



We believe God is engaged in mission for the sake of the world. God has called us and therefore, here at St. John's, we aim to grow in faith together, deepen our love for God and one another and learn to live in the hope that is in Christ Jesus.

We are learning to be Jesus' disciples in the world and for the sake of the world. So as we learn, we join God's mission for the world and learn to serve in his name.

Over the coming weeks, we invite you to celebrate in the receiving of new members to St. John's and invite them to share in God's mission with us.



SUNDAYS

8:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

9:25 AM EDUCATION HOUR

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAYS

7:30 PM SUMMIT WORSHIP

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. ***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,

There is a song by Bob Dylan (recipient of a Nobel Prize in literature) called, **Lord, Protect My Child**. The second verse of that song begins,

When the world is asleep

You can look at it and weep

Few things you find are worthwhile.

We give ourselves, our time, our energies, our money to lots of different things. Each time we do we bear witness to the regard we have for a person or thing. When we spend time or money, strength or skill, we reveal whether something is worthwhile to us or not. But there is a lingering question over each of our lives: Do we give ourselves to what is truly worthwhile, namely, what is eternally true, transcendently good and ultimately beautiful? Or do we settle merely for our personal preferences—without much concern about whether they reflect eternal truth, good and beauty?

Every day that question runs like a thread through all we do and say. Every Sunday that question hangs in the balance. We gather on Sundays to worship the One God who came to save us in Jesus Christ and who is present in the power of the Spirit. The word “worship” comes from an old Saxon word, “worthship.” To worship is to render the “worth” of the one who is being worshipped. The word indicates an attitude of homage. The Hebrew word we usually translate as “worship” means to bow or to prostrate oneself, thus indicating that we regard the one worshipped as being of superior power and virtue.

On Sundays we gather, then, to bow before, to praise and listen to, to cry from the heart to, the Author of existence, the real Power behind every experience of power, the Life that gives life to all the living. We do so because this holy God has not remained anonymous or hidden behind an inscrutable silence. Rather, out of the darkness of eternity God has spoken in Jesus Christ. God has revealed in Jesus Christ that God loves us and seeks to heal and save us. Indeed, God means to do away with the great enemies that corrupt and destroy life—including death itself! Nothing is worth more than that. Nothing is more truthful, better or more beautiful than God in Christ through the power of the Spirit. Please join us this Sunday—and every Sunday—to help us bear witness to the overwhelming worth, goodness, truth and beauty of the living God. Let your neighbors, your friends, your relatives know what matters, what is worthwhile.

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary



One world, one life; so let's make it a good one, for all:
By working in partnership with a collaborative spirit towards community building.

EVENT INFORMATION SHEET

"Rethinking Immigration - Life Together"
**A OneCommunity Conversation,
Community Forum on Immigration in Carver and Scott Counties**

Vision Statement in Regards to OneCommunity's
"Rethinking Immigration – Life Together" Event

Community-wide engagement with residents in the southwest metro, in a public discourse about immigration, which would lead to a better understanding, and a more livable and prosperous community for all.

Objective:

To inform and educate, with the goal of improving positive human relations among the residents of Carver and Scott counties. Free and open to the public.

Event Details:

DATE OF EVENT: Saturday, November 5, 2016

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

VENUE: Chaska Community Center – Theater, Gallery, and Sun Room

PROGRAM FORMAT: Town Hall Forum – *Panel Presentation, Audience Q & A.

2:00 – 3:15 PM Opening Remarks, Introductions, Panel Presentations,
Immigrant Experience Stories – Karina Carrasco, Mary Fuentes and Grecia Lozano

3:15 – 4:15 PM Audience Q & A

4:15 – 4:30 PM Conclusion, and Closing Remarks

*** Panel – (In alphabetical order)**

- (A). **Joseph Dierkes**, U.S. Immigration Court Judge, Bloomington, MN (Ret.)
- (B). **Andi Egbert**, Assistant Director, MN State Demographic Center
- (C). **Jeff Filipek**, President, SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce
- (D). **John Keller**, Executive Director, Immigrant Law Center of MN
- (E). **Scott Knight**, Chief of Police, Chaska Police Dept.

For further information, or questions, please contact: Robert K. Kim
Coordinator for OneCommunity, and Chair, Chaska Human Rights Commission

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

The St. John's Seniors (OWLS) will meet on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m.**

We will meet on November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Gary will lead us in an exciting study of the Psalms. If you have a favorite Psalm or one you would like to learn about, let Pastor Gary know and he will try to honor your request.

The Psalms are an intriguing collection of Hebrew religious poetry. It is likely these prayers and lyrics were first transmitted orally from generation to generation. Finally, they were written down, compiled and set to music. They have been used in many different settings: devotional and prayer life; worship in temples, synagogues and churches; and on journeys and pilgrimages. They are still today an aid for people in search of God. They reflect the people of faith who sought help in God, and react with prayer and praise! Therefore, we will explore how they continue to be a source of comfort and meaning to people of faith today.

This book in the Old Testament has been called the Psalms. It has also been called the hymnbook of the Old Testament, or Songs of Praise for God's people, or a book of worship and praise for the Hebrew people or the prayer book of the Old Testament, etc. etc. Most of the Psalms were meant to be set to music. They were sung and chanted with the accompaniment of both wind and stringed instruments.

It will be interesting, so please join us for this special program. Also, please invite someone to join you.

OWL are welcome! We will have a wonderful time together! For additional info call Del at 952-412-4917.



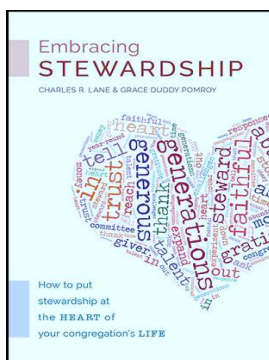
LOAVES AND FISHES

Our next free community meal will be served on **Tuesday, November 1st, 2016.**

Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church.

Volunteers are still needed and all are welcome. Please contact Renee Lea at 952-890-0201.

Thank you for your help.



Stewardship Renewal Team

Please join us to discuss how stewardship and discipleship are at work through St John's.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

If you have questions or would like more info, please reach out to Mollie Viola at mollieviola@gmail.com.



Sunday School Singing Schedule

- **Little Lambs** (3yrs - 2nd grade) @ 10:30am service
 - November 13th
 - December 4th
- **Singing Shepherds** (3rd - 6th grade) @ 10:30am service
 - November 20th
 - December 11th

The Sunday School will continue to collect food for the CAP Agency and weekly offering for Jose Carlos, an orphan in Guatemala. We will have a basket outside of the Sunday School office each Sunday and the children can also bring their donations to their Sunday School room.



Musicals with a Mission presents...

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!"

Performances: Friday, December 9th @ 7:00pm
Saturday, December 10th @ 1:00pm & 4:00pm
Sunday, December 11th @ 10:30am worship

Charity: Feed My Starving Children

If you have any questions, contact Kari Vaupel at theatremd@gmail.com.

A note from Council...

How Does a Council Follow Jesus?

Last year members of St. John's voted to restructure the congregational council, reducing its size by four chairpersons. The new, smaller council has spent much of this year discerning its role in the church and rebuilding structure that had eroded with the natural forces of time and staff transitions. Our priorities for this year have been to reestablish the spring social framework, assemble a stewardship planning team, and reconstruct a volunteer base.

As it turns to considering its own role in the church, the council has determined that, aside from regular business, the best use of its limited time each month is in the study of scripture and high-level visioning for the congregation. We have affirmed that Jesus calls us to

Pray
Don't Worry
Have Faith
Forgive
Remember the poor
Make disciples

This will be the basis of future council discussions as we continue to do our human best to follow our Lord's will.

Sandy McCullough, Council President

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes September 20, 2016

Council Members Present: Sandy McCullough, Jim Hime, Mollie Viola, Nancy Berndt, Renee Lea, Pastor Gary Kinkel, Erik Allen, Patti Hayer and Mark McGraw

Council Members Absent: All Present

Meeting called to order: Sandy McCullough, President @ 7:01

Devotions (Scripture and Prayer): Pastor Gary Kinkel – Acts 12:14-24

Old Business:

- *Renee Lea /Eric Allen:* Motion to approve council agenda: *Carried*
- *Mark McGraw /Patti Hayer:* Motion to approve August council minutes: *Carried*
- *Jim Hime /Renee Lea:* Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: *Carried.*

New Business:

- *Nancy Berndt/Mark McGraw:* Motion to approve initial pew cushion foam replacement with cost covered by the Martha Circle: *Carried*
- *Mark McGraw/Patti Hayer:* Motion to approve MWAM charity (Feed My Starving Children) and the next performance dates of 12/9/16 – 12/11/16
- **Council Role In Congregational Leadership** – Continued discussion on the role of council and the role of committees in relation to St. John's on-going and future mission. Pastor Gary indicated that he would be moving forward with the strategic data gathering team.
- **Committee Responsibilities** – Council discussed a document that Pastor Gary created and presented describing the responsibilities of St. John's committees. More discussion to follow.
- **Stewardship** – Stewardship Working Group continues to meet and study the book *Embracing Stewardship*. Next working group meeting is scheduled for October 17.

Mollie Viola /Renee Lea: Motion to Adjourn: *Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted: Jim Hime, Church Secretary

NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:00 PM Loaves & Fishes @ St. Mark's Church 6:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal	2 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 PM Simple Supper 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM God Squad 6:30 PM HG Rehearsal 7:30 PM Summit Worship 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00 PM AA*	4	5 9:00 AM AA *
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The Mission of St. John's
Called as children of God
Comforted and **Challenged** by the Holy Spirit
Committed to serve **Christ** in the world