



Mark your Calendars!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27th, 2018 @ 9:30 AM
Pumpkin Carving, Cookie Decorating and More!

3RD GRADE
BIBLE SUNDAY



3rd Grade Bible Presentation

The 3rd Grade Sunday School class will be receiving bibles on Sunday, October 14th at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Rev. Gary Kinkel, Senior Pastor
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From Pastor Gary Kinkel...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Fall is upon us! For many of us that means activities rev up. School is back in session and that means lots of extracurricular activities are back as well: athletics, music, theater, speech, debate and all the rest. And there are athletic teams that have no relation to the school. There is dance that is completely separate. There are social gatherings and parties. There are programs in abundance. We can feel stretched pretty thin sometimes. I can remember feeling as though I was running a taxi service continually taking one child to one activity, then picking up another at a different event and hurrying to get a third to still a different program. It is easy in all of this to think of the Christian Church as one more program; one more extracurricular activity. It is easy to feel just plain tired, and to think the Church maybe doesn't matter very much. It is also easy to think the Church ought to serve my "needs" or be the way I want it to be in order for me to feel it's worthwhile to participate.

But the Christian Church is not another program alongside other programs. It is not another extracurricular activity among a host of others. It is the one and **ONLY** place where we hear the Word of God, the Word of life. It is the one and only place where we can get forgiveness and healing for our sin. It is the one and **ONLY** place where the power of death is destroyed for us. It is the one and **ONLY** place dedicated to the Triune God and to our knowing God, to growing in faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ. The Christian Church exists to teach us a spiritual way of life and to train us in it. The first name Christians were called was "Followers of the Way." But I think it is an open question how well we are doing living that Way and teaching it. We surrender too easily to our culture and try to become another program, another activity. We think we have to attract by clever programming or better activities. But the One we need to surrender to is God in Christ, not cultural expectations. And Jesus did not tell us to "attract," but to make followers of all the nations, teaching them to keep—to follow--all that he, Jesus, said. The measure of a church is not the number of people who might be present, but rather how faithful are the people who ARE present; how do they hear the Word of their being set free and how closely do they then follow their Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus? How far are people allowing themselves to be transformed by his grace—daily made into a new person who belongs more and more to him? How much New Life is growing in hearts and minds? How far are people placing themselves at his disposal—their gifts, time, strength, money and possessions? These are the questions that matter.

We have the opportunity to give to Jesus' cause and to support this place of transformation and of spiritual teaching every Sunday. We have every week an opportunity to exercise our response to God's grace by giving. But we will have a special opportunity to give in October. October 21 will be *Bread for the World* Sunday. There will be a special envelope in your bulletin which you may use for a special offering. This will be in addition to our regular offering. The St. John's offering will take place as usual—but in addition, you may make a contribution to *Bread for the World* by means of the special envelope. *Bread for the World* was founded and is still led by an ELCA pastor. Its aim is to eliminate world hunger. It is well worth your prayerfully considering financial support. Only a tiny fraction of every dollar given goes to fund administrative costs. Most of every dollar goes directly to making food available to people who would otherwise be hungry.

Let us be followers of the Way together. Let us be transformed together. I hope to see you Sunday!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary



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

OWLS – October Meeting

The OWLS will meet on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. Michael Kerske, Director of Planning and Development, Shakopee, will be our guest speaker.

In November, Sheila Duddy, Hospice Nurse Educator, Allina Hospice Program (includes St. Francis Hospital) will be our guest speaker.

It will be a great learning opportunity!

In December we will have our Christmas Party.

For more information on these programs call Del at 952-412-4917.

OWL are welcome!

News from Church Council...

Happy fall everyone, and what a wonderful start we have had this fall at St. Johns. We started out with a wonderful Rally Sunday and have kept the excitement going with Sunday school and the start of confirmation. It has been fun to see the anticipation in my house as we look forward in October to the Pumpkin Palazzo and a lock-in for the middle school kids.

The Sunday school music team is growing with the addition on three 7th graders wanting to come back this year and help lead music for the Sunday school kids. How exciting that our children are wanting to come and share their gifts of music and love of the Lord with others. The music team is right now trying to raise money for a new T.V. The projector they had been using is no longer functioning. With the recent addition of Wi-Fi, It is more cost effective to buy a T.V. They have asked the congregation to prayerfully consider donating the next couple Sundays.

Along with the music team we have many other youth who have stepped up and volunteered their time to serve as Sunday school teachers and helpers. We would not have had enough teachers this year without them and we are truly grateful.

The momentum is going to continue as we have a new fellowship committee that is planning many events throughout the year. If you get a chance, come on out to these events and meet some new people. I know my family will be attending and we look forward to the opportunities to meet new friends and support each other as a congregation.

Blessings,

Aimee Johnson

Confirmation News!

October Confirmation schedule:

- 10/03: Baptism: Purpose
- 10/10: The Greatest Prayer
- 10/17: **NO** Confirmation (*MEA break*)
- 10/24: Father in Heaven
- 10/31: Jesus Calls the First Disciples

Simple Supper Helper schedule:

- 10/03: 7th Grade families
- 10/10: 6th Grade families
- 10/17: **NO** Meal (*MEA break*)
- 10/24: 9th Grade families
- 10/31: 8th Grade families

Below is the schedule for worship helpers. Everyone will be helping once every couple of months.

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

	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct
8:15 Service				
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Mitchell Blenkush	Noah Brown	Cecilia Lemke	Jacen Skogrand
<i>Acolyte</i>	Molly Anderson	Nicholas Briggs	Kaylee Chappuie	Daniel Eckers
<i>Communion Server</i>	Colin Kostelac	Cannon Miller	Josie Pond	Maya Mitchell
<i>Nursery</i>	Kaylin Anderson	Jordyn Blenkush	Ella Doty	Maddie Eslinger
<i>Nursery</i>	Peter Swenhaugen	Hailey Sauer	Sierra Nascene	Olivia McCall
10:30 Service				
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Alexis Schuler	Seth Appert	Olivia Hayer	Cameron Johnson
<i>Acolyte</i>	Brinley Garvey	Colby Hahn	Kylie Hahn	Gavin Holm
<i>Communion Server</i>	Kady McGraw	Landon Vaupel	Hogen Vaupel	Emily Listrom
<i>Nursery</i>	Garrett Hayer	Jenna Koehn	Brock Koivisto	Martin Koivisto
<i>Nursery</i>	Noah Lindquist	Lily Allen	Madison McGraw	Emily Stadler

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes July 17th, 2018

Members present: Pastor Jerod, Pastor Gary, Nancy Berndt, Aimee Johnson, Renee Lea, Jenny Pudwill, Kathy Larson

Members absent: Erik Allen, Scott Wilts, Shelley Gehrman

I. Gathering

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Berndt at 7:01 PM. Aimee Johnson agreed to be the timekeeper.
- B. Aimee moved and Kathy seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- C. Pastor Gary led the council in a continuing study of Acts 7:24-41. He reminded council members to both listen to the Lord and to identify what false idols he or she is building—family, country, social standing—in order that those idols not be worshipped.

II. Discernment (New Business)

- A. Pastor Gary distributed copies of the following covenant which those members who were present both signed and dated.

Council Covenant 2018

I, as a member of the Council of St. John's Lutheran Church in Shakopee, MN, solemnly covenant with God and with the members of St. John's to:

1. *Listen to the congregation;*
2. *Be respectful of other council members, of their time and of their views;*
3. *Attend worship and other church functions;*
4. *Pray for the Church and for the Council;*
5. *Keep matters confidential;*
6. *Evangelize in some way or capacity;*
7. *Be present at Council meetings;*
8. *Be engaged with the Holy Scriptures.*

As a public demonstration and promise to keep this covenant, I hereby attach my signature.

- B. Aimee reported on upcoming fellowship activities:

- The picnic shelter at Lion's Park has been reserved from 12:30 – 5:00 PM for a **congregation picnic**. A Sunday School sign-up sheet will be available at the picnic.
- **Rally Sunday** is scheduled for September 9th following the 9:00 AM church service. The council will serve a pancake breakfast and members with a basket available for a free will offering.
- A **Pumpkin Carving Night** for families will be held in October.
- "**Pie Night**" is scheduled for November.
- **Woman's Day** in December will feature a speaker and dessert.

- C. Mark has completed the final walk-through on the Wi-Fi installation project. Council has approved \$6000 for the cost of the project though completion. Electronic vote in favor of paying Wi-Fi bill passed.

- D. Pastor Gary distributed a working expression of our church's long-range vision. It reads:

"Jesus is calling St. John's Lutheran Church to become an exuberant, inviting, and inclusive Christian congregation in Shakopee, MN. Following Jesus, compelled by faith, and committed to Jesus' Word, we hope to know and to serve our community as Jesus does. Justified by grace, Jesus sends us as his ambassadors, evangelists, and agents of healing to the whole of God's creation.

Visioning Team members include Jesse Rients, Deb Rubash, Tim Lea, Pastor Jerod, Melody Hime, and Scott Wilts.

The team identified four areas of focus for our congregation:

- Community Outreach
- Evangelism
- Exuberance/Engagement
- Mission

- E. Jenny will report on communication using social media at the August council meeting.

- F. A discussion about the pop machine was tabled.

III. Decisions (Old Business)

- A. Renee made and Nancy seconded a motion to approve council minutes. Motion carried.

- B. No reports from the president or treasurer were presented.

- C. The next newsletter article is due July 20th.

IV. Sending

- A. The next council meeting date is **August 21, 2018**.

- B. Pastor Jerod led the council in closing prayer.

- C. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes August 21st, 2018

Members Present:

Pastor Gary, Pastor Jerod, Aimee Johnson, Shelley Gehrman, Erik Allen, Scott Wilts, Jenny Pudwill, Kathy Larson

Members Absent:

Nancy Berndt, Renee Lea

I. Gathering

Shelley called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Pastor Jerod was assigned Time Keeper. Scott made and Pastor Gary seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A. Pastor Gary led the council in prayer through a continuing study of Acts, focusing on the 7th chapter, verses 42-53. When God abandoned Israel for its pagan worship, Stephanos mocked it for setting itself against the Holy Spirit. As Christians today, we are cautioned not to worship power, fame, popularity, or "happiness" in place of the Holy Spirit. Council prayed through song and spoken word to vitalize our church, bringing forth love, joy, peace, patience, and faithfulness.

II. Discernment (New Business)

A. Jenny led a discussion about communication and social media. She referenced her discussion at Mom's Group regarding electronic communication. Jenny suggested Lisa send a weekly e-mail to congregation members about upcoming events. Pastor Gary will implement that suggestion this week.

B. Erik initiated a monetary discussion regarding budgeted versus actual distribution of funds from the Spring Social. Of the total income from the event, \$8000 was committed as follows:

- \$5500 – Wi-Fi
- \$1500 - Youth Gathering
- \$1000 – Vacation Bible School

The remaining dollar amount was to be placed in the general fund.

However, overages occurred in each of the committed areas. Erik is concerned that our pattern of spending more funds than we have available may fall outside our legal rights as a council. As was discussed in the July council meeting, the wifi installation project was approved for \$6000. The current bill of \$6893 represents a greater than 10% increase in cost due to unexpected installation complexities. After council discussion, it was decided to delay payment so that Scott could contact Mark about seeking a reduction in the bill. The approval was postponed until after that conversation.

The Treasurer's Report followed. At present we have a balance of \$55,000 in the checking account and are somewhat less into deficit spending than predicted. The Endowment Fund requests a transfer of \$10000 into an interest-bearing account. Erik made and Pastor Gary seconded a motion to transfer that \$10000 into Thrivent's "Opportunity Income Plus Fund". Motion carried. Jenny made and Pastor Gary seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

C. Aimee updated council on both recent and upcoming Fellowship Activities.

- **Pancake Breakfast** on Rally Sunday - Council members will prepare, serve, and clean-up after the breakfast to be served on September 9th following the single worship service scheduled for that date.
- Although 45 people attended the **Fellowship Picnic** at Lion's Park, no Sunday School applications were completed. Costs for the picnic were \$75 more than receipts.
- October 27th is the date for **Pumpkin Palooza** at church. Festivities begin at 9:30 AM.
- Plans for **Pie Luck Night** in November have not been finalized. Details will be presented at a future council meeting.

D. A discussion about worship at St. John's is tabled until September board meeting.

III. Decisions (Old Business)

A. Council Minutes -No motion to approve was made, seconded, or voted on.

B. Reports

- Pastor Gary reported that Pastor Luis' congregation has secured a banner to be attached to our building. No decision to allow placement was reached.
- Ron Rognlie is repairing the center railing on the front steps at no charge for labor or supplies.
- "Bread For The World" is an organization requesting we designate a day to present information to and collect money from our congregation in support of their stewardship program. No date was set.
- The next newsletter article is due on August 25th.

IV. Sending

A. The next council meeting date is **September 18, 2018**.

B. Council members joined hands and prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

C. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting 7:00 PM Gemeinschaft	2 6:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal	3 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Simple Supper 6:30 PM Confirmation- Large/Small Group 6:30 PM Higher Ground 7:30 PM Worship 8:00 PM Choir	4 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA* 7:00 PM Hispanic Church	5	6 9:00 AM AA * 3:00 PM Boy Scout Gathering
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