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ST. JOHN'S SUNDAYS

Come and Worship!

Each Sunday at 10 AM

Air-conditioned Sanctuary
Nursery Care available

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

www.facebook.com/StJohnsMpls.org

www.stjohnspls.org

<p>June 4 <i>Holy Trinity</i></p>	<p>WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM Fellowship and Packing of Backpacks in Fellowship Hall following worship</p>
<p>June 11 <i>Pentecost 2</i></p>	<p>WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM Annual Congregation Meeting in Fellowship Hall following worship</p>
<p>June 18 <i>Pentecost 3</i></p>	<p>WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM Fellowship following worship</p>
<p>June 25 <i>Pentecost 4</i></p>	<p>WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10 AM <i>Blessing of Graduate Jaeden Micco</i> Fellowship following worship</p>

Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing and Serving

Thoughts from Pastor Mark



June is a wonderful month of transition: days continue to lengthen and temperatures continually warm. It is also a transitional time for our Church. We move into summer schedules, and we gather as a whole congregation to elect new church council leadership. I am always excited to see who will serve on Council and which members of Council will pick up the mantle of leadership and lead us into God's future. This year may just well be the most important Council ever as we take a deep and honest look at our smaller size, yet younger age, and reorganize the council and maybe our constitution/bylaws to reflect our current realities. It might not sound fun or entertaining but I think if we do the work well, the governing documents and a reorganization of our leadership could bring life and flexibility to our church for many years to come. Please join me in praying for our leadership as they take on this vital role.

Thank you to Steve Dossdall, Anna Carlson, and Patrick Coveney for their past year of service to St. John's as the officers of the council. Thank you also to Ann Paulson and Dustin Olson for their service as members at-large.

We still have three more seats to fill, if any member of St. John's would like to serve on Council, please call the church office and give your name or someone else's name to Ann Paulson.



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

St. John's Lutheran, Washburn Park

Sunday, June 11, 11 a.m. (following worship)

**Election of New Council Members
Consideration of RIC Welcome Statement update**

Fellowship time following meeting

Moments of Generosity

This month we recognize Patrick Coveney, who has so generously served St. John's as treasurer for the past two years. He has collaborated with the Administration, Council and our bookkeeper David Roinas to manage our accounts and budget through these years, which included the unique challenges of Covid. Patrick's creative thinking and strategic acumen have been very beneficial in helping the council to see the bigger picture and in offering guidance for the future. He's been a great team member and communicator.

While he continues to share his many gifts in other capacities within our congregation, his term as treasurer will be ending in June.

Thank you, Patrick, for serving so faithfully and effectively. We are very grateful for you!



CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

As I look back to my first year at St. John's I realize there are still many people I have not had a conversation with. I'd like to connect with everyone, not just as Director of Cross+Generational Ministry, but as Edith, a new church member.



The Cross+Generational Team worked hard this year to create “fundays” to give everyone a chance to have fun and fellowship. Those activities were great ways to connect and learn about each other. Only, not everyone attended them. Through the activities we offered, I was able to get to know a few people on a more meaningful level, and that helped me feel more at home. I am very appreciative of all the people who I have had conversations with, and grateful that God brought me here (when we meet, I will share that story with you).

I have noticed lately that more and more people stay a little longer on Sunday mornings, and I have enjoyed that time with people connecting with them. It is nice to relax with a cup of coffee and friends. This is just one way we can get to know one another. I would like you to consider planning a summer meet up. What is a meet up you ask?

A meet up is a time to get together with others who share a common interest. The idea is no expectations. Whoever attends is the right number and we will have fun and fellowship. The first one will be Friday June 2nd from 6-8PM. It is a board/card/dice/ tile game meet up Do you have an interest? Maybe you play a musical instrument and want to play with others. Simply pick a day and time and invite other musicians to join you for a jam session. Maybe you have an unfinished craft you keep meaning to get to. Why not plan a craft meet up? All it takes is to pick a day and time and meet once a month or more if you feel like it. The meet up doesn't even need to take place at the church building. Maybe you like to hike, or maybe you like to walk. Pick a day, time, and place, and meet! Ask Ann to put your meet up in the bulletin (bulletin announcements are due on Wednesdays), announce the meet up in church, or you can post a flyer on our refreshed bulletin board outside of fellowship hall.

I had wanted to meet with each member of the congregation this past year, but time got away from me. Now that summer has almost arrived, I have a little more breathing room in my schedule and will be contacting you for a time to chat. We can go for coffee, ice cream, or bagels, my treat. We can also chat while taking a walk. If you would like to schedule a meeting with me ahead of my asking you, just let me know what day of the week and a couple of times that work for you, and I can make it work. Don't let the word meeting scare you: these are simply informal opportunities for us to get to know one another. Looking forward to connecting with you all on a deeper level.

Edith

Board/card/dice/tile games

Meet Up

Friday, June 2, 6-8 pm

Come to Fellowship Hall and enjoy games and snacks with others at St. John's! Bring your family, a friend, a snack if you like....or just come!



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

During June, Holy Conversations will begin exploring *Divine Laughter: Preaching and the Serious Business of Humor*, a book by Rolf and Karl Jacobson. Copies are available at <https://www.amazon.com/Divine-Laughter-Preaching-Business-Preacher/dp/1506468675>

Come and join the discussion!

JUNE FUNDAY—Saturday, June 17, 7:30 p.m.

TWIN CITIES MOBILE JAZZ PROJECT CONCERT SERIES

FREE CONCERT!

LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL

4135 W LAKE HARRIET PARKWAY

Join others from St. John's at the Lake Harriet Bandshell for a performance by the Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project, in their 10th year of providing free concerts in the park to support community, youth, and supportive education.



After the concert ends there will be also offered a showing of the movie "Soul" starting at 9 p.m.

**HELP IS NEEDED TO PLAN
ST. JOHN'S WEEKEND AT CHI RHO**

We are looking for a few people who would be willing to help plan our St John's weekend at Chi Rho which will be held August 25-27, 2023.

NO experience necessary! If you would be interested in helping to plan the weekend, please let Edith (edith@stjohnsmpls.org) know. We will start meeting soon.



Faith
FUN
&
Fellowship

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD (CAN)

Community and Neighborhood (CAN) Ministry Team Update

The Justice Page Middle School Food Backpack Ministry is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September.

Join after worship on Sunday, June 4 in packing 20 backpacks.

The final twenty food backpacks for the 22-23 school year will be delivered on June 8th.



FOOD BACKPACK MINISTRY

The ministry team volunteered and coordinated other volunteers in the roles of taking food inventory, shopping, packing, and delivering throughout the year.

We want to extend heartfelt gratitude for your support of prayer, cash, gift cards, 19-inch backpacks, emergency clothing and/or food donations.

*Mark and Tamara Gebhardt, 612-275-2317
Co-chairs, Community & Neighborhood Ministry*

Donations for Harbor Light 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!



Missionary Circle

Missionary Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, June 7 at 12 noon in St. John’s Lounge. Then they will not meet until September.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Thank you to the musicians of St. John’s Bells, St. John’s Choir and their director Peder Flaten for their awesome contribution to worship this past year!

Bell ringers have included: Peder, Edith Bohardt, Roxanne Engelke, Vicky Ercolani, Marge Huseeth, Karen Jolie, Anne Nervig, Ann Paulson and Eric Willette.

Singers have included: Deborah Dunham, Anneliese Paulson, Vicky Ercolani, Jeanne Tuvey, Ron Hasselmann, Pastor Mark and Peder; along with Christian Belz, Jennifer Belz, Andrew Berg, Jacob Boettcher, Jennifer Burdick, Matt Burdick, Mark Gebhardt, Tamara Gebhardt, Marge Huseeth, Debra Jacobs, Bergit Mars, Anne Nervig and Sarah Tellijohn.

You have been appreciated!



Worship Assistants in May

(Assisting Ministers, Communion Preparers, Ushers, Acolyte)

Anne Nervig, Andy Dodsall, Tamara Gebhardt, Vicky Ercolani, Sharon Koschak, Deborah Dunham, Lori Johnson, Larry Fraser, Eleanor Nervig

Media Volunteers

Eleanor Nervig, Sam Nervig, Dylan Noaman

Fellowship Hosts

Susan Zabel & Edith Bohardt, Deborah Dunham, Bonnie Conrad, Mark & Tamara Gebhardt and Cross+Generational Team.

Counters

Deborah Dunham, Diane Rooney, Oly Stromberg, Jeanne Tuvey, Larry Fraser

Music to offer?

If you are interested in providing special music offerings 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.



The purpose of the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program. Since 1983, the RIC program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. Over time, those commitments have expanded as we continue to live into our values.

Part of the process toward becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation in 2019 was the drafting of a WELCOME STATEMENT that states an intentional welcome to people of "**all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions**" or "**LGBTQIA+ people.**" Recognizing that injustices have occurred in the name of faith, Reconciling Works encourages congregations to now also specifically name our commitment to "**racial equity**" or "**anti-racism**" in our welcome statement. Therefore, the recommended wording of St. John's unique statement of welcome is as follows:

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, **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. 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.

The recommended revised statement will be presented at our June annual meeting for congregational consideration and approval. Our welcome statement is posted at church, included in all publications and on our website. Another public expression of specific welcome is our display of the flags in rainbow colors on our church lawn each year during the month of June. The colors symbolize the diversity of the LGBT community and the spectrum of human sexuality and gender. One may note that the RIC logo itself has been expanded to more fully represent the range of diversity in community.

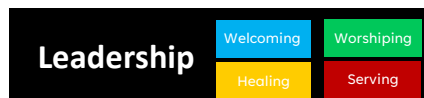
We (St. John's Council, Administration) encourage you to go to <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/> and do a little reading there ahead of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Council Highlights

St. John's Congregation Council

May 18, 2023, 7 p.m., in person



Pastor's Report

Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices program: Director of program, Nick Tangen, to talk with us on June 7. Pastor would like council to consider this program and ask specific members. Program starts in September.

Ministry Team Reports

Cross+Generational Ministry: discussed faith formation companions for Grace Place, vacation bible school options, a farewell to Dustin Olson, participation in grounds beautifying day as the May Funday, June 2 game day, June concert outing at Lake Harriet, St. John's Chi Rho weekend, no meeting in July.

Worship Committee: discussed outdoor flags, possible changes in the liturgy over the summer, allowing the congregation to mingle when passing God's peace, hosting an outdoor Sunday service on July 30.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting, June 11, 11:15 (following worship)

Council candidate openings remain (Dustin, Anna, Ann, Steve, Jaeden off, plus a treasurer is needed). Staying: Anne Nervig, Deborah Dunham, Jennifer Burdick. Need 4-5 to make 9-10. Ideal if committee representatives would be on council. Pr Mark and Steve will be contacting potential candidates suggested at council.

No Celebration of Ministries or written committee reports— ask what questions congregation has for the council instead. Ask Graham to do video clips of what committees are look forward to (for fall meeting).

RIC Welcome Statement Revision – memorialize (council is asking congregation to approve the amended RIC welcome statement) at annual meeting.

Food: fruit in addition to pastries, cheese, will be supplied

New Business:

Motion made to take \$100,000 from 3 separate accounts (remaining ~\$12k from MIF, ~\$88k ERC, and existing ~\$400 CD) and combine to purchase an 11-month CD from Huntington Bank at 5%. Motion seconded; following discussion, motion passed.

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

communications@stjohnsmpls.org

Respectfully submitted by Anna Carlson, Council Secretary



Join us for some Hot Jazz & Cool Dixie



DIAMOND
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CHURCH



SUNDAY SUPPERS

JUNE 25
featuring
**"The TRUST
Ramblin'
Dixieland Band"**
4:00 - concert
5:00 - dinner



5760 Portland Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55417

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Hosted at Diamond Lake Lutheran

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, Harriet Ellis, Lynn Griswold, Thomas Helm, Debra Jacobs, Neil Jenkins, Pastor Karl Jacobson, David John, Marge Korzenowski, Sharon Koschak, Jane McNaughton, Doug Miller, Jan Sammelson, Susan Stagg, Oly Stromberg, Susan Tasa, Lana Tiede, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Mary Vollmar, Bruce Walker, Vicki Wheeler, and all whom we hold in our hearts and are known by God

WE PRAY for those mourning loss:

† Family and friends of St. John’s member Pearl Johnson, whose memorial service was held in Spring Valley, WI on Saturday, June 3. Pearl passed away on May 10 at the age of 100 1/2.
 † Sandy Rader, whose sister-in-law Eleanor Erickson passed away on June 2.

WE PRAY for members celebrating milestones:

† Eleanor Willette, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May
 † Jaeden Micco, who graduates from Minnehaha Academy on June 4.

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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:

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 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 |

JUNE Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Benjamin Gebhardt
Mary Anderson
- 10 Isaac Johnson
Harvey Gronemeyer
- 11 John Gerken
- 15 Sandy Rader
- 23 Kaitlyn Johnson
- 25 Zachary Stagg
- 30 Deborah Dunham
Samuel Nervig
Madeleine Coveney
Larry Fraser

Happy Anniversary!

- 3 Marge Huseth & Brian Powers
- 8 Blake & Bonnie Anderson
- 10 Lori Johnson & Mike Lee
- 25 Matthew & Jennifer Burdick

Father’s Day
June 18

Juneteenth
June 19

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

June 2023

June 1-4

Thursday, June 1
 10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)
 6 pm Chi Rho Committee (Zoom)

Friday, June 2
 6-8 pm Board/Card/Tile/Dice Games Meet-up (FH)

Sunday, June 4—Holy Trinity Sunday
 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion in person and online
 11 am Fellowship following worship (FH) and Packing of Backpacks
 11:15 am Worship Committee (Lounge)
 11:15 am Cross+Generational Team

June 5-11

Tuesday, June 6
 10 am St. John's Staff (Lounge)

Wednesday, June 7
 12 noon Missionary Circle (Lounge)

Thursday, June 8—Backpack Delivery
 10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

Sunday, June 11
 9:30-12:30 Nursery open
 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion in person and online
 11:15 am Annual Congregational Meeting (FH) & Fellowship

June 12-18

Thursday, June 15
 10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

Saturday, June 17
 7:30 pm Funday—Jazz Concert, Movie (Lake Harriet Bandshell)

Sunday, June 18
 9:30-12:30 Nursery open
 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion in person and online
 11 am Fellowship following worship (FH)

June 19-25

Tuesday, June 20
 10:00 am St John's Staff (Lounge)

Thursday, June 22
 10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

Sunday, June 25
 9:30-12:30 Nursery open
 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion in person and online
 11 am Fellowship following worship (FH)

CHI RHO CALENDAR

June 10—July 16 Wayzata Community Church Summer Camp
 June 29—July 4 Toso Reunion

June 26-July 2

Wednesday, June 28—Messenger items due

Sunday, July 2
 9:30-12:30 Nursery open
 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion in person and online
 11 am Fellowship following worship (FH)

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

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THE MESSENGER

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Peder Flaten

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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

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