



Congratulations to St. John's 2017 High School Graduates!

On Sunday, June 4th, we will recognize and celebrate the high school graduates in worship. St. John's desires to lift up the following 2017 senior graduates from Shakopee High School
(student information submitted as of this newsletter printing):

Jackson Leigh Allen

Parents: Erik & Susan Allen
Post HS Plans: Enrolled at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in January 2017

Carri Mae Anderson

Parents: Chris & Beth Anderson
Post HS Plans: Iowa State University – majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Jacob Reuel Berndt

Parents: Loren & Nancy Berndt
Post HS Plans: Hennepin Technical College-Brooklyn Park

Carter Mitchell Harrison

Parents: Chuck & Megan Harrison
Post HS Plans: Normandale Community College

Megan Rose Schmidt

Parents: Curt & Lori Schmidt
Post HS Plans: North Dakota State University

Marin Kay Wilts

Parents: Scott & Kristi Wilts
Post HS Plans: Concordia College Moorhead – majoring in Biology and Music

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 need 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
Sean Vander Veen, Worship Music Accompanist
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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,

I had some time away this past month, but it is so good to get back! The people and the life of St. John's Lutheran are so much a part of me. You are in my prayers and in my heart always. We are rolling together into the sixth month of 2017. It is the five hundredth anniversary of the beginning of Luther's movement in 1517. I have been praying and thinking much about how best to mark it, to observe and remember it.

This is important because Luther, and the ongoing movement that calls itself by his name, are so often misremembered, misidentified and misunderstood! First, 1517 is not the beginning of the "Reformation." There were many calls for reform and many movements before Luther. For example, in the 1300s there were loud calls for church reform in central Europe. A movement came together in what is now the Czech Republic. John Hus became its best known spokesperson, but there were many others adding their voices. In 1415, Hus, a priest and professor, and Jerome of Prague, a popular and fiery preacher, were burned at the stake in an unsuccessful attempt to stop the movement. So Martin Luther is not the first to call for reform. Nor would he either accept the title, "Reformer," or call his movement, "the Reformation." Luther said that the Church has only one Reformer: the Holy Spirit, and the only Reformation that will occur will happen at the Last Day when the Holy Spirit cleanses and purifies the Church once and for all. In the meantime, we are always a gathering of sinners who are blinded by our egos, our own plans and schemes and who need to be saved.

We sinners desperately need rescue. We need righteousness in the place of our sin. We need life to take the place of our death. We need the living God to become the focus of our lives instead of our own egos, or, as Luther put it, "the dear little self." But this is precisely what God does in and through the Word of the Gospel. When we place our faith, our trust and our hope in the message that God is gracious to us and saves us in Jesus Christ—through his death and resurrection—God gives us what is Jesus Christ's and gives to Jesus what is ours. Jesus Christ takes our sin, our ego drivenness, our death and our darkness and clothes us in his own righteousness, his resurrection and life, his light and turns us in freedom to serve our neighbor in love. Therefore, we are not so much children of the "Reformation" as we are children of the Gospel. And therefore, Luther called the movement the "Evangelical" movement. That means, the movement centered on, anchored in and committed in life and death to the Gospel, the message of God's undeserved love and free gift of grace in Jesus Christ. The word "Evangelical" has been hijacked and stolen and the meaning has been altered. But the word is really ours. We are Evangelicals: we live by and bear witness to the Evangel (the Gospel—the "Good Message" of God's grace to us in Christ).

We are definitely going to do some things to observe the important 500th anniversary of Luther's beginning to speak aloud his concerns. But let us begin in our own hearts and lives. Let us make the Gospel, the announcement of forgiveness and of God's love in the cross of Jesus, the absolute center of our life together at St. John's, our lives at home and at work, our reading of the Bible, our prayers, our thoughts, our loves and our hopes! THAT will be a worthy observance of this 500th anniversary!

See you on Sundays this summer!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary

HEARING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE

I have heard from one person, but we need many more to pray and listen, express our hopes and dreams for St. John's, and gain a sense of where God is calling us together. Then we need to put down on paper our roadmap for how to get there. This road map must be flexible. We need to be prepared to acknowledge that something is not doing what we intended it to do, to let it go and try something else.

Please join us on this Team for visioning and planning! It is exciting work! God is calling!



LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves and Fishes will be on **Tuesday, June 6th, 2017** at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Shakopee.

Is Jesus calling you to help the Loaves and Fishes program? Loaves and Fishes is a national organization and each state sets up locations or sites to feed the hungry.

I was called when I volunteered to coordinate the St. John's church 'Loaves and Fishes' program. I felt the call strongly and it came repeatedly until I said I would coordinate the program. The Sunday before I agreed to help, we sang, "Is It I, Lord?" The refrain says, "I have heard you calling in the night." It was true for me.

As a coordinator, you guide volunteers in a friendly, positive manner. Staying positive helps build a strong team. I keep an email list of volunteers and send an email to everyone asking for help. If I still need help, I send another email indicating how many people I need for serving. If needed, an announcement is made in church and I include a bulletin announcement. We try to get eight people to help serve the meal and stay for clean-up. If a volunteer needs a new task, I suggest a new task and brief them about if the volunteer is new. The meal is prepared and served without judgment and questions. All of the volunteers feel the joy of volunteering. The people who come to the meal are mostly polite, friendly and jovial. The work isn't hard and we all feel part of God's plan. I believe this program serves as the church's mission work.

We serve Sloppy Joes, hamburger buns, coleslaw, carrot and celery sticks and a fruit. In the winter, we buy oranges and in the summer, we buy watermelon. Many people who eat the meal have trouble chewing carrots and apples. This is why we offer this type of food. The 'cook' volunteers help cut up celery sticks, check the carrots for bad carrots and assist in making the homemade sauces for the Sloppy Joes and coleslaw. The recipes are available to anyone.

As a couple, my husband and I agreed to buy the food for the meals and used it as donation to our church. However, the Loaves and Fishes program allows the coordinator to order food from them according to their timeline. It is picked up from the Minneapolis Loaves and Fishes office when it is ready. Loaves and Fishes will guide you in ordering from them. Most of the programs at the Saint Mark's church location order food from Loaves and Fishes. If there are items they do not supply, the coordinator purchases the items and can use this as donation to the church. The Loaves and Fishes program has a huge garden in the summer and provides fresh vegetables. I plan to be a part of the St. John's Loaves and Fishes program in the future as a volunteer. I would be willing to be a resource to anyone who is interested who has more questions. Please contact me at 952-890-0201 to volunteer.

Renee Lea



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

OWLS – Potluck in the Park!

We will have a potluck picnic in Lions Park on Wednesday, June 7th, at 11:30 a.m. We will eat, play some games, and have an enjoyable time together. Please note: This is for all seniors at St. John's. We will gather at the large shelter in Lions Park. We hope for a pleasant, sunny day, however, if it is too cold, windy or rainy, we will move to the basement of St. John's. We will plan to eat about noon. If you have questions call Del at 952-412-4917. *OWL are welcome!*



The Church Directories are in!

For all families that were photographed, please pick up your directory inside the main church entrance (they are labeled on the back cover in alphabetical order.) There are also a limited number of extra copies for anyone else who would like a directory.

St. John's Call Committee Update

The call committee has completed and submitted the 12-page ministry site profile (MSP), the mandatory first step for all congregations seeking new ministry staff. Upon completion of the MSP, the committee chair, Becky Sexton, contacted the synod office to alert the St. John's representative that the committee was ready for the next step.

According to Pastor Craig Pederson of the Minneapolis Area Synod, several good candidates are available for call, making this a very good time to be looking for staff.

Members of the congregation with names of candidates they would like to suggest for the Associate Pastor position should bring those names to any member of the call committee, together with contact information for the candidate. The call committee then submits those names to the synod for consideration.

The call committee welcomes your prayers for a candidate who will faithfully serve Christ, humbly lead the congregation, and graciously work and learn with Pastor Gary.

Members of St. John's Call Committee:

Linda Anderson, Aimee Johnson, Sandy McCullough,
Carmela Nascene, Ron Rognlie and Rebecca Sexton-Chair

Dear good people of St. John's,

Thank you so much for the welcome to our family and your openness each time I have preached at St. John's. I've been asked in the last few months about my sense of being considered for the associate pastor position to serve with Pastor Gary. Through my prayer and discernment, I currently am not a candidate for consideration. Four years ago, I began to support clergy, church leaders, and congregations through strengthening resiliency. I love this work and it often takes me away on weekends to congregations and synods locally and nationally to facilitate workshops, retreats, and to preach. This is in addition to my current call as the Director of Spiritual Care at Augustana Health Care Center in Apple Valley. This is where my energy and passion currently are. I trust in God's grace to lead this call process at St. John's and I'm holding it in my prayers.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Sarah Ciavarri

Congratulations to our 2017 Confirmation Class!



The following twenty-two youth affirmed their baptism on Sunday, April 30th:

Kyla Anderson, Meghan Anderson, Jac Campbell, Rylie Doty, Emmy Dziuk, Holly Eckers, Trace Eddington, Chloe Geis, Kendra Hahn, Kaitlyn Hicks, Marilyn Jostock, Garrett McCall, Mia McLaughlin, Alex Petersen, Kelly Pudwill, Jacob Schmidt, Luke Schmidt, Gavin Stadler, Kourtney Vizenor, Andrew Waldorf, Max Wilson and Thomas Younger



Rally Sunday
September 10, 2017
Volunteers Needed!

Please leave your name and contact information with the church office.
952-445-5666 or info@stjohns-shakopee.com

**St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017**

Council Members Present: Sandy McCullough, Mollie Viola, Renee Lea, Pastor Gary Kinkel, Kathy Larson and Mark McGraw

Council Members Absent: Erik Allen, Shelley Gehrman, and Nancy Berndt

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

Devotions (Scripture and Prayer): Pastor Gary Kinkel – Acts 4:5-12

Old Business

- *Pastor Gary Kinkel/Renee Lea:* Motion to approve council agenda: *Carried*
- *Renee Lea/Mark McGraw:* Motion to approve March council minutes: *Carried*
- There was no Treasurer's Report.

New Business

Data Discernment Team Update

The Strategic Planning Prep Team has gathered data. The next step is to install a team that will sift through that information and develop a ten or twenty-year Plan. Members of the team will represent varying age and interest groups within our congregation.

Associate Pastor

We have received three applications for this position. The Call Committee will meet on Thursday April 19, 2017 and be installed on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Members include:

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| • Sandy McCulloch | Becky Sexton |
| • Jim Hunter | Carmela Nascene |
| • Ron Rognlie | Pastor Gary Kinkel |
| • Linda Anderson | Aimee Johnson |

Loaves and Fishes

Renee Lea will continue her responsibilities until September 2017. Until then, she is happy to work with a volunteer to ensure a smooth transition.

Properties Committee

- The back parking lot will be updated with gravel and grading.
- The custodial position will increase in time and dollars, and the responsibility of mowing the church lawn will be added to the job description.
- Nursery refurbishment is nearly complete.

Mark McGraw/Renee Lea Motion: To install LED lights and fixtures in the nursery at a cost of \$925. Carried.

Items on the "To Do" List

- Fill the custodial position.
- Complete staff performance reviews.
- Develop a workable plan for finding congregational committee members.
- Continue Stewardship Campaign

Council Retreat

The Council will hold its Annual Retreat on June 23, 2017.

Closing Prayer

Sandy McCullough

Mollie Viola/Mark McGraw Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Larson,
Church Secretary

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 PM AA*	2	3 9:00 AM AA *
4 9:00 AM Worship- (HS Recognition & Baptism) 2:00 PM Hispanic Church 6:00 PM MWAM Rehearsal 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	5 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting	6 3:00 or 5:00PM Loaves & Fishes @ St. Mark's Catholic Church	7 11:30 AM OWLS Picnic @ Lion's Park 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM MWAM Rehearsal	8 7:00 PM AA*	9	10 9:00 AM AA *
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JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Called as children of God
Comforted and **Challenged** by the Holy Spirit
Committed to serve **Christ** in the world