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ST. JOHN'S SUNDAYS

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.stjohnspl.org

October 1 - Pentecost 18

New Member Sunday

Fellowship Potluck following worship

October 8 - Pentecost 19

Packing of Backpacks after worship

Grace Place at 11:15

Church Council at 11:15

October 15 - Pentecost 20

Grace Place at 11:15

October 22 - Pentecost 21

"Faith in Community" Sunday

October 29—Reformation Sunday

Octoberfest following worship



Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, Serving

Thoughts from Our Pastor

October has opened with a joyous celebration of a father/daughter double baptism and reception of 3 additional new members to our church family! Throughout October the joy will continue as we fill the 20 food backpacks for the families of Justice Page Middle School and enter the church through the gorgeous new glass doors with ADA open assist buttons. We'll do a blessing of the animals, host another Game night, continue the daytime Holy Conversations, all the while we continue hosting the Metropolitan Men's Chorus and the Minneapolis Brass. Then we'll close out October with an October Fest following worship on Reformation Sunday. There are so many events happening. I hope you attend as many as you can so that we can reconnect and deepen our relationships together.

Then, starting October 7th our congregation begins a two-year initiative, under the guidance of the Minneapolis Area Synod's Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices (FPNP) where we will be placed in a cohort of 3 or 4 other congregations for *"a learning process focused on collaborative learning, community building, and spiritual practice. Congregations experiment with practices in their own community to build authentic relationships with neighbors, connect across difference, and engage contemplative spirituality. Practices are grounded in asset-based community development, intentional simplicity, and contemplative spiritual traditions. Each month, cohorts meet to process and support one another's work, explore new practices, and build meaningful relationships."* I am deeply grateful for the members of the FPNP leadership team: Ellen and Steve Dosedall, Edith Bohardt, Deborah Dunham, Ann Paulson, Andy Dosedall and me. I am excited to see where this initiative teaches us and where it leads us.

One last thing: How great is it to have children back in worship?!? I absolutely LOVE it!! It was only a few months ago that Peder, Graham, and I were filming worship in a completely empty sanctuary. I can tell you that preaching in a sanctuary with children's giggles (and fits), people's singing, and Oly's whistling is FAR BETTER than preaching to a camera lens in an empty room. Seeing and hearing your children in worship with you brings good energy and joy into our life together. It is such a joy to watch Edith *try* and stay on point during her Word of the Week during the service, watch them play in the new Grace Space in the rear of the Sanctuary, hear them playing together during the fellowship hour, and hear the stories from Diane in the nursery on how lovely your children are. All of it makes it feel like St. John's is reawakening from the slumber of COVID! And that brings a deep and holy joy.

Normally October feels like things are mirroring the change of the season; shutting down preparing for the winter. This year things are heating up and life is coming. Thanks be to God for new life and the joy we share.

Pastor Mark

CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

Programming Takes People

October is here! As we begin our educational year here at St. John's. I want to ask this of you: Where are you able to help? How are you able to help? Will you please help?



Programming is vital to help us get to know one another and is important for children to grow in their faith. We as a body of Christ - or if you prefer, a faith family - needs to provide for our members. When a child is baptized, we promise to help them, and their family, grow in faith. I think we can sometimes forget about that. We may think oh, cute, a baby being baptized. Before we know it, they are confirmed and shortly after that graduating from high school. How did we help them on their journey of faith?

Many of you have heard my story that I have shared about children. About 30 years ago a Sunday school student of mine looked at me and asked, "I wonder why God hasn't given you any children of your own yet?" My response was, "I don't know, but I think it is because God wants me to have room in my heart to love all of God's children." Those of you who know me know I LOVE CHILDREN! And, I have THE BEST job at St. John's, despite what my coworkers may say.

However, I am a party of one. Although on most days I like to think I am Superwoman and can do everything, the truth is, I can't. To program for learning, we need a minimum of three people each week to serve in Grace Place. We need a second person to assist in the Nursery. We need people to sit in the back of the sanctuary in Grace Space and watch our children who would like to be there. You do not need a degree in education or child development. You only need to have love in your heart for God's children.

The Cross+Generational Ministry team members are willing to help, but we need more people. Would you consider helping our youngest members on their journey of faith? If we could get seven people to sign up to volunteer, those people would only need to serve maybe three times in a school year.

Our children are AMAZING! They love to learn, they ask great questions, and are excited to have space they can call their own here. They belong here.

I remember a while back seeing a mug and on it was written, "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

I have been blessed many times over the years in being with children, and I continue to be blessed. It is the most rewarding experience there is. I would love for everyone to experience what I have. The love you give comes back to you in so many ways.

If you would like to share in the journey of faith our children are on, please let me know.

Blessings on behalf of the Cross+Generational Ministry Team,

Edith

Cross+Generational Events

Save the dates....

Wednesday, October 4th 5:30-7:30PM — Blessing of the Animals/giving out treats.



In honor of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the environment (including animals), St. John's will be blessing animals and passing out treats on the sidewalk on Nicollet Ave from 5:30PM until 7:30PM. Hope to see you and your animal friends!

Thursday, October 19th 6-8PM — Game Meet Up



Meet in Fellowship Hall for snacks and board/card/other games. Beverages provided. If willing and able to please bring a snack to share and a game to play. If you do not have a game to play the church has several you can choose from. Fun for all ages and stages!

Sunday, October 22nd — Faith in Community Sunday



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

Sunday, October 29th — Octoberfest



Meet in Fellowship Hall after worship for brats, dogs, chips, treats and fun! We will have a junk food walk, a pumpkin coloring contest, and a pumpkin carving contest. For the pumpkin carving contest, bring in your carved pumpkin to be judged. We will award first, second and third place.

Saturday November 4th — Women's Retreat



The women of St John's are invited to our first annual Women's Retreat. We will be at St. John's from 9:30AM-4 PM.

Lunch is included at no charge; however, you may leave a donation if you wish.

We will have a 'Get-To-know-you-better' time, a meditation session, a session on Journaling, a session in which we will make Prayer Beads, and other sessions yet to be determined. We will also share ideas on possibly forming an ongoing Women's Group at St. John's.

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Our Justice Page Middle School Food Backpack Ministry kicked off in September for the 2023-2024 school year.

We provide food-filled backpacks for 20 food-insecure families once a month. 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, 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 Omaar 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
- 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: **Oct. 8, 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:
Oct. 12, 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 or text to 612-275-2317) or Elizabeth Roe (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

MISSIONARY CIRCLE

October: Collecting Bath Towels

Missionary Circle invites the congregation to help collect new or clean used bath towels during the month of October for donation to homeless shelters for use by residents. 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, October 4 at noon at the home of Sharon Koschak.

Moments of Generosity

This month’s Moment of Generosity highlights Oly Stromberg’s remarkable gift to St. John’s in filling in the Chi Rho main field, which raised it nearly 4 feet by the beach. This will greatly help alleviate the flooding that occurs with high water and heavy rains.

Oly, we cannot thank you enough!



The Earth Mover....

(photos by Dave Helm)



FACILITIES

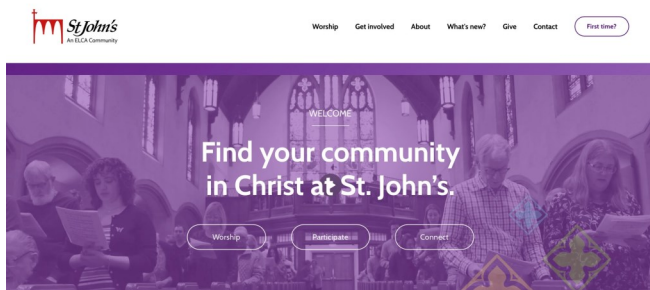
Letting in the light....

One of several current facilities projects in process has been completed....new doors at the office entrance at St. John’s. Besides letting in the light, they are powered for easier handicap access. We are grateful to all who have made this possible.



Photos by Pastor Mark

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY



ST. JOHN’S HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

Take a moment to check it out! The web address remains the same, www.stjohnsmpls.org.

The worship bulletin, *Messenger*, *Mini-Messenger* and *Ministry Minute* can all be found under ‘What’s New/News & Events.’ Note the ‘Special Events’ also show on calendar with images at bottom of home page.

The bulletin can also be found on the ‘Worship/ Stream worship online page,’ and the *Messenger* in the bottom section of the home page.

Your questions and suggestions are welcome as we continue to adapt to the new design.

ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY

What happens to electronics, appliances and other tech waste?

The Tangletown Environmental Committee is hosting a zoom event on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 pm to address this issue. A panel of experts will educate us on the impact of electronics and technology waste and how we can reduce our waste footprint.

Go to tangletown.org for more information.

Bonnie Conrad is St John’s liaison to Tangletown Environmental Committee



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.

If you are interested in singing and would like the rehearsal schedule or more information, please email communications@stjohnsmpls.org or call the church, 612-827-4406. Also, please share our contact information with anyone you know who might like to sing. We especially need a few more basses and tenors.

Music Series Committee members are Vicky Ercolani, Steve Bubul, Dan Cherryhomes, Katie Ercolani and Ann Paulson with Brian Schmidt and Pastor Mark

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Help Create St. John's Devotional for Advent!

The Worship committee invites St John's family members and individuals of all ages to contribute to a daily devotional collection for use during the coming Advent season. This year Advent will begin on Sunday, Dec. 3 and end on Dec. 24. Scripture reflections, essays, hymns, poems, photos, drawings...all welcome. For more details or to sign up as a contributor, please contact Deborah Dunham (volunteer@stjohnsmpls.org) or Ann Paulson (communications@stjohnsmpls, 612-827-4406). You may also sign up on Sundays in the narthex or fellowship hall. We will offer further information as plans develop. We look forward to hearing from many of you and to seeing this faith expression of our community take form!

Sing in the Choir!

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 6:45—7:30
Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 in Fellowship Hall

Ring the Bells!

Rehearsal: Wednesday, October 18
6-6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary



Peder Flaten, director, pflaten@stjohnsmpls.org

Worship Assistants in September

(Assisting Ministers, Communion Preparers, Ushers, Acolyte)

Deborah Dunham, Larry Fraser, Lori Johnson, Sharon Koschak, Anne Nervig, Mark Nervig, Sam Nervig, Whitney Strand

Media Volunteers

Eleanor Nervig, Sam Nervig, Dylan Noaman



Fellowship Hosts

Matt & Jennifer Burdick, Steve & Ellen Dossdall, Sharon Koschak, Beth McAllister

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

Oct. 5 and 26 only



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.

OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS

Oct. 1 - Pentecost 18

Exodus 1: 8-11; 2: 1-15; 3: 1-15
*Israel is in slavery and calls for help.
 God calls Moses to bring release.*

Oct. 8 - Pentecost 19

Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9
 (Mark 12:28-31)
*Love the LORD your God with all your
 heart and soul and might*

Oct. 15 - Pentecost 20

Ruth 1:1-17; 4:13-17
 (Mark 3:31-35)
*Ruth is a foreigner who finds belonging
 among God's people. "Where you go I
 will go, your people will be my people,
 your God will be my God."*

Oct. 22 - Pentecost 21

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5
 (Psalm 150; Mark 11:7-10)
*David becomes king over all Israel.
 Brings the Ark of the covenant to
 Jerusalem with song making Jerusalem
 a place of worship.*

Oct. 29—Reformation Sunday

I Kings 12:1-17, 25-29
 (Mark 10:42-45)
*Rehoboam and the need to servant leader-
 ship; the kingdom is divided.*

ADMINISTRATION

St. John's Council Meeting Highlights September 17, 2023



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

Pastor's Report:

Pr. Tiede submitted a written report:

- o October 1st is new member Sunday, with 2 baptisms and a potluck...
- o Conversations are continuing with Richfield Lutheran about ways in which to partner.
- o Chi Rho Center - multiple improvements are being made.
- o St. John's will again partner with Bethlehem for confirmation.
- o Ron Conrad reported that the door and concrete projects will be executed in late September and in October.

Treasurer's report:

Church contributions are running behind. Childcare income is under budget, but expenses are also under budget, resulting in net income of about \$5,500. This is not unusual in the summer and should become more normal in September/October. Chi Rho income is over budget and expenses are under budget, giving them a net income of about \$11,000.

Old Business:

- a) We are still in limbo on both the roof and the organ insurance claim, waiting for Guide One to make a decision.

New Business:

- a) 2024 budgets: Committees need to have proposed budgets in by October 22nd, and any second drafts by mid-November.
- b) Pr. Tiede notified Council that he will be gone from October 12th through October 22nd. There will be guest pastors for the two Sundays he will be gone during that period.
- c) Tamara Gebhardt and Pr. Tiede request that we spend \$100 to advertise in "Southwest Voices," a local journal. The Council enthusiastically agreed.
- d) The Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices cohort will be on retreat October 6th and 7th.

October's Council meeting is moved to October 8th and the Admin meeting will be on October 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dunham

In Our Prayers....

WE PRAY for those in need of healing, comfort, encouragement or sustaining care:

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

WE PRAY for those grieving loss:

† The family and friends of Jim Zima, who died on September 19, 2023. Jim was the grandfather of Graham Zima.

WE PRAY for those celebrating milestones:

† Elsay Gebhardt and Jacobus Berghoefer, married on September 3, 2023
 † Jim Collins, whose 90th birthday was on September 9, 2023
 † Jim and Dona Collins, married 69 years on September 18, 2023
 † Eric Willette and Elizabeth Roe, married 25 years on September 18, 2023

WE PRAY for the newest members of St John’s:

† Diane Harayda, Richard Newstrom, and Calvin, Rachel and Lily Rak, who joined on October 1. Calvin and Lily were baptized on that day.

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 |

October Celebrations



Happy Birthday!

- 4 Anna Carlson
Ellen Dossall
- 6 Evelyn Strand
- 7 Blake Coveney
- 9 Kari Marsh
- 11 Lia Gambucci-Hardtke
- 12 Marlys Goebel
- 13 Eric Willette
- 18 Kenneth Floberg
- 25 Jack Hurbanis
- 27 Makena Gerken
- 31 Vicky Ercolani
Violet Gerken

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Scott & Jennifer Belz
- 7 Dan & Deborah Dunham
- 9 Dustin Olson & Jackie Catullo
- 28 Steve Fricke & Bridget Jacques-Fricke

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!

October 2023

October 1-7

Sunday, October 1—*New Member Sunday*

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and online

Nursery care available

11 am Fellowship Potluck after worship

6 pm Music Series Committee (Zoom)

Monday, October 2

5:30 pm Admin Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 3

10 am St John's Staff meeting (Lounge)

7 pm Metropolitan Men's Choir (FH)

Wednesday, October 4

12 noon Missionary Circle (at Sharon K's)

5:30-7:30 pm Blessing of Animals (Nicollet Ave)

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem

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

Thursday, October 5

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

6 pm Chi Rho Committee (Zoom)

Friday, October 6

3 pm Faith Practices & Neighboring Practices—Retreat check-in, SLP

Saturday, October 7

9 am Metropolitan Men's Choir (FH)

4 pm FPNP Retreat ends

October 15-21

Sunday, October 15

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and online

Nursery care available

11 am Fellowship following worship (FH)

11:15 am Grace Place learning (top floor)

Wednesday, October 18

6:30 pm Confirmation @ Bethlehem

6:00 pm St John's Bells (Sanctuary)

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

Friday, October 20

6-8 pm Game Meet Up (FH)

Saturday, October 21

9 am Minneapolis Brass (Sanctuary)

9 am Metropolitan Men's Choir (FH)

October 8-14

Sunday, October 8

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and online

Nursery care available

11 am Fellowship & Backpack Packing (FH)

11:15 am Grace Place learning (top floor)

11:15 am Church Council (Lounge)

Tuesday, October 10

6 pm Cross+Generational Team (hybrid)

7 pm Metropolitan Men's Choir (FH)

7 pm Tangletown Envr. Comm. (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 11

6:30 pm Confirmation at Bethlehem

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

Thursday, October 12

5:30 pm ECFE-Child Care (FH)

Saturday, October 14

9 am Metropolitan Men's Choir (FH)

9 am Minneapolis Brass (Sanctuary)

October 22—31

Sunday, October 22

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)

Tuesday, October 24

9 am Metropolitan Men's Choir (FH)

Wednesday, October 25

'Messenger' deadline

6:30 pm Confirmation @ Bethlehem

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

Thursday, October 26

10 am Holy Conversations (Lounge)

Saturday, October 28

9 am Minneapolis Brass (Sanctuary)

9 am Metropolitan Men's Choir (FH)

Sunday, October 29

10 am Worship w/Holy Communion

in person and online; nursery open

11 am Octoberfest following worship (FH)

Tuesday, October 31—Halloween

7 pm Metropolitan Men's Choir (FH)

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 MINISTRY**

Edith Bohardt

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BOOKKEEPER

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VIDEO/MARKETING SPECIALIST

Graham Zima

MEDIA ASSISTANT

Matthew Tiede

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Diane Harayda

CUSTODIANS

Joseph Sahai (weekdays)

Mill City Cleaning (Child Care)

CHILD CARE DIRECTOR

Tina Shear

CHI RHO CENTER MANAGER

David Helm

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Jennifer Burdick, President
JoAnn Christoferson, Treasurer
Bonnie Conrad, Secretary
Deborah Dunham
Rick Falcon, Vice President
Sharon Koschak
Anne Nervig
Mark Tiede, Pastor

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

Our Mission:

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

Our Core Values:

Welcoming

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

Worshiping

Gathering together to joyfully thank God in prayer and praise for Jesus, who calls us, centers us, and sends us into the world.

Healing

Reflecting God's unconditional grace and love by walking together through the joys and pains of life.

Serving

Gratefully responding to the needs of the world with the abilities God has gifted us.

Our Vision for the Future:

A vibrant community living faith boldly

In-Person Worship Hour—Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Traditional worship that is joyful and welcoming to all.

St. John's worship
on Youtube



St. John's podcasts
on Spotify



ELCA Presiding Bishop:

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop:

Bishop Ann Svennungsen