. We will use a process to come up with your priorities. Once again, we will enjoy time together for coffee and fellowship.

On February 1st, Jeff Sweet from the local Parks & Recreation Department will make a presentation to our group. We will learn about what is available for seniors in our Scott County parks and beyond, and, he will tell us about owls in Minnesota. This is a unique program, so come one, come all!

For further information call Del at 952-412-4917.



LOAVES AND FISHES

Loaves and Fishes is a national organization. In Shakopee, we have a part-time site coordinator who assists us as needed. However, all locations rely on their upbeat, energetic volunteers.

For St. John's Lutheran Church, we cook the first Tuesday of every month. The food is prepared and served from the Saint Mark's Catholic Church's dining site on Third Street in Shakopee, MN. The food costs approximately \$300.00 per month. St. John's does not pay for the food. The cost is submitted as a donation to the church.

We follow the USDA food guidelines. There must be a dairy, protein, grain and vegetable. The beverages are milk, water and coffee. We serve sloppy joes with ground beef and a homemade sauce. We serve hamburger buns with the sloppy joe's. We serve coleslaw with a homemade sauce, carrot and celery sticks with ranch dressing as a dip. We serve oranges in the winter, and switch to watermelon when available. We also serve dill pickles. We have received many compliments on the food.

The volunteers are contacted by email as the date approaches. Their email response lets us know who will be coming. The volunteers who cook arrive at 3:00 p.m. The servers arrive before 5:00 p.m. The volunteers report they get more out of experience due to the contact with the people we serve. I believe, as volunteers, this is a place to put our faith into action.

The people who come to eat have many different reasons. Many struggle to survive from day to day. We have a large portion of people with disabilities. Some of the people are homeless. We have every age group from families with babies to the elderly. This is a free community meal and we welcome everyone with a positive attitude.

This program can only work with our fantastic volunteers. Three people help cook regularly. Another one is our dedicated dishwasher. The servers vary but we have a strong group. Some families serve the meal together. The youngest person who helped was in third grade. He and his mother helped serve and she supervised him. We have a fifth grader who helps bring the dishes to the dishwasher. We have funny moments every time. One young child asked if the carrots were salty. One child was thrilled to get the last two pieces of watermelon. It is such a rewarding experience for everyone.



Sunday School Singing Schedule @ 10:30 a.m. services

Little Lambs

(3yrs - 2nd grade) - January 22nd

Singing Shepherds

(3rd - 6th grade) - January 29th

The Sunday School will continue to collect food for the **CAP Agency** and weekly offering for **Jose Carlos**, an orphan in Guatemala. 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.

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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January Worship Servants

*Please sign up to be a worship servant in January. The sign-up sheets are located inside the front entrance.
 Stop by on your way out and sign up...more help is needed!*

(Please find a replacement if you are not available for the time listed below.)

Thank you for your service in God's church.

January 8

	DUTY	NAME
	Communion Preparation	
	Communion Clean-up	Sandy McCullough
	Coffee Fellowship	
	Money Counters	Bonnie Ohrt, Sarah Koehn
8:15 AM	Scripture Reader	Nancy Berndt
	Communion Servers	Nancy Sortum
	Ushers	Jim & Donna Hunter
10:30AM	Scripture Reader	
	Communion Servers	
	Ushers	

January 22

	DUTY	NAME
	Communion Preparation	
	Communion Clean-up	
	Coffee Fellowship	
	Money Counters	Sarah Baumgartner, Kirsti Youngs
8:15 AM	Scripture Reader	
	Communion Servers	
	Ushers	Jim & Donna Hunter
10:30AM	Scripture Reader	
	Communion Servers	
	Ushers	

January 15

	DUTY	NAME
	Communion Preparation	
	Communion Clean-up	
	Coffee Fellowship	
	Money Counters	Jane Moriarty, Lola Mensing
8:15 AM	Scripture Reader	Nancy Sortum
	Communion Servers	
	Ushers	Jim & Donna Hunter
10:30AM	Scripture Reader	
	Communion Servers	
	Ushers	

January 29

	DUTY	NAME
	Communion Preparation	
	Communion Clean-up	
	Coffee Fellowship	
	Money Counters	Steve Sauer, Beth Johnson
8:15 AM	Scripture Reader	
	Communion Servers	
	Ushers	Jim & Donna Hunter
10:30AM	Scripture Reader	
	Communion Servers	
	Ushers	

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016

Council Members Present: Sandy McCullough, Jim Hime, Mollie Viola, Renee Lea, Erik Allen, and Mark McGraw

Council Members Absent: Pastor Gary Kinkel, Patti Hayer, and Nancy Berndt

Meeting called to order: Sandy McCullough, President @ 7:10

Devotions (Scripture and Prayer): Sandy McCullough – Acts 6:1-7

Old Business:

- *Erik Allen /Mark McGraw:* Motion to approve September council minutes: *Carried*
- *Mark McGraw /Renee Lea:* Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: *Carried.*
- **Pew Pad Update** – Still looking to determine cost for pad replacement. Pews and existing pew cushions have been cleaned by Tim and Renee Lea.

New Business:

- **Council Role In Congregational Leadership** – Discussion centered on current missions and possible future missions of St. John's. Discussion to be continued.
- **Committee Responsibilities** – Discussion on the document that Pastor Gary created and presented at last month's meeting describing the responsibilities of St. John's committees was put on hold given Pastor Gary's absence.
- **Stewardship** – Stewardship Working Group continues to meet and study the book *Embracing Stewardship*. Next meeting is scheduled for November 15. Council reviewed examples of narrative budgets from other churches. It was decided that a new working group will be formed to create the St. John's narrative budget.
- **Staffing Discussion** – Staff hours and potential pay adjustments for next year were discussed. Erik Allen will determine impact on budget and report back to the council.
- *Jim Hime / Mollie Viola:* Motion to Adjourn: *Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Hime, Church Secretary

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 9:00 AM Worship <i>(No Sunday School or Adult Education)</i>	2 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting	3 5:30 PM Loaves & Fishes @ St. Mark's Church	4 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	5 7:00 PM AA*	6 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Prayer Service (Eagle's Nest)	7 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