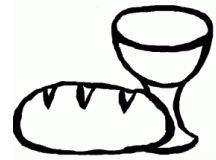


Worship Servants

THE OLD IS NEW AGAIN



VolunteerSpot.com or SignUp.com will end by December 1st, 2017

Unfortunately, Volunteer Spot has not worked for our church. Those who have been at St. John's over the years, may remember we had a team approach to Sunday Helpers in the past. Everyone was assigned to a team and your team was responsible for one to two months a year. Teams also backed up other teams when needed. Jim Johnston and I met with the Church Council on September 18th, 2017, to discuss solutions. After careful consideration, the decision was made to return to the team approach for Sunday helpers. Over the next couple months, Jim Johnston and I hope to recruit three individuals to serve as team captains. Once we have the team captains in place we will formulate the teams. We hope to have five teams. Our goal is to have everyone involved. We will notify everyone when you have been assigned to a team.

Some of the benefits of volunteering apply to St. John's:

1. Volunteering helps you to meet fellow members of St. John's and make friends.
2. Volunteering helps make you feel part of the church community.
3. Volunteering prepares you to take on new challenges.
4. Also, it is fun, helping others. I believe volunteering demonstrates your commitment to St. John's and a willingness to work for the benefit of the church and the community.

In closing I'd like to say, volunteers are among the most important resource at St. John's. Helping others is not only good for the people we help; it is a good thing to experience the joy of giving our time. We are happier, and healthier for doing it. Giving our time and talents to both our church and others, creates a stronger church community and helps to build a happier community. I want to thank those who have volunteered at St. John's. With your help, St. John's ministries have continued to serve others.

Thank you, Tim Lea

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 fall is underway! And I so glad to be here with you! So much is happening at St. John's! In the midst of it all, we pray for the riches of God's grace and the power of God's Spirit to be in evidence among us. It is a joy to be able to be part of the work that the Lord is doing at St. John's.

I hope you have caught that there will be multiple opportunities for adult discussions on Sunday mornings this year. I also hope that you will take advantage of one of them! Right now, there is a discussion of millennials and their relation to the faith and the church. There is also a very good discussion, led by pastor Del Lind, of how Christians are being called to care for God's whole creation. A little later in the fall, there will be a topical Bible study. This group will look at various topics and discuss together what the Bible actually says about them and what they mean for us. The first topic the group will focus on is the parables of Jesus. We will also have a discussion, on an as yet undetermined Sunday, led by Amy Schmidt on pre-planning your funeral and funeral service. Please join us for one—or more—of these opportunities! It is a great way to develop muscle in your faith and to get to know others in the congregation better.

This October is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 theses. The publication of this writing was the event that launched the movement that historians call the "Reformation" (though Luther never called it that—nor did he use or even like the word "Protestant"). One of the things that plagues us is a deep forgetfulness of what the "Reformation" movement was about or meant. In tandem with that we have a bad memory concerning what being Lutheran is about and what it means. The new Marcus Theatre at Southbridge in Shakopee will be showing a new movie about Martin Luther, which was funded by Thrivent for Lutherans, at the end of October. We will have to go on a weeknight, but I would like to have a group of us attend the film. Then, probably not the same night, but I would like to have a group discussion of the movie. I am taking the confirmation classes to the film on the evening of October 25. The other evening showings will be Monday, October 23 and Monday, October 30. We will have to work out the details together, but please plan now to join me for this movie and discussion!

What new thing is the Lord calling you to do this fall? To give more? To get more involved with the children or youth of the congregation? To start reading the Bible more? To help with Loaves and Fishes? To be more regular in prayer? To start a new group or ministry at St. John's? To help get a fellowship team started and working? Maybe to work on small group ministry at St. John's? There are so many ways to serve and so much to do! The Lord is calling you!

See you Sundays!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary



LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves and Fishes will be on **Tuesday, October 3rd, 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 – October Meeting

The OWL'S October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4th at 10:00am. In keeping with the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and the reformation, we have asked Pastor Gary to lead us in a talk on the life of Martin Luther. It will give us a historical perspective on our background as Lutherans. Coffee and treats will be served. *OWL are welcome!*

Pre-Planning Workshop

PERSONAL HISTORY
VITAL STATISTICS
Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Social Security Number: _____ State: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
In city since: _____ Moved from: _____
Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced



Tuesday, October 24th from 1-3 PM

Have you thought about pre-planning your funeral or cremation services? Do you have some questions and you're not sure where to start?

Join us at McNearney-Schmidt Funeral and Cremation for a pre-planning workshop, cookies and coffee. At this workshop, you will receive your own planning guide and step-by-step instructions to help you fill it out.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed setting, record your own biographical information and start thinking about how you want to be remembered. You will have the peace of mind that comes from knowing your wishes will be followed.

Please RSVP for this event by calling 952-445-2755 or emailing amy@mcnearneyfuneralhome.com

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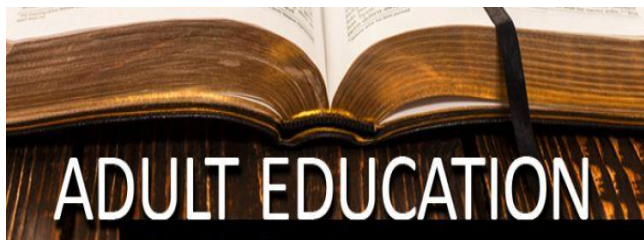


News from the Sunday School Office...

** It's not too late to register for Sunday School!* Registration forms can be found on the church website and near the front entrance at church. Please turn in your forms (or you can mail them) to the church office.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

The 3rd Grade Sunday School class will be receiving bibles on Sunday, October 15th at the 10:30 a.m. service



Grow your faith!

Sundays at 9:25am choose from a variety of different discussions and bible studies.

All adults are welcome!

CONFIRMATION NEWS!

Confirmation has started, but It's not too late to register!

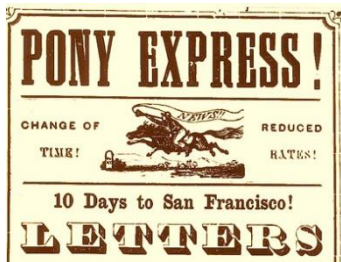
Registration forms can be found near the church entrance and online. Please drop off your completed form and payment to the church office. Thank you!

Here is our Wednesday night schedule:

- 6:00-6:30 pm Simple Supper – All are welcome - Fellowship Hall
(suggested donation of \$2.00 per person for the meal)
- 6:35-6:50 pm Large Group Confirmation - Sanctuary
- 6:55-7:10 pm Small Group Confirmation – various locations around the church
- 7:15-8:00 pm Worship – Sanctuary - All are welcome!

Musicals with a Mission News!

- MWAM wishes to thank everyone for their incredible support of "Moses: Let My People Go" this summer! We are pleased to announce that we were able to donate \$1000 to St. John's General Fund and purchase three ELCA Good Gifts Family Farms in Africa!!! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others!
- MWAM's Fall Children's Musical "Esther: Malice in the Palace" is underway with our youth rehearsing! Mark your calendars to attend the performances November 3, 4, 5 and 8th! If you have any suggestions for local, children focused charities for this musical - contact Kari Vaupel at theatremd@gmail.com.
- "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be MWAM's Spring Musical! Auditions are Sunday, November 12th and Monday, November 13th! Ages 8 and older may audition. 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.



Fall Pledge Campaign

Coming soon is this year's pledge campaign, which will be a fun, interactive Pony Express. 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.

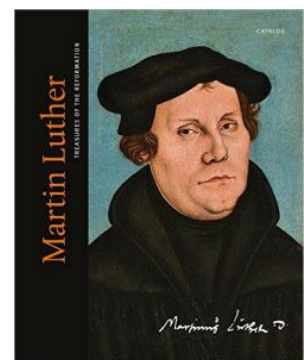


LUTHER & LAGER

JOIN PASTOR GARY FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF LUTHER & LAGER ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH @ 5:30PM

NEW LOCATION:

SHAKOPEE BREW HALL
124 FIRST AVE E, SHAKOPEE



St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2017

I. Gathering

- A. This council meeting--held on August 15, 2017--was called to order by Sandy McCullough at 7:02 PM. Council members Sandy McCullough, Mollie Viola, Nancy Berndt, Erik Allen, Mark McGraw, Shelley Gehrman, Pastor Gary Kinkel, and Kathy Larson were present.
- B. Erik made and Mark seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- C. Pastor Gary continued leading council through prayer and Bible Study based on Acts 5:1-11.

II. Discernment (New Business)

- A. Council members received a "Preliminary Report from the Vision and Long-Range Planning Team" which reflects the core values of St. John's Lutheran Church. Those values state:
 - Our focus is Jesus.
 - We worship God in and through Jesus.
 - We live, love, and spread the Word as Jesus did.Members of that committee include Pastor Gary, Mark McGraw, Scott Wilts, Jesse Rients, Tim & Renee Lea, and Deb & Kaitlin Rubash.
- B. Erik presented the Treasurer's Report, highlighting that current congregational giving is up 3% over monies received last year at this time. Council members will give prayerful consideration to items for the upcoming 2018 budget, including salaries and missional giving. At this time we have 1100 members in our congregation.
- C. Shelley moved and Erik seconded a proposal to give Lisa 80 hours of paid vacation at this time. Motion carried. Pastor Gary will share council's decision with Lisa.
- D. It was suggested that Pastor Jose be hired for 10 hours per week or \$800+ per month. No motion was made. Discussion highlighted the high quality of work Pastor Jose maintains regarding his janitorial responsibilities at St. John's.
- E. Although a discussion was held regarding the length of worship services here at St. John's, neither decisions nor motions were made.

III. Decisions (Old Business)

- A. A discussion regarding council membership was held. The only council position that must be replaced in January is that of president. All other positions are up for reelection except that of Renee Lea who has one more year to serve in her term. Council members Nancy Berndt, Mark McGraw, Mollie Viola, Kathy Larson and Shelley Gehrman have the choice to either serve another term or step aside and allow someone else to fill their decision-making roles at St. John's. Erik Allen's position has no term limit.
- B. Updates were provided regarding Confirmation, Rally Sunday, Sunday School, and Small Group Formation.
- C. Council Minutes
Pastor Gary made and Nancy seconded a motion to approve the amended minutes for the July 2017 meeting. Motion carried.
- D. Newsletter Assignment: Sandy will write a report for the next newsletter.

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. Sandy McCullough closed the meeting with prayer.
- D. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

OCTOBER 2017

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