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An ELCA Community

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Come and Worship!

Each Sunday at 10 AM

Nursery available 9:30-12:30

Fellowship time following worship

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

www.facebook.com/StJohnsMpls.org

www.stjohnsmpls.org

Lenten Midweek Worship
Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20
7 p.m. at Lutheran Church of
the Good Shepherd
(pizza served 5:30-7)

Palm Sunday Worship
March 24
10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship
March 28
7 p.m. at St John's

Good Friday Worship
March 29
7 p.m. at St John's

Easter Sunday
March 31
Easter Breakfast 8—9:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt 9:15 a.m.
Festival Worship 10 a.m.

Welcoming, Worshipping, Healing, Serving

Thoughts from Our Pastor

Just a quick glance through the pages of this month's edition of *The Messenger* and you can see that our church ministry is humming along. There are so many wonderful things happening among us and through us: Edith's weekly book study, Wednesday Eve Lenten Worship, Minneapolis Brass Concert on March 9, hosting the Red Cross blood drive on March 25, Game Night on March 14th, packing of food backpacks on the 17th, the Sanctuary Spruce Up on March 23, ordering Easter plants, the organ console has returned to the sanctuary and will be played on Palm Sunday, and our festive worship celebrations of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Our in-person attendance is back to levels we haven't seen since pre-covid while our online viewers continue to hold steady.

Gathering for pizza suppers then Holden Evening Prayer at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd for Lent has been a wonderful success. It's been wonderful to hear these creative sermons as well as the beautiful liturgy sung by their and our musicians. Just a reminder that we will continue throughout Lent to hold those Wednesday services at LCGS at 7PM, but Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services will be at St. John's at 7PM.

Thank you all very much for your continued involvement and support to this ministry we share.

St. John's is one approximately 135 congregations which comprise the Minneapolis Area Synod. The Synodical Bishop is selected at Synod Assembly every six years through a very public discernment or call process. This year the synod met in conferences and were invited to put forth 3 names of people rostered in the ELCA (nationwide) as pastors of Word and Sacrament ministry. Then those people were contacted by the Synodical Vice President Ms. Felecia Boone to inquire whether those candidates were willing to proceed in the call process. But also, at the Synod Assembly's initial meeting there will be a space for the Voting Members to write anyone's name on the line. Then the synod assembly prays, and we cast a ballot in discernment of what the Holy Spirit is nudging us to do. If someone receives 75% of the vote on this first round, we have elected a Bishop. If not, we go to round 2 which limits the candidates to the top seven names and takes 66.7% of the votes cast to be selected as Bishop. These ballots continue until we whittle down the number to 1. It is a fascinating process.

This year my name was put forward as one of the 12 candidates for bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod. I have no doubt that God is up to something here, but I do not presume to be called to serve as Bishop. If I am called, I will serve, but if I am not called, I will continue to serve you and continue in our ministry to lengthen the reach of God's inclusive love and grow this congregation.

Thank you very much for the honor of continuing as your pastor.

Pastor Mark

Moment of Generosity: This month we give thanks and our appreciation to Mark Nervig who was willing to serve as St. John's Synod Assembly Voting Member. Mark and Pastor Mark were present at the Pre-Assembly gathering on February 10 where names of potential candidates for Bishop were compiled and put forward. Mark and Pastor Mark will also be present May 2-4 as this synod does its business and elects a new Bishop.

CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

WHERE DO YOU LISTEN FOR GOD?

As I look at the date today, it is the first gathering of the Lenten Book Study Group. We are reading "Listening for God Volume 1," a collection of short stories or essays in which we are encouraged to get out of our comfort zone and listen for God where we might have never thought of before. I know that I will be stretched but also know that it will be well worth it.

But I cannot help thinking, "Where do I listen for God?" If I am being fully transparent, I admit that I have those days where it is all I can do to pray my prayer beads, and I do not take time for God. I do however hear God through the Holy Spirit at work, nudging me when I need it. Being that still small voice that tells me, "You've got this" or "It is going to turn out better than you think it will." This has happened to me a few times since coming here to St John's, and just so you know: that still small voice with nudge has been right **every** time.

This week I will talk to the children about our God being the God of second chances. When we mess up, we can let God know we are sorry, and God will give us a second chance, and a third, and many more after that. And I wonder to myself how can I **not** be available for God when I have been given multiple chances to do better?

I like to sit in the sanctuary after everyone has left and sit quietly and listen. I listen to Pr. Mark's sermons, often with a pen or pew pencil in my hand, so I can take notes. I did pay attention in my Bible classes, but I can still hear something I never knew or thought of before, especially when he mentions words and definitions from the Greek or Hebrew as those were not required courses for me. I listen when we have conversations in Grace Place. I marvel at the conversations our children have. They are very smart. Parents: you are doing a FANTASTIC job!

While I do listen for God inside the church building, I need to listen for God outside of the church building. The Lenten Book Study is a good place to start. We do have three extra books. If you would like to join us, simply let me know. After our first session I am excited to engage in more conversations. This Lenten season is my season to stretch. To listen for God in new ways and in unfamiliar places.

Perhaps this Lenten season is also your time to stretch. I have an invitation for you: in the back of the sanctuary in the Grace Space area will be a large piece of tagboard hung up. On it will be written "I Listen for God..."

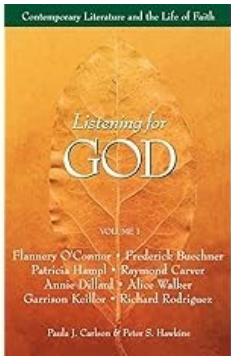
Then in the empty space, I would like you to let others know where you listen for God. I will have some assorted post it notes and some markers for you to use. It is my hope that we will learn together where we can listen for God.

Blessings on your Lenten journey,

Edith



Cross+Generational Events



LISTENING FOR GOD: LENTEN BOOK STUDY—We continue to reading “Listening for God in Contemporary Literature” Volume 1, a collection of short stories by authors such as **Flannery O’Connor, Alice Walker, Frederick Buechner, Annie Dillard, and others.** We will read on our own, then join up for discussion in St. John’s Lounge and on Zoom at **6:30 p.m. on the following Tuesdays:**

All are welcome!
Email edith@stjohnsmpls.org if you are interested.

- March 5**
- March 12**
- March 26**
- April 2**
- April 9**

2024 Chili & Cornbread Contest Update...

It was an exciting contest! We had seven chili entries and three cornbread entries.

Chili entries were submitted by Andy Tellijohn, Craig McAllister, Edith Bohardt, Matt and Jennifer Burdick, Jeanne Tuvey, Sharon Koschak, and Rick Falcon.

The winner of the Golden Ladle for 2024: Jeanne Tuvey.



Taking second place: Andy Tellijohn

Taking third place: Rick Falcon

Cornbread entries were submitted by Sharon Koschak, Diane Harayda, Matt & Jennifer Burdick.

The winner of the Golden Spatula for 2024: Sharon Koschak.



Taking second place: Diane Harayda

Taking third place: Matt and Jennifer Burdick

With all of the votes counted, we raised \$301.31 for charity. Thank you to all participants and all who showed up and voted.

EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

**BREAKFAST
8:00AM-9:30AM**

COME TO FELLOWSHIP HALL BEFORE WORSHIP FOR A BREAKFAST OF PANCAKES, FRUIT, SAUSAGE, CINNAMON ROLLS, JUICE AND COFFEE.

DONATIONS WELCOMED; PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST JOHN'S CHI RHO CENTER.



**EASTER EGG HUNT
9:15AM SHARP**

WE WILL HAVE AN EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THOSE CHILDREN OF GOD AGED 2 YEARS TO 10 YEARS.

MEET IN THE ENTRANCE BY THE CHURCH OFFICE.



GAME MEET UP NIGHT

**Thursday, March 14
6-8PM in the Lounge**

Come to Fellowship Hall on March 14 at 6PM for a night of game playing and snacking.

The church has SEVERAL games to choose from, but if you have one that you would like to play, please bring it along.

Beverages are provided. If you are able to and would like to, you may bring a snack to share.

It is not required, but it is helpful if you can let Edith know if you plan to attend:

Edith@stjohnsmpls.org



COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Food Backpack Ministry

Thank YOU for feeding our neighbors! Your support allows us to provide food-filled backpacks monthly for 20 food-insecure Justice Page Middle School families. During the winter months, much of the food will be ordered online and delivered to church.

Monetary donations to the Backpack Ministry" are appreciated.

Join us to pack food on these Sundays after worship, during fellowship hour:



March 17, April 14, May 12, and June 9.

Deliveries are made one Thursday per month between 8:30-9:00AM:

March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 13.

Please contact Tamara and Mark Gebhardt (gebhardtfamily@msn.com or text to 612-275-2317) or

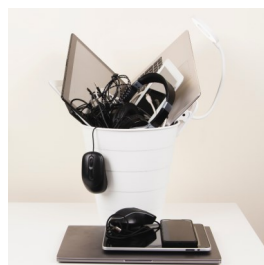
Elizabeth Roe (willetteroe@yahoo.com or text to 612-817-9919) if you have questions.

Community and Neighborhood Ministry Team (CAN)

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

The Tangletown environmental event for March is titled, "**Lunch & Learn: How to get more longevity out of your technology.**" It will be held on Saturday, March 23 from noon to 1:30 at Fuller Park Recreation Center (4802 Grand Ave S).

A company called Gophermods will present tips and tricks for extending the life of your cell phone, laptop, and other battery-powered personal technology. Topics will include best practices for software updates, data storage, and how to properly charge and clean devices.



A light lunch will be served. It is a free event, but please register at Tangletown.org. There is a limit of 35 attendees.

Missionary Circle

Missionary Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 6 at noon at St John's. Project of the day will be to create tray favors for TRUST Meals on Wheels Easter trays.



During March, the Circle will continue to gather donations of socks and towels for the homeless. Even with the warmer winter, these items continue to be important necessities. Donations may be left on the office lobby pew. If you order items to be delivered to the church, please let the office know so that we can watch for the delivery.

Missionary Circle provides support for various local and global efforts, including St. John's Food Backpack Program, Salvation Army Harbor Light Center and Mary's Place shelters for the homeless in Minneapolis, and Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry's sponsorship of students in India.

Have questions about the Missionary Circle and its projects? You may ask JoAnn Christoferson, Jeanne Tuvey, or Deborah Dunham.

Holy Conversations emerge as those gathered reflect on the Sunday's lectionary readings—God's story—and their stories in lively discussion led by Pastor Mark on Thursday mornings at 10 in the Lounge.

Come and share in the exploration!



WORSHIP & MUSIC

LENT 2024

Lenten Wednesdays (March 6, 13 and 20)

Worship—7 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Avenue

Holden Evening Prayer

Meditations: “The Stones Would Shout Out” (Luke 19:38-40)



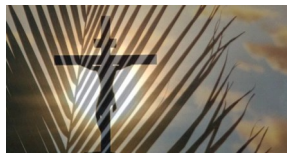
All are welcome to come early for pizza; serving starts at about 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday before worship at LCGS.

St John’s Choir will rehearse at LCGS following worship during Lent.

HOLY WEEK

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY—MARCH 24

10 AM Worship with palms...and organ!
Music by Metropolitan Men’s Choir



MAUNDY THURSDAY—MARCH 28

7 PM Worship w/Communion at St John’s

GOOD FRIDAY—MARCH 29

7 PM Worship at St John’s

EASTER SUNDAY—MARCH 31

8—9:30 Easter Breakfast (Chi Rho benefit)
9:15 Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 Festival Worship

**Sanctuary Spruce Up
Saturday, March 23
10 a.m.—1 p.m.**

In anticipation of Holy Week at St. John’s, a **Sanctuary Spruce-up** is planned for Saturday, March 23 from 10-1, with lunch provided.



The more hands, the more we can do to polish and prepare the space. If able to help, please let Deborah Dunham (volunteer@stjohnsmpls.org) or Ann (communications@stjohnsmpls.org) know.

MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS

March 3 - Mark 12:1-17 (Psalm 86:8-13)

Parable of the wicked tenants; paying taxes to Caesar

March 10 - Mark 12:28-44 (Psalm 89:1-4)

Great commandment, scribes seek honor, a poor widow gives all she has.

March 17 - Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 (Psalm 102:12-17)

The end of the age; call to be watchful.

March 24 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Mark 11:1-11 *Triumphal entry*

Mark 14:3-9 *Woman anoints Jesus*
(Psalm 118:25-29)

March 28—Maundy Thursday:

Mark 14:22-42 (Psalm 116:12-19)

Words of Institution; Peter’s denial foretold; prayer in Gethsemane.

March 29—Good Friday:

Mark 15:16-39 (Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21)

Mocking; crucifixion; “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

March 31—Easter Sunday:

Mark 16:1-8 (Psalm 118:21-27)

Resurrection, empty tomb, and fleeing in fear.

Worship Assistants in February

Assisting Ministers, Communion Preparers, Ushers, Acolytes

Jennifer Burdick, Deborah Dunham, Vicky Ercolani, Larry Fraser, Sharon Koschak, Anneliese Paulson, Elizabeth Roe, Whitney Strand, Eric Willette

Musicians

Edith Bohardt (flute),
St. John’s Choir and Bells



A/V Assistants

Eleanor Nervig, Mark Nervig, Sam Nervig, Dylan Noaman

Fellowship Hosts

Steve & Ellen Dosedall, Sharon Koschak, Susan Zabel

Counters

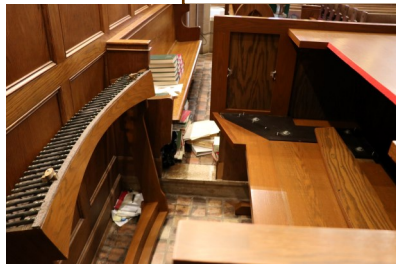
Bonnie Conrad, Deborah Dunham, Larry Fraser, Elizabeth Roe, Diane Rooney, Jeanne Tuvey

The Organ Project



Peder and his Grandall and Engen colleagues continue to work diligently toward having the new organ installed and ready to play on Palm Sunday!

(Photos by Matthew Tiede)



*Top: organ at the shop.
Left: Peder working on components.
Above: Now to put it all together....*

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC

WITH



SATURDAY

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4 PM

FREE

St. John's Lutheran Church

4842 Nicollet Ave
Minneapolis, MN



Minneapolis Brass Ensemble rehearses at St. John's several Saturday mornings during the year. Come and celebrate music with them!

Easter Plants

*St. John's will be decorating the sanctuary with an assortment of plants for Easter, which is on March 31. If you would like to sponsor one or more plants, please place your request by **Sunday, March 17**. You may:*

- * Complete and bring or send printed form with payment to church by March 17.
- * You may order and pay online using this link: <https://stjohns4842.breezechms.com/form/bd3144961996>
- * Contact the church office: 612-827-4406; communications@stjohnsmpls.org
- * Payment may be made by check or by texting 'Give (amount) flowers' to 612-800-0444.

A donation of \$16.00 for each plant is appreciated. 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 _____

Hyacinth (assorted colors) Quantity _____

Daffodil Quantity _____



Name: _____

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ plant(s)

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Other _____

Will pick up Give to homebound

THANK YOU!

ADMINISTRATION

Council Highlights St. John's Congregation Council February 18, 2024



Pastor's Report including Financials:

- The Church received 435K ERC Employee Retention Credit money during covid. Of that 235K remains. 100K of it has been transferred from ERC to the checking account to cover the negative budget.
- Pastor is very pleased with the new people attending worship, making special note of childcare parents involved. Edith will continue to occasionally offer a morning welcome table with coffee and donuts for childcare parents, the next being on March 12th.
- Edith's many activities such as Shrove Tuesday with over 30 in attendance have been a success. The Church is in a good welcoming position. We will continue with outdoor events for the community during the summer months to show our hospitality.
- Pastor announced he is on the list nominated for bishop. He explained the timeline and how the process works. He hopes to have the opportunity to voice his ideas the direction the synod should go in the future to be a resource center for help for all congregations. From 2005 until now, the Minneapolis area synod has gone from 189 to 139 congregations.

Ministry Team Reports:

- Reports have been received from CAN, Cross+Generational, Music Series, and Worship. No Council action requested. Only a note that volunteers are needed for the Cross+Generational Treat & Meet events.

Old Business:

- Roof legal update - Brenda Sauro is waiting to hear back from Guide One after submitting forensic information and encouraging a meeting before moving to sue. Legal fees have been taken out of the roof fund as approved.
- Pastor moved and Deborah seconded that the Holden money assigned to the roof be changed to Chi Rho for equipment. Chi Rho is in need of a UTV vehicle and possibly a golf cart. The first half of the Holden money remains the same, designated to Church cameras. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Two computers were purchased. Dave Helm needed a desktop and Ann a laptop.
- The Church is looking into new ways for members to contribute to the Church while in attendance such as the Venmo app or a QR Code. More research needed.
- Diane will be invited to come to Council and explain her vision as to how the Lounge can be updated to a more modern Resource Center. Grant money will be needed.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Conrad, Secretary

Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop Election update

The Holy Spirit was moving through Conference Assemblies on Saturday, February 10. Members of the Bishop Election Committee (BEC) are grateful for voting members' prayerful participation in the synod's election process. The BEC received the top three nominees from each conference assembly, and our Synod VP Felecia Boone called nominees to ask about their openness to discerning a call to the office of the bishop.

As of February 29, 12 nominees have agreed to continue their discernment as candidates for the office of the bishop. Please note that nominees can withdraw at any point in their discernment process. The individual pastors are:

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Babette Chatman | Dan Poffenberger |
| Aaron Fuller | Bradley Schmeling |
| Stephanie Espinoza | Natalia Terfa |
| Norma Malfatti | Mark Tiede |
| Joy McDonald Coltvet | Kathryn Tiede |
| Jen Nagel | Megan Torgerson |

The BEC is diligently preparing for the four upcoming forums with nominees in April scheduled on the following dates:

- Sunday, April 7, 2024 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**
 Location: **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**,
 19001 Jackson Street NE, East Bethel
- Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**
 Location: TBD
- Saturday, April 13, 2024 | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**
 Location: **Bethel Lutheran Church**,
 4120 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis
- Tuesday, April 16, 2024 | 7:00 - 8:p.m. | Via Zoom**

The final slate of nominees who have submitted all forms and completed the required background checks will be posted on the Bishop Election website no later than Monday, April 1. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact us at BEC@mpls-synod.org or visit our web page at <https://mpls-synod.org/2024-bishop-election>.

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
St. John's Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
 4842 Nicollet Avenue
 Minneapolis, MN 55419

Monday, March 25, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: St Johns Lutheran to schedule an appointment.



Give blood 3/25 to 4/7 for an exclusive GODZILLA x KONG: THE NEW EMPIRE and Red Cross shirt ltd qty!



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WE'RE HAVING A
BOOK FAIR!

ST JOHN'S CHILD CARE CENTER
MARCH 19-21

Lounge right inside our main entrance!

Please help our school meet our goal of 438 books and inspire a love of reading in our students. Scholastic will give back a portion of the goal as rewards to our school when you shop.

All purchases through the Book Fair benefit our school. Shop online March 18-31 to support our school Happy reading!
[Book Fair Homepage \(scholastic.com\)](http://BookFairHomepage(scholastic.com))

In Our Prayers....

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

† Jeannie C., Kathy Cashin, Brian Conrad, Michelle Dehn, Debra Jacobs, Marge Korzenowski, Karen O., Sandy Rader, Jan Sammelson, Kris Schepers, Susan Tasa, Lana Tiede, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Bruce Walker, and all whom we hold in our hearts and are known by God.



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:

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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 |

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 |

'Spring Ahead'

March 10

St Patrick's Day

March 17

Maundy Thursday

March 28

Good Friday

March 29

Easter Sunday

March 31

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 2024

March 3-9

Sunday, March 3—Lent 3

10 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
in person and online; nursery open

11 am **Fellowship (FH)**

11:15 am **Grace Place learning (top floor)**

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

Tuesday, March 5

10 am **SJ Staff (Lounge)**

6:30 pm **Lenten Book Study (Lounge/Zoom)**

Wednesday, March 6

7 pm **Lenten Worship @LCGS;**
pizza served from 5:30 pm

7:30 pm **SJ Choir @LCGS**

Thursday, March 7

10 am **Holy Conversations (Lounge)**

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

Friday, March 8

6:30 pm **Mpls Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)**

Saturday, March 9

4 pm **Mpls Brass 'Celebration of Music'**
(St. John's Sanctuary)

March 10-16

Sunday, March 10—Lent 4 (Time change)

10 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
in person and online; nursery open

11 am **Fellowship (FH)**

11:15 am **Grace Place learning (top floor)**

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

Monday, March 11

5:30 pm **Admin Team (Zoom)**

7 pm **FNP Leadership Group (Lounge)**

Tuesday, March 12

7:15 am **'Treat & Meet' for CC families**

6:30 pm **Lenten Book Study (Lounge)**

7 pm **Tangletown Env Comm (Zoom)**

Wednesday, March 13

7 pm **Lenten Worship @LCGS;**
pizza served from 5:30 pm

7:30 pm **SJ Choir @LCGS**

Thursday, March 14

10 am **Holy Conversations (Lounge)**

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

6 pm **Game Meet Up (Lounge)**

March 17-23

Sunday, March 17 – Lent 5

10 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
in person and online; nursery open

11 am **Fellowship (FH)**

11 am **Packing of Food Backpacks (FH)**

11:15 am **Grace Place learning (top floor)**

11:15 am **Lutheranism 101/Communion (Chap)**

11:15 am **St John's Council (Lounge)**

Tuesday, March 19

10 am **SJ Staff (Lounge)**

6 pm **FNP Cohort (off-site)**

Wednesday, March 20

7 pm **Lenten Worship @LCGS;**
pizza served from 5:30 pm

7:30 pm **SJ Choir @LCGS**

Thursday, March 21—Backpack Delivery

10 am **Holy Conversations (Lounge)**

Saturday, March 23

10 am **Sanctuary Spruce Up (Sanctuary)**

March 24-31

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

10 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
in person and online; nursery open

11 am **Fellowship (FH)**

Tuesday, March 26 - 'Messenger' deadline

6:30 pm **Lenten Book Study (Lounge/Zoom)**

Wednesday, March 27

6:45 pm **SJ Choir (FH)**

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

7 pm **Worship @ St John's**

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

7 pm **Worship @ St John's**

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

8 am **Easter Breakfast (FH)**

9:15 am **Easter Egg Hunt**

10 am **Festival Worship**

in person and online; nursery open

Scholastic Book Fair - March 19-21 (Lounge)
Metropolitan Men's Choir - Tuesdays 7 pm;
Saturdays 9 am (FH)

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



THE MESSENGER

Information

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 Church Office Fax612-827-0574
 Child Care Center612-827-1237
 Chi Rho Center320-274-8307
 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

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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:

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:

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