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St. Olaf Choir Scheduled to Sing at St. John's on Sunday, January 19

We welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services on Sunday, January 19.

They will lead us in worship and sing anthems at several places in our worship services.

This is a long-standing and deeply beloved tradition at St. John's as we welcome the choir back to the place of its birth and as we are blessed by their wonderful leadership and music.

A reception in honor of the choir will be held between services in St. John's Hall.

WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
LIVESTREAM
8:30 a.m.

www.StJohnsNorthfield.org

RADIO BROADCASTS
8:30 Sundays
KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM
kymnradio.net

TV BROADCASTS
NTV Channel 187
7:30 p.m. Mon. / 7:00 p.m. Fri.
12:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Tuesdays
2:00 p.m. Wednesdays

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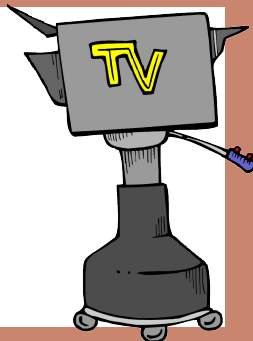
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WELCOME STATEMENT

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.

Blessing Box at St. John's

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



The congregation of St. John's continues to support the "Blessing Box", a mission that started in the fall of 2017. 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 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 (please check expiration dates): canned goods, pasta, flour, sugar, coffee, crackers, soap, mittens, toothbrush, baby items, such as diapers and pacifiers. The box is located in the drive-up on the north side of St. John's.

From Our Pastors

I have always been captivated by calendars and ways of marking time. My shelves are full of various almanacs and daily reading books, books about saints and their days, books about the seasons. As human beings, we find many different ways to mark the thing we call time: the sun and the moon, the cycles of the seasons, the milestones of our lives and those of our loved ones. All of this can be lovely, but in our culture, people increasingly speak of the clock and the calendar as an enemy.

One writer about time that I've enjoyed in recent years, Oliver Burkeman, works in that genre between self-help and philosophy. His book *Four Thousand Weeks* is a meditation on our modern obsession with efficiency and "saving time," and the ways that our societal interest in "optimizing" everything can make us less, well, *human*.

Clocks and calendars are a necessity if we want to coordinate our lives with other people, especially people around the world, as we do now. But when each of us lives driven by the clock, we can lose sight of the very things that make us feel most truly alive: the presence of our loved ones, the sensations of our bodies, the wonders of the natural world around us. The holiday season often invites us into those modalities for a little while, but then on January 2 we feel compelled to dive back into the productive tick, tick, tick of efficiency.

Church, I believe, is one of those few places where we are invited to a different way of experiencing time. Our worship services vary a bit in time from week to week, simply because the people who are there and the stories that are told take the time that they take. We develop relationships across generations that pull us out of our own experience; we listen to Scripture and allow for silence; we repeat liturgies we've done before, because in the repetition, we delight more that something new can happen; and, most of all, we sing.

Music is perhaps the greatest opportunity we have to experience time in a different way. Imagine how boring music would be if it all had the same tempo, or how disappointing *Beautiful Savior* would be if the St. Olaf Choir sang it at double time.

We're so pleased to have the Choir join us again, in their birthplace, for worship on January 19. As we start another year of God's good grace, we invite you to step away from January efficiency and experience time as the utter gift that it is.

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 these months last year.*

*We list them so that we can remember these
loved ones and their families in prayer
"with reverence and affection."*

January 11, 2024
Jerry Anderson

January 17, 2024
Paul Peterson

January 24, 2024
Shirley Anderson

Stephen Ministry: New Beginnings

January is the month of new beginnings and a fresh start. Many choose this time of year to develop New Year's resolutions as they look at the year ahead. These resolutions are similar to "I will lose weight" or "I will exercise more." The problem with resolutions is that they are often not achieved. As we go about living daily, they are put aside for another day.

Another approach is that the New Year gives us an opportunity to thoughtfully consider our hopes and aspirations for the New Year beyond simple resolutions. Centering these aspirations and hopes in our faith, here are a few examples to consider:

- I will honor, respect, and nurture my relationships with family and friends.
- I will reach out and care for others in need.
- I will love God's creation, and do all I can to promote caring for the planet Earth.
- I will develop a deeper relationship with God through prayer, study, and involvement at St. John's.
- I will work to become an instrument of peace in my home, locally, nationally, and globally.

These aspirations, grounded in love, focus on what God calls each of us to commit to in our interactions with others and the world we live in. Anticipating 2025, will you embrace God's promise of grace and imagine a new beginning as you grow in faith?

If you or someone you know is ready for a faith-filled new beginning, please call a pastor (507-645-4429) to discuss whether a Stephen Minister would be of help.

Advance Care Planning: What ACP Is & Why It Matters to All Adults Wednesday, January 8, 6:15 p.m.

Did you know that Advance Care Planning is a valuable process, not only for those in the later stages of life or those with a serious illness, but for adults of any health condition and any age? Are you aware that completing a health care directive is more about identifying your own personal values than about specifying specific medical treatments you do or do not want? How do you decide who is the best person to make decisions on your behalf, in the event you are ever unable to make them for yourself? In this forum, Advance Care Planning – a process of reflection, conversation and communication, and one that many adults recognize as important, but have not completed – will be described and demystified. Whether you would like information for yourself or for someone in your life, please join us to learn about how Advance Care Planning can provide peace of mind, knowing that your family and your care team are aware of your values and wishes, and will be able to honor your choices.

Susan Lohmann is a recently retired clinical social worker, and a member of St. John's, who practiced in the areas of hospice, hospital, long term care, oncology, and private practice counseling. She has been active in providing community education and guidance about health care directives, and is a certified Advance Care Planning facilitator.



Prayer Buddies During Lent

Starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and continuing through the Lenten season, our 4th and 5th grade Catechism kids are paired with an adult member from our congregation to be their "Prayer Buddy". We ask the adult to pray for their buddy during the Lenten season. With this program, we hope to create spiritual and caring connections with children and adults in our church community.

If you are interested in being a Prayer Buddy or would like to continue being the Buddy please contact Julie Brehmer, 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Life and Growth

Baptisms

December 16, 2024
Brenna Ruth Neuger
daughter of Marla and Adam Neuger



Radio Broadcasts in December

December 1, 2024
Given in memory of
Mary Virginia "Ginny" Shaw by Joe Shaw and
daughters Nancy, Betsy, Margaret, and Mary.

December 8, 2024
Given in memory of Gert Brosz
who passed away seven years ago.

December 15, 2024
Given in loving memory of
Howard Thorsheim by his wife Julie
and family.

December 22, 2024
Given in memory of both our parents,
Joe & Lillian Nesseseth and
Mark & Lillian Sorem and family
by Mark & Bev Nesseseth.

December 24, 2024
Given in by Marie Benson and family in
memory of Duane Benson and Lois Wolff.

December 25, 2024
Given in thanksgiving for Jo Ann Polley
sharing her gift of music with us in worship.

December 29, 2024
Given by Dennis & Jane Rinehart in
celebration of their grandchildren,
Junia and Kai, born this year.

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
January 5, 12 & 26

Wednesday After School Schedule
January 8, 15 & 29
No Wednesday Programs
January 1 & 22

3rd Grade Catechism Retreat
on Holy Communion
Saturday, January 25, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Bowling for Grades 2-5
Monday, February 19 (*No School Day*)
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Toddler Time

Each month, children who are 2 years old (by 9/1/23) are invited to join the preschool Sunday School class.

Toddler Time meets in Room 14.
Parents are welcome to attend.

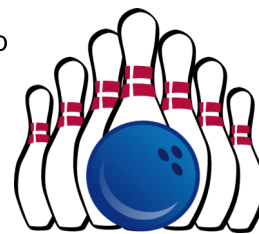
Here is the schedule for January:
January 12

Let's Go Bowling!

Monday, February 17, is a NO SCHOOL DAY so we're heading to the bowling alley!

Who: Grades 2-5, Friends are always welcome!

Watch for more information soon.



Third Grade Catechism Retreat Saturday, January 25

Third graders, along with their parent(s), are invited to attend a Catechism retreat on the Sacrament of Communion, Saturday, January 25, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at St. John's.

If you are unable to attend, please email Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Good Earth Village Summer Camp Registrations are Now Open

Good Earth Village, located in Spring Valley, has opened the 2025 summer registration site online.

Check out the schedule and registration fees on Good Earth Village's website at <https://goodearthvillage.org/summer>. St. John's gifts each camper a portion of the fee.

Check out these Registration Discounts:

- The Super Early Bird discount of 20% goes until January 26 with code SUPEREARLY2025
- Siblings can receive 25% off with code SIBLING2025

Does your camper want to attend more than one summer camp session? Each additional tier-priced reservation can receive a 25% multi-week discount with code MULTI2025.

ONLY ONE DISCOUNT CODE PER REGISTRATION. EXCLUSIONS MAY APPLY.

Wednesdays in January 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Middle School Confirmation J-Term

(Grades 6-8)

In collaboration with St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethel Lutheran Church, and First UCC, four Northfield churches will once again hold a collaborative J-Term. The month of January will be a chance for Lutheran & UCC youth in Northfield to come together and explore a variety of topics through the lens of faith. Use the QR code to sign up online.



- January 8, 15, & 29 (February 5 held as a snow day)
- January 22 Romans & Christians at St. John's from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

High School Youth Group

(Grades 9-12)

High school meets with Pastor Jonathan during the month of January in the Youth Room.

Sunday Morning Youth Group (Grades 6-12) 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

On Sunday mornings during the school year, all youth are invited to meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. for treats, highs and lows, and interactive faith discussion. Each week we get a little practice using our Bibles and practice telling our shared story as a community of God's children.

- No Youth Group January 19

Middle School Confirmation and High School Youth Group (Grades 6-12) 6:15-7:30

We'll return to our theme of relatable relationships in the Bible. In February we'll spend time with the stories of Moses' calling, and the friendships of Ruth and Naomi and David and Jonathan. We meet all four Wednesdays. Watch the weekly emails for shifts in the high school schedule.

Children and Youth

Mentor & Mentee Meetings

Working one-on-one with youth is a meaningful experience that we take seriously.

The first Sunday of each month is designated as a Mentor/Mentee Sunday. If necessary, mentoring pairs can make arrangements that fit their schedule.

Service Project Events are also meant to put our faith into action and to enhance the Mentor/Mentee relationship. Opportunities for community events will be in the E-Voice, The Voice, and on the St. John's website.

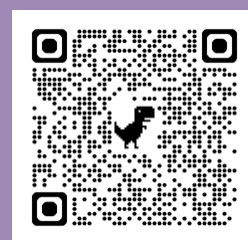
Mentor/Mentee Sundays Coming Up

January 5
February 1
March 1

Summer 2025 Summer Trip

This summer's trip will be backpacking (for high school) and camping & hiking (for middle school) at Christikon in Montana.

Youth and chaperones from St. John's, St. Peter's, and First UCC will adventure in the mountains July 19-27. Sign-up by February 15!



Celebrating 150 years of St. John's Women 1875-2025



the Women's page

January Gatherings

Baby Boomers

Saturday, Jan. 4
Luncheon 11:30-1:30
St. John's

Elizabeth Circle

Thursday, Jan. 9
1:30pm
St. John's Library

Lydia & Paul Circle

Wednesday, Jan. 8
9:30 coffee; 10:00am study
St. John's Hall

Mary Circle

Friday, Jan. 10
1:00pm
Fireside Room

Wellspring (GenXers)

Tuesday Jan. 7
6:30-8:00pm
St. John's Fireside Room

Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, Jan. 11
9:00-10:30am
St. John's Fireside Rm

Knitters (Prayer Shawls)

2nd & 4th Thursday
10:00am St. John's Library

Night Knitters!

1st & 3rd Wednesday
6:00pm, St. John's Library

Quilters & Bandage Rollers

Thursdays
9:00am - noon
Fellowship Hall

To celebrate the Women of St. John's 150th year, we'll be sharing history from our archives. This month, from Edna Hong's "The Book of a Century," we read: (1907) The ladies of the congregation persevered with their Norwegian suppers through thick and thin, fair or foul, evil report and good report. The report of them was so fair and good that a policeman had to stand at the stairway to the Hall to control the press of the crowds (*this despite the fact that admission had gone up to 35 cents, children 25 cents, 5 cents extra for Fløde Grød*). The News report of the supper in 1907 claims that large delegations from the surrounding countryside came, and that 600 were fed, 300 pounds of lute fisk were consumed, 700 pounds of meat balls. "Large numbers of servers were dressed in the fantastic garb of Norway, which made the gathering a striking picture. The ladies cleared about \$200." The Meat Ball Disaster the following year is vividly described by Mrs. O. E. Rolvaag. [...] to the chagrin and embarrassment of our good cooks, the supper in 1908 had a most unfortunate sequel, for most, if not all, who partook of the meal were sick the next day from some sort of food poisoning. It was thought the meatballs were to blame, [...]. One can readily understand the discussion that took place the following year when the time came to decide whether or not to have a Norwegian Supper. The women had not forgotten their humiliating experience of the previous year. Their reputation was at stake. Some argued that "We can never again face the people of Northfield with another Norwegian Supper. No one will come!" Others said, "We just must give the Supper to prove it was an accident and need not happen again!" The latter won out. The supper was given, and the crowd about as large as ever. As a precaution, however, it was decided that thereafter a special committee prepare the meat on the day of the supper.

COURAGEOUS

CONVERSATIONS

February 6, 2025

RETHINKING HOPE:

the Palestinian Concept of "Sumud"



Rachel Williams, a St. Olaf student and Musalaha intern, will draw from her experience in Palestine to reframe the idea of "hope" in the context of those living under occupation.

Beginning in 2025, the St. John's WELCA will collect the annual Thank Offering at the January luncheon, rather than in November. The Thank Offering is given to the church-wide WELCA to support their ministries that include ground-breaking racial justice advocacy, award-winning publications, scholarships, and so much more. Bring your offering to the Women's Little Christmas on January 4th, or use the Thank Offering envelopes in the basket on the shelf by the Women's bulletin board in the Commons.

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES NEWS

On November 19th, five St. John's Women volunteered for three hours at the GHM warehouse, sorting and packing medical supplies and items to be sent over seas to hospitals in third world countries. The women delivered 22 quilts 3 blankets, 38 sheets 11 pillowcases, 30 rolled bandages, and 3 suitcases!



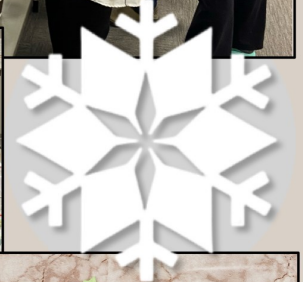


Community Action Center's Operation Joy

Around 435 families benefited from this year's Operation Joy, which means over 1700 Northfielders received blankets, quilts, and Christmas goodies and toys. St. John's church, St. John's WELCA and St. John's members were some of the operation's financial sponsors. A number of "helpers" from our congregation set up on December 10, and many returned on the 11th to distribute the quilts and blankets. St. John's Women donated 40 quilts and 7 baby blankets.



Thank you to all the women who baked cookies and made Christmas Cards, and filled 80 goodie boxes, and delivered to our elderly and shut ins!



Like us & Friend us on Facebook:

"Women of St. Johns" @ Kvinner St. Johns (Kvinner: Norwegian for "Women" 🤔)

Web pages:

www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/women

Contact:

women.stjohns500@gmail.com



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Pub Theology in January

What is Pub Theology? It is weekly 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 Mondays, January 13 & 27, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at The Contented Cow.

The topics vary and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, in the E-Voice, and an email list.

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



Food Donations Needed for St. Olaf Choir Breakfast, Sunday, January 19

For many years the talented St. Olaf Choir begins their musical winter tour by blessing us with the sound of their angelic voices for both worship services on a Sunday in January.

To thank them and show our appreciation, we serve them a hot breakfast before they sing. **In order to make this breakfast possible, we need food donations, which include the following:** egg bakes (use a recipe of your own choosing), muffins, fruit, and juice. The egg bakes must be brought to our church kitchen fully cooked, warm and ready to eat by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 19. Muffins, fruit, and juice can be dropped off either that morning by 7:00 a.m., or anytime 2-3 days earlier during office hours (9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.). A few helpers are also needed for the serving and clean-up. **Whatever you can do or bring will be greatly appreciated!**

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Commons, sign up online thru CCB or email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Accompany Winter/Spring Session 2025 for Newcomers!

Are you new to our church community and interested in learning more about St. John's? Are you considering St. John's as your possible new church home? Are you thinking about becoming a member? This late winter/early spring our program for newcomers called "Accompany" will be offered to anyone pondering these questions!

Accompany meets on Sundays during the coffee fellowship hour for approximately 6 weeks. While this program is not a big time commitment, it provides a space to build connections with other newcomers and long-time members alike, while learning about the many opportunities we have here for active involvement and spiritual nourishment. Meetings are led by a facilitator and will provide guest speakers from various staff, boards, or other St. John's groups. If you are interested in receiving more information about the Accompany program and what dates it will be offered, contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, who looks forward to hearing from you!

Sunday Hospitality

Who doesn't enjoy having a treat while visiting with friends, fellow church members, and guests?

If you can share a dozen or so treats, or would like to help with the serving or clean-up on any particular Sunday, you can either sign-up in CCB (a direct sign-up link can be found in the weekly E-Voice) or contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

It's a fun way to help foster connections among people and provide a welcoming atmosphere!

Christmas Day Dinner

This year's Christmas Day Community Dinner served approximately **230 people** consisting not only of St. John's members, but also, as in previous years, to others from beyond our congregation! It was wonderful to see so many people lined up to feast with us that day! Many thanks and appreciation for the gifts of delicious food and beverages from our **64 generous donors**, and for the incredible assistance of **over 60 awesome volunteers** who helped put it all into action, ensuring that everyone who came was properly welcomed and well-fed!

And, thanks to our talented volunteer musicians Julie Zdenek and Jane Turpin Moore, those in attendance enjoyed continuous beautiful piano music throughout their dinner, adding to the festive joyful vibe! It was such a pleasure to work with everyone to provide this meal to our families and the greater community!

Angie Gehring, Shared Ministry Coordinator



Coffee Sales

Fair trade sales of coffee and more during
will be on the following Sunday:
January 5

If you need items other times during the
month please contact Dawn Tommerdahl at
dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com
or 701-238-5038.



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It's Easy! Direct a Holiday Gift to St. John's!

If you are an eligible member of Thrivent Financial, don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars.®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program is directed to our ministry among youth and to the Women of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2025, to direct any remaining 2024 Choice Dollars.

But St. John's Lutheran Church needs your support now - this year. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

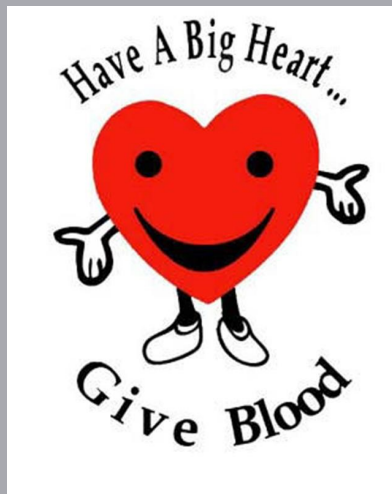
Don't let Choice Dollars expire. (Note: Eligibility is based upon premiums and contract values - not all members of Thrivent are eligible).



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Make a Difference, Save a Life.

St. John's has hosted several American Red Cross blood drives already during 2023.

Just one unit of blood has the potential to save 3 lives.

There is always an ongoing need, and we invite you to consider making a difference by donating blood.

Upcoming Blood Drive

Monday, January 6
1:00-6:00 p.m.
in St. John's Hall

You can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) Information Session Sunday, January 12 10:00-10:30 a.m., Undercroft

This winter/spring, St. John's is offering the Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) sexuality and relationship program for 10th-12th grade high schoolers. O.W.L. is a curriculum designed to teach the social, emotional, and spiritual aspects of sexuality and relationships. Pastor Jonathan and Tamara Jackman, a Certified Nurse Midwife, will be leading these sessions for High Schoolers. For parents and high schoolers looking for more information, Pastor Jonathan and Tamara will be leading an information session on January 12, in the Undercroft (downstairs) from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Here is what one youth has said, *"Although the conversations can be uncomfortable, I never regretted being part of them. I grew from my time in OWL and wish I could've had more of it. Don't waste this opportunity!"* Oden Hoff, St. John's High School, Class of 2022.

Tentative Schedule:

- January 12 – OWL Information Session, 10:00-10:30 a.m.
- Feb 23 – Parents Only Session – *Required*, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- March 1 – Opening OWL Retreat, TBD
- March 5 – OWL Session, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- March 12 – OWL Session, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- March 19 – OWL Session, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- April 2 – OWL Session, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- April 9 – OWL Session, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- April 14 – Closing OWL Retreat, TBD

If you have questions or if your high schooler is interested and ready to sign up, please email Pastor Jonathan at 507-645-4429 or jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Children's Christmas Program.

Your children did such a great job! Thank you to the teachers and assistants, Arielle Loy for leading music with our Sunday school children and the Alleluia Choir, Marcia Yernberg for accompanying us on the piano, and Brian Evenson for helping with the set.



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A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

With gratitude

Thank you all for being stewards of this church. Thank you for giving in time and money and heart during 2024. And thank you for pledging continued support in 2025!

We are St. John's

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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, January 1
No Meal - New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 8
Sloppy Joes

Wednesday, January 15
Chicken Pot Pie

Wednesday, January 22
No Meal - No Wednesday Programming

Wednesday, January 29
Swedish Meatballs with Mashed Potatoes



Out'n About Conversations with Minnesotans Monday, January 27, 2025 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Out'n About is thrilled to announce that Professor Charles Woodward will be joining us as our first speaker at the Out'n About event on January 27. Professor Woodward's talk is titled "New Views of the Cosmos From Your James Webb Telescope: Wonders and Mysteries." Dr. "Chick" Woodward is a Professor in the Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics at the University of Minnesota. He has been involved with the JWST project from its earliest days, as well as with a variety of the NASA spacecraft missions, National Science Foundation (NSF) very large ground based optical-infrared Observatory management and governance, and University lead telescope facilities.

Our second speaker will be Logan Wells who grew up in Northfield. He will speak on "From Bridgewater School to KYMN News Director." Logan grew up in Northfield and attended Bridgewater School and Arcadia. During his growing up he was a great volunteer and Boy Scout, earning his Eagle Scout recognition. After graduating from Cornell College he recently began working as KYMN News Director.

Register for this event by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 and payable the day of the event (cash or check only). The \$15 includes speaker, coffee/treats, and Hideaway Vault bag lunch.

Electronic Giving

Electronic giving is great way to support the on-going ministry of St. Johns, even when you are out of town or unable to worship in person. To sign up for electronic giving, contact Leah in the church office at (507) 645-4429, or by email: office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. "I give electronically" cards are available in the pew racks, so you can show your support during the Sunday morning offering.



Get involved with Children's Programming at St. John's

Parents, grandparents, high school and middle school youth! Please consider how you can help partner in faith by volunteering with children's programs this year. We try to create opportunities that are easy to commit to and can fit into busy schedules.

Wednesday afternoons:

- Snack Servers - help serve snacks on Wednesdays for our after-school programming, 3:45-4:00 p.m.
- Youth! Lead games and assist with other activities during our programs.

Sunday Mornings:

- Nursery volunteers during the worship services

Please contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429, if you have questions. Thanks!

Get Involved with Youth Programming at St. John's

Would you like to help out on a regular or occasional basis with youth Wednesday night Confirmation and High School Youth Groups? Volunteering with youth events and regular programming is a great way to get to know the young people in our congregation. Below are some ways you could help in ways big and small – all of which make a difference for everyone involved.

Wednesday nights

- Provide adult presence downstairs between dinner and programming
- Help setting up for confirmation, 5:45-6:00 p.m.
- Sharing game ideas
- Visiting to tell part of your story to youth

Events

- Drivers
- Acquiring and preparing snacks
- Chaperones

Interested in helping out? Please contact Kristin Partlo at 507-645-4429 or youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thanks!

Reminder of Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements:

Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

The Voice (February 2025 Edition):

January 15

Please send submissions electronically via email to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or the [Announcement Request Form](#) found on our website.

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