

Families Moving Forward A Program of Beacon INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

A new opportunity to serve!

Did you know that every year 20,000 new families fall into homelessness in the Minneapolis area? Not 20,00 individuals, but 20,000 families find themselves in this terrible and frightening circumstance. Jesus calls us to care for our neighbor, who is anyone in need (see Luke 10:25-37, for example). And did you also know there is a startling lack of shelters or housing help throughout the southwest metro?

St. John's is partnering with Cross of Peace Lutheran to do something about this. Together we are now part of a program called Families Moving Forward, which is one ministry of an umbrella organization called Beacon. FMF provides short term shelter for people who have come to be homeless and who qualify for FMF. FMF moves people from homelessness back to independence. Churches provide overnight shelter for people in the program.

Cross of Peace will be the host site, but St. John's will provide volunteers! A number of different things are needed, from evening and morning meals to overnight presence to greeters and afternoon/evening activity folks.

May 12-19 will be our first week serving together in this! It is very exciting! We need volunteers. Please respond to Jesus' call to love our neighbors! Explanations of each volunteer position and what is needed can be found at the sign-up link. Please follow the link on the church website and weekly email to learn more and to sign up to help! We need you! Your neighbors need you! Jesus calls you!



Summer Worship Hours

begin Sunday, May 26th

Sunday Worship @ 9:00am

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

Rev. Gary Kinkel, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jerod Freeberg, Associate Pastor
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From Pastor Gary Kinkel...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have entered the 50 days of joy! The Easter season lasts until Pentecost. In the meantime, other stuff occupies some of our time and energy. Synod Assembly happens the first weekend in May and our Synod will deliberate and reconnect. Prom happened. We get ourselves to work and come home again. We navigate relationships—sometimes well and sometimes less well. But behind it all, beneath it all: Jesus is alive and going about his mission in the world, whether we notice it or not, whether we pay attention to him or not.

I read an article recently that listed the top 25 reasons people report as having made them stop believing in God. About half of them were some version of the problem of evil. A few had something to do with sensing there is a lack of evidence. A couple had to do with feeling forced or coerced. There is much to engage our neighbors in conversation over! But, again, Jesus is alive and going about his mission in the world. It does not depend on anyone believing it! If we DO believe it, we have a call to action. He urges us to do the things he says. Our crucified and risen Savior is the Lord. It doesn't really matter if other people don't believe it, or if the world around us takes little notice. He is alive. His kingdom, or kingly rule, comes—it is the one thing that is absolutely to be depended on. We pray that it might come to us, and in us...now. Today.

We have received a direct call to follow him; to respond to his call. It has been given to us. We did not seek it out. Families Moving Forward serves some of our neighbors who have fallen into difficulty and insecurity with respect to housing. We are partnering with Cross of Peace Lutheran. We need volunteers and we need them right away. This is so exciting! Jesus is reaching out to us through the vulnerable. Please take the time today to go on our St. John's website. Click on the link. Pray about the slots that still need to be filled by volunteers and sign up for one. Let us step out in faith. Let us take a cross and follow Jesus. Let us take the hand reaching out to us for help and give a boost up. We can do this together! Jesus is alive and his kingdom comes; his kingdom work is done. The only question is whether we will be a part of it. Please don't sit on the bench! Let's get in the game!

See you Sunday!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary



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

The OWLS will meet on Wednesday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Joan Freeberg, in April, used visual aids and statistics to show that seniors are living longer and are more healthy, as well as the largest living group in America. Joan charged the (older and wiser) seniors with a certain set of responsibilities: to show, to teach, to serve and engage as Christians in our community.

Brian Johnson will speak to us in May. He will teach us "*7 Ways to Not Get Hacked*". Brian is the president of 7 Minute Security, his company specializes in security assessments, penetration testing and training. He is especially passionate about teaching others about security and hosts a weekly blog/podcast to help consumers and businesses strengthen their security posture. When he isn't camped out behind a keyboard, he enjoys outdoor activities with his family, as well as playing guitar in an acoustic duo. We will be meeting downstairs so Brian can use the T.V. for his presentation.

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

Endowment Gifts & Memorials

Members and friends of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church may give tax deductible gifts to the church in one of the following ways:

- In memory of: A friend or loved one
- In honor of: Someone or some occasion such as an anniversary, birthday or wedding
- To the Glory of God

Gifts may be in the form of cash, checks, stock or property and may be either designated or undesignated gifts. To make a memorial or gift, please complete the form which can be found outside the church office and main front entrance and place it in the collection plate or leave it at the church office. You may also go online to www.stjohns-shakopee.com and click on "Online Giving". Thank you for your support.

Endowment Committee Scholarships

If you plan to attend a Lutheran College, you may apply for a Memorial and Endowment Committee Scholarship for the 2019-2020 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, 2019.***

Confirmation News!

5/1/2019: 9th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner @ 6:00pm

5/5/2019: Affirmation of Faith Service at the 10:30am Sunday worship service

Worship Helpers: If you cannot be at your scheduled time, please reach out to your classmates to see if they will switch with you.

8:15 Service	5-May	12-May	19-May
Cross Bearer	Gavin Holm	Olivia Hayer	Josie Pond
Acolyte	Colin Kostelac	Landon Vaupel	Jacob Radke
Communion Server	Maya Mitchell	Hogan Vaupel	Hailey Sauer
10:30 Service			
Cross Bearer	Seth Appert	Emily Listrom	Peter Swenhaugen
Acolyte	Noah Lindquist	Cannon Miller	Cecilia Lemke
Communion Server	Seth Appert	Cameron Johnson	Kady McGraw

2019 St. John's Church Council Team Reports

Spiritual Formation Report

Sunday School

This year we have 57 children enrolled in Sunday school. We continue to use the Augsburg Fortress Spark Activate Faith curriculum. The fifth graders use the Connect curriculum from Sparkhouse. Throughout the last half of the year, our attendance shows that 49% of children registered are actively participating.

On Thursday April 18th We had eleven 5th graders received their first communion during the Maundy Thursday service.

We have collected \$376.71 in Sunday school offering since fall that goes to sponsor a child from Eagle's Nest in Guatemala. The children also give food items for the local CAP Agency.

On Sunday April 28th we have planned a bowling event for school age children.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will take place in August. We will be using the ELCA curriculum "Who is my Neighbor". "Who is my Neighbor" invites children and youth to re-imagine what it means to be neighbors in Christ. Based on the Good Samaritan story. We have a planning meeting scheduled for April 30th.

Confirmation

20 students will be confirmed on May 5th at the 10:30 A.M. service. Wednesday April 24th is the last day of Confirmation.

MWAM

Musicals with a Mission production of Beauty and the Beast in March was able to raise \$2000 for ELCA Good Gifts Plow and Oxen, \$971 went to the St. John's youth and \$500 to the St. John's General Fund.

Aimee Johnson

Spiritual Formation Team Lead

Community Relations Report

The Social Concerns committee has been in touch with Cross of Peace church in order to partner with them on volunteering for Families Moving Forward. The link from Cross of Peace to sign up to volunteer starting on 5/12/19 is now available on St. John's website! We will also help over the course of two weeks in the near future--one week in August and one week in October. The Social Concerns committee will also reach out to El Remanente de Cristo to understand if there are any opportunities for the committee to volunteer in the Shakopee Hispanic community. Any members interested in joining the Social Concerns committee can contact Kirsti Youngs. There is no set date/time to meet as of yet for the Social Concerns committee, but please consider joining as the committee is currently seeking members to help volunteer in the community! St. John's is attempting to form an Evangelism committee--interested persons, please contact Pastor Gary or Kirsti Youngs. In addition, please contact Jim Johnston or Pastor Gary if you are interested in helping to create an Altar Guild, the Altar guild is responsible for behind-the-scenes altar requirements. St. John's is also looking to have someone lead the Disciple Service Team group. There is currently a DST volunteer sign up and there are five DST teams to help with church services. Interested members please contact Jim Johnston.

The Fellowship committee currently meets one or two times per month. Their goal is to have a monthly fellowship event, and they are involved with organizing the Social, Summer Picnic, Rally Sunday, Pumpkin event and Pie Luck. Currently there are three people on the Care team that are visiting persons on the shut-in list (in addition to the Pastors). Each person generally visits one or two persons per month on the list. Moms group is currently meeting each month. The group puts together baskets for the Spring Social, organizes graduation gifts for the seniors, helps support the funeral meals, sends "thinking of you notes" for the shut-ins and provide general support to anyone who might need it. They are also involved with doing Bible studies and devotions. OWLS currently meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10am. Most months they bring in guest speakers, have a simple devotion and share coffee and dessert. In the fall there is a plan to go on a few outings. Women's group/circle currently meets the third Thursday of the month. They discuss the *Gather* magazine and do bible study. The group organizes plants/flowers for Easter and Christmas as well as for shut-ins. They also organize food for funerals. BIBBS currently meets one Sunday morning per month in the nursery during education hour. This is an educational hour for babies age zero to three and their parents.

Kirsti Youngs

Community Relations Team Lead

Finance Team Report

The endowment committee meets six times a year and has five members. The committee handles the collection and oversight of memorial and endowment donations to the church. They also review requests received for endowment funds, generally college scholarship requests, kitchen requests, music requests, and camp scholarship requests.

The offering counters have a stable team that has been in place for several years. There are eight counters, which make up four 2-person teams. They are currently using a very slow, old computer to record the counted offerings. They would like to replace the computer in the near future.

The financial secretary enters contributions to the church into the church's accounting system. Beth Johnson is in her sixth year serving as financial secretary.

A discipleship team has been formed to address the stewardship concerns of St. John's. The team currently has five members and will be meeting twice a month on Monday evenings.

Jenny Pudwill

Finance Team Lead

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes - March 19th, 2019

Council Members Present:

Pastor Gary Kinkel, Pastor Jerod Freeberg, Sandy McCullough, Jesse Rients, Kirsti Youngs, Scott Wilts, Aimee Johnson, Jim Hime, Jenny Pudwill, Paula Brennan

Council Members Absent: All Present

I. Gathering

- A. Call to order: 7:01 pm Sandy McCullough, President
- B. *Motion to approve agenda: Jenny Pudwill/Pastor Gary; carried.*
- C. Scripture and prayer: Pastor Gary Kinkel, The Council in the Word Acts: 9:20-30

II. Discernment (New Business)

- A. Scott County would like to use the diagonal parking spaces on the west and south sides of St. John's for county employee parking while construction is being done on the government buildings. Construction is expected to begin in May and continue through summer, 6:00 am to 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday. If there is a funeral at St. John's, Pastor Gary will give notice to the county and no one will park there.

Motion to approve Scott County's use of St. John's diagonal parking spots on week days through summer: Jenny Pudwill/Scott Wilts; carried.

- B. Role of Council: Sandy McCullough led discussion of the role of Council.
- C. Discipleship: Team leaders will meet with their resource people to discuss stewardship ideas. Discussion about forming a stewardship committee and worship committee.
- D. Retreat date: April 12-13 at St. John's. The above discussions will be continued at the retreat.

III. Decisions (Old Business)

- A. Treasurer's Report: *Motion to approve, Scott Wilts/Jenny Pudwill; carried.*
Discussion of Spring Social funds distribution; the needs of the church are the priority.
- B. *Motion to approve council minutes, Aimee Johnson/Kirsti Youngs; carried.*
- C. Assign report for newsletter: Team leaders will write reports.

IV. Sending

- A. Review action items established: Next council meeting date is **April 23, 2019**
- B. Closing Prayer: Sandy McCullough
- C. Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn, Jenny Pudwill/Jim Hime; carried, 9:10 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Brennan, Council Secretary



Calling all High School Graduates!

We will be recognizing & celebrating the high school graduates in worship on Sunday, June 2nd @ 9:00am.

MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM 9 th Gr Confirmation Dinner/Rehearsal 6:30 PM Higher Ground 8:00 PM St. John's Choir	2 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	3	4 9:00 AM AA * 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Band Rehearsal
5 Confirmation Sunday 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School/ Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship & Affirmation of Baptism 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	6 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting 7:00 PM Gemeinschaft	7	8 12:00 PM Bible Study 1:00 PM Quilters 6:30 PM Higher Ground 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	9 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	10	11 9:00 AM AA * 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Band Rehearsal
12 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School/ Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM Hispanic Church 5:30 PM Luther & Lager	13 7:15 PM Discipleship Team	14	15 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Higher Ground 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 1:00 PM Martha Circle 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	17 6:00 PM Kerry Murphy Piano Recital	18 9:00 AM AA * 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Band Rehearsal
19 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School/ Adult Education 10:30 AM Worship & Baptism 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	20 6:00 PM Susan Nugent Piano Recital 7:00 PM Gemeinschaft	21 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	22 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Higher Ground 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	23 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	24	25 9:00 AM AA * 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Band Rehearsal
26 9:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Hispanic Church	27 MEMORIAL DAY <i>(office closed)</i>	28	29 12:00 PM Bible Study	30 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	31 4:00 PM Lee Simmons Piano Recital	

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Committed to serve **Christ** in the world