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Tenth graders to affirm their baptism Oct. 10

St. John's gives thanks to God that the following young people in our congregation have indicated their desire to publicly affirm their baptism by participating in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, Oct. 10, at the 10:45 a.m. service: **Karl Amundson, Kirstin Buck, Irene Duba, Zachary Evenson, Alyssa Heather, Nicholas Huschle, Cameron Judge-Becker, Carl Norquist, Dalton Skrove.**

When they affirm their baptism, these young people will renounce all evil, profess their faith in the Triune God, and commit themselves more fully to participate in the life of the congregation and to live out their faith in the world. This rite follows a six-year education and reflection program

at St. John's beginning with Catechism (CAT) classes in grades three, four, five, and six; weekday and Sunday classes in grades seven and eight; and Sunday classes, retreats, and a mentor relationship in grade nine. The program concluded with an all-day retreat with Pr. Mark and Mike Sherman at St. Olaf College on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Those being confirmed and their parents and mentors will meet for a breakfast, rehearsal, and group photograph on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 9:00 a.m. in St. John's Hall and the sanctuary. Please pray for these young people and their faith and life as they make this commitment and affirmation.

Give? For What Purpose?

by Terrence Hassanally

Why do we give to St. John's? This question is one I have been contemplating recently in light of the challenges facing our church. This has been a year in which we have faced several difficult financial choices with real impact on the people and ministries of St. John's. This has also been the year in which, for the first time in recent memory, congregational giving over the summer has not fallen.

In my work as a fundraiser, I am often amazed at the extent to which regular people like you and me sacrificially support an organization. Statistically, education and religion rank at the top of people's charitable interests. Every year we make choices about what

creature comforts we might otherwise forego in order to support the causes we most care about. It stands to reason that the organizations to which we give our money are those that most resonate with our passions and values. The more we care about an organization the more willing we are to give up something for ourselves for the good of the body. When it comes to the church, two powerful forces align – faith and values. We join a church because we want the blessing of corporate worship and the community that comes with belonging. Deeper still, we give to the church because we believe in the work it does

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Prayer and Care Ministry

*Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Prayer Ministry

Gathered in the Word: a time to explore prayer and Scripture together using a simple format and held in a contemplative setting, meets this month on Thursday, Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

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 663-1097.

*Bear one another's
burdens, and in
this way you will
fulfill the law of
Christ.*

Galatians 6:2



*Providing one-
to-one care and
encouragement*

Barriers to Seeking Help

Have you ever experienced difficult times and felt the need to talk with someone? Most of us who have gone through these times know the benefit of having a caring and sympathetic person with whom we can share our troubles and burdens. Caring communication with others is a basic human need. However, most of us are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. As a result, many of us who could benefit from a Christian friend are toughing it out on our own. Sometimes our own fears get in the way. We may fear what someone might think of us. We may fear that by talking about our problems they will become more real. We may fear that everyone will know our business.

The relationship between the Stephen Minister and the care receiver is different from other relationships in your life. The Stephen Minister's purpose is to be there for you, listening carefully to your concerns and problems. Even though you may fear being judged, the Stephen Minister is

not judgmental but rather compassionate and caring. Even though you may fear exposing your problems, the act of sharing them can lighten your load as a caring Christian friend helps to shoulder your burdens. And, we can trust that confidentiality is an important part of the relationship every Stephen Minister has with his or her care receiver.

God did not intend for us to struggle alone. Having someone to care, to listen, and to share God's love can help us deal with the confusion, stress, or loneliness we may be experiencing. At St. John's, Stephen Ministers are present to be by your side offering a listening ear and a caring heart. If you or someone you know can benefit from talking with a Stephen Minister, please call a pastor, 645-4429 or Joan Halvorson, 645-8445.

*Blessed are they who
mourn, for they shall
be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

Grief Support Ministry

Grief Support Group meets this month on Wednesdays at the Northfield Hospital, Meeting Room A from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For more information contact Amanda Pettis, 646-1037.

Grief Resources: Care Notes covering a variety of topics are available in the Commons. "Journeying Through Grief" booklets are available for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Contact a pastor if you'd like a copy for yourself or for a family member or friend



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

October 18, 2009
Eileen Reed

October 27, 2009
Vernal Benrud

From our pastors . . .

Light to Our Path

"Your word is a
lamp to my feet
and a light to
my path."
Ps. 119:105

Last month I was a guest at the first fall meeting of the St. John's Women of the ELCA. We sang a hymn I don't remember ever singing before – "Thy Word is Like a Garden, Lord." Here are a few of the stanzas written by Edwin Hodder:

Thy Word is like a garden, Lord,
With flowers bright and fair;
And everyone who seeks
May pluck a lovely cluster there.

Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine;
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For every searcher there.

Thy Word is like a starry host;
A thousand rays of light
Are seen to guide the traveler,
And make his pathway bright.

Changes in life bring some measure of distress, anxiety, and anticipation. Amid the changes of our lives and during times of transition – like the transition in pastoral leadership that St. John's is experiencing - we are not without direction. We have God's Word to guide us and to encourage us – a light to make the pathway bright.



Scripture tells the story of God's faithfulness and acts of love, but these recollections always point forward, not back. "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt...you shall..."(Deut. 20:2) The Lord says to Joshua, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you."(Joshua 1:5) God tells the people living in exile in Babylon, "I am about to do a new thing..."(Isaiah 43:19) The crucified and risen Christ, the Word of God made flesh, tells the disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples...And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."(Matthew 28:19-20)

In the weeks and months ahead, with the Spirit's help, we will do what the church has always been called to do – to rejoice in what God has done and to seek God's will and to try to embrace the new things God is doing.

As we move forward in the light of God's Word, a paraphrase of the last stanza of Edwin Hodder's hymn:

O, may we love Thy precious Word,
May we explore the mine,
May we its fragrant flowers glean,
May light upon us shine!

Marks

September Actions

Memorials and Gifts

Special Gifts and Memorials

In memory of Adeline Larson by: Loretta Siler.

In memory of Lois Bielland by: Marilyn Haugen

Funeral Hospitality/Special Gifts

In memory of Adeline Larson: by Eunice Estrem, Frank and Beatrice Livingston, LaDonna Anderson, Evonne Clay, Stan and Marge Ehlers, Lawrence and Eileen Hamre, Ron and Linda Fjosne, Helen Larson, Larry and Ann Larson, Ray and Geraldine Johnson, Kenneth and Lois Maxa, Vicki Mohn, Orville and Martha Nelson, Elsie Nelsen, Rev. and Mrs. James Peters, Bernice Sorenson, George and Donna Silverness, Don and Alice Storlie, Gordon and Sharon Thompson, Dean and Dorothy Ostlie, Lester and Della Gunderson

St. John's Foundation

In honor of Pastor Joseph Crippen: by Robert and Marilyn Matta

Debt Reduction

In memory of Edwin Gass: by Ronald and Carol James, Kathy Vang

In memory of Carla Muckey: by Kathy Vang

In memory of Bob Seitz: by Kathy Vang

Music Fund

In memory of Vivian Stone: by Lois Wrede

In memory of Lois Bielland: by Kathy Vang

ELCA World Hunger

In honor of Pastor Joseph Crippen: by Bruce and Carol Benson

Radio Fund

In honor of Art and Betty Schuette's 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 5, 2010

In memory of Adeline Larson by Lester and Della Gunderson

Other Actions

Baptisms

Hai YenDo, September 11, 2010

Funerals

Lois Bjelland, August 21, 2010

Adeline Larson, August 30, 2010

Radio Broadcasts

September 5, 2010, in memory of **Val Fure**, by her friends

September 12, 2010, in memory of **Walt Johnson's birthday**, by his friends and family

September 19, 2010, in memory of **Adeline Larson** by Sarah Circle and friends

September 26, 2010, in memory of **Val Fure**, by her friends



Thank you to Leif and Deb Knecht for our new Princeton American Elm trees. These new trees are fast growing and disease resistant. The pine trees were not thriving in the soil and needed to be replaced.

... from and around the greater Church

St. John's is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with nearly 5 million Lutherans across the United States and the Caribbean. There are 65 geographic synods within the ELCA, and St. John's is a part of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. As baptized children of God in Christ, the congregation is also part of more than a billion Christians on earth. On this page each month news from our synod, from the churchwide organization, and beyond will be shared.



from the churchwide organization:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America addresses social concerns as a witness to God's just and loving purpose for all of creation. It does this

by equipping and nurturing members for their calling in the world, encouraging learning and moral deliberation around social concerns, developing and enacting social policy in the form of social statements, and interpreting and applying social policy.

Social statements are social policy documents, adopted by an ELCA Churchwide Assembly, addressing significant social issues. They provide an analysis and interpretation of an issue, set forth basic theological and ethical perspectives related to it, and offer guidance for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, its individual members, and its affiliated agencies and institutions. They are the product of extensive and inclusive deliberation within this church. Since 1991, the ELCA has adopted ten social statements.

Social Statements of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

- Abortion (1991)
- Peace (1995)
- Church in Society (1991)
- Economic Life (1999)
- Death Penalty (1991)
- Health and Healthcare (2003)
- Environment (1993)
- Education (2007)
- Race, Ethnicity, and Culture (1993)
- Sexuality (2009)

Social statements and messages guide the social witness of the church in public life. Policies and Procedures of the ELCA for Addressing Social Concerns describes the purpose, character and processes for social statements, messages, social policy resolutions and studies.

Social statements:

- involve this church in the ongoing task of theological ethics
- result from an extensive, inclusive, and accepted process of deliberation throughout this church
- guide the institutional life of this church
- intended to be used widely in the life and mission of this church, reflect awareness of the various audiences and ministries which they are to serve.

Social statements usually take about six years from start to finish. They are authorized by the ELCA churchwide assembly and a task force is appointed. The task force then completes a study of the issue which includes seeking information from theologians and lay people. A draft is written and made available for comment and reaction and hearings are held in each synod to allow people to respond to the content of the draft statement. The statement is then written in its final form and presented to the churchwide assembly for adoption.

According to the ELCA constitution, at least a two-thirds majority vote is needed to adopt a social policy.

A social statement on Genetics is now available in draft form. This document is available by visiting <http://www.elca.org> and typing "Genetics" into the search box. This completed social statement will be presented for adoption to the ELCA churchwide assembly in August, 2011.

-Submitted by Karleen Sherman, Mission Interpreter and Written by Shirley Gangstad, Southeast MN Synod Mission Interpreter Coordinator

Music Life at St. John's

Music Ministry Notes:

Sunday Morning Concert Series – October 24

Organist Dan Fenn will kick-off the season again with an organ concert at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 24 in the Sanctuary. He will play works by Bach, Max Reger, Leo Sowerby and more.



New Director for Alleluia Choir

St. John's welcomes Tyler Forsythe as our new leader for the Alleluia Choir.

Tyler grew up near Becker, Minnesota, home of the regionally famous Becker Furniture World. He attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Following student

teaching in Lakeville, Minnesota, he received a BA in 2006 with a major in Music and a minor in K-12 Vocal and General Music Education. Forsythe has



held music education licensure in Minnesota, Iowa, and Arizona. Most recently he taught high school choir and served a church as a director of music in Casa Grande, Arizona. This summer he returned to his beloved Minnesota to continue graduate studies toward a Master of Sacred Music degree with an emphasis in Conducting from Luther Seminary and St. Olaf College. Tyler is excited to work with the children of the Alleluia Choir in offering musical talents to God.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHNS!

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in our communities and in the world. Throughout time, the church has endured because it exists for a purpose far greater than itself.

Bill Hybels, pastor of Willow Creek Church in Barrington, IL is fond of saying, "The local church is the hope of the world." He usually follows with the statement, "When the local church is functioning as it ought, there is no other place like it." I think this is why the church continues to endure – we believe in an eternal mission, a heavenly calling and when things are clicking, there is no place like the local church. Where else do we go that we meet people with like values and beliefs and derive inexplicable joy and satisfaction? The source of this unrivaled joy is the gospel – it unites us like nothing else can. The Apostle Paul wrote of the gospel as a treasure and we, the living church, as the vessel to which the treasure is entrusted. Christ, the potter, molds the vessel in which the treasure is stored. The church not only represents God's truth, hope and love to the outside world, but to those within its walls. Put this way it's no wonder we are stirred to give generously to the church.

We don't give to close a budget deficit or for the sake of a balanced budget – that's uninspiring; nor do we give to grow a reserve account for no discernible purpose – that's pointless. These things don't stir us. What stirs us is the gospel, living in us, breathed through scripture, preached from the pulpit and lived by each of us; clay jars shaped by the very word of God. We give because we want to share this treasure with those around us – to share the joy of Christ within the community of the body.

As we enter a season with special attention to stewardship and begin to plan for the year ahead, take some time to consider why you give. What is it about the treasure we've been that given stirs you?

Summer is over, fall is in full swing and the seasons are just one of the many things changing at St. John's! Transitions abound as we look to contract an interim, continue the work of the Challenge Team, and begin to consider all that is involved in calling a new senior pastor.

There is some trepidation with change but there is also excitement and great opportunity. It seems we are at a unique point in the life of a church; we've been given a chance to reevaluate where we've been and where we'd like to go. The congregation at this point in time has been charged with the task of considering who we want to be and, more importantly, who we're *called* to be as a church.

We have choices to make in the weeks and months ahead, some of them may not be easy and many of them will be weighted with significance. The excitement comes in the opportunity to shape St. John's in explicit ways. What kind of church will we continue to create for our children and grandchildren? How will we continue to extend God's love in Northfield and beyond?

As we consider who we want to be as a body we must also consider what role we want to play as individuals. Along with the opportunity to mold St. John's in significant ways comes a responsibility to take part and to be active, participating members. The questions we're asking are not only corporate. It isn't merely who are we called to be as a church? It is also how am I called to participate in the life of the church?

I am reminded of Queen Esther who found herself in a position to shape the future of her people. As she consider her opportunity, and the costs associated with it, her uncle Mordecai encouraged her with these words, "And who knows but that you have come to royal position but for such a time as this?"¹ The same could be said of us. We really are just a herd of individuals brought together by the grace of God attempting to do kingdom work. But who knows? Perhaps you have been called to St. John's for such a time as this.

¹ Esther 4:14

Regina Hassanally, Director of Shared Ministries

SERVING TO LOVE  LOVING TO SERVE

Thank you! From, the Crippen Family

Dear sisters and brothers at St. John's: thank you so much for the wonderful reception on our last Sunday at St. John's, Sept. 12. It was a day to remember for a long time, and we were so grateful to see so many people stay for the reception. Thank you as well for the beautiful John August Swanson print – it will grace our home for many years to come and always stand as a reminder of our journey with you all in the light of Christ. The people of St. John's have been our family, our friends, for many years and we thank you for your love and kindness, and all the good words and cards of farewell and best wishes we've received. As the Tanzanians say, "God will have to thank you, because our words will not be enough." Peace to you in the grace of God! - Joseph, Mary, Hannah, Martha, Rachel, and Peter Crippen

From the Children's Ministry and Education Board:

Foundation Funds Bibles for Sunday School

The Children's Ministry and Education Board would like to thank St. John's Foundation for granting the money needed to buy 60 Bibles for the Sunday School. A new Sunday School curriculum is being used this year, Spark, published by Augsburg Fortress. The curriculum is centered on teaching Bible stories using the Bible. The Children's board felt that with the new curriculum, it



was important to have enough Bibles in each classroom so that hopefully each child would have one during Sunday School. Thanks to the Foundation grant, that is now a possibility!

An Invitation: The Palestinian Fair

A Palestinian Fair will be a public showing of dances, music, food, pictures, crafts and speakers at the United Church of Christ (UCC) on Saturday, Nov. 4. Students from Bethlehem and other West Bank cities will be on hand to tell their stories. Stories for children will be told in an area set that is set aside for them. This will be continuous all afternoon so that people may come and go as they please. The food samples are free, as is everything else except the wood products.

This fair seeks to show the culture of the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim. The focus will be on their everyday lives. The Fair is sponsored by Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel, a consortium of people from Northfield area churches. The UCC church is located downtown at 300 Union Street. Please use the side door for entrance.

SPARK, Sunday School Curriculum

We are excited to introduce you to our new Sunday School curriculum Spark from Augsburg Fortress for children in preschool – grade 5. It is a Biblically centered curriculum that encourages kids to open their Spark Bibles and explore God's word. Spark has wonderful age appropriate activities that accommodates the different ways children learn.



A big thank you to St. John's Foundation for helping us purchase the Spark Bibles for our classrooms this year and to Kristy Mikula, Karleen Sherman, Sue Brockman, Julie Becker and Stephanie Aman for helping with the new curriculum selection.

From the Benevolence and Social Concerns Board:

Did You Know?

Here are a couple ways your benevolence contributions are helping others. School has started and St. John's contribution of \$350 has helped to make it a good year for many Northfield kids through Operation Backpack. Essential school supplies were provided for 506 kids through this Community Action Center program, facilitated by the Northfield United Methodist Church.

Another way that St. John's brings hope to local people in need each year is through the Hope Center in Faribault. Our 2010 contribution is \$500. This Rice County center helps victims of sexual and domestic violence with such things as crisis intervention, support counseling and education, safe homes, and transportation to shelters. Thank you for extending God's love in these caring ways!

From the Faith and Health Board - Home Ergonomics

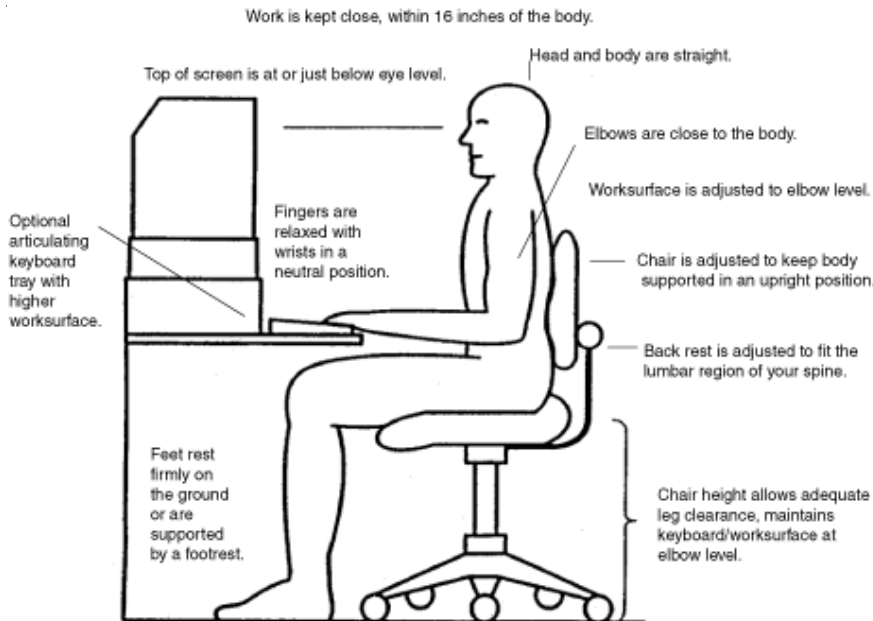
By John Sand

In the past 15 to 20 years technology has grown by leaps and bounds. With that people are doing more and more of their jobs at home. It could be as simple as answering e-mails at home to working at home and not even having to be present at the office.

With the increase in technology our computers have gotten smaller and more portable. It is possible to be sitting on the beach and still working.

The increase in computer time has caused some problems. The main problem is cumulative trauma. Cumulative Trauma is caused by doing something over and over that slowly breaks down tissue causing an injury. These injuries do not happen overnight, but slowly build up over time. The first symptom is a feeling of fatigue. For example you are working on a project and using you laptop at home until late at night, when you finish your hands and forearms are tired. The next step in cumulative trauma is discomfort or light pain. The pain at first seems to be after work, but then it moves to during work and then even before work or all the time. Lastly you end up with dysfunction, your arms and hands will not work the way you want them to.

The best treatment for Cumulative trauma is to prevent it. If you set up your workstation properly you can reduce your chance of an injury.



- First find a chair that allows you to keep your feet on the floor and provide you with a back rest. If you perch out on the front of your chair it does not fit you.

- If you have an office chair at home make sure to learn how to adjust it. Most people when asked have never even tried to adjust their chair.

- Second you want your elbows to be at 90 degrees and wrists flat on the keyboard, most of the time you do not want the little feet up on the bottom of your keyboard.

- Third the monitor should be set so that the top of the screen is at eye level.

- If you use a lap top often, get a separate keyboard and mouse so you can get the laptop monitor at eye level.

The most important thing to remember is that the human body likes to move. To avoid sitting for long periods of time make sure you schedule breaks; stretch, take a short walk, do some pushups, squats, set up the printer in the other room so you have to get up.

Serving on Sundays in October

Acolytes

- October 3** (8:30) Dylan Matson, Katelyn Canedy; (10:45) McKenna Boyum, Kelsey Bull
October 10 (8:30) Paul Hummel, Greta Hummel; (10:45) Emily Westerback, Evan Heather
October 17 (8:30) Gregory Pelletier, Nicholas Pelletier; (10:45) Cecilia Kryzda, Amelia Tjaden
October 24 (8:30) Amanda Nelson, Emily Westerback; (10:45) Paul Hummel, Greta Hummel
October 31 (8:30) Kris Swanson, Ryan Buck, Hunter Redfield; (10:45) Alexa Nutt, Cecilia Kryzda

Communion preparers

- October 3** Char Nelson and Shirley Falck
October 10 Bobbie and John Maakestad
October 17 Rose and Ed Youngquist
October 24 Bette Quinnell and Kathy Vang
October 31 Mark and Kathy Granquist

Nursery

- October 3** (8:15 a.m. to noon) Claire Weiss; (10:30 a.m. - noon) Amy Wilkolmm and Adam Neuger
October 10 (8:15 a.m. to noon) Claire Weiss; (10:30 a.m. - noon) Jenny Nystrom and Angie McCarthy
October 17 (8:15 a.m. to noon) Claire Weiss; (10:30 a.m. - noon) Saul and Amy McBroom
October 24 (8:15 a.m. to noon) Claire Weiss; (10:30 a.m. - noon) Kristen Partlo
October 31 (8:15 a.m. to noon) Claire Weiss; (10:30 a.m. - noon) Jodi Doeden

Ushers

- October 3** (8:30) Doug Child, Alan Alberg, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Loren Lee, Dan Lueck, Gordon Mickelsen; (10:45) Wes Pearson, Brian Boyum, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Brandon Kimber, Dale Kimber, Don Kimber
October 10 (8:30) Bob Gelle, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Chuck Lunder, Rob McCarthy, Ruthie Neuger, Tom Porter, Don Sahling, Myron Solid; (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Terry Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Todd Nichol, Kristin Nichol, Michael Sylvester, Suzanne Sylvester, Steve Williams
October 17 (8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug; (10:45) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Todd Iverson, Lowell Johnson, Andy Langehough, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary
October 24 (8:30) Dallas Berg, Niles Austvold, Myron Dack, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert, Ken Wilkens; (10:45) Corrine Heiberg, Elvin Heiberg, Tim Eklund, Lois Eklund, David Rudser, Susan Rudser, Andy Westerback
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Update on Interim Senior Pastor search

The elected leadership of St. John's is moving forward with all due diligence with respect to hiring an Interim Senior Pastor for St. John's.

As of late September, the Executive Committee had received the resumes of four potential candidates for this position, and following a review of these resumes, we anticipate interviewing those from among the candidate list who best fit our ministry needs at this time. The individual selected from the interview process will be forwarded by Executive Committee to Council for their approval.

It is our hope to have an Interim Senior Pastor in place no later than the end of October.

The position of Interim Senior Pastor is a contracted position as opposed to a "called" position. Each party to the contract...St. John's; the Interim; and the Synod have a 30-day notification window with which to end an Interim position. This window gives everyone the flexibility should the need arise to end a particular Interim's work here.

On behalf of the leadership of the congregation, I ask for your prayers of support, encouragement and discernment as we work to select the most appropriate person for this vital, interim ministry position.

Prayers for Healing offered Sunday, Oct. 3

As Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, teach, and heal in his name, the church is called to do the same work of preaching, teaching, and offering a ministry of healing for the whole person – physical, mental, and spiritual. As part of the healing ministries at St. John's, members of the Healing Prayer Ministry Team will offer prayers for healing and anointing with oil on Sunday, October 3 following both worship services at the altar rail in the chancel. In the coming year healing prayers and anointing with oil will be offered once a month following both Sunday morning worship services. Also, on Sunday, October 3 members of the Healing Prayer Ministry Team will be commissioned for their work on behalf of St. John's. Those commissioned will be: Dick Beckmen, Solveig Beckmen, Larry Christiansen, Keith Homstad, Chuck Jacobsen, Pr. Mark Johnson, Bobbie Maakestad, Delores Mikkelsen, Beverly Nestingen Lundeen, and Jane Rinehart.



St. John's Suppers

Wednesday night supper just got a little easier! Come, share a meal! All are welcome, it's a fantastic time for fellowship for ALL ages!

Supper is served from 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Hall.

Wednesday, October 6

Pizza Night!

Wednesday, October 13

Chili and Cornbread

Wednesday, October 20

No Meal

Wednesday, October 27

Tacos and all the fixings

Free will offering appreciated for all meals except Pizza Night.

Pizza is \$1.50 per slice.

Considering St. John's?

Interested in becoming a member at St. John's? New member sessions begin this month on Sundays, Oct. 17 and Oct. 31 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. New members are formally received on Sunday, Nov. 21. Contact the church office for more information or to sign up for the new member sessions.

News and Events

A message from the Treasurer, Dave Neuger:

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Because of your generosity and faith, St. John's is currently surpassing its budget for envelope offerings by more than \$12,000 through the first seven months of the year. This is very good news since we have historically come up short of our budgeted number for as far back as I can recall. That's good news and we should all feel terrific about that and give glory to God for helping to guide us in this direction. We are heading down a good path.

Now for the more difficult news: Our overall budget for revenues is currently falling short by nearly \$13,000. Some people have given an extra mile gift which is partially why our envelope offerings are up, but to make up for the \$46,000 challenge that we passed as a part of our budget at the beginning of the year, we all need to go the extra mile. And, for those who are able, we respectfully and prayerfully ask you to consider whether you can go a second mile. For a congregation our size, \$46,000 is not a tremendous leap. If everyone can find it in their heart and in their budget to give

just an extra \$150 you will be amazed by the positive impact that your gift can have on the ministries at St. John's.

We are being wise stewards of God's gifts to us, keeping our expenses in check. In fact, we have spent \$31,000 less than we budgeted year-to-date. Yet, even amidst our prudence, we have expended nearly \$23,000 more than we have brought in. Is bringing in our \$46,000 challenge a tall order? You bet it is. Is it in the realm of what God believes we can accomplish? I believe it is. I ask you to join me in demonstrating your faith that God will provide with an incremental gift of \$150 to help meet the congregational challenge. Believe in miracles. Be the miracle. Glory be to God.

Update from Challenge Team and Congregation Council

After the Challenge Team's presentation to the Congregation Council, the Council asked the Team to turn the general ideas into specific recommendations. The Team met through the summer on a series of recommendations focusing on strategic planning; finances; increasing membership/attendance; and a variety of administrative items. As the Team prepared to present these ideas to the Council for feedback, Pastor Crippen announced his resignation and new call. Though this did not change the recommendations, it did alter the priorities and workplan for how to proceed. With support from the Council, two Task Force groups have formed and are working.

1. Financial Team:

a. Focussing on a coordinated effort with the annual pledge drive to address annual giving levels; debt reduction and planned estate giving. More details on this effort will be coming this fall.

2. Strategic Planning Team:

a. A strategic planning process is being developed for the congregation to participate in this fall that will be brought to

the annual meeting in January. The work to create the first draft of this plan will be completed in a focused 2 day event with a large and diverse participation from the congregation (estimated at 50 people). This draft would then be widely discussed and consulted with the congregation through December. A core team of staff, Council, Challenge Team and other members is meeting to plan the logistics of the process but the actual plan will be done with the larger group and then the congregation as a whole. If you are interested in participating or would like to recommend someone to participate in the focused event, please leave a note in the Church Office for the Strategic Planning Team or email your recommendation to challengeteam@stjohns-elca.org by Oct. 8.

News and Events

From the Peace and Justice group . . .

Next meeting:
Monday, October
7:00 p.m.
Fireside Room

Continuing
Discussion:
Ways to
work for justice
at home
and abroad

The Peace & Justice Group is looking at ways to re-structure leadership and action. Our September and October discussions can generate some ideas.

Come with your bold suggestions and commitments. Questions? Contact Bob Flaten, 645-5744; Barbara Wilson, 645-6747; or Judith Stoutland, 645-7842.

The Census Bureau has reported that the percentage of Americans below the poverty line is the highest it has been in 15 years. During this month Bread for the World (BFW) is asking its members to write their senators and representatives urging them to make permanent the provisions of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit. If congress allows these credits to expire another 1.5 million people, including 800,000 children, will fall below the poverty line. A full time working parent receiving the minimum wage will receive only a \$320 credit instead of the current \$1,800.

St. John's is a Bread for the World covenant congregation. As individual members of St. John's we can join BFW's strong efforts to reduce the number of people in poverty by writing our senators and representative. A sample letter for us to adapt as we see fit is printed below. We are encouraged to add relevant information such as personal knowledge of a family or individual whose well-being would be threatened if the credits expire.

Bread for the World Sunday is Oct. 17 and our congregation, moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, will join with churches across the country to pray for all of those who suffer from hunger and want and rededicate ourselves to ending hunger in God's world. There will be an opportunity to write letters in the Commons between services.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice comprising individuals and churches from many different traditions who work together to win passage of bipartisan legislation to change the conditions and policies that allow hunger to persist. BFW president, Rev. David Beckmann (ELCA), has won the 2010 World Food Prize. He shares the award, announced June 16 by Secretary of State Clinton, with Jo Luck, president of Heifer International. The prize honors people who have made breakthrough achievements in the quality, quantity and availability of food throughout the world. The prize honors people who have made breakthrough achievements in the quality, quantity and availability of food throughout the world.

Date

Dear Representative/Dear Senator

I urge you to make permanent our current tax benefits for low-income families, parts of which will expire this year if congress doesn't act. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit reward the efforts of low-income working families—especially those who are working full-time at the minimum wage.

Programs such as the EITC and the Child Tax Credit work! Millions of hard-working families have been lifted above the poverty line and been able to put food on their tables. These are relatively small programs that have a big impact on families struggling to make ends meet. In the midst of important debates about which tax programs to change or renew, the needs of low-income families must not be forgotten. Please make permanent the current provisions in the EITC and the Child Tax Credit.

Sincerely,

Your name and address

Senator Amy Klobuchar or Al Franken
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Representative John Kline
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Mission Outreach



Adopt-A-Highway

This month's Hands and Feet project is the fall clean-up of St. John's section of State Highway 246. Meet in the High School parking lot across from the cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10:00 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Safety vests, gloves, and a snack will be provided. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up in the Commons or call the church office to sign up. Thank you for helping to take care of this small part of God's Creation.

Final Update from East Africa

Jean Wahlstrom and Marv Kananen retired this fall after twelve years serving as ELCA missionaries at the Masaae Girl's Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania. Jean and Marv visited St. John's on August 22 to thank the congregation for its support for the past six years. The following update was included in Jean and Marv's final newsletter. "[This] is a report of what God has done and is doing at MGLSS through our partnership in ministry with Operation Bootstrap Africa and all you praying and giving folks [the past twelve years.]...[There] have been about 400 student students confirmed at MGLSS, 220 of whom were also baptized into the Christian faith journey. There have been 397 Form Four graduates of whom 103 went on to graduate from Form Six. Of these, there are: 72 primary school teachers trained with 27 currently studying; 19 preschool teachers trained with 4 currently studying; 44 have earned bachelor degrees at university level with 13 currently studying, in addition 3 are at medical school to become the first Maasai women doctors in Tanzania, and 3 more completed masters degrees and 1 is about to begin. By subjects, there are: 11 Secondary School teachers with bachelor degrees and 11 with diplomas; 5 in journalism; 7 in law with 2 currently

studying; 8 in social work, 9 in community development, and 1 in gender issues; 5 in accounting and 2 in Business Administration with 2 currently studying; 5 in Public Administration with 1 currently studying; 4 in Wildlife Management with 1 currently studying; 5 in commercial skills and 6 in IT; 1 in animal health; 4 in rural development. In the medical field, in addition to the three studying to become doctors there are 7 nurses with 1 studying; 2 Occupational Therapists; 4 in Health Management; 5 Clinical Officers with 1 currently studying; 2 studying to be Asst. Medical Officers, and 1 Lab Technician. St. John's is sponsoring a MGLSS student this year in celebration of Jean and Marv's ministry. Watch for updates from Upendo Naengop on the Mission Partner Team board in the Commons.

Where Does Your Sunday School Offering Go?

St. John's Sunday School offering will be distributed to three different missions this year:

We continue to sponsor Romairo Vasquez Polo from Columbia through Compassion International. Our sponsorship of \$38.00 per month provides Romairo with Bible teaching, medical care, nutritious meals, recreational activities, academic support, educational classes and literacy training.

In Northfield during the month of March we will participate in the Minnesota FoodShare Drive to help benefit the Northfield Food Shelf.

St. John's partner congregation in El Cocuy, Colombia is El Salvador (The Savior) Lutheran Church. The church has a Lutheran elementary school, and there is not a playground for the school. St. John's is planning on working with members of the South Carolina ELCA Synod to build a playground at the school. Sunday School offering beyond meeting Romairo's sponsorship will be used to help with the cost of the playground.



Mission Statement:
**TO MOBILIZE WOMEN TO ACT BOLDLY
ON THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST**
Lutheran Woman Today Bible study theme for 2010-2011 is
**“The People of God:
Unity in the Midst of Diversity”**
Amos 3:3 “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

For newsletters and information: www.semnsynod.org and www.womenoftheelca.org

On Thursday, Oct. 7 at 10:15 a.m. we meet at the church for a field trip to Assisi Heights in Rochester. Tour includes SE Minnesota Synod office with synod president Kathy Tanabe, possible visit from the Bishop, lunch, and bus fare - all for \$35 per person. Sign up in the Church Office. We need a minimum of 17 people to go on this great trip!

Oct. 11 at 12:00 p.m. - Bible study leaders meet, Fireside Room.

Oct. 5 and 19, 9:30 a.m. - Knitters meet in the library

Oct. 9, 13, and 14 - Circles meet

Oct. 18 and 21 - Workdays for mission projects (quilting, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall)

Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m. - Executive board meeting, Fireside room

Looking Ahead!

Thursday, Nov. 4 at 1:00 p.m. - General Meeting. Panel discussion by Pastors Regina Hassanally, Jennifer Koenig and Bev Lundeen on the 40th year of women's ordination in the ELCA. Please submit questions to Sue Hagen at Susanehagen@mac.com.

The 2011 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering is **July 14-17, 2011** in Spokane, Wash. Early cost is \$299. Theme: Renew, Respond, Rejoice! Registration begins Sept. 15, 2010. For more information go to www.womenoftheelca.org

Women interested in joining a circle, please contact Barbara Walters (663-1055 or waltersb2@gmail.com). This year's study leader for St. John's WELCA is Pastor Bev Lundeen (507-301-3088).

For a subscription to the LWT magazine, please email: subscriptions@augsburgfortress.org or ask one of the circle leaders for information.

Circle Bible Study Regular Meeting Times each month are the second Wednesday or Thursday after the first Thursday of each month at the times below:

Lydia – Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Marilyn Boschee and Judy Smith, Leaders

Sarah – Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Char Nelson, Leader

Martha/Claudia – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. at Parkview West; Eulalie Smestad and Joyce Schrader, Leaders

Elizabeth – Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Darlene Hand and Iva Dodson, Leaders

Abigail/Rebecca – Thursday, 2:00 p.m. at Parkview West, Gert Brosz, Leader

Mary – Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Rachel Stark, Leader

Women's Breakfast Group - second Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Fireside Room, Kathy Mellstrom, Leader

Please submit items for this information page to Ruth Smestad Anglin: ranglin@weststartv.com or (507) 301-4744



Small Groups Ministry

*For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
Matthew 18:20*

Providing opportunities for fellowship, Bible study, health and wellness, faith in daily living, learning, and service.

Biblical Archaeology Today

Contact: Ruth Hansen 645-8228

Connections

Contact: Carol Schoen 645-6840

Everyone Has a Story

Contact: Phil Eaves 645-4172

Gathered in the Word

Contact: Pr. Johnson 645-4429

Grief Support

Contact: Barbara Knaak 664-0444

Healing Prayer

Contact: Dick Beckmen 664-3882

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Contact: Dean Ostlie 645-2597

Men's Time Out

Contact: Greg Kneser 663-0271

Options Bible Study: Gospel of John

Contact: Dave and Gen Quarberg 645-0089

Peace and Justice

Contact: Judith Stoutland 645-7842

Prayer and Praise

Contact: Mary White 645-4783

Tuesday Noon Bible Study

Contact: Pr. Johnson 645-4429

Women of the ELCA Circles

Contact: Barbara Walters 663-1055

Women of the ELCA Knitting

Contact: Bobbie Maakestad 645-4397

Women's Bible Study at Parkview West

Contact: Dick Dahlin 645-5978

Women of the ELCA Quilting

Contact: Kathy Vang 645-4849

Women's Breakfast Group

Contact: Kathy Mellstrom 663-1451

Yoga

Contact: Patsy Ophaug 645-6231

Young Professionals' Book Group

Resting in God's Promises

By Barbara Eaves

A friend of mine once told me that after she had stewed and stressed about a problem for several days, she finally decided to turn it over to God...then a day later she took the problem back thinking God probably needed her help.

On another occasion, that same friend told me that in an effort to lose weight she removed the home-baked cookies from the cookie jar and put them in the freezer...only to discover that she liked them as frozen cookies better.

I can identify with both of those stories and suspect others maybe can as well. We know the difficulty of turning things over to God and we understand the dilemma in following through on some of our intentions.

But we also know where to turn for help. Like the psalmist who queried...when I look toward those hills I wonder how I will ever get over them, the voice of faith answers....your help comes from the Lord....who watches over you, slumbering not...who keeps your foot from slipping...who protects you from sun and moon stroke...and who is with you now and forever

And we know the One to turn to so that we might find rest. In Psalm 131 God is pictured as a mother who holds her child to her breast where the child is calmed and quieted. Even in the weaknesses and limitations that are common to us all, in the story of Jesus Christ we are welcomed by the God who promises to be with us always and in whose grace there is rest.

The Small Groups at St. John's provide settings where we can come, in spite of all of our ambiguities, to a place of welcome. There is still time to join a small group this fall. Catalogs listing describing the various groups are available at the Small Group bulletin board in the Commons area. Come...taste...and see.

If you are interested in leading a small group or have a suggestion for a new small group please contact a member of the Small Group Leadership Team:

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sandi@laurabaker.org

Cheryl Buck, 663-9056,

cbuck@charter.net

Barb Eaves, 645-4172,

pbeaves@hotmail.com

Mark Johnson, 645-4429

mjohnson@stjohns-elca.org

Adult Ministry and Education

Education Opportunities for Adults on Sunday Mornings

Education Hour is at 9:45 a.m. Coffee is in the Commons between services.

The St. John's Forum meets in St. John's Hall between services on Sundays. Contact Guy Reid (645-7984) for more information on the St. John's Forum. This month's presentations include:

- Oct. 3:** **Small Group Fair:** Enjoy coffee and fellowship in St. John's Hall while you explore the variety of small groups offered this year at St. John's. Sponsored by the Small Group Ministry Team.
- Oct. 10:** **Evangelism in a Complex, Multi-faith Society.** Presentation by Mary Anderson, asst. professor of Religion at St. Olaf who will focus on evangelism, vocation and witness; and Thomas Schattauer, professor at Wartburg Theological Seminary, who will focus on evangelism and hospitality. Sponsored by the Evangelism and Communications Board.
- Oct. 17:** **Faith and Daily Life.** A panel made up of members of St. John's and of the Northfield community who will respond to the question, "How does your faith shape your daily life?" Paula Carlson, chair of the Evangelism and Communication Board, will moderate the panel. Sponsored by the Evangelism and Communications Board.
- Oct. 24:** **Sunday Morning Concert Series, Sanctuary.** No Forum
- Oct. 31:** **Reflections on the Old Testament, Part 1.** Presentation on the book of Deuteronomy by Gary Stansell, Professor of Religion at St. Olaf College.

THE VOICE OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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ROCK: Off to a Great Start!

ROCK, *Reaching Out to Christ's Kids*, our Wednesday afterschool program offered to children from kindergarten to grade 5, is off to a great start. Approximately 45 kids ride the bus from the 3 elementary schools to participate! Wednesday afterschool programs for all grade levels consist of an afterschool snack, recreation, Catechism, music opportunities (Alleluia, Hosanna and Jubilate Choir plus bell chime and Orff instrument ensembles) art, service projects and more!

For more information, check out the Children's Ministry Information Packet which includes an insert you may use to register your child.

3rd Graders to Study the Word

3rd graders and parents will meet in St. John's Hall on **Saturday, Oct. 30**, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. for a Retreat on the Word – an introduction to the Bible. This class will be a primer on the Bible for students who will receive their Bibles at the 10:45 a.m. service on **Sunday, Oct. 31**. Call Pastor Mark or Julie Brehmer if your child is unable to attend either day.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Parents who wish to have their baby or child baptized at St. John's are asked to attend a preparation session to discuss the meaning of baptism and to talk about the details of the day. Baptism preparation is held on the first Saturday of each month in the Fireside Room. The next session is Saturday, October 2 at 10:30 a.m. Please call the Church Office if you plan to attend.

Important Dates To Remember!

Sunday School Schedule

Oct. 3	Sunday School
Oct. 10	Sunday School
Oct. 17	Sunday School
Oct. 24	No Sunday School (MEA)
Oct. 31	Sunday School 3rd Graders receive Bibles

ROCK - Wednesday Programming

Oct. 6, 13 and 27
Oct. 20 - NO Wednesday programming

Youth Blast - Good Earth Village

Oct. 15 - 16 for 3rd through 6th graders

CATechism - Grades 4 and 5

Youth Room: 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

3rd Grade CAT - October 30

St. John's Hall: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

New! Harvest Festival

October 31, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Don't Forget! Wednesday Meals begin at 5:15 p.m. Check out the new menu on pg. 11! Come, Share a meal!

4th and 5th Grade CAT begins in Oct.

4th and 5th grade students at St. John's will begin Catechism starting on Wednesday, Oct. 6. CAT class will meet downstairs, 4th grade in room 9 and 5th grade in the Youth Room from 3:15p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the following Wednesdays in October: Oct. 6, 13 and 27

Youth Blast Retreat

Youth Blast invites kids in grade 3-6 for an overnight adventure at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, Minn. on Oct. 15-16. If your child has not signed up and is interested in attending, it may not be too late! Call Julie Brehmer at 645-4429 to see if space is available. Thanks to all who are going as chaperones! It promises to be great fun.

4th graders receiving Catechisms this year

Andrew Becker	Halvor Bratland
James Bull	Trey Coudret
Creegan Croone	Erin Gunn
Isabele Hessian	Madelyn Hessian
Elsa Hoff	Grant Huston
Jack Kelly	Willa Knoch
Colby Koltz	Siri Lindell
Logan Matson	Samuel Mikula
Alison Nelson	Aidan Nutt
Cole Newman	AJ Pahs
Sydney Poquette	Isaac Riggins
Anna Weber	Rikka Zillmer

Children & Communion

Holy Communion is the meal of all the baptized children of God. If your baptized child has expressed an interest in receiving Holy Communion please contact a pastor.

Thank You, Sunday School Volunteers!

Sunday School is off to a great start thanks to the dedicated teachers and volunteers at St. John's. Teachers are: *Preschool* – Stephanie Aman, Dodie Mickelsen, Connie Messen, Jordan Cook, Lauren Ehlers; *Kindergarten* – Katie Bull, Peter Duba, Andrew Mikula; *First Grade* – Sue Brockman, Jo Chambers; *Second Grade* – Kelly Culhane, Jordan Cook; *Third Grade* – Karleen Sherman; *Fourth Grade* – Julie Becker, Kristy Mikula, Amy Boxrud; *Fifth Grade* – Scott Swanson

Also, thank you to Susan Canon for coordinating Library time and Library volunteers, Stacy Nelson, Leah Sand and Angie Gehring.

YOUTH MINISTRY @ ST. JOHN'S

Middle School Sunday School

Grades 6-8

Sundays 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 3	Pr. John Quam - Stump the Pastor
Oct. 10	Brian Evenson - Work Project
Oct. 17	Pr. John Quam - Super Bible Lesson
Oct. 24	No Sunday School (MEA)
Oct. 31	Amy Boxrud - All Saints Day

High School Sunday School

Grades 9-12

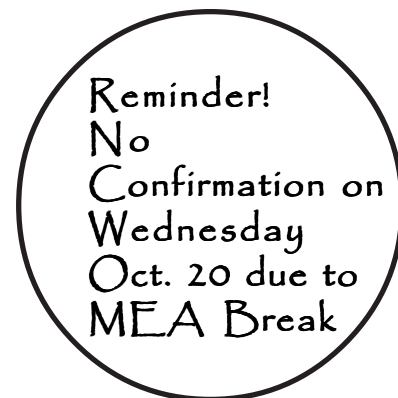
Sundays 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 3	Eva Posfay
Oct. 10	Eva Posfay
Oct. 17	Eva Posfay
Oct. 24	No Sunday School (MEA)
Oct. 31	Volunteers Welcome!

Middle and High School Event: Harvest Festival!
Check out the back page of the *Voice* for details!

Confirmation Rehearsal and Breakfast

Confirmation rehearsal is on Oct. 9 and starts at 9:00 a.m. You need to be ready 8:45 a.m. if you're planning to get individual pictures taken. After the photos are taken and rehearsals are done, we'll gather in St. John's hall for brunch and to read our faith statements.



Mentor & Mentee Orientation Night

When: Wednesday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Where: Fireside Room

Who: 9th Graders and their Mentees

What: We'll talk about what you'll be doing as a Mentor and a Mentee, we'll introduce you to the workbook, and discuss the all other aspects of the Mentor / Mentee relationship.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is on Oct. 10. This is a special service where our 10th Grade Confirmation students publicly affirm their Baptism. They will also be participating in the services that day, doing things like ushering, greeting, reading and singing. If you're a 10th grader, you need to be at church at least 15 minutes before the service starts.



to all the Youth Sunday School Teachers

Middle School: Kathy Vang, Pr. John Quam, Pr. Mark Johnson, Scott Swanson, Brian Evenson, Ruth Hansen, Andrea Hoff, Kelly Lynn Stanton Nutt, Amy Boxrud, and Elizabeth Bade

High School: Peggy Hanson, Tony Becker, Rebecca Judge, Eva Posfay, Pr. Mark Johnson, and Pr. John Quam

Thank you for sharing God's word with our young people!

6th Grade CAT

Just a friendly reminder for 6th graders and parents that we are holding our first 6th Grade CAT class on Wednesday, Oct. 6, starting at 5:45 p.m. We'll meet downstairs in room 09 (note the location change), share a meal, and have a lesson about The Lord's Prayer. This week we'll be doing an introduction to prayer, and learning about the acronym ACTORS. See you there!

Pastors

Mark E. Johnson

John E. Quam

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Rich Kleeberger

Children's Ministry

Julie Brehmer

Music Ministry

Daniel Fenn

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Tyler Forsythe - Alleluia

Cathy Rodland - Jubilate

Ruth Legvold - Laudate

Jo Dahlin - Rejoice Ringers

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Harvest Festival!

St. John's First Annual Harvest Festival!

When: Sunday, October 31, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Evenson's Farm, 5061 320th St. W.,
Northfield

Come and enjoy fall activities: pumpkin carving, pumpkin bean bag toss, create a scarecrow, hayrides, and more!

Everyone is welcome!
Feel free to come in costumes!

Bring your friends!

