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OCTOBER 29 REFORMATION FESTIVAL

(See page 10 for information on the Festival and additional Reformation Events during October).

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Tenth Graders to Affirm their Baptism

St. John's gives thanks to God that the following young people in our congregation have indicated their desire to publicly affirm their baptism by participating in the **Rite of Confirmation** on **Sunday, October 15**, at the **10:45 a.m. service**: **Cate Carson, Alexander Dell, Peter Neeb, Jack Rizzo, and Katie Schroeer.**

This rite follows a six-year education and reflection program at St. John's beginning with Catechism (CAT) classes in grades three, four, and five; weekday and Sunday classes in grades six, seven, and eight; and classes, retreats, and a mentor relationship in grade nine. The program concluded with a retreat at Gustavus on Saturday, September 23.

Please pray for these young people and their faith and life as they make this commitment and affirmation.

WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sundays
FELLOWSHIP
9:30 a.m. Sundays

LIVE BROADCASTS
8:30-9:30 a.m. Sundays
KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM
kymnradio.net

TV BROADCASTS
NTV Channel 187
7:30 p.m. Mondays
7:00 p.m. Fridays

Join Us for Worship!

Worship Services

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sundays

Nursery Hours

8:15 a.m. - Noon Sundays

Learning and Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sundays

All Ages from September - May

Live Broadcasts

8:30-9:30 a.m. Sundays

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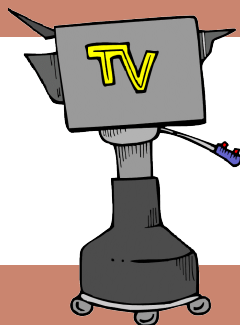


TV Broadcasts

7:30 p.m. Mondays

7:00 p.m. Fridays

NTV Channel 187



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WELCOME STATEMENT

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.

Dear Friends in Christ:

Unless you've been hiding under a rock, you're probably aware that this October marks a major historical anniversary. 500 years ago in Wittenberg Germany, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses that turned out to be the beginning of the Protestant Reformation (and, our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters would point out, a Counter-Reformation).

It's hard to overstate just how big a shift the Reformation was. In that century the religious, political and social climate of western Europe changed dramatically. Historians have plenty to debate about - including whether anything was actually "nailed" to the church doors at Wittenberg on October 31, 1517 - but there is consensus that the Reformation was important not only for the church but for the entire society. This 500th anniversary is being talked about far beyond the confines of Lutheran church education classes.

For those of us in the Lutheran church, however, 2017 is a time of **reflection** on both our theological center and our ecumenical relationships. We're not content to review history or sing our Lutheran fight songs as we do every year. All through this year, we reflect on what it means to be a people of grace and freedom now, in a time when our society is undergoing a seismic shift. Here at St. John's, October and beyond will be full of opportunities for you to join in this reflection.

In education opportunities, we will be telling the story of the Reformation - in catechism classes for 4th and 5th graders, in confirmation classes with 6th-8th graders, and in "Reformation 101" adult forums. We'll be asking parents to join in with their confirmation students for a refresher on Lutheranism. For all adults, WELCA is offering a return to the Apostles' Creed in a monthly Bible study with Eric Lund.

In worship, we will especially mark this anniversary on October 29, with special music from J. S. Bach's Reformation Cantata. We will also continue praying for the unity of the church as we invite St. Dominic's to share in our Thanksgiving Eve worship on November 22.

In celebration, we will have a Reformation Fair on October 29 during the education hour. All ages will join together for a Reformation play, trivia quizzes, art projects, root beer floats (a special "indulgence"), and maybe hammering on some doors of our own!

In solidarity and community, we will remember Luther's commitment to the hungry poor with the CROP Walk on the afternoon of October 29, joining with churches from all over Northfield to raise funds to fight hunger. And then Sunday evening we will celebrate at Imminent Brewing with "Beer and Hymns." Our ELCA congregations will come together for music and fun led by "The Fleshpots of Egypt," a band (including son of St. John's Rolf Jacobson) that plays "hymns as if the Reformation had started in Appalachia."

The church of Christ is ever-changing, ever-re-formed by God's Spirit, but God's grace is never-failing. Join us as we reflect and renew during this 500th year!

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

From Our Pastors



Pastor Pam Fickenscher



Pastor Jonathan Davis

Prayer and Care Ministry

Prayer Chain:

Prayer requests are welcome for any concern or thanksgiving. Requests are kept confidential and not included in Sunday morning prayers unless specifically requested. Contact Mary Cisar with a prayer request or to become a prayer chain volunteer: macisar@gmail.com or 507-663-1097.

Grief Care Resource:

Care Notes are one of the grief support resources at St. John's. Stop by the Commons to pick one up for yourself or for a loved one.

Grief Booklets:

"Journeying through Grief" is a resource for those grieving the loss of loved ones. Contact one of the pastors if you would like a copy or if you would like to give a copy to a friend or family member.



The following St. John's members died in this month last year. We list them so that we can remember these loved ones and their families in prayer "with reverence and affection."

October 13, 2016
Darrin Whitmire

Stephen Ministry: Coping with Grim News

These are challenging times. While we Minnesotans enjoy a gorgeous fall our sisters and brothers to the south are living through unimaginable natural disasters. Whether or not we have connections to individuals there, our hearts go out to those who have lost everything. Locked on their images, we may have trouble sleeping or focusing on the needs of those around us. How can we respond appropriately to real but distant pain without feeling overwhelmed? What can we do? Here are three tips for handling the stress of disasters both up close and beyond our control.

1. Do something, but be realistic about physical and financial contributions you can make. Put your related skills to use if that is feasible; donate what you can to reliable response groups such as the ELCA.
2. Stay informed. Follow accurate news, (including reports that may affect your own safety) without obsessing over minute-by-minute details. Note how and with what you might help meet critical needs and rejoice in the progress that is made toward healing and rebuilding.
3. Pray, trusting that God's peace and strength are available to all who feel weary and lost.

If you or someone you know could use a caring listener to stay above the fray, call on one of our pastors at 507-645-4429 or Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 to discuss the possibility of receiving the care of a Stephen Minister.

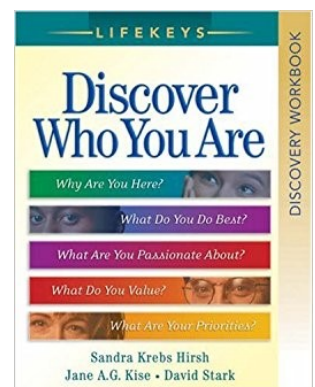
Discover Who You Are Book Study At The Hideaway, Downtown Northfield Saturdays Until December 2 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Book Title: *LifeKeys - Discover Who You Are*
by J. Kise, David Stark, Sandra Krebs Hirsh.

Christy Hall-Holt will be leading a book study group this fall. One of the purposes of this is to prepare for holding a class at St. John's called LifeKeys that uses the material in the book. This study is open to anyone who would like to take a closer look at your uniqueness and where you can use your strengths and gifting.

All are welcome!

(Meet at 7:30 a.m. in St. John's parking lot if you want to walk together to The Hideaway.)



Learning and Fellowship in October

October 1:

Coffee and Fellowship, **Commons**
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, **Commons**
Sunday School (Pre-K thru Grade 5), **Lower Level**
Life Groups (Grades 6-9), **Youth Room**
Life Group Guides (Grades 10-12), **Youth Room**
St. John's Forum: What is it? - A Reformation Crash Course, **Sanctuary**
Accompany Newcomer Gathering, **Undercroft**

October 8:

Coffee and Fellowship, **Commons**
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, **Commons**
Sunday School (Pre-K thru Grade 5), **Lower Level**
Life Groups (Grades 6-9), **Youth Room**
Life Group Guides (Grades 10-12), **Youth Room**
St. John's Forum: Who Cares? - Why the Reformation Matters for Our
Children and Grandchildren, **Sanctuary**
Accompany Newcomer Gathering, **Undercroft**

October 15:

Coffee and Fellowship, **Commons**
Sunday School (Pre-K thru Grade 5), **Lower Level**
Life Groups (Grades 6-9), **Youth Room**
Life Group Guides (Grades 10-12), **Youth Room**
Accompany Newcomer Gathering, **Undercroft**
Bold Café, **Room 19**

October 22:

Coffee and Fellowship, **Commons**
St. John's Forum: Tour Our Building - What We've Accomplished and
What's Next, **Meet in the Sanctuary**
Accompany Newcomer Gathering, **Undercroft**

October 29:

Coffee and Fellowship, **Commons**
(Root) Beer Pub and Reformation Festival, **St. John's Hall**
Sunday School (Pre-K thru Grade 5), **Lower Level**
Life Groups (Grades 6-9), **Youth Room**
Life Group Guides (Grades 10-12), **Youth Room**
Accompany Newcomer Gathering, **Undercroft**

Life and Growth

Births

September 19, 2017
Isaac Loy
Son of Arielle and Adam Loy

Deaths

September 9, 2017
Corinne Heiberg



Radio Broadcasts

September 3, 2017

Given in memory of
Ginny Shaw
by Brian and Nancy Gaffey.

September 10, 2017

Given in loving memory of
Cora (on her birthday) & Elmer Schultz
and Ken Struss
by Marie Struss and Family.

September 17, 2017

Given by Brynhild Rowberg
in memory of her brother,
Leland Rollag Rowberg.

September 24, 2017

Given by Joe and Judy Smith
in celebration of their
50th wedding anniversary on September 30.

If you would like to
sponsor a broadcast (\$160),
please contact the church office
by phone at 507-645-4429 or email at
office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Children and Youth

Important Dates for Children to Remember!

Sunday School Schedule (9:45-10:30 a.m.)

October 1	Sunday School
October 8	Sunday School
October 15	Sunday School
October 22	No Sunday School (MEA)
October 29	Sunday School

ROCK - Wednesday Afterschool Programming

October 4	
October 11	
October 18	No Programs (MEA)
October 25	

CATechism - Grades 4 & 5 (4:00-4:15 p.m.)

October 4	
October 11	
October 18	No CAT (MEA)
October 25	
November 1	

Youth Blast - Grades 3-5

November 3-4 Good Earth Village

3rd Grade CAT Bible Retreat with Parents

Saturday, October 28
9:00-11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall



Children's Communion Instruction Available

Holy Communion is the meal of all the baptized children of God.

If your baptized child has expressed an interest in receiving Holy Communion please contact a pastor.

3rd Graders and Preschoolers to Receive Bibles

3rd graders and parents meet in St. John's Hall on **Saturday, October 28, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** for a Retreat on the Word – an Introduction to the Bible.

This class will be a primer on the Bible for students who will receive their Bibles at the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, October 29. Please call Pastor Pam or Julie Brehmer if your child is unable to attend either day.

4th graders who received Catechisms this year:

Sam Froehle, Kayla Kelvie, Kailee Jo Little, John Malecha, Austin Mathre, Tristan Mattson, Clara Nelson, Osiris Perez, Will Redetzke, Kate Sand, Bailey Strese

Please contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org if your child would like to ride the St. John's afterschool bus on Wednesdays to CAT. The bus picks up at Sibley, Bridgewater, Greenvale, and at the Middle School for PCCS kids.

4th and 5th Grade CAT Begins in October

4th and 5th grade students at St. John's will begin Catechism starting on Wednesday, October 4. CAT class will meet downstairs, 4th grade in the Undercroft and 5th grade in Sunday School classroom 19 from 4:15-4:45 p.m.

CAT meets Oct. 4, 11, 25, Nov. 1; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24; Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21.

Toddler Time Starts October 8

Children who are 2 year olds (by 9/1/17) and Preschool 1, along with their parents, are invited to attend Toddler Time. We meet the second Sunday of each month at 9:45 a.m. in Room 14 (lower level).



Toddler Time includes songs, movement, Bible stories, games, and art for our little ones.

Important Information for Confirmands

Tenth Graders, blessings to you as you prepare for your confirmation this fall. Here are a few quick reminders about the month ahead:

1. Mark your calendars for the Confirmation Rehearsal and Breakfast on Saturday, October 14, at 8:00 a.m. We will take pictures, run through the service, and share a meal with your families and mentors.
2. Sunday, October 15, the 10:45 a.m. service will be the Confirmation service. Please arrive and meet in the Fireside Room no later than 10:15 a.m. so that we can get your robes on, your boutonnieres pinned, get organized for the processional, and pray before together before the service.

We are so proud of you and excited to hear you affirm your faith at this milestone of your faith journey. May God's peace be with you this day and for the many days to follow.

High School Youth Group Wednesdays

When: Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Where: Youth Room (Lower Level)

Who: 10-12th grades (9th graders also welcome during non-meeting days for Confirmation)

What: A casual time to connect with each other and explore the future possibilities of this newly formed group!

Youth Blast!

Who: Kids in grades 3-6

When: Friday-Saturday, November 3-4

Where: Good Earth Village, Spring Valley, MN

Cost: \$55 (\$25 deposit reserves a spot)

(Scholarships available; no charge for chaperones)

Youth Blast invites kids in grades 3-6 for an overnight adventure at Good Earth Village. The 24-hour camp experience is filled with games, hikes, great food, and worship. This is a wonderful introduction to what a weeklong summer camp is like.

We will carpool from St. John's on Friday leaving at 5:15 p.m. and arrive back on Saturday around 5:30 p.m. Feel free to bring a friend and join us for Youth Blast!

Register early; space may be limited!

Parents – we need drivers, chaperones. Thanks!

Register by going online at <http://goodearthvillage.org/youth-blast/>

Feel free to call or email Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you have questions.



Children and Youth

Important Dates for Youth to Remember!

Life Groups & Life Group Guides Schedule 9:45-10:30 a.m.

October 1	Life Groups
October 8	Life Groups
October 15	Life Groups
October 22	No Life Groups (MEA)
October 30	Life Groups

Confirmation (Grades 6-9)

6:15-7:30 p.m.

October 4	
October 11	
October 18	No Confirmation (MEA)
October 25	

High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12)

6:15-7:30 p.m.

October 4	
October 11	
October 18	No Youth Group (MEA)
October 25	



College Admissions Info Session for Seniors and Parents!

Wednesday, October 4

6:15-7:00 p.m.

St. John's Theater

Dan Franklin will lead an information session especially tailored for high school seniors and their parents about the college admissions process. Feel free to invite any 12th grade friends and their parents who may be interested.

Shared Ministry

Thank You Sunday School Volunteers!

Sunday School is off to a great start thanks to the dedicated teachers and volunteers at St. John's.

Our teachers:

Preschool 1

*Barbie Strese
Lynette Schroeter
Erin Gunn*

Kindergarten

*Anne France
Jacob Gonnerman*

First & Second Grades

*Trish Goodrich
Dena King*

Third Grade

*Amy McBroom
Hannah Williams*

Fourth Grade

*Kristy Harms
Sue Brockman*

Fifth Grade

*Kris Vatter
Amelia Becker*

Toddler Time

Jenny Nystrom



Wednesday Evening Meals at St. John's Are for Everyone! 5:15-6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall

YOU are invited for a hot meal on Wednesdays during the school year. Come and enjoy being with people of every generation from our community - people from St. John's and around Northfield. Introduce yourself to the people at the table, and share a little of who you are. You're bound to find a friendly welcome.

This meal is made and served completely by volunteers:

- Please take your dishes to the kitchen when you're done, then enjoy chatting at your table as long as you like!
- When you have the resources, a free will donation is welcome.
- Lend a helping hand by signing up to help with wiping down tables and other clean up.

Most of all, come and join in the community meal!

Questions about Wednesday Meals? Contact Christy Hall-Holt at the church office or by email at sharedministry@stjohnsnorthfield.org.



Funeral Hospitality Changes!

A huge THANK YOU to Marie Benson for being our Funeral Hospitality Coordinator for almost 2 years. She has faithfully served our community with graciousness, kindness, and understanding.

Marie has stepped down as the coordinator. She will continue to help out with funerals and answer questions, but she is handing over the coordinating reigns.

If you would be interested in learning more about this open coordinator volunteer position or if you would be interested in helping with funerals by serving or baking goodies, please contact Mary Kelvie in the Shared Ministry office. Until the position is filled, Mary Kelvie will be filling in as the Funeral Coordinator.

Introducing Our Interim Youth Ministry Support Staff - Angie Gehring and Rebekah Thomas

With the start of fall programming, we have been blessed with two remarkable people who have jumped in as staff for our Youth Ministry here at St. John's - Angie Gehring and Rebekah Thomas. Both Angie and Rebekah were Confirmation Group Guides last year and are familiar with the youth at St. John's.



Angie is a member of St. John's and has two children in the youth ministry program, Dylan and Jaida. She has agreed to come on staff for about 15 hours a week to help us with the administration of youth programs and events.

Rebekah is a senior at St. Olaf College and she plans to attend Luther Seminary next year. Rebekah has agreed to come on for about 5 hours a week to help lead some of our children and youth programs on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.



If you see Angie or Rebekah around St. John's, please greet them and thank them for helping us during this time of transition. Another word of thanks goes out to the Youth Ministry and Education Board (chaired by Jenny Nystrom) and all the volunteers have graciously stepped in to support our ministry to youth.

Can you help with Children's Programming?

We are looking for volunteers to help with Sunday and Wednesday Programs.

Here's where you can lend a hand:

- A team teacher for 5th grade.
- Help on Wednesdays with our buses at Bridgewater and Sibley (takes about 10 minutes taking attendance and making sure kids are on board our bus).
- Caregivers in the Nursery.

Please email Julie Brehmer, children@StJohnsNorthfield.org, if you have questions.



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St. John's Wednesday Night Meals

Let's get together for Dinner -
Come, share a meal!

All are welcome, it's a fantastic time for fellowship for ALL ages!
Supper is served from 5:15-6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall.

Free will offering appreciated!

Wednesday, October 4
Chicken & Noodles and Salad

Wednesday, October 11
TBD

Wednesday, October 18
No Meal - MEA

Wednesday, October 25
TBD



Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall
All are welcome!

News and Updates

Reformation Forums

This October, we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. But what is the Reformation and why does it matter?

On Sundays, October 1 and October 8, St. John's Forum hosts a two-part series addressing these questions. Join us!

October 1

What is it? – Reformation Crash Course for Dummies



During this Reformation Crash Course, retired professor of religion and St. John's member Eric Lund will help us to look back in history at what happened 500 years ago with Martin Luther and other reformers that led to the Protestant Reformation.

October 8

Who Cares? – Why the Reformation Matters for Our Children and Grandchildren



The Protestant Reformation happened 500 years ago – but does it still matter today? Gregory Walter, a father of young children and a professor of religion, will help us to consider why the events of the Reformation still matter in how we raise our children and grandchildren in the Christian faith.

(Root) Beer Pub and Reformation Festival

October 29

9:45 a.m.

St. John's Hall

As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and Martin Luther posting the 95 theses, we are gathering everyone together in St. John's Hall in between worship services for a (Root) Beer Pub and Reformation Festival!

The Children, Youth, and Adult Ministry boards are partnering together to host this intergenerational event filled with activities and games with a Reformation theme to them. There will be a Root Beer Pub, Reformation Trivia, nail-and-door hammering, a skit with Martin and Katie Luther, and much more!

Join us for this fun way to celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation.

(See page 3 for Pastor Pam's article on Reformation).

Reformation Beer and Hymn Sing with the Flesh Pots of Egypt!

October 29

Imminent Brewing

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to sing church hymns in a pub with your friends? Now is your chance!



On Sunday, October 29, the ELCA churches in Northfield are hosting at Reformation Beer and Hymn Sing at Imminent Brewing. Come out with yours friends and sing some good ol' church hymns, led by The Flesh

Pots of Egypt. As an effort to reach out and build bridges in this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we have especially invited members of St. Dominic's Catholic Church to join us. As with all events, everyone is welcome.

Northfield CROP Walk - October 29

Do you have enough? Enough safe, clean water at the turn of a tap? Enough shelter to keep you and your family warm and safe from the elements? Do you have access to an education for your children and grandchildren? Do you think that everyone should have enough for these? Join with other local families to walk Sunday, October 29, with registration beginning at 2:30 p.m. for Northfield's CROP Hunger Walk.



The family-friendly walk begins at St. Dominic's Catholic Church (104 Linden Street N) and ends at Bridge Square. Raise money and walk to show support for programs to eradicate hunger, poverty, and childhood and waterborne diseases. If you are unable to walk, you can sponsor a walker. You can even donate online. To sign up, visit www.crophungerwalk.org/northfieldmn and donate to your church's team. Support the world of people who are just like you, but because of poverty must walk for their most basic needs. They walk for food. They walk for water. They walk to escape violence. They walk to seek shelter. Twenty five percent of funds raised will go programs at the Northfield Community Action Center. Seventy five percent goes to support Church World Service projects around the world.

For more information please contact Viveka Hall-Holt at vivekahallholt@gmail.com or Christy Hall-Holt at 507-645-4429.

Disaster Relief



Funds given to Lutheran Disaster Response will be directed wherever they are most needed in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your gifts! You can direct a check to St. John's with "Disaster relief" on the memo line, or you can go directly to www.elca.org to donate online.

News and Updates

Blessing Box at St. John's

"Take something if in need; leave something when blessed."



St. John's Sunday school children are supporting a new mission at St. John's this year.

Scott Swanson has graciously built St. John's a "Blessing Box". It is similar to the Little Libraries found around town except the Blessing box is filled with donated non-perishable food and personal hygiene products. The idea is that anyone walking by who may be struggling can use the goods to make ends meet. The community is welcome to donate to the box being mindful of Minnesota's temperature changes. Donation Ideas: canned goods, pasta, flour, sugar, coffee, crackers, soap, mittens, toothbrush, baby items, such as diapers, pacifiers.

Our first items will be placed in the box on October 8, when at 10:00 a.m., we will have a blessing for this new mission. The box is located in the drive-up on the north side of St. John's.

Thank you Scott Swanson for building the beautiful blessing box!

News and Updates

Pub Theology Continues this Fall

What is Pub Theology?

Led by Pastors Pam and Jonathan, it is a conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture.

No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences.

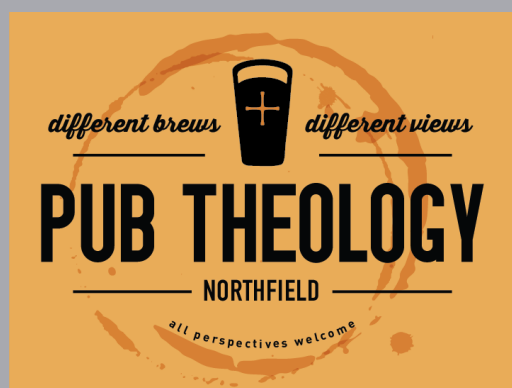
We will meet on the following Mondays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Froggy Bottoms.

October 2
October 16
November 13
November 27
December 11

Feel free to invite family and friends, neighbors, and strangers.

Each time, the topic will be different and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, the News Blast, and an email list.

Contact Pastor Jonathan
(jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org)
to add your name to the email list.



Congregational Care Updates

Parish Nurse visits will begin this month! Melissa Berthelsen, member of St. John's and certified parish nurse, will be visiting individually with members who have changing health status. A Parish Nurse is trained to visit with you about your whole health - body, mind and spirit - and to offer resources from the community as well as prayer. Parish Nurse visits will not replace pastoral visits and Holy Communion, but instead will help us better deepen and broaden the care we can provide to members and others in our community.

MONTHLY COMMUNION SERVICES for members who live in our care centers continue this month. The pastor who has preached the previous Sunday - whether Pam or Jonathan - will be present to visit, pray, and have Holy Communion with others in a group setting as follows:

- **3 Links Apartments:** 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, in the Dining Room
- **1000 Cannon Valley Drive:** 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12
- **Northfield Retirement Center:** 11:30 a.m. lunch followed by Communion, Monday, October 30, in the Community Room.
- **Individual pastoral visits** will continue. If you are newly homebound and have not previously received monthly visits, please contact the church office to notify us.

HOSPITAL VISITATION is available daily if the pastors are notified that you are admitted at Northfield Hospital. Please notify the hospital when you are admitted that you are a St. John's member, or notify the church office directly. The on-call line will give you the name of the pastor on-call 24/7.

If you are admitted to the hospital out of town, please notify the church office, as most hospitals do not relay this information to churches. Northfield Hospital also cannot tell us where you are discharged to if you are released to a care center or rehabilitation.

The Called to Care team regularly offers meals, cards, and other signs of care to those who are going through short-term crisis. If you know someone who could use a dose of extra care, contact the church office.

Bible Study with Eric Lund Continues

This fall take part in a three session Bible study on the Apostles' Creed and what we together say we believe.

Retired Professor of Religion, Eric Lund, will lead our exploration of this topic.

The remaining two sessions will take place on the following Wednesdays in St. John's Hall at 10:00 a.m.: October 11 and November 8

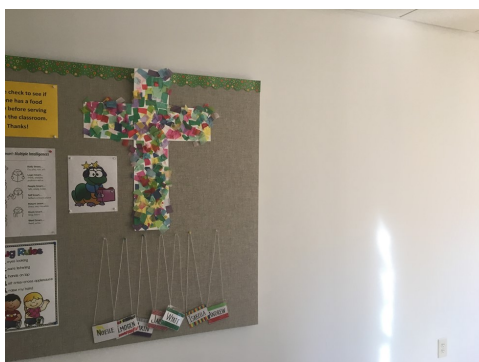
Properties & Grounds Update

St. John's has had a busy warm season on our property this year! Thanks to your ongoing stewardship, we have beautified the grounds and done some important maintenance of the facility!



This summer we were able to complete painting of the exterior sanctuary window frames. This critical maintenance protects our historic windows and keeps water out of the walls.

The wood of the front Commons doors was completely refinished and restored this summer, giving a facelift to our entryway.



Downstairs Sunday School rooms were painted with volunteer labor through an Eagle Scout project by Alex Dell, with professional guidance from Doug Child.

Our grounds outside were maintained through a combination of volunteer and hired labor. Especially appreciated were the new plantings in the courtyard surrounding our addition to the St. John's Columbarium. Thanks to the Courtyard Committee and Leif Knecht for this work!



News and Updates

Touring Our Building – What We've Accomplished and What's Next!

**October 22
9:45 a.m.**

The building of St. John's has changed over the years – from the major addition of St. John's Hall, the Commons, and the Sunday school rooms many years ago to the more recently updated tuck pointing, new flooring, and window treatments.

As we approach our 150th Anniversary in 2019, it is important that we look at all that we have done to care for our building as a place of worship and resource to the community, and to see what areas still need care and attention.

Join us on Sunday, October 22 for a tour of the building to see what we've accomplished and what's needed next!

the WOMEN'S page

St. John's
Women
of the ELCA

October Gatherings

Abigail/Rebecca Circle

Thursday, Oct 12, 9:30am
Parkview West Fireside Room
Northfield Retirement Community

Elizabeth Circle

Thursday, Oct 12, 1:30pm
Delores Mickelsen's home
1000 Cannon Valley Drive

Lydia Circle

Wednesday, Oct 11, 9:00am
St. John's Hall

Martha/Claudia Circle

Thursday, Oct 12, 9:30am
Parkview West Fireside Room
Northfield Retirement Community

Mary Circle

Friday, Oct 13, 1:00pm
Marcia Yernberg's home
780 Indigo Lane

Sarah Circle

Wednesday, Oct 11, 9:00am
St. John's Hall

Bold Cafe

Sunday, Oct 15, 9:45am
St. John's Fireside Room
AND
Thursday, Oct 19, 7:30-9:00pm
The Hideaway

Baby Boomers

Saturday, Oct 7, 4:30pm
Jennifer Edwins' home
106 Nevada St.

Breakfast Group

Saturday, Oct 14, 8:30-10:30am
St. John's Fireside Rm

Rides for all St. John's
Women's events.
Call Marilyn Calcutt 645-2814



St. John's Women, and the Adult Education and Ministry Board present:

"It All Started With Children"



**Lutheran
Social Service**
of Minnesota

*LSS' work with refugees
and immigrants, how it
began, and its adaptation
to changing global needs*



Mark Peterson
*Retired CEO of
Lutheran Social Services
& Mary Peterson
speakers*

**October 5, 2017
7:00pm
St. John's Hall**

Open to the public

2017-2018 program theme, St. John's Women



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From Bread for the World

October 15 is Bread for the World Sunday. This is an opportunity to join others in praying for those who struggle with hunger -- and to rededicate ourselves to efforts that help end hunger. Our prayerful work to end hunger is a response to the Gospel's invitation to take part in the banquet of God's mercy and abundance that is ours through Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:1-14).



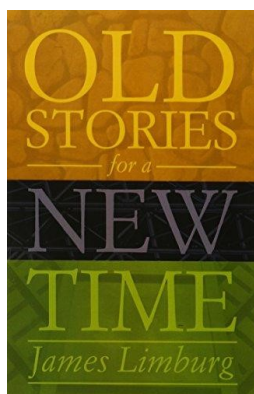
Our prayers are especially urgent at this time. South Sudan (where Judith Stoutland's daughter, Andrea, works with the World Food Program) is suffering from a devastating famine, and famine threatens Nigeria, Somalia and Yemen. Drought is spreading throughout other parts of Africa. The U.S. Congress is making budget decisions that will affect the lives of millions in our own country and abroad. The president has proposed unprecedented budget cuts to time-tested and life-saving programs that could make life even harder for the one in eight families struggling to get enough to eat.

These threats have led Bread for the World and many of our church partners to deepen our spiritual engagement during the 115th Congress through 2018. In the Spirit of Esther, who used her influence to advocate for her people (Esther 4), Bread for the World is inviting people to take part in "For Such a time as This," a commitment to prayer, fasting and advocacy -- www.bread.org/fast.

On October 15 and in the months to come we pray for all those who suffer from hunger, need or injustice. And we pray for our elected leaders that they might govern with wisdom and make ending hunger in the U.S. and around the world a national priority. Our faith is in Christ, who makes all things new, and we place our hope in God's vision of a world without hunger.

Much more information at www.bread.org.

Wednesday Conversation Circle Resumes this Fall



The Wednesday Conversation Circle is meeting again biweekly on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., right after the Wednesday meal.

Our first book will be the Old Stories for a New Time by James Limburg.

This month we will be meeting on Wednesday, October 11 and 25, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We welcome new participants! Contact persons are Jo Franklin and David Sudermann.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 5

***Thanksgiving Eve Worship / Pie Social
with the Church of St. Dominic***
at St. John's Lutheran Church
Wednesday, November 22

Advent Fair
Wednesday, November 29