



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 18, 2023 † 9:30 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

*We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!*

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back  
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

*Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal  
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,  
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

*An asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as you are able.*

**P** Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

**Children are welcome** to participate throughout our  
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion  
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

## **Children's Bibles and activity bags**

*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary  
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.*

*For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

*Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.*



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace  
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as  
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,  
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or  
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,  
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,  
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

*We warmly welcome you here.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 556

“Morning Has Broken”

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.  
We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.  
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Righteous God,

**C** **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.  
We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely.  
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

### \*Greeting

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

### \*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Children's Message

#### First Reading — Exodus 19:2-8a

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody** — Psalm 100

**Hymn** — ELW No. 883

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

**Second Reading** — Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

from ACS, Holy Communion, Setting 12

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Gospel** — Matthew 9:35—10:8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Kristin Partlo

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 399

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

### \*The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

**L** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

**Offering of Our Gifts**

Music at the Offering

**\*Offering Hymn — “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

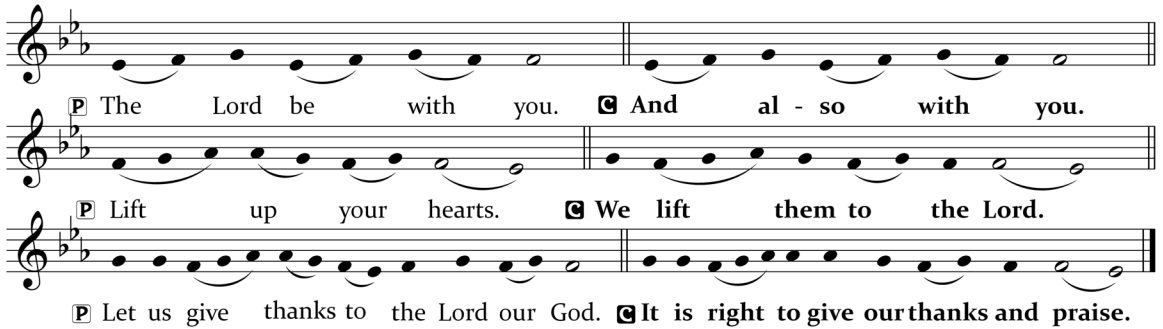
**\*Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

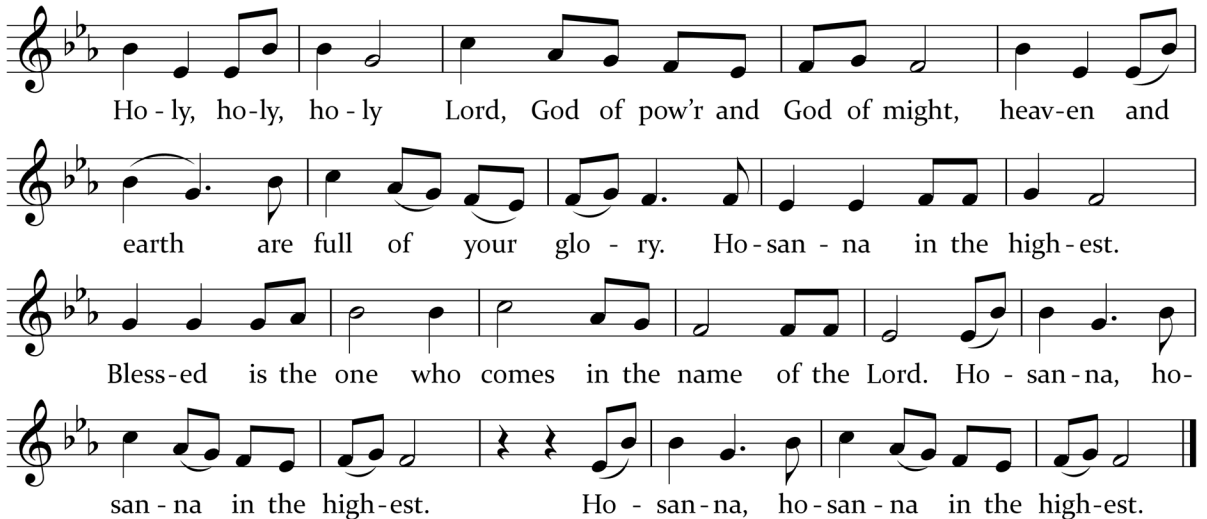
# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*Words of Institution



## \*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice. The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray. **If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.***

## Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 575

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

**\*Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

☞ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 841

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

**\*Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Assisting Minister	Deb Schoeb
Pianist	Christina Brantner
Communion Servers	Scott and Elaine Nesbit
Communion Service	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters	Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand
Coffee Service	Jon and Cindy McBroom
Refreshments	Ann Albert, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Jane Rizzo
Ushers	Dan Franklin, Jon and Alison Kavanaugh

## **Children and Youth**

### **Sign Up for the Last Day of Family Vacation Bible School**

**Wednesday, June 21, 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

St. John's, along with Bethel, Emmaus, and St. Peter's, brings family fun to VBS. Children preschool through elementary will love this hero-inspired VBS filled with heroic stories of the bible, activities, games, and songs! Please let Julie Brehmer know if you have questions. You can register online via the St. John's website.

### **Contact information for Children and Youth**

*Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at [childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

*Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org)*

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# **Announcements**

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.*

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Pam Schwandt. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: September 17 & 24 and October 8, 15 & 29.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are given in honor of Sandi Gerdes, who celebrates 40 years of service to Laura Baker Services this week.

## **Church Softball League Games**

**Today, 6:05 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 2**

***St. John's vs. St. Dominic Johnnys***

**Today, 7:10 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 2**

***St. John's vs. Cornerstone***

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

## **Pub Theology—Are You Burned Out?**

**Monday, June 19, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Contented Cow**

Burnout—it is a word and a topic that has been getting a lot of attention lately. As we have moved through many stages of pandemic and post-pandemic life, people (helpfully so) have been opening up and learning more about burnout. Burnout is a feeling of complete exhaustion and depletion, and the feeling that the work one does each day doesn't matter. Are you burned out? Do you know someone who is? How does our faith (if at all) help us in such wilderness moments? Can God be at work during our moments of depletion and desperation? Join us for Pub Theology where we will discuss this together. To ground our conversation, please read the article on burnout found at the Welcome Desk.

## **Assisting Ministers Wanted!**

Have you ever seen an assisting minister read in worship and thought, "I want to try that!" Or have you ever heard an assisting minister pray in worship and thought, "I could *never* do that!"? Well, guess what? You can! And you *are* capable of it, too! Having people from the St. John's congregation be assisting ministers each week is one our greatest joys in worship. We believe it is important to have a variety of voices and gifts and prayers in worship—especially children and youth! If you (or your child or grandchild) have ever wondered about being an assisting minister, but weren't sure how to go about doing it, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to be on the Assisting Minister list of people we reach out too throughout the year. We will help you all along the way so that it can feel like a joyful and meaningful experience.

# Announcements (continued)

## **Celebrate Mid-Summer at Vang Lutheran Church**

**Wednesday, June 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you to celebrate midsummer at Vang Lutheran Church. Some history of the congregation and the church building will be shared by a member of the Vang congregation. This will be followed by fellowship and ice cream with members of the Dennison-Vang Parish and others from St. John's. We hope for similarly glorious weather to what we enjoyed at the Valley Grove churches last summer, but the event will take place rain or shine! We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Joint ELCA Study on Civic Life and Faith**

The ELCA is developing a new social statement on Civic Life and Faith, and the ELCA congregations of Northfield are gathering to learn and discuss together this summer. On Mondays: June 26, July 10, and July 17, we will gather in the back room of El Tequila from 6:00–7 :30 p.m. to review the curriculum and provide feedback to the task force. Task Force member Prof. Anthony Bateza will guide us through the materials. A few copies are available at the Welcome Desk, but video materials available at [elca.org](http://elca.org) are central to the study. You may also review the study on your own and provide feedback by October 15.

## **Bundles of Joy**

WELCA invites you to help build desperately-needed baby kits one item at a time. **This week: June 18-Bars of Soap** (3-4 oz bars - Ivory, Dove Sensitive or Baby Dove, only). Place them in the labeled boxes by the Sanctuary doors or in the labeled box under the WELCA bulletin board. **Next week: June 25-New Hand Towels** (dark colored). A monetary donation is also welcome. Please make checks payable to St. John's WELCA with baby care kits on the memo line. Thank you for giving a baby a better start in life! Questions? Email Pam Groves-Gaggioli at [ladylynneg@gmail.com](mailto:ladylynneg@gmail.com) or call her at 562-237-3781.

## **Rice County Habitat for Humanity from Jodi Wagner, Community Engagement Coordinator**

Volunteer Builders and Lunch Providers Needed this Summer! We are moving along with our builds and will have our first house dedications for two of our families this month. We are still working on the last three houses and really need your help! We are planning to work on these three homes all summer, and looking for volunteers for Saturdays. We can easily take 12 volunteers in a group, ages 18 and older. The following Saturdays below are open:

- **Lunch is Needed: June** - 22, 27, 29; **July** - 6, 8, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 29; **August** - Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- **Construction Helpers Needed: June** - 3, 10, 24; **July** - 1, 8, 15, 29; **August** - 5, 12, 19, 26

All volunteers can sign up to help on our website: [habitatricecounty.org](http://habitatricecounty.org) or contact Jodi Wagner at 507-403-7868. Volunteers will receive an email with further information. Thank you!

## Prayer Requests

*We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.*

### **Healing and Support**

*Those in the hospital or in need of healing*

Aiden Mandsager, Greta Matzner-Gore, Carol Schoen, Wendy Scholz,  
Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse),  
George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,  
Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson,  
John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom,  
Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

*All who are homebound, including*

Lester Gunderson, Lois Pearson, Lyla Arneson Paulson

*Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's*

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;  
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

### **Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests**

*Stephen Ministry Requests*

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 25):

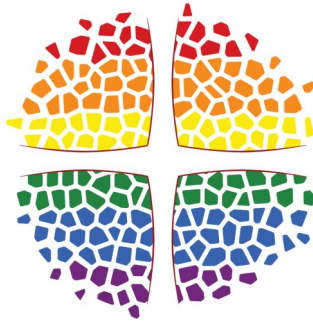
*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 20:7-13 † Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18 † Romans 6:1b-11 † Matthew 10:24-39

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, June 19</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, Contented Cow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 20</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, June 21</b>	6:00 p.m.	Family Vacation Bible School, Bethel Lutheran Church Celebrate Mid-Summer at Vang Lutheran Church, Offsite
<b>Thursday, June 22</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Executive Committee via Zoom
<b>Friday, June 23</b>	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Wedding Rehearsal - Errington/Gorg, Sanctuary NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, June 24</b>	4:00 p.m.	Wedding - Errington/Gorg, Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, June 25</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.