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ST. JOHN'S SUNDAYS + Ash Wednesday

Sunday morning worship in person & live via YouTube

Link to YouTube & bulletin posted on Facebook pages and website www.facebook.com/StJohnsMpls.org www.stjohnspls.org

Sunday, February 5 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM

Nursery open 9:30-12:30

Grace Place for children (ages 3-11)

Annual Congregational Meeting

following worship

Sunday, February 12 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM

Nursery open 9:30-12:30

Grace Place for children (ages 3-11)

Fellowship following worship

Packing of Backpacks

Sunday, February 19 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM

Nursery open 9:30-12:30

Grace Place for children (ages 3-11)

Fellowship following worship



ASH WEDNESDAY—February 22 Worship—7 PM at St. John's

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 26 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM
Searchers & Seekers—9 AM (FH)
Nursery open 9:30-12:30
Fellowship following worship

Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, Serving

Thoughts from Pastor Mark



In December's article I shared with you a moment that I felt the Holy Spirit poke me in my soul reminding me that She is still here among us and calling us into this new life. In January's article, I laid out a vision for our congregation to Grow in four specific ways:

- 1. Grow the numbers of members present (either in-person or online)
- 2. Grow (as in evolve or Reform) our governance documents to become more flexible and reflective of the size we have become
- 3. Grow the numbers of our congregation overall, and
- 4. Grow (as in enrich, deepen or mature) our own individual faith in Christ.

St. John's is a beautiful community of faith, and I truly want you to be so proud of who you are that you share your church with others. May we be discovered by many, and may the inclusive love of Jesus NEVER be privatized. We have received a message of divine and holy love that is not only a word people are desperately needing to be reminded of, but it is also contrary to the narrative of the Christian Nationalism which seems to get all the press. So this month, when we have a secular holiday to celebrate love in Valentines Day, let's up the ante and celebrate *Christ's* love and intentionally invite a friend, co-worker, neighbor, anyone(!) to come and experience God's love through St. John's Lutheran Church. Invite them to come to our worship service, or join the livestream, or participate in our ministry to the world, or maybe to the Shrove Tuesday fellowship event. Your choice.

The pages that follow in this issue of the *Messenger* are filled with events and opportunities to which you might like to invite your friends. I hope you do.

As always, thank you for all you do and all that you give so that St. John's is able to serve the community. I've heard their gratitude so I am passing it along to you.

Thank you!

Pastor Mark



WORSHIP & MUSIC

LENTEN WORSHIP

Our Lenten worship journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22 with a 7 p.m. service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at St. John's.

On the following Wednesdays in Lent, St. John's and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd congregations will worship together at 7 p.m. at LCGS, 4801 France Avenue South in Minneapolis. The midweek services at Good Shepherd will be based on the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy.

- February 22—ASH WEDNESDAY (at St. John's)
- March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 (at LCGS)
- Maundy Thursday, April 6 (at St. John's)
- Good Friday, April 7 (at St. John's)





Holy Conversations is a time of learning and exploring together the lectionary texts for each week, sharing our own stories as we

reflect on God's Story.

Come and join the discussion led by Pastor Mark, 10 a.m. Thursdays in St. John's Lounge!



The next session of Lutheranism 101 will be on **Sunday, March 5** at 11:15 a.m. for confirmation students, their entire family and

ALL members of our church and friends. We will not be meeting in February.

Topics include How to Use the Bible, What the Small Catechism is, Luther: the German Monk of the 16th Century, and why any of this matters in our daily life.

Moment of Generosity

The new piano in St. John's fellowship hall has a lovely new cover. If you look closely, you will see a cross with radiating light beams and a dove embroidered into the top of this quilted cover sewn with music-themed fabric.

This labor of love is just one of many from the generous heart of Sharon Koschak. The worship committee is most grateful and recognizes Sharon for her skill, creativity, and spirit of hospitality with which she serves this congregation! Sharon also sews our outdoor paraments (flags) as replacements are needed and embroiders baptismal cloths. She serves as a communion preparer, fellowship and event hostess, and greeter/usher.

Thank you, Sharon, for all the ways you give of yourself to this congregation and its ministries!





CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

WHO TOOK HOME THE GOLDEN LADLE IN 2023?

It was a tight race. We used 296 compostable cups. When it was all over, Jeanne Tuvey was the St. John's Lutheran Church chili cookoff champion and received the Golden Ladle for 2023.

The results are as follows:

1st Place: Jeanne Tuvey \$110
 2nd Place: Bea Hasselmann \$100
 3rd Place: Oly Stromberg \$55

Honorable mention goes to the following individuals (listed in no particular order): Ann Paulson, Edith Bohardt, Pastor Mark, Patrick Coveney, Rick Falcon and Shawn Northrup, and Steve Dosdall.



Photo by Graham Zima

We had beef chili, chicken chili, vegetarian chili and vegan chili. From mild to spicy hot, it was a great day!

Three of our newest members participated in the cook off. We thank all those who brought an entry.

With the money that was counted (we have more coming in) we were able to raise over \$500 to help the Hasselmanns with feeding the homeless persons under the bridges.

We thank Anne Nervig and Jennifer Burdick for their excellent cornbread! The cornbread was such a hit that there is talk of a cornbread competition added to next year's cookoff. Perhaps they can win the iron skillet?

We also give a shout out to the following for their help in ladling up chili and cleaning up: Diane Harayda, Jennifer Burdick, Matt Burdick, Anne Nervig, Steve Dosdall, Patrick Coveney, and Edith Bohardt.

We look forward to the St. John's Chili Cookoff and Cornbread Contest 2024.



Photo by Anna Carlson

Shrove/Fat Tuesday Celebration February 21st 6—8 PM

St. John's Fellowship Hall

Come and enjoy a dinner of pancakes and ice cream sundaes!

We are hoping to have a Dixieland band play, and we will offer games for all ages.





Searchers and Seekers Sunday, February 26

We will meet at 9-9:45AM in Fellowship Hall on the fourth Sunday for a time of Cross+Generational learning.

All ages and stages are welcome.

Hope to see you there!

CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY cont.

Tangletown Winter Fest 2023
Saturday, February 25
5:00-8:00 PM at Fuller Park



Bonfires will be blazing, s'mores will be roasting, food trucks will be on hand, kids will sled and snow paint, we've invited the fire performer back, and we'll

gather as neighbors at <u>Fuller Park</u> (4802 Grand Ave S). Don't miss this special night when we light up the park with luminaries and bonfires and invite <u>neighbors of all ages</u> to join in the fun.

S'mores supplies will be available for a suggested donation of \$5 per bag (two s'mores per bag). Cash, Venmo and PayPal accepted at the event. These donations help us cover the cost of the event.

More information can be found at https://tangletown.org/tangletown-winter-fest/

St. John's Child Care Center

Invitation to Congregation & Child Care Families

We have an opportunity to raise some funds for our school AND enjoy time with you! We have partnered with The Lowbrow to take part in their <u>Dine Out/Give Back Mondays!</u>
On Monday, February 13th, the Lowbrow will donate 10% of their profits to us!

You can dine anytime between 4:00pm and 9:00pm to help us out. Even To-Go orders will count. So, please mark your calendars and join



us for a little fun on Monday, <u>February 13th at</u> <u>The Lowbrow </u>{4244 Nicollet Ave. S.).

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD (CAN)

The Justice Page Middle School **Food Backpack Ministry** needs your help in FEBRUARY.

Donations NEEDED:

peanut butter
canned tuna or chicken
canned soup or stew
canned ravioli
mac & cheese
boxed cereal
apple sauce cups
16 oz. bags brown rice
canned fruits and
vegetables



Join after worship on Sunday, Feb. 12 in packing 20 backpacks.

Join us after worship on Sunday, February 12 to pack 20 backpacks.

We are doing GOOD in OUR Neighborhood with your help. Thank **YOU**!

T.R.U.S.T.

Update: TRUST Inc MLK Day of Service packed 600 cold weather kits for unhoused and homeless neighbors in need!



TACKLE HUNGER!
FEB 12TH • 10:30AM - 2PM
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
Judson Church • 4101 Harriet Ave

Tackle Hunger at Kingfield Empty Bowls Event!

Sunday, February 12 10:30 AM-2:00 PM 4101 Harriet Ave. S Judson Memorial Baptist Church, a TRUST Partner

Join in a SOUPer Bowl Sunday pregame event on Sunday, February 12th at Judson

Church. A suggested \$25 donation gets you a hand-made bowl, as well as delicious soup, bread, and desserts from local restaurants including Apoy, The LowBrow, Butter Bakery Café, Clancey's, Petite Leon, Patisserie 46, Victor's 1959 Café, Kyatchi, and more! Proceeds benefit Nicollet Square, a project of Beacon Interfaith Housing and the Kingfield Neighborhood Association.

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Congregation for the purpose of adopting a ministry budget for 2023

will be held in person following worship on

Sunday Morning, February 5, 2023

(rescheduled from Jan. 29)

Meeting also on Zoom

Print copies of the Proposed 2023 Ministry Budget are available for review at church.

Links to Zoom meeting and Budget Proposal will be available also on our Facebook Group page and on our website in the announcement of the Annual Meeting.

S MPLS CONFERENCE PRE-ASSEMBLY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 at Bethlehem Lutheran on Lyndale 12 Noon (Lunch Provided)

This is open to clergy and lay participants from the congregations within the conference. Voting members from congregations for the Synod Assembly in April are expected to attend.

St. John's is permitted up to two voting members. If you are interested in being one of them, please talk with Pastor Mark.

Nominations and resolutions/memorials brought to the Synod Assembly come from these conference gatherings. The Minneapolis Area Synod 2023 Assembly dates are April 28-29, with the theme, "Restored to Life Anew."





This Summit, from 10—2 on February 4, will bring together lay people, clergy, community partners, and everyone in between from across the Minneapolis Area Synod to learn from one another about the incredible work already happening in our communities and future opportunities to further our Lutheran commitment to push back against our climate crisis.

Look forward to a morning of great speakers, lunch, social time, and opportunities to learn how you and your congregational community can take effective creation care actions. Register for this free event at https://mpls-synod.org/event/ecofaith-summit/ If you are interested and register, please let Pastor Mark know.

Congregational Organizer for Environmental Justice for the synod is Jack Hurbanis.

TOOLKIT FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Saturday, February 11 8:30 AM—12:30 PM at First Lutheran, Columbia Heights

Join in person for a morning of learning and connection. Every year, lay leaders and their pastors are invited and offered a variety of workshops. This year's Toolkit topics include:

Becoming Faithful Neighbors

From Needs to Assets: A Different Lens for Engaging Congregation & Community

Growing Young: Helping young people discover

and love your church

Congregations and Mental Health Building Volunteerism Getting People Involved in Making Your Congregation Greener Yikes! I'm on Church Council!



More info and registration at https://mpls-synod.org/ event/tool-kit-for-congregational-leaders/ Please let Pr Mark know if you register for this event.

ADMINISTRATION

Council Highlights

St. John's Congregation Council

January 12, 2023, 7 pm. In-person and Zoom



Present: Steve Dosdall, Pr. Mark, Ann Paulson, Patrick Coveney, Deborah Dunham, Dustin Olson. Via Zoom: Jennifer Burdick, Anna Carlson. Absent: Anne Nervig.

Pastor's Report

Ann Paulson told the story of a person who called and asked about St. John's. A connection was made through the conversation.

SAVE THE DATE: August 25-27 Family Camp at Chi Rho.

Pr. Mark will be attending 2 conferences: Eco-Faith summit 2/4/23, Toolkit conference 2/11/23.

Reservation Software for Chi Rho would make bookings available online, increase hospitality, allow information sharing, track equipment checkout, and keep track of maintenance needs.

Training for Breeze is needed so that the technology that can help connect us.

Treasurer's Report - Monthly & YTD Financials

Actual 2022 deficit (\$125,000). Budgeted deficit: (\$103,000).

2023 Budget Proposal:

Income updated according to historical data, i.e. bequests.

Child Care staff pay increases as grants are received.

Facilities budget was reduced. Will use unexpected income for larger projects.

Wood chips replacement for childcare will cost \$10,000, could it be done by volunteers?

Need Protocol for 3 bids for any project over X dollar amount.

Balance carryover of \$59,000.

Checking account balance: \$70,000. \$10,000 will be used to refill organ account to \$108,000. Remainder to be used for website, accessibility, replacing doors. \$35-40k will be maintained for unexpected expenses.

New Revenue Generation Task Force appointed to creatively examine and discover new revenue streams. The intention to raise money is not for profit, but to ensure we can answer God's call to us, in order to Welcome, Worship, Serve, and Heal.

Committee Reports:

Community and Neighborhood:

Over \$1000 in gift cards were donated by families from our childcare and church to the Giving Tree service project for Justice Page Middle School. Also, four LARGE boxes of emergency clothing items were given. Church families donated food and money to pack 20 food backpacks. Each backpack had \$50 in gift cards in the front pocket and were topped off with fresh clementines. 20 backpacks will be filled and delivered in January.

Cross+Generational (formerly Membership and Children-Youth-Family):

Chili Contest: Jan 15th after worship. First Place: Jeanne Tuvey!

Congregational Survey is ready to be distributed at Congregational meeting.

Shrove Tuesday (2/21) Celebration: pancakes and ice cream sundaes, games, festivities.

Tangletown Winterfest and Garage Sale is looking for a facility to host, are we interested?

Exploring ways to connect with Child Care, congregation, and for promoting events.

Old Business:

Roof situation: we will challenge Guide One denial of claim.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Carlson, Council Secretary

WORSHIP & MUSIC

- Worship will remain at 10 a.m. in person and online
 - ♦ Live on YouTube (link posted on St. John's Facebook page and website).
- Masks and social distancing are encouraged but not required.
- Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.
- Activity bags for children are available at the back of the sanctuary.
- Fellowship time will be offered following worship each Sunday.

Come, join the Choir!



Rehearsals are in Fellowship Hall Wednesdays

from 6:45—7:30 p.m. February 8, 15

Peder Flaten, director pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Come, Ring the Bells!



Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Wednesday from 6:00—6:45 p.m.

February 15

Peder Flaten, director pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Worship Assistants in January



Matt & Jennifer Burdick, Ron & Bonnie Conrad, Andy Dosdall, Steve & Ellen Dosdall, Deborah Dunham, Larry Fraser, Lori Johnson, Sharon Koschak, Anne Nervig, Eleanor Nervig, Sam Nervig, Dylan Noaman, Anneliese Paulson, Elizabeth Roe, Oly Stromberg, Jeanne Tuvey, Eric Willette, Graham Zima

Assist in Worship:

If you are a new member and/or have a new or renewed interest in serving in worship as reader, communion preparer and/or server, usher/greeter, acolyte, cantor, or in hosting fellowship, please contact Deborah Dunham, Pastor Mark, or Ann. The more who are willing, the more flexibility there is in planning and in frequency of serving.

About Shrove Tuesday—

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras (in French) is the big hurrah before Christians start Lent, a season of prayer, penance and fasting in preparation for the Easter season. When Pope St. Gregory prohibited Christians from eating all forms of meat and animal products during Lent around A.D. 600, Christians made pancakes to use up their supply of eggs, milk and butter in preparation for Lent. As the tradition spread throughout Europe, people in France made waffles, crepes and a dessert many know as king cake to utilize their dairy products. They called it Mardi Gras. And the English named it Pancake Day.

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

February 5

Epiphany 5

Matthew 7:1-12, 24-29

The Golden Rule

February 12 Epiphany 6

Epipilally 0

Matthew 13:24-43

Parables of the Kingdom

February 19

Transfiguration Sunday

Matthew 16:24—17:9

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February 22

Ash Wednesday

Matthew 18:1-7, 10-14

February 26

Lent 1

Matthew 18:15-35

Forgiveness

In Our Prayers....

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

† Amy Arens, Margery Arens, Ken Carroll, Kathy Cashin, Brian Conrad, Keith Demmings, Harriet Ellis, Mike & Eleanor Erickson, Wes Gebhardt, George Hasselmann, Debra Jacobs, Neil Jenkins, Pastor Karl Jacobson, Jim Johnson, Marge Korzenowski, Jane McNaughton, Pastor Michael Pancoast, Jan Sammelson, Karen Schoenecker, Betty Shannon, Susan Stagg, Lorenzo Statin, Susan Tasa, Lana Tiede, Debbie Tuvey, Mary Vollmer, Bruce Walker, Vicki Wheeler, Hans Wiersma, and all whom we hold in our hearts and are known by God

Ones mourning loss:

- † Family and friends of Elaine Taylor, long-time member of St. John's, who died on January 3, 2023. Elaine's memorial service was held on Saturday, January 21 at St. John's.
- † Metropolitan Men's Choir and the family of Tim Speidel, who died in an accident on January 18. Tim was a tenor in this Choir that rehearses Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings at St. John's.



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

February Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

- Jennifer Gerken
 Jada Holden
- 3 Paul Roff
- 14 Patrick Coveney
- 15 Cynthia Gambucci Italia Roff
- 16 Andrew Tellijohn
- 17 Andrew Dosdall
- 18 JoAnnChristoferson
- 20 Andrea Johnson
- 21 Micah Niermann
- 22 James Gambucci
- 24 Miles Landin
 Bill Matson
 Kay Scharf
- 25 Elsa Burdick
- 26 Eleanor Nervig
- 27 Dona Collins

Valentine's Day February 14

Presidents Day February 20

Shrove Tuesday February 21

Ash Wednesday February 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!

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February 2023

February I-4

Wednesday, February I

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

Thursday, February 2

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

6 pm Chi Rho Committee (Zoom)

Saturday, February 4

10 am-2 pm Eco-Faith Summit

(Diamond Lake Lutheran)

February 12-18

Sunday, February 12—Epiphany 6

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

II am Fellowship in FH following worship

Packing of Backpacks

Monday, February 13

5 pm Admin Team

4-9 pm Dine Out-Give Back Monday

(LowBrow)

Tuesday, February 14—Valentines Day

Wednesday, February 15

6 pm SJ Bells

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

6:45 pm SI Choir (FH)

Thursday, February 16—Backpack Delivery

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

5:30 pm ECFE (Child Care) FH

7 pm SJ Council

February 26-28

Sunday, February 26-Lent I

9 am Searchers & Seekers (FH)

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

II am Fellowship following worship (FH)

February 5—11

Sunday, February 5—Epiphany 5

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

II am Annual Congregational

Meeting following worship (FH)

In person and Zoom

Tuesday, February 7

10 am St John's Staff (Lounge)

Wednesday, February 8

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

6:45 pm SI Choir (FH)

Thursday, February 9

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

12 noon South Mpls Conference

Pre-Assembly at Bethlehem LC

Saturday, February 11

8:30 am-12:30 pm Toolkit for Congregation

Leaders (First LC, Columbia Hts.)

February 19—25

Sunday, February 19 — The Transfiguration

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

II am Fellowship in FH following worship

Tuesday, February 21—Shrove Tuesday

10 am SJ Staff (Lounge)

6-9 pm Shrove/Fat Tuesday

Celebration—Pancakes & Ice

Cream Sundaes (FH)

Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (S/)

Thursday, February 23—'Messenger' deadline

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

Saturday, February 25

5-8 pm Tangletown Winterfest 2023

at Fuller Park

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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:

Welcomina

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



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