



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 16, 2022 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 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 — “Partita on ST. ANNE”

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

(10:45) **Anthem** — “God Is So Good”

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 632

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

***Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to
hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to
seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Born, Reborn”

Justin Rimbo

For anthem text, see ACS No. 956.

Jubilate Choir

Children's Message

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 121, "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

DUNDEE

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
 God will not let your foot be moved; your guard - ian nev - er sleeps;
 Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your shel - ter and your shade.
 From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro - vide for all your need.

My help is from the Lord a - lone, who heav'n and earth has made.
 God's watch - ful and un - slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
 'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
 Your go - ing out, your com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

Psalm Paraphrase: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909, alt.; Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

⁴¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in

helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1096

"Joyful Is the Dark"

Stanzas 1 & 2 — cantor

Stanza 3-5 — all singing

***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

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

"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

Scottish melody, arr. K. Lee Scott

Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see; my company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee; with thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day. I need not tell thee who I am; my sin and misery declare; thyself hast called me by my name; look on thy hands, and read it there. But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name and tell me now. 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart; the morning breaks, the shadows flee; pure, universal love thou art. To me, to all, thy mercies move; thy nature and thy name is Love.

- Charles Wesley

*Offering Hymn — "Thank You, Lord"

African American spiritual

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.".

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

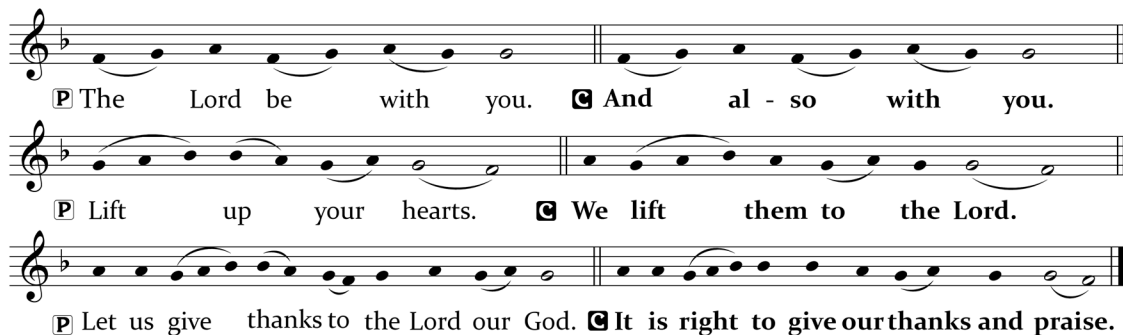
C Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

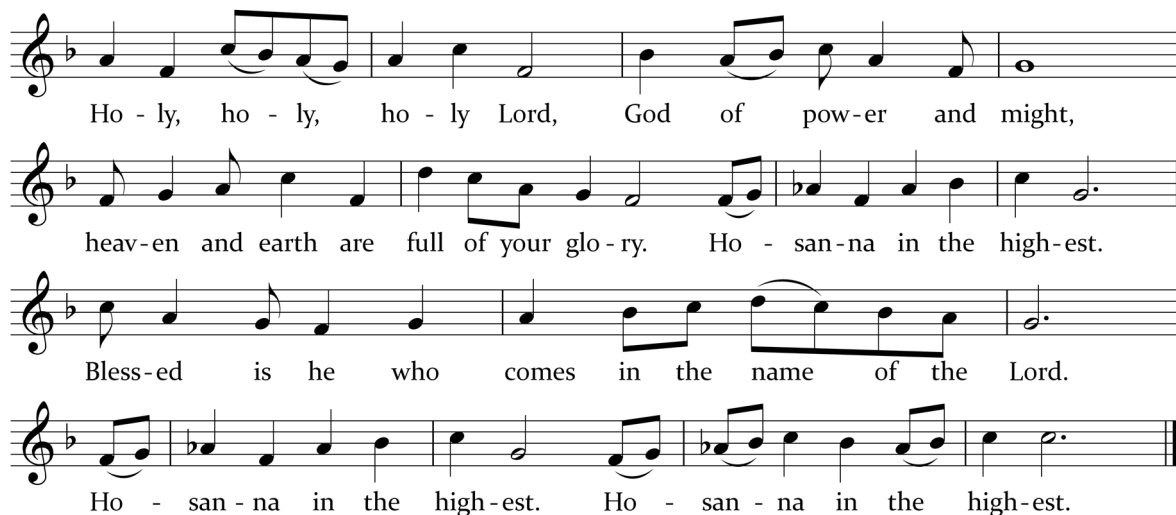


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. 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, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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. 790

"Day by Day"

Solo — "Joyful Is the Dark"

Aaron David Miller

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☩ Amen.

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 669

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Trumpet Tune in A Major

David N. Johnson



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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 23):

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 + Psalm 84:1-7 + 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 + Luke 18:9-14

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Alison Kavanaugh (10:45) Eleanor Godfrey
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(10:45) Alleluia Choir; Arielle Loy, director (10:45) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director
Cantors	(8:30) Tate Russell (10:45) Noah Smith, Church Music Intern
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Cindy Clauson
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	Luther and Bonnie Peterson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Jerry Kipp, Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (October 16):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Facility Planning Conversation #2 (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Next Week (October 23):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Dialogues on Race (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

Have you signed up for the new picture directory? Photos sessions begin this week!

Our directory won't be complete without YOU! Photography Dates:

- Monday, October 17–Friday, October 21 and Tuesday, November 8–Saturday, November 12
- Hours of Photography: 2:00–9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Saturday

You can sign up online at www.ucdir.com (church code: mn256 / password: photos) or call the church office at 507-645-4429. If you are unable to make it to the church for a photo session, you can submit a photo via email to the church office or dropped one off at the church. For additional assistance, call the church office.

Announcements

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

Printed copies of the October 13 E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Curtis Reed by Avis Reed and 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 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: December 1, 11, 18, 24 & 25.

Planning Our Future Together Discussion #2

Today, 9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Please join us to share your ideas and hear from others as we imagine building a strong future as a congregation. What ministries should be our priorities? How can we best use our facility to serve our mission? What are your dreams for St. John's? For more details please read the article in the October Voice. Plan to join us in St. John's Hall between services today or at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26.

Pub Theology

Monday, October 17, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Dave and Julie Zdenek (2121 Ontario Lane)

This past year, a small group from St. John's had the opportunity to experience a weekend creative workshop called "PEEL." Perhaps you have seen some of the portraits and poems up in St. John's Commons area this past week! PEEL was developed by a Christian art director in London as an experience designed to help young people creatively reflect on self-identity in a way that goes deeper than social media. A PEEL workshop engages participants with poetry and photography experts in their respective crafts, and then invites each person to share who they are with one fellow participant. A poem and portrait is created for each person. Theologian Dr. Andrew Root, after experiencing and reflecting on numerous PEEL Projects, said that PEEL participants become ministers to one another and that the whole experience feels like prayer. He also thinks that this is the sort of thing that can help a congregation thrive in an ever increasing secular society (which isn't a bad thing!). This coming year, St. John's has grant funding to host several more of these workshops. Together we will spend some time reading and reflecting on the poetry and portraits from the St. John's group and how it is (or isn't) like ministry and prayer.

St. John's Newly Formed Men's Bible Study Resumes

Wednesday, October 19, 12:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Rev. Grant Aaseng is leading a study of the Gospel of Matthew. Participants are encouraged to read chapters 1–3 of Matthew in advance and are invited to bring a lunch if joining the group during their lunch hour. Coffee will be served and we will end promptly at 1:00 p.m. We will also discuss whether the group would like to meet more than once a month.

Announcements (continued)

MEA Break — We take a break from children and youth programs on Wednesday, October 19, and Sunday, October 23.

NO Wednesday Night Meal on October 19 — MEA Weekend
Meals will resume on Wednesday, October 26.

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans **Monday, October 24, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall**

St. John's members, friends, neighbors, and the community are invited to consider attending this new gathering brought to you by St. John's Adult Ministry & Education Board and the Northfield Area Retired Educators. This is an opportunity to meet for coffee, conversations, and interesting speakers followed by a box lunch. The day begins with check-in at 9:00 a.m., the speakers begin at 9:30 a.m., and programming should end at approximately 11:30 a.m. with the box lunch.

- One of this month's speakers will be Edna Thayer, from Elysian, who is known to many as the Laughter Lady. She has made over 800 presentations on laughter and the benefit it has to our health. The second speaker is Packy Mader.
- who is a retired educator who has written two books on Minnesota Olympians.

Pre-registration is needed by Wednesday, October 19, by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. You can also sign up in the St. John's Commons. The cost is \$15 which is payable by cash or check the day of the event.

Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 30, during Sunday School

Last year's Trunk or Treat was so much fun, we're doing it again this year. Kids are invited to dress in costume and trick or treat at a variety of decorated car trunks. Games and activities too! If you are willing to decorate your car's trunk or help with games or activities, please email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Bible Overview for Grown-Ups Starts November 2

Manna and Mercy is the Bible curriculum being used by youth grades 3 through 9 this year. Based on a book by Pastor Dan Erlander, it presents the whole story of salvation with a contemporary lens. Kristin Partlo will be facilitating sessions for adults starting Wednesday, November 2. Parents of youth in programming are particularly encouraged to come and enrich their own knowledge alongside their kids. Sessions will be held from 6:30–7:30 p.m. on programming Wednesdays.

Oral History Update

You can listen to a 20-minute interview with Carol Benson about her decades-long experience as a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and leader of many music activities. [Click on the "About" tab on the main page of the St. John's website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."](#)

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

Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Carolyn Jennings, Guenther Moesler, Paul Peterson, Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella), Melissa Simonett (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Don Truax (brother of Joe Smith)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, 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

Joan Carlson, Richard Olson, Elouise Quinnell

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.



This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Oct. 17

12:00 p.m. Directory Photos from 2:00–9:00 p.m., St. John’s Library
Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
5:00 p.m. NHS Cross Country Potluck, St. John’s Hall
6:00 p.m. Pub Theology, Home of Dave and Julie Zdenek
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 18

7:30 a.m. Directory Photos from 2:00–9:00 p.m., St. John’s Library
Tai Chi Class, Fellowship 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
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers, St. John’s Library
7:00 p.m. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room

Wednesday, Oct. 19

12:00 p.m. Directory Photos from 2:00–9:00 p.m., St. John’s Library
Men’s Bible Study, St. John’s Library
7:00 p.m. St. John’s Chorale, Sanctuary

Thursday, Oct. 20

7:30 a.m. Directory Photos from 2:00–9:00 p.m., St. John’s Library
Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Quilters, Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, Fireside Room
1:30 p.m. Book Buddies, St. John’s Library
4:00 p.m. Executive Committee via Zoom
6:00 p.m. Rejoice Ringers, Balcony

Friday, Oct. 21

9:00 a.m. Directory Photos from 2:00–9:00 p.m., St. John’s Library
S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal - Egge / Krueger, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room

Saturday, Oct. 22

4:00 p.m. Wedding - Egge / Krueger, Sanctuary

Sunday, Oct. 23

8:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)
10:45 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary



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

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