



## Congratulations to St. John's 2016 High School Graduates!

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate high school graduation with a parent pledge and a youth blessing from the congregation. St. John's desires to lift up the following 2016 senior graduates from Shakopee High School (*student information submitted as of this newsletter printing*):

**Makayla Ann Dicke**

Parents: Heather & Eliziur Garcia  
Robert & Janet Dicke

**McKenzie Anna Flaten**

Parents: Jay & Jennifer Flaten  
Post HS Plans: St. John's University, NYC - Psychology & German

**Brielle Elizabeth Holm**

Parents: Beth Hagen and Larry Holm  
Post HS Plans: MN State University - Mankato for Nursing

**Madison Alexis Johnson**

Parents: Kent & Jena Johnson  
Post HS Plans: MN State University - Mankato

**Allyson Johnston**

Parents: Jim & Heidi Johnston  
Post HS Plans: NDSU – Business

**Austin Ploumen**

Parents: Pat Ploumen, Mary Jo Ploumen  
Post HS Plans: St. Cloud State University

**Brady Michael Pudwill**

Parents: Corey & Jennifer Pudwill  
Post HS Plans: University of Minnesota - Aerospace Engineering

**Brianna Elizabeth Reeder**

Parents: Melody & Jim Hime  
Joseph & Sandra Reeder  
Post HS Plans: University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

**Kaitlin Dawn Rubash**

Parents: Deborah & (late) Jay Rubash  
Post HS Plans: Concordia College Moorhead - Mathematics & Education

**Nicole Marie Schultz**

Parents: Kristen & Dave Schultz  
Post HS Plans: College of St. Benedict

**Taylor Robert Triplett**

Parents: Michelle & Bob Triplett  
Post HS Plans: Crown College

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.

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12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Wednesday, Closed – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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

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### ***....From Pastor Gary Kinkel***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am slowly getting settled in at St. John's. It is wonderful to be with you. Kay and I love St. John's and we love Shakopee! So I want to make sure I don't get in the way of your ministry and your calling from God.

In the New Testament, James writes, "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:14-16) Notice that it does not say that the prayer of the pastor is powerful and effective. It says the prayer of the **righteous** is powerful and effective. And the righteous are all those who are made righteous—justified—by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Moreover, it does not say one should confess one's sins necessarily to the pastor, but rather "...confess your sins to one another..." The New Testament everywhere assumes a common and mutual ministry of care and prayer of the members of the Body of Christ **for one another**.

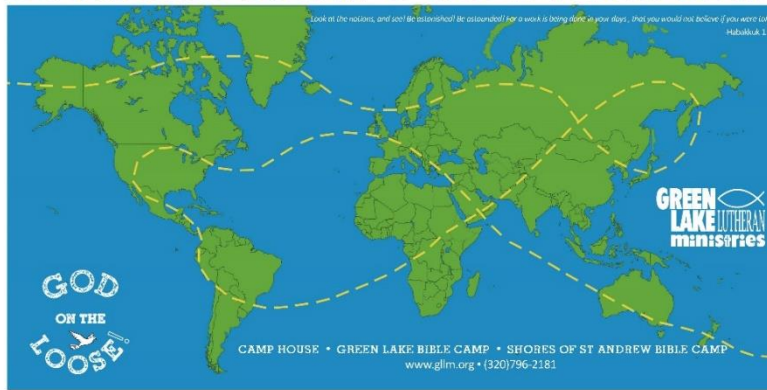
That is one of the important reasons that Luther attacked not only the teaching but also the structure of the church of his day. In one of his 1520 writings he said, "For whoever comes out of the water of baptism...is already consecrated priest...[and] we are all priests of equal standing..." Luther goes on to say those who are ordained simply have a special "office," a function, within the Body. The ordained are to be specially trained so that they may preach, teach the faith, celebrate the sacraments and train and prepare the people for their ministry. But much of the ministry of praying, visiting, caring, organizing, and creating new ministries is for the people to carry out in faithful response to God. We have done a great disservice to the people of God by having the church be centered around pastors for so long. We have hindered the people of God from exercising their faith by taking up the various ministries to which they are called.

Therefore, to be more faithful to the Lord Jesus and to the Reformation, St. John's is restarting a Care Team. The Care Team consists of people who hear God's call to a ministry of visiting and caring. They will begin to visit and, where desired, bring Holy Communion, after the bread and wine have been consecrated at the altar on Sunday morning. The pastor is still available, of course. Indeed, I am always only a phone call away! But some of the most important caring and visiting and praying ministry belongs to the people—not the pastor. Jesus is Lord.

In his grace,

***Pastor Gary***

## SUMMER CAMP FOR EVERYONE



## Mark Your Calendar for Vacation Bible School!

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is coming to St. John's!

**Sunday, July 17th—Thursday, July 21st, 2016**

- We begin with Sunday morning worship and meet in the evenings Monday—Thursday 6:00-8:30pm.
- Open to preschool –6th grade (completed)
- \$40 per child or \$80 maximum per family (*if cost is an issue, please contact Pastor Linda for scholarship information*)
- Registration forms available online and at church
- For more information, contact Pastor Linda in the church office or by email [pastorlinda@stjohns-shakopee.com](mailto:pastorlinda@stjohns-shakopee.com)

### RUGS and Altar Teams Training Event

Have you signed up for the RUGS or Altar team? Attend a training event for all members of these teams to learn about reading scripture, ushering, greeting, serving communion and coffee fellowship, and preparing communion. The training event will take place **Thursday, June 2, at 7:00 pm.**

### Fund-Raising Form

At their May meeting, the Council voted to implement a new form that committees and groups at St. John's should use to request approval for fund-raising and donating activities here at St. John's. The purpose of this form is to ensure that our fund-raising and donating activities support our common mission, preserve congregational relationships, and protect our tax-exempt status. Let me assure the congregation that this is not in response to any perceived inappropriate activity. On the contrary, Council would like to track and report these activities accurately and faithfully so we may celebrate the generous stewardship of our congregation. The process is simple. Does your committee or group have a fund-raising activity in mind or a donation it would like to make? Go to the office, request a form, fill it out, and return it to the office. The council will review the form at its next monthly meeting and return the request with approval or comment. If you have any questions, you may contact one of the pastors or me. Thank you for helping us celebrate God's generosity and bring unity and focus to our common mission at St. John's.

*Sandy McCullough, Council President*



### LOAVES AND FISHES

Our next free community meal will be served on **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** Volunteers are still needed and all are welcome. Please contact Renee Lea at 952-890-0201.

### Stewardship Generosity Team

**Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30 pm.**

We will be discussing the book, "Embracing Stewardship" by Charles Lane & Grace Duddy Pomroy and exploring options while learning about possible financial focuses on: vision/mission, ministries, operations, leadership, communications and fundraising. Come join us and talk to Pastor Linda about getting a copy of the book.



## ***Congratulations to our 2016 Confirmation Class!***

### **Volunteers are needed for the 2016/2017 Sunday School year!**

- Team Teacher for 3 yr olds
- Team Teacher for 1st Grade
- 2 or more to form a teaching team for 3rd Grade
- 2 or more to form a teaching team for 4th Grade
- Interested being on an "on-call" volunteer? Looking for individuals to be on the Substitute Teaching list.

Interested, contact Linda Anderson via email [lindamanderson4664@gmail.com](mailto:lindamanderson4664@gmail.com)  
or by phone 952-358-1083 (after 6 p.m. please).



### **Sunday School Supplies Needed**

*As you are out and about this summer buying school supplies, please keep St. John's Sunday School in mind!*

**Our wish list is:** Construction Paper, Glue Bottles, Glue Sticks, Bubbles, Paint Doppers, Colorful Tissue Paper, Clear Contact Paper, Washable Ink Pads, Stickers, Trinkets, bookmarks, or small toys for the birthday basket - grades 3 - 6th  
Small Stuffed animals for birthday basket: 3yrs- 2nd grade

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

The OWLS are planning a special visit to the O'Neill home on Wednesday, June 1st, at 10 a.m.

Steve O'Neill will share a story about raising honey bees and making honey.

The O'Neill home is located at 332 128th Street West in Shakopee. Please go directly to their home.

**Directions:** take Fuller Street south past the Community Center and Shakopee High School. As you travel up the hill on the south side of the high school, you will turn left (east) at the crest of the hill onto 128th Street. The O'Neill's are the 2nd driveway on the left—look for a two story light stucco and brick home with a long driveway—332 128th Street West. Any questions on directions, the O'Neill's phone number is 612-805-0645.

Snacks will be furnished by Steve and Deb. It will be an interesting and entertaining experience.

Please invite friends and guests to join you for this spring outing.

**OWL are welcome!** For questions call Del at 952-412-4917.







### **Musicals with a Mission Thank You!**

Musicals with a Mission wishes to thank everyone who came and supported *Into the Woods*! With your generous contributions (including a \$1000 donation from the St. John's confirmation families) we were able to purchase TWO ELCA WATER WELLS that will provide water for over 1000 families in Africa! We were also able to donate \$1000 to colon cancer and ovarian cancer research! Thank you for helping us use our time and talents to change the lives of others!!!

### **St. John's Lutheran Church Thankful Moment**

*With much rejoicing we celebrate God's gifts:*

- St. John's would like to thank all those who planned, prepared and attended the Spring Social. Approximately \$12,000 was raised.
- Church council set aside up to \$3,000 to financially support our summer Vacation Bible School ministry.
- The 2016 Confirmation Class families and friends generously gave \$1,000 to support the ELCA Good Gifts Water Well Project.

## **Below is the exciting MWAM 2016-2017 Season! Mark your Calendars!!!!**

### **1. BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER!!! DECEMBER 2016**

"Hey! Unto you a child is born!"

Meet the Herdmans--they lie, cheat, and love to give clonks on the head. They are, without a doubt, the worst kids in the history of the world. So no one is prepared when this outlaw family invades church one Sunday and decides to take over the annual Christmas pageant.

None of the Herdmans has ever heard the Christmas story before. Joseph, Mary, the baby Jesus--it's all news to them. So they're convinced that the Wise Men should bring pizza and that the Angel of the Lord is straight out of a comic book. Everyone worries that this year's pageant will be horrible (just like the Herdmans!), but they are sure to make it the most unusual anyone has seen and, just possibly, the best one ever.

Adapted from the beloved novel of the same name, this sparkling picture-book version is perfect for younger children. They will delight in the antics of the terrible Herdmans, who surprise everyone when they capture the true meaning of Christmas.

AUDITIONS: MONDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> 6PM-9PM AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> 5PM-9PM (CALLBACKS)

\*\*\*SIGN UPS ON LINE WILL BEGIN JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> AT [musicalswithamission.com](http://musicalswithamission.com)

AGES: GRADES 2-8

REHEARSALS: SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AND TUESDAY EVENINGS

PERFORMANCES: DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> -11<sup>TH</sup>

### **2. SISTER ACT: THE BROADWAY MUSICAL! MAY 2017**

When disco diva wannabe Deloris Van Cartier sees her gangster boyfriend Curtis Shank commit a murder at the grungy club where she's performing, she reports the crime to the police and is placed in the witness protection program. Disguised as a nun named Sister Mary Clarence, she is placed in the convent of the Holy Order of the Little Sisters of Our Mother of Perpetual Faith, where she finds herself up against the rigid Mother Superior. Deloris uses her singing talent to inspire the other nuns to create a more contemporary choir, and they become the hit of the community. Word of their success reaches Curtis and his mob, who arrive on the scene to settle their score with Deloris and find themselves battling not only her, but a gang of feisty nuns and the Mother Superior as well. It tells the story of spreading God's word through a contemporary format, forgiving one another and helping others through difficult times!

AUDITIONS: SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 1PM-6PM AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> 6PM-9PM (CALLBACKS)

\*\*\*SIGN UPS BEGIN DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AT [musicalswithamission.com](http://musicalswithamission.com)

AGES: GRADES 3 - ADULT

REHEARSALS: SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AND TUESDAY EVENINGS

PERFORMANCES: MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> - MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

## St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - May 17, 2016

### Subject to council approval---May 2016 Minutes

**Council Members Present:** Sandy McCullough, Erik Allen, Jim Hime, Mollie Viola, Mark McGraw, Nancy Berndt, Patti Hayer, Renee Lea, Pastor Gary Kinkel, and Pastor Linda McPeak (All present)

**Meeting called to order:** Sandy McCullough, President @ 7:07

**Devotions (Scripture and Prayer):** Pastor Gary Kinkel – Acts 1:1-8

#### Old Business:

*Erik Allen/Mark McGraw: Motion to approve council agenda: Carried*

*Previous council meeting minutes were approved earlier via email.*

Erik Allen presented a verbal treasurer's report showing the general account in good shape at the end of April. Year to date building repair expenses and utilities are under budget. While offerings are down about \$5,000 for the year, the Spring Social brought in just under \$12,000 and a generous donation of \$1,300 was received from *Musicals With A Mission* from their spring show in addition to the charitable support they were able to provide.

*Pastor Gary Kinkel /Nancy Berndt: Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Carried*

Pastor Lind McPeak reported that the confirmation class chose the ELCA Good Gifts (water wells) charity as the target for the confirmation service offering. They were able to contribute \$1,000 toward that cause and Mark McGraw reported that *Musicals With a Mission* was able to contribute \$4,000 from the spring show towards the same charity bringing the total St. John's donation to \$5,000.

Pastor Gary Kinkel reported that the Visitation Team has been formed and there has been two meetings held. This group is divided into three sub-teams which target: 1) homebound and hospitalized, 2) follow up to visitors, 3) members who have fallen away. More volunteers are needed and the team will be actively recruiting other members.

Additional discussion was held on the effort to create the service volunteer base using the website VolunteerSpot.com. Additional brainstorming is needed on how to get people to sign up and training sessions are needed for the various duties. Currently too much burden is being placed on a few people.

Nancy Berndt reported she had 120 families signed up for the upcoming photography sessions for the new church directory. She also reported that the OWLS group volunteered to fill most of the greeter positions for the event. Photographing sessions in the library start at 2 PM with the church needing to be open by 1:30. Two to three viewing stations are planned.

Erik Allen recommended we go with an internal church audit and has guidelines to follow that he was able to get from his accounting firm. Sandy McCullough attempted to research what was done in the last internal audit but so far has not found the report. More investigation will be done on this front. An internal auditor still needs to be chosen.

Mollie Viola reported the discussion she had with the BIBBS group regarding a quiet play area for small children in services but there was concern over what the definition of quiet would be for small children in that setting. Conversation then focused on a system to periodically refresh the existing service activity bags that are available for small children in services.

Patti Hayer reported on the church social which all agreed was a success. Patti believes a lot was learned on what worked and what didn't. Next year's date has tentatively been set for 04/28/2017 but discussion is on-going to ensure there is no conflict with *Musicals With a Mission*.

Sandy McCullough brought to the council's attention the issue of insufficient budget funds for the Vacation Bible School (VBS) ministry. Pastor Linda McPeak estimated the expenses for this summer's session to be close to \$2,600. *Renee Lea made an initial motion to allocate funds for VBS out of the general fund not to exceed \$2,000 and Pastor Gary Kinkel seconded it.* Additional discussion led to an amended motion to cover the VBS expenses in the following way: 1) \$1,000 from the Youth (Restricted) Fund and 2) a General Fund allocation not to exceed \$2,000 offset by user fees of \$35 per participant.

*This amended motion was made by Renee Lea and seconded by Erik Allen and unanimously carried.*

#### New Business:

Nancy Berndt brought up the concern that printed hymns and liturgical instructions in the bulletin need to be more accurate to help visitors. She indicated this was discussed with Sean Vander Veen and a plan is in place to resolve the issues.

Sandy McCullough reported that Rally Sunday is scheduled for 09/11/2016 and wanted the council to be thinking about events and activities for the day. It was agreed that we needed to look to groups to help set up the day. Renee Lea also indicated that a diaper drive is planned that day for Shakopee Community Assistance.

Sandy McCullough introduced a form to the council to be used by groups and individuals of the church to request council approval for fundraising and donation events. The intent is that all such requests must get council approval via council vote due to requirements of the church constitution and state law. *A motion to adopt the form and the process of fundraising approval was made by Renee Lea and seconded by Mark McGraw and unanimously carried.*

Stewardship discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

*Mark McGraw/Erik Allen: Motion to adjourn: carried.*

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Hime, Church Secretary

## JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 2:00 PM Directory Photos 6:30 PM VBS Planning Mtg 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM RUGS and Altar Team Training Event 7:00 PM AA*	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM AA *
<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Worship & HS Senior Recognition, Rosin Baptism 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting	<b>7</b> 3:00 or 5:00PM Loaves & Fishes	<b>8</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM AA*	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM AA *
<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Worship & Doecke Baptism 1:00 PM Hispanic Church 5:30 PM Luther & Lager	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Stewardship Generosity Team	<b>15</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM AA*	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM AA *
<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Worship & Prentice Baptism 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	<b>22</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	<b>23</b> 7:00 PM AA*	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM AA *
<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Worship Outside 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM AA*		

## JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM AA *
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting	<b>5</b> 3:00 or 5:00PM Loaves & Fishes	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM AA*	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM AA * 12:00 PM IA Youth Group lodging
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