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**LENT 2023**

**SUNDAYS at St. John's**

**Come and Worship!  
Reconnect**

**MARCH 5**

*2nd Sunday in Lent*

**Worship w/Holy Communion**

**10 AM** in person and online  
 (YouTube/Facebook & website)  
**Grace Place & Nursery Care**  
**Fellowship** following worship  
 (help Ron Hasselmann celebrate 90!)  
**Lutheranism 101—11:15 a.m.**

**Come and Worship  
Come and see**

**MARCH 12**

*3rd Sunday in Lent*

**Worship w/Holy Communion**

**10 AM** in person and online  
 (YouTube/Facebook & website)  
**Grace Place & Nursery Care**  
**Fellowship** following worship  
**w/Packing of Food Backpacks**

*Time change 1 hour ahead*

**MARCH 19**

*4th Sunday in Lent*

**Worship w/Holy Communion**

**10 AM** in person and online  
 (YouTube/Facebook & website)  
**Grace Place & Nursery Care**  
**Fellowship** following worship  
**Lutheranism 101—11:15 a.m.**

**MARCH 26**

*5th Sunday in Lent*

**Searcher & Seekers 9 AM  
Worship w/Holy Communion**

**10 AM** in person and online  
 (YouTube/Facebook & website)  
*Nursery care available*  
**Fellowship** following worship

**WEDNESDAYS**

at **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4800 France Ave S**

*Our congregations worship together.*

**Holden Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.**

**Pizza Supper 5:30-6:45 p.m.**

**March 8**

**Psalm 121:3-4**

*Pastor Deb Bergstrand*

**March 15**

**Psalm 121:5-6**

*Pastor Jeff Barrow*

**March 22**

**Psalm 121:7**

*Pastor Mark Tiede*

**March 29**

**Psalm 121:8**

*Pastor Deb Bergstrand*

Thoughts from Pastor Mark

### Lent: A Season for Tending and Nurturing our Faith



The season of Lent is the 40-day season within our church year when each disciple of Jesus is invited and encouraged to purposefully reflect upon their relationship with God through Christ Jesus. Each of us already has a relationship with Christ. Lent provides for us a liturgical season to tend that relationship and do what we need to mature it/deepen it/grow it.

Note: There is no expectation or prerequisite needed for having a relationship with God through Christ Jesus. Instead, Lent provides us the 40-day opportunity to give thanks for and simultaneously respond to the relationship we already have with Christ, growing into it and deepening it for the sake of our neighbor.

The New Testament is riddled with this message to grow our faith/relationship with Christ. Here are but three examples:

**2 Peter 3:18:** *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen*

**1 Peter 2: 1-2** *Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

**Ephesians 4: 14-15** <sup>14</sup> *We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.*

I hope that you take hold of this Season of Lent and make it work for you. I pray that you are able to attend the Lutheranism 101 sessions or Thursday's Holy Conversations. Or is there something else I could arrange that would be helpful for you? I pray you resume attending weekly Sunday worship or attend Lenten Wednesday evening worship.

Perhaps you already do all those things, but now you might consider starting your own schedule of daily Bible reading or beginning the practice of prayers prior to meals, or bedside prayers in morning or night, or both. I sincerely hope that this season of Lent will be a moment for you to kickstart/restart/or refresh your growth in Christ and your relationship with him.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor Mark*

## CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

### ShroveTuesday Recap....

For those who braved the slight snowfall on Shrove Tuesday, a great time was had by all.

People donned their beads, grabbed a 'Getting to Know You' Bingo Card and enjoyed live music and AMAZING food!

Served were: Oly's famous pancakes, breakfast sausages, and ice cream sundaes.

A rousing game or two of 'Slapjack with Flapjacks' were played, and live music from Jim Ten Bensele and friends entertained us. People enjoyed talking with one another and reconnecting.

Thank you to all who helped coordinate, worked, served, and cleaned up. HUGE shout out to Oly and Brad, our two pancake chefs for the evening. Oly's pancakes are AMAZING! Those present suggested we do something like this again, so the event was a huge success!



Photos by Pastor Mark & Edith

### Bowling at Elsie's

Saturday, March 18, 1-3 PM

279 Marshall St NE

Come join your fellow members for a short time of bowling.



St. John's will pay for the lane rental.

Participants will pay for their shoe rental (\$5), snacks and beverages.

Elsie's has a designated parking lot.

Please RSVP to [edith@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:edith@stjohnsmpls.org) so we know how many lanes to rent.

**See you there!**

### Cross+Generational Ministry/ Membership Interest Survey

How can we best serve the needs of you and your family? We are looking for your input! You may fill out and submit your survey response online—click [here](#) for the link. Printed forms will also be available at church.

### Searchers and Seekers

*Sunday, March 26, 9-9:45 AM (4th Sunday)*

Meet in Fellowship Hall for food treats and faith talk for all ages.

Hope to see you there!

**COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD (CAN)**

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

Donations NEEDED:

- peanut butter
- canned ravioli
- mac & cheese
- boxed cereal
- boxed dried noodle soup
- 16 oz. bags brown rice
- canned fruits and vegetables

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



**FOOD BACKPACK MINISTRY**

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

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

**MISSIONARY CIRCLE**

Missionary Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 8 at noon at St. John's in Grace Place.



We'll be decorating tray favors for TRUST Meals Easter trays.

Bring lunch if you wish and join in the creativity! We'll have the coffee pot on....

**Donations for Harbor Light appreciated,,,,,**

Thank you for donating sleeping bags, blankets, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, and coats for this shelter. Women's clothing is now also accepted for their women's shelter, 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 have tax donation forms available for any who would like them.

*Thank You!*

**Thank you for all you do!**

**ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS**

The Ecofaith Summit 2023 was a valuable, informative event confirming a Lutheran commitment to push back against our climate crisis. An organizer of the event was Jack Hurbanis from St. John's. His title is Congregational Organizer of Environmental Justice, Minneapolis Area Synod. There were speakers on various topics including current state and local legislation needing to be passed. Stressed was the importance of taking care of our neighbors. Solutions for cleaner air should be for the rich and poor alike.

Our Tangletown Environmental Committee is committed to these same goals. Presently they are working toward incentivizing neighbors to install solar panels on their roof as a way to create a more sustainable energy future. A tiered rebate program is available for up to \$1500. Go to [tangletown.org](http://tangletown.org) for more information and to get pre-approved.

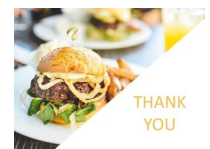
*-Bonnie Conrad for St. John's 'Green Team'*



**ST. JOHN'S CHILD CARE CENTER**

**Lowbrow Fundraiser**

Thank you SO MUCH to all those who supported our Lowbrow fundraiser on February 13th! We raised \$441.17. The money will go towards the playground for spring/summer toys and outdoor supplies. I hope you enjoyed their great food!!



*Tina Shear, Director*

### Moment of Generosity

WOW!

Let us all take a moment and give our thanks to God for Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Dunham who last week cleaned our coffeemakers and all coffee carafes. Thank you for doing a task that has flown under the radar for far too long! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



**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, March 9, 23 and 30 in St. John's Lounge!



This month's sessions of Lutheranism 101 will be held on **Sunday, March 5 and Sunday, March 19** at 11:15 a.m. for

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

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

### TWIN CITIES TRUMPET ENSEMBLE in concert

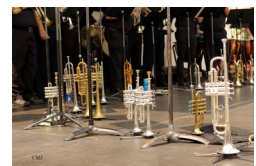
Sunday, March 12, 3 PM at St. John's

"The TCTE Goes to Church"



The Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble (TCTE) was founded in 2014 by a trio of trumpeters who decided to invite others to join them for trumpet playing and camaraderie. It took only a few months for the group to grow to 24 of the best trumpet players in the area. Ron Hasselmann and Jim Ten Bensel are members of this group who perform a wide variety of repertoire (with a wide array of trumpets...!)

Concert is free and open to the public.



—"a musical feast not to be missed!"  
(tctrumpets.org)



## ADMINISTRATION

### Council Highlights

#### St. John's Congregation Council

February 16, 2023, 7 p.m.

*In-person, Church Lounge*



#### Council Meeting Highlights:

The 2023 Budget passed at the Annual Meeting on February 5. Thank you Patrick Coveney, Treasurer Ex-Officio, for all the preparation!

Bonnie Conrad and the St. John's Green Team will post resources and information in the Narthex.

Check out what we're doing to be GREEN!

A new St. John's website is in process. The task force is reviewing proposals and interviewing candidates in March.

Save the Date: August 25-27 Family Camp at Chi Rho.

Synod Assembly April 28 & 29: St. John's needs 2 voting members to attend. Please contact Pr. Mark or the office for more information or to volunteer for this opportunity to learn, grow, and celebrate with area ELCA members.

The Rustic Lodge Task Force is exploring how to best use the property to further the mission of St. John's. Thank you Mark and Tamara Gebhardt for leading the foray.

Conversations/Re-connecting: reaching in and reaching out – What's Next for St. Johns'? Possibilities are being considered, and everyone's presence in the dialog is desired. Look for announcements in future Messengers, the Sunday Bulletin, on Facebook, and at coffee hour in the fellowship hall following service to participate.

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

[communications@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:communications@stjohnsmpls.org)

Respectfully submitted by Anna Carlson, Council Secretary.

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2023**

**"Restored to Life Anew"**

**Friday, April 28 (worship) 7-9:30 p.m.**

St Andrew Lutheran, Eden Prairie

**Saturday, April 29 (business) 9 a.m.—5 p.m.**

Lord of Life Lutheran, Ramsey

## In Our Prayers....

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

† Amy Arens, Margery Arens, Ken Carroll, Kathy Cashin, Dona Collins, Brian Conrad, Harriet Ellis, Mike & Eleanor Erickson, Gene Flaten, Lynn Griswold, Debra Jacobs, Neil Jenkins, Pastor Karl Jacobson, Jim Johnson, Marge Korzenowski, Sharon Koschak, Jane McNaughton, Pastor Michael Pancoast, Jan Sammelson, Karen Schoenecker, Susan Stagg, Lorenzo Statin, Oly Stromberg, Susan Tasa, Lana Tiede, Ryan Torkelson, Debbie Tuvey, Mary Vollmar, 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 St. John’s member Betty Shannon, who died on February 13, 2023. A memorial service for Betty will be held at St. John’s on May 4, 2023.
- † Family and friends of George Hasselmann, who died on February 17, 2023. George was a cousin to Ron Hasselmann.
- † Family and friends of Wes Gebhardt, who died on February 23 in Illinois. Wes was a life-long friend of Ron Hasselmann.

### And we also celebrate:

- † On Sunday, March 5, join in wishing Ron Hasselmann a ‘Happy 90th Birthday!’ and enjoy birthday treats during fellowship....

### 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 |

## March Celebrations

### Happy Birthday!

- 3 Ron Hasselmann
- 5 Karen Schoenecker
- 8 Isaac Tellijohn
- 9 Chris Roff
- 14 Steve Carlson
- 15 Andrew Berg  
Bonnie Conrad  
Marge  
Korzenowski
- 16 Katie Ercolani
- 19 Lori Johnson
- 26 Charlotte Stagg
- 27 Maisie Jean Johnson
- 31 Leah Coveney



**Daylight Savings Sunday, March 12**



**St Patrick’s Day March 17**

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!*

## March 2023

### March 5-11

Sunday, March 5—Lent 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** following worship (FH)  
Help Ron Hasselmann celebrate 90!

**11:15 am** **Lutheranism 101** (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

**12 noon** **Missionary Circle** (Grace Place)

**5:30-6:45 pm** **Pizza Supper** (LCGS)

**7 pm** **Holden Evening Prayer** (LCGS)

Thursday, March 9

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

### March 12-18

Sunday, March 12—Lent 3

**Time Change ahead 1 hour**

**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** following worship (FH)  
and **Packing of Backpacks**

**11:15 am** **Cross+Generational Team** (Lg)

Monday, March 13

**5:30 pm** **Admin Team**

Wednesday, March 15

**6 pm** **Bell Rehearsal** (SJ Sanctuary)

**5:30-6:45 pm** **Pizza Supper** (LCGS)

**7 pm** **Holden Evening Prayer** (LCGS)

**7:45 pm** **SJ Choir** (LCGS)

Thursday, March 16—**Backpack Delivery**

**5:30 pm** **ECFE (Child Care)** (FH)

**7 pm** **St John's Council** (Lounge)

### March 19-25

Sunday, March 19—Lent 4

**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** following worship (FH)

**11:15 am** **Lutheranism 101** (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

**5:30-6:45 pm** **Pizza Supper** (LCGS)

**7 pm** **Holden Evening Prayer** (LCGS)

**7:45 pm** **SJ Choir** (LCGS)

Thursday, March 23

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

### March 26-31

Sunday, March 26—Lent 5

**9 am** **Searchers & Seekers**

**9:30-12:30** Nursery open

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

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

Tuesday, March 28

**'Messenger'** deadline

Wednesday, March 29

**5:30-6:45 pm** **Pizza Supper** (LCGS)

**7 pm** **Holden Evening Prayer** (LCGS)

**7:45 pm** **SJ Choir** (LCGS)

Thursday, March 30


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



### WORSHIP & MUSIC

In anticipation of Holy Week at St. John’s, a **Sanctuary Spruce-up** is planned for Saturday, April 1 from 10-1, lunch provided.

The more hands, the more we can do to polish and prepare the space. If you will be able to help, please let Ann or Deborah know.

**Lenten Wednesday evenings**, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, St. John’s and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd congregations are worshipping together at LCGS at 7 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship** will be held at St. John’s, April 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsals during Lent**  
**Wednesdays March 1, 15, 22, 29**  
**7:45 (after worship)—LCGS Chapel**  
[pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org)

**Bell Rehearsal, St. John’s sanctuary**  
**Wednesday, March 15**  
**6:00—6:45 p.m.**  
[pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org)

### Worship Assistants in February

Andrew Berg, Edith Bohardt, Anna Carlson, Ron & Bonnie Conrad, Steve & Ellen Dodsall, Deborah Dunham, Larry Fraser, Lori Johnson, Anne Nervig, Eleanor Nervig, Sam Nervig, Dylan Noaman, Elizabeth Roe, Jeanne Tuvey, Susan Zabel, Graham Zima



### Easter Plants

St. John’s will be decorating the sanctuary with an assortment of plants for Easter, which is on April 9. If you would like to sponsor a plant(s), please place your request with the church office by Friday, March 31. You may:

- \* Place your request at church following worship on Sundays in March.
- \* Complete and send or bring the printed form with payment to the church office.
- \* Contact the church office: 612-827-4406; [communications@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:communications@stjohnsmpls.org)
- \* Payment may be made by check or by texting ‘Give (amount) flowers’ to 612-800-0444.

The cost of an Easter plant is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to St. John’s Lutheran Church and in the memo line, write “Easter Plant.”

The plant choices are: Easter Lily (White)      *Quantity* \_\_\_\_\_  
    Tulips (assorted colors)      *Quantity* \_\_\_\_\_  
    Daffodils                              *Quantity* \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s)

Given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Will pick up       Give to homebound

### MARCH LECTONARY

**March 5**  
 Lent 2  
**Matthew 20:1-16**  
*Laborers in the Vineyard*

**March 12**  
 Lent 3  
**Matthew 22:1-14**  
*The Wedding Banquet*

**March 19**  
 Lent 4  
**Matthew 25:1-13**  
*the Bridesmaids*

**March 26**  
 Lent 5  
**Matthew 25:31-46**  
*The Last Judgment*



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**Minneapolis, MN 55419**



**THE MESSENGER**

**Information**

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 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/  
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**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)*

*Veronica Lacy (Sunday/events)*

*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 Dossdall, 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:

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop:

Bishop Ann Svennungsen