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ST. JOHN'S SUNDAYS

Sunday morning worship in person & live via YouTube

Link to YouTube & bulletin posted on Facebook pages and website

www.facebook.com/StJohnsMpls.org

www.stjohnspl.org

Sunday, November 6 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10AM

*Time Change—
turn clocks back*

All Saints Sunday

Grace Place for children during worship
(after Faith Formation Moment)

Fellowship following worship

Sunday, November 13 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10AM

Grace Place for children (ages 3-11)

Fellowship following worship

with **Packing of Food Backpacks**

Lutheranism 101—11:15-11:55AM

Sunday, November 20 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10AM

Stewardship Pledge Sunday

Grace Place for children

Fellowship following worship -

Sunday Funday 11:30AM-1PM

Sunday, November 27 WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10AM

First Sunday in Advent

'Searchers & Seekers' - 9AM

Preparing for Advent

Fellowship following worship

Lutheranism 101—11:15-11:55AM

(chapel)

Thoughts from Pastor Mark



This fall has been remarkable. In September and October we started to see more people return to regular in-person worship – many brought with them new faces of children who have been added to their family since last we had seen each other. Sunday School is regularly meeting on Sundays and the very moment we can hire Nursery attendants that will also be made available for those who would choose it. But what FUN it has been to hear the sounds of young ones in worship once again!

The Lutheranism 101 sessions I have been hosting have been, for me at least, an absolute blast. Thank you for you, confirmation parents, who asked for more content and for attending with your confirmand. I ***love*** the fact that parents and child are there together and many other members and/or friends are attending as well. It's been fun and you have kept me on my toes, for sure!

It has been a joy for me and the Worship Committee to hear from so many of you that you are enjoying the Narrative Lectionary. Granted this is a big change (which, admittedly, not everyone appreciates), but the Worship Committee first suggested and then implemented the change for a few reasons, 1) so that we could hear once again some of those old Bible stories we have not heard in so many years, 2) so that we might grow in our biblical literacy, and 3) so that we experience the Bible as one story of God's redemption of humanity. I can still recall from several years ago Warner Northrup's face upon singing "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" in Advent and he suddenly knew what the lyrics "O Come, O Key of David, Come" meant! That was a huge moment for Warner. That type of experience is exactly what I do hope and pray the Narrative Lectionary might have on you: when the specific Bible chapter and verse or the lyric of a hymn ***suddenly*** makes sense or the story has a deeper context for you, sometime within this year.

This month: November marks a moment when much of our life together pivots for three reasons:

- 1) our country will be making decisions regarding our elected law and policy makers. As Lutheran Christians it is our duty to be in the world and participate in our civic duties. So be sure to vote! And,
- 2) the change of season is more of a leap from that autumnal feel to the more crisp, winter-like days. And,
- 3) in our life together as St. John's Lutheran Church, November is the grand finale to our liturgical year, culminating in an entire month-long recognition of all the generosity given and received by so many.
 - a. All Saints Sunday starts the month by giving thanks to God for all the saints who have lived generous lives among us.
 - b. On Sunday, November 20 we will, as a whole congregation, not only lean into the year 2023 with our pledges of financial generosity and our contributions of time, but also celebrate the sovereignty of the resurrected Christ on Christ the King Sunday – the final Sunday of the liturgical year.
 - c. On Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday November 23, we will gather for worship to give God thanks and praise for God's gifts of crops and grain, waters and streams, you and me, and indeed all that God has made and given to us to steward.
 - d. Then on the final Sunday of November we start a new liturgical year as the first Sunday of Advent and begin celebration and anticipation of the birth of Christ.

Thankful for you and all you continue to do in/with/ and under your faith,
Pastor Mark

A Ministry Highlight

Each month we are taking the opportunity to focus on one area of our Congregational Ministry.

During the month of November we be focusing on the themes of **Gratitude and Generosity**.

For what are we most grateful? How do we express gratitude? What are our favorite ways of receiving generosity or of giving generously?

As we worship, pray, learn, and gather for fun and fellowship, we'll have opportunity to reflect on and talk with others about our ways of stewarding the grace we receive in abundance ...often unaware.

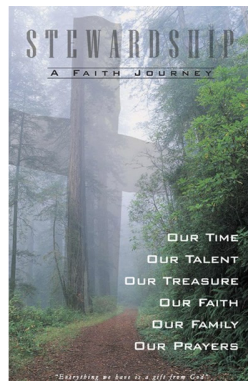
STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Pledge Sunday—November 20

Stewardship is about how we live out our faith in the awareness of God’s love and grace-filled covenant with us. This life-long journey includes caring for and sharing the gifts that we have received.

Stewardship Pledge Sunday gives each of us an opportunity to focus on our financial stewardship supporting ministry with, through, and beyond St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Watch for a stewardship mailing with pledge card in early November. You may use the card to present your pledge at worship on Sunday, Nov. 20. Alternatively you may pledge online [here](#) or return your pledge by mail to the church office.



Moments of Generosity: tell us YOUR stories!

As a way of highlighting generosity and gratitude this November, each of you are invited to share a ‘moment(s) of generosity’ you have recently witnessed or experienced. This doesn’t need to be directly connected with St. John’s—wherever you see it is good. We’ll offer your ‘moments’ as quotes in our worship bulletin as received throughout November.

There will be paper available at church for submitting your thoughts, or you may email them to Ann at communications@stjohnsmpls.org (or mail to the church at 4842 Nicollet Avenue, Mpls, MN 55419).



FACILITIES



Our new entrance awnings...now we can say, ‘Go to the burgundy entrance’ or ‘Go to the orange entrance’!



‘Hospitality’ courtesy Brad Nelson...new in office lobby

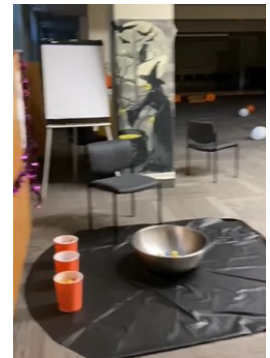
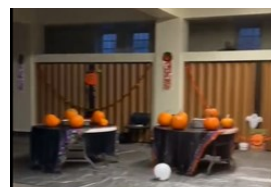
CHILD CARE



Photos from video by Tina



All ready for our HALLOWEEN PARTY!



CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

ADVENT BEGINS NOV. 27

Seekers and Searchers that morning will be working on some Advent crafts in preparation for the season. All ages and stages are welcome to join in the creativity at 9:00 a.m., Sunday the 27th in Fellowship Hall!



Ideas Needed for Fundays...

Do you have an idea for a funday? The Cross+Generational Team looks forward to your ideas and suggestions. Please let one of the team members know (Anne Nervig, Beth McAllister, Dustin Olson, Jennifer Burdick, Leah Coveney, or Tamara Gebhardt) or email Edith at edith@stjohnsmpls.org



Holy Conversations

For the next few weeks, Holy Conversations will focus on the lectionary readings, both looking back to the Sunday before with its message and ahead to the coming Sunday.

Join these lively discussions hosted by Pr Mark and held weekly on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in St. John's Lounge.

If you have an idea of another day or time that would work for you to attend, please contact Pastor Mark.



Topic/study suggestions are also welcome!

Sunday Morning Nursery



Do you love babies and toddlers? Do you like to have fun?

Then we need you to help in our Nursery on Sunday mornings!

We are currently looking for volunteers as well as paid attendants to serve in our Nursery on a rotating schedule.

If you could help or know someone who might be interested, please let Edith, Pastor Mark, or Ann know.

We will have a laptop in the Nursery so attendants will be able to hear the service.



Pastor Mark is leading a Sunday Forum, 'Lutheranism 101,' every other Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in St. John's Chapel. This is for confirmation students, their families and ALL members of our church and friends. It will be a crash course on How to Use the Bible, What is a Small Catechism, Luther: the German Monk of the 16th Century, and why any of this matters in our daily life. **THIS MONTH'S SESSIONS ARE ON NOVEMBER 13 & 27.**

Sunday Funday November 20

Board
Games



Snacks

11:30 am—1 pm

For everyone!

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD

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

Donations NEEDED by Sunday Nov. 6 are:

- peanut butter
- canned tuna or chicken
- canned soup or stew
- canned ravioli
- mac & cheese
- boxed cereal
- apple sauce cups
- 16 oz. bags brown rice
- canned fruits and vegetables



Join after worship on Sunday, Nov. 13 to pack 20 backpacks.

You can volunteer to:

1. inventory donated food
2. shop for non-perishable items needed the week of Nov. 7-12
3. pack 20 backpacks on Sunday Nov. 13
4. deliver backpacks to JP Middle School on Thursday Nov. 17, between 8:40 - 9:00 am.

Cassie and Chelsae, Social Workers, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the 20 backpacks we delivered in October to support families with food insecurity. We are doing GOOD in OUR Neighborhood with your help. Thank **YOU** !

Harbor Light Shelter....



THANK YOU

THE GIVING TREE 2022

Dear St. John's Families,

This is our 24th year of the GIVING TREE! St. John's Child Care Center teams with St. John's church members on this project to multiply our impact on the community. We hope to help our children and all who participate realize the importance of helping others in need.

Justice Page Middle School is the local school that we support. Families have been identified by school social workers as "highly mobile/at risk". Our primary goal is to provide 20 or more families with \$50 in gift cards. Gift cards meet broader needs to include items such food, hygiene items, diapers, formula, etc. Clothing needs identified: gray or black sweatpants for middle school boys (boy's size large or men's size small), and gray or black leggings (women's sizes medium, large and XXL).

Gift cards to Walmart, CUB and Target cards in \$25 dollar amount are suggested. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. There will be a tub just inside our Nicollet entry door to drop off clothing items.



Donations will be accepted **November 21- December 12.**

Thank YOU, St. John's families, for helping to show we care about our Justice Page Middle School families. TOGETHER we DO make a difference for families in our community. Thank you for your generous gifts and kindness!!

(The GIVING TREE project is in ADDITION to our Food Backpack Program. Please see separate listing for foods needed to pack 20 November backpacks.)

WORSHIP & MUSIC

WELCOME to Worship!

- Worship will remain at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in November, in person and online
 - ◊ Live broadcast and recorded on YouTube (video link posted on website and Facebook).
- Masks and social distancing encouraged but not required.
- Fellowship time will be offered each Sunday following worship in November. Remember to make and wear your name tag and introduce yourself to someone you do not know.

Come, join the Choir!



Rehearsals are in Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

from 6:45—7:30 p.m.

November 2 & 16

Peder Flaten, director
pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Masks are optional.

Come, Ring the Bells!



Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Wednesday

from 6:00—6:45 p.m.

November 9

Peder Flaten, director
pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Masks are optional.

Assist in Worship:

If you have a new or renewed interest in serving as a reader, communion preparer and/or server, usher/greeter, acolyte, or cantor for worship, please contact Deborah Dunham, Pastor Mark, or Ann. The more who are willing, the more flexibility there is in planning and in frequency of serving.

Hymns or Musical Offerings:

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

Worship Assistants in October

The Burdick family, Bonnie Conrad, Andy Dossdall, Steve Dossdall, Deborah Dunham, Vicky Ercolani, Peder Flaten, Larry Fraser, Lori Johnson, Sharon Koschak, the Nervig family, Dylan Noaman, Annie Paulson, Elizabeth Roe, Diane Rooney, Oly Stromberg, Jeanne Tuvey, Graham Zima



St. John's worship
on Youtube



St. John's podcasts
on Spotify



NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

November 6

All Saints Sunday

2 Kings 5:1-15a

Elisha heals Naaman

November 13

Pentecost 23

**Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a;
6:6-8**

*The Lord desires justice,
mercy, walking
humbly with God*

November 20

Christ the King Sunday

**Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20;
37:1-7; then 2:1-4**

Swords into Plowshares

November 23

Thanksgiving Eve

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

November 27

Advent 1

**Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4;
3:[3b-6], 17-19**

Faith as a Way of Life

WORSHIP & MUSIC

St. John’s Advent Devotional 2022!

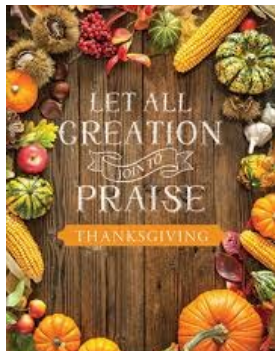
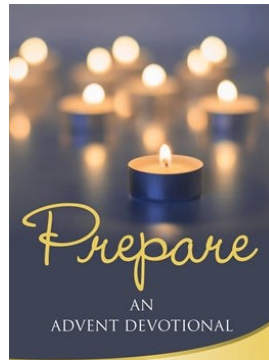
The Worship Committee invites writers, poets and artists within our congregation to contribute to a daily devotional collection for use during the season of Advent this year. We haven’t done a congregation devotional like this since 2016, and it is a unique and lovely gift we can share with one another. Seems a good time for that!

There are 28 days in Advent, and a different devotion, or spiritual reflection, is needed for each day. Anyone may contribute, ages 1 to 101! Contributors may use a piece of scripture, a hymn, a poem/reading or an image (or combination thereof) for their inspiration if they wish. **The weekly themes of Advent—hope and faith, peace, love and joy—**may be helpful in one’s pondering, too.

Once compiled, the Advent Devotional will be available in electronic and print format for individual members to enjoy throughout **Advent**, which **begins on November 27**. Contributions will be due in mid-November.

For more details or to sign up as a contributor, please contact Deborah Dunham (volunteer @stjohnsmpls.org) or Ann Paulson (communications@stjohnmpls.org)

Thank you,
The Worship Committee



Wednesday, Nov. 23
Thanksgiving Eve
at St. John’s
WORSHIP at 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship & Pie afterward...!

MUSIC SERIES



Messiah 2022!

Plans are under way for St. John’s Oratorio Chorus performances of Handel’s *Messiah* in December! Samuel Grace will be returning to rehearse the Chorus and conduct the performances.

Chorus rehearsals begin Sunday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

All rehearsals will be 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursday, Nov. 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8 (dress rehearsal)

Monday, Dec. 5 (instead of Dec. 4)

Performance dates are:

Saturday, December 10, 7 p.m. and

Sunday, December 11, 4 p.m.

If you would like to join the chorus for this year’s *Messiah*, please contact St. John’s office.

Professional orchestra and soloists join the chorus in performance.

For more information see ‘Music Series’ on website or Facebook, www.stjohnsmpls.org/music-series/ or www.facebook.com/stjohnsmusicseries

The mission of the St. John’s Music Series is to present great works of music to our neighbors and community, performed well, free of charge. Our concerts are funded entirely by individual contributions from our supporters.

St. John's Lutheran Church presents...  St. John's Music Series

Handel's
Messiah

with St. John's Oratorio Chorus and Orchestra
Samuel Grace, conductor

Saturday, December 10, 2022 | 7 p.m.
Sunday, December 11, 2022 | 4 p.m.

For more info, to donate, or to watch the performance online please visit
www.stjohnsmpls.org/music-series/

St. John's Music Series seeks to offer all people the opportunity to hear great music, performed well, free of charge. 4842 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55419
www.stjohnsmpls.org 612-827-4406

ADMINISTRATION

St. John's Congregation Council



Summary of October 20, 2022 Council Meeting

Pastor's Report

General overview: OK. Fellowship hour going well. Seeking ways to re-enliven, revitalize the congregation.

The Rev. Norma Malfatti – ELCA director of Evangelical Mission. Norma will be preaching and presenting adult forum on Dec. 11.

WCC contract negotiations scheduled for Oct 27. Lori Johnson, Patrick Coveney, Jennifer Belz represent St. John's.

Veronica Lacy, new hire as Sunday/event custodian.

Treasurer's Report: Monthly & YTD Financials

\$50,000 in checking.

Late summer checking account dips were covered by borrowing from Organ and A/C funds.

End of September \$75,000 actual deficit. \$20,000 worse than budgeted. Chi Rho has net loss of \$34,000. Childcare and giving are as expected.

2023 Budget – in process. Council will vote on budget in November.

Need to focus on revenue generation in 2023. Pr. Mark wants to grow our congregation so that the membership- supports operations in Minneapolis campus.

Committee Reports

Cross+Generational blessed 12 dogs on St. Francis Day (Oct. 4), held a prayer retreat at Chi Rho, and is welcoming visitors to Grace Place

Music Series has engaged soloists and is gathering singers

Website Task Force is gathering copy and images

Old Business:

Langer Proposal: Council is in favor of gathering information for facilities projects in order to plan and budget and for fundraising.

Rustic Lodge Task Force: extensive plumbing is needed to bring the duplex up to code.

New Business:

Guide One insurance claim (roof): St. John's claim was denied by Guide One. Next step is to gather information and support for our case before deciding to move forward with legal claim.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Carlson, Council Secretary

In Our Prayers....

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

† Amy Arens, Margery Arens, Kathy Cashin, JoAnn Christoferson, Brian Conrad, Harriet Ellis, Mike & Eleanor Erickson, Wes Gebhardt, Ron Hasselmann, Debra Jacobs, Neil Jenkins, Pastor Karl Jacobson, Marge Korzenowski, Jane McNaughton, Pastor Michael Pancoast, Jan Sammelson, Karen Schoenecker, Susan Stagg, Lorenzo Statin, Susan Tasa, Lana Tiede, Jeanne Tuvey, Bruce Walker, Vicki Wheeler, Hans Wiersma, and all whom we hold in our hearts and are known by God

Ones newly baptized:

† Arthur Odin Dossdall, infant son of Andy and Nicole Dossdall and brother to Henry; baptized on October 2, 2022. Arthur’s godparents are James and Amanda Denker.

On All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6, St. John’s will name those we remember as having died in the past year. What name(s) would you like added to that list, whether they have been in our congregation’s prayers or not? Please tell us their first and last names, where they lived, and connection with you if you wish. You may call or email the church office this week. Here are the names we have: Anna Koosmann, Warner Northrup, Rhonda Stanley, Nira Flaten, and Kevin Lehse.

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 |



Happy Birthday!

- 2 Dylan Noaman
- 6 Lilianna Micco
- 10 Ann Paulson
- 11 Bridget Jacques-Fricke
Clara Willette
- 14 Pearl Johnson (100!)
Elizabeth Roe
- 18 Louise Carlson
Suzanne Jebe
- 22 Carole Birch
Lucas Tiede
Linnea (Tiede) Yadav
- 28 Willomina Smith

Happy Anniversary!

- 9 John & Jennifer Gerken



Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour On Saturday Evening

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!

November 2022

Nov. 1-5

Tuesday, November 1

10 am SJ Staff meeting

Wednesday, November 2

12 pm Missionary Circle (Lounge)

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

7 pm St. John's Choir (FH)

Thursday, November 3

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

6 pm Chi Rho Committee

November 6-12

Sunday, November 6—All Saints Sunday

Time change—turn clocks back

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

11 am Fellowship following worship (FH)

11:25 am Worship Committee (Lounge)

7 pm 'Messiah' Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 9

6 pm St. John's Bells (sanctuary)

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

Thursday, November 10

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

7 pm 'Messiah' Rehearsal (FH)

November 13-19

Sunday, November 13—23rd Sunday of Pentecost

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

11 am Fellowship in FH following worship

Packing of Backpacks

11:15 am Cross+Gen Team

11:15 am Lutheranism 101 (chapel)

7 pm 'Messiah' Rehearsal

Monday, November 14

5 pm Admin Team

Tuesday, November 15

10 am SJ Staff meeting

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

6:45 pm SJ Choir (FH)

Thursday, November 17—**Backpack Delivery**

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

5:30 pm ECFE-Child Care (FH)

7 pm SJ Council

7 pm 'Messiah' Rehearsal (FH)

November 20-26

Sunday, November 20—Christ the King Sunday

Stewardship Pledge Sunday

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

11:15 am Sunday Funday! after worship (FH)

7 pm 'Messiah' Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, November 21

5:30 pm Website Design Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 23

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Fellowship & Pie following

Thursday, November 24—**Thanksgiving Day**

November 27-30

Sunday, November 27—1st Sunday of Advent

**9 am Searchers & Seekers-
Advent Crafts** (FH)

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

11 am Fellowship in FH

11:15 am Lutheranism 101 (Chapel)

7 pm 'Messiah' Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, November 28—**'Messenger' deadline**

Wednesday, November 30

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC



Chi Rho weekends:

Nov. 4-6 Church Group

Nov. 11-13 &

16-19 Music Meditation
Group

Space for your own notes or doodles!

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THE MESSENGER

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Ann Paulson

St. John's Lutheran Church
A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Our Mission:

Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St. John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.

Our Core Values:

Welcoming

Celebrating and caring for all people. Our doors are open.
You belong. Come as you are.

Worshipping

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.

ELCA Presiding Bishop:

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop:

Bishop Ann Svennungsen