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ST. JOHN'S SUNDAYS

Come and Worship!

Each Sunday at 10 AM Air-conditioned Sanctuary Nursery Care and 'Summer Grace Place' offered for children during worship

Fellowship time following worship

Services are in person and online (YouTube/Facebook & website) www.facebook.com/StJohnsMpls.org www.stjohnspls.org

PREACHING SERIES FOR AUGUST

Old Testament Wisdom & Poetry

August 6-Pentecost 10 Ecclesiastes 1: 1-11; 3: 1-17

August 13-Pentecost 11 Song of Solomon 2: 10-13; 8: 6-7 (Mark 8: 35-37)

Sabbath

August 20-Pentecost 12 Deuteronomy 5: 12-15 (Matt 11: 28-30)

August 27—Pentecost 13 Worship at St. John's (10 AM) and at Chi Rho (9:30 AM) Genesis 1: 31- 2:3 (John 15: 9-15)

Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing and Serving

AUGUST 2023

Thoughts from Pastor Mark



If change would <u>someday</u> come to St. John's, the pandemic eliminated any delay in its arrival. We are now – right now -- living with change. In our post pandemic world change is constantly upon us: our society is changing, the nation is changing, the church is changing, even the climate is changing! Everything is changing. And that is Ok. We have not failed God. The church is not failing. But some things need to start while other things need to end.

For some this creates a sense of uneasiness and fear. But not all change is equal. Some changes need to be amplified; like the changes to irradicate

systemic racism, misogyny, and homophobia. In his first inaugural address to the American people in 1933 which was the deepest point of the Great Depression newly-elected President Roosevelt (he himself represented change to the public since he defeated Hoover in the election) famously said to a fearful world, "The only thing we need to fear is fear itself."

So, change in and of itself is not what we necessarily need to fear. For change can also bring about things that are wonderful and life-giving. Recognizing that we are in an era of constant change helps us name our reality and address it head on.

Since change is here, I believe the next 20 months (until June of 2025) are both pivotal and enthusing (I am using this word intentionally since its root means infused with God). Together as a congregation we must intentionally discern God's will for our life-together and reach into the neighborhood while we reach into the congregation. In other words, if we continue to

- tend the needs of families with young children as we
- tend the needs of adults, and
- provide ways for the old and the young to become familiar with each other and
- deepen existing relationships while
- fostering new relationship between the generations, all while
- we deepen our ties to the schools and immediate neighborhood,

then the next two "program years" will ignite an entirely new narrative of self-understanding as St. John's Lutheran Church within Tangletown Neighborhood.

Change is not coming someday, change has arrived. The only question now is what will we do about it? That conversation can be creative, fun, and life-giving; especially when we recognize that we are trying to envision God's will for our Church. It is likely that we might have done this before. I do not mean to suggest that *I* have come up with a whole new idea. But perhaps what is new this time is that every-thing has already begun to change or has already changed. We therefore are now needing to look at the huge changes for our church by looking within ourselves and what we hold dear.

This is the time for change and leaning into God's future together.

Hopeful for this Church's future,

Pastor Mark

CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

Returning To School

I can't believe August is already here! I am not one who likes hot temperatures so I will welcome the autumn season with open arms. The cooler weather, the smell and color of the leaves, and of course it wouldn't be autumn without caramel apples. With the coming of August comes the reality that it is back to school time. Stores already are advertising back to school sales on clothing and school supplies. When I

was a child, there was excitement about going back to school, but if I am being fully transparent, there was also a lot of anxiety. We didn't talk about anxiety when I was a child, and I didn't realize what I experienced was anxiety until I was an adult.

There was the excitement of going downtown to shop with mom for school clothes. Call me a nerd, but I really liked picking out new school supplies each year. I still do, only as an adult they are called office supplies. There was the excitement of what I would learn.

But there were also the nights leading up to the first day of school in which it was hard to fall asleep. There were concerns about who would be in my class, who my teacher would be. In my later years add to my list of concerns: auditions for band and cheerleading try outs; and in my senior year transferring to a different school.

These days it seems there are open houses where students can see where their classes are and meet their teachers, so there may not be any concerns. But if there are concerns, here is one way to talk about them and work together to find solutions.

Find a mason jar (or even a clay pot), chenille stems (pipe cleaners), and some flower post it notes. If you can't find flower shaped post it notes you can cut regular post it notes into a flower shape.

On one post it note write down a concern: My best friend is in a different class.

On another post it note write: I can meet new people, make new friends.

Then on the chenille stem place the posit it notes on either side of the stem to create a flower.

Then place the stems in the jar or vase.

Repeat for each concern.

By talking openly about concerns and talking together to find solutions, your children will be more open in sharing their concerns with you moving forward.

I pray that all our children have a great back to school time, and a wonderful year!

Blessings,

Edith



National Night Out...August 1, 6-8 PM

Who are our neighbors? Come and meet some of them at St. John's on the lawn, Tuesday, August 1st! It is National Night Out and St. John's has invited the neighbors from our block and from across the street to join together on our lawn for hot dogs, chips, and beverages.

There will be some games for children.

Some help to set up and clean up would be much appreciated. If you are able to help, please let Edith know.

Game Meet Up — Wednesday, August 9, 6-8 p.m.

Come and enjoy some games with others— and snacks—in St. John's Fellowship Hall on **August 9**! If you have a favorite game to play please bring it with you. If not, the church has several to choose from. If you would like to, and are able to, please bring a snack to share.

For all ages and stages! Please let Edith know you will be attending: edith@stjohnsmpls.org HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD (CAN)

The Food Backpack Ministry restarts this September. During the school year, we provide TWENTY Justice Page Middle School families with monthly backpacks FULL of food. We hope to better meet the needs of "newcomers to the country" by tailoring a portion of the backpack foods for Latina and Somali families.

We need YOUR help!! This service ministry happens ONCE each month.

Here are two ASKS for AUGUST :

1. Call Tamara Gebhardt at 612-275-2317 to get more info about short-term volunteer opportunities.

2. Donate 19-inch backpacks. Last year the online case price for 19" bags was about \$7 each. Look for good deals and gently used.

St. John's CAN (Community and Neighborhood) Backpack Ministry can only continue with your support.





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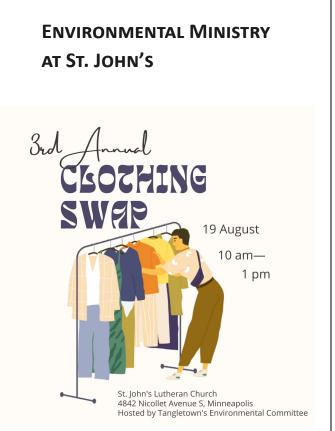




CLOTHING SWAP 2023 Saturday, August 19 10 am—1 pm St. John's Lutheran Church 4842 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis

Come to St. John's Lutheran Church fellowship hall (4842 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis) for the third annual Tangletown clothing swap.

Empty your drawers of clothing items no longer needed and come find gems among the clothing items brought by others!



Swap Details:

- ⇒ Bring clothing items you no longer want or need (in clean, wearable condition—something you would give to a friend) to share in our swap then "shop" the items others have brought.
- ⇒ There is no requirement to bring items in order to take items, so feel free to come and "shop" the swap no matter what.
- ⇒ Men's, women's, and kids' clothing of all sizes to be included. If bringing donations, please start at the check-in table.

Swap Restrictions:

- 1. Limit of 10 items per person to donate; no restriction on number of items you can leave with
- 2. Only clothing in good condition no stains or holes; not worn out only bring if you would gift it to a friend
- 1. No undergarments
- 2. No socks
- 3. No adult sized pajamas
- 4. No workout clothing/yoga pants
- 5. No clothing with embroidered or screen printed personalization (ie. team sweatshirts)
- 8. No housewares, bedding, linens or toys

Organizations that offer free clothing resources to community members (e.g. free school or community clothing closets) are welcome to pick up items, too! Email <u>info@tangletown.org</u> if you have any questions. Bonnie Conrad is St. John's contact for event: bconrad6@gmail.com

Celebrating Time away together!

St. John's Weekend at Chi Rho Center

August 25-27, 2023

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 4:00 Check in 5:30 Welcome/Dinner
- 7:00 Get-Acquainted Time
- 7:30 Campfire/S'mores



SATURDAY

 8:00
 Breakfast

 9-10:30
 Session

 10:30-12
 Free Time

 12-12:30
 Lunch

 12:30-1:30
 Free Time

 2:00
 Session

 3-6
 Free time

 6:00
 Dinner

 7:30
 Campfire/Simores

SUNDAY

8-9 Continental
Breakfast
9:00 Pack Up Room
9:30 Outdoor Worship
10:30 Brunch
Noon - Depart for home

Outdoor camp facilities are available for use in the afternoon, but all participants must be out of their rooms.

TO SIGNUP:

Email:

gebhardtfamily @msn.com with number of people in your party, nights of lodging desired, and any food/allergy restrictions.

Registration Deadline is August 14.

Regular fees are waived this weekend. However, suggested donations: \$5 per meal and \$25

per night of lodging.



Chí Rho Center 5750 Porter Ave Annandale, MN 55302

Reunite Renew Re-engage Relax Recharge

What You Should Pack

- *Bedding or Sleeping Bag
- *Towels (bath/beach)

*Toiletries including bug spray & sunscreen

*Cooler with your own snacks & drinks

- *Fishing gear/bait/license
- *Beach chair
- *Fan
- *Flashlight
- *Píllow







Summer cabins

Accommodations: *All season dorms or

descriptions





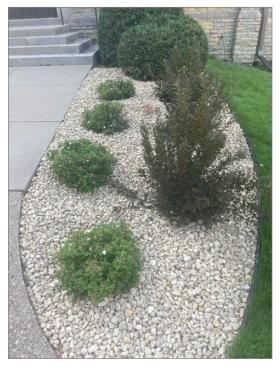
Moments of Generosity

This month's moment of Generosity highlights Ron Conrad's skills and expertise in ordering and facilitating the installation of new exterior doors to the Church office foyer that are ADA compliant with push button opener, new concrete steps to Child Care Center's entrance, a new door emergency exit to the parking lot for the School Aged classroom beneath the chapel, and all new plants and landscape rock along the pathway from the Nicollet Ave bus stop to the east Narthex doors! You've got the place in tip top shape, Ron! Thank you so much.











Beautifully refreshed landscape areas....

(Photos by Pastor Mark)

CHILD CARE CENTER



The Child Care Center Preschoolers liberated baby bunnies from the playground by releasing them into the hostas.

(photo by Pastor Mark)



Graham Zima, Mark Tiede and Patrick Coveney at the Child Care Families/ Staff Picnic. (photo by Diane Harayda)



ST. JOHN'S MUSIC SERIES

Messiah 2023 dates set!

St. John's Oratorio Chorus' 2023 performances of Handel's *Messiah* are being planned for **Saturday, Dec. 16** at 7 p.m. and **Sunday, Dec. 17** at 4 p.m. at St. John's.

Dr. Brian A. Schmidt, St. John's new Music Series Artistic Director, looks forward to leading the Chorus this season and working with the Music Series Committee.

Rehearsals are scheduled to begin on Sunday, Nov. 12 at St. John's. St. John's Music Series Facebook page and St. John's website will post details as available.



Brian Schmidt

ST. JOHN'S MEDIA MINISTRY

Most Recent Podcasts

New - **'Building the Future: Best of Faith in the Real World'** with Pastor Mark and Graham Zima

Recent— **'What Is God's Role in Free Will'** with Pastor Mark and Graham



Hear these and more on Spotify (link at right) or at radiopublic.com; links also are posted on our Facebook page and website.

Website Redesign Team

The new website is forming up nicely with the input from Pastor Mark, Ann Paulson and other key staff people. Many thanks to Graham for providing professional images and videos showing the vibrancy of St. John's!"



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Holy Conversations Thursdays at 10:00 AM August 3, 10, 24, 31 in St. John's Lounge

Holy Conversations in August will focus on the lectionary texts in the remaining sermon series for this summer, 'OT Wisdom and Poetry' in Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon and 'Sabbath,' in Genesis and Deuteronomy.

Come and join your fellow explorers in these conversations led by Pastor Mark.



MISSIONARY CIRCLE

Donations for Harbor Light

always appreciated....

Harbor Light Shelter in Minneapolis is always in need of blankets, towels and washcloths. Clothing for their women's shelter is also being accepted 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 provide tax donation forms available for any who would like them.



Thank you for all you do!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship Assistants in July

(Assisting Ministers, Communion Preparers, Ushers, Acolyte)

Andrew Berg, Deborah Dunham, Marge Huseth, Lori Johnson, Larry Fraser, Sharon Koschak, Anne Nervig, Elizabeth Roe, Graham Zima

Media Volunteers

Eleanor Nervig, Sam Nervig, Dylan Noaman *Fellowship Hosts*

Ron & Bonnie Conrad, Steve & Ellen Dosdall, Matt & Jennifer Burdick, Deborah Dunham

Counters

Bonnie Conrad, Deborah Dunham, Diane Rooney, Oly Stromberg, Jeanne Tuvey

Musicians

Pr Mark Tiede, Matthew Tiede, Graham Zima and Peder Flaten, Men's Quartet; Marge Huseth, flute; Edith Bohardt, flute; Ann Paulson, accompanist



Many are needed to do the work of worship. New assistants are always welcome, and if you would like to try on a role (or a different one), we'd love to hear from you!

Deborah at volunteer@stjohnsmpls.org Ann at communication@stjohnsmpls.org

Music to offer?

If you are interested in providing a special music offering for a Sunday worship, or know of someone we



might invite to do so, please let Peder or the office know.

There are plenty of opportunities to share your musical gifts!

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH COUNCIL 2023-2024



Jennifer Burdick PRESIDENT



JoAnn Christoferson TREASURER



Bonnie Conrad SECRETARY



Deborah Dunham



Rick Falcon VICE PRESIDENT



Sharon Koschak



Anne Nervig



Mark Tiede PASTOR

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Introducing our newly elected Council Members....

JOANN CHRISTOFERSON



St. John's has been a major part of my life since March, 1948, when my father was transferred back to Minneapolis. My grandparents were members of one of the churches that made up St. John's. Since that time I have seen many changes at the church in both staff and buildings. I have been on the Council before as the treasurer. Right know I am the President of the Missionary Circle and in charge of the funeral receptions. I am retired from working as the accountant in law firms and living with my four cats and one dog, all of which are spoiled rotten.

BONNIE CONRAD



St. John's has been my family Church since Ron and I were married in 1966. It was Ron's family Church. I originally came from the Chicago area, but graduated from Indiana University in chemistry and have a masters from Hamline in Education. We live in SW Minneapolis and raised four children in the Church. Three out of four were married here. Besides St. John's, our lives center around our four families and ten grandkids. They range from first grade to just out of college. We anxiously await their next activity, performance and sporting event. Such fun. As for St. John's activities, I've taught Sunday school, been on the Child Care committee for 30 years, belong to the Missionary

Circle, serve at weddings and funerals, serve coffee, count money and try to help however I can. My science background encouraged me to represent St. John's on the Tangletown Environmental Committee. I've been on the Council at least two times, 2006-9 and 2014-17. I am a retired Minneapolis high school chemistry teacher having taught at Washburn, Roosevelt and retiring from Southwest High School. I loved my very rewarding teaching career. In my free time I love to sew, mostly curtains, drapes and mending grandkids clothes.

RICK FALCON



My name is Rick Falcon and I live in Crystal. I was born and raised in South Dakota and moved to Minneapolis in 2001. I work full time in IT and work part time as a hair stylist. I have been attending St. John's for over a year an half and became a member recently. My St. John's family has been a blessing to us and I look forward to serving the congregation.

SHARON KOSCHAK



Hi, my name is Sharon Koschak. I have been a member almost eight years. I enjoy flowers, decorating, baking, sewing and quilting. I am on several committees including setup for communion, greeting, ushering, hosting fellowship, missionary's circle, and holy conversations.

ADMINISTRATION

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Highlights

Leadership Welcoming Worshiping Healing Serving

July 12, 2023

Council (outgoing and incoming members) gathered in St. John's Lounge beginning at 6 p.m. for a meal and brief meeting primarily to elect new Council officers. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Dosdall at about 7 p.m.

Pastor Mark reported that Dr. Brian Schmidt has been contracted as Music Series Artistic Director to lead St. John's Oratorio Chorus in this year's 'Messiah' performance season. Music Series Committee has set the 2023 'Messiah' performance dates for Saturday, Dec. 16 (7 pm) and Sunday, Dec. 17 (4 pm) at St. John's.

Pastor Mark reported that St. John's applied and has been invited to participate in the Faith Practices & Neighboring Practices: Renewing Congregational Imagination initiative of the Minneapolis Area Synod, a two-year learning process focused on collaborative learning, community building, and spiritual practice. Council motion carried to accept this invitation.

With several members missing, it was decided to reconvene the following week to elect the remaining officers needed and complete this year's council transition.

Respectfuly submitted, Ann Paulson

St. John's Congregation Council Meeting July 19, 2023, 7 pm—Church Lounge

The 2022-23 Council met with the newly elected 2023-24 Council for the sole purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Pastor opened the meeting with a few words, determined a quorum was present and excused himself from the meeting for discussions and voting.

It is with great pleasure we announce to the congregation that our new officers for the coming year will be:

President - Jennifer Burdick Vice-President - Rick Falcon Treasurer - JoAnn Christoferson Secretary - Bonnie Conrad

It was also determined that the Council will meet at 11:15 on the third Sunday of each month. The Administration committee will meet at 5:30 by zoom on the second Monday of each month.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Conrad, Secretary

In Our Prayers....

WE PRAY for those in need of healing, comfort, encouragement or sustaining care:

 Amy Arens, Margery Arens, Kathy Cashin, Dona Collins, Brian Conrad, Michael Cude, the Noto Florence family, Debra Jacobs, Pastor Karl Jacobson, David John, Marge Korzenowski, Jane McNaughton, Colleen Pietenpol, Sandy Rader, David Roinas, Jan Sammelson, Susan Stagg, Susan Tasa, Lana Tiede, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Mary Vollmar, Bruce Walker, and all whom we hold in our hearts and are known by God



WE PRAY for those celebrating life events:

⁺ Erik Belz and Anna Brock, married on July 15, 2023

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

AUGUST Celebrations



Happy Birthday!

- I Molly Stromberg
- 2 Carl Taylor Elliott Mars
- 3 Lacey Koliha
- 3 John Rader
- 5 Bea Hasselmann
- 14 Scott Belz
- 25 Steve Dosdall
- 26 Heidi Raymond
- 29 Brian Falk
- 31 Oly Stromberg

Happy Anniversary!

- 2 Mark & Anne Nervig
- 18 Adam & Lia Gambucci-Hardtke
- 27 Andy & Nicole Dosdall
- 27 Steve & Anna Carlson
- 27 Mark & Tamara Gebhardt

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!

AUGUST 2023

August I-5

Tuesday, August II0 amSt. John's Staff meeting6-8 pmNational Night Out at St John'sThursday, August 3I0 amHoly Conversations (Lounge)6 pmChi Rho Committee (Zoom)Friday, August 4I pmWeb Team (Google Meet)

August 13-19

Sunday, August 13 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion in person and online 'Summer Grace Place' in narthex during worship Nursery care available Fellowship following worship (FH) II am **Cross+Generational Team** 11:15 am 11:15 am Worship Committee (Lounge) Monday, August 14 5:30 pm Admin Team (Zoom) Tuesday, August 15 10 am St John's Staff meeting (Lounge) Friday, August 18 Web Team (Google Meet) l pm Saturday, August 19 10 am -1 pm **Tangletown Clothing Swap** (St. John's Fellowship Hall)

August 27

Sunday, August 27 9:30 am Worship at Chi Rho Center 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion at St. John's in person and online Nursery care available 11 am Fellowship following worship (FH) Monday, August 28 September 'Messenger' items due Child Care Inservice Week Thursday, August 31 10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

August 6-12

Sunday, August 6 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion in person and online Nursery care available Fellowship following worship (FH) II am and Encore Presentation of "Paw Patrol: The Movie Tuesday, August 8 7 pm **Tangletown Environmental Committee** (Zoom) Wednesday, August 9 Game Meet Up (FH) 6-8 pm Thursday, August 10 Holy Conversations (Lounge) 10 am Friday, August 11 I pm Web Team (Google Meet) Saturday, August 12 9-11 am Minneapolis Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

<u>August 20 –26</u>

Sunday, August 20 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion in person and online 'Summer Grace Place' in narthex during worship Nursery also available II am Fellowship following worship (FH) 11:15 am St. John's Council (Lounge) Monday, August 21 6-9 pm **Tangletown Neighborhood Board Strategic Planning** at St. John's Tuesday, August 22 10-12:30 Child Care Center-Orientation Thursday, August 24 Holy Conversations (Lounge) 10 am Friday, August 25 l pm Web Team (Google Meet) St. John's Chi Rho Weekend 4 pm Saturday, August 26 St. John's at Chi Rho All day

A Page to Call Your Own.... for doodles, notes, ideas, reminders....

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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: Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop: Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Bishop Ann Svennungsen