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The Messenger

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HOLY WEEK

Come and Worship!



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Service of Holy Communion - 7 pm

Remembering Christ's last meal with his disciples on the night of his betrayal

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Service of Tenebrae— 7 pm

Remembering the Passion of Christ

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Easter Breakfast - 8:00-9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 am

Festival Worship - 10 am

Celebrating the Resurrection

Nursery Care available

Please bring a non-perishable food item when you come for Easter. Items needed are peanut butter, boxed cereal, mac & cheese, canned ravioli, canned fruits and vegetables, and 16 oz. bags brown rice. Your donations will benefit St. John's Food Backpack Ministry.

All services are in person and online (YouTube/Facebook & website)

Thoughts from Pastor Mark

Thank you! There is so much to be grateful for:



Thank you for attending the midweek Lenten worship services at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. We had a good turnout for those services each week during Lent and I received thanks from not only two of their pastors but also several members of their congregation. They all expressed gratitude for so many of our people worshipping with them. Your singing was lovely and the camaraderie with their folks over pizza suppers was just plain fun to behold.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry we do together. I am specifically meaning the physical support of buying groceries, packing the backpacks on packing

Sundays, and delivery that following Thursday. We are in constant need of groceries, but you continue to rise to that challenge. Thank you.

Thank you to those of you who week in and week out are tuning in to our broadcast worship service. We are averaging 40 views each week. The ELCA advises that we take the number of views each week and multiply it by 1.7 because many of those views are more than one person watching the same computer or device. 40X1.7 equates to an additional 68 people tuning in to our worship service. I encourage all who worship online to use the chat feature to share the peace and interact with each other during the service. Not only will that help you feel connected to others, but it is also helpful to our broadcast. The more activity while live or the recorded service receives, the more YouTube will share the link to other YouTube users. Interacting with the broadcast helps market our service to others.

Thank you very much to those of you who are coming to the in-person worship and ministry activities. It takes a while for all of us to reengage, but we are seeing the number slowly return to pre-Covid numbers. Currently we are at 70% of our pre-Covid quarantine attendance numbers. Know that your presence in worship matters to everyone. And what fun it has been watching you all reconnect with each other and meet the newer faces of our congregation! Often people are staying until 12:30 or 12:45PM.

Thank you, Edith and the Cross+Generational Ministry Team for the wonderful events you've got scheduled for ALL AGES of our congregation over the next several months. It has been wonderful to see the photos of kids bowling, or the families at the Mardi Gras event or the chili contest! And there's more still yet to come.

Thank you, Diane Harayda for answering the call to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you have not heard yet, Diane is a Baby Whisperer. AMAZING! But also, for connecting St. John's to the Red Cross! It is likely that St. John's will be hosting a blood drive in the coming month or two!

Thank you to the Federal Government for the Employee Reimbursement Credit. Because we qualified for this credit, the Federal Government has reimbursed St. John's Lutheran Church up to \$26,000 per employee that we retained as employees during the months of required quarantine. This equated to \$406,000 and with interest St. John's was credited with a little more than \$435,000. The Church Council will be going on retreat on April 15th to discuss how to utilize this money and how to make it work best for this congregation. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Church Council if you have ideas. As soon as the Council has a plan, they will inform the whole congregation.

And thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you as your pastor.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

A Special Request...

If I were to say April 22nd to you, what do you think of first? The answer I am looking for is Earth Day. Each year on this day, we mark the anniversary of the environmental movement started in 1970 by a junior senator from Wisconsin by the name of Gaylord Johnson. By the end of 1970 the Environmental Protection Agency had been formed. More legislation soon followed: The National Environmental Education Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, and much more.

In the year 1990, Earth Day went Global: 200 million people and over 140 countries participated. It has

continued to grow and has helped bring awareness to environmental issues around God's world.

On Sunday April 23rd, I will be inviting the children who come up for the Faith Formation Moment, the opportunity to make their own plastic mugs that they can bring with them on Sundays to church for juice at fellowship time. I invite you to please bring your own cup or mug with you to church on the 23rd for fellowship time. If we all do this, it will not only help our environment, but it will also help us to get to know one another better. I encourage you to find a mug that reveals something about you. The mugs make for great conversation, and they help keep your coffee warm for a longer time.



In closing, it is my hope that one day we will have a rack of some sort in which we can leave our mugs and use them each week. Until then, I extend the invitation for us all to bring our own mugs each Sunday for fellowship time. Free refills available.

May we all remember and continue to be good stewards of God's creation.

Edith

If you would like more information on Earth Day I invite you to visit Earthday.org



Sunday, April 16 and Sunday, April 30 11:15 AM in Chapel

For confirmation students, their families and ALL members of our church and friends.

Searchers and Seekers Sunday, April 23 9-9:45 AM

SEEK GOD ALWAYS NEVERY CIRCUMSTANCE NEVERY AND

Meet in Fellowship Hall for food treats and faith talk for all ages.

Hope to see you there!

an evening of

Friday, April 21 6-8 PM

St. John's Fellowship Hall

An opportunity to connect and possibly learn new things about each other. Play "Getting to Know You" Bingo, Catchphrase and/or Pictionary. Vegetarian vegetable soup and beverages provided...you may bring something to share.



Come and have Breakfast before Worship!

PANCAKES (Oly's special)
SAUSAGES
FRESH FRUIT
COFFEE, TEA
JUICE

Sponsored by St. John's Chi Rho Committee
Free will donations will support the ministry of
St. John's Chi Rho Center
https://www.facebook.com/ Chirhocenter
http://www.stjohnsmpls.org/chi-rho/

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 9

9:30 am

Children ages 2-10 welcome!

Bring your own basket and come hunt for filled eggs! You never know what treasure are inside!

The hunt will start at 9:30 with those ages 4 and under getting a slight head start. Then the others will follow.

We'll meet near Fellowship Hall to begin.



COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD (CAN)

The Justice Page Middle School Food Backpack Ministry depends on your support. Please consider whether you can contribute all 20 of a certain item

for April, May or June. If you can, please reach out to Elizabeth or Tamara.

Join after worship on Sunday, <u>April 16</u> for packing 20 backpacks.

Donations NEEDED:
peanut butter,
canned ravioli,
mac & cheese,
boxed cereal,
16 oz. bags brown rice,
canned fruits and vegetables.



MINISTRY

Join us after worship on Sunday April 16 to pack 20 backpacks.

FYI - the delivery dates for the end of this school year are 4/20, 5/18 and 6/8.

Mark and Tamara Gebhardt, 612-275-2317 Cochairs of Community and Neighborhood Ministry Team

Donations for Harbor Light appreciated....

Thank you for donating sleeping bags, blankets, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, and coats for this shelter. Women's clothing is now also accepted for their women's shelter, and we bring some items to Mary's Place for homeless families with children, as well. Donated items may be left in the church office lobby to be collected and delivered. Bea Hasselmann will have tax donation forms available for any who would like them.



Missionary Circle

Missionary Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, <u>April 12</u> at noon in St. John's Lounge. Anyone is welcome. Bring your lunch, join the conversation, and see what Missionary Circle is about.

Metropolitan Men's Choir Spring Concert Sunday, April 30, 2023, 4 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 4842 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis, MN 55419

The concert will feature traditional Sea Shanties and Madrigals: The Wellerman, Blow the Man Down, A-Rovin, Barrett's Privateers, April is in my Mistress Face, Fa una Canzone, Now is the Month of Maying, O Mistress Mine — and many more!

Join us:

The concert is free, donations welcome

The Metropolitan Men's Choir focuses on the pleasure of making music with good friends and creating the best music and choir experiences within us. Our repertoire includes a wide range of styles: folk tunes, hymns, jazz, madrigals, spirituals, chorales, and barbershop. We sing in venues ranging from intimate chapels to the largest concert halls. We've performed with members of the Minnesota Orchestra, with Twin Cities youth orchestras, at the Minnesota premier of *The Events* at the Guthrie Theater, and at Carnegie Hall in New York City, where we performed Randall Thompson's *Testament of Freedom*.

The Metropolitan Men's Choir is a nonprofit choir directed by Tim Bauernfeind.

Website: www.metropolitanmenschoir.org
Listen to us on YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YagmNURnXLL7Cs f1c0dQ
Facebook:

www.facebook.com/MetropolitanMensChoir



Moment of Generosity

St. John's is most grateful for the generosity of all who have contributed food, money and time toward the Backpack Ministry this year!

This month we offer a special thank you to Anna and Steve Carlson for supplying multiple quantities of food items. Thank you to those of all ages who

help to pack the backpacks. And thank you, Vicky and Katie Ercolani, for delivering the 20 backpacks to Justice Page school in March.

Together, we can do this!

Holy Conversations Thursdays at 10:00 AM in St. John's Lounge

Text in Context—exploring together the lectionary texts for each week, sharing our own stories as we reflect on God's Story.



Come, join the conversations!

CHILD CARE CENTER



Photo by Pr. Mark

St. John's Child Care Center hosted a Scholastic Book Fair during the last week of March.

Book sales totaled a little over \$2500. This sales level also earned the Center a \$1150 credit toward new books and supplies needed for their classrooms.

Thanks to all who supported our school Book Fair!

A LOOK AHEAD...events at St. John's

Minneapolis Brass in Concert

Saturday, May 13 (4 pm)

Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's Monday, June 12 (12 noon—6 pm)

Vacation Bible School at St. John's
Sunday, July 23 thru Thursday, July 27
(6-8 pm)

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1, 6-8 pm



ADMINISTRATION

Council Highlights

St. John's Congregation Council

March 16, 2023, 7 p.m., via Zoom



Council Meeting Summary:

- 1. St. John's has received \$435,397.82 from the Federal Government Employee Retention Credit program. \$130,000 of the funds have been used to replenish amounts borrowed from other funds during 2022, and to cover cash-flow through 2023. Council is seeking input from the congregation regarding the remaining \$306,000. A survey will be distributed soon.
- 2. St. John's will be building a new website! This new digital entrance will welcome visitors and inform members about who we are and what we do. The new site will be launched sometime this summer.
- 3. We thank all of our outgoing council members, Jaeden Micco, Dustin Olson, Steve Dosdall, and Anne Nervig who has agreed to serve an additional term. New council members are needed! If you are interested in helping to steer the congregation into the future, please contact Pastor Mark or Steve Dosdall.

Complete minutes from the Council meetings are available in the office or via email:

communications@stjohnsmpls.org

Respectfully submitted by Anna Carlson, Council Secretary.



Saturday, April 15 9 am—4 pm at St. John's

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2023 "Restored to Life Anew"

Friday, April 28 (worship) 7-9:30 p.m.
St Andrew Lutheran, Eden Prairie
Saturday, April 29 (business) 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
Lord of Life Lutheran, Ramsey

The past few years have tested our faith in unexpected ways. Together with our keynote speaker, the Rev. Otis Moss III, we will reflect on our hurting world and the fears within us. Renewed in the promise and presence of God, we will grow in the "spiritual lessons for thriving in turbulent times" (from his Dancing in the Darkness).

Worship on Friday evening is open to all. Worship will be followed by a festive reception and time for fellowship at the church.

At the plenary sessions on Saturday , voting members and visitors will go deeper into the restoring love of God in Christ, and will also conduct the important business of the church.

Both Friday night and Saturday activities will be livestreamed. https://mpls-synod.org/our-synod/synod-assembly-2/

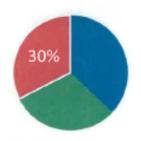


THANK YOU

Thank you! On behalf of the Synod Council and the entire Minneapolis Area Synod, thank you for your generosity and support of God's work in this place and across the globe. In 2022, the people of our synod gave nearly \$100 million in offerings to their congregations and over \$2.7 million of those funds were shared as mission support with the synod office. We then shared \$0.50 for every dollar we received with the ELCA Churchwide organization. Your generosity and commitment to the work God is doing through you, your congregation, and what we do together as the whole church has helped change lives in your neighborhood and beyond. Thank you for the trust you place in the synod and ELCA Churchwide ministries by sharing your mission support. Our church's three institutional expressions (congregations, synods, and churchwide) work together in God's mission of creative and redeeming love. Your generosity is a statement that you trust this interdependent relationship, and for that we are grateful to God.

Your mission support helps the ministry of our synod in these ways:

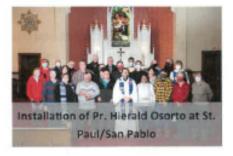
30% OF MISSION SUPPORT

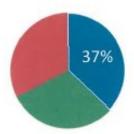


Together, the congregations of our synod gave \$408,413 for these ministries!

- Invest in Summer Youth Programs
- Walk with call committees and entire congregations through pastoral transitions
- Offer resources and trainings like Tool Kit and Communicators Gatherings
- Help congregations tend to governance matters like constitutions and bylaws
- Investing in our ethnic-specific, culturally specific, and multicultural congregations
- Guiding and supporting congregations during seasons of growth and seasons of struggle







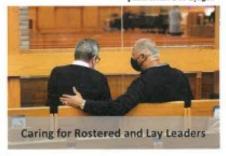
37% OF MISSION SUPPORT CARES FOR & EQUIPS LEADERS

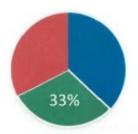
Together, the congregations of our synod gave \$503,709 for these ministries!

- Walk with people through the candidacy process to become deacons and pastors
- Supporting deacons and pastors in their first call with continued learning and retreats
- Equipping all deacons and pastors through continuing education and retreat at Bishop's Theological Conferences, Synod Ministeriums, Boundaries Trainings and more
- Care and support of pastors, deacons, and elected leaders



photo credit: Deb Lyngdal





33% OF MISSION SUPPORT

Together, the congregations of our synod gave \$449,254 for these ministries!

- Invest in young adults through Campus Ministry
- Supporting theological education and formation at Luther Seminary
- Partnering with the Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement to equip and grow leaders in communities
- Advocating for justice and equity through our congregation-based organizing initiatives
- Partnering with the Minnesota Council of Churches, including truth-telling and reparations work
- Global partnerships with the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria and the Leipzig District of the Evangelical







To the members of

St. John's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

from the

Minneapolis Area Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In grateful appreciation for giving

\$5,500

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We are grateful for all the ways you are making Christ known and helping others to discover community, justice and love.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Presiding Bishop

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Choir Rehearsals in April
Wednesdays April 5, 19, 26
6:45 p.m.—St John's Fellowship Hall
pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Bell Rehearsal, St. John's sanctuary Wednesday, April 5 6:00 p.m. pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Worship Assistants in March

Edith Bohardt, Matt & Jennifer Burdick, Ron & Bonnie Conrad, Andy Dosdall, Steve & Ellen Dosdall, Deborah Dunham, Peder Flaten, Larry Fraser, Lori Johnson, Jaeden Micco, Eleanor Nervig, Sam Nervig, Dylan Noaman, Elizabeth Roe, Sarah Tellijohn, Jeanne Tuvey, Eric Willette, Susan Zabel, Graham Zima



APRIL LECTIONARY

April 6

Maundy Thursday
Matthew 26:17-30
John 13:3-5, 12-27,
34-35

April 7

Good Friday

Matthew 27:27-61 Isaiah 52:13-15a; 53:3-7, 11-12

April 9

Easter Sunday

Matthew 28:1-10

April 16

Easter 2

Matthew 28:16-20

April 23

Easter 3

Acts 10:1-17, 34-48

April 30

Easter 4

Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

In Our Prayers....

Ones in need of healing, comfort, encouragement or sustaining care:

† Amy Arens, Margery Arens, Kathy Cashin, Brian Conrad, Harriet Ellis, Lynn Griswold, Debra Jacobs, Neil Jenkins, Pastor Karl Jacobson, Marge Korzenowski, Sharon Koschak, Jane McNaughton, Jan Sammelson, Susan Stagg, Oly Stromberg, Susan Tasa, Lana Tiede, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Mary Vollmar, Bruce Walker, Vicki Wheeler, and all whom we hold in our hearts and are known by God

Ones newly baptized:

† Zuri Lou Johnson, infant daughter of Isaac and Kaitlyn Johnson and sister of Maisie, baptized on March 26, 2023 at St. John's. Zuri's godparents are Rachel Lista, Griffin Schnedler, and Grayson Schnedler.



ST. JOHN'S WELCOME STATEMENT

St John's is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that celebrates and cares for all people. As followers of Christ, who calls us to reconciliation and wholeness through baptism, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church welcome all who are seeking God. We affirm that this reconciliation extends to people of all gender identities and sexual orientations. We welcome members of the LGBTQ+ community as well as those who may have been excluded because of other human distinctions. We strive to live as a welcoming people in our life together and our outreach to the community. Our doors are open. Come as you are. You belong.



Please let the church office know if you would like to share information with the congregation.

You can reach the church office at 612-827-4406 or communications@stjohnsmpls.org Email Pastor Mark at pastortiede@stjohnsmpls.org

Callers to St. John's have the option to talk with or leave messages for individual staff by choosing one of the following prompts:

- 1. Church Office/Ann Paulson
- 2. Pastor Mark
- 3. Edith Bohardt, Director of Cross+Generational Ministry
- 4. David Roinas, Bookkeeper
- 5. Joseph Sahai
- 6. Tina Shear and Child Care Center

April Celebrations



Happy Birthday!

- 5 Tom Swanson
- 7 Brenton Larson
- 9 Elsah Gebhardt
- 10 Megan Eid
- 12 Nikki Niermann
- 17 Ben Kercheval
- 22 Riley Manor

Happy Anniversary!

- 22 Edith & Fred Bohardt
- 28 Susan & Robyn Koliha

Maundy Thursday April 6

> Good Friday April 7

Easter Day April 9

Earth Day April 22

If your birthdate or anniversary has been inadvertently omitted or is incorrect, please forgive us, then call the church office at 612-827-4406.

Thank you!

April 2023

April 5-9

Wednesday, April 5

6 pm SJ Bells (Sanctuary)

6:45 pm SJ Choir (FH)

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

7 pm Worship—Holy Communion

in person and online

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

7 pm Worship—Service of Tenebrae

in person and online

Easter Sunday, April 9

8-9:30 am Easter Pancake Breakfast

9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Festival Worship w/Holy

Communion

in person and online

April 10-15

Monday, April 10

5:30 pm Admin Team

Wednesday, April 12

12 noon Missionary Circle (Lounge)

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem

Thursday, April 13

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

6 pm Chi Rho Committee (Zoom)

Saturday, April 15

9 am - 4 pm St John's Council Retreat

(at church)

Sunday, April 16—Easter 2

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and online

'Grace Place' during worship

II am Fellowship following worship (FH)

and Packing of Backpacks

11:15 am Cross+Generational Team (Lg)

11:15 am Lutheranism 101 (Chapel)

April 17-23

Tuesday, April 18

10 am St. John's Staff (Lounge)

Wednesday, April 19

6:30 pm Confirmation *at Bethlehem*

6:45 pm **SJ** Choir (*FH*)

Thursday, April 20—Backpack Delivery

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

5:30 pm ECFE (Child Care) (FH)

7 pm St John's Council (Lounge)

Friday, April 21

6 - 8 pm Food & Fun (*FH*)

Sunday, April 23—Easter 3

9 am Searchers & Seekers (FH)

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and online

II am Fellowship following worship (FH)

April 24-30

Tuesday, April 25 - 'Messenger' deadline

Wednesday, April 26

6:45 pm SJ Choir (*FH*)

Thursday, April 27

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

Friday, April 28

7-9:30 pm Mpls Area Synod Assembly

(St. Andrew LC, Eden Prairie)

Saturday, April 29

9 am-5 pm Mpls Area Synod Assembly

(Lord of Life LC, Ramsey)

12:30-2:30 pm Tangletown Focus Group (FH)

Sunday, April 30—Easter 4

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and online

Grace Place' during worship

II am Fellowship following worship (FH)

II:15 am Lutheranism 101 (Chapel)

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St. John's Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Our Mission:

Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St. John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.

Our Core Values:

Welcoming

Celebrating and caring for all people. Our doors are open. You belong. Come as you are.

Worshiping

Gathering together to joyfully thank God in prayer and praise for Jesus, who calls us, centers us, and sends us into the world.

Healing

Reflecting God's unconditional grace and love by walking together through the joys and pains of life.

Serving

Gratefully responding to the needs of the world with the abilities God has gifted us.

Our Vision for the Future:

A vibrant community living faith boldly

In-Person Worship Hour—Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Traditional worship that is joyful and welcoming to all.

St. John's worship on Youtube



St. John's podcasts on Spotify



ELCA Presiding Bishop:
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