The Eagle

St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church **January 2018**

St. John's welcomes New Associate Pastor Jerod Freeberg

The reverend Jerod Freeberg has accepted a call to associate pastor of youth and family ministry at St. John's. On November 12, 2017, the congregation voted 76 to 1 to call Pastor Jerod and he soon after accepted the call and began his move to the area.

Pastor Jerod has previously worked as associate pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Mankato, Interim pastor/vicar at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Pearl River, New York, and director of children, youth, and family ministries at Como Park Lutheran in St. Paul. He currently sits on the board of directors at Green Lake Lutheran Bible Camp and has worked as a counselor there. His education includes a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, Minnesota, and a master's degree in divinity from Luther Seminary.

Pastor Jerod brings a variety of gifts and talents to this call, including a background in youth and family ministry, a strength in communications and media, a desire to participate in the larger church, and a love for pastoral care and visitation. His musical background includes knowledge of several instruments and membership in the Metropolitan Boys Choir.

Please extend a welcome to Pastor Jerod as St. John's gives thanks to God for sending us a candidate that matches our own needs and strengths so closely. As a congregation we have an obligation to pray for our pastors and help and support them as our coworkers in the service of Christ.

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

Rev. Gary Kinkel, Senior Pastor	*pastorgary@stjohns-shakopee.com*
Rev. Jerod Freeberg, Associate Pastor	*pastorjerod@stjohns-shakopee.com*
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Karen Van Sickle, Choir Director	*kvansick@shakopee.k12.mn.us*
Lisa Friesen, Administrative Assistant	*info@stjohns-shakopee.com*

Office Hours: 8:00am-1:00pm Monday & Tuesday and 1:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday & Thursday
Closed – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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From Pastor Gary Kinkel…

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I pray that the new year brings you all many blessings and joy! But I also pray for you to have challenges of the kind that cause us to grow in faith, hope and love. A well-known Russian Orthodox scholar and priest once said, "I thank God for my afflictions, for it is only through them that I have grown more deeply into God's grace." And, of course, Luther held that the three essentials for living a faithful Christian life are Meditatio (daily meditation on the Scriptures), oratio (daily prayer) and tentatio (literally, "assault"). So, Luther regarded it as absolutely necessary for us to experience spiritual assault from the world, the flesh and the devil in order to grow strong in Christ. So may 2018 be filled with joy and tentatio!

What exciting days we are having at St. Johns! We are so grateful and joyful to have Pastor Jerod Freeberg join our staff! God is calling us to grow in Christ; to form strong roots in the good soil of the Word made flesh in order that we can extend healthy and strong branches into the world in mission. There is much to do. God is calling you and me, and Pastor Jerod, too, to new visions, new mission, new learning, new giving, ways of connecting and to new ways of being church, new forms of doing church.

Please join us! Please be part of St. John's renewal and new life! Please be a part of the Eagle (an ancient symbol for John the apostle and for the fourth Gospel) rising! We are poised to take flight and I would hate for you to miss out! Pray about what God is calling you to learn and to do!

See you Sundays this month!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary

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

OWLS – January Meeting

The Meeting: Wednesday, January 3rd, 10:00 a.m.
Guest speaker: Amy Schmidt
Topic: Preparing for the inevitable

1. Why pre-plan? Funeral and cremation options and costs
2. How do you want to be remembered?
3. Medical assistance and Veterans benefits.
4. A planning guide to help you in your efforts.

All are welcome! Please feel free to invite family or friends.

For further information please call Del at 952-412-4917 or 952-237-1989.
OWL are welcome!

Musicals with a Mission News!

MWAM's Spring Musical will be…

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings starting January 2nd. Performances April 13th-18th, 2018! Come and be a part of this colorful, hilarious, extravaganza that tells the Biblical story of Joseph of how he uses his talents of interpreting dreams to show forgiveness and love.
Contact Kari Vaupel with any questions at theatremd@gmail.com.

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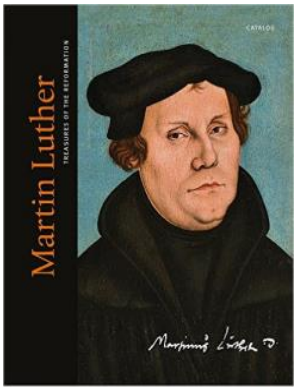
Luther & Lager

Join Pastor Gary for the next session of Luther & Lager on
Sunday, January 14th @ 5:30pm

Location:
Shakopee Brew Hall
124 First Ave E, Shakopee



Confirmation News!

January 2018 Confirmation Schedule

1/03/2018: *NO CONFIRMATION*
1/10/2018: Introduction to Small Catechism
1/17/2018: Introduction to the 10 Commandments
1/24/2018: First Commandment
1/31/2018: Second Commandment

Do you enjoy the simply supper on Wednesday nights? – then you will enjoy being part of the preparation with Janis Judd. **We are in need of volunteers on Wednesday nights**. We would like 2 adults and 2 student volunteers for each Wednesday night simple supper is offered. If would also be great is the parents can help out after supper for clean-up. Sign up is on the clipboard in the kitchen.

Worship Helpers for January**: If you need to switch, please reach out to your classmates prior to your appointed time so we don't have to look for volunteers on Sunday morning.**

	7-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan
8:15 Service				
Cross Bearer	Lillian Allen	Molly Anderson	Kaylee Chappule	Brinley Garvey
Acolyte	Kaylin Anderson	Jordyn Blenkush	Ella Doty	Maddie Eslinger
Communion Server	Madison McGraw	Jessica Vermeulen	Edie Schmidt	Nicholas Briggs
Nursery - 9th	Katelyn Buth	Avery Garvey	Katelyn Lindquist	Jordan Miller
Nursery - 7th/8th	Luke Wilts	Gavin Holm	Holly Schmidt	Colin Kostelac
10:30 Service				
Cross Bearer	Gabby Anderson	Maya Mitchell	Daniel Eckers	Colby Hahn
Acolyte	Garrett Hayer	Jenna Koehn	Brock Koivisto	Olivia McCall
Communion Server	Lindsay Schmidt	Emily Stadler	Martin Koivisto	Abby Swenhaugen
Nursery - 9th	Westin Nascene	Nicholas Rubash	Ali Shepherd	Jacob Skogrand
Nursery - 7th/8th	Emma Swenson	Noah Lindquist	Sierra Nascene	Kylie Hahn

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 28th immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please mark your calendars.

Reports needed for the Annual Meeting

Please submit your reports for the Annual Meeting as soon as possible to the church office. You can email your reports to the church office at **info@stjohns-shakopee.com.**

Thank you!

2018 Calendars

Please pick up your 2018 calendar provided by McNearney Funeral Home at the front entrances.

CAP | COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF SCOTT CARVER & DAKOTA COUNTIES

The (CAP) or Community Action Partnership agency feeds people in crisis or transition and they appreciate your donations. Please place donations of non-perishable food items in the grocery cart located outside the church office. *Thank you!*

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017

Minutes subject to council approval.

I. Gathering

A. The council meeting held on November 14, 2017 was called to order by Sandy McCullough at 7:04 PM. Council members Mollie Viola, Erik Allen, Renee Lea, Mark McGraw, Pastor Gary Kinkel, Nancy Berndt, and Kathy Larson were present. Cherish Our Children committee representatives Kay Kinkel and Beth Johnson were also in attendance.

B. The agenda was modified to accommodate the Cherish Our Children committee's report. After an informative presentation, Mollie moved that the Cherish Our Children committee continue their work to support the mission of increasing the safety and well-being of the children here at St. John's, including the development and implementation of a Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program. Renee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Future plans include developing a protocol encompassing an even wider range of safety issues for members of St. John's.

C. Scripture and Prayer: Pastor Gary asked council members to focus on the fifth chapter of Acts; verses 27 through 32. This account addressed the dramatic and dangerous moment for Rock and the other eyewitnesses who were reprimanded by the Presiding Priest for teaching in the name of Jesus. We must remember two things: God is above politics and Jesus is alive and at work in the world today.

II. Discernment (New Business)

A. The Treasurer's Report focused on the 2018 budget, missions, and giving. Erik highlighted that current congregational giving remains at 96% of budget. Suggestions for the 2018 budget include increasing our current 1.75% of giving (envelope and loose) to 2.5% of giving. Sandy would like to raise that percentage for the synod in the future when there are enough funds. Mark moved and Renee seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

B. Pastor Gary reported that he plans to be gone from Friday through Tuesday of next week.

C. A request was made that old, no longer used hymnals be turned into decorations. No vote was needed to honor the request for 5 red hymnals and 3 green hymnals. More hymnals may be requested in the future.

III. Decisions (Old Business).

A. Properties Committee: Mark reported that new chairs are now in the welcoming space. The extra room near the library may be renovated for use as an office or a classroom. A discussion with Pastor José Luíz regarding supplies for the bathrooms and kitchen will be scheduled.

B. Stewardship Campaign: All twenty "Pony Express" bags are moving through the congregation. Hopefully, all bags will be returned to the church office by the end of November.

C. Team Leaders need to complete their reports by December 22, 1917, for inclusion in the annual report.

D. ELCA "Good Gifts" Program: St. John's will not participate this year.

E. Visitor Welcome: Because the black, sign-in pew folders are not used consistently, other means of identifying/welcoming visitors will be explored. Suggestions include either having a "tear-off" section for names and addresses in the Sunday morning green sheet or placing separate yellow cards in the pews.

F. Erik moved and Nancy seconded a motion to approve the amended minutes for October, 2017. Motion carried.

G. Sandy will submit an article about Pastor Jerod to Lisa for inclusion in the next newsletter.

IV. Sending.

A. The next Council Meeting date is December 19, 2017.

B. Sandy led the council in a prayer of thanksgiving.

C. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** *(office closed)*	**2** **6:30 PM** MWAM Rehearsal	**3** **10:00 AM** OWLS **12:00 PM** Pastor's Bible Study *(No Simple Supper or Confirmation)* **6:15 PM** Higher Ground **8:00 PM** St. John's Choir	**4** **7:00 PM** AA*	**5**	**6** **9:00 AM** AA *
7 **8:15 AM** Worship **9:25 AM** Bell Choir **9:25 AM** Sunday School/ Adult Education **9:30 AM** St. John's Choir **10:30 AM** Worship **2:00 PM** Hispanic Church **4:00 PM** MWAM Rehearsal	**8** **7:00 PM** AA District Meeting*	**9** **6:30 PM** MWAM Rehearsal	**10** **12:00 PM** Pastor's Bible Study **1:00 PM** Quilters **6:00 PM** Simple Supper **6:15 PM** Higher Ground **6:30 PM** DST Meeting **6:35 PM** Confirmation- Large/Small Group **7:15 PM** Worship **8:00 PM** St. John's Choir	**11** **7:00 PM** AA*	**12** **5:00 PM** Hispanic Church	**13** **9:00 AM** AA * **1:00 PM** MN River Valley Teacher's Assoc. Piano Recital
14 **8:15 AM** Worship **9:25 AM** Bell Choir **9:25 AM** Sunday School/ Adult Education **9:30 AM** St. John's Choir **10:30 AM** Worship **2:00 PM** Hispanic Church **4:00 PM** MWAM Rehearsal **5:30 PM** Luther & Lager	**15** **6:30 PM** MWAM Rehearsal	**16** **7:00 PM** Church Council Meeting	**17** **12:00 PM** Pastor's Bible Study **6:00 PM** Simple Supper **6:15 PM** Higher Ground **6:35 PM** Confirmation- Large/Small Group **7:15 PM** Worship **8:00 PM** St. John's Choir	**18** **1:00 PM** Martha Circle **7:00 PM** AA*	**19**	**20** **9:00 AM** AA *
21 **8:15 AM** Worship **9:25 AM** Bell Choir **9:25 AM** Sunday School/ Adult Education **9:30 AM** St. John's Choir **10:30 AM** Worship **2:00 PM** Hispanic Church **3:00 PM** MWAM Rehearsal	**22** **6:30 PM** MWAM Rehearsal	**23**	**24** **12:00 PM** Pastor's Bible Study **6:00 PM** Simple Supper **6:15 PM** Higher Ground **6:35 PM** Confirmation- Large/Small Group **7:15 PM** Worship **8:00 PM** St. John's Choir	**25** **7:00 PM** AA*	**26**	**27** **9:00 AM** AA *
28 **8:15 AM** Worship **9:25 AM** Bell Choir **9:25 AM** Sunday School/ Adult Education **9:30 AM** St. John's Choir **10:30 AM** Worship **11:30 AM** Annual Meeting **2:00 PM** Hispanic Church **4:00 PM** MWAM Rehearsal	**29**	**30** **6:30 PM** MWAM Rehearsal	**31** **12:00 PM** Pastor's Bible Study **6:00 PM** Simple Supper **6:15 PM** Higher Ground **6:35 PM** Confirmation- Large/Small Group **7:15 PM** Worship **8:00 PM** St. John's Choir			

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Committed to serve **Christ** in the world