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ST. JOHN'S SUNDAYS

Sunday morning worship in person & live via YouTube

Link to YouTube & bulletin posted on Facebook pages and website

www.facebook.com/StJohnsMpls.org

www.stjohnspl.org

Sunday, January 1 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM

Nursery open 9:30-12:30

Grace Place for children (ages 3-11)

Fellowship following worship

Sunday, January 8 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM

Nursery open 9:30-12:30

Grace Place for children (ages 3-11)

Fellowship following worship

Music by Minneapolis Brass

Sunday, January 15 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM

Nursery open 9:30-12:30

Grace Place for children (ages 3-11)

Fellowship—Chili Cook-off after worship

Packing of Food Backpacks

Sunday, January 22 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM

Searchers & Seekers—9 AM (FH)

Nursery open 9:30-12:30

Fellowship following worship

Sunday, January 29 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM

Nursery open 9:30-12:30

Grace Place for children (ages 3-11)

Fellowship & Annual Congregational Meeting following worship

Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, Serving

Thoughts from Pastor Mark



January 2023. That seems so weird to type... where did 2020, 2021, and 2022 go???

WOW! Nevertheless, we have arrived in the year of our Lord 2023 and looking into the year that has dawned, I am convinced that God has called St. John's to Grow in four specific ways:

- 1) Grow the numbers of members who are "present" in the weekly worship and activities of our congregation – meaning that I am hoping to see more faces with more consistency and more constancy. And,
- 2) Grow – as in evolve and/or Reform – of the way we organize ourselves. During the pandemic quarantine we all but abandoned much of our constitution and bylaws. This functionally meant that we didn't abide by our governing documents for nearly 2 ½ calendar years. That's not good. On the other hand, this awakened in a few members that perhaps we need governing documents that COULD have worked throughout that time as well as in "normal times." Those few folks and I think that we need a governing structure that more accurately reflects the size of congregation we have become as well as one that will call for accountability of the congregational leaders AND demand the transparency we continue to cherish. And,
- 3) Grow the numbers of our congregation overall. The numbers of people on our church roster and the numbers of average attendance in worship are less than in the previous years. But now we are in a spot that demands to be addressed. For example, each year since 2014 our average attendance was 80, 77, 69, 68, 63, 66, 52 (Covid hit in March of 2020), 36 in 2021 (June-Dec. only because of COVID), which leads us to the first full calendar year with in-person worship and our attendance was only 42.5 per Sunday. Now with that said, this is not unique to St. John's and our decline of numbers is actually slower than many other congregations. (We even had growth in 2019!) But like most other congregations we are at about 60% of our pre-Covid numbers. There is also good news. We are routinely seeing visitors come to worship with St. John's and in December we took in 7 new members. What are the activities our whole congregation could do this year to actively and intentionally invite our Tangletown neighbors? What can you individually do? And finally,
- 4) Grow (as in enrich or mature) our faith through our participation in weekly worship and the cross+generational events and adult educational offerings. Edith and the Cross+Generational Ministry Team will continue to offer educational and fellowship events for all ages of our congregation. For my part, in addition to hosting Holy Conversations most Thursday mornings, Lutheranism 101 every other Sunday morning, and the monthly podcasts called Faith in the Real World, I will also host additional educational opportunities on free Sunday mornings.

Growing consistency of in-person attendance, Growing (reforming) our self-governance, Growing our membership numbers overall, and Growing our individual faith is the vision I have for all of us in 2023. I am excited to see this vision take root and I pray you are too. God isn't done with us yet, and by God's grace never will be. All of us are in this together, and I am very excited to hear what God has been revealing to you.

Here's to a joyous New Year filled with growth for the sake of reaching into both the world and our hearts further still with God's inclusive love in Christ Jesus. Cheers!

-Pastor Mark

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Minneapolis Brass in worship January 8

Minneapolis brass will provide prelude music and music for reflection at the offering time during worship at St. John's on Sunday, January 8, as well as a few pieces downstairs during fellowship time.

The Minneapolis Brass was formed in 1994 by a number of Twin Cities brass musicians who wanted to play the great literature available to brass instruments. Instrumentation includes four trumpets, four horns, two tenor trombones, bass trombone, euphonium, tuba, and percussion instruments as needed. The group plays a wide variety of literature from Bach to modern day compositions.

Formed by Mark Lammers, who was also the first conductor, the group has also been led by Eric Kodner, Henry Charles Smith, John Zdechlik, and Ron Hasselmann.

The group has recently re-formed after the epidemic, and is now under the director of Seth Davis from the University of Minnesota. We rehearse at St. John's, generally twice a month on Saturday mornings. We very much appreciate the church allowing us to use their beautiful sanctuary for rehearsals, and are pleased to participate in the service this Sunday (January 8) and in the after-service fellowship time downstairs.



A House Blessing for Epiphany

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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, January 29, 2023

The Proposed 2023 Ministry Budget will be available for review beginning Sunday, Jan. 15.

Pledge update: 35 pledges, \$104,345

[Note: St. John's Council will meet January 12 rather than the regular 3rd Thursday this month.]



Classes will resume on January 22, and then meet every other Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in St. John's Chapel.

This is for confirmation students, their entire family and ALL members of our church and friends.



Holy Conversations is on a bit of a break so far this January.

Watch for announcements of when they will resume.

Thursdays at 10 has been the usual time, led by Pastor Mark at St. John's.

Topic/study or other day/time suggestions are always welcome!

Dear Pr. Mark and Members of St. John's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your kind words and generous gift at Christmas. I really enjoy being here, and continue to thank God for bringing me "home." I love being a part of this wonderful community, and look forward to what God has in store for us!

Thanks again.

Edith (Bohardt)

CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY**WILL YOU WIN THE GOLDEN LADLE?**

Think your chili recipe has what it takes to win the St. John's Golden Ladle? Bring your chili to the church building on Sunday January 15th. We will enjoy and vote for our favorite by way of placing money down on our favorites. All money will be donated to a worthy cause.

Here is how it will work:

Bring your chili to Fellowship Hall. There you will be assigned a number.

All cooking vessels will be covered with dish towels so no one will know the person behind the chili.

After worship, members will taste each chili, and then put money by their favorites. Cash is preferred, but you can also write a check, or donate via Breeze app or text (you would simply note something like 'give amount chili 12'). The chili that receives the most in donations will be the winner.

All recipes are welcome: mild, medium, hot, super-hot. Beef, chicken, turkey, vegetarian, vegan.

The winner will receive a framed certificate to take home and display, and their name will be put on the Golden Ladle trophy that will stay here at St. John's for all to see.

Beverages and antacids will be provided. Hope to see you there!



COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD (CAN)

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

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, Jan. 15 to pack 20 backpacks.

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

Moment of Generosity

This month we wish to acknowledge the generosity of Elizabeth Roe and Kris Roe...

Elizabeth, for her work in coordinating St. John's participation in the Wreath of Love service project with TRUST to provide gifts for nursing home residents, and this year also, for a few children who might not otherwise receive gifts at Christmas...

Kris, for doing all of the Backpack food shopping monthly to fill 20 backpacks for Justice Page families.

THANK YOU, Kris and Elizabeth, for all of your work and commitment toward the fulfilling of these ministries! And to all who contributed gifts, food or money toward these projects, thank YOU.



Giving Tree 2022

The results of this service project for Justice Page Middle School by the Congregation and Child Care Families of St. John's were amazing!

Over a \$1000 in gift cards were donated by families from our childcare and church. Also, four LARGE boxes of emergency clothing items including leggings and sweatpants 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. In December, the social workers expressed gratitude for the generosity of St John's members and childcare families as follows:

St. John's Team,

Just a little note to say THANK-YOU for partnering with us at Justice Page. We are so very grateful for your continued support to our students and their families. We were able to give food and gift cards to 20 families because of you. Families really appreciate the backpacks, we had several messages thanking us today. And \$1,000 in gift cards, wow!

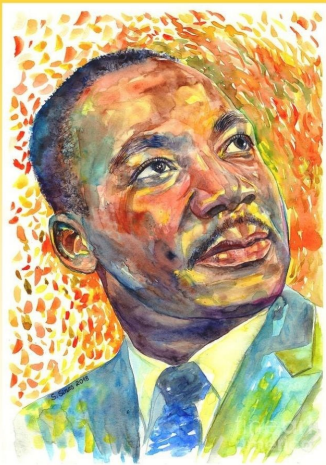
Thank-you again!

Cassie and Chelsae

Go Team!

Tamara and Mark





Living The Legacy

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
DAY OF SERVICE PACKING EVENT**

Saturday, Jan 14th

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

HOST SITE: Richfield Lutheran Church
8 West 60th Street Minneapolis MN 55419

An all ages and abilities community service event to pack cold weather kits for our neighbors in need!



**Andrea Jenkins,
Minneapolis City
Council President**
Keynote Speaker



**Sponsored by
TRUST Inc.**



**Our 2023 goal is to pack
500 cold weather kits**

REGISTER ONLINE:
[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGEN
IUS.COM/GO/10C0948ADA
823A4FAC34-JAN14MLK](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948ada823a4fac34-jan14mlk)

REGISTER BY PHONE
612-827-6159

**DONATE FINANCIALLY
FOR KIT SUPPLIES:**
[HTTPS://WWW.GIVEMN.ORG/
ORGANIZATION/TRUST-INC](https://www.givemn.org/organization/trust-inc)

Pre-registration helps us plan facility space set-up

***Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
"What are you doing for others?" ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr~***



Visit Our Website
www.trustinc.org

TRUST Incorporated
9 West Rustic Lodge Minneapolis MN 55419

ADMINISTRATION

St. John's Congregation Council

December 15, 2022

7 pm – In person, at St. John's



Council Highlights

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

Pastor's Report

Pastor Mark shared an article "[The Great Reset: 7 \(Real\) Reasons People STILL Aren't Coming Back to Church.](#)"

Pr. asked council to read the article, and let him know what council members need to grow deeper and mature in their faith in Christ. Possibly change the structure of church council? Goals: grow members and Sunday attendance to 130/Sunday, and provide Christian education.

Consider Who we Are vs. What we DO.

Messiah was very successful.

Staff morale very high. Edith doing well. Diane Harayda (nursery), and Veronica working out well.

Treasurer's Report - Monthly & YTD Financials

Edward Jones check for \$59,000 was put into Thrivent checking. Funds will be used to refill organ and a/c funds, remainder goes to rainy day fund.

Committee Reports:

Community and Neighborhood (CAN) participated in the Wreath of Love ministry coordinated by TRUST churches to purchase gifts for Redeemer residents and childcare children, coordinated the Giving Tree ministry with Childcare Staff and families, and coordinated the Backpack Food program for 20 Justice Page families.

Chi Rho Committee wishes for Oly Stromberg to be acknowledged for digging up a great amount of land fill so that in the Spring we will be able to raise the field so we won't have large puddle issues after big rain storms.

Cross+Generational (formerly known as CYF and Membership) put on the children's Christmas pageant, "Guess Who's Coming to Bethlehem," hosted the *Messiah* receptions and a funday December 16, discussed a congregational survey, chili contest, and a shrove/Fat Tuesday funday.

Worship Committee provided Advent/Christmas décor and planned Sunday services for Advent and Christmas Eve.

Old Business:

2023 Budget Proposal:

We began 2022 with \$99,000 in bank, we will start 2023 with \$40,000 in the bank. Projected deficit in 2023 is \$213K. Possible income from bequests and Employee Retention Credit will reduce deficit.

Council to look for options to increase income and decrease spending.

Budget to be presented at Annual Congregational Meeting; January 29, 2023.

Roof: shingle samples considered. Need for task force (2-3 people) to research and make recommendation to council.

Langer Proposal; Need to review list of items included, then council to approve moving forward when funds are available.

Rustic Lodge Task Force: no news.

New Business

Annual Meeting; January 29, 2023. Moved January council meeting to Jan 12.

Admin. Committee meets Jan 9.

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.

January 11, 18, 25

Peder Flaten, director
pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Masks are optional.

Come, Ring the Bells!



Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Wednesday

from 6:00—6:45 p.m.

January 18

Peder Flaten, director
pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Masks are optional.

Advent Devotionals

A great big thank you to all who contributed to St. John’s Advent Devotional for 2022, whether by writing or painting a new creation or graciously allowing us to reprint one you had written for an earlier devotional. The variety and thoughtfulness of your reflections made this very meaningful and very much appreciated.

Worship Assistants in December

Erik Belz, Jennifer Belz, Scott Belz, Edith Bohardt, Jennifer Burdick, Anna Carlson, JoAnn Christoferson, Ron & Bonnie Conrad, Deborah Dunham, Larry Fraser, Mark & Tamara Gebhardt, Lori Johnson, Sharon Koschak, Beth McAllister, Elizabeth Roe, Diane Rooney, Oly Stromberg, Carl Taylor, Jeanne Tuvey, Susan Zabel



Assist in Worship:

If you have a new or renewed interest in serving as a reader, communion preparer and/or server, usher/greeter, acolyte, or cantor for worship, 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.

Hymns or Musical Offerings:

If you have suggestions for hymns you’d like to sing or a special music selection to offer, please contact the office or Peder Flaten.

JANUARY LECTIONARY

January 1
 Christmas 1

Matthew 1:1-17
Genealogy of Jesus

January 8
 Baptism of Our Lord

Matthew 3:1-17
Jesus’ Baptism

January 15
 Epiphany 2

Matthew 4:1-17
*Tempted in the
 Wilderness*

January 22
 Epiphany 3

Matthew 5:1-20
Beatitudes

January 29
 Epiphany 4

Matthew 6:7-21
Treasure in Heaven

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, 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

Our newest members, received on December 4, 2022:

† Edith Bohardt, Rick Falcon, Alex and Jenessa Gronemeyer, Shawn Northrup, Graham Zima, and Annabelle Letourneau

Ones mourning loss:

† Family and friends of Elaine Taylor, long-time St. John’s member. Elaine died on Tuesday, January 3.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of the Life of Elaine Taylor Will be held at St. John’s on Saturday, January 21 at 2 p.m.

Visitation will being at 1 p.m. and a time of fellowship will follow the service.

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

January



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Dustin Olson
Lesley Spaeth
Nicole Dosedall
Anna Dosedall
- 3 Peder Flaten
Bonnie Anderson
- 4 Mark Gebhardt
- 5 Christian Belz
- 6 Susan Lillevold
- 7 Franklin Anderson
- 9 Abbey Koliha
- 10 Debra Jacobs
- 11 Laurel Fricke
- 15 Annika Dosedall
- 20 Erik Belz
- 22 Jon Dosedall
Kris Edel
- 24 Mark Nervig
- 27 Emma Hurbanis
- 28 Grace Noaman
- 29 Tamara Gebhardt

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Ron & Bea Hasselmann

**Epiphany
January 6**

**Martin Luther King Day
January 16**

A page for your own drawings
and reflections...

January 2023

January 1—7

Sunday, January 1—Christmas I

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion
in person and live via YouTube (FB)
'Grace Place' during worship

11 am Fellowship following worship (FH)

11:15 am Worship Committee (Sanctuary)

Monday, January 2—Staff Holiday

Tuesday, January 3

10 am SJ Staff meeting

Wednesday, January 4

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

Thursday, January 5

6 pm Chi Rho Committee

January 8—14

Sunday, January 8—Baptism of Our Lord

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion
in person and live via YouTube (FB)
'Grace Place' during worship

11 am Fellowship w/music by Minneapolis Brass following worship (FH)

11:15 am Cross+Generational Team

Monday, January 9

5:30 pm Admin Team

6:30 pm Web Redesign Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

6:45 pm SJ Choir (FH)

Thursday, January 12

7 pm St. John's Council (Chapel)

January 15-21

Sunday, January 15 — Epiphany 2

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion
in person and live via YouTube (FB)
'Grace Place' during worship

11 am Fellowship in FH following worship
Packing of Backpacks & Chili Contest

Tuesday, January 17

10 am SJ Staff meeting

Wednesday, January 18

6 pm SJ Bells

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

6:45 pm SJ Choir (FH)

Thursday, January 19—Backpack Delivery

5:30 pm ECFE (Child Care) FH

Saturday, January 21

2 pm Memorial Service/Celebration of Life of Elaine Taylor
(visitation prior, fellowship following)

January 22-28

Sunday, January 22 — Epiphany 3

9 am Searchers & Seekers (FH)

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion
in person and live via YouTube (FB)

11 am Fellowship in FH following worship

11:15 am Lutheranism 101 (Chapel)

Wednesday, January 25

6:45 pm SJ Choir (FH)

Thursday, January 26 — 'Messenger' deadline

January 29-31

Sunday, January 29

9:30-12:30 Nursery open

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion
in person and live via YouTube (FB)
'Grace Place' during worship

11 am Fellowship in FH following worship

11:15 am Annual Congregation Meeting
2023 Ministry Budget (FH)

Chi Rho events:

Jan. 1-2 Music Meditation group

St. John's Lutheran Church
4842 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55419



THE MESSENGER

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Ann Paulson

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