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**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
9:30 a.m.

**LIVESTREAM**  
9:30 a.m.

[www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org)

## Congrats Class of 2025!

On Sunday, June 15, we are excited to continue our annual tradition of recognizing our High School Seniors, to surround them with our prayers and blessing for whatever is ahead for them.

The seniors will have roles in worship, along with a moment to celebrate and bless them. Following worship, seniors and their families and mentors are invited to a luncheon in St. John's Hall.

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

Merri-Elisabeth Kmoch, Seth Knutson, Edy McLaughlin, Harper Miller, Emmett Norrie, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson, Elizabeth Tracy, Alec Vatter, Jackson Volkert, Loudon Weis, Louise 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 Kristin Partlo if you would like more information.

**RADIO BROADCASTS**  
9:30 Sundays  
KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM  
[kymnradio.net](http://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

9:30 a.m., Sundays

### Livestream

9:30 a.m. Sundays  
[www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org)



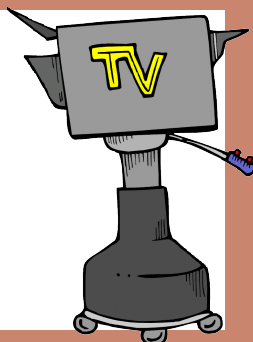
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### WELCOME STATEMENT

*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 People of St. John's,

Thank you so very much for recognizing and celebrating my 10 years here at St. John's in May! It is very hard to believe that so much time has passed. I can remember so clearly how excited I was to be called to St. John's, and truth be told, that excitement has not worn off. I feel immensely grateful each week I get to serve here with a fantastic staff and with a generous and encouraging congregation.

David Letterman was famous for his Top 10 lists on *The Late Show with David Letterman*. Allow me to offer my own **Top 10 List of Favorite Moments from the Past 10 Years (in no particular order)**:

1. *Becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Congregation* – There are few things as foundational to the gospel for me as God's welcome to all people. The way St. John's engaged in such a unique, vulnerable, and honest process to discern this RIC status for our congregation was moving for me.
2. *Launching Two Capital Campaigns* – From Grace Overflowing and its focus on creating community partners to Sustaining Grace and its focus on care for the earth, I have been blown away by our congregation's generosity and commitment to serve others beyond our building.
3. *Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation* – We went all out in 2017 to mark 500 years of the Reformation, with a Root Beer Pub, our own Reformation Door, and Beer & Hymn Sing. It was so much fun!
4. *Saying I have soloed with the St. Olaf Choir* – Okay, this is a stretch, but I (and Pastor Pam) have sung the communion liturgy solo with the St. Olaf choir singing the response, so...
5. *All the Courageous Conversations* – With the help of the Women of St. John's, our congregation has bravely and helpfully been at the forefront of many needed conversations around race, immigration, gender and sexuality, mental health, and native indigenous communities.
6. *Late Night Christmas Eve Worship* – There is just nothing like serving communion to beloved people at 11:55 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
7. *Canoeing Through Thunderstorms* – I love going on youth trips, and a favorite moment was watching young people show great leadership during a panicked moment while canoeing through a thunderstorm.
8. *Baptism and Communion* – I have been profoundly shaped by worship at St. John's over these past 10 years, especially around baptisms and communion. Pastor Pam and Nathan, specifically, have opened my faith to a richer, deeper, and more meaningful understanding of these sacraments.
9. *Manna and Mercy Bible Study* – Our weekly bible study on the upcoming Sunday scripture passages has been a fulfilling and

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## 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](mailto: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 last year in this month.*

**June 9, 2024**

*Connie Gunderson*

**June 10, 2024**

*Winnifred Alberg*

**June 26, 2024**

*Pamela Nerhus*

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

## From Our Pastors

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enlivening place for my understanding and appreciation of scripture to grow and to see the ways that studying scripture together overtime can shape both an individual and a community of people.

10. *Celebrating Pastor Pam's 19<sup>th</sup> Year of Ordination* – We had set out to celebrate her 20<sup>th</sup> year of ordination, but on the morning of, we learned we were a year off. It was a wonderful moment of grace and laughter . . . and celebration!

What can I say? I love being one of your pastors. It is an honor, a privilege and a rich, rich blessing. I continue to be shaped by this place. In the words of Paul, I thank my God every time I remember you.

*With love and gratitude,  
Pastor Jonathan*

## From the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board

The Benevolence & Social Concerns Board has a discretionary budget of \$35,000 for distribution in 2025. During our monthly meetings, we consider current needs and determine which organizations will receive a gift from our congregation and what the amount will be. We have distributed funds since the beginning of the year as follows: \$1,000 each to Global Refuge (formerly known as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service), Lutheran Social Services, and two local organizations: Community Action Center and Northfield Union of Youth/The Key. In addition, we sent \$2,000 each to Lutheran Disaster Relief (for California wildfire relief) and Health Finders.

Moving forward, we will endeavor to update the congregation monthly via *The Voice* to share where your benevolence dollars are going. Our goal is to provide financial support to two organizations each month; one local and one global. For the month of May, we selected Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Healthy Community Initiative (HCI): TORCH program to receive gifts. Each organization will receive \$2,000. Gifts made to LWR prior to June 30 are matched, which doubles our donation. LWR works around the world to tackle global poverty by helping people to adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. The HCI:TORCH program (Tackling Obstacles and Raising College Hopes) mission is to support and empower students in graduating from high school and pursuing future goals, with an intentional focus on Northfield's students of color, youth from low income families, and first-generation college attendees.

Please note that the B&SC \$35,000 discretionary budget is only a portion of the money that St. John's shares to extend our mission of proclaiming Christ as hope and love in the world.



## **Stephen Ministry: Care for Other Care Providers**

St. John's Stephen Ministers visit regularly with their care receivers. How these pairs interact might have a routine or vary depending on the care receiver's need that day. Their time together occasionally includes a simple activity, but a quiet conversation is always key - with the Stephen Minister's priority being to listen.

Many, but not all, care receivers have time with friends and family members, too. Those others may provide either brief visits or major actual caregiving. A neighbor or friend could offer limited care for a short time – after a minor accident or illness – while a spouse or adult child commits to more long-term support when the situation requires it. Stephen Ministers are alert to the possible needs of their care receivers' other care providers as well. Being available 24-7 takes a toll on long-term providers so they also may appreciate a Stephen Minister.

If you or someone you know, including a weary care provider, would benefit from time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

## **Lunch Providers are Needed for Habitat for Humanity Building Crews this Summer**

As Rice County Habitat for Humanity gears up for the busy summer months of June and July, they are looking for support of the work site crews again by providing lunches on one or more days. With more volunteers joining crews during this peak season, your contribution would make a significant difference!

You can sign up with a friend, prayer group, book club, neighbors, or your family - it's a great way to spend time together while giving back to the community.

Here's how it works:

- **Delivery Time:** Please deliver lunches by 11:45 a.m.
- **What's Needed:** Lunches for all volunteers, partner families, and our construction crew.
- **Habitat Provides:** Tables, serving utensils, bottled water, and electrical hookups.
- **Sign Up and Waiver:** The Sign Up Genius for volunteering can be found on the Rice County Habitat for Humanity website ([www.habitatricecounty.org](http://www.habitatricecounty.org)). Everyone that comes to the site will need to fill out a waiver (also available on the website) ONCE a year.

Whether it's a home-cooked meal, takeout, or a combination of both, every lunch is appreciated. Some popular options include sandwiches, pasta dishes, tacos, or fried chicken. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jodi Wagner, Community Engagement Coordinator at [habitatricecounty.org](http://habitatricecounty.org) or 507-403-7868. Thank you!

## **Life and Growth**

### **Baptisms**

**May 4, 2025**

*Valerie Susan McGuire  
Daughter of Katherine and Martin McGuire*

**May 25, 2025**

*Addison Violet Monson  
Daughter of Holly and Mark Monson*



### **Radio Broadcasts**

**May 4, 2025**

Given in loving memory of Emese Posfay  
by Eva Posfay, Pepe Kryzda,  
and Cecilia Kryzda.

**May 11, 2025**

Given by Mark and Terry Rydberg.

**May 18, 2025**

Given by Barbara Dettle  
in deep appreciation of the livestream.

**May 25, 2025**

Given in memory of Duane Benson  
by Marie Benson  
on our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## Children and Youth



### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bridge Event

As 5<sup>th</sup> graders prepare to move to the middle school next year, they'll have lots of questions. They will also be moving from Children's programming at St. John's to Youth programming. Likewise, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are finishing up a big year of changes.

On Wednesday, May 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. we'll get together with pizza, games, and a chance for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to connect around this time of transition.



### It's been a great school year!

Thank you, parents.  
We are so grateful for your support of our children's programs at St. John's and for volunteering to lend a hand. It means so much!

### Thank you to our fantastic Sunday school volunteers:

Stephanie Bennett, Brian Evenson, Kristy Harms, Micah Hassanally, Arielle Loy, Amy McBroom, Edy McLaughlin, Will McLaughlin, Jenny Nystrom, Jennifer Paulson, and Suzy Taggart.



## Road Trip: *On the Go with God*

A joint Vacation Bible School endeavor!

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

**When:** Monday, June 9, - Thursday, June 12, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Ages:** Entering K-Grade 3, (2025-2026 school year)

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church, 500 3<sup>rd</sup> St. W., Northfield, MN

**Cost:** \$15/child; \$30/family, payable the first day of VBS  
(Please let Julie know if you need help with the cost.)



Register by scanning the QR code.

We need volunteers for VBS!

- **Crew Leaders** – lead a small group of children to various stations
- **Station Assistants** – stations include music, crafts, games, Bible storytelling, science
- **Decorating and Prep** – prior to VBS
- **Nursery Care**

We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS! Middle and High School Youth too!)

If you are interested, please contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or [Children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:Children@StJohnsNorthfield.org).



## Good Earth Village Summer Camp June 22-27

This summer, nine children from St. John's are attending summer camp at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN. They are Charlotte Cox, Christopher Cox, Claire Gallagher, Frances Jackman, Anders Loy, Maddy Rudser, Hadassah Smith, Zemirah Smith, and Jameson Taubel. We are thankful they have the opportunity to experience the joy and adventures of summer camp along with memories that come with it.

## Why do we do this?

"To care for each other as we learn to live Christian lives together"

## Wednesday Night Programming & Sunday Morning Youth Group

Resume in the fall. May your summer be joyful!



May 14 was the fun day finale for the middle school and high school youth. On a beautiful Wednesday evening, we had pizza outside then walked down to the Blast for ice cream.

## Summer Fun and Service Events

Coming up for youth from St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's

### What: Feed My Starving Children

Who: All Youth (Grades rising 6-12)

When: Wednesday, June 18, 4:00-8:15 p.m.

Where: We'll carpool from *Bethel* to FMSC in Eagan

Adult drivers and high school helpers needed! Please bring a picnic dinner, which we'll eat at a nearby park after our shift ends at 6:30.

### What: Splash Valley Water Park (rain back-up TBD)

Who: All Youth (Grades rising 6-12)

When: Wednesday, July 9, 3:15-7:15 p.m.

Where: We'll carpool from *Bethel* to Apple Valley

Please bring \$14 to cover park fees. Adult drivers and high school helpers needed!

### What: Romans & Christians

Who: All Youth (Grades rising 6-12)

When: Wednesday, August 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: St. John's, Fellowship Hall

No cost, just bring yourself and a flashlight (even though it won't be that dark). We'll have pizza and snacks and several rounds of Romans & Christians. Never played? We'll explain all the rules, but it's a little like Sardines, but with a twist.

## Children and Youth

### Summer Food Shelf Pop-Up Help

Youth and their adults can help stock shelves at the CAC Food Shelf on most Thursdays this summer with Kristin. Each week we need 1-3 folks to help out. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older. Contact Kristin to sign up.

### Drop-In Lunches at Hogan Brothers

Youth are invited to join Kristin, one of the pastors, or another member of staff for lunch at Hogan Brothers, Wednesdays at noon, starting June 11. No sign-up necessary, but feel free to check in with Kristin. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older.

### St. John's Summer Youth Trip to Christikon

This summer, St. John's youth will partner with St. Peter's Lutheran and First United Church of Christ on a trip to Christikon for middle school and high school youth.

Christikon is an ELCA church camp in Montana that offers trips for backpacking in the mountains of Montana.

This summer, from July 19-28, 31 youth and 7 adults will be headed west on this adventure of spiritual growth and renewal.

Thank you for supporting trips like this for our youth – and please pray for the youth and adults going on this trip!



# Celebrating 150 years of St. John's Women

the  
Women's page

1875-2025



JUNE 2025

## June Gatherings

### Baby Boomers

Will meet once during the Summer –  
Watch for details

### Elizabeth Circle

On break for the Summer  
Back in September

### Lydia & Paul Circle

On break for the Summer  
Back in September

### Mary Circle

On break for the Summer  
Back in September

### Wellspring (GenXers)

Tuesday Jun. 3, 6:30-8:00pm  
St. John's Fireside Room

### Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, Jun. 14, 9:00  
Fireside Room

### Knitters (Prayer Shawls)

June 26, July 24, and August 28  
10:00am St. John's Library

### Evening Knitters!

1st & 3rd Wednesdays in June  
Off during July & August  
6:00pm, St. John's Library

### Quilters & Bandage Rollers

Thursdays  
9:00am - noon  
Fellowship Hall

Our **150th anniversary** celebrations began Saturday, May 10th with a delightful brunch and program. We were treated to delightful music by Rhonda Reece (piano), Ruth Aasang (flute), Jane Rinehart (cello), and Christina Schwietz (soprano). JoAnn Kleber and Jane Rinehart entertained us with delightful stories of St. John's women from our past. Women who served as president on the executive board and as president of the congregation were recognized and given roses.



**Like & Friend Us!**

"Women of St. Johns"  
@ Kvinner St. Johns

**Web pages:**

[www.stjohnsnorthfield.org/women](http://www.stjohnsnorthfield.org/women)

**Contact:**

[women.stjohns500@gmail.com](mailto:women.stjohns500@gmail.com)



**From the very beginning**, St. John's Women have been involved in stewardship projects. From buying clothing for children so they could be baptized to supporting missionaries, to baking cookies for servicemen and so much more, St. John's Women have shared what they could with those in need. We have just begun to scratch the surface of what the archives can tell us about those activities. We have uncovered statistics in the minutes, etc. from 1987 to today and in just those 38 years women have donated:

1,794 baby layettes	95 prayer shawls	48 book bags	1,706 school kits
692 personal care kits	13 baptismal blankets	78 pairs of mittens	2,495 quilts
357 children's sweaters	100 hospital sheets	184 hospice kits	66 sewing kits
1720 rolled bandages			



If you'd like to join in on this fun, check out the Women's Page for dates and times to come help with quilting, knitting, or bandage rolling. Donate sheets, pillow cases, baby clothes, diapers, blankets to the bins underneath the Women's bulletin board in the Commons.

## 225 Kits Packed on Mission Morning

32 St. John's women gathered for a productive and enjoyable Mission Morning on Saturday April 26. A total of 225 baby care kits, newborn kits, personal care kits, and hospice kits were packed; 3 quilts were assembled; and 174 bandages rolled. Rev. Lisa Kipp, Lutheran World Relief Dir. of Congregational Engagement, inspired us with her words and videos of how the kits are used in places of need around the world, including in the Carolinas after the damaging storms last spring. One surprising fact was that 35 quilts are compressed into a bundle for shipping by a compactor specially designed just for this purpose by engineering students at the U of MN about 40 years ago. Rev. Kipp has been in Tanzania when these bundles are unpacked in the villages. Everything is valued. Even the heavy plastic bags holding the quilts are saved to use for harvesting crops. Thanks to the St. John's women who packed the kits, the men who assisted us, all who made donations to fund the project, and those who obtained Thrivent grants.



## GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES GALA

St. John's Women support Global Health Ministries by providing bandages, hospice and baby kits. Several times each year some of us volunteer at the GHM warehouse. The ministry held their annual fund raising gala on Friday, April 25th with many St. John's members in attendance, including Jane Rinehart, Sara Bright, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Margie O'Laughlin, Dawn Tommerdahl, and Rob Quanbeck. Emcees were Greta Grosch and father, Ken Grosch, who was the first executive director of GHM. The evening's musical entertainment was provided by Sarah Renner and Friends, all music worship leaders from around the Twin Cities. According to Mary Brown, Director of Philanthropy, they raised \$150,000+ and donations were still coming in. With more than 300 people in attendance this was their biggest fundraiser to date.



Global Health Ministries





## News and Updates

### St. John's Seraphs Summer Softball Team

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on!

Here is the upcoming schedule:

**Sunday, June 1**

7:05 p.m., Babcock  
*St. John's vs. River Church*

**Sunday, June 8**

7:05 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1  
*St. John's vs. St. Dominic Johnnys*

**Sunday, June 15**

6:00 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1  
*St. John's vs. Cornerstone*  
7:05 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 2  
*St. John's vs. River Church*

**Sunday, June 22**

8:10 p.m., Babcock  
*St. John's vs. Life 21*

**Sunday, June 29**

6:00 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1  
*St. John's vs. St. Dominic Johnnys*

**Sunday, July 6**

No Game

**Sunday, July 13**

7:05 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1  
*St. John's vs. United Methodist*

**Sunday, July 20**

8:10 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1  
*St. John's vs. Hosanna*

**Sunday, July 27**

8:10 p.m., Babcock  
*St. John's vs. Trinity Blue*

**Sunday, August 3**

7:05 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1  
*St. John's vs. Emmaus*

**Sunday, August 10**

*Just for Fun Tournament*

## Director of Ministry with Youth & Families Update

Kristin Partlo is thrilled (along with staff) to share that she will be staying in the Director of Ministry with Youth & Families for one year more than originally planned, through the 2025-2026 program year.

She plans to begin her one-year internship after that in the fall of 2026 with hopes of ordination to follow. Kristin wants to thank everyone for the generous support St. John's has provided to her during her years in seminary and in her role with youth and families.

### Save the Date!

A Sweet and Savory Social  
for All Ages

**Sunday, July 13**  
**3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Spring Creek Park  
510 Jefferson Parkway

Details to Follow

Sponsored by the  
Adult Ministry & Education Board

## Summer Choir Invitation

This summer you are invited to a summer choir opportunity. On Sunday, June 15, come join your friends or try out the choir for the first time. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room to rehearse and then sing for the 9:30 a.m. service. Anyone is welcome to participate! You don't have to be in the St. John's Chorale to join us.

Questions? Contact Nathan Proctor at [music@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:music@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Mary Ellen North

Come and celebrate Mary Ellen's birthday with family and friends at a special coffee hour on Sunday, June 29 after worship. All are welcome!



## St. John's Music Interns

The music internship program at St. John's began in 2013 with an idea to have paid singers from St. Olaf College sing with the St. John's Chorale. The hope was that these singers could contribute to the music making of the choir, but the choir itself could offer hands-on vocational training to these future music educators, church musicians, and soloists. The program has been steadily continuing each year. In the 2024–25 season we had four interns with the Chorale and one with our handbell choir, Rejoice Ringers.

While most of their work happens behind the scenes in our weekly rehearsals or in the balcony on Sunday mornings, this program has truly been life-giving to the music at St. John's. It's exciting to see these students become a part of our choir family each year. In addition to adding their voices to the Chorale, they can also experience conducting, accompanying hymns and anthems, and singing solos. Our congregation has strong ties with the music at St. Olaf (going way back to the days when F. Melius Christiansen was organist), and my hope is that this program allows us to continue that relationship.

To support this program and these students, I welcome your gifts to the Alice Hanson Education Fund. Dr. Alice Hanson was a distinguished professor of music at St. Olaf as well as a devoted member of the Chorale, and she embodied the connection between St. John's and St. Olaf. Her estate provided the initial funding for this program, and ongoing financial gifts to the fund named in her memory allow us to continue this ministry. I am grateful for your gifts and all the ways you support our students, both here at church and in their lives and events at St. Olaf.



Music Interns for the 2024–25 season:  
Abby Carter, soprano  
Shayla Gleason, alto  
Ian Carter, tenor  
Robbie Shaw, bass  
Heather Wallace, handbells

With thanksgiving,  
Nathan Proctor  
Director of Worship, Music & Arts

*"St. John's has been a great and supportive community through my time at St. Olaf. As a church music major, I have appreciated both the practical experience and the amazing people I got to work with as a choral scholar. It has been such a musically and spiritually fulfilling way for me to engage with the community here in Northfield."*

—Abby

## News and Updates

### Pub Theology in June

What is Pub Theology?

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 Mondays

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

(Watch the Sunday bulletin and E-Voice for dates and locations.)

Topics vary and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, in the E-Voice, and in an email list. If you'd like to be added to the Pub Theology email list, contact Pastor Jonathan.

Contact Pastor Jonathan

([jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org))

to add your name to the email list.

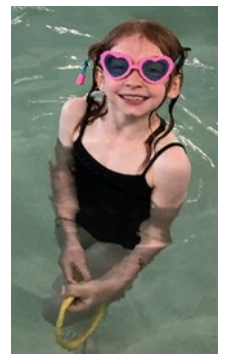






**Wednesday after school  
kids had a great time at  
the YMCA for our *End of  
the Year Celebration!***

*Thank you to our wonderful  
Wednesday crew: Pastor Pam,  
Pastor Jonathan, Kristin, Arielle,  
Green, Michael, and our middle  
school helpers, Jonah Brownlee,  
Elliot Davis, Iris Pellinen,  
Liv Nelson and Madelynn Bennett  
plus our Bus Angels, Terrence  
Hassanally, Jenn Paulson, Jennifer  
Klaers, and Amy Tacheny.*







**May 11<sup>th</sup> End of the School Year Celebration!**



## News and Updates

### Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals opens their eighteenth season this summer.

Recitals are held during the Wednesday noon hour from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. with the following schedule:

**Wednesday, July 2**

James Bobb  
Boe Memorial Chapel, St. Olaf College

**Wednesday, July 9**

David Beccue  
First United Church of Christ  
300 Union St.

**Wednesday, July 16**

Richard Collman  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
419 Washington St.

**Wednesday, July 23**

Karen Olson  
Christiansen Music Hall, Studio A.  
St. Olaf College

**Wednesday, July 30**

Brian Carson  
First United Church of Christ  
300 Union St.

**Wednesday, August 6**

Joanne Rodland, Organ  
Donna Paulsen, Piano  
United Methodist Church  
1401 S. Maple St.

**Wednesday, August 13**

Stephen May  
First United Church of Christ  
300 Union St.

Some recitals will include a free-will offering to defray publicity expenses.

For more information, contact Richard Collman at 507-645-1357 or email [rcollman@msn.com](mailto:rcollman@msn.com)

## The Mortgage is Retired!

In April of this year, St. John's made its last mortgage payment on the 2003 addition to our building. This represents the end of nearly 30 years of envisioning, planning, fundraising, building, and gradually paying down the funds that were required to build St. John's Hall, the Commons, our kitchen and the downstairs north wing of our building.

On Sunday May 18 we celebrated this milestone with "flame cookies" and real flames outside. Lay leaders representing the original building committee as well as the Unbind Me debt retirement appeal took part in ceremonially burning the loan papers.

And yes, there is a prayer for "retirement of a debt" in our ELW liturgical resources! It concludes:

*... we rejoice in the completion of a task that was begun with trust in your promises, and we give thanks for all whose courage, energy and resources have contributed to its fulfillment.*

*In the days ahead use us and our gifts in new ways. Send us forth renewed in the life of baptism..*



## Reminder of Deadlines

### Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements:

Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

### The Voice (July 2025 Edition):

June 15

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

## 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

Monday, June 23, 12:00-6:00 p.m., in St. John's Hall.

You can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

## Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate and Thistle Farms Sales

Fair Trade Coffee and Thistle Farms items are available for purchase during fellowship hour between worship services on Sunday, June 1.

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



## 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). "I give electronically" cards are available in the pew racks, so you can show your support during the Sunday morning offering.

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 25  
THRU SEPTEMBER 7  
9:30 A.M.