Welcome!
Worship - Serve - Grow
September Sunday mornings

September 10: RALLY SUNDAY! 10:00 a.m. Worship
Pentecost 14 - Living by Heart
Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20
Music: St. John’s Choir, St. John’s Bell Choir
Installation of Sunday School Teachers
+ Sunday School 9:15 a.m. (upper room)
+ Fellowship 11:00 a.m. (fellowship hall)
+ Confirmation Class 11:30 a.m. (upper room)

September 17: Pentecost 15 - Forgiving to Infinity...and Beyond
Readings: Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-7 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35
Music:
+ Sunday School
+ Fellowship
+ Confirmation Class

September 24: Pentecost 16 - First, Last...God
Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16
Music: St. John’s Brass
+ Sunday School
+ Fellowship
+ Confirmation Class
Each of these four activities of the first followers of Jesus became identifying activities of God’s people. These marks of discipleship defined the first group of Christians and I believe they still impact our life in faith today. Over the past three years this little Bible verse has guided our congregational life. Each program year (September through May) we have focused our life together on one of these marks/congregational values:

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This coming program year we will focus on Welcoming: Hospitality and Invitation. Providing an authentic sense of Welcoming Hospitality and Invitation is a deeply held conviction of our congregation’s corporate mind. When new faces appear in the pews, some members of this congregation excel at going directly to the new person and saying something like, “My name is _______. Is this your first time at St. John’s?” Then there are other members of St. John’s who will see someone new, hear a member introduce themselves, and then go and greet the new person by name. These are remarkable ways that you as a congregation have learned to be welcoming and provide an exemplary level of hospitality to people who are “church shopping” or just visiting.

The other facet of that Welcoming Value is extending the welcoming hospitality beyond our walls or inviting others to come and be a part of this community of faith and join our work in the world. Invitational ministry and Hospitality ministries are the two sides of the Welcoming coin, as it were. In order for a church to be known in the community as Welcoming, both need to be done with humility, excellence, and with a high level of authenticity. And I think we are very much ready for this challenge. But we might need a little practice, so I ask that every member of St. John’s Lutheran Church think of ways in which you might be intentional about providing hospitality within St. John’s and intentional about extending the invitation to your neighbor or friend—anyone not yet associated with St. John’s. No need to talk about joining… just invite them to come to an event, or Sunday worship. Also, as you meet in your committees, I ask you to set aside the first few minutes of each meeting to discuss where you have seen our congregation’s Welcoming Hospitality and/or Welcoming Invitation at work.

You are a wonderful congregation who consistently provides a loving welcome to those who come through our doors. Let us take this next program year to be intentional about what you already do so well and use it to springboard into creative ways for our whole congregation to learn how to also be an inviting congregation.

Certainly it is the case that there are members who are already doing this well, but I believe that God has called us together to be intentional, inspirational, incarnational and invitational in everything we do. I am excited about this coming year. I hope you will be too.

That’s what I believe.

Pastor Mark

Bible studies with Pastor Mark will resume Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m. in St. John’s Lounge. All are welcome to join the learning conversation!
MUSIC NOTES BY SAM

Interested in music?
St. John’s has a wide variety of ensembles welcome to musicians of all ages and abilities. If you like to sing, our choir meets Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 and typically sings in worship twice per month. For those looking for less commitment and a focus on fellowship, our Big Choir meets on a quarterly basis on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30, followed by fellowship/social time.
For those looking for a challenge, our St. John’s Oratorio Chorus meets biannually for rehearsals on Sunday evenings for annual performances of Handel’s Messiah and a spring concert.

Do you play an instrument? Our brass ensemble meets most Wednesdays from 6:45-7:30 and plays monthly in worship. Percussion and woodwind instruments are welcome, too! If you play it, we’ll find a way to use you!

Finally, if you like handbells, you’re going to love our handbell choir! It’s easy to get involved. The ensemble meets for rehearsals and plays during worship monthly. No experience necessary or needed! If you can read music, you can ring a bell!

Interested in one of these ensembles? Contact Sam Grace, Director of Worship and Music at sgrace@stjohnsmlps.org

A Moment of Generosity: The Stewardship committee would like to recognize and thank Vicky Ercolani for her work with the St. John’s website. Vicky has taken the time to find a webhost and work with the web designer to create a remarkable website which works seamlessly for all facets of our remarkably diverse ministries. We have one website for the Church, the Child Care Center, the Chi Rho Retreat Center and the Music Series. Thank you, Vicky, for all your work to make this available to those who are looking for this church and what we do.

St. John’s Book Club will meet Sunday, September 10 at 11:30 a.m. in St. John’s lounge to discuss Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say, by Adam Hamilton.
Contact persons are Jennifer Belz or Jennifer Burdick (mattjen0625@msn.com or 612-226-5448) . Everyone is welcome to join in this discussion!

CHI RHO TURNS 50
1967-2017

We threw a party at Chi Rho on August 19th - over 450 guests were there and said “It was GREAT!”

This was the 5th year of Summerfest and Grant Johnson started us off with his unique brand of music.

We added some things we hadn’t done before:
1. The Greater Lake Sylvia Association joined us to make a bigger party.
2. We had “We’re Smokin’ Now” grill our meats and Dave Helm and staff cooked the rest of the food.
3. Scott & Eric Belz ran the exciting minnow races.
4. A display of camp history and a short video by Christian Belz were shown in the staff cabin.

Sunday morning, the traditional pancake breakfast was served, and Pastor Mark led our outdoor worship service.

To recap, there was:
GREAT FOOD!
GREAT MUSIC!
GREAT WEATHER!
GREAT SETTING!

We will be having another 50th celebration at St. John’s, including dinner, pictures from the past 100 years and hearing from people who have had Chi Rho experiences. The date is yet to be determined.

As we look to the future, we are called to continue to be custodians of this magnificent portion of God’s creation.
COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD

The CAN committee focus has been hunger, primarily serving youth. St. John’s members reach out to provide the following services: a monthly Community Meal, volunteering at Loaves & Fishes through TRUST at St. Stephen’s, collecting food shelf items and delivering food to the homeless living under the bridges, making contributions to ZOOM House and TRUST and providing monthly backpacks of food to 15 families at Page Middle School.

Thank you for donating school supplies for our next door neighbor Justice Page Middle School.

NOTE: Alexander Ramsey Middle School was renamed Justice Page Middle School in June. (Can see more at http://www.startribune.com/former-justice-vikings-star-honored-by-minneapolis-school/442497753/#1.)

Also a note of gratitude for your continued commitment to providing backpacks of food to 15 Justice Page Middle School families. The monthly packing schedule will be posted when coordinated with the school social workers. Please add the following items to your grocery list just once each month and together we will fill the backpacks to feed our neighbors.

FOOD NEEDED for Page Backpack Program: brown and white rice, canned chicken & tuna, canned fruit, canned corn, canned ravioli, mac & cheese and cereal (Cheerios, Rice Krispies and Mini-Wheats). Cash donations are welcome to purchase fresh fruit. Bruegger’s Bagels at 46/Nicollet also donates bagels to top off the backpacks.

Thank you,
Community and Neighborhood Committee (CAN)
If you would like to join the committee, we meet the second Sunday of the month at 11:15 in the Chapel.

LOAVES & FISHES

Monday, September 25 at 2:30 p.m.

St. John’s will be preparing this meal at St. Stephen’s on Clinton Avenue as one of the TRUST congregations who cook and serve for Loaves and Fishes on the fourth Monday, six times a year.

If you would like to know more about serving the community in this way, please ask Marlene Holden (612-927-6369). Your help is very much appreciated!
About Our People

Remembering in Prayer...

♦ Those in need of healing, comfort, encouragement or sustaining care: Toni Blake, Dave Holms, Anne Kinney, Mike Lee, Jane McDonald, Brian Miles, Kevin Shannon, Gregory Smetana, Les Stromberg, Oly Stromberg, Margaret Thompson, Bruce Walker, Patricia Weller, and friends beginning fertilization treatments

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You can reach the church office at 612-827-4406

The phone system at church has changed. Callers to St. John’s now have the option to talk with or leave messages for individual staff, Child Care or even Chi Rho by choosing one of these eight new prompts:

1. Church Office/Ann Paulson
2. Sam Grace
3. Tina Shear
4. Venita Ditlevson
5. Joseph Sahai/Matthew Bell
6. Dave Helm, Chi Rho
7. Jackie Goossen, Bookkeeper
8. Pastor Mark Tiede

Email the church office at communications@stjohnsmpls.org
Email Pastor Mark at pastortiede@stjohnsmpls.org
TRUST, in partnership with MVNA, will once again be sponsoring flu shots clinics. St. John Lutheran’s flu shot clinic will be held Sunday, September 17, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

Reminders:
⇒ To have Medicare billed, please bring your Medicare Part B card.
⇒ Ages 3 years and older may receive the flu vaccination with parent’s consent.
⇒ There are numerous insurance plans accepted this year. Health insurance card(s) or a photo copy (front only) is required for billing. Picture ID (ex. driver’s license or employee badge) is required.
⇒ For the non-insured, the vaccination prices are (cash or check to MVNA):
   $38 for Quadrivalent flu shot
   $65 for High Dose flu shot
   The FluMist (nasal spray) will not be offered this year based on the CDC’s advice.
⇒ Please wear short sleeves.

Stay healthy. . . sign up for a flu shot today! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall at St. John’s…or you may contact the church office.

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Families of St. John's Lutheran Church,

Join us in sharing a love of reading with our students at St. John’s Child Care Center’s Scholastic Book Fair during the week of September 25th.

It’s a great way to connect your kids with books they want to read!

We are asking families to:
* Visit our Fair to make your selections in person.
* Consider purchasing a book for one of our classrooms. Teacher “Wish Lists” will be posted at the fair.
* You can also order books online (from 9/15-9/30) at: http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stjohnscce

Our Book Fair hours will be:
- Tuesday, September 26th from 7:30am-6:00pm
- Wednesday, September 27th from 7:30am-6:00pm
- Thursday, September 28th from 7:30am-7:00pm

We appreciate your dedication to creating lifelong readers. See you at our Book Fair!

Tina, Venita & St. John’s Staff
Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on August 25, 2017, and was one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Lutheran Disaster Response’s affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with Disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for “Hurricane Response - United States” will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

___ Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Response, U.S. $______DDG0073

___ Lutheran Disaster Response: Where Needed Most, U.S. $______DDG0010

Name: _____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City ____________________________ State _______________ ZIP code _____________

Email Address ________________________________

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Write “Hurricane Response, United States” or “Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S.” on your check’s memo line.
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Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Nursery care is provided.

Traditional worship that is joyful and welcoming to all.

**ELCA Presiding Bishop:**
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

**Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop:**
Bishop Ann Svennungsen