



# The Messenger

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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)*

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**November 5 - All Saints Sunday**

**"Thank you, Graham"**

**Grace Place at 11:15**

**Worship Committee at 11:15**

**November 12 - Pentecost 23**

**Stewardship Pledge Sunday**

**Packing of Backpacks after worship**

**Grace Place at 11:15**

**November 19 - Pentecost 24**

**Worship—A Litany of Thanksgiving**

**Grace Place at 11:15**

**Church Council at 11:15**

**November 26 - Christ the King**

**"Faith in Community" at 11:20**

*Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, Serving*

## Thoughts from Our Pastor



All Saints Sunday, Pledge Card Sunday, Thanksgiving, and Christ the King Sunday all occur in this single month and it's a lot. It's a lot of choir anthems to rehearse, bells anthems to practice, backpacks to shop for, pack and deliver, prelude and postludes to prepare, sermons to write, bulletins to create, and décor to change. But it is also a very emotionally charged time for all of us. I am hearing many wonder how to keep it all together.

Remember the game Trivial pursuit? The piece you moved around the board was a circle with 6 empty pie shaped slots. The goal of the game was to travel around the board, getting correct answers to each of the 6 genre of questions which would earn you a pie wedge that you would put into your piece. When your piece was full of 6 different pie wedges, then you traveled to the center to answer one last question. If you got it right, you win. If not, you'd try again.

I think of this game every time I hear someone authentically lament, *"I just can't fit it all in"* or *"I don't have time for church"* or *"Pastor, I am so tired... I just can't"* or *"church isn't working for my family right now."* I think in these moments people are so authentically overwhelmed by stuff in life that they have begun to think of their faith as merely one of the pie wedges; like tending to their faith is yet another thing they need to do, yet they know they do not have the bandwidth to do anything about it. When in fact, because faith is a gift from God in Christ Jesus, faith is NOT the pie wedge, but the whole round piece that holds together every pie wedge of our lives.



What's more, God does not expect us to have it all correct before we move on to the next genre. God does not expect us to get it right in order to "win." God does not even expect us to have the energy to do anything about it – which is why God... saves... us. God knows we struggle which is why Jesus' ministry was to build community amid the suffering and struggle. We need each other when life piles up. The Church – the community of Jesus followers – EXISTS to provide the net when we fall, to extend the hand when we stumble, to reach out with a healing hand when we are wounded – physically or otherwise. When you cannot believe it, come and just let us speak to you the words of the Good News in Jesus.

Please hear me: I encourage you, when you feel pulled thin and there is nothing left to give, come to church and be amongst the people to whom you belong. When you feel as though life has become insurmountable, come to church where you will meet the resurrected Christ in both sacraments and in the fellowship of the saints gathered. When you feel like maybe you or your family will be a nuisance to the church, COME! And let this community of people love you and SHOW you that they understand.

In these extremely trying moments of life,

PLEASE, do not quit on your faith but rely more fully on it.

PLEASE, do not let your doubts or questions obscure God's clear love of you.

And please DO remember that even when we have our moments of doubt, skepticism, or even cynicism, whether it be generally in God or more specifically in Jesus, or the church, or whatever... God never ever loses faith in you nor ever stops loving you. In fact, God knows our faith falters and that life piles up.

That's why God gave us a savior in the first place. Jesus the Christ is that savior. THAT is the Gospel on which we ALL must depend. I know I do.

**CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY**

## AN INTERVIEW WITH MAGDA PIGTUNIA

Edith: Hi Magda! Thank you for giving me this interview.

Magda Pigtunia: You are welcome, I think this will be fun.

Edith: Me too. So that our readers and members know, how did I come to adopt you?

Magda Pigtunia: Well, you were at LHUCC back then working at the church building when you got the bright idea of buying a book at Wild Rumpus for the Faith Formation Moment the next day. I kind of think you should have thought about the faith formation moment BEFORE Saturday, don't you?

Edith: Yes, I probably should have, but remember, I was working two jobs and taking a full load of seminary classes back then, not an easy thing to do.

Magda Pigtunia: Yes, I guess I can cut you some slack for that, besides I am not so sure you would have adopted me if you came earlier in the week. Saturday is a busy day at the bookstore, so you had to wait to check out. You looked my way and I think it was love at first sight. You picked me up, thought about it, almost put me back but changed your mind. I am so glad you did! You brought me back to the church building with you and took my picture, posted it to Facebook telling your friends all about me and asking what you should name me. Your friends came up with a lot of good names. Out of all the suggestions you took Magda from one friend and Pigtunia from another. I think my name is unique just like me.

Edith: You know, we are all God's unique masterpieces. I am glad you see yourself that way. It would be boring if we all looked the same and acted the same. So how do you like being here at St. John's with me?

Magda Pigtunia: I like it. The best part is when I get hugs from the kids. Remember that little girl last Easter? She did not want to let me go. She was very sweet. I liked her hugs.

Edith: How do you like having a groundhog and a pack rat for siblings?

Magda Pigtunia: I think we make a nice family. We all get along well. Except that John Philip tells me I grunt in my sleep, just for the record I do NOT grunt in my sleep! I do not know where he got that idea from.

Edith: Well maybe he heard something at night when he was scurrying around the church in search of treasures for his pack, and he just thought it was you.

Magda Pigtunia: I bet that is it! Because I KNOW I do not grunt in my sleep.

Edith: Are you sure? Because you would be asleep.....

Magda Pigtunia: Oh, I guess I was so worried about what people would think of me, that I never thought that through. Maybe I DO grunt in my sleep! I hope it is not too loud for Linden and John Philip.

Edith: I am sure they are okay with it. As John Philip reminded us in his interview with me last month, none of us are perfect, but we are all children of God and God loves us even if we snort in our sleep.

Magda Pigtunia: That is wonderful news!

Edith: Yes, it is. Well, our time is up. Was this interview as fun as you thought it would be?

Magda Pigtunia: It was way more fun!



**Cross+Generational Events**



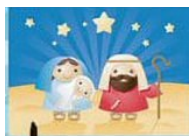
**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM — Game Meet Up in Fellowship Hall**

Bring a snack to share and a game to play if you would like. Beverages provided, and the church does have games to choose from. Fun for all ages and stages!



**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> — Faith in Community Sunday**

Meet in the lounge at 11:20AM with your beverage and treat for our Faith in Community Sunday. Based on the Fruits of the Spirit. This month we take a closer look at Peace. For all ages and stages.



**Sunday, December 10 — Cross+Generational Christmas Pageant**

Gather after worship in Fellowship Hall for “Starry Night, Noisy Night,” then treats.

**New Members of St. John’s**

St. John’s welcomed these new members of our church community on October 1, 2023: Diane Harayda, Richard Newstrom, and Calvin, Rachel and Lily Rak. Calvin and Lily were also baptized on that day.

These folk are already involved in ministries and worship at St. John’s. Rachel is serving as a Faith Companion for Grace Place, Richard has joined the Bell Choir, and Diane is the attendant for our Sunday nursery, where you may also occasionally find Lily!



Diane Harayda



Richard Newstrom



Calvin, Rachel and Lily Rak

**Stewardship Pledge Sunday Nov. 12**

Stewardship pledges for St. John’s 2024 ministry year will be gathered *Sunday, November 12* during 10 a.m. worship. Watch for an email this week with printable card and letter plus a link to an online pledge form if that is more convenient for you. You may also pick up a pledge card at church.

Please bring your completed pledge card to present on Nov. 12, bring or send to the office as able, or or submit your pledge online.

Your pledges are helpful in planning St. John’s ministry budget for 2024, and are an expression of our commitment as individuals and as a congregation to the sharing of the gospel, love and service within and beyond our community of faith.



## COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD

**St. John's Justice Page Middle School Food Backpack Ministry** provides food-filled backpacks for 20 food-insecure families once a month during the school year. This year there are 3 sets of backpacks – 10 with food that is culturally-appropriate for Latina families, 5 with food that is culturally-appropriate for Somali families, and 5 that are the mix of foods we have provided in past years.

We are looking for volunteers. Please let us know if you are interested in 1 of the 5 following roles:

1. Be part of a team of 2-3 people that inventory our food stock and purchase needed culturally-appropriate food items for 10 Latina families every month: 10 one-pound bags of dry black beans, 10 one-pound bags of dry pinto beans, 10 cans of chipotles in adobo sauce, 10 cans enchilada sauce, and 10 cans diced chiles/peppers.
2. Be part of a team of 2-3 people that inventory our food stock and purchase the culturally appropriate food items for 5 Somali families every month: 5 cans Halal tuna, 5 bags black-eyed peas, and 5 bags fava beans.
3. Purchase 1 or more of the following items every month for several months or the full year. Depending on the item, this will range from 5-40 items/month. Foods can be ordered online and delivered to church.

- 20 - 15 oz. cans diced tomatoes
- 20 packs of spaghetti
- 20 - 24 oz. non-glass (plastic) marinara pasta sauce
- 20 - 1-pound bags brown rice
- 40 boxes macaroni and cheese
- 20 cans fruit
- 20 cans vegetables
- 40 packs of Ramen (chicken)
- 5 cans stew/hearty soup
- 5 cans beef ravioli
- 20 jars (16-oz) peanut butter
- 40 - 10-ounce Sunny-D juice bottles/pouches
- 20 boxes of granola bars
- 40 individually wrapped cookie snack packs
- 200 fruit snack pouches (10 per backpack)



God's Work—Our Hands!

4. Lead packing 2 or more times per year. We will train you before you are in charge. Packing happens on these Sundays after worship, during fellowship hour:

**Nov. 12**, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 17, April 14, May 12, and June 9.

5. Transport backpacks to Justice Page School 2 or more times/year. Deliveries are one Thursday per month between 8:30-9:00AM:

**Nov. 16**, Dec. 14, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 13.

Please contact Tamara and Mark Gebhardt ([gebhardtfamily@msn.com](mailto:gebhardtfamily@msn.com) or text to 612-275-2317) or Elizabeth Roe ([willetteroe@yahoo.com](mailto:willetteroe@yahoo.com) or text to 612-817-9919) if you want to sign up for a role above or if you have questions.

Thank YOU in advance for your support of our neighbors across the street!

*Tamara, Mark and Elizabeth, Your Community and Neighborhood Ministry Team Leaders*

## GIVING TREE 2023

Dear St. John's Families,

**This is our 25<sup>th</sup> 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" and New-comers. Our primary goal is to provide 20 families with \$50 in gift cards. Gift cards meet broader needs to include items such food, hygiene items, diapers, formula, etc.

Clothing needs identified include: SOCKS (men's S, M, and L/women's S, M, and L); FUZZY SOCKS (men's S, M, and L/women's S, M, and L); WINTER BOOTS (men's size 6-10/women's size 6-10); SLIPPERS (men's S, M, and L /women's S, M, and L); COZY PAJAMAS (kid's XL/ men's S, M, and L/women's S, M, and L). There is a decorated box placed inside our office entrance to receive these clothing items. If the box happens to be full, please indicate for Giving Tree.

Gift cards to Walmart, CUB and Target in \$25 dollar amount can be dropped off at the church office. Donations will be accepted **through December 10.**

Thank YOU for your generous gifts and kindness!!

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

## MISSIONARY CIRCLE

### November: Collecting hats, gloves/mittens & warm socks

Missionary Circle invites the congregation to help collect hats, gloves/mittens and warm socks during the month of November for donation to homeless shelters for use by residents. Donations (marked clearly for this homeless collection) 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 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.

The Circle next meets on Wednesday, December 6 at 12 noon at St. John's.

Greetings,

Thank you so much for sending the booklet tracts and also the cards — I'm doing well.

I do enjoy being able to follow church services on the computer.

Blessings to you all—

*Veronica Sjuvall*



### Moments of Generosity

This month our Moment of Generosity highlights the remarkable work Brad Nelson did in finishing the work on the Chi Rho Field started and nearly completed by Oly Stromberg.

Upon Oly's untimely death, Brad jumped into the seat of Oly's skid loader and put the finishing touches on the work on the field which made it possible for the grass seed to still be applied this fall.

Thank you, Brad, for the hundreds of hours of moving dirt with Oly (more than 1200 cubic yards of dirt) and especially for the finishing touches done to get Oly's Field to completion.

Your work is VERY much appreciated.



**OLY'S FIELD**



Photos from Pastor Mark, Brad Nelson, Dave Helm

**ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY**

**Toy Library - Tool Library**

**RESOURCE SHARING AND THE IMPACT OF BORROWING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M. ON ZOOM**

A panel discussion on what is resource sharing and the impact of borrowing and gifting items vs. buying new. Learn about *toy and tool libraries*, “Buy Nothing” groups, Fix-It Clinics, and more. Register at [Tangletown.org](http://Tangletown.org).

Panel Guests include:

- Nancy Lo**, Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist, Hennepin County
- Rebecca Nutter**, Director, Minneapolis Toy Library
- Martha Garcés**, Buy Nothing Kingfield/East Harriet/Tangletown volunteer admin

The Minneapolis Toy Library is a toy lending program for families with children ages birth to 5 years. Like a book library, you can check-out up to five toys, take them home for 2-4 weeks and exchange them for new ones when you return!



Become a member at one of our lending events, held six times a month, in the basement of Richfield Lutheran Church or inside Northeast United Methodist Church in Northeast Minneapolis.



TO FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH I WANTED TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE MANY YEARS THAT I WAS ASKED TO TUNE AND SERVICE YOUR CHURCH PIANOS.

RECENT HEALTH EVENTS HAVE CAUSED ME TO CONSIDER RETIREMENT. OUR DAUGHTER, HEATHER, OWNS A FARM HEAR LITCHFIELD, MN AND WE HAVE MOVED THERE.

BLESSINGS AND MANY THANKS, *Lynn Griswold*

**COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY**

Graham Zima has tendered his resignation and Sunday, November 5 will be his last Sunday as St. John’s Media and Marketing Specialist.



We thank you, Graham, for all your work, projects and creativity and for helping us birth an online ministry.

You are indeed a gift to this congregation and we are grateful that you’re not leaving us!

Matthew Tiede will now step into the Marketing and Media role for St. John’s.



**ST. JOHN’S MUSIC SERIES**

**Messiah 2023**

**Saturday, December 16 - 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 17 - 4 p.m.**  
**at St. John’s**

*Messiah  
 an Oratorio*

Dr. Brian A. Schmidt, St. John’s new Music Series Artistic Director, and the Worship Committee continue to plan as they look forward to this year’s *Messiah* performance season.



Chorus rehearsals are scheduled to begin on Sunday, November 12 at St. John’s from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary with the Music Series’ new artistic director, Dr. Brian Schmidt.

If you are interested in singing and would like the rehearsal schedule or more information, please email [communications@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:communications@stjohnsmpls.org), call the church (612-827-4406), or see the Music Series Facebook page. Also, please share our contact information with anyone you know who might like to sing. There is especially room for a few more basses and tenors.



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship on Sunday, November 19 will include a Litany of Thanksgiving as we gather to celebrate with gratitude for all God's good gifts.



### St. John's Devotional for Advent....

The Worship committee will be compiling a daily devotional collection for and by the St. John's Community. Family members and individuals of all ages are invited to offer their choice of reflection, essay, hymn, poem, drawing, photo...to be included in this devotional for use during the Advent season (Dec. 5-24). Please submit your contributions by *Sunday, November 19* to Ann at [communications@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:communications@stjohnsmpls.org) or Deborah at [volunteer@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:volunteer@stjohnsmpls.org). More details will be sent soon to those who sign up. You may still sign up on Sunday in the narthex or fellowship hall or call the church office. We are looking forward to receiving your submissions and seeing this faith expression of our community take form!

**Dec. 24, 2023: Advent 4 Worship at 10 a.m.**  
**Christmas Eve Worship at 4 p.m.**

### Worship Assistants in October

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

Ron Conrad, Andy Dosedall, Ellen Dosedall, Deborah Dunham, Larry Fraser, Tamara Gebhardt, Marge Huseh, Lori Johnson, Sharon Koschak, Eleanor Nervig, Sam Nervig, Anneliese Paulson, Elizabeth Roe

#### **Media Volunteers**

Eleanor Nervig, Sam Nervig, Dylan Noaman

#### **Fellowship Hosts**

Matt & Jennifer Burdick, Cross+Gen Team, Deborah Dunham, Mark & Tamara Gebhardt

#### **Counters**

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



### Holy Conversations

**God's Story—Our Story**  
**Thursdays at 10:00 AM**  
**in St. John's Lounge**

**Nov. 9, 16**



Holy Conversations have been based on the lectionary readings for each following Sunday, looking at those texts in the context of our world and daily life.

Come and join your fellow explorers in these conversations led by Pastor Mark.

## NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

### Nov. 5 - All Saints Sunday

I Kings 18:[17-19] 20-39  
(Mark 9:2-4)

*Elijah calls fire from heaven on Mount Carmel to reveal God's presence.*

### Nov. 12 - Pentecost 23

Hosea 11:1-9  
(Mark 10:13-14)

*God's passionate love for his children; despite their disobedience he cannot give them up.*

### Nov. 19 - Pentecost 24

Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5  
(Mark 12:1-3)

*Israel is pictured as a vineyard. God looks for the fruit of righteousness but finds only injustice. God promises a faithful king who will judge with righteousness.*

### Nov. 26 - Christ the King Sunday

2 Kings 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3  
(Luke 24:30-32)

*Josiah's recovery of Scripture, reform and renewal*

### Sing in the Choir!

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 6:45—7:30**  
**Nov. 8, 15 & 29 in Fellowship Hall**

### Ring the Bells!

**Rehearsal: Tuesday, November 21,**  
**6-6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary**



*Peder Flaten, director, [pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org](mailto:pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org)*

## ADMINISTRATION

### St. John's Congregation Council Meeting Highlights October 8, 2023



**Present:** Pr. Tiede, Jennifer Burdick, JoAnn Christoferson, Bonnie Conrad, Deborah Dunham, Rick Falcon, Sharon Koschak, Anne Nervig

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

JoAnn pointed out that cash on hand was a \$25,758 deficit. Regular contributions continue to be down and hope is to improve now that summer months are over. Fortunately, there is money to pay the bills. We have not spent and are holding ERC and bequest funds.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices had its first retreat with sixteen congregations (three cohorts). Results were positive for Pastor and Deborah. Pastor believes it's the "right thing at the right time for our congregation."
- Graham Zima has tendered his resignation. He will remain an active member. A "thank you" is being planned for Nov. 5.
- The administration committee proposed increasing Mathew Tiede's hours to add "marketing online" for St. Johns. Richfield Lutheran Church is also interested in marketing online and Jennifer will help Pastor write a description of that position.
- Chi Rho is in good shape and Pastor will be meeting soon with Wayzata to discuss next summer.

**Ministry Team Reports:** Received from the Community and Neighborhood Ministry Team, Worship Committee, and the Cross+Generational Ministry. Chi Rho sent an email with pictures of work. No Council action needed.

#### **Old Business:**

- Good news - Organ insurance claim will be going through. Details not available yet.
- Roof insurance claim: We have been advised to sue. Council decided to move forward in considering suing.
- Discussed sharing a Thanksgiving service with Richfield Lutheran Church. Because of no agreement on date and time, it was tabled until next month.

#### **New Business:**

- Pledge Card/Stewardship Sunday will be November 12th.
- Budgets will be coming in. Pastor will talk to David about budgeting for an audit.
- Holden bequest decisions tabled until next month.
- Need for a Communications team was tabled until next month.

Pastor moved to adjourn. Meeting was seconded, passed, and adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Conrad, Secretary



# BETTER TOGETHER



## THE EPIDEMIC OF LONELINESS AND HEALING OF COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Join us for the final session in our 2023 Feeding Hope Series with an important seminar presented by Sandy McGurran from AccentCare Fairview, about the Surgeon General's Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community. You'll discover:

- Six pillars to advance social connection from the Surgeon General's national strategy
- The risks of loneliness
- How to identify three action steps to improve community connection for those you serve
- How to enhance your connection to others

### ZOOM WEBINAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

12 – 1 PM CT

\*Zoom Meeting Link will be sent out upon registration.

RSVP by Friday, November 3 [by clicking here.](#)

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BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 12

12—6 P.M.  
St John's Fellowship Hall

**In Our Prayers....**

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

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

**Those who are grieving loss:**

† The family and friends of St. John’s member Oly Stromberg, who died on Oct. 12, 2023. Oly’s memorial service was held at St John’s on Wednesday, Nov. 1.  
 † The family and friends of St. John’s member Richard Carlson, who died on Oct. 27, 2023. A memorial service will be held at St John’s in the spring.

**Those celebrating new life**

† Susan Zabel, at the birth of her grandson Rowan

**St. John’s newest members**

† Diane Harayda, Richard Newstrom, Calvin Rak, Lily Rak, and Rachel Rak

**Those remembered on All Saints Sunday who have died this past year**

† Elaine Taylor, Betty Shannon, George Hasselmann, Wes Gebhardt, Eleanor Erickson, Vicki Wheeler, Carol Forsberg, Bernie Stevenson, Dick Grodt, Jim Zima, Ted Adams, Oly Stromberg, Richard Carlson, and others in our hearts.

*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:*

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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 |

**November Celebrations**



**Happy Birthday!**

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

**All Saints  
November 1**

**Thanksgiving Day  
November 23**

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 2023

### November 1-4

Wednesday, November 1

**11 am Missionary Circle** (at St John's)

**1 pm Visitation** (narthex)

**2 pm Memorial Service** (sanctuary)

**for Oly Stromberg**

**Reception following** (FH)

**6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem**

**6:45 pm St John's Choir** (FH)

Thursday, November 2

**10 am Holy Conversations** (Lounge)

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

Saturday, November 4

**9 am—4 pm Women's Retreat** (St John's)

### November 12-18

Sunday, November 12—**Stewardship Sunday**

**10 am Worship w/Holy Communion**

*in person and online; nursery open*

**11 am Fellowship & Backpacks** (FH)

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

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

**6:30 pm 'Messiah' rehearsal** (Sanctuary)

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

**6:30 pm Cross+Gen Team** (Zoom)

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

Wednesday, November 15

**6:30 pm Confirmation @ Bethlehem**

**6:45 pm St John's Choir** (FH)

Thursday, November 16—**Backpack Delivery**

**10 am Holy Conversations** (Lounge)

**6:30 pm 'Messiah' Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)

Friday, November 17

**6-8 pm Game Meet Up** (FH)

### November 26-30

Sunday November 26

**10 am Worship w/Holy Communion**

*in person and online; nursery open*

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

**11:20 am Faith in Community** (Lounge)

### November 5-11

Sunday, November 5

**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)

Tuesday, November 7

**10 am SJ Staff** (Lounge)

Wednesday, November 8

**6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem**

**6:45 pm St John's Choir** (FH)

Thursday, November 9

**10 am Holy Conversations** (Lounge)

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

### November 19—25

Sunday, November 19—**Service of Thanksgiving**

**10 am Worship w/Holy Communion**

**A Service of Thanksgiving**

*in person and online; nursery open*

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

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

**11:15 am Congregation Council** (Lounge)

**6:30 pm 'Messiah' rehearsal** (Sanctuary)

Monday, November 20

**6:30 pm 'Messiah' rehearsal** (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 21

**6 pm St John's Bells** (Sanctuary)

**6:30 pm FPNP S Mpls Cohort** (at St John's)

Thursday, November 23 **Thanksgiving Day**

Friday, November 24—Staff Holiday

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

Wednesday, November 29

**6:30 pm Confirmation @ Bethlehem**

**6:45 pm St John's Choir** (FH)

Thursday, November 30

**10 am Holy Conversations** (Lounge)

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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.**

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