



## Council and Call Committee Announce A Special Congregational Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. Vote to Call an Associate Pastor

The council encourages all St. John's members to attend the special congregational meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. to hear the call committee's presentation on their candidate of choice for the position of full-time associate pastor. After interviewing several candidates, the call committee chose the candidate they felt best met St. John's needs and strengths, with special attention toward youth and family ministry. They then met with St. John's council for approval to present the candidate to the congregation for a vote to call the candidate. Please attend the special congregational meeting to learn about the candidate and cast your vote. Nursery service will be provided during the meeting.

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.***

Rev. Gary Kinkel, Senior Pastor  
Sean Vander Veen, Worship Music Accompanist  
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**Office Hours:** 8:00am-1:00pm Monday & Tuesday and 1:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday & Thursday  
Closed – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Don't you love St. John's? I do. I love being here. I love gaining a sense of how the church year goes for the people of St. John's. I love getting to know you a little better all the time. I love dropping in on the Martha Circle and chatting with the ladies in the kitchen who do such wonderful work when we have a funeral. I love talking with you before and between services on Sunday mornings. I love running into you around town, say, in Target. I love checking in with you when you have stopped by church for an MWAM rehearsal or for some (any!) other reason. I love coming to your home to visit.

But most of all, I love bringing you the Gospel. Coming to you where you are with the Word of the cross of Jesus Christ. I love being able to be with you when something has happened that jolts us out of our normal routines and reminds us of how fragile we are and how dependent we are on the eternal God. I love being called to come to you in dark times and dark places to speak the truth that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39). I love praying with you and praying for you. I love the opportunity to open the Scriptures and by the power of the Holy Spirit to make them clear, to make them come alive.

Now we are preparing to add a new person to the St. John's staff. The ministry of St. John's will be enriched, deepened and expanded. We are moving into a new phase of our life together. I look forward to our future together with excitement!

And on top of everything else, we are approaching Advent! A new Church year is about to begin. The Church's year ends with Christ the King Sunday and the new year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. The word "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." The Church season of Advent covers the four Sundays before Christmas and is a season of fasting (contrary to the way the society around us treats it!). Advent has a double meaning. It calls Christians to prepare ourselves and cry out for the coming of the King and his Kingly rule, or Kingdom. The double meaning is this: on the one hand, this coming is an event in the past (the birth of Jesus into the world), but on the other hand we look toward another event in the future, namely the coming of the Savior to set all things right in the universe, to save absolutely those who cast themselves on his grace and mercy, to make an end of evil, sickness, and death, and to cause all things to be subjected to God and God to be all in all (1 Corinthians 15:28). Advent is a good time to make our way back to worship if we have been away. Please don't miss out on the wonderful things that are beginning at St. John's. The Savior is in this place to forgive, save, heal and send us into new life. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings!

In the grace of Jesus,

***Pastor Gary***



## LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves and Fishes will be on **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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

### OWLS – November Meeting

The seniors of St. John's will meet on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am. Our guest speaker for the day is Bill Reynolds, City Manager in Shakopee. We will learn what is happening in our city and how we as church people can be responsive to needs in our community.

He will speak on housing and housing development, industrial development, education needs and trends, population and makeup, our tax base, infrastructure needs and long-term plans and development. It is a privilege to have Bill Reynolds come and all seniors are encouraged to attend. Please invite your friends and people from other churches who may wish to share in this learning experience.

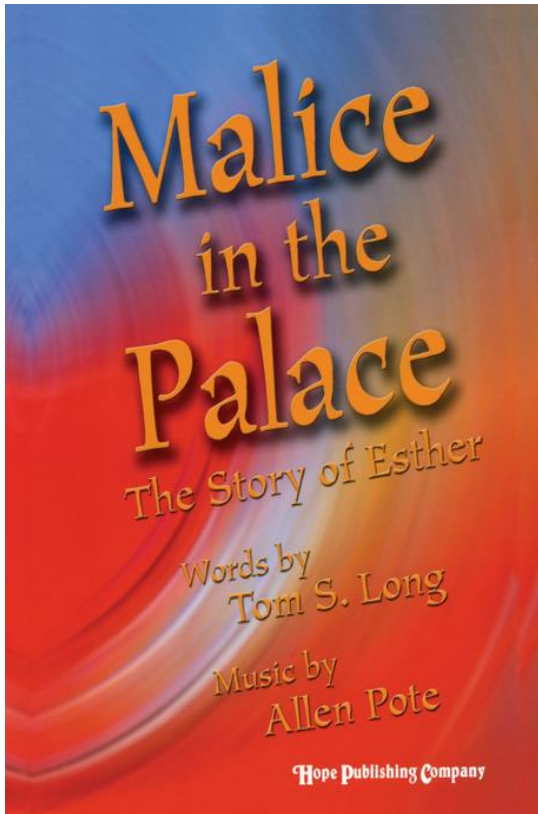
Coffee and treats will be served prior to and during the gathering. We will meet in the library at St. John's. For further information please call Del at 952-412-4917 or 952-237-1989. *OWL are welcome!*

## Winter Boot Drive

**Amy Sinness**, a member of St. John's, is a first-grade teacher at Nellie Stone Elementary School in north Minneapolis. Her entire class of 18 students (and other students at the school) are in need of winter boots to use at recess time. She is asking for donations of USED winter boots size 2 and larger. Please drop off your boots in the donation box at church and donations will be accepted through November 19. *Thank you!*



# **Musicals with a Mission News!**



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**Friday, Nov 3 – 7 pm**  
**Saturday, Nov 4 – 7 pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 5 – 4 pm**  
**Wednesday, Nov 8 – 7 pm**

**Charity: Jeremiah Project**

**Shakopee Lutheran Church**  
**119 8th Ave W, Shakopee, MN 55379**

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**MWAM's Spring Musical will be...**

## ***"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"***

Auditions are Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00pm and callbacks on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00-9:00pm. Ages 8 and older may audition. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. Performances April 13-18, 2018! Come and be a part of this colorful, hilarious, extravaganza that tells the Biblical story of Joseph of how he uses his talents of interpreting dreams to show forgiveness and love. Contact Kari Vaupel with any questions at [theatremd@gmail.com](mailto:theatremd@gmail.com).

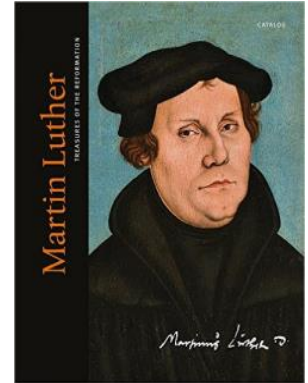


## LUTHER & LAGER

JOIN PASTOR GARY FOR THE NEXT  
SESSION OF LUTHER & LAGER ON  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:30PM

### NEW LOCATION:

SHAKOPEE BREW HALL  
124 FIRST AVE E, SHAKOPEE



## Fall Pledge Campaign

Coming soon is this year's pledge campaign, which will be a fun and interactive. The stewardship team is looking for volunteers to help make this a success. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Mollie Viola at (952)393-3804 or [mollieviola@gmail.com](mailto:mollieviola@gmail.com).

## Properties Committee Update

Fall is upon on us and we, in the properties group, would like to provide an update as to the changes you have probably seen happening within our church. If you remember, we had a great spring social earlier this year and a portion of the money raised was to be used to update the church. Well that money is finally getting used. We started with the painting of the walls on the upper level which made a big difference in brightening up the space. Then we turned to a local interior designer who was able to provide us with some options to spruce up the furniture and other wall hangings. If you have wandered through the halls you have probably seen some poster boards with the ideas she has in mind, and recently some of those ideas started to appear. We look forward to bringing the rest of those ideas to life and there may come a time when some assistance from the members may be needed especially if there is construction work involved. If there are any questions about how you can help feel free to send me an email at [marknmcgraw@hotmail.com](mailto:marknmcgraw@hotmail.com).

Thank you and have a blessed day,  
**Mark McGraw**

# St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2017

### I. Gathering

- A. The council meeting held on September 19, 2017 was called to order by Pastor Gary Kinkel at 7:05 PM. Council members Mollie Viola, Erik Allen, Renee Lea, Mark Mc Graw, Pastor Gary Kinkel, and Kathy Larson were present. Church members Tim Lea and Jim Johnston were also in attendance.
- B. Renee made and Mark seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- C. Pastor Gary asked council members to focus on the fifth chapter of Acts; verses 12 through 16. Council then discussed ways the early church and St. John's are either alike or not alike and what our Lord is saying to us tonight. It is very apparent that healing is taking place in our church at this very time.

### II. Discernment (New Business)

- A. Erik presented the Treasurer's Report, highlighting that current congregational giving is at 97.3% of budget. Mollie moved and Kathy seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.
- B. Pastor Gary reported on the following topics:
  - Rally Sunday: It was very successful with many people in attendance, great food available, and a number of books ordered.
  - Adult Discussion Groups: Two groups will begin or continue meeting this Sunday. The first group is studying the book You Lost...Me. It has met for a number of Sundays already. A second study group titled "Caring For The Earth" will be led by Del Lind beginning this Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. A third adult study group will form later this school year.
  - Small Group Ministries: Because our congregation needs a rebirth in small group ministries, Pastor Gary is organizing a "team" that will make this happen. Pastor Gary explained that the "Fellowship Team" would provide opportunities for congregation members to become more associated with one another.
  - Bible Study: Pastor Gary envisions our congregation having great involvement in Bible study. He pointed out that scripture readings for the following Sunday are now printed in the current Sunday Worship Bulletin's "green sheet". Members of the congregation can use that information as a "heads up" in preparing themselves prior to the upcoming Sunday scripture messages.
- C. Jim Johnston and Tim Lea addressed the lack of volunteerism at St. John's. Jim pointed out that recent efforts to encourage church members to volunteer is clearly not working. Tim then reviewed highlights of a team concept that was used successfully in the past. According to that model, a few teams comprised of a number of families each would fill a variety of worship needs for a single month at a time. Service team responsibilities would include handling all aspects of serving Holy Communion, securing scripture readers, preparing Sunday morning coffee refreshments, and greeting/ushering visitors and members prior to each service. Tim will ask Lisa for an updated list of church members that he and Jim will use in forming teams and he will also present the overall plan to our congregation.
- D. A request has been made to establish an honorarium in the 2018 budget for someone to manage the "sound board" and to complete other tasks during Sunday worship services. Erik will explore synod guidelines for financial direction on this request and report back to the council.
- E. The Stewardship Committee has prepared for a successful campaign this fall. Church members will complete pledge cards detailing their time, talent, and financial commitments. "Pony Express" bags will gallop through the congregation and progress will be monitored by volunteers designated as "Round Up" leaders. The actual stewardship campaign will run from October 29th through November 19th. Pastor Gary emphasized that the Stewardship Committee has been working very hard and is doing a great job!

### III. Decisions (Old Business)

- A. Members of St. John's are needed to represent the congregation as delegates at the Minneapolis Synod Assembly meeting to be held next spring. Pastor Gary will attend and Kay Kinkel will serve as one of the four or five lay delegates we are allotted. Other volunteer attendees are needed.
- B. The Call Committee has been very faithful in completing paperwork and interviewing candidates. At this time the committee is awaiting a new slate of candidates for prayerful consideration. In other words, the next step is up to our synod. Pastor Gary agreed to take several days of vacation prior to the physical and emotional taxing season of Advent.
- C. A final decision on the custodial position currently available at St. John's will be made at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Candidates must have completed and turned in all necessary paperwork prior to that meeting.
- D. Pastor Gary made and Renee seconded a motion to approve these amended minutes for the August, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.
- E. Newsletter Assignment: Tim Lea will write an article for the October newsletter on the council's behalf. Mollie will also provide an article regarding the "Pony Express".

### IV. Sending

- A. Updates were provided regarding Confirmation, Rally Sunday, Sunday School, and Small Group Formation.
- B. The next Council Meeting date is September 19, 2017.
- C. All present joined hands and prayed The Lord's Prayer together at the conclusion of the meeting.
- D. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

# NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> OWLS <b>12:00 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:15 PM</b> Higher Ground <b>6:35 PM</b> Confirmation- Large/Small Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Worship <b>8:00 PM</b> St. John's Choir	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA*	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> MWAM Performance	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA * <b>12:00 PM</b> Warren Family Baby Shower <b>7:00 PM</b> MWAM Performance
<b>5</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Worship <b>9:25 AM</b> Bell Choir <b>9:25 AM</b> Sunday School/ Adult Education <b>9:30 AM</b> St. John's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship/Baptism <b>2:00 PM</b> Hispanic Church <b>4:00 PM</b> MWAM Performance	<b>6</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Bread & Bread (HS & College Youth) <b>7:00 PM</b> AA District Meeting*	<b>7</b> <b>3:00 or 5:00PM</b> Loaves & Fishes @ St. Mark's Catholic Church	<b>8</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters <b>6:00 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> MWAM Performance	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA*	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA *
<b>12</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Worship <b>9:25 AM</b> Bell Choir <b>9:25 AM</b> Sunday School/ Adult Education <b>9:30 AM</b> St. John's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Congregational Meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Hispanic Church <b>2:00 PM</b> MWAM Joseph Auditions <b>5:30 PM</b> Luther & Lager	<b>13</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Bread & Bread (HS & College Youth) <b>8:00 PM</b> MWAM Joseph Callbacks	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:15 PM</b> Higher Ground <b>6:35 PM</b> Confirmation- Large/Small Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Worship <b>8:00 PM</b> St. John's Choir	<b>16</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Martha Circle <b>7:00 PM</b> AA*	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA *
<b>19</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Worship <b>9:25 AM</b> Bell Choir <b>9:25 AM</b> Sunday School/ Adult Education <b>9:30 AM</b> St. John's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>2:00 PM</b> Hispanic Church <b>6:00 PM</b> MWAM Joseph Rehearsal	<b>20</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Bread & Bread (HS & College Youth)	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study  <i>(No Simple Supper or  Confirmation)</i>	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA*  <b>HAPPY  THANKSGIVING</b> <i>(office closed)</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA *
<b>26</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Worship <b>9:25 AM</b> Bell Choir <b>9:25 AM</b> Adult Education <i>(No Sunday School)</i> <b>9:30 AM</b> St. John's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>2:00 PM</b> Hispanic Church	<b>27</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Bread & Bread (HS & College Youth)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:15 PM</b> Higher Ground <b>6:35 PM</b> Confirmation- Large/Small Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Worship <b>8:00 PM</b> St. John's Choir	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA*		

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**Committed** to serve **Christ** in the world