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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)*

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[www.stjohnspls.org](http://www.stjohnspls.org)



**PREACHING SERIES FOR JULY**

**2 Peter**

**July 9-Pentecost 6**

**2 Peter 1:16—2:2, 15-19  
 (Mark 13:5-7)**

**July 16-Pentecost 7**

**2 Peter 3:1-10, 17-18  
 (Matt 24:42-44)**

**Old Testament Wisdom and  
 Poetry**

**July 23-Pentecost 8**

**Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8  
 (Matt 13:34-35)**

**July 30—Pentecost 9**

**Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36  
 (John 8:56-58)**

## CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

### Love God, Love Everyone

This four-word phrase sums up the two greatest commandments in the Gospel of Luke: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27).



This summer we have at least two events at St. John’s that will give us the opportunity to love our neighbors. We have the St John’s Childcare Staff and Family BBQ on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30PM. This will be on the south lawn. Come and meet and talk with the many families who trust our childcare with their children.

Another opportunity for us to love our neighbor will be for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st from 6-8PM. We are inviting our neighbors for hot dogs, chips, and beverages out on our lawn, with the hopes of having a game or two for children.

Both opportunities allow us time to get to know our neighbors, and how we as a faith community may better serve them. What might our neighbors need from us? In talking with our neighbors, we might find out that there are groups that may need a place to meet, or we may meet a neighbor that may offer to help us with a task. How can we partner with our neighbors? How can we become better together? How can we strengthen our relationships within the wider community?

It is my hope that your summer schedule will allow you time to do one or both events. If you would be interested in helping with National Night Out, please let me know.

Edith



### BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

I would like to give a special shout out to the St. John's congregation, administration and Pastor Mark for their efforts at our first Red Cross blood drive. We were able to gather 34 units of blood which was three greater units than our goal.



People came from North Minneapolis, Edina, Uptown and many from the local community. Several said that they liked the proximity of the church and blood drive and would be glad to come again.

*Diane Harayda*

*Blood Drive Coordinator for St. John's*

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK**

Pizza, PJ'S and Popcorn  
Friday, July 21, 6-8PM

Join together in Fellowship Hall on Friday July 21st at 6PM for pizza, popcorn, and a movie! You are invited to wear your pajamas if you would like to do so.

We will meet at 6 to eat pizza, then switch to popcorn and watch a movie.

Please RSVP to [edith@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:edith@stjohnsmpls.org) or text 612-701-7778 by Noon on Friday July 21st.



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Tuesday, August 1  
6-8PM St John's Lawn

National Night Out takes place on the first Tuesday in August in neighborhoods across the city and nation.

This August 1 we are inviting our St. John's neighbors for hot dogs, chips, and beverages out on our lawn, with the hopes of having a game or two for children.

Join in getting to know our neighbors!



**GAME NIGHT**

Friday, July 14, 6:30-8:30PM

Is there a favorite game you'd like to play? Bring it (or let us know as we have it at church) and meet up in Fellowship Hall on July 14. You're welcome to also bring a snack to share if you like and are able.



**Meet Ups with a Purpose**

**CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS**

Share your gift of music with the congregation! We'd like to form a Musicians' Meet Up to get together and make music to share during a worship service.



Interested? Let Edith know: [edith@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:edith@stjohnsmpls.org)



**READERS**

If you enjoy reading and would like to share that enjoyment with others, please consider joining in a Book Discussion Meet Up. Please let Ann Paulson or Edith know if you are interested. We could gather in person, via Zoom, or both. ([edith@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:edith@stjohnsmpls.org); [apaulson@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:apaulson@stjohnsmpls.org))

**ST. JOHN'S WEEKEND AT CHI RHO**

August 25-27

Come and join your fellow church members and friends for a fun-filled weekend St. John's Chi Rho Camp and Retreat Center! There will be learning and craft opportunities, time to simply be...and it wouldn't be camp without s'mores!

Registration will open soon.



## ST JOHN'S CHURCH AND CHILDCARE....

# STAFF & FAMILY BBQ!

### WHEN

**Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 – 6:30 pm**

### WHERE

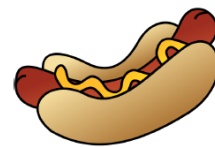
**South Lawn of St.  
John's Lutheran  
Church**

**FEATURING · Fresh grilled hot dogs, chips,  
watermelon, and lemonade, prepared by St.  
John's CCC Staff!**

**BRING YOUR  
WHOLE  
FAMILY, A  
BLANKET  
AND YOUR  
APPETITE!**

**WE WILL  
COLLECT A  
FREE WILL  
OFFERING TO  
COVER FOOD  
COSTS**

**WE HOPE TO  
SEE YOU ALL  
THERE!**



We'll have some chairs available too, or you may bring a lawn chair.



## ST. JOHN'S MUSIC SERIES

### New Music Series Artistic Director Named

St. John's Music Series is pleased to welcome Brian Schmidt as Artistic Director. Brian will lead the Oratorio Chorus in its 2023 'Messiah' season and is looking forward to working with the Music Series committee.

**Brian A. Schmidt** is a choral conductor with a twenty-year career focused on developing meaningful musical experiences for audiences and artists alike. Schmidt has a passion for championing unsung musical heroes past and present and is known for presenting modern premieres of rarely heard and newly discovered composers. Schmidt was founder and conductor of the South Dakota Chorale, leading the development of a choir that released several acclaimed recordings which Gramophone Magazine described as "luminous," Audiophile Audition called "stunning," and the ensemble was hailed as "one of the most exciting choral ensembles in America" by Sounds Choral (WWFM). His discography includes recordings found on Pentatone, MSR Classics, Gothic Records, and Oxford University Press Music.



Previously, he was conductor of the Duke Vespers Ensemble at Duke Chapel, where he also founded both a monthly Bach Cantata Series and Cappella Baroque, a professional period-instrument orchestra specializing in early music. He also served at Baylor University where he conducted the top mixed choirs and led the graduate program in choral conducting.

Schmidt studied choral music at South Dakota State University and holds a master's degree and doctorate of music arts in choral conducting at the University of North Texas.

## ST. JOHN'S MEDIA MINISTRY

### Most Recent Podcasts

**"FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD: What Is God's Role in Free Will?"** is hosted by Graham Zima and Pastor Mark Tiede. In this episode, Pastor Mark is asked the question of 'how can we reconcile God being all knowing if we have free will'?

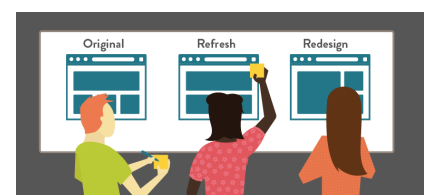


In **"FAITH AND THE REAL WORLD: Faithful Neighbors,"** Pastor Mark talks with Nicholas Tangen, writer, coach and community organizer who works as the Director of Faith Practice and Neighboring Practices for the Minneapolis Area Synod.

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

We are getting a new website! The St. John's digital presence will be search-optimized, organized, unified, and show an updated logo and energetic color scheme. Look for a soft-launch date in late July, and a promotional launch in early August.





## Moments of Generosity

This month we express our deep appreciation to Anna Carlson for the many generous ways in which she gives of herself, her time and her talent to St. John's congregation. These include her incredible leadership with our Website Redesign Team, her valuable service on Council and Admin as Secretary, her serving as an Assisting Minister and Communion Preparer for worship, and other behind-the-scenes acts of quiet giving in partnership with her husband Steve. THANK YOU both for the wisdom and commitment with which you care for and with this church community.



## Environmental News:

The Tangletown Neighborhood Association exists to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, or play in Tangletown through advocacy, community engagement, and neighborhood initiatives. A big thank you to Pastor Mark Tiede for volunteering to serve on the board this year to continue and promote its good works.

The environmental committee continues its rooftop solar rebate program, radon resources, pollinator resources and other items focusing on solid waste reduction, water quality improvement and energy conservation.

In support of reducing waste, St. Johns will be hosting the second annual clothing swap on Saturday, August 19 from 10-1pm. Details to follow next month.

Check out the website of the Tangletown Neighborhood Association at <https://tangletown.org/>



## ST. JOHN'S FOUNDATION



Many of you know about the St. John's Foundation, but I wanted to share a little bit about what the Foundation has been doing for the church. As members of the Foundation board, we seek to ensure we have the best management of the principal which has largely been considered a substantial "rainy day fund" and we also consider the quarterly distributions and how that money can serve the church. Beyond paying the bills, we have seen these distributions fund the Cross+

Generational ministry which has been a wonderful ministry at St. John's. It's exciting to see what the Foundation is doing and how the generosity of members continues to support this ministry that is so valuable to our church.

Current Foundation Board members are Mark Gebhardt, Ron Conrad, Leah Coveney, Susan Zabel and Mark Tiede.

**Holy Conversations**  
**Thursdays at 10:00 AM**  
**July 13, 20, 27**  
**in St. John's Lounge**

Holy Conversations in July will focus on the lectionary texts in the next sermon series for this summer: first from 2 Peter and then from Proverbs.

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 June**

*(Assisting Ministers, Communion Preparers, Ushers, Acolyte)*

Deborah Dunham, Lori Johnson, Larry Fraser, Jaeden Micco, Anne Nervig, Eleanor Nervig, Anneliese Paulson, Elizabeth Roe

**Media Volunteers**

Eleanor Nervig, Sam Nervig, Dylan Noaman

**Fellowship Hosts**

Steve & Ellen Dosdall, Matt & Jennifer Burdick, Sharon Koschak & Susan Zabel, Cross+Generational Team.

**Counters**

Deborah Dunham, Larry Fraser, Elizabeth Roe, Diane Rooney, Jeanne Tuvey

**Musicians**

Marge Huseh, flute; Pr Mark, Matthew Tiede, Graham Zima and Peder Flaten, Men's Quartet



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](mailto:volunteer@stjohnsmpls.org)  
 Ann at [communication@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto: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.



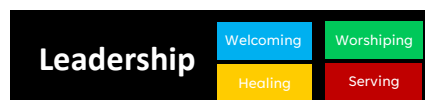
There are plenty of opportunities during the summer months!

## ADMINISTRATION

### St. John's Lutheran Church

### Annual Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2023, 11:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall



Devotion by Pastor Mark

Steve Dosedall, Council President, called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present.

Jeanne Tuvey made the motion that the minutes from the February 2023 meeting be approved.

Mark Nervig seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved.

#### Pastor's report

Review of baptisms, deaths, new and renewing memberships, and member transfer.

Possible cooperation/partnering with Richfield Lutheran for staffing. A task force will be initiated to explore possibilities next year.

#### Election of new council members

Steve Dosedall moved to elect the slate of candidates as presented:

JoAnn Christoferson

Bonnie Conrad

Enrique (Rick) Falcon

Sharon Koschak

Jeanne Tuvey seconds the motion. All in favor, the motion passes.

#### Reconciling in Christ Welcome Statement/Statement of Inclusion

Anne Nervig presented the new language recommended by RIC that expands the statement into a call for action on racial equity and anti-racism. (changes in red)

*We affirm that this reconciliation extends to people of all gender identities, **gender expressions** and sexual orientations. **We affirm a commitment toward the work on racial equity and anti-racism.** We welcome members of the **LGBTQIA+** community as well as those who may have been excluded because of other human distinctions.*

#### Discussion:

The writers of our unique RIC statement already included a broad covering: "as well as those who may have been excluded because of other human distinctions"

St. John's already has a commitment toward work on racial equity and anti-racism in our mission statement.

An RIC representative will be invited to St. John's to explain the request for this addition.

Changing the RIC statement has been tabled for further discussion.

A 1-minute video about St. John's achievements was shown.

Oly Stromberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeanne Tuvey seconded the motion.

All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Carlson, Council Secretary



In Our Prayers....

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

† Amy Arens, Margery Arens, Kathy Cashin, Brian Conrad, Michael Cude, Debra Jacobs, Neil Jenkins, Pastor Karl Jacobson, David John, Marge Korzenowski, Jane McNaughton, 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 mourning loss:**

† Family and friends of Vicki Wheeler, who died on June 4, 2023. Vicki was a Lake Wobegon Band colleague and friend of Ron Hasselmann.

JULY Celebrations



Happy Birthday!

- 8 Marjorie Sethna
- 11 Anneliese Paulson
- 19 Henry Niermann
- 22 Eleanor Willette  
Owen Nelsen
- 24 Grant Johnson
- 27 Jeff Carlson
- 29 Bergit Mars

Happy Anniversary!

- 9 Ron & Bonnie Conrad
- 11 Patrick & Leah Coveney

Independence Day  
July 4

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!

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](mailto:communications@stjohnsmpls.org)  
Email Pastor Mark at [pastortiede@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto: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                              | 4. David Roinas, Bookkeeper         |
| 2. Pastor Mark  | 5. Joseph Sahai                     |
| 3. Edith Bohardt, Director of Cross+Generational Ministry | 6. Tina Shear and Child Care Center |

# JULY 2023

## July 1-8

Sunday, July 2—

**10 am** **Worship w/Holy Communion**  
*in person and online*  
**'Summer Grace Place'**  
*in narthex during worship*  
*Nursery also available*

**11 am** **Fellowship** *following worship (FH)*

Tuesday, July 4—**Staff holiday**

Thursday, July 6

**6 pm** **Chi Rho Committee (Zoom)**

## July 16-22

Sunday, July 16

**10 am** **Worship w/Holy Communion**  
*in person and online*  
**'Summer Grace Place'**  
*in narthex during worship*  
*Nursery also available*

**11 am** **Fellowship** *following worship (FH)*

Tuesday, July 18

**10 am** **St John's Staff meeting (Lounge)**

Thursday, July 20

**10 am** **Holy Conversations (Lounge)**

Saturday, July 21

**6-8 pm** **Friday Night Flick (FH)**  
*Pizza, popcorn, and a movie*

## July 30-August 1

Sunday, July 30

**10 am** **Worship w/Holy Communion**  
*in person and online*  
**'Summer Grace Place'**  
*in narthex during worship*  
*Nursery also available*

**11 am** **Fellowship** *following worship (FH)*

Tuesday, August 1

**10 am** **SJ Staff meeting (Lounge)**  
**6-8 pm** **National Night Out at St John's**

## July 9-15

Sunday, July 9

**10 am** **Worship w/Holy Communion**  
*in person and online*  
**'Summer Grace Place'**  
*in narthex during worship*  
*Nursery also available*

**11 am** **Fellowship** *following worship (FH)*

**11:15 am** **Worship Committee (Lounge)**

Wednesday, July 12

**6 pm** **St. John's Council (at church)**

Thursday, July 13

**10 am** **Holy Conversations (Lounge)**

Friday, July 14

**6:30-8:30 pm** **Game Night Meet Up (FH)**

Saturday, July 15

**9 am** **Minneapolis Brass Rehearsal**  
*(Sanctuary)*

## July 23-29

Sunday, July 23

**10 am** **Worship w/Holy Communion**  
*in person and online*  
**'Summer Grace Place'**  
*in narthex during worship*  
*Nursery also available*

**11 am** **Fellowship** *following worship (FH)*

Tuesday, July 25

**5-6:30 pm** **St. John's Child Care  
Family/Staff Barbeque**  
*(south lawn/FH if rain)*

Wednesday, July 26

**August 'Messenger' items due**

Thursday, July 27

**10 am** **Holy Conversations (Lounge)**

Saturday, July 29

**9 am** **Mpls Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)**

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

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



**THE MESSENGER**

**Information**

Church Office .....612-827-4406  
 Church Office Fax .....612-827-0574  
 Child Care Center .....612-827-1237  
 Chi Rho Center .....320-274-8307  
 Church Office email:  
 communications@stjohnsmpls.org  
 Website: www.stjohnsmpls.org  
 Facebook: .www.facebook.com/  
 StJohnsMpls

**Parish Staff**

**PASTOR**

*Mark Tiede*

**ORGANIST & MINISTER OF MUSIC**

*Peder Flaten*

**DIRECTOR OF CROSS+GENERATIONAL  
 MINISTRY**

*Edith Bohardt*

**ASSISTANT FOR MINISTRY**

*Ann Paulson*

**BOOKKEEPER**

*David Roinas*

**VIDEO/MARKETING SPECIALIST**

*Graham Zima*

**MEDIA ASSISTANT**

*Matthew Tiede*

**NURSERY ATTENDANT**

*Diane Harayda*

**CUSTODIANS**

*Joseph Sahai (weekdays)*

*Mill City Cleaning (Child Care)*

**CHILD CARE DIRECTOR**

*Tina Shear*

**CHI RHO CENTER MANAGER**

*David Helm*

**Church Council**

*Jennifer Burdick*

*Anna Carlson, Secretary*

*Patrick Coveney, Treasurer (ex-officio)*

*Steve Dosdall, President*

*Deborah Dunham, Vice President*

*Anne Nervig*

*Dustin Olson*

*Ann Paulson*

(new Council takes office on July 12)

**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:

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop:

Bishop Ann Svennungsen