



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7, 2022 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:00 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 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 — “My Lord, What a Morning”

Spiritual, arr. Richard Billingham

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 834

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*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

- ☐ Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light
of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 15:1-6

Spark Story Bible, page 30

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.”

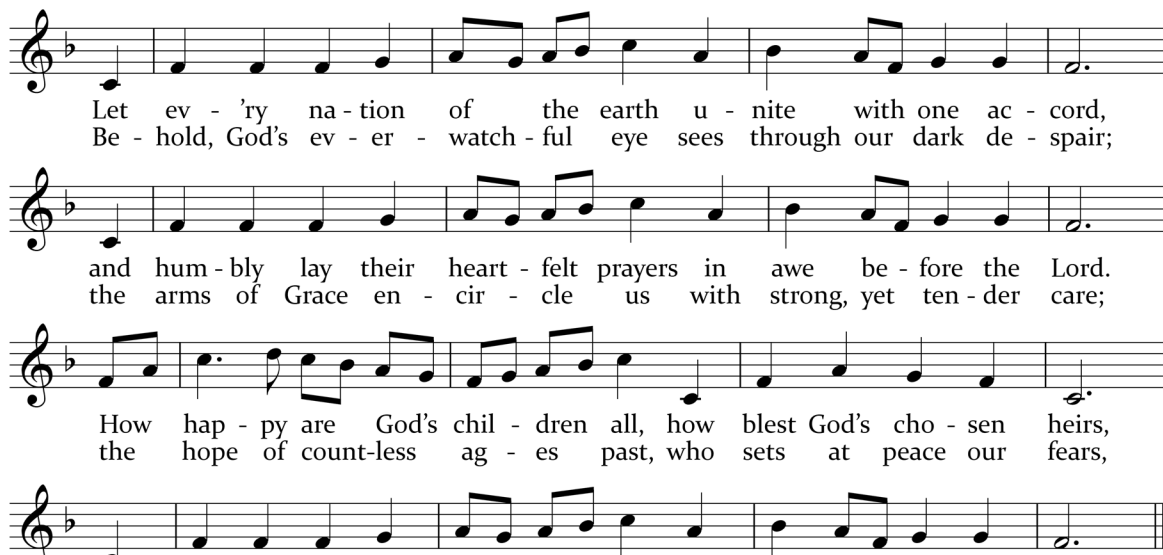
Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 33:12-22

FOREST GREEN



Let ev - 'ry na - tion of the earth u - nite with one ac - cord,
Be - hold, God's ev - er - watch - ful eye sees through our dark de - spair;

and hum - bly lay their heart - felt prayers in awe be - fore the Lord.
the arms of Grace en - cir - cle us with strong, yet ten - der care;

How hap - py are God's chil - dren all, how blest God's cho - sen heirs,
the hope of count-less ag - es past, who sets at peace our fears,

for sure - ly an in - her - it - ance of glo - ry shall be theirs!
God's mer - cy and com - pas - sion shall then fol - low all our years.

Psalms paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: English folk tune

Second Reading — Colossians 3:1-11

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel — Luke 12:32-40

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1004

“Faith Begins By Letting Go”

***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:

- ☐ Lord, in your mercy,**
- ☑ hear our prayer.**

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Spiritual, arr. Richard Billingham

*Offering Hymn — "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

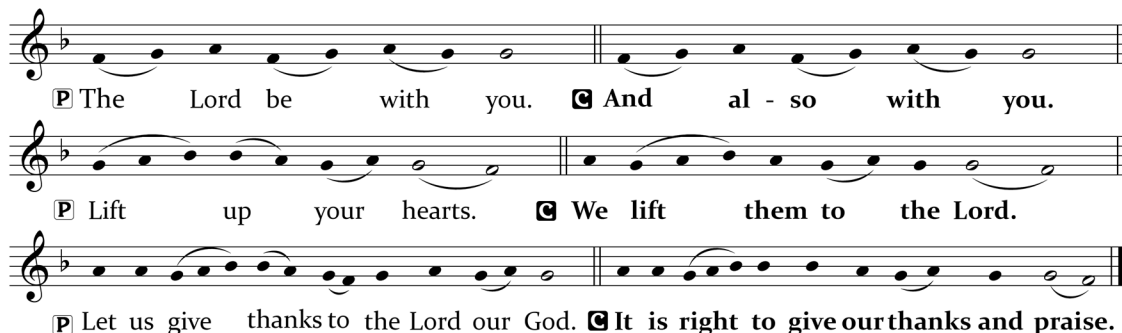
L Let us pray.

C God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

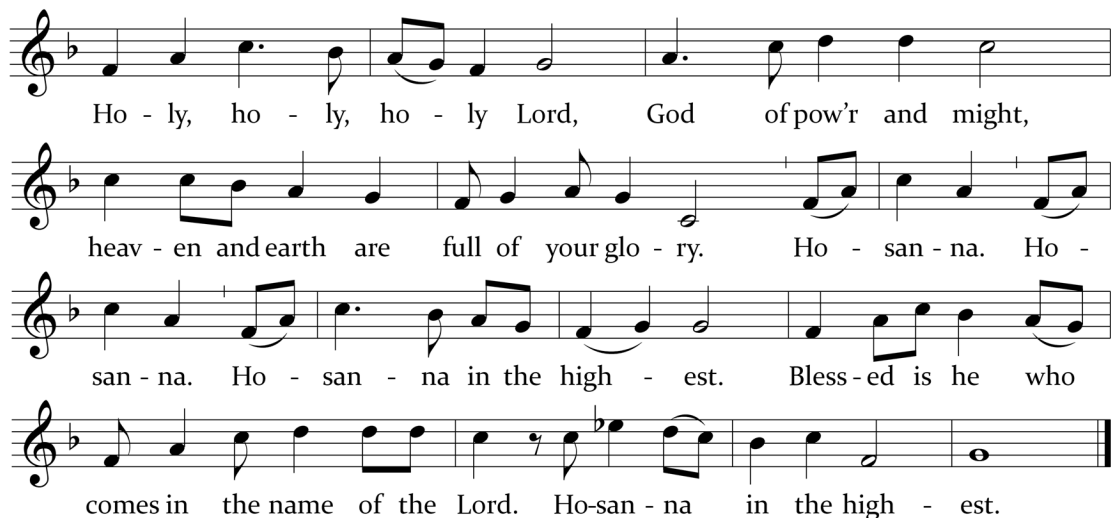


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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 might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. 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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first two staves end with a double bar line, while the third staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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.

Hymn — ELW No. 480

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

☞ Amen.

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 856

“How Great Thou Art”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “I’ve Just Come from the Fountain”

Spiritual, arr. Richard Billingham



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Assisting Minister	Jane Rinehart
Organist	Joanne Rodland
Communion Service	Judy Smith
Coffee and Refreshments	TBD
Nursery	Elizabeth Evenson
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:00) Kent Rommereim, Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh

From the Stewardship Board

Summer camp. Those words make some of us wistful and bring fond memories of outdoor activities, friendships made and kept, fireside stories and songs. In June and July, St. John's sent our youth off on adventures that might look different from our memories of youth camp, but the experience was powerful for those young people, and they have some stories to tell. And perhaps a story or two to keep in their heart, always.

Emmanuel Kaghondi and another adult bravely lead the middle school youth in camping and canoeing along the Namekagon River. We'll share some of the stories from Amnicon 2022 in the next few weeks.

In July, Emmanuel, with 3 adult volunteers, hiked and camped with 15 high school youth in the Rocky Mountains for Christikon 2022. We'll share some of their stories with you, too.

So, just what does youth summer camp experience have to do with stewardship? Good question! The intent is to, among other things, raise stewards of God's creation and to nurture the youth who are among our many blessings. St. John's offers scholarships for campers, to make sure that young people can participate in camp experiences. Everything that we have and everything that we are is a gift from God.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 14):

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29 † Psalm 82 † Hebrews 11:29—12:2 † Luke 12:49-56

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Susie Gasho Rezac by the Gasho Family. 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 or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: September 18 and October 16.

Summer Sunday Hospitality

Sunday hospitality includes communion prep and/or cleanup, coffee service and/or treats, and greeting. If you would like to help, you can sign up at https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=136 or contact the church office at 507-645-4429 or email Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Church Softball League Game

Tonight, August 7, 6:00 p.m., Sechler 1

St. John's vs. Cornerstone

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on!

From the Women of St. John's

The WELCA Board members will have their first fall meeting tomorrow, Monday, August 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. All board meetings will be held the second Monday of each month. Anyone interested in serving on the board or joining in any of the WELCA programing should contact V.P. Carol Briemhorst at cbrei@charter.net for more information. All women congregants of St. John's are members-at-large of WELCA. We welcome your input and suggestions at any time from anyone. All are welcome here.

Patio Theology

Tomorrow, August 1, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Rod and Deb Christensen (719 Highland Ave.)

This week we will share stories and ideas about how our faith may change over time, and what we can do to keep our faith alive and well. Have you found personal practices, routines, or habits that have been especially helpful? Have certain group activities or events shaped your faith? Are you helped by spiritual or secular reading and arts? Might you be thinking of trying something new, or returning to something that worked well? Please come and share your thoughts as we learn together—and just listening is fine, too.

Meals on Wheels Sign Up

St. John's is responsible for distributing Meals on Wheels from Sunday, September 11, through Saturday, October 8. Many volunteers are needed for this important ministry of care for elderly and disabled members of our community. Sign up online at https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=97. Questions? Contact Leah at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, August 10, 12:15–12:45 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church

Organist: Nathan Proctor

Join St. John's Organist, Nathan Proctor, for a unique recital celebrating the organ works of F. Melius Christiansen. Christiansen, who is best known as the first conductor of the St. Olaf Choir, served as organist at St. John's in the 1920's. All of the music in the recital comes from a new edition of his music edited by Nathan and published by Augsburg Fortress this past spring. Come hear music that would have first been heard in our Sanctuary a century ago.

St. John's Family Pizza Night at the Red Barn

Wednesday, August 10, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Red Barn (10063 110th St. E., Northfield)

Join us at the lovely grounds of the Red Barn for delicious freshly baked pizza made with locally grown organic ingredients, and share social time with fellow friends and members. The 10-acre farm is yours to explore, with horses, chickens, farm cats, and gardens to enjoy. Bring your own napkins and eating utensils, and any side dishes, desserts, and beverages you wish to have. Bring your own seating (chairs or blankets).

Next Summer Supper

Sunday, August 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Summer Suppers provide a fun, casual way to connect with members of our church community with a family-friendly opportunity to share a meal and conversation in the home or backyard of a member. Interested in attending or hosting the next Summer Supper? Hosts will receive a list with their guest names' and contact info, and will delegate the dishes for their guests to bring. Sign up in the Commons to attend or host by today, August 7.

Have you ever wished for improvement of the acoustics of St. John's Hall?

For over a year, the church Council and boards have been working on plans to improve the hearing environment in St. John's Hall. An Acoustic Improvement Committee confirmed the need to tame the excessive reverberation in the Hall, which makes talking and listening very challenging. An acoustic engineering firm has provided specifications for taming the reverberation. Of two project bids, we are focusing on the proposal of Twin Cities Acoustics. The wall treatment will cost \$44,000, and ceiling baffles, if needed, may add another \$24,000 to the project. The church can use some of the balance of Grace Overflowing Capital Funds. But the project will likely move ahead only if the church can identify additional sources of funding. If you are interested in knowing more about the project, and possibly making a contribution to this initiative, please contact Pastor Pam or congregation president Rod Christensen. Ideally, we will be hoping to identify interest by the end of August.

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

Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Carolyn Jennings, Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson,
Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe

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, or contact a pastor.

Children and Youth Registration for 2022-2023

Registration for 2022-2023 School Year for Children and Youth Programming is Open

Check out St. John's website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org where you will find all the forms needed for registering children and youth for the 2022-2023 school year plus information on how to volunteer for upcoming events and programs. Or, scan the QR code to the right. We appreciate registrations turned in by September 7 for returning members. Visitors and new members are invited to register at any time during the year. Please contact Julie Brehmer or Emmanuel Kaghondi at 507-645-4429 if you have questions regarding programming.



This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Aug. 8	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Patio Theology, Home of Rod and Deb Christensen
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 9		City of Northfield - Election, St. John's Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Troop #27358, Undercroft
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Aug. 10	12:00 p.m.	Northfield Noontime Organ Recital, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Red Barn Event, Red Barn Farm (10063 110 th St. E, Nfld)
Thursday, Aug. 11	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Rae Pearson, Commons Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Rae Pearson, Sanctuary
Friday, Aug. 12	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 13		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Aug. 14	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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