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Opportunity to Give – Sunday, October 6th

We will have a special guest on Sunday, October 6th during both worship services.

Our guest is Rev. Dr. John Roth who is from an organization called **"Food for the Poor."** They work primarily in the Caribbean and in Latin America. Their mission is just what their name says. In the name of Jesus, they bring food to the poor. Many (or most) of their representatives are retired ELCA pastors. We will have the opportunity to contribute to their efforts that day. No one is required to give. But we have the privilege of giving, above our usual Sunday offering, by using the envelope that will be in the bulletin. Rev. Roth will bring the message that Sunday and will also share about Food for the Poor during the education hour.

It is a great opportunity and privilege for us! I hope to see you there!



Fall Worship Hours

Sunday Worship – 8:00 & 10:00am

Adult Education – 9:10am

Sunday School – 10:20am

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,

We It is so easy to forget what we are about. The demands of daily life in our time tend to knock the stuffing out of us and we forget why we are doing it all. We collapse into our beds at night exhausted and sleep fitfully, only to get up the next day and do it all over again. We are run ragged. And when we are not running, we are told by our society that we should be mainly concerned about ourselves: we should be happy, we should have lots of fun, we should have money and possessions, comfort and security, etc. But what if that is all wrong? What if that is not why we exist? What if that kind of life misses the point of our being here at all?

Jesus, in fact, proposes something quite different for our lives. The Scriptures speak of the world and of our place and task in it very differently. The history of the tradition, the heroes of the Christian tradition, bear witness that truly human life, true joy and deep satisfaction come as the by products of doing something else: taking up a cross and following Jesus. That is what we are about every Sunday morning. We are about transformation from death to life; from despair to faithfulness. And a life lived in the shallowness of mere pleasure, fun, security, and the like is a life of despair. Sunday morning is the one moment during the week when God calls us, reorients us to God's own Word and Way, and proclaims again what we are about in the world.

We have a significant opportunity to respond to Jesus' call at the end of this month. October 27th through November 2nd we will again serve our neighbors through Families Moving Forward. You have an opportunity to volunteer and to be the hands of Jesus. You have an opportunity to meet the Savior in the faces of people who need you. Jesus said, "Whoever receives a little one, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." (Mark 9:37) And again, Jesus said, "Whatever you did to one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did to me." (Matthew 25:40) What a blessing we have before us, what a gift, not to have be trapped merely serving ourselves and pursuing a way of death! Rather, we have the high privilege of following our Savior into Life, forgetting about ourselves and our own little concerns, and serving our neighbors in a concrete way! Thanks be to God! Please take the time to sign up through the St. John's website when the link to Families Moving Forward appears in a couple of weeks.

See you Sunday!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary

St. John's Big Bible Quiz

The September Questions:

1. Why did the Lord refuse to allow David to build a temple to worship and honor the Lord? (See 1 Chronicles 22:8 and 1 Chronicles 28:3)
2. From what source does the apostle Paul say he received the message that he preaches? (See Galatians)
3. Is Jesus careful to obey the law? (see Mark 2:23-28, or Mark 3:1-6, and these are only two of many examples).
4. What is the higher thing that causes Jesus to be rather loose toward the law? (See Matthew 12:11-14 or Matthew 12:6-7).
5. What tribe in Israel does Ruth come from? (Read the book of Ruth)

Answers to September's questions along with new questions will be in the November newsletter.

A Word from the President

The discipleship committee has developed an exciting fall program to deepen our faith and fellowship. We are all invited to meet in small groups at a meal or activity to get better acquainted, form relationships, and turn to scripture to help us understand our role in God's kingdom on earth.

We often think of discipleship in terms of time, talent, and treasure: we offer our time to God in worship and praise; we use our talents to do God's work; we share our blessings to support those in need and spread the Good News of the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unlike many churches, St. John's is in a stable financial position. We currently have no debt, and we are meeting our financial obligation. Is it time to be thinking about our future? How about repairing and updating the building? How exciting to have new technology like screens in the sanctuary to enhance worship. Can you imagine a remodeled, updated fellowship hall and kitchen? Or the security of a new, energy efficient heating system?

One way to approach planning and working toward the future is to initiate a capital campaign. We could seek professional help in building the resources to update the building and expand our ministry. Council will be considering this option in the next month.

Our congregation has been abundantly blessed. We are called to give graciously out of gratitude for those blessings. Praying for peace to all at St. John's.

Sandy McCullough, President St. John's Council



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

The OWLS will be taking a trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art on October 2!

We will board at 10:00am in front of the church and return by 2:00pm.

On November 6th the OWLS special guest will be Kay King, the Older Adult Program Coordinator and Community Educator at NAMI (the National Alliance in Mental Illness of Minnesota). Her program is titled "Creating Caring Faith Communities: 5 things you can do". Learn about mental illnesses and the impact of negative attitudes. As an educator, Ms. King teaches about 4,000 classes a year about mental illness. Did you know statistics from NAMI show that one in two people with mental health concerns seek help from their church first. This event will be open to the public. For more information or if you would like to help call Becky at 952-445-4002. **OWL see you soon!**

Families Moving Forward

A Program of  **Beacon**
INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

Our next opportunity to serve at

***Families Moving Forward* is October 27th – November 2nd**

FMF provides short term shelter for people who have come to be homeless. 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.

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.

Abundantly Blessed, Graciously Giving

You are invited to host an evening of fellowship with your St. John's family members. This is an opportunity to get to know a small group of members during an event you would host this fall. All materials will be provided for an ice-breaker game and a short Bible study.

If you're able and willing to host a small group, please contact Mollie Viola via email or phone at mollieviola@gmail.com / 952-393-3804

If you have questions, please feel free to contact any of the following:

Sandy McCullough
Lori Schmidt
Mollie Viola

Confirmation News!

October Worship Helper Schedule

	6-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct
8:00 Service				
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Hogan Vaupel	Caitlin Swenson	Kayla Kostelac	Payton Ofstehage
<i>Acolyte</i>	Peter Swenhaugen	Mitchell Blenkush	Kerris Vaupel	Blake Menden
<i>Communion Server</i>	Hailey Sauer	Noah Brown	Paige Anderson	Logan Garcia
10:00 Service				
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Cannon Miller	Cecilia Lemke	Grace Breeggemann	Ethan Sauer
<i>Acolyte</i>	Kady McGraw	Jacen Skogrand	Tanner Briggs	Kaden Olson
<i>Communion Server</i>	Alexis Schuler	Cassia Garvey	Gabby Anderson	Molly Anderson

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes - August 20th, 2019

Council members present: Rev. Dr. Gary Kinkel, James Hime, Rebecca Sexton, Kirsti Youngs, Aimee Johnson, Jesse Rients, Jenny Pudwill, Cassandra McCullough, Jerod Freeberg

Council member absent: Paula Brennan

Council Meeting Agenda for August 20, 2019

I. Gathering

- A. Call to Order 7:05 pm Cassandra McCullough
- B. Motion to approve the agenda: *Gary/Jim; Carried.*
- C. Scripture and prayer: The Council in the Word, Acts 10:34-48, Rev. Dr. Gary Kinkel

II. Discerning Our Mission

- A. O.W.L.S. request
 - NAMI Kay King, will present to the O.W.L.S. on Nov. 6, 10:00– 11:00 am
 - Request for \$150 for rental of a vehicle, Minneapolis Institute of Art, October 2, 2019
 - Motion by Jenny Pudwill: To cover the cost of a rental vehicle for the OWLS to visit the Minneapolis Institute of Art up to \$150 plus fees, from St. John's general fund. Seconded by James Hime; motion carried.
- B. Report from Discipleship Team
- C. Update on Needs and Dreams Ask Sandy
- D. Rally Sunday
 - Motion by Jenny Pudwill: To receive a special offering and to approve a fundraising campaign for Twocan on Rally Sunday the 8th of September. Seconded by James Hime; motion carried.
 - Report on efforts to organize Rally Sunday.
 - i. Committee invitation, O.W.L.S.(Becky Sexton), Mom's Group(Bonnie Doty), Families Moving Forward, Money Counters, Altar Guild, Quilters, Fellowship(Patti Hayer), Bible Study, Musicians (Sean), Ushers, Funeral Lunch (Connie Dunwell), MWAM (Kari Vaupel)
 - ii. Potluck, Bouncy House, Sno-Cone, Music, Face painting
 - iii. Invitation to El Remanente De Cristo
- E. Nominating Committee
 - Discussion on council terms

Motion to amend the agenda

Rev. Jerod Freeberg moves to amend: *Add Vacation Bible School and Pastor Gary to Giving Thanks.*
Seconded by Jenny Pudwill, motion carried.

III. Giving Thanks

- A. Motion to approve council minutes
 - Moved by Pastor Gary, seconded from the floor; motion carried
- B. Treasurer's Report
 - Motion to approve Jenny Pudwill, seconded by Aimee Johnson; motion carried
- C. Synod in need of support –give more of our budgeted support now
- D. Pastor Gary
 - Motion by Pastor Gary to accept new members by baptism, transfer, or new member orientation, seconded by Jesse Rients, motion carried as amended
 - Clergy Board Member for Beacon
 - Conference Room
- E. Vacation Bible School
 - Vacation Bible School ELCA World Hunger's Who is my Neighbor curriculum
 - 30 students

IV. Sending

- A. Review action items established-next council meeting date is **September 17, 2019**
- B. Assign report for newsletter
 - Cassandra McCullough
- C. Closing Prayer
 - Cassandra McCullough
- D. Adjournment
 - Moved by James Hime, Seconded by Jenny Pudwill; motion carried

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Bible Study	2 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 PM Simple Supper 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM Worship 8:00 PM St. John's Choir Rehearsal	3 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	4	5 9:00 AM AA*
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Committed to serve **Christ** in the world