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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.stjohnspls.org

Sunday, October 2



WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10AM

Grace Place for children during worship
(after Faith Formation Moment)
Lutheranism 101—11:15-11:55 am
Fellowship & Blanket-tying Project

following worship

Sunday, October 9

WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10AM
Grace Place for children (ages 3-11)
Fellowship following worship

Sunday, October 16

WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10AM

Grace Place for children
Fellowship following worship
Lutheranism 101—11:15-11:55 am

Sunday, October 23

WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10AM

'Searchers & Seekers' - 9AM Fellowship following worship

Sunday, October 30



Reformation Sunday

WORSHIP w/Holy Communion-10AM
Grace Place for children

Fellowship following worship—
'October Celebration'

Lutheranism 101—11:15-11:55 am

Thoughts from Pastor Mark

Why Worship?



Worship means: The feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity. Or an expression to honor a god.

What does it mean to have a god? Martin Luther wrote in 1530 that "A God is therefore that to which we are to look for all good and in which we are to find refuge in all need.

Therefore, to have a god is nothing else that to trust and believe in that one with your whole heart. With that said, it is that trust and faith of the heart alone that make both God and an idol (false god). Anything on which your heart relies and depends, I say, is really your God. Faith and God belong together."

The bummer is that the greatest idolatry is when humans rely on themselves solely, when they enjoy their own good works and compel God to give them heaven and eternal life—that's when our belief in a god turns into a false god where love of self overrides love of God. And yet that is our nature. And we need to love ourselves because we are made in the image of God, yet we cannot know God.

In Jesus God reveals God's heart. And in Jesus God wants to be found and known. God comes down to Earth and reveals himself in God's only son Jesus the Christ. For the believers here and now God is truly present during the worship service in the word written, sacraments, and sung.

God WANTS you to know him. God wants you to know her. And God continually chooses to show up for you in Christian worship.

No where does Jesus ever say that you can be a follower of Jesus on your own. In fact he constantly is saying the opposite. We come together for worship (defined as expressing our love, gratitude, and honor to God) so that we can encounter the resurrected and living Christ then. God reveals Gods self to us in water, wine, word, and song.

The worship service can be elaborate, simple. It can be like a Summer Camp campfire or a high ritual formal liturgy that goes for hours... the goal of whatever kind of worship service is, according to Martin Luther, a clear and focused communication of the content of the Gospel which creates and sustains our faith and trust in God AND welds us to others who also believe. And as God chooses to reveal God's self to us through the Wine and water and Word, we can look for God to show up in those moments. Count on it. If you do not focus on the words we sing in the hymns, the words in the creed, or block out the sounds of the service in general, you may miss the voice of God who is trying hard to reach you. You might feel weird about actively participating in the service, but get over it.

You do not need to search for God. God isn't lost. Be open and listen for God to speak to you.

That is why we worship.

A Ministry Highlight

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

During the month of October we will look at faith-forming aspects of this congregation's life and how these impact St. John's ministry as a whole.

There is something for everyone:

Worship for all every Sunday Grace Place 'Sunday school' for children (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

Searchers & Seekers, a kind of 'all together' Sunday school (4th Sunday)

Confirmation for 6th-8th graders Lutheranism 101, a Sunday forum for confirmation students, their families, and ALL members and friends of St. John's (every other week)

Holy Conversations: Text in Context—connecting the lectionary texts from one week to the next and life in between. All are welcome, Thursday mornings Many Ways of Prayer—a retreat being offered in mid-October

Faith is being formed and our faith is forming us, every day, in one way or another. The Word loves to surprise...faith gives us the presence to take it all in and to grow with it.

CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY



Bless the Dogs! St. Francis Day October 4

In honor of St Francis of Assisi Day on October 4th, join Edith and others of St. John's outside of the church building from 5:30-7:30PM in giving out dog treats and blessing the dogs that walk by.

Come join in the fun! For all ages and stages!

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, was born 1181 or 1182 into the family of a prosperous silk merchant in Italy. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation and was designated Patron Saint of animals and ecology. He died Oct. 3, 1226.

Many Ways Of Prayer A Day Retreat at Chi Rho Saturday, October 15th 9AM-4PM



Come and join fellow members and friends as we explore together some different ways to pray. For all ages and stages. PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN MONDAY OCTOBER 10th to edith@stjohnsmpls.org Also, if you need a ride, please let Edith know.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

9AM-9:30 AM Faith Talk (with coffee and snacks). 9:35-10:45 Make Protestant Prayer Beads and learn one way to use them

10:50-11:05 Restroom and/ or Refreshment Break

11:10-12PM Labyrinth Meditative Walk

12:05-1:00 LUNCH

1:05-1:40 Lectio Divina or The Five Finger Prayer

1:45-2:05 Bubble Prayers

2:10-2:30 Restroom and/or Refreshment Break

2:35-3:00 Centering Down: Palms Down, Palms Up Prayer

3:05-3:30 Prayer through Song

3:35-4PM Wrap-up, Closing Prayer

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 to serve in our Nursery on a rotating schedule.



If you would be interested, please let Pastor Mark or Edith know.

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

Searchers and Seekers meet at 9-9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on the fourth Sunday of each month for a time of Cross+Generational learning. All ages and stages are welcome.

Hope to see you there on October 23!





Pastor Mark has begun **Lutheranism 101** hosting 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. THE NEXT SESSION IS ON OCTOBER 2.

"The dog is the most faithful of animals and would be much esteemed were it not so common. Our Lord God has made His greatest gifts the commonest." - Martin Luther

CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY cont.

Blankets for Camp Noah

Join during fellowship hour on Sunday, October 1 in helping to make fleece blankets for children who attend Camp Noah. Basically this involves tying fringes together to make a decorative border on each blanket. Easy and fun!

Camp Noah is a ministry of LSS/MN for children and families impacted nationwide by disaster and trauma. Every child at Camp Noah receives a tied fleece blanket to use and take home at the end of camp. The blankets are gifts that are also are a recovery tool for children, providing much needed comfort as they continue to process their disaster and/or trauma experience.



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!

The Church Year helped to shape the flow of the Narrative Lectionary. Old Testament readings move through the story of God's dealings with Israel and culminate in Advent with the prophets who speak of longing and hope. doing. The stories tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. In all these varied contexts, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life.

STEWARDSHIP

Moment of Generosity

This issue's Moment of Generosity highlights the St. John's Foundation. The Foundation has accumulated over \$1.2 million dollars and sends nearly \$50,000 a year to the church in quarterly installments. This contribution is used for all aspects of our life together, but this year the Foundation Board elected to specify that a portion of these installments would make it financially possible to hire a Director of Cross+Generational Ministry. And thank goodness for that because Edith Bohardt has been a wonderful addition to the church staff!



As the Foundation's funds grow so too do the quarterly installments to the church. Please consider remembering the St. John's Foundation in your will and annual charitable contributions.

CHI ∦ RHO CENTER

Chi Rho in October:

Oct. 7-9 Listen & Learn
Oct. 15 Many Ways of Prayer
Oct. 20-23 St Albert the Great



'Listen and Learn' is a ladies group of about 15 that discuss recovery. Through the years of coming out to Chi Rho they have become close friends as well.

The St. John's group will be a new addition to Chi Rho.

The St. Albert The Great event is a church retreat of 20+ ladies.

Not much else is happening other than the change of season and the closing up of the Summer Cabins and Fall clean-up.

Dave Helm, Chi Rho Center Director

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD

Be a part of the Backpack Food Ministry Team!

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

Donations are NEEDED for the following foods this month:

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



Shop/donate by Sunday, Oct. 9
Pack Backpacks on Oct. 9
Deliver Backpacks on Oct. 13

Last month, while we were packing the backpacks, someone asked a very good question, "What does it cost to pack one

backpack?" The cost ranges from \$25 to \$35 including price of the backpack. Monetary donations designated to the BACKPACK PROGRAM are welcome to purchase non-perishable foods not donated and fresh fruit. And, as always, 19-inch backpacks are needed.

You can volunteer to

- 1. gather and move food donations from third floor Sunday School area, narthex and office area to the choir room behind the stage and inventory donated food;
- 2. shop for non-perishable items needed the week before October 9;
- 3. pack 20 backpacks on Sunday, October 9;
- 4. deliver backpacks to JP Middle School on Thursday, October 13, between 8:40 9:00 am.



Cassie Zonnefeld, Social Worker, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the 20 backpacks we delivered in September to support families with food insecurity.

Thank YOU for supporting this Community and Neighborhood Ministry.



Note: MNVA will not be doing flu shot clinic in the various TRUST churches this fall. Therefore, TRUST has partnered with Cub Pharmacy to host an in-person flu shot and covid booster shot clinic at the TRUST Fall Market.

ADMINISTRATION

St. John's Congregation Council Meeting Summary September 15, 2022 7 pm – ZOOM



Pastor's Report

Rally Sunday was the best ever. Gratitude for all the work involved in preparing Grace Place.

Gift of Grand Piano received from Chris Cherryhomes (Dan Cherryhomes' brother).

Graham and Matthew Tiede: videos will be YouTube; Podcast (audio) is Spotify only.

Discussion of connecting with members and community.

Admin has initiated process for employee retention credit with help of a consultant.

Roof: still waiting on results of engineering report and Guide One Insurance decision.

Treasurer's Report - Monthly & YTD Financials by Patrick Coveney

There was a large change in financial situation in August. Both Child Care and Chi Rho: salary, utilities up; invoices down. Possible timing issue. David Roinas on vacation.

\$48,000 deficit end of August, which is on track with budget.

Need to review Organ fund and A/C fund.

Committee Reports

CAN: duplex task force working on upgraded plumbing and cosmetic updates.

Old Business:

Langer Proposal Discussion: Revise proposal to include input from facilities. Need for clarification between facilities list, council retreat list for Slifer bequest, and list of needs from Tina Shear for Child Care. The distinction between maintenance, renovation and large projects needs clarification.

New Business:

Committees need to submit 2023 budget to Admin. by Oct 15.

Send to communications@stjohnsmpls.org. Council to act on budget in November.

All-staff and council gathering, Dec 15. At church, prior or in addition to December council meeting.

Christmas Service: 12/25 is Sunday. Christmas Eve services at 4:00 and 10 or 11pm.

Pr. M motions to Not have a Christmas Day in person worship service. Deborah seconds. All in favor. Worship Committee to explore alternative options.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Carlson, Secretary

WORSHIP & MUSIC

WELCOME to Worship!

• Worship will remain at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in October, in person and online

♦ Live on YouTube (video link posted on website).

- Masks and social distancing encouraged but not required.
- Fellowship time will be offered each Sunday following worship in October. 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. October 12, 19, 26

If you are interested in joining, please contact Peder Flaten, director.

pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Masks are optional.

Come, Ring the Bells!



Rehearsal will be in the Sanctuary

Wednesday from 6:00—6:45 p.m.

October 12

If you are interested in joining, please contact 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, greeter, usher, 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.

Worship Assistants in September

Andrew Berg, Matt, Jennifer & Elsa Burdick; JoAnn Christoferson, Ron & Bonnie Conrad, Steve & Ellen Dosdall, Deborah Dunham, Vicky Ercolani, Larry Fraser, Mark & Tamara Gebhardt, Marge Huseth, Lori Johnson, Sharon Koschak, the Nervig family, Elizabeth Roe, Diane Rooney, Oly Stromberg, Jeanne Tuvey, Eric Willette, Susan Zabel

Special Music

Marge Huseth, flute

OCTOBER LECTIONARY

October 2

Pentecost 17

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

'Rescue at Sea'

October 9

Pentecost 18

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

'Covenant and Commandments'

October 16

Pentecost 19

Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

'Joshua Renews the Covenant'

October 23

Pentecost 20

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9

'David and Bathsheba'

October 31

Reformation Sunday

1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28

'Solomon's Wisdom'

In Our Prayers....

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

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

Ones mourning loss:

† Those experiencing grief of any kind through loss of friends or loved ones, changing relationships, changes in work opportunities or abilities, moving from one home to another or adapting to changes in mental or physical capabilities

Ones newly baptized:

† Elliott Arthur Mars, child of Kyle and Bergit Nerheim Mars; Elliott's godparent is Katelyn Holloway.

Ones celebrating milestones:

† Jim and Dona Collins, who celebrated 68 years of marriage on September 18, 2022

Ones transferring membership:

† Christopher, Tracy, Memphis and Beckham Yard to Lord of Life Lutheran, Maple Grove, MN

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:

- 1. Church Office/Ann Paulson
- 2. Pastor Mark
- 3. Edith Bohardt, Director of Cross+Generational Ministry
- 4. David Roinas, Bookkeeper
- 5. Joseph Sahai
- 6. Tina Shear and Child Care Center



Happy Birthday!

- 4 Anna Carlson Ellen Dosdall
- 6 Evelyn Strand
- 7 Blake Coveney
- 9 Kari Marsh
- II Lia Gambucci-Hardtke
- 12 Marlys Goebel
- 13 Eric Willette
- 14 Finley Megal
- 18 Kenneth Floberg
- 20 Stephanie Megal
- 24 Jill Landin
- 25 Jack Hurbanis
- 27 Makena Gerken
- 31 Vicky Ercolani Violet Gerken

Happy Anniversary!

- I Scott & Jennifer Belz
- 7 Dan & DeborahDunham
- 18 John & Dannell Nordstrom
- 28 Steve Fricke & Bridget Jacques-Fricke

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

Thank you!

OCTOBER 2022

October 2-8

Sunday, October 2—17th Sunday of Pentecost

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

II am Fellowship & Blanket Tying

Project in FH following worship

II:15 am Lutheranism 101 in Chapel

Monday, October 3

5:30 pm Website Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 4

10 am SJ Staff meeting

Wednesday, October 5

12 pm Missionary Circle

Thursday, October 6

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

6 pm Chi Rho Committee

October 16-22

Sunday, October 16—19th Sunday of Pentecost

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

II am Fellowship in FH following worship

II:15 am Lutheranism 101 (chapel)

Tuesday, October 18

10 am SJ Staff meeting

Wednesday, October 19

No Confirmation (MEA)

6:45 pm SJ Choir (FH)

Thursday, October 20

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

7 pm SJ Council

October 9-15

Sunday, October 9—18th Sunday of Pentecost

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

II am Fellowship following worship (FH)

11:15 am Cross+Gen Team

11:15 am Website Team at church

Tuesday, October 11

6:30 pm Admin Team

Wednesday, October 12

6 pm SJ Bells in Sanctuary

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem LC

6:45 pm SJ Choir in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 13

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

5:30 pm ECFE (Child Care) in FH

6:30 pm Worship Committee

Saturday, October 15

9 am—4 pm Many Ways of Prayer Day

(St. John's at Chi Rho)

October 23-31

Sunday, October 23—20th Sunday of Pentecost

9 am Searchers & Seekers (FH)

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

'Grace Place' during worship

II am Fellowship in FH

Wednesday, October 26—'Messenger deadline

6:30 pm Confirmation – 10th Grade Faith

Walk at Bethlehem LC

6:45 pm SJ Choir (FH)

Thursday, October 27

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

Friday, October 28

9:30 am Child Care Halloween Party (FH)

Sunday, October 30—Reformation Sunday

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and live via YouTube (FB)

II am Fellowship in FH-

'October Celebration'

II:15 am Lutheranism IOI (Chapel)

Monday, October 31—Halloween/All Hallows Eve

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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:

Welcomina

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.

Servina

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