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Opportunity to Give – Sunday May 21st

We will have a special guest on Sunday, May 21st during both worship services. Our guest is from an organization called **"Food for the Poor."** They work primarily in the Caribbean and in Latin America. Their mission is just what their name says. In the name of Jesus, they bring food to the poor. Many (or most) of their representatives are retired ELCA pastors. We will have the opportunity to contribute to their efforts that day. No one is required to give.

But we have the privilege of giving, above our usual Sunday offering, by using the envelope that will be in the bulletin. Our guest that day will bring the message and will also share about *Food for the Poor* during the education hour. It is a great opportunity and privilege for us! I hope to see you there!



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.***

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From Pastor Gary Kinkel...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What a joy to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with you! I continue to be so glad to be with you and among you. It is a great privilege!

There is so much to say and so little space to say it! I will have to focus on one of them. Recall with me the first church of Jesus Christ in its beginnings. In Acts 4, in response to persecution and threat, we read that in one mind and spirit they prayed: "Lord, take note of their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and to perform signs and wonders through the name of Jesus, your holy servant." (Acts 4:29-30) They had a very clear understanding of what they were called to do and they continually asked the Lord for the power to do it, or for the Lord to do it through them. We, as their heirs, share the same general mission. Our continual prayer should be very similar to theirs.

But at the same time, our context is different. We need to ask seriously and continuously what the Lord is calling St. John's to do now and what God wills for us to become in the future. What does God desire us to be 10 years from now? What ventures does the Lord call us into 20 years from now? We know our mission in general, but we need to be clear about our specific role and task within the mission of God. In view of that we have been trying to gather as much information as we can to help us catch the vision God has for St. John's. We have collected a good deal of information. But now we need a team to begin sifting through the data, making sense of it, engaging in an in-depth conversation around it and moving toward a vision and a plan for St. John's future.

It is an exciting time to be a part of St. John's Lutheran! We are rising up to be renewed! I am looking for people interested in being part of this conversation and formulation. Is God calling you to help? Is the Lord drawing you to be a part of formulating the vision and direction of St. John's future? Please pray about it! This team should represent all age groups, all segments of the congregation and all interests. It should not be small. The Holy Spirit is stirring among us! Please heed the call. If you are interested in being part of the discussion please let Lisa in the office know by the third week in May. It is going to be great!

Let us respond to God's call! Let us rise up and be renewed!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary



Calling all High School Graduates!

We will be recognizing and celebrating the high school graduates in worship on June 4th @ 9:00am.

Please respond to the church office (952-445-5666 or info@stjohns-shakopee.com) by **Thursday, May 18th** with your RSVP and following information:

- High School Graduates Full Name
- High School Graduating From
- Post High School Plans
- Parent(s) Full Name(s)

Endowment Committee Scholarships

If you plan to attend a Lutheran College, you may apply for a Memorial and Endowment Committee Scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year. Please pick up an application form outside the church office or contact the church office at 952-445-5666.

**Applications must be submitted by May 31, 2017*



LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves and Fishes will be on **Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017** at St. Mark's Catholic Church Shakopee. Dinner is served at 5:30pm. We need volunteers to help serve the meal to the community and clean up. If you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to volunteer, please contact Tim Lea at 952-890-0201. *You will find the volunteering to be very rewarding and fun!*

Loaves & Fishes seeking Volunteer Coordinator

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped prepare or served meals on the first Tuesday of the month at Loaves and Fishes. I will facilitate meals through the September 2017 meal. The Loaves and Fishes organization will prepare and ask volunteers to serve the meals in our absence. Our church wishes to continue this mission work and is seeking a new facilitator. Please contact Pastor Gary if you are interested. I will be available to anyone who has questions regarding this mission.

Renee Lea



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

The OWLS will meet on Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Two topics will be covered at our gathering in May. The first has to do with our children. We have been made aware of the abuse where some children become victims in their homes, schools, churches, and communities. It has become worse with the use of our latest technology. In response to this, the ELCA has introduced a program called, "*Cherish the Children*." Kathy Larson will lead this information session. She will discuss the unique problems children face today and how we can learn and be involved in this ministry.

It will involve lifting them up in prayer, asking God to be with them to protect them, and helping them to feel loved and supported.

The second topic will be covered in a presentation by Cheri Sorum on improving ways to use our cell phones and iPads. She will both provide information and also give some "hands on" council in how to better use these devices. She will also provide some information on how to avoid having your "stuff" hacked or invaded.

Please feel free to invite a friend. The coffee and snacks are always good and once again we will have a good time. For more information, contact Del at 952-412-4917. *OWL are welcome!*



The Church Directories are in!

For all families that were photographed, please pick up your directory outside the church office (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.

Sunday School News

There will be a Sunday School celebration on **May 7th** for families to attend during the Sunday School hour.

Last day of Sunday School for the season is **May 14th**.

St. John's Call Committee

The Call Committee is in place and has begun its search for an associate pastor.

Members of St. John's Call Committee:

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



Confirmation Sunday, April 30th, 2017

It is with great rejoicing as we welcome twenty-two 9th grade confirmation students to affirm their baptism!

The following students desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

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

I'm very excited! The first class of Financial Peace University at St. John's kicked off on Sunday, April 23rd with eleven participants! The class provides insight and guidance on how the Bible teaches us to be stewards of God's money. I'm hoping to share more stories in the future, as well as offer additional classes for others who are interested.

The second piece is the financial portion and can be completed either by individual or family. I ask that everyone prayerfully consider what it is that you would like to contribute to St. John's. Whether, it's \$1, \$20, or \$100 a week, it helps to carry out the mission of God, including the five mission areas at work at St. John's: Worship, Prayer, and Music; Community Outreach and Pastoral Care; Spiritual Formation and Education; Mission and Service; and Fellowship. Also, if you're currently giving, I encourage you to consider a small increase. For example, a 5% increase on \$20 is \$1 and a 10% increase is \$2. As we Rise Up and Renew the mission of St. John's, small, collective changes, have the ability to have a large impact. The financial information submitted will remain confidential. Don't forget, you can automate your giving online!

Mollie

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

Council Members Present: Sandy McCullough, Shelly Gehrman, Nancy Berndt, Erik Allen, Mark McGraw, and Pastor Gary Kinkel,

Council Members Absent: Kathy Larson, Mollie Viola, and Renee Lea

Guest: Jim Hime

Meeting called to order: Sandy McCullough, President @ 7:03

Nancy Berndt/Pastor Gary Kinkel: Motion to approve the agenda: *Carried*

Devotions (Scripture and Prayer): Pastor Gary Kinkel – Acts 3:22 – 4:4

Discernment (New Business):

- **Data Discernment Team Update** – Pastor Gary reported the data gathering task is wrapping up. He asked council to pray and think about who should be on the Vision Team and what the vision for St. John's is. He feels the new Vision Team should have as many as 10 members with 2 or 3 from the council.
- **Council's Role in Congregational Leadership: Committee Responsibilities** – Council discussed council member roles and responsibility toward committees under their assigned area. Committee building and recruitment strategy were discussed. Pastor Gary asked council members to supply him a short list of names for committee consideration that he could reach out to.
- **Properties Report on Painting the Gathering Space** – Mark McGraw presented the proposed color schemes for the gathering space painting project. The initial quote was \$3300 with the hope it could be lower. Future decorating ideas were also presented.
- *Nancy Berndt/Shelley Gehrman:* Motion to go with the Properties Committee's recommendation on painting the gathering spaces. *Carried.*

Decisions (Old Business):

- **Spring Social Update** – Council discussed ideas for the spring social income. It was decided that designated funds would go toward the church interior painting projects while the non-designated funds will go to the general fund.
- **Nursery Refresh** – The nursery refresh has been on-going with dedicated volunteers. A recent payment of \$177 covered some of the expenses. Additional pending nursery updates were presented.
- *Sandy McCullough/Shelley Gehrman:* Motion to approve up to an additional \$200 for continued updating of the nursery. *Carried*
- **MWAM Update** – Mark McGraw reported that Musicals With A Mission will run its next show, *The Prince of Egypt*, in August with auditions occurring in April. The musical will then go on the road to three outstate locations. The designated charity for the production will be ELCA Good Gifts.
- **Staffing and Salaries** – Raises approved in the 2017 budget were implemented. Staff reviews are overdue. Pastor Gary suggested council create a review team for this purpose.
- **Newsletter Report** – Nancy Berndt volunteered for the committee article for the next newsletter.
- **Directory Update** – Second set of proofs were returned for review. If these are approved, directory can be printed.
- No Treasurer's Report this month.
- *Nancy Berndt/Erik Allen:* Motion to approve February 21 council minutest: *Carried*
- Next regularly scheduled council meeting is April 18, 2017.
- *Mark McGraw/ Shelley Gehrman:* Motion to Adjourn: *Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Hime, Acting Church Secretary

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting	2 5:00 PM Loaves & Fishes @ St. Mark's Church	3 10:00 AM OWLS 6:15 PM HG Rehearsal 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 7:00 PM AA*	5	6 9:00 AM AA * 1:00 PM MWAM Auditions
7 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School/ Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM Hispanic Church 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	8	9 7:00 PM Stewardship Team	10 1:00 PM Quilters 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 6:00 PM Piano Recital 7:00 PM AA*	12	13 9:00 AM AA *
14 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School/ Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM Hispanic Church 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	15	16 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	17 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	18 1:00 PM Martha Circle 7:00 PM AA*	19	20 9:00 AM AA *
21 <i>Food for the Poor Presentation</i> 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Adult Education (No Sunday School) 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM Hispanic Church 5:30 PM Luther & Lager @ Badger Hill Brewing 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	22	23	24 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:15 PM HG Rehearsal	25 7:00 PM AA*	26	27 9:00 AM AA * 3:00 PM Hispanic Church
28 <i>Summer Worship Hours Begin</i> 9:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Hispanic Church 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	29 <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i> (office closed)	30	31 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study			

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Called as children of God
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Committed to serve **Christ** in the world