



## Rally Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 a.m. Worship Celebration**

*Join us following worship for a variety of fun activities for the whole family!*

- Fellowship
- OWLS Bake Sale
- Potluck – *sign up to bring a dish to share!*
- Sunday School Open House
- Ministry Fair (with sign-up opportunities)
- Reformation Book Table

## Fall/Winter Worship Hours

**Begins Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Sunday Worship - 8:15am & 10:30am
- Sunday School/Adult Education - 9:25am
- Wednesday Evening Worship - 7:15pm  
*(a different approach to 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 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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12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Wednesday, Closed – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What a wonderful privilege it is for me to be among you for the sake of Jesus! These are exciting days as we find ourselves opened anew to the power of God's living Spirit! The Lord is preparing us to move in new ways, to engage with new devotion, new understanding and new vision into his mission on behalf of the world!

We have a high calling that we have in Christ Jesus. For our deliverance from the terrible powers of sin and death Jesus was tormented, tortured and killed. For our salvation, he was raised from the dead and is Lord, Master, of all things. Therefore, grace and the forgiveness of sins, resurrection from death and eternal life with him are ours. By faith we share in the future of Jesus Christ with God! And that means that we are called to belong to him and to follow him; to join him in his mission. It means we cannot sit on our hands. Those who have been touched by his grace, those who know him by faith, cannot do enough for him and with him. Those who have once heard his voice desire above all else to be like him, to do and say what he does and says and to please him.

There is much to do at St. John's. There are ongoing tasks that need to be done regularly (altar care before and after worship, ushering, counting the offering and the like) and there is the work of obedience that takes many forms (e.g., Loaves and Fishes, answering the call to new mission and actions). Those who live by faith jump up to serve. There should never be a lack of workers among disciples of Jesus Christ! Disciples are first in line to take care of what needs to be done. As Luther wrote, *"Faith knows what to do and **does it.**"* Faith is active in love and it is active in powerful and world changing ways.

Rally Day is approaching, Sunday September 10. We are trying to make contact with or reconnect with our neighborhood and our community. Please help us with your enthusiasm and excitement, your presence and a dish to share with others. We are in the process of calling a full time associate pastor. Please help with your fervent prayers and by listening to God's creative voice: what new thing should you be doing? What new way is God calling you to exercise your faith in love? Is God calling you to start a new thing at St. John's? Is God calling you to get more connected to youth? Is God calling you to become an active member of the Care Team? Is God calling you to get more deeply engaged with Scripture and to move into a Bible study?

God is on the move at St. John's! Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, has conquered! Let us follow him together!

In the grace of Jesus,

***Pastor Gary***



## LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves and Fishes will be on **Tuesday, September 5<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. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Renee Lea at 952-890-0201.

### ***Loaves & Fishes seeking Volunteer Coordinator***

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped prepare or served meals on the first Tuesday of the month at Loaves and Fishes. I will facilitate meals through the September 2017 meal. The Loaves and Fishes organization will prepare and ask volunteers to serve the meals in our absence. Our church wishes to continue this mission work and is seeking a new facilitator. Please contact Pastor Gary if you are interested. I will be available to anyone who has questions regarding this mission. *Renee Lea*



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

### **OWLS – September Meeting & Bake Sale!**

On Sunday, September 10th (Rally Day) the OWLS will host a BAKE SALE. What would you like to take home with you? There may be bread and rolls, cookies, bars, pies, cakes, home-made candy, and treats of all kinds! So, come look it over and make your choice! Proceeds from the sale will go into St. John's general fund for expenses that the OWLS may incur, i.e., guest speakers, etc. For information contact Mike Christensen, Carol Goebel, Jim & Donna Hunter, Shirley Kopet, Arlen & Barb Kvam, Del & Maggie Lind, Delores Mesenbrink, or Judy Redfield (Bake Sale seniors helping to plan the event).

On Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, the OWLS will gather for their regular monthly meeting. Bethany Tjornhom, Director of FISH (Families & Individuals Sharing Hope) will be our guest speaker. FISH is a networking program serving people with special needs in our county. It links persons and groups with means to provide help for people caught or trapped in difficult situations. FISH provides a much needed service in our county. So, come and learn about it!

## **Call Committee Update**

The Call Committee has reached the interview stage, a process that may take several months. The most difficult thing for a call committee to do is not to jump ahead of the Lord. Calling a pastor is the work and timetable of the Holy Spirit and it is most evident that we pray during this period.

Pray with us: *Gracious Heavenly Father, we are humbled and anxious to the work that has been assigned to us as the call committee. For each of us, it is not our daily calling. We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in us; to discern God's will for the entire congregation. May we simply be made wise, question without prejudice, listen and learn. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

# CONFIRMATION NEWS!

All Catechumens and Parents are invited to a **Confirmation Picnic on Wednesday evening September 6th at 5:30pm at St. John's** (we will be outdoors weather permitting.) At this gathering, you will receive important material for the year including a schedule, and we will also talk about why we even do this "Confirmation Business" at all. It's very important for you to be here so that we are all on the same page.

Please complete and return by mail or drop off at the church office, the 2017-2018 Confirmation Student Registration, Transportation, & Medical Release Form, which can be found near the church entrance and on the church website, along with a check for \$45, payable to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church by Wednesday, September 6, 2017, if possible. Scholarships are available for all students upon request. If a scholarship is needed, please contact Pastor Gary.

**Confirmation classes begin September 13<sup>th</sup>.** Here is our typical Wednesday night schedule:

(\* *Note: this is a change from the original schedule sent out earlier in August*)

- 6:00-6:30 pm Simple Supper – All are welcome - Fellowship Hall
- 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!

## Reformation 500 Bookstore at St. John's!

***The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching!*** Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests!

Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the display table near the **front entry** on **September 10 and 17** between **10:00 and 11:30 a.m.** to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

## Financial Peace University is back this fall!

Join us on Thursday evenings beginning **September 14<sup>th</sup>** in the library for the nine-week course about handling money as one of God's managers. If interested, please reach out to Mollie Viola ([mollieviola@gmail.com](mailto:mollieviola@gmail.com) or [952-393-3804](tel:952-393-3804)) or sign up at <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1048653> which will take you right to the registration page. The cost of the class materials is \$99 with shipping and are to be shared by a family. Learn to "live like no one else, later you can live and give like no one else." - Dave Ramsey





# News from the Sunday School Office...

## **Sunday School classes begin Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

\* ***We are excited to start another Sunday school year!*** Our Sunday School open house will be on Rally Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Come meet your teacher and see your classroom!

\* ***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.

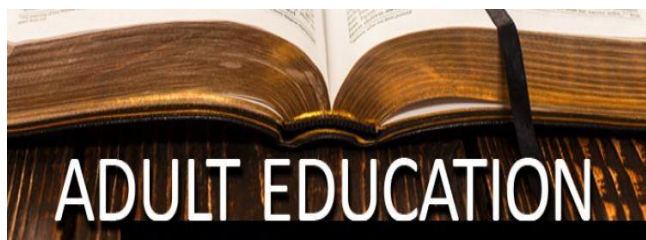
### **Volunteers needed for Sunday School music time:**

La la la laaaaaa! Little Lambs and Singing Shepherds need musically inclined people to assist with their music time, which happens between services each Sunday during the school year. If you can help lead songs and/or encourage participation, we would love your help (and you don't need to commit to every Sunday - even if you can be a backup person, that would be great!)

Contact the Sunday School office @ [stjhnsundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:stjhnsundayschool@gmail.com)

### **We are still in need of teachers for the 2017-2018 Sunday School year!**

If you are interested, please contact the Sunday School office @ [stjhnsundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:stjhnsundayschool@gmail.com)



### **Grow your faith!**

Starting Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at  
9:25am choose from a variety of  
different discussions and bible studies.

*All adults are welcome!*

# **St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

## **Council Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2017**

### **I. Gathering**

- A. The July 18, 2017, council meeting was called to order by Sandy McCullough at 7:02 PM. Council members Sandy McCullough, Mollie Viola, Nancy Berndt, Pastor Gary Kinkel, and Kathy Larson were present.
- B. Nancy made and Pastor Gary seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- C. Pastor Gary led council through prayer and a continued study of Acts 4:32-37.

### **II. Discernment (New Business)**

- A. Missional Giving:  
St. John's will give a total of \$4,725—approximately 1% of the church budget—to missions in 2017. If we were a tithing congregation, that figure would be closer to \$26,000. Several giving opportunities through the Synod were presented for thoughtful prayer when next year's budget is determined.
- B. Committees:  
Suggestions for "jump starting" Committee Meetings were presented; and, at the top of the list, was the need for substituting a better word for "committee"! It was suggested that we establish a "Committee Night" during which all members and their children could meet at the church; enjoy a potluck supper; read the Bible together; and then divide into separate groups to begin work on their projects. A nursery would be available so parents could attend work sessions with undivided attention.
- C. My Bookstore:  
Sandy distributed information regarding a way to increase revenue and the number of books in our church library. The program called "My Bookstore" features 20 books that will be on display Rally Sunday and the following two Sundays. Members of the congregation can place orders for copies of as many of the books as they wish and the original twenty books will be donated to our church library when the display is disassembled. Nancy made and Kathy seconded a motion to order the Bookstore shipment. Motion carried.

### **III. Decisions (Old Business)**

- A. Stewardship:  
Mollie will thank each person that filled out and returned a pledge card. The large number of parishioners who filled out the cards and were willing to donate both their time and money to St. John's was most encouraging to her. Mollie will ask former council members to participate in a "Pony Express" stewardship drive. Parishioners involved with MWAM, current council, and Simple Suppers will also be asked to accept leadership roles.
- B. Call Committee Update:  
An "Interview Coach" met with committee members to strengthen their interviewing skills. Pastor Gary called the Synod office during the first week of June to determine where our church is in the hiring process. We need to remember that progress is often slow moving.
- C. Custodian Position Update:  
Pastor José Luis is the only person who has applied for the position. Pastor Gary wants to make sure that everyone has a fair chance to apply. He plans to talk with one other candidate before any firm decision is reached.
- D. Election of Council Members:  
Most offices are up for re-election in January. The two-year term positions are for Spiritual Formation, Management, and Finance. The one-year term positions are for Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President. The office of President also needs to be filled. Pastor Gary highlighted what it means to serve on the church council. He emphasized the importance of spiritual leadership and suggested future council members sign a covenant agreeing to pray actively for our congregation, to study the Bible, and to participate in both the spiritual and everyday life of our church.
- E. Motion to Approve Council Minutes:  
Minutes for the May and June 2017 meetings were sent to council members electronically. Nancy made and Mollie seconded a motion to approve the June Minutes with corrections in the spelling of both Aimee Johnson's and Sandy McCullough's names. Motion approved. Council minutes seem more detailed than necessary.
- F. Newsletter Assignment:  
Sandy is writing a report for the upcoming newsletter.

### **IV. Sending**

- A. The next council meeting date is August 15, 2017.
- B. Sandy McCullough closed the meeting with prayer.
- C. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.



# SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM AA *
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Hispanic Church	<b>4 LABOR DAY</b> (office closed)  7:00 PM AA* District Meeting	<b>5</b> 3:00 or 5:00PM Loaves & Fishes @ St. Mark's Catholic Church	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 PM Confirmation Picnic 7:00 PM MWAM Whole Cast Read-Through 7:00 PM Higher Ground 8:00 PM St. John's Choir	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM High School/College Youth Discussion 7:00 PM AA*	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM AA *
<b>10 RALLY SUNDAY</b>  8:00 AM Bell Choir 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM OWLS Bake Sale 10:30 AM Rally Sunday Games & Food 12:00 PM Ragan Shower (Fellowship Hall) 2:00 PM Hispanic Church 5:30 PM Luther & Lager 6:00 PM MWAM Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM MWAM Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 7:30 PM Stewardship Team	<b>13</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 PM Quilters 6:00 PM Simple Supper 6:15 PM Higher Ground 6:35 PM Confirmation- Large/Small Group 7:15 PM Worship 8:00 PM St. John's Choir	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM High School/College Youth Discussion 7:00 PM AA* 7:30 PM Financial Peace University	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM AA *
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**Committed** to serve **Christ** in the world