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**Monday - Thursday**

9:00 a.m. to noon and  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Friday**

9:00 a.m. to noon and  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## MayFest!

This year's MayFest (End of the Year Celebration) will be held on Wednesday, May 15! Starting at 5:15 p.m., come for our Wednesday night meal and stay for the Children's Choir Musical, "Table for Five Thousand", starting at 6:00 p.m.

The musical, featuring the Jubilate and Hosanna Choirs, tells the story about the small boy who was willing to give up his lunch to help Jesus feed the multitudes, and goes on to relay how the smallest people and the smallest deeds can make all of the difference. Our singers have been working hard and can't wait to share.

Join us for this special "Dinner Theater" event! Everyone is welcome!



## Class of 2013!

On Sunday, June 9, during the 10:00 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.

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

Kirstin Buck  
Irene Duba  
Zachary Evenson  
Alyssa Heather  
Nicholas Huschle  
Cameron Judge-Becker  
E lise Melby  
Andrew Rossow  
Dalton Skrove  
Chen Ye

God's Blessings on your future plans!

## SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer is almost here! Worship hours will change on Sunday, May 26.

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. Worship

See you at Church!

Our Mission: *As followers of Jesus Christ, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church welcome all people to join us in celebrating God's grace, nurturing their faith, and reaching out to the world in love and service.*

# Prayer and Care Ministry

*Pray without ceasing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## Prayer Ministry

**Gathered in the Word:** A time of prayer guided by scripture meets Thursday, May 16, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.

**Individual prayers for healing, joys, and all concerns** are offered by members every Sunday morning between services in the prayer chapel near the choir room on the second floor.

**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*

## Bringing Comfort to Those Who Are Grieving

You see a friend in church who has recently lost a spouse. You know you should say something, but what do you say?

Ministering to those experiencing grief is part of the Stephen Ministry curriculum. In class sessions, we learn how to respond in a meaningful way to those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. We also explore what not to say. Perhaps some of these suggestions will be helpful to you.

1. Go to those who are bereaved as soon as possible. Those in grief need to see and feel the concern and the love you have for them. Statements like "You have my sympathy" or "I'm sorry" let the grieving person know you are fully present with them.

2. Often we feel at a loss for words when expressing sentiments to a grieving person. Simply stating, "I really don't know what to say. You've had such a great loss and I'm sorry," sends a powerful message. You can also express yourself through a loving hug, a handshake, or even simply being present as a listener.

3. Avoid saying clichés such as "I know just how you feel" or "Time heals all wounds." While these statements are not meant to be insensitive, they can be perceived that way, and they can actually make the grieving person feel worse.

4. Remember dates important to the person who is grieving, such as birthdays, holidays, and anniversaries. Contact the grieving person on these important dates. In this way you convey your continued concern at times that may be difficult for them.

5. Pray for the one who is grieving.

Working through grief is a process that requires the support of others. If you know someone who would benefit from a Stephen Minister as they work through the grief process, contact Joan Halvorson at 645-8445 or one of the pastors at 645-4429.

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

*Matthew 5:4*

## Grief Support Ministry

**Northfield Grief Support Coalition:** A grief support group begins meeting this month at First United Church of Christ. The group will meet on Tuesday evening from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. beginning May 21 through June 25. For more information contact Amanda Pettis, 651-210-2290 or Barb Knaak, 664-0444.

**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.



*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."*

**Martin Gunderson  
May 23, 2012**

# From our pastors . . .

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## "WORLDLY STEWARDSHIP"

*"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world and those who live in it."*

*Psalm 24:1*

The late Herbert Brokering, ELCA Pastor-poet-theologian, wrote a story once about a congregation that on a particular Sunday morning took up the offering, placed it on the altar, consecrated and blessed it, and then took it back down to the pews and gave it to the worshippers. They were instructed to take the consecrated money, put it in their billfolds or purses together with their other money... and letting the "blessing" of the offered money "rub off" on the "worldly stuff" spend it all as God's money, in loving and caring stewardship. The point Brokering is making is not that there are not legitimate, practical, everyday expenses, but that "all that we have is thine alone, a trust O' Lord from thee". And the "all" is not only monetary or material. Both the Old and the New Testaments call us to lives of faith where "who we are" as well as "what we have" are understood to be gifts of God to be shared in love for our neighbor and in grateful worship of Almighty God. The early church, described in the Book of Acts, "held all things in common". Private ownership was not part of the early church's culture. We're a long way from that, of course, but the nature of faith and the communal life of believers at that time may teach us something about stewardship as an essential dimension of faith.... a part of our calling in the church. In I Corinthians 12, Paul writes about different kinds of service, and varieties of gifts and "manifestations of the Spirit" all, for "the common good". Together, in "mutual ministry" with a diversity of talents and gifts, rich and poor, we give and are given as God's people now, and here.

Members of the Stewardship Board at St. John's are reading together a book called "Giving to God" by Mark Allan Powell. The book's subtitle is "The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life". There is a generous spirit at St. John's that shines through in many, many ways! Our giving to benevolence reflects a commitment to the larger mission of the church in the world as truly a part of our mission. The recent appeal for St. John's to raise \$10,000 to support our local foodshelf was exceeded by over \$2,700.... \$12,740+ to help feed hungry people in Northfield. The debt reduction campaign amazingly paid off a mortgage so that more of our funds would be available for ministry. And in so many non-monetary ways members of St. John's generously give of their time and talents volunteering in service to this congregation and the larger community. "Stewardship is a part of our faith", one of the members of the Stewardship Board said at our last meeting. "We need to give it more attention". To underline that, the Board is sponsoring the St. John's Forum on May 12, with Pastor Dick Jorgenson as our guest speaker. Pastor Jorgenson (recently retired as Sr. Pastor at 1st English Lutheran Church in Faribault) is a great preacher, a student of Biblical stewardship, and a parish pastor who understands the challenges of stewardship in congregational life. In his book "Giving to God", Powell quotes Donald Hinze who wrote: "Generosity with gifts is the way to spiritual maturity. Sacred and secular history and literature are replete with examples of the crippling effects of gifts hoarded and unshared. People are not naturally disposed to giving, yet, the life we all prize, filled with joy and spiritual depth is closely tied to giving generously and with thankful hearts".

The Church Council at St. John's has just completed a comprehensive survey of repairs and maintenance needs of our building. Because significant repairs have been deferred in past years, we have critical needs that now need to be addressed. Sandi Gerdes, Congregational President, has listed some of those needs in another article in this issue of the Voice. Caring for our wonderful building which is used for so much of our ministry and will be for generations to come, is an important part of our stewardship. I'm confident the "generous spirit" of St. John's will again respond, and the practical building needs we face will be met.

"Think of us this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mercies".

- I Corinthians 4:1

Pastor Mandsager

# *Music and Worship Life at St. John's*

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## **From the Organ Bench...**

### **MAY 12 IS MUSIC SUNDAY**

As I draft this epistle it is snowing outside – really snowing! Hopefully by the time you read this the grass will be green, the flowers blooming and the trees showing their springtime finery – well, I can dream, can't I. This year we may have one of those Minnesota springs – spring two days then...summer. This is a time of seasonal transitions and the same is true for our church calendar. Soon summer begins and the Sunday School takes a break as do choirs and many of us leave for the lake each weekend.

BUT, not quite yet as we have two important holidays (Holy Days) to celebrate, both in May this year: Ascension and Pentecost. On Sunday, **May 12** our worship will be in the form of a musical celebration of these holidays. We will sing of Easter, moving on to Pentecost with time out for Ascension Day when we remember Christ's ascension into heaven. **All** the choirs of St. Johns will lead us in song on **May 12**. It is a rare Sunday when **all** the choirs combine to lead our worship. We hope you will come and join them as we lift our voices in some of the great hymns of the Church, old and new.

On May 12 we will hear many pieces composed by people associated with St. John's. Few congregations anywhere can claim the number of published church music composers that we can. Through the contributions of these gifted folk, St. John's has given exceptional gifts to the wider church – another dimension of our mission easy to overlook. (Many of their pieces were first heard here – it's great to experiment with a new piece before it is published!). It seems especially fitting to remember this dimension of our heritage as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first services in this sanctuary 100 years ago, May 1913.

So – **come** and invite friends – this will be a fine Sunday for visitors, especially those who love to sing.

So – **come** to be blessed as we all sing to God and for each other.

And – **before coming**, hum a bit, sing in the shower so you are all warmed up, ready to lift the roof. The building is strong; it can take it. The first person to shake a bit of dust off the rafters by their singing gets a prize.

John Ferguson  
Interim Director of Music

## **Director of Music Ministry Position—Search Postponed**



St. John's Personnel Committee is postponing the search for a Director of Music Ministry until the spring of 2014. Dr. John Ferguson, Interim Director of Music Ministry (1/2 time) has communicated his willingness to continue his service to St. John's into the summer of 2014. John's leadership has been enthusiastically received and it is indeed good news that he will extend his time of service! We are pleased that Cathy Rodand is also willing to continue serving as Associate Interim Organist. The search for a full-time Director of Music Ministry will resume in the spring of 2014 with the hope of having the new director in place by September, 2014.



## Volunteers for the Church Office

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the Church Office. There are many ways in which you could help. If you're looking for a new way to serve at St. John's please consider one of the opportunities listed below. If you have any questions please contact the Office Manager, Leah Garlie, at [office@stjohnsnorthfield.org](mailto:office@stjohnsnorthfield.org) or 645-4429. Any help is greatly appreciated, thank you!

Name:

Phone:

Email:

I would like to help with the following:

- Answer phones while Office Manager is away (i.e. lunch)
- Substitute in the office while Office Manager is away (i.e. vacation)
- Office work such as mailing, making copies or filing
- Data Entry

Joanne Sommers  
Shared Ministries Coordinator  
[sharedministry@stjohnsnorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@stjohnsnorthfield.org)

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## Congregation Care Committee

In an effort to be more intentional about caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ, a Congregation Care Committee is being formed. It is the hope of this committee that we can enhance current support of one another during critical health situations and/or difficult life challenges. This initiative will be launched with the opportunity to care for our congregation member, Dalton Skrove and his family as they work through health concerns. To support this family, sign up to deliver a meal on one of the identified days! Please visit the foodtidings website for the Skrove meals at

<http://www.foodtidings.com/Schedule/View/c1c24852-099f-403e-b8eb-c6d9d6badba0>.

### **Important Dates to Remember!**

#### **Sunday School Schedule**

May 5 Sunday School  
May 12 Last Day of Sunday School -  
*Paul's Journeys*, St. John's Hall

#### **Wednesday Afterschool Programming**

May 1, 8, 15 (MayFest is on May 15 - See article on page 1)

#### **Summer Activities**

June 9-11 Settlers Camp, Good Earth Village for grades 2-3  
(Registrations are still being accepted)  
June 23-28 Shores of St. Andrews Bible Camp for grades 4-5  
(Registrations are still being accepted)  
August 5-8 Vacation Bible School (VBS) and "On the Road"  
Summer Camp for ages 4 - grade 4

## **Sunday School Celebration, May 12!**

Come and celebrate the last day of Sunday school for the school year on May 12! The celebration will take place in St. John's Hall from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. with the theme, "Paul's Journeys". Enjoy music, story telling, refreshments, games, and crafts with your family and friends.

If you are interested in lending a hand to help at the event, contact Julie Brehmer, 645-4429, or email at [children@stjohnsnorthfield.org](mailto:children@stjohnsnorthfield.org).

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Catechism Projects**

In April, a Catechism retreat for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders was held at St. John's to learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This year's retreat included an at-home project that asked parents and students to create something that shows what the Sacrament of Holy Communion means to their family. The projects will be on display in the Commons starting Monday, April 29 - Wednesday, May 8.

## **Summer Nursery Schedule**

Starting on Sunday, May 26 the Nursery will be providing childcare during worship for only the 10:00 a.m. service during the summer months. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julie Brehmer.

## **VBS and "On the Road" - Summer 2013!**

This summer St. John's, along with Bethel, Rejoice! and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches and Emmaus Church, will be offering a joint Vacation Bible School/Summer Camp experience for children age 3 (by 9/1/12) - 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

#### **For kids completing Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**"On the Road", August 4 - 8**

**Held at Bethel Lutheran Church**

Good Earth Village, "On the Road!" will bring the fun of summer camp to Northfield. This 4-day program is filled with games, worship (and water worship!), crafts, Bible study and singing. Registration is through Good Earth Village. Campers can register on-line at [www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org). Since this is a community-based event please send your registration in early. Good Earth Village can accommodate about 125 campers.



#### **For Kids Age 3 (by 9-1-12) - Kindergarten**

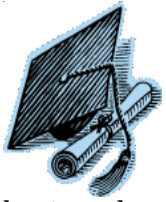
**"God's Backyard under the Stars", Vacation Bible School, August 5 - 8**

**Held at St. John's Lutheran Church**

"God's Backyard under the Stars", Vacation Bible School is a time for kids to gather together as a community and discover how to serve our family, friends, neighbors, community and Jesus! Kindergarteners have the option of going to either VBS or "On the Road". The VBS program will be half days whereas "On the Road" is a full day experience. You decide which camp works best for your child. Registration forms are available in the Main Office and in the Commons. Come join us in God's Backyard!



# YOUTH MINISTRY @ ST. JOHN'S

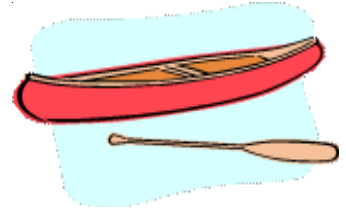


## High School Senior Recognition Lunch

High School Seniors! After the 10:00 a.m. service on **June 9<sup>th</sup>**, we wish to celebrate your impending graduation by having a lunch in your honor. Our congregation has been blessed by your presence these past years and we want to gather to pray for your future endeavors. Parents, family members, and mentors are invited as well to share in a meal catered by the Quarterback Club. Watch for an RSVP in the mail.

## Cannon River Canoe Trip

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** we will be taking a canoe trip down the Cannon River. All youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) and their parents are invited. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m., get out on the river, share a picnic lunch and plan to be back around 5:00 p.m. *Cost will be \$5 and sign-ups will be upstairs outside of the Main Office.*



## 9th Grade Confirmation Faith and Talent Projects:

The 9<sup>th</sup> graders have spent their time discovering the gifts that God has given them and how the way we live should reflect what we believe. Each student has been charged with coming up with a project that allows them to use the gifts God has given them in order to serve the community. 9<sup>th</sup> Graders are to have completed their project and have a display ready for the younger confirmands by May 19<sup>th</sup>. If there are any questions about the projects, contact Mike Skunes at [youth@stjohnsnorthfield.org](mailto:youth@stjohnsnorthfield.org).

## CAT/Confirmation Registration

Parents of students in 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade, look for registration materials for the 2013-14 calendar year to be posted on the Youth and Children Bulletin Board outside of the Sacristy.

## A Time of Transition: And a Team to Lead the Way

St. John's has been in transition the past few years. Thankfully, there have been and still are a dedicated group of individuals, called the Transition Team, willing to focus on the larger vision and direction for the Youth and Family ministry of the congregation.

The Transition Team was formed last year to assess the current state of the ministry, make some recommendations for the future, and work towards hiring a full-time youth and family minister. While they did a wonderful job, it was my hope the momentum they were building towards actively building a thriving ministry wouldn't dissipate with my hiring. I asked if people would be willing to stay on to, in essence, continue the work. Some members agreed and chose to invite others into the process of planning and dreaming for the future.

The Transition Team has gone through some education with the help of Pete Erickson from Interserve Ministries (the organization that Tracie Peterson was associated with) and by reading the book Sustainable Youth Ministry by Mark DeVries (which details common pitfalls of struggling youth ministries and is available in the church library). Currently, they are working with Pastor Mark, Julie Brehmer, and I to develop concrete three-year goals and an action plan to achieve those goals that reflect the core values of St. John's. These goals aim to put us on track to be intentional in the way we share the gospel and in the way we support the faith journey that each student and family goes through. Furthermore, these goals can serve as a guide and a foundation to provide stability, consistency, and excellence for our future.

So as you see members of this dedicated task force, both current and former, please take the time to recognize them and thank them for taking the time to work for a better St. John's. A special thanks to Transition Team members Andrea Hoff, Barry Becker, Kristy Mikula, Pat Fick, Amy McBroom, Peggy Dell, Eva Posfay, Christy Hall-Holt, Dave Buck, Stephanie Huston and Betsy McLaughlin.

Peace and God Bless, Mike Skunes

# *Serving on Sundays in May*

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## *Acolytes*

<b>May 5</b>	(8:30) Taylor Pleschourt, Caroline Hummel; (11:00) Griffin Rod, Ryan Malecha
<b>May 12</b>	(8:30) Elsa Hoff, Bergen Hoff; (11:00) Courtney Nelson, Viveka Hall-Holt
<b>May 19</b>	(8:30) Timothy Gasior, Nic Zabel; (11:00) Alex Gunn, Anders Koenig
<b>May 26</b>	(8:30) Samuel Motzko, Colby Klore; (11:00) Sydney Poquette, Rikka Zillmer

## *Assisting Ministers*

<b>May 5</b>	Patrick Bougie
<b>May 12</b>	Katrina Karlsen
<b>May 19</b>	Jonathan Norrie
<b>May 26</b>	TBD

## *Communion Preparers*

<b>May 5</b>	Shirley Falck, Barb Knaak
<b>May 12</b>	Scott and Lynette Swanson
<b>May 19</b>	Joe and Carole Nesheim
<b>May 26</b>	<i>Intinction</i>

## *Counters*

<b>May 5</b>	Bob Gelle, Dick Dahlin, Mark Ulmer, Amy Boxrud
<b>May 12</b>	Bob Gelle, Dick Dahlin, Sue Brockman, Dan Franklin
<b>May 19</b>	Bob Gelle, Dick Dahlin, Mark Ulmer, Kasia Gonnerman
<b>May 26</b>	Bob Gelle, Dick Dahlin, Sue Brockman, Brent Bash

## *Nursery*

<b>May 5</b>	(8:30) Maren Bauer; (11:00) Maren Bauer, Anne Sovik
<b>May 12</b>	(8:30) Maren Bauer; (11:00) Maren Bauer, Emma Kmoch
<b>May 19</b>	(8:30) Maren Bauer; (11:00) Maren Bauer, Christy Hall-Holt
<b>May 26</b>	Memorial Day Weekend - Any Volunteers?

## *Ushers*

<b>May 5</b>	(8:30) Doug Child, Alan Alberg, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Loren Lee, Dan Lueck, Gordon Mickelsen; (11:00) Wes Pearson, Brian Boyum, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Brandon Kimber, Dale Kimber
<b>May 12</b>	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Rob McCarthy, Brent Mueller, Ruthie Neuger, Don Sahling, Patrick Bougie, Dick Werdahl; (11:00) Jonathan Norrie, Zachary Bahler, Andrew Dell, Terry Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Michael Sylvester, Suzanne Sylvester, Steve Williams
<b>May 19</b>	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug; (11:00) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Todd Iverson, Lowell Johnson, Andy Langehough, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary
<b>May 26</b>	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Niles Austvold, Myron Dack, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert; (11:00) Michael Gasior, Corrine Heiberg, Elvin Heiberg, David Rudser, Susan Rudser, Andy Westerback, Emily Westerback



# April Actions

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## Deaths

Lyle Kallestad, March 31, 2013  
Jean Perman, April 19, 2013

## Funerals

Deaun Peterson, April 2, 2013  
Jean Perman, April 27, 2013

## Radio Broadcasts

April 7, 2013, given by Marilyn McRae Raadt and family in loving memory of Don McRae.  
April 14, 2013, given by Judy Christiansen in memory of Fritjof (Fritz) Christensen whose birthday was April 14.  
April 21, 2013, given by George and Judy Pinc in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on April 20, 1963 at St. John's by Pastor Bjorn.  
April 28, 2013, given by Bev Mahachek in memory of Roger and Lee Mahachek.

## Notes of Thanks!

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**Thanks! From the 4th and 5th Grade Wednesday Kids** for your contributions to the March FoodShare Drive! During the month of March, **\$12,780** was raised by St. John's members and given to the Northfield Community Action Center to support our local food shelf. Thank you for caring about our friends and neighbors in our community.



**A Special Thank you** to the Dell and Malecha families for hosting members of Captive Free Central Plains. Their visit was a great success.

**Thank you** to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt this year by donating candy, filling and hiding eggs. Even though it was a rainy day, we welcomed many families from the Northfield community to St. John's for this fun family event. Special thanks to Goodbye Blue Monday for providing delicious coffee and to Windmill Feed and Pet Supply Company for sharing their baby chicks with us.

**A Great Big Thank you** to our Wednesday afterschool volunteers this year:

**Bus Angels:** Andrea Hoff, Jenny Pelletier, Julie Becker, Jennifer Koenig, Amy McBroom, Kristy Mikula, Sara Redetzke, Sheri Williams

**Snack Servers:** Frances Boehning, Amy McBroom, Betsy McLaughlin, Katherine Norrie, Sara Redetzke

**Kid's Club Helpers:** Our St. Olaf Students; Kari, Jordan, Steven, Libby

**Afterschool Helpers:** Kristy Mikula, Julie and Barry Becker, Mark Benson, Leah Garlie, Andrea Hoff, Sara Redetzke, Saul and Amy McBroom, Mike Skunes

**Bell Chime Director:** Jenny Pelletier

# Mission Outreach

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## Letter from El Milagro

*"If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14: 8*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at St. John's,

As a representative of El Milagro/the Miracle Lutheran Church I want to express our profound thanks for the support that you have given us in mission.

After prayer and careful consideration, the Church Council and Pr. Luisa Cabello Hansel, in consultation with representatives of the Minneapolis Area Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, have come to the conclusion that it is time to end the ministry of El Milagro/The Miracle in order to continue to serve the Lord in a more effective way.

On March 24 El Milagro/the Miracle congregation passed the resolution to dissolve the El Milagro/The Miracle Lutheran Church corporation in accord with the constitution and Minnesota statutes. Our last service as a congregation will be on April 14, 2013 at 12 o'clock at 3901 Chicago Avenue.

We have had a long walk with the Lord since Todos Los Santos and St. Luke's merged into El Milagro/The Miracle church in 2001 and even a longer walk since the beginning of Todos Los Santos.

As we all know, for the last years we have been bravely struggling to keep our church open. In that process, the number of members and our ability to serve have been reduced greatly. Because of the low attendance, the lack of sustainable income and the depletion of our resources, it has becoming increasingly clear that El Milagro/The Miracle has exhausted its viability.

Our call from God is to participate and share with the world the abundance of life that our Lord Jesus Christ offers us and all peoples. Our goal as a church of Christ is to be faithful to the call of God in all our capacities. El Milagro/The Miracle is a church with a long history in the city of Minneapolis, particularly among the Latino community. During its existence El Milagro/The Miracle served many people who found community and a refuge in times of need. It is also a church with wonderful gifts that built a culture of a new style of worship, noticed for its strong musical talent that attracted people of different cultures. It is important for all our members and friends to know that despite of the closing of the church, our prayer and hope is to keep the gifts of El Milagro/The Miracle alive. Closing the church by no means represents the end of our fellowship and wonderful expressions of worshiping God. We would like to honor those talents and give them the space for growth in serving the larger church. We have the option to continue to worship with our brothers and sisters of the Spanish-language service of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where we are welcomed with great affection and are able to continue with Pr. Luisa as a pastor.

The seed of faith and resilience of our congregation could be reborn in a new mission that will honor the good of the past and live the present with a new vision and commitment for God's call in the future. The Synod of Minneapolis and the ELCA, who have supported us from the very beginning, have committed themselves to continue to support us during the transition and in a new start.

In addition, the congregation voted to turn the building at 3751 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. over to a new non-profit corporation to be formed in cooperation with the Minneapolis Area Synod. The building will become a

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# Mission Outreach

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## Letter from El Milagro ...continued from page 10

ministry center that can serve other churches, non-profits and community organizations. Jacob's Well Lutheran Church, which now has its offices in the building, will worship in the building when it becomes a ministry center. The building will not only continue to serve mission and ministry but it can also be a resource for future Hispanic/Latino ELCA ministry financially and as a location for a future ELCA Hispanic/Latino effort. This non-profit is modeled after the successful Grace Center for Community Life in Northeast Minneapolis, which provides a home for two ELCA congregations and a host of other ministries and services.

To paraphrase Psalm 116, "we will celebrate the Lord's showing us so many blessings, offering sacrifice of thanksgiving, calling on the name of the Lord, and lifting up the cup of salvation in the presence of God's people in the house of the Lord."

May the love and power of God give us peace, strength, and trust that we are in God's loving hands and nothing can separate us from God.

Jane Norman, Council's President

Luisa Cabello Hansel, Pastor

*"Si vivimos, para el Señor vivimos; y si morimos, para el Señor morimos. As pues, sea que vivamos o que muramos, del Señor somos" Romanos 14. 8*

## Special Offering in May for Lutheran World Relief

The special giving envelope in May is designated for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The goal for St. John's is to raise \$4000 for LWR. LWR coordinates relief and development projects around the world on behalf of Lutheran congregations in the United States. Last year LWR reached out to almost 8 million people in 35 countries through 189 projects in the areas of agriculture, emergency response aid, water access and quality, the environment, and health care including malaria eradication. Apart from emergency relief, LWR development projects try to focus on the root causes of poverty – in an effort to follow Christ's call to love our neighbor and to care for the least of these. For more information on LWR projects go to [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org). Thank you for your generosity!

## 2013 Raise the Roof Dinner for Habitat for Humanity

Help support Rice County Habitat for Humanity by attending the Raise the Roof Dinner on Sunday, May 5, 2013 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion in Faribault. You'll enjoy food, fellowship and fun and get the chance to meet members of the 2013 Habitat Partner families. Tickets are \$25 at the door and are also available online at [www.habitatricecounty.org](http://www.habitatricecounty.org). This year's houses are being built in Dundas and Faribault. Watch for more information about the St. John's Service Day at the Thrivent Builds house in Dundas this summer.

*... from our members*

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## **Creation Care Ideas following Lenten Worship Series**

*– shared by members of St. John's*

### **How are you caring for God's creation?**

I pick up cigarette butts before they can wash into the storm sewer.

I compost my food scraps – feeds the soil, puts less in landfill.

Use regular soap – not antibacterial, i.e. with triclosan.

Try to buy in bulk and avoid non-recyclable, excess packaging.

Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.

I drive a Fusion Hybrid.

We recycle twice what we trash.

Walk to work.

Wash in cold water.

Replace very old fridge with energy efficient one.

Turn down thermostat and put on a sweater.

I GET OUTSIDE with my kids to help foster love and appreciation for nature.

Love pets!

Care for people!

Plant milkweed for monarch butterflies.

Planting more.

Love nature.



### **How could St. John's care for God's creation?**

Could we print one-page bulletins that give hymn numbers and page numbers for the liturgy for those of us who prefer "bulletin lite" on Sundays?

Change incandescent light into more efficient bulbs.

Create a rain garden.

Make use of rain barrels.

Shut lights off when you leave a room.

Donate money and time to Humane Farming, National Wildlife Federation, Prairie's Edge Humane Society.

Plant fruit trees for the birds.

Plant edible lawns.

Less grass...more native plants.

Share excess garden produce.

Talk about it every day!

Helping those in need.



# *News and Events*

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## **Special Congregational Meeting**

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service, we will hold a special congregational meeting in the Sanctuary. At that meeting the Executive Committee will present a resolution to the congregation requesting approval for the expenditure of up to \$75,000 from our reserves to complete capital improvements for the Church.

This proposal was brought forward at the budget review meeting in late January, and was presented as a part of both the budget presentation and the treasurer's report at the Annual Meeting. However, the congregation did not vote specifically on this item. This meeting will complete that process.

Over the last year, the Executive Committee has been gathering information on the infrastructure and property needs of the Church.

As we dealt with changes in our personnel, we discovered that computers were unnecessarily slowing the ability of staff members to get their work done.

Our phone system was so outdated that we could no longer get parts to repair it. We weren't able to complete the simplest of tasks without a huge investment of staff time.

Internet is not available throughout the building.

We have a sound system that inconsistently produces sound for our most basic ministry: worship services.

As we began to ask the question and assemble the list, we were presented with a list of over \$300,000 in needed repairs to the Church property. This does not include the cost of tuckpointing the Church exterior, which has been estimated at over \$600,000.

Did you know that we have not painted the sanctuary of the Church since 1989?

We have windows throughout the building that are rotting, or are ready to fall out of their frames. Rumor is we have one window that is growing mushrooms.

We will be requesting the release of up to \$75,000 from reserves to begin the process of addressing these capital expenditures. We would anticipate having further conversation with the congregation about how we incorporate the stewardship of our buildings and grounds into our ministry.

As a small step in this direction, the giving envelopes will incorporate a line for capital expenditures, if you are interested in directing additional gifts to this cause. The church is a gift we have been given to care for and minister from. As a congregation, we must attend to its care, along with the care of our members and ministries.

Please join us on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, for this important meeting.

# News and Events



## 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northfield Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2, 2013, has been designated as the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northfield Day of Prayer. In conjunction with this event the Northfield Prayer Committee is sponsoring the Northfield Prayer Breakfast. The event will be held here at St. John's Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

There will be breakfast, worship, prayer, and inspiring speakers. Tickets for this year's event will be \$9.00. They will be on sale at Quality Bakery, Jesse James' Café and Bittersweet Café (in the Archer House) after April 1, 2013.

The year's theme, "Pray for America," is based on Matthew 12:21, which reminds us that "In His name the nations will put their hope."

## Special Double Feature!

Connections will have an end of the year pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room on Friday, May 10. Then, at 7:30 p.m., we will move to the Theater (2nd floor, St. John's) for a gentle, thoughtful movie: Places in the Heart. Places in the Heart, a 1984 classic about life in a small town in Texas in the 1930's., stars Sally Field, Danny Glover, John Malkovich. This movie is heart-rending and hopeful. All are welcome to take part in both or one of these events!

## Celebrating 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, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. Please call the Church Office if you plan to attend.

## 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.



## St. John's Wednesday Night Meals

**Wednesday, May 1**  
Pizza and Salad

**Wednesday, May 8**  
Taco Boats

**Wednesday, May 15**  
MayFest!  
Fried Chicken

Free will offering appreciated!

**Come, Share a Meal!**

# News and Events

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## Call Committee Update

After a very busy April, the Call Committee is nearing completion of the first phase of the process.

We spent considerable time reviewing and discussing the Strategic Planning Committee's Report to the congregation, presented in March of 2011, along with analysis provided by the congregational survey conducted in 2010. We solicited input from all Boards, individual members of the congregation and church staff. Larry Iverson, Call Process Administrator from our Synod, provided information on Synod Call protocol.

On April 7, the Committee conducted a Mini-Survey and held a Listening Session to gather data and insure we had fresh feedback on the congregation's wants and needs. The survey showed St. John's top five Congregational Life Leadership Indicators were: Children, Youth and Family Ministry; Welcoming and Affirming of All; Pastoral Care; Worship Services Traditional; Worship Services Traditional and Alternative. For Senior Pastor Skills, the top three responses were: Preaching and Worship Planning; Leadership and Vision; Pastoral Care and Compassion.

We have tried to listen openly and intently to many constituencies in an attempt to understand St. John's, our various ministries and the congregation's desires. By doing so, we hope we accurately defined the most important characteristics and skills we need to seek in the call of our next Senior Pastor. These steps also formed the basis for revising and updating St. John's Ministry Site Profile. This 14-page document, projected to be filed with our Synod in early May, becomes the basis for initiating the actual candidate screening phase of the Call process.

If anyone from the congregation wishes to forward the name of a candidate, please do so soon. Nominations can be sent to the Committee at: [st-johns-call-committee@googlegroups.com](mailto:st-johns-call-committee@googlegroups.com) or placed in our in-box at the church office. You may also send any other comments or thoughts on the Call process to the Committee in the same way. We ask for both your patience and your prayers as we continue our efforts on behalf of St. John's.

## ... from the Business Management Board

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### Treasurer's Update

At its January annual meeting, the St. John's congregation voted unanimously to approve a budget that called for \$760,000 in regular envelope offerings. Regular envelope offerings contribute 90% of our congregation's annual source of income; they are key to helping us stay "on budget."

I am pleased once again to offer you the following update on our success in meeting our budgeted envelope offering income. In the month of February, 2013, we received \$67,048 in envelope offerings. Given a budgeted goal of \$760,000 for the year, we should be averaging \$63,333 per month in envelope contributions. This means that our February offering was \$3,715 *more* than budgeted.

Thank you for your generous support of this congregation and its mission in the community and the world.

Beckie

Rebecca Judge, Treasurer

St. John's Lutheran Church

# *Learning and Fellowship*

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## **Sunday Learning and Fellowship in May**

*Fellowship Time for children, youth, and adults begins at 9:30 a.m.*

*Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and Education Hour for adults begins at 9:50 a.m.*

*Small Groups are part of St. John's small group ministry and meet in various rooms as noted.*

### **May 05:**

*Coffee served in St. John's Hall.*

*Parent Gathering: "Faith and Skills for Parenting", facilitated by Carrie Duba. **10:00 a.m., Fireside Room.***

*St. John's Forum: No Forum.*

### **May 12:**

*Coffee served in St. John's Hall.*

*St. John's Forum: "Thanks and No Thanks: Jesus' and Paul's Surprising Understanding of Gratitude in the Christian Life", presented by Pr. Dick Jorgensen. **9:50 a.m., Sanctuary.***

### **May 19:**

*Coffee served in St. John's Hall.*

*St. John's Forum: Christian Art by Twin Cities artist He Qi. **9:50 a.m., Sanctuary.***

### **May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend):**

*Coffee served in St. John's Hall.*

*St. John's Forum: No Forum.*

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## **Welcome to St. Johns!**

### ***We welcomed the following new members on April 28th!***

(If you would like contact information please contact the Church Office at 645-4429 or [office@stjohnsnorthfield.org](mailto:office@stjohnsnorthfield.org))

Sherwin and Elna Hansen  
Hosts: George and Lyla Paulson

Dorothy Johnson  
Host: Jane Koskovich

Jason and Emily Quam  
Hosts: Zack and Maren Bahler

Kathy Hart  
Host: Solveig Bailey

Bill and Jill Malecha,  
Nicole, Ryan, Kaylee, John  
Hosts: Howard and Julie Thorsheim

Marie Struss  
Host: Kathy Vang

Bill and Jane Horton  
Hosts: Phil and Barb Eaves  
Don Sahling

Keith and Jill Mischke  
Noah  
Hosts: Angela and Cole Johannsen

Ronald and Regina Wilson  
Hosts: Gary and Gloria Knudson



# 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.

## Connections

Contact: Carol Schoen 645-6840

## Gathered in the Word

Contact: Pr. Johnson 645-4429

## Grief Support

Contact: Barbara Knaak 664-0444

## Luke Bible Study

Contacts: Dick Beckmen 664-3882  
Chuck Jacobson 663-9060  
David & Genevieve Quarberg 645-0089

## Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Contact: Chuck Jacobson 663-9060

## Men's Time Out

Contact: Greg Kneser 663-0271

## Peace and Justice

Contact: Judith Stoutland 645-7842

## Prayer and Praise

Contact: Mary White 645-4783

## Tuesday Noon Bible Study

Contact: Pr. Orlin or Pr. Mark 645-4429

## Women of the ELCA Circles

Contact: Marilyn Jacobson 663-9060

## Women of the ELCA Knitting

Contact: Kathy Vang 645-4397

## Women of the ELCA Quilting

Contact: Kathy Vang 645-4849

## Women's Breakfast Group

Contact: Kathy Mellstrom 663-1451

## Recipe of Faith

*By Barbara Eaves*

In one of my first junior high "home-ec" classes (do they even have these anymore?), we made muffins. We were divided into groups to work together in completing this assignment. When the group I was with took our muffins out of the oven, they looked pretty good. But then came the taste test: the muffins were awful. That is when it was discovered we had forgotten the sugar.

Many years later, a friend and colleague decided to try his hand at baking brownies to share with the staff the next day. However, when the staff met the next morning, he confessed that his attempt at making brownies was a failure; the truth was he didn't have any eggs at home and thought the brownies would be okay without them. However, brownies didn't hold together during the baking without eggs. It takes all the ingredients to have success in baking and continual learning to become an excellent baker.

Likewise, it takes a full recipe of ingredients to make for a lively and robust faith life: worship, community, service, and learning. At St. John's, we are blessed with worship that is lively and inspiring, we are encouraged to participate in acts of compassion and outreach, and we work diligently at creating community. In the area of learning, we have a flourishing program for children and youth, while adults benefit from a full menu of faith-related topics in a forum format and an evolving menu of small group opportunities.

The Small Group Ministry Team is currently working on a plan that would provide small group learning for adults every week, September through May. In its embryonic stages, the hope is to create an atmosphere of learning at St. John's that permeates and includes the whole congregation, children and adults alike. An Adult Sunday School:

- \* indicates a commitment to life-long learning;
- \* provides a good model for our children and youth;
- \* strengthens our faith and stretches our understandings
- \* keeps us in relationship with others where we find encouragement and support

When it comes to passing on the faith to our children, grandchildren and adults, some of whom are leaving the church, we need to go beyond the basics into life-long learning that takes us deeper into what it means to be a follower of the Way.

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.*

ELW #611, vs. 3

*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:*

Sandi Gerdes 645-2290,  
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# WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## Mission Statement:

To mobilize women to act boldly

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) includes ALL women of St. Johns!

The study theme for 2012-2013 is **Gathered by God**, by Dr. Audrey West. This theme is found in the monthly "Gather for Faith and Action" magazine and will be studied at the monthly Circle meetings. To order or renew a subscription: [subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org](mailto:subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org) or [800-328-4648](tel:800-328-4648).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 2, Thursday, 1:00 p.m.** - Program: WELCA Anniversary Celebration of 25 years! Judy Swanson and Marlene Engstrom will share Reflections and Memories of the WELCA Constituting Convention and its Formative Years. Fifty percent of our Anniversary Offering will go to the Malaria Fund. Hosts: WELCA Board Members.

**May 4, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.** - Northfield Ecumenical Women's meeting at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The speaker will be Pr. Kristine Braaten-Lee. The Least Coin Offering will be collected.

## **CIRCLES:** PLEASE JOIN US! (call Marilyn Jacobson: 663-9060)

Small groups of St. John's women meet for fellowship and Bible Study during the second week of each month (the week following the first Thursday), with a few exceptions as noted:

- Anna — 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Fireside (*Susan Rudser*)
- Abigail / Rebecca — Thursday, 2:00 p.m., NRC Parkview East (*Gert Brosz*)
- Elizabeth — Thursday, 1:30 p.m. (*Marie Benson and Gretchen Hardgrove*)
- Lydia — Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. (*Marilyn Boschee and Judy Smith*)
- Martha / Claudia — Thursday, 9:30 a.m. (*Marilyn Jacobson and Joyce Schrader*)
- Mary — 2nd Friday, 1:00 p.m. (*Rachel Stark*)
- Sarah — Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. (*Char Nelson*)
- Women's Breakfast Group — 2nd Saturday, 8:30 a. m., Fireside (*Kathy Melstrom*)

## LOOKING AHEAD

**June and July - No General Meeting**

**August 1, Thursday, 10:00a.m.** - Birthday Coffee and Election of Officers.

**Save the Date - Sept. 21:** WELCA Synod Convention in Albert Lea.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**May 6:** Bible Study Leaders meet at 12:00 p.m. in Fireside Room.

**May 7 & 21:** Knitters meet at 9:30 at home of Kathy Vang, 645-4849.

**May 8, 9, 10, 11, 16:** Circles meet. Check with leaders for locations.

**May 13 & 16:** Quilters meet in Fellowship Hall from 9-11 a.m.

**May 23:** WELCA Executive Board meets at 9:30 in Fireside Room.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THANK YOU to our many hands and feet who contributed to the recent delivery for shipping of the following: 45 school kits, 13 quilts, 26 personal care kits and 10 baby care kits.

**QUILT PROJECT:** Ongoing HELP is needed to reach our goal: creating 25% more quilts this year to celebrate WELCA's 25th birthday, and to help Lutheran World Relief meet the increasing needs of refugees around the world. You can help by:

- \*Piecing squares at home (pick up and drop off at the WELCA table in the Commons)
- \*Joining the Quilters in the Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Thursday or previous Monday of each month.
- \*Donating clean sheets or blankets (full size or larger)

**BUY FAIR TRADE COFFEE!** Don't forget to purchase your month's supply of coffee on the third Sunday of each month in the Commons! This is an important project aimed at creating sustainability for small farmers and reducing poverty.

Please submit items for this WELCA information page to: Jo Franklin, <a href="mailto:jo_franklin50@yahoo.com">jo_franklin50@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="tel:720-281-5107">720-281-5107</a>	Please submit items for the Sunday bulletin to: Shirley Keltto, <a href="mailto:kelttos@msn.com">kelttos@msn.com</a> or <a href="tel:785-317-9509">785-317-9509</a> .
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# from the Peace and Justice Group . . .

## Looking Back, Looking Forward

Reviewing this past year and anticipating the coming meetings, we will be considering ways that we can be effective at St. John's, in the wider community, in the ELCA and beyond.

Our emphasis on the ELCA Criminal Justice social statement now involves studying the revision of the statement which will go to the church convention in August. Following the discussions and votes at that meeting, we will follow through on that and on what we see is needed locally. We invite each of you to tell us what you would like to have happen.

Mary Anderson (Barron, WI) generated interest in prison ministry. She invited us to think of ways we could be a part of such a ministry. There are many steps involved in starting such work. If you are interested in this please let us know!

We also need to think of specific things we can do to change those parts of the criminal justice system that are ineffective or worse, and to implement policies and programs that prevent persons from being drawn into the system. On the national scene, many groups of varying sizes are concerned about the need for change. Our efforts can benefit from this shared energy and commitment.

In its 91 pages, the revised statement is complex. There are Implementing Resolutions to the ELCA as a whole; to church wide and synod staff, advocacy and resource teams; to congregations and individuals. Basic to message of the statement is for "Christians to strengthen or take up ministries of compassion and justice."

To learn more check the P&J bulletin boards; <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statement-Criminal-Justice-March> 8, 2013 (The date is important so that you get the latest draft).

"For what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

## Women and Justice: One in Christ

Since the 2009 Churchwide Assembly which called for the development of a social statement on Women and justice, there have been a number of delays in starting the process.

Now a task force has been assembled. To learn more: Justice for Women webpage. There is a section on resources that includes study materials on domestic violence, human trafficking, and gender justice. Any questions? Email: [womenandjustice@elca.org](mailto:womenandjustice@elca.org)

If you are interested in forming a local group, be in touch with Judith Stoutland or Barbara Eaves.

### ***JUSTICE CALENDAR***

Monday, May 6: Peace and Justice Group Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room. *All are welcome!*  
Topic: "Looking Back, Looking Forward"

**Pastors**

Orlin Mandsager  
Mark Johnson  
John Quam

**Children's Ministry**

Julie Brehmer

**Music Ministry**

John Ferguson

**Music Staff**

Carol Benson - Alleluia  
Cathy Rodland - Jubilate  
& Hosanna, Organist  
Ruth Legvold - Laudate  
Zack Pelletier - Rejoice  
Ringers

**Office Manager**

Leah Garlie

**Shared Ministry**

Joanne Sommers

**Youth Ministry**

Mike Skunes

**Security & Building**

**Maintenance**

**Assistants**

Marvin and Irene Perez

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## May Highlights

### *Wednesday Night Meals*

Wednesdays, May 1, 8 and 15, from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

### *Raise the Roof Dinner for Habitat for Humanity*

Sunday, May, at 5:30 p.m.

(For more information, check page 11)

### *Music Sunday*

Sunday, May 12

(For more information, check page 4)

### *MayFest*

Wednesday, May 15, starting at 5:15 p.m.

(For more information, check page 1)

### *Cannon River Canoe Trip*

Saturday, May 18, 1:00 p.m.

(For more information, check page 7)

### *High School Recognition Sunday*

Sunday, June 9

(For more information, check page 1)

