



Summer Worship Hours

Sunday Worship @ 9:00am

Summer Film Study and Discussion

This summer join Jerod on the first and third Sunday's of the month, for a film study and discussion about diversity, scripture, and culture, beginning June 16th. Each week from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm we will watch a movie together, eat pizza, and discuss its meaning for us as disciples in light of scripture. Come to learn more about scripture and diversity, or simply to enjoy a movie and grab a slice of pizza. For more information please e-mail Jerod at pastorjerod@stjohns-shakopee.com.

- **June 16 - *Remember the Titans* (PG)**
- **July 7 - *Hidden Figures* (PG)**
- **July 21 - *42* (PG-13)**
- **August 4 - *Lincoln* (PG-13)**
- **August 18 - *13th* (16+)**

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

Rev. Gary Kinkel, Senior Pastor
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Office Hours: 8:00am-1:00pm Monday & Tuesday and 1:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday & Thursday, closed – Friday

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From Pastor Gary Kinkel...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The days have grown longer and the sunlight more direct as we move into summer. Glorious days loom up before us. There will be time outside with children, grandchildren, parents and friends. There will be swimming, baseball and softball, sand volleyball, outdoor basketball, tennis and golf. Some of us will take some time to camp and hike. Some will spend many hours gardening or landscaping. Some of us will take some extra time to relax and let stress run off our shoulders. Some will travel and some will keep our heads down, not notice the change of season, and work all the harder.

Whatever you choose to do this summer, there are questions that our culture persistently avoids. What does it all mean? What is the point? Why should I do anything at all rather than just nothing? To what does my life amount? Is it a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, but signifying nothing? Or is it part of a much larger story involving the whole cosmos? Is it, perhaps, part of an epic involving dramatic rescue by extraordinary means? Is my life integral to this larger whole and just so, contrary to what I sometimes feel, filled in every detail with meaning and purpose?

Our culture carries on as if God does not matter. God is for private, inner consideration, or so it is suggested to us. We are urged to forget about such questions as meaning and significance; to ignore the desire to live a life that is authentic and true. "Just enjoy! Have fun! Shop!" Our culture shouts at us. But God does matter. In fact, nothing matters more. Our relation to God and to God's coming kingly rule in Jesus Christ is a matter of life and death. It is a matter of rescue and salvation on the one hand or utter ruin on the other. That's why we gather every Sunday. Don't take the summer off from God or from God's people. We will be here, hearing the Word by which we grow more deeply into God's grace and therefore into God's own life. Lifting our voices in praise and thanksgiving to God because God is worthy of all praise and thanks. And bringing the cry of our hearts before God, through Jesus in the power of the Spirit, in order that we might be more and more shaped to be like Jesus, indeed, to BE Christ to our neighbor. Without the gathering and without the preaching we just become more and more like our culture, more and more like the world around us and less and less like people of God. Join us. Everything depends on it.

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary



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

The OWLS will meet on Wednesday, June 5th at 10:00 a.m.

We have heard interesting and varied messages from Ray Hawes, Paul Youngs, Joan Freeberg and Brian Johnson. Brian's presentation was simple, full of humor and examples from his work.

He taught us 7 ways to make our computers more secure. Later, Brian sent us links to various sites to see where we sit in this tech world.

OWLS will meet again June 5th at 10 a.m. Pastor Gary will be our guest. He will answer the question: *What does the Bible tell us about our death?* Please bring your friends and neighbors as well as your favorite cookies or bars to share. Remember the OWLS do *not* meet in July and August.

For information call Becky Sexton 952-445-4002. **OWL see you soon!**

Congratulations to the 2019 Confirmation Class!



The following twenty-one youth affirmed their baptism on Sunday, May 5th:

Kaylin Anderson, Jordyn Blenkush, Ella Doty, Madeline Eslinger, Garrett Hayer, Jenna Koehn, Brock Koivisto, Martin Koivisto, Isabelle Leppala, Olivia McCall, Madison McGraw, Maya Mitchell, Edie Schmidt, Holly Schmidt, Lindsay Schmidt, Emily Stadler, Abigail Swenhausen, Emma Swenson, Cece Thompson, Graham Thompson and Luke Wilts

Families Moving Forward

A Program of  **Beacon**
INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

What a privilege it was in May to be part of **Families Moving Forward**! This is a very concrete and hands on way to enact the kingly rule of God; to love our neighbor not just in words and talk, but in action and in truth (1 John 3:18). Those of us who participated had a great honor to serve as our Savior does (Mark 10:45). If you missed out, talk to someone who was part of it in May. Pray about whether God might be calling you to help.

Our next opportunity comes up in August. You will have your chance! October, too, will present us with another great chance to jump in! Please keep this ministry in your prayers and consider giving some of your time in August or October!

DID YOU KNOW?

The ELCA has an ongoing mission to Spanish speaking people in Shakopee and Chaska? It is called **Cristo Obrero** which means "Christ the worker". The mission developer is the husband of Pastor Stephanie from Cross of Peace Lutheran Church in Shakopee. His name is Pastor Jorge Espinoza. He asks for our prayers and our support. Please include him and this work in your daily prayers. If you are on Facebook, go to the Cristo Obrero page and "like" them. They have a number of needs. If you feel God calling you to help, please talk to Pastor Gary or Pastor Jerod.



Mark Your Calendar for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School 2019 "Who is My Neighbor" will be Sunday, August 11th — Thursday, August 15th from 6:00-8:30pm. Cost is \$25/child. Registration forms can be found on the church website and outside the church office. For more information, contact Pastor Jerod in the church office or by email

pastorjerod@stjohns-shakopee.com

2019 St. John's Vacation Bible School Registration Form / August 11-15, 2019

#1 Child Name (first, middle, last) _____

#1 Child Age _____ #1 Child Grade in 2019-20 _____ Birthday _____

#2 Child Name (first, middle, last) _____

#2 Child Age _____ #2 Child Grade in 2019-20 _____ Birthday _____

#3 Child Name (first, middle, last) _____

#3 Child Age _____ #3 Child Grade in 2019-20 _____ Birthday _____

#1 Parent / Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

#2 Parent / Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Interested in Volunteering:

Teaching _____ Helper _____

For children in our 3 year old, Pre K and Kindergarten classes, please note below those who have permission to pick children up from class:

Are you a Member of St. John's Lutheran Church?

Yes _____ No _____ (if No, would you like information about becoming a member?)

Does your child have any allergies or anything we should be aware of?

Vacation Bible School Fee: \$25.00 per student

Payment Received Yes _____ No _____

****Please turn in form to Pastor Jerod or drop off at the church office. Thank you.***

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes - April 23rd, 2019

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

Council Members Absent: Aimee Johnson

I. Gathering

- A. Call to order: 7:05 pm Sandy McCullough, President.
Sandy shared a note from the synod thanking St. John's for increasing our giving by 2% over last year.
- B. *Motion to approve agenda: Pastor Gary Kinkel/Scott Wilts; carried.*
- C. Scripture and prayer: Pastor Gary Kinkel, The Council in the Word Acts: 9:31-43

II. Discernment (New Business)

- A. Website improvement – Pastor Jerod Freeberg gave a demonstration of the proposed new St. John's website. He will continue to research the costs involved with changing website providers and how quickly we can end our commitment with the current provider. Pastor Jerod is looking for a digital camera that takes high quality photos that can be posted on the new website, rather than using stock photography. Possibly a member of the congregation has a camera the church can borrow.

Motion to allow Pastor Jerod to continue moving forward with improvements and updating the website: Kirsti Youngs/Jenny Pudwill

Pastor Gary Kinkel proposed an amendment; there was no second.

Pastor Gary Kinkel called a question; motion passes.

- B. Worship for the Three Days – Pastor Gary Kinkel proposed moving First Communion to a different day other than Maundy Thursday. Suggestions to have 1 or 2 students per Sunday have First Communion so it doesn't interfere with worship or have the class commune together during a designated worship service. Pastor Gary is also considering placing cardstock cards in the pews that explain the various elements of worship, so people understand their purpose and meaning. The intent is to have a plan in place before the start of the next Sunday school year.

III. Decisions (Old Business)

- A. Treasurer's Report: Jim Hime - Still need stewardship drive, will address at Spring Social. Sandy McCullough – The Stewardship Team is meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month.
Motion to approve Treasurer's report, Jenny Pudwill/Jesse Rients; carried.
- B. *Motion to approve council minutes – Jim Hime/Pastor Gary Kinkel; carried.*
- C. Installation notes – New council members will be installed during the 10:30 am worship service on April 28.

IV. Sending

- A. Review action items established - Next council meeting date is **May 21, 2019**
- B. Closing Prayer – Sandy McCullough
- C. Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn, Jim Hime/Pastor Gary Kinkel; carried 9:06 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Brennan, Council Secretary

JUNE 2019

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JULY 2019

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