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Palm Sunday, April 2

Procession with Palms and Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Holy Communion
12 noon and 6:15 p.m.
(6:15 p.m. service will be livestream
and broadcast on KYMN 1080AM / 95.1 FM)

Good Friday, April 7

Liturgy of Good Friday
12 noon and 6:15 p.m.
(6:15 p.m. service will be livestream
and broadcast on KYMN 1080AM / 95.1 FM)

Celebration of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 9

Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
(8:30 a.m. service will be livestream
and broadcast on KYMN 1080AM / 95.1 FM)
Easter Breakfast from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

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LIVESTREAM

8:30 a.m. Sundays

www.StJohnsNorthfield.org

RADIO BROADCASTS

8:30-9:30 a.m. 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

Join Us for Worship!

Worship Services

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

Livestream

8:30 a.m. Sundays
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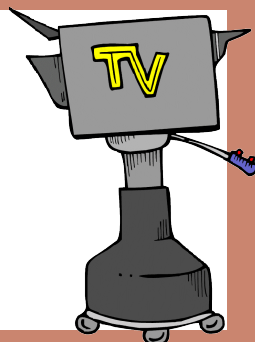
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WELCOME STATEMENT

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

Dear Friends in Christ:

Who is my neighbor? This question, posed to Jesus, makes all the difference when we think about God's commandments. *Love your neighbor as yourself*, the commandments says, but it seems to be our human nature to want to draw lines around the circle of neighborliness.

For the last three years, many of us have found our circles getting pretty small. While we might still pray for peace around the world, we haven't traveled the world. While we might still consider that stranger at the grocery store a neighbor, we've been less likely to talk to them. Even by the standard definition of a neighbor as someone who lives on your block, we might find that we know the names of fewer of our neighbors than before 2020.

This spring, St. John's members will be invited in a variety of ways to learn about and serve their neighbors.

- We are welcoming dozens of new neighbors into our congregation with the first Accompany class since 2020.
- The Women of the ELCA will have a day celebrating how we serve our global neighbors through Lutheran World Relief mission projects such as quilts, school kits, and baby kits and baby wear.
- Our youth will spend the post-Easter weeks learning about our neighbors of other faiths, including field trips to a synagogue and a mosque. There's nothing like sitting with a fellow student during Ramadan to open ones eyes to the way your neighbors live out their faith on a daily basis.
- And on Trinity Sunday, we'll celebrate the ways our knitters surround our neighbors with prayer through their ministry of prayer shawls. Their work reminds us that we are never alone in God's fabric of care; we are knit together in ways we don't always see.

When Jesus answered the question "who is my neighbor?" he surprised his listeners by telling a story about a despised Samaritan being the one who obeyed God's commandment. *Neighbor is as neighbor does*, he seemed to say. We invite you to new ways of *doing* neighborliness this spring. Because God keeps drawing the circle wider.

Pastor Pam

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.



If you are stressed or are going through a difficult time, you may benefit from a caring listening ear.

St. John's Stephen Ministers have been trained to offer this kind of support.

Please call one of the pastors (507-645-4429) to request a Stephen Minister if you feel this could make a difference for you.

Stephen Ministry

Facing Something Heavy?

Lent is a heavy season. During these weeks we consider things dark and somber. We pray to confess our own weakness and sin. We find ourselves encountering loss and emptiness. We face death and dying. But we also open ourselves to one another and to hope as Lent collapses into the promise of Easter's new life.

Recently St. John's High School Youth Group took on the heavy Lenten topic of death and dying. They talked about how our culture both protects us from encounters with death and provides various media experiences with it; they shared photos and stories about loved ones who have died; they learned about how and why we Christians have funerals; and they also visited a local funeral home.

Stephen Ministers often are called to face death with their care receivers: a long past death, an approaching death, or the idea of dying. Together they look honestly at tough realities, believing yet questioning as people of faith. Together they seek the comfort of God's life-giving love.

If you or someone you know faces something heavy or simply needs the reassurance of God's caring presence, contact one of the pastors at 507-645-4429 about connecting with a Stephen Minister.

Summer Worship Schedule Changes Begin May 28

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will have one service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

This schedule will continue through Sunday, September 10.



Radio Broadcasts in February and March

February 5, 2023

Given in loving memory of Chuck Jacobson
by Marilyn Jacobson.

February 12, 2023

Given in loving memory of Karen Swenson
by her husband Curt and her family.

February 19, 2023

Given by Rose Berthelsen and Patty Lindell
in memory of Ruth Hansen and Pastor Art Berthelsen.

February 26, 2023

Given by friends of St. John's.

March 5, 2023

Given by Tony Becker and Beckie Judge.

March 12, 2023

Given in memory of Ken Struss and Elmer & Cora Schultz
by Marie Struss and family.

March 19, 2023

Given by friends of St. John's.

March 26, 2023

Given by friends of St. John's.

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.

Life and Growth

Deaths

February 2, 2023
Steve Nelson

February 11, 2023
Katie Creighton

February 16, 2023
Gloria Porter

March 3, 2023
Gerhard Knutson



*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."*

May 24, 2022
Lois Rand

May 28, 2022
Carole Nesheim

May 29, 2022
Gertrude Swanlund

Children and Youth

Important Dates for Children and Youth to Remember!

Sunday School Schedule

April 16, 23, 30

May 7, 14

We take a break from Sunday School on April 2 due to Northfield Schools' Spring Break on Easter Sunday, April 9

Toddler Time

April 23

Wednesday After School Schedule

April 5, 12, 19, 26

May 3, 10

Other Activities

Saturday, April 8

Easter Egg Hunt, St. John's, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 12

Prayer Buddy Get-Together
Fireside Room at 5:35 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10

Last day of Wednesday Programs!
Stay tuned for more information.

Sunday, May 14

Last day of Sunday school!
Stay tuned for more information.

Mission Trips to Nashville June 24 - July 1

We're thrilled to announce that this year, the High School and Middle School youth groups from St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and First UCC will be going to Nashville, TN.

On June 24 morning, we'll depart Northfield as one BIG family and return on July 1. During our time in Nashville, Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will engage in different missional experiences at separate sites, while staying together at night.



We believe this trip will be an incredible opportunity for our youth to grow in their faith and make a positive impact in the Nashville community. The trip cost is \$400/participant, and we encourage youth who are interested to participate. We'll be sharing more updates on this exciting trip through weekly e-mails, so please stay tuned.

Prayer Buddies Get-Together

Our after Easter Get-Together happens Wednesday, April 12, in the Fireside Room starting at 5:35 p.m. Dinner will be provided along with great conversations with your buddies! If you are unable to attend, please let Julie Brehmer at Children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Thank you!



Participating this year:

Madelynn Bennett with Prayer Buddy, Debra Ehret Miller
Noelle Berger with Prayer Buddy, Candace Godfrey
Elliot Davis with Prayer Buddy, Brian Evenson
Arthur Godfrey with Prayer Buddy, Erik Holleque
Jude Hassanally with Prayer Buddy, Jeff McLaughlin
Imogen Jackman with Prayer Buddy, Jennifer Welbaum
Marin McBroom with Prayer Buddy, Kristy Harms
Izzy Rudser with Prayer Buddy, Arielle Loy
Edie Taggart with Prayer Buddy, Jenny Nystrom

Summer Camp for Grades 2-6

Summer is just around the corner and with summer comes great outdoor experiences!



This year, kids are invited to participate in these Summer experiences at Good Earth Village Bible Camp, Spring Valley, MN.

June 28-30: Settlers – Grades 2-4 (completed)

Three exciting days and two fun nights make for the perfect camp experience for younger campers. Your child will make new friends and grow in faith through fun, action-packed days. This camp also introduces campers to elements of our week-long camp. Campers stay in Log Lodge.

June 25-30:

Pathfinders – Grades 3-4 (completed)

Campers blaze new trails in their faith as they explore what it means to follow Christ, meet new friends, serve others, and learn more about God's creation through hikes in the woods and spending time with our on-site naturalist. Campers stay in our Hilltop Cabins.

Pioneers – Grades 5-6 (completed)

Pioneers experience adventure-filled days and laid-back nights of an Old West style camp. Pioneers sleep in Old Town Village, learn outdoor skills, cook meals over the fire, hike to new locations, play awesome group games, share stories and songs around the campfire, and take care of each other.

Summer Camp Promotions and Discounts

- Use code **EARLY23** to save 10% on registration fees
- For a limited time, each camper registered can receive a free summer theme t-shirt
- Siblings each receive a 25% discount with code **SIBLING23** excludes Intergenerational Family Camp

DISCOUNTS CANNOT BE COMBINED

For more information and registration go to www.goodearthvillage.org and click on Summer!

Summer Family VBS, “Hero Hotline”

Through stories in both the Old and New Testaments, Hero Hotline VBS opens kids' eyes to the countless ways God provides for Heroes who answer His call to follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, and Show Grace. Everyone's gifts are valued and we can all be Heroes with a role to play!

When: Wednesdays, June 14 and 21

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Where: Outside at Bethel Lutheran Church

Cost: \$20/family

Hosted by: St. John's, St. Peter's, Emmaus, and Bethel

Watch for registration information after Easter.



Children and Youth

Sunday Morning Youth Group 9:45-10:30 a.m.

On Sunday mornings, during the school year, all youth (Grades 6-12) are invited meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. for treats, highs and lows, and interactive faith discussion!

Other youth adults and church members are encouraged to attend for intra and inter-generational connections.

These gatherings will be led by Emmanuel Kaghondi and other adults.



Mentor & Mentee Meetings

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

The first Sunday of each month is normally designated as a M & M Sunday but otherwise, mentors and mentees can make an arrangement that fits your 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.

Tentative calendar

April 2

May 7

Mentee
Mentor

Children and Youth

Confirmation (Grade 6-8) Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Large group teaching of the story of scripture using *Manna and Mercy* Bible Curriculum.

M&M curriculum is based on a book by Pastor Dan Erlander. It presents the whole story of salvation with a contemporary lens.

Topics:

April 12

Interfaith Dialogue: Interfaith Iftaar Dinner

April 19

M&M Jerusalem & A Risen Jesus, A Risen People

April 26

Interfaith Dialogue: Shir Tikvah Jewish Synagogue

May 3

Danger of Pharaoh's Way

May 10

The Risen People Share God's Dream and God's Dream Will Come True

May 17

End of Program

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12) Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

High School youth will focus on the Interfaith dialogue in these two months. We meet to connect with each other through these dialogues and explore what it means to live a life rooted in Christ.

Topics:

Month of April

Interfaith Dialogue

Month of May

Interfaith Dialogue

End of Program

Youth and Parents Inter-Faith Events!



We are excited to return to a pre-Pandemic tradition of visiting places of worship for other faiths with our youth and parents. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are all Abrahamic faiths, meaning we all trace our history back to Abraham and Sarah and share many of the same scriptures. This year, on **Wednesday, April 12**, we plan to participate in an interfaith Iftaar dinner

at a mosque at **South Metro Islamic Center in Rosemount**. An Iftaar dinner is when people of the Muslim faith break their daily fast during the month of Ramadan. During this time, we will break bread together and learn about the Muslim faith and culture.



Shir Tikvah
שיר תקווה

On **Wednesday, April 26**, we will attend Shir Tikvah Synagogue for worship and conversation. Watch your emails or reach out to Emmanuel to sign up to attend. **Parents are encouraged to join us for both of these events!**

UBUNTU Fellowship Group (Grade 6-12) Wednesday from 7:30-8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Ubuntu is an extracurricular youth group that is meant for fun activities and quality time. These activities are **youth-led** and under adult supervision. We aim to have fun and care for one another while learning to live Christian lives together.

Wednesday Confirmation Youth Groups

Youth are encouraged to attend on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30 p.m. as part of Confirmation program. These gatherings will be led by Pastor Pam Fickenscher, Pastor Jonathan Davis, and Emmanuel Kaghondi. We continue to invest in community building among our Youth, exploring aspects of *UBUNTU* - an African worldview centered around the interconnectedness of humanity, nature and God. Our hope is to create a space where youth can grow in faith with friends under the guidance of awesome faithful mentors. We aim to have fun and care for one another while learning to live Christian lives together.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 8 starting at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's. Families with kids 5th grade and younger are welcome to hunt. Invite friends and neighbors too!



Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. A donation basket is in the upper and lower Commons start. Donations are appreciated by April 2. Thanks so much!

Easter Breakfast Easter Sunday, April 9 9:00-11:00 a.m. in St. John's Hall

Please join us for the Youth fundraiser Easter breakfast. Youth will be serving a breakfast of veggie, meat, gluten-free egg bakes, muffins, and fruit, orange juice, milk and coffee.



The proceeds from this breakfast will help decrease the cost of this year's Mission trip to Nashville, TN.

The suggested donation is \$5/Individual and \$25/family.

The Easter Breakfast is one way we celebrate Easter together as a congregation and welcome those who visit St. John's on Easter.

News and Updates



Make a Difference, Save a Life.

St. John's hosted several American Red Cross blood drives during 2022. 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
Thursday, April 28
12:00-5:00 p.m.
in St. John's Hall

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

the WOMEN'S page



GATHERINGS

Baby Boomers
Saturday, Apr. 1, 4:30-6:00
Jo Franklin's home
1001 Freedom Ct.

Saturday, May. 6, 4:30-6:00
Julie Zdenek's home
2121 Ontario Ln.

Women's Breakfast Group
2nd Saturday, 9:00am
St. John's Library

Elizabeth Circle
2nd Thursday, 1:30pm
St. John's Library

Lydia Circle
2nd Wednesday, 9:00am
Coffee and Conversation
10:00 Bible Study
St. John's Hall

Mary Circle
2nd Friday 1:00pm
St. John's Fireside Rm

Knitters (Prayer Shawls)
2nd & 4th Thursday
10:00a St. John's Library

Knitters (World Vision)
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10am
Kathy Vang 645-4849

Quilters
Thursdays
9:00a - noon, Fellowship Hall



COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS: Sharing Our Roots



Lucia Possehl
Farmer Cohort
Facilitator &
Communications
Coordinator

April 20th, 7:00pm, St. John's Hall

Sharing Our Roots exists to advance a resilient agriculture system that demonstrates the power to heal our lands, nourish our communities and prepare emerging farmers. At their 100-acre farm in Northfield, MN, they support immigrant, beginning, and low-income farmers by providing land access and shared infrastructure. They also help oversee community gardens and provide support to growers in Northfield and Faribault.

**SHARING
OUR ROOTS**

Open to the public. Refreshments served.

save the date!

Saturday April 29th 9:00-Noon



Mission Morning
mocha, muffins, & missions

Enjoy your St. John's sisters in fellowship over coffee, treats and kit-building for Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries – all in one morning!

Help build kits for personal care, babies, and hospice care. If you like, bring knitting needles or scissors and spend a little time with the knitters and quilters.

Refreshments and a short LWR video kick off the event at 9:00am. Please consider donating supplies throughout April (donation lists are available at the kiosk). You can drop donations at the kiosk in the Commons on Sunday mornings.

Come for the fellowship, and be God's hands in the world.

Visit our web pages: www.stjohnsnorthfield.org/women Correspondence: women.stjohns500@gmail.com
Like us on Facebook: "Women of St. Johns" Friend us @ Kvinner St. Johns (Kvinner: Norwegian for "Women")

class of 2023

Congrats Class of 2023!

On Sunday, May 28, during the 10:45 a.m. service, St. John's will recognize our graduating High School Seniors.

After worship, the seniors and their families, along with the students' confirmation mentors, will share lunch in St. John's Hall.

As a special gift from St. John's, each senior receives their own beautiful quilt!

Congratulations to the following seniors from St. John's:

*Benjamin Blomberg
Rhett Garlie
Lucy Menssen
Johann Schroeer
Thomas Webber
Gus Welbaum*

God's blessings on your future plans!

St. John's offers a college scholarship available to those attending an ELCA college. Contact Pastor Jonathan Davis or Emmanuel Kaghondi if you would like more information.

News and Updates

Season Two of the St. John's Seraphs Summer Softball Team

The summer of 2022 marked St. John's enthusiastic return to the field for summer softball.

The Adult Ministry & Education Board would like to thank everyone who participated as a player or fan in the inaugural season!

Planning for the Summer 2023 season will begin shortly.

Will you play for the Seraphs in 2023?

We hope that the Summer 2023 team will be a combination of returning veterans and new talent.

Watch for more information about indicating your interest in playing.

Steve Taggart and Pastor Jonathan are happy to answer questions.



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Pub Theology Schedule

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.

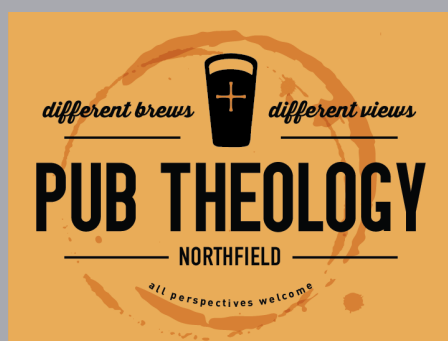
We will meet on the following Mondays
from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Locations to be determined.

April 17
May 1 and 19

Each week, the topic will be different and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, in the E-Voice, and an email list.

Contact the church office
(office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)
to add your name to the email list.



St. John's Forums in April and May 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

April 2:

Poetry of Easter

St. John's members Nancy Simpson-Younger and Paul Gleason come together once again with their shared background in early modern religious poetry to share with us some Poetry of Easter. Nancy and Paul will use the poetry of George Herbert and Edmund Spenser to anchor us in the Easter season. Join us for this opportunity to get to know Paul and Nancy better, as well as their shared love of modern religious poetry.

April 16:

Advance Care Planning: What it Is, Why it's Important, and How to Begin

Who would make healthcare decisions for you if you couldn't make them for yourself? At this forum, Kerry Hjelmgren (Executive Director of FiftyNorth) will help us learn about the process of advance care planning, gain a greater understanding of the Minnesota healthcare directive, and learn best practices for starting a conversation about your wishes with the people who matter most to you. Bring your advance care planning and healthcare directive questions to get answers from one of Minnesota's advance care planning experts!

April 23:

BUGS: An Unusual Apologetic with Prof. Kiara Jorgenson

In honor of Earth Day come and learn about how Christian thought and practice is connected to the kin we often squash, spray, and swat - BUGS. We'll briefly explore the biological importance of insects on a global scale and related challenges when it comes to biodiversity. Our focus will then turn to regional concerns as we consider how insects inform and challenge our working theologies. Kiara Jorgenson is Assistant Professor of Religion and Environmental Studies at St. Olaf College.

April 30:

Are The Kids Alright? Mental Health for Children and Youth with Andy Dimick, Part 1

What is the state of mental health for many of the children and youth in our community? What are the risk and protective factors we should be paying attention to? Join local therapist Andy Dimick for the first of a 2-part series on mental health for children and youth, where we will learn and discuss together the trends therapists are seeing in children and youth in this new COVID-world we live in.

May 14:

Intergenerational Service Project for Lutheran World Relief with Rev. Lisa Kipp

Rev. Lisa Kipp is the director of Congregational Engagement at Lutheran World Relief. She has been on the front lines in organizing support and care for areas around the globe experiencing natural disasters, like the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. She will give us an update on Lutheran World Relief and the ongoing ministries that congregations like St. John's support throughout the year. During this time, the congregation will also be invited to participate in an intergenerational service project for Lutheran World Relief.

St. John's Forums in April and May

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May 21:

Are The Kids Alright? Mental Health for Children and Youth with Andy Dimick, Part 2

We continue our conversation on the state of mental health for many of the children and youth in our community. During this talk, learn practical evidence-based ways you can support youth mental health. Join local therapist Andy Dimick for the second of a 2-part series on mental health for children and youth, where we will learn and discuss together the trends therapists are seeing in children and youth in this new COVID-world we live in.



Upcoming St. John's Forum in June

June 5

PEEL Celebration Forum and Art Exhibit

Join us on Sunday, June 5 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for a special *PEEL Celebration Forum and Art Exhibit*. This past winter and spring, St. John's has hosted 5 PEEL Events, which is where people gather together for a weekend to learn about poetry and photography and one another. Working with pairs, each person wrote a poem and took the portrait of their partner. Along with a presentation from Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand, a few PEEL participants will share some stories and reflections on this project to help us reflect on what this project means for our congregation. We will also enjoy some tasty Martha's Eats and Treats pastries. We hope you will join us for this culminating celebration!

News and Updates

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!



Coffee Sales

Fair trade sales of coffee and more during
will be on the following Sundays:
April 2 and May 7.

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



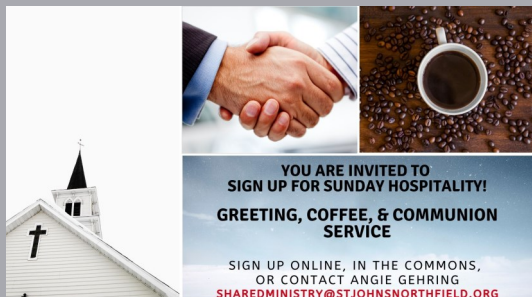
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Sunday Hospitality

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!



Lutheran World Relief and St. John's Projects

You may have heard about Lutheran World Relief, but are wondering who they are or how to get involved. Here are two opportunities for learning and participating in April and May:

- April 29: MISSION MORNING: spend the morning putting together quilts and kits (see Women's Page for more information). No experience needed!
- May 14: ST. JOHN'S FORUM (between services): Rev. Lisa Kipp, who leads the congregational engagement team at Lutheran World Relief, will be speaking. In her role, Rev Kipp connects congregations across the United States with LWR's work of bringing lifesaving aid and long-term hope to our most vulnerable neighbors around the world.

Founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the U.S., Lutheran World Relief is an international aid and development organization that partners with communities to help them develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of a changing climate, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises. In 2019, Lutheran World Relief joined the Corus International family, an ensemble of global leaders united in a commitment to ending poverty, suffering and injustice once and for

Our Values

- Inclusive: Diversity and differences only make us stronger.
- Disruptive: By challenging convention, we innovate and maximize the good we can do in the world.
- Interconnected: Complex problems require comprehensive, integrated solutions. Our array of expertise, resources and networks makes possible the impossible.
- Agile: Because the world changes rapidly, we move at the speed of change.

**Advance Care Planning: What it Is,
Why it's Important, and How to Begin**
Sunday, April 16,
9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Speaker: Kerry Hjelmgren,
Executive Director of FiftyNorth

Who would make healthcare decisions for you if you couldn't make them for yourself? This National Healthcare Decisions Day, learn about the process of advance care planning, gain a greater understanding of the Minnesota healthcare directive, and learn best practices for starting a conversation about your wishes with the people who matter most to you. Bring your advance care planning and healthcare directive questions to get answers from one of Minnesota's advance care planning experts!

Prior to her role at FiftyNorth Kerry served as Executive Director of Honoring Choices of Minnesota, and Business Development Administrator for Light the Legacy. She also coordinated and developed a grassroots Honoring Choices Advance Care Planning program for the communities of Faribault and Owatonna as a part of the Honoring Choices Greater Minnesota ACP program. Before her work with Honoring Choices, she specialized in health care education, staff development, and online learning for 11 years at Northfield Hospital & Clinics. She is a graduate of St. Olaf College and earned a graduate certificate in Aging and Applied Thanatology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Reminder of Deadlines

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Beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will have one service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

This schedule will continue through Sunday, September 10.

