



September 8th - 9:00 a.m. Worship Celebration

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

- Music, bounce house & children activities
- Potluck – bring a dish to share!
- Sunday School Open House
- Community outreach & donation opportunities with Saber Nation Station & TWOcan Organization

New Fall Worship Hours

Begins Sunday, September 15th

Sunday Worship - 8:00am & 10:00am

Adult Education - 9:10am

Sunday School - 10:20am

Fellowship Time – 11:15am

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 live in a troubling time--a turbulent age in which much that we thought was settled and behind us has once again asserted itself. Much that we once knew has been forgotten. We have forgotten that every human being has an inherent dignity and eternal value because they have been created by God, are loved by God, and each one is someone for whom Jesus Christ died (and it makes no difference whether they know or believe that—it is still true).

We have forgotten that God has made of ONE blood all the peoples of the earth and that our perceived differences are merely external and cosmetic or matters of custom and culture.

We have forgotten that when income and power are increasingly in the hands of a few at the expense of most of the rest of the people, the consequences are eventually, and inevitably, tragic (think, for example, of the peasant's revolt that happened in Luther's day).

We have forgotten that it was unions and collective bargaining that brought an end to slave wages and to workers being enslaved to companies (quite literally), that it was unions that gave us the 40-hour work week, the minimum wage, paid vacation and child leave, employer provided health insurance and regular cost of living increases.

We have forgotten that if one person's rights and one person's citizenship can be ignored or erased, then anyone's can.

We have forgotten that borders do not come from God and that God gives no evidence of concern about them (attempts by some Christians to use a couple of isolated Old Testament passages to "prove" God's concern for borders are labored, tendentious and totally unconvincing). Borders are an utterly human, and arbitrary, creation, "defended" for utterly human and self-interested reasons.

We have forgotten, from the highest to the lowest levels of our society, that Jesus calls us, no, COMMANDS US, to treat others (ALL others) exactly as we would want to be treated—to say and do to others exactly what we want others to say and do to us (Matthew 7:12 and Luke 6:31).

And we have forgotten that Jesus calls his followers to "deny ourselves" (see Matthew 16:24, Mark 8:34 and Luke 9:23), which means to deny my self-will, give up my way and my desires—take up a cross and go with Jesus in HIS way. I cannot deny myself, die to myself, and at the same time make myself the center of my concern and seek my own good first. These two things are contradictory. Therefore, I also cannot support or identify myself with any attempt to make my group...or my nation...the first and foremost consideration and make everyone and everything else secondary.

In the church, we have largely forgotten what the church is and what it is supposed to be about. We give our attention, our time and our energy to matters that are secondary. We fight about things that ultimately do not matter. Meanwhile, the truth, the revelation of God, the Presence and the Power which is always and everywhere available, the eternal, deep wisdom of Jesus and his way, the redemption that sets sinners free and raises the dead beckons but is not looked into, or is only skimmed along the surface.

Moreover, we have forgotten that we are called to love each other—especially when we disagree—and to have the same mind among us that was in Christ Jesus when he humbled himself, took on the form of a slave and went all the way down into death for us (Philippians 2:4-8).

We gather every Sunday to remember; to be reminded; to be reoriented away from ourselves and toward the Power and the Glory whose name is Father, Son and Dear Mother the Spirit. Please join us and remember that starting September 15 we return to two services each Sunday, but at slightly different times. Our two services will be at 8:00 and 10:00 am.

See you for worship!

In the grace of Jesus,

Pastor Gary

St. John's Big Bible Quiz

Answers to last month's questions:

1. In the city of Ur, among the "Chaldeans." (Genesis 11:31) This is in the region of Mesopotamia (the land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.)
2. Samuel was the last of Israel's "judges." He anointed Saul to be Israel's first king (1 Samuel 10:17-27).
3. The task the Lord gave to Isaiah was to speak the Lord's message, to announce the Word of the Lord, but to be met by a failure to understand, right up until the day judgment would fall (Isaiah 6:9-13).
4. What troubles Habakkuk to the core of his being is that the Lord is too pure to look on evil, and yet God seems to remain silent while wickedness and violence multiplies (Habakkuk 1:1-4, 13).
5. The three realities that replace the temple in Mark 11 are: a) Faith in God; b) Prayer; and c) Forgiveness.

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)



Confirmation Registration for 2019-2020

It's time to register for Confirmation for the 2019/2020 school year.
Registration forms can be found near the front entrance of church
and on the church website.

Classes begin Wednesday, September 25th

Simple Supper at 6p and Confirmation at 6:30p



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

The OWLS will meet on Wednesday, September 4th at 10:00 a.m.

We are going to get out and ride with Kristi Sellwood, learn to ride with MVTA (bus) that is! Kristi has over 13 years' experience as a Customer Service Representative at the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority. Kristi's goal is to change nervous first-timers to confident riders. If you like, in the future we can also have a hands-on trip. I think you will enjoy her presentation.

In October we go to the Minneapolis Institute of Art, or MIA.

There is no cost to you, and you will not have to drive. OWL are welcome.

For information call Becky Sexton 952-445-4002. *OWL see you soon!*

A Word from the President

Members of the Church Council are spiritual leaders of the congregation, but they have quite a lot of business to take care of as well. Earlier this year Council identified several areas around the church that deserve attention and noted them in a document we call the *Big List of Needs and Dreams*. At first it seemed daunting to contemplate all that needs to be done and all we'd like to do, but we have been able to accomplish several items.

- Repair and clean the coffee pot in the kitchen
- Electrical work to repair the fans in the sanctuary, rewire the switches in the gathering space, and replace outdoor light fixtures
- A new digital SLR camera for high-quality photos on the website.
- Seed money of \$1000 toward an emergency fund for people in dire need
- Formation of a Discipleship team, which has been meeting and studying throughout the summer

We have several other projects in progress, and I hope to have further updates for you soon. Blessings on the congregation at St. Johns.

Sandy McCullough

President, St. John's Council



Scott Vaupel Memorial Concert

The 2nd Annual Scott Vaupel Memorial Concert will be at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 14th at 7:00pm. Over 40 vocalists will be bringing music from the Broadway Musical, Les Miserables, to life! A free will offering will benefit the Shakopee High School's Scott Vaupel Fine Arts Scholarship.



Families with young children are invited to B.I.B.S.S
(Based in Baptism Sunday School)

B.I.B.S.S is for families with young children that are not of Sunday School age. Come to the nursery to meet other young families, sing songs and a small art project. Parents will go with their children to the Nursery during Sunday School time.

B.I.B.B.S dates for this fall: Sept. 15, Oct. 27 & Nov. 17

News from the Sunday School Office...

Sunday School classes begin Sunday, September 15th



***Note: New time change!** The Sunday School kids will join us for worship at the 10:00 am service and after the children's sermon, they disperse to their Sunday School rooms for music time, classroom time and fellowship. Sunday school will end at 11:15 with the congregation joining us downstairs in the fellowship hall for donuts and coffee.

Registration forms can be found at the Sunday School office and on the church website.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

The St. John's Sunday School needs volunteers to help teach Sunday School this fall. If you are willing to help, please contact the Sunday School office at stjhnsundayschool@gmail.com.

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - July 23rd, 2019

Council members present: Pastor Gary Kinkel, Pastor Jerod Freeberg, Jim Hime, Aimee Johnson, Sandy McCullough, Kirsti Youngs, Paula Brennan

Council members absent: Jesse Rientz, Jenny Pudwill

Council Meeting Agenda for July 23, 2019, at 7:00 pm

I. Gathering

- A. Call to order 7:02 pm Sandy McCullough
- B. *Motion to approve agenda: Aimee Johnson/Pastor Gary Kinkel; carried.*
- C. Scripture and prayer: The Council in the Word, Acts: 10:22-23, Pastor Gary Kinkel

II. Giving Thanks

- A. *Motion to approve council minutes: Pastor Jerod Freeberg/Jim Hime; carried.*
- B. Treasurer's Report: Jim Hime.
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Aimee Johnson/Pastor Gary Kinkel; carried.
- C. Slavic church proposal discussion.

III. Discerning Our Mission

- A. Update on big list: Sandy McCullough -
 - Mike Sexton received 3 quotes for electrical repairs, Dean Todd submitted lowest bid and St. John's is moving forward with Dean Todd.
 - Will be receiving proposal from Berry Coffee Company to install new coffee maker.
- B. Synod in need of support, would like to give more of our budgeted support now.
- C. Rally Sunday, September 8.
- D. Flag: Pastor Gary Kinkel -
 - Flagpole needs repair/replacement, it is holding water.
 - Flag ropes freeze in winter months and make it difficult to move the flag.
 - There is not a light shining on the flag.
 - Flag is worn.
- E. We will have a speaker from Food for The Poor during the Oct. 6 service.
- F. Sunday School: Proposed shift to Sunday school format.
Motion to adjust worship service times to 8:00 am and 10 am and move to adopt Sunday school pilot schedule as proposed by the education committee with the understanding that time adjustments can be made as needed. Education Committee motion was adopted as amended.

IV. Sending

- A. Review action items established - next council meeting date is August 20, 2019
- Pastor Jerod will record minutes.
- B. Assign report for newsletter - Aimee Johnson
- C. Closing Prayer - Sandy McCullough
- D. Adjournment - *Motion to adjourn: Jim Hime/Pastor Gary Kinkel; carried. 9:49 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Brennan, Council Secretary

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Hispanic Church	2 LABOR DAY <i>(office closed)</i> 7:00 PM AA* District Meeting 7:00 PM Hope Al-Anon	3 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Bible Study	4 10:00 AM OWLS 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study	5 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	6	7 9:00 AM AA*
8 Rally Sunday 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Potluck & Rally Day Activities 12:00 PM Hispanic Church 5:30 PM Luther & Lager 6:30 PM Memorial Concert Rehearsal	9 7:00 PM Hope Al-Anon 7:15 PM Discipleship Team	10 6:00 PM Hispanic Church Bible Study	11 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 PM Quilters	12 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA*	13 7:00 PM Memorial Concert Rehearsal	14 9:00 AM AA* 7:00 PM Scott Vaupel Memorial Concert
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Called as children of God
Comforted and **Challenged** by the Holy Spirit
Committed to serve **Christ** in the world