



Confirmation Sunday, May 6th, 2018

10:30am Worship Service *(plan on the service to run a little long)*

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

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

Anthony Asmus, Katelyn Buth, Avery Garvey, Katelyn Lindquist, Jacob Meyer, Jordan Miller, Westin Nascene, Nicholas Rubash, Alicia Shepard, Jacob Skogrand, Barrett VanHorn and Jessica Vermeulen



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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From Pastor Gary Kinkel...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Summer is almost here! By the time of the next newsletter it will be here! We are moving through the season of Easter, the fifty days of joy, towards Pentecost. Pentecost both brings the season of Easter to an end, and, more importantly, recalls the birth of the Church. Pentecost celebrates and reminds us that Jesus sent his Spirit, his very breath, which we call the Holy Spirit, into the church to give us gifts and power for mission, for the capacity to be witnesses of his resurrection and his Lordship.

But an odd thing happens in the summer. Right after we remember the power of the Spirit in the church, and our call to be part of God's mission to restore and heal and the whole creation, summer begins and people wander away from worship. But we, and the world, are still broken. Sin, in all its malignant reality, mangles and twists human beings and God's good creation. We cannot afford a "break" from forgiveness and healing. We cannot afford to miss being reoriented to God and to God's ways. We cannot afford to be absent from the announcement, the proclamation and interpretation of God's Word—the one and only thing we need for Christian salvation and life; the one and only thing that overpowers death and gains victory over the whole world. I cannot live without hearing the Word and joining with my sisters and brothers in prayer to and praise of the one, holy, Triune God.

Further, when we are absent from worship we have a tendency not to give to the church. Giving, contributing, is a very important part of our discipleship, our following of Jesus. If we are not contributing in real and concrete ways, if we are not making ourselves, our time, our gifts and our money available for God's mission our very discipleship soon becomes as ethereal and unreal as mist on a pond at dawn on a summer morning. It blows away and dissipates in the breeze and is gone. Moreover, the church continues, even if we do not take part in it. The doors have to be kept open and the lights on. But the church's continued life requires that we all continue to support the mission of God.

I hope to see you all here in the summer. Worship the Lord! Hear the Word! Be forgiven! Be raised from the dead! Be part of God's healing!

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 Sunday, June 10th @ 9:00am.

Please respond to the church office (952-445-5666 or info@stjohns-shakopee.com) by **Thursday, May 17th** with your RSVP and following information:

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

News from Church Council

My name is Shelley Gehrman and I am the Vice-President of the St. John's Church Council. I have been on the council in many different roles for about 8 of the past 10 years. My husband, DaWayne and I have been members of St. John's for the past 10 years. We became members when our youngest son, Hunter, was in one of the musicals put on by MWAM. It's been so wonderful to have my boys share their talents during those musicals.

What I like the most about St. John's is that everyone is so welcoming and friendly. St. John's also allows children to learn and discuss their faith at all levels. I've met some wonderful people at this church and I am forever grateful.

My role as Vice-President is to back up the President and help other members of the church council and the church staff as the need arises. I am also here to listen to you...about anything you want me to know about our church. If you have anything you want to discuss, or you just want to reach out, you may get ahold of me at 612-231-4551 or email me at shelley.gehrman@yahoo.com.

Thank you to the volunteers and everyone that donated to the Spring Social – what a success! I know that it takes many hours of planning and prep to plan for that night and I just want to send out my heartfelt thanks to anyone that was involved. It was a very nice night to share in fellowship with our church members.

Enjoy this beautiful (at last!) spring weather and enjoy the summer of 2018! God Bless all of you.

OWLS – May Meeting

We will meet again on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 10:00am.

Our program will feature the Hispanic group from Shakopee who worship at St. John's.

Their leader, Jose Delgadillo and his wife, Xochtl, will lead the presentation. Jose will share his testimony and tell what led to their worship gatherings at St. John's. They will also share information on their culture and background, where they came from, and the Hispanic community in Shakopee. There will be opportunity for questions and dialogue.

Please invite your family and friends to join us for this unique presentation.

For further information please call Del at 952-412-4917 or 952-237-1989.

OWL are welcome!



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

From Pastor Jerod Freeberg...

"And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out demons." Mark 3: 14-15

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, Amen.

As we enter into the month of May I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect and give thanks for the warm welcome I received for my installation. I am truly blessed to have been called by St. John's Lutheran Church and into the ministry we share. Not only was this an important day in my life; it was an important day in the life of the congregation as well. And above all we must not forget to give thanks to God for bringing us together to do ministry, to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and care for the sick. I am excited to see what God will do next in and through St. John's.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jerod

Confirmation News!

5/2/2018: 9th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner @ 6:30pm

5/6/2018: Affirmation of Faith Service at the 10:30am Sunday worship service

Worship Helpers: 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.

May Worship Helpers

	6-May	13-May	20-May
8:15 Service			
Cross Bearer	Edie Schmidt	Abigail Swenhaugen	Maya Mitchell
Acolyte	Holly Schmidt	Emma Swenson	Kaylin Anderson
Communion Server	Emily Stadler	Colin Kostelac	Gavin Holm
Nursery - 8th	Olivia McCall	Jordyn Blenkush	Jenna Koehn
Nursery - 7th	Nicholas Briggs	Brinley Garvey	Sierra Nascene
10:30 Service			
Cross Bearer	Brock Koivisto	Luke Wilts	Colby Hahn
Acolyte	Martin Koivisto	Daniel Eckers	Kylie Hahn
Communion Server	Lindsay Schmidt	Gabby Anderson	Landon Vaupel
Nursery - 8th	Ella Doty	Maddie Eslinger	Garrett Hayer
Nursery - 7th	Kaylee Chappuie	Noah Lindquist	Madison McGraw

SAVE THE DATE

Cherish All Children Spring Equipping Event

Wednesday May 23rd, 6:30-7:30 PM

"Hold fast to love and justice and wait continually for your God." (Hosea 12:6b)

Protecting our children and youth is a ministry that we should all take seriously, but that doesn't mean learning and growing together in how we carry out that ministry has to be serious. Please join us for an hour of refreshments, interactive learning and discussion of where this ministry will go from here. The focus of the event is two-fold. First, we'll explore what makes children and youth vulnerable to sexual exploitation and how we as St. John's members can recognize them and build their resilience. Second, we'll review St. John's Child Safety Policy so our children will be safe from harm as they participate in St. John's youth and children's ministry.

Everyone is welcome at this event! We want the entire congregation to engage in keeping children safe. Those who are directly involved in youth and children's ministry programs are strongly encouraged to attend. Child care will be provided.

Endowment Committee Scholarships

If you plan to attend a Lutheran College, you may apply for a Memorial and Endowment Committee Scholarship for the 2018-2019 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, 2018.**



Musicals with a Mission would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who came to support our production of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!** Even with a blizzard we were able to raise our most amount of free will offerings ever! After paying expenses for new microphones, musical royalty costs, and set construction costs we were able to donate \$2000 to Shakopee Loaves and Fishes, \$1350 to St. John's Youth for the upcoming National Youth Gathering and \$1500 to St. John's General Fund! Go St. John's evangelism and making a difference in the world!

Kari Vaupel

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes February 20th, 2018

Gathering

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on February 20th by Nancy Berndt. Scott Wilts agreed to be the timekeeper. Shelley Gehrman made and Pastor Gary seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

Pastor Gary led the council in a continuing study of the book of Acts beginning at the first verse of Chapter 6. He emphasized that the book of Acts is a model for how our churches should be today. Following that example, Pastors Jerod and Gary bear the same responsibilities as those first twelve disciples—praying and preaching the Word of God. As spirit-filled council members, we are to serve the church wisely as we obey the faith and love one another. Nancy distributed handmade wooden crosses and prayer cards to council members.

Discernment

- Nancy reviewed the ground rules for Council Meetings. The words “keep it real” will be deleted and the words “maintain respectful conversational boundaries” will be added. Nancy will add a reference to 1 John 4:10-11 to the updated ground rules.
- The Council will hold a retreat on April 7th from 12:30 – 5:00 PM.
- Pastor Gary, Pastor Jerod, and team leaders will send their respective reports for each upcoming council meeting to Kathy Larson. She will compile the reports and send a single e-mail to pastors and council members on the Sunday night one week prior to the council meeting. This process will ensure a more efficient use of time during the actual council meeting.
- The Spring Social is set for April 20th at Turtle's Bar and Grill.
- MWAM has designated Shakopee Loaves and Fishes as the recipient of funds raised by the spring musical performance. Jenny made and Aimee seconded a motion to give the money raised at the accompanying bake sales to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Motion carried.
- Nancy will write the next report for the newsletter. Council members are reminded that they are to provide sandwiches and dessert bars for and serve at the Lenten supper on March 21st.

Decisions

Minutes of the January 16, 2018, meeting were distributed and approved.

Pastor Gary highlighted action tracks for moving St. John's Church toward its vision for the future:

- A Book Club has begun meeting.
- Council members were given a handout for “Bread for the World” –a program started by an internationally known ELCA pastor.
- An “Offering of Letters” is a plea to inundate legislators with letters pleading for the protection of both SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC (Women, Infant, and Children) programs. Shelley made and Aimee seconded a motion to send information about the letter writing campaign to our congregation. Motion carried.
- A joint worship service with our congregation and Pastor José Luís' congregation is scheduled for Sunday, April 8th.

Pastor Jerod reported that:

- Aimee and Pastor Jerod will hold an open discussion on Vacation Bible School this coming Tuesday (February 27th). Goals of the meeting include hearing opinions and making decisions about this summer's program. Dates for Bible School, curriculum to be used, and funding available will be discussed.
- Seven children plan to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Texas this summer. Three to five more youth may also attend. A number of adults have expressed interest in chaperoning the trip. Because the cost for each participant (attendee or chaperone) is nearly \$1500, Pastor Jerod would like to ask for funds from the Endowment Committee to use as scholarships for youth attending the event. Renee made and Kathy seconded a motion for him to make the request to the Endowment Committee. Motion carried. Pastor Jerod will also implement an “Envelope Drive” to raise an additional \$5050.

Erik Allen was not present but submitted a financial update via e-mail. Corroborating statements were attached.

Sending

The next **council** meeting date is **March 20, 2018**. Pastor Jerod led the council in closing prayer. He asked Jesus to draw us together as we read Gospel and serve the congregation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Larson

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal	2 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:15 PM Higher Ground 6:30 PM Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner (9 th grade only) 8:00 PM St. John's Choir	3 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Prayer Service 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	4 2:00 PM Synod Assembly (offsite)	5 8:30 AM Synod Assembly (offsite) 9:00 AM AA *
6 Confirmation Sunday 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 & Affirmation of Baptism 2:00 PM Hispanic Church 6:00 PM MWAM Rehearsal	7 6:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal 7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Team 7:00 PM AA District Meeting*	8 6:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal	9 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 PM Quilters 6:15 PM Higher Ground 6:30 PM Brewhall Bingo @ Shakopee Brew Hall 8:00 PM St. John's Choir	10 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Prayer Service 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	11	12 9:00 AM AA *
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27 Summer Hours Begin 9:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Hispanic Church	28 MEMORIAL DAY (office closed) 7:00 PM St. John's Book Club	29 6:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal	30 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal	31 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Prayer Service 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*		

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