

Our Mission:
As followers of Jesus
Christ, the members of
St. John's Lutheran
Church welcome all peo-
ple to join us in celebrat-
ing God's grace, nurtur-
ing their faith, and reach-
ing out to the world in
love and service.

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

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THE *Voice* ★

OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship for Wednesday Nights **"Acts of Mercy" ~ 6:30 p.m.**

March 2

Waiting: Homily - Marnie Thompson

March 9

Running: Homily - Greg Kneser

March 16

Pouring:
Homily - Carrie and Derek Melby



Lenten Moments of Mercy

Lenten Soup Suppers precede each midweek service
serving from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall.
(Menu on page 9)

Worship for Holy Week and Easter

Sunday of the Passion, March 20

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

Maundy Thursday, March 24

Holy Communion
12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25

Liturgy of Good Friday
12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

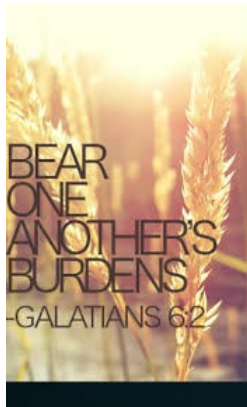
Holy Saturday, March 26

The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 p.m.
Beginning in the St. John's Courtyard
Service with candlelight and Holy Communion

Celebration of the Resurrection
Sunday, March 27

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion at all services
Easter Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
9:30 service broadcast on KYMN 1080 AM

Stephen Ministry: Sharing Our Feelings



The Stephen Ministry program is currently training ten St. John's members in the Stephen Ministry curriculum. A recent lesson deals with feelings. In this lesson, our Stephen Ministers learn to recognize a vast array of feelings that are part of living. They learn to recognize the ways in which feelings are expressed - by what is said, by what is not said, and by actions.

In this lesson, we see that Jesus experiences a whole range of feelings such as love, caring, and friendship. He also bore the hatred of others and suffered rejection and isolation. As a result, we can be assured that there is no feeling we can suffer that God does not understand.

Feelings are often at the core of what we are experiencing - both good and

difficult in life. When feelings are shared, there are significant benefits for our lives, relationships, and health.

If you could benefit from talking with a Stephen Minister about your feelings, please contact a pastor at 645-4429, or Pam Schwandt at 645-6120.

***"Blessed are
they who
mourn, for they
shall be
comforted."
Matthew 5:4***

Grief Support Ministry

Northfield Grief Support Coalition:

A grief support group will meet on Mondays beginning March 7th and continue through April 11th, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. For more information contact Nancy Topp at (507) 254-7878.

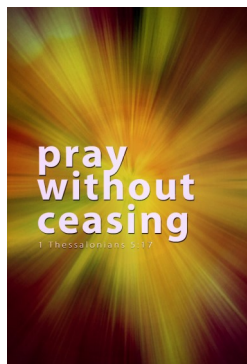
Grief Care Resource:

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."*

*March 1, 2015
Lorraine Hanson*

*March 4, 2015
Ann Louise Swanson*



Prayer Ministry

Prayer Chain:

Prayer requests are welcome for any concern or thanksgiving. Requests are kept confidential and not included in Sunday morning prayers unless specifically requested.

Contact Mary Cisar with a prayer request or to become a prayer chain volunteer:
macisar@gmail.com or 663-1097.

From our Pastors...

Many of us are familiar with Palm Sunday – if not for the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, then at least for the palms and the kids and all the waving. Many of us, too, are familiar with Easter Sunday – if not for the story of the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection, then at least for the Easter lilies and the brass instruments and the delicious brunch.

But how familiar are you with what happens at church during the rest of Holy Week, that time in between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday?

During this in-between time, the church gathers for what has been called an intensive course in Christian identity. During this week, the church gathers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for worship to remember and celebrate what is at the center of God's story of love—the death and resurrection of Jesus.

These days of Holy Week -- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday – are together called “The Three Days”, or “the Triduum.”

Maundy Thursday – This day marks the end of Lent. “Maundy” is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. The overarching theme of Maundy Thursday is Jesus' new commandment to “love one another even as I have loved you,” a love sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed the Last Supper. Jesus' love is demonstrated both in his example of servanthood and in his gift of himself in Holy Communion. The stripping of the altar at the end of this worship symbolizes Christ's self-emptying as he is betrayed and abandoned, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone.

Good Friday – On this day, Jesus' love of God's people gets poured out fully through death on the cross. Through the Gospel of John, we hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion. Through the ancient bidding prayer, we lift up the church, the world, those of other faiths and no faiths, remembering that Christ's love is wide enough for all. This year we have an added quirk of the calendar – March 25 is also the Feast of the Annunciation, so that the day we remember God's entering into human flesh is the same day we remember Jesus' death. Birth and death stand linked together.

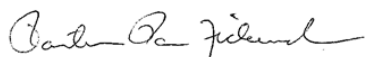
Easter Vigil – We are story people and, on this night, we are immersed in our ancient stories of faith that have shaped us into who we are as followers of Christ. The movement of this night is from darkness to light, from death to life. As one author has said, “Just as Good Friday contains elements of both suffering and triumph, so does the Vigil. The stories central to this night are not without suffering.” We speak the darkness of the world that we know and see, and we give witness to the Light, which shines in the darkness. This service offers us the chance to remember God's covenant with us proclaimed in baptism, and together we will share in the first Eucharist of Easter.

Of these three, many people have their favorite service and will often attend just that one. But did you know that these three worship services are designed as one liturgy – beginning on Thursday and ending on Saturday night? For this reason there is only one Eucharist celebrated, and only one benediction – the one spoken after we have proclaimed Christ risen.

Our challenge to you this Easter season is to make time for one new service of the Triduum that you have never been to before. If you have always gone to Good Friday, consider worshipping on Maundy Thursday. If Maundy Thursday is your favorite, join us on the Easter Vigil. You get the point. We look forward to these three days with you, as we celebrate the great mystery of our salvation.

Whatever you should choose, know that Christ's love and forgiveness and his triumph over death are for you.

With joy and love for each one of you,



Pastor Pam



Pastor Jonathan

Important Dates to Remember!

Sunday School Schedule

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| March 6 | Sunday School |
| March 13 | Sunday School - <i>Daylight Savings</i> Toddler Time |
| March 20 | Intergenerational Event - St. John's Hall |
| March 27 | No Sunday School - <i>Spring Break</i> |

"ROCK"-Wednesday Afterschool Programming

March 2, 9, 16, 30
March 23: No Programming - *Spring Break*

Catechism for Grades 4 and 5

Will not be meeting in March
Will resume April 6, 13, 20, 27

3rd Grade CAT Retreat - Rescheduled

Wednesday, April 6, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m., Undercroft
The Sacrament of Baptism

Annual Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, April 10

Wednesday DOG Kids!

On Wednesdays, our 3rd – 5th graders attend a program called, "DOG, *Discovering our Gifts*, when CAT (Catechism) is not in session. This year we are exploring many topics inviting St. John's members to come and speak about their interests.

- In December we made Christmas cookies and learned about the Christmas Sharing program. The kids helped create the stars for our Sharing Tree.
- We invited a representative from the CAC to come and talk about hunger in our community.
- The kids enjoyed learning about St. Nicholas and created their own icons with the help of Keith Homstad.
- We learned about "Praying in Color" – the art of doodling and praying. Our creations are displayed in the Upper Commons
- We also had fun playing Romans and Christians with Mike Skunes and our Wednesday Middle school helpers.

Please give Julie a call if you would like to present a project/topic to our group in March.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26

The Annual St. John's Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 26th! This event invites children up to 5th grade, along with parents, to meet in the Commons at 9:30 a.m. for the egg hunt. Make sure to bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs and feel free to bring friends!

Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy and small items to fill the eggs. Donations can be dropped off in the office or put in the basket in the Commons. Thanks so much!



Third Grade Catechism Retreat (Rescheduled)

Third graders, along with their parent(s), will meet Wednesday, April 6th, 5:30–6:45 p.m. for a Catechism retreat on the Sacrament of Baptism in the Undercroft. If you are unable to attend, please call Pastor Pam or Julie Brehmer at 645-4429.

Prayer Buddies During Lent

During the Lenten season, 4th and 5th grade Catechism kids were paired with an adult member from our congregation to be their "Prayer Buddy". We're hoping to build faith-based, cross-generational relationships between children and adult members in the congregation.

On Wednesday, April 6th, we will have a brief get-together at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room for Prayer Buddies and their child/family to share their experiences. You are welcome to eat together in St. John's Hall following our sharing time.

Laser Tag Lock-In (Grades 6-12)

Where: Cornerstone Community Church

When: Friday, April 1st, 9:00 p.m. – Saturday, April 2nd, 7:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10

What: We're renting movies and a laser tag set for an all-night adventure with our friends over at Cornerstone Community Church. Come for pizza, friends, and of course... Laser Tag!!



Youth Fundraiser: Showers of Blessing

Do you make the world's best homemade cookies? Do you have a talent or service you can share? Then we could use your help!

We're looking for St. John's kids and teens to donate creative services and crafts for our annual **Youth Fundraiser**, on **April 10th**. Our fundraiser helps make our 2016 summer programming opportunities and other youth and children's programming financially possible for all families.

Need help brainstorming what you can offer? Talk to Julie or Mike.



Hope You'll Join Us this Summer!

Kids in Age 2 – 4th Grade (completed):

Vacation Bible School, **"Surf Shack"**

June 13-16

(Registration forms are available now
in the upper and lower commons area and online)

Kids in Grades 2-5:

Andy's Gang, Shores of St. Andrews Bible Camp

June 19-24

*All St. John's Kids going to Shores of St. Andrews receive approx. \$125 towards
their camp registration fees from the Annual Youth Fundraiser.*

Scholarships for full or partial payments are also available.

More info about the camps on page 15.

Feel free to call Julie if you have questions, 645-4429!



Sunday Learning and Fellowship in March

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

Sunday School (Lower Level) and Education Hour for adults begins at 9:45 a.m.

March 6:

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons and St. John's Hall.

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate Mix/Chocolate Bars, Commons.

Sunday School (Pre-K thru Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday School Rooms.

Life Groups (Grades 6-9) and Life Group Guides (Grades 10-12), St. John's Hall.

Adult Forum: The Refugee Crisis - The View from Germany, Sanctuary.

Lenten Book Read, Room 212.

March 13:

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons and St. John's Hall.

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate Mix/Chocolate Bars, Commons.

Sunday School (Pre-K thru Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday School Rooms.

Life Groups (Grades 6-9) and Life Group Guides (Grades 10-12), St. John's Hall.

Adult Forum: Jim Blaha and The Community Action Center, Sanctuary.

Lenten Book Read, Room 212.

Toddler Time, Room 20.

March 20 - Palm Sunday:

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons and St. John's Hall.

Sunday School (Pre-K thru Grade 5), St. John's Hall.

Life Groups (Grades 6-9) and Life Group Guides (Grades 10-12), St. John's Hall.

Intergenerational Event: Assembling Personal Care Kits, St. John's Hall.

Bold Cafe, Fireside Room.

March 27 - Easter Sunday:

Easter Breakfast - Served from 8:30 a.m. - noon, St. John's Hall.



Easter Garden Orders

If you would like to order a flowering plant in memory or honor of a loved one, the chancel guild will be taking orders on Sunday mornings, March 6th and March 13th between services. They will also be taking orders Wednesday nights, March 9th and March 16th, at the soup supper.

There will be an assortment to choose from with different price ranges. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. The flowers will be labeled with your name behind the bow and may be taken home after the last service Easter morning.

Share the Love with “Baskets of Promise” During Lent

This season of Lent, **Share the Love** with Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise**. Donate items for LWR's Personal Care Kits, distributed around the world for people in physical crisis.

Here's our March collection schedule:

March 6 Wide Tooth Comb
March 13 Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)

Monetary donations can be made in the offering plate or church office. Make checks out to WELCA. (Shipping costs are \$2.60 per kit)

Other items:

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)
Bar of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand in original wrapping)
Bath Towels (light-weight, max. 52" x 27", dark color recommended)

On Sunday, March 20th, we will be assembling our Personal Care Kits in St. John's Hall from 9:45–10:30 a.m. Thank you to Mary Circle for supporting this program throughout the years at St. John's. If you have questions, please contact Julie at 645-4429 or children@stjohnsnorthfield.org.

BASKETS OF PROMISE



Join Us: Fun for All Ages! Assembling Personal Care Kits Sunday, March 20 9:45-10:30 a.m. St. John's Hall

All ages are welcome to come to St. John's Hall to help assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Our goal is 100 kits. See you there!



The Refugee Crisis: The View from Germany



On Sunday, March 6th, St. John's will welcome the honorary proconsul of Germany, Christa Tiefenbacher-Hudson, and Pastor Helge Voigt and his daughter Marie from Leipzig, Germany. At the St. John's Forum, all of them will speak to the current refugee crisis in Germany and to the church's

role there in the conversation about immigration.

The St. John's Refugee sponsorship exploratory group urges you to come as we consider how we might be engaged in support of refugees here in Northfield.

Mission Outreach: LWR Quilts



Twice a month, St. John's quilters gather in Fellowship Hall to make Mission quilts, a project of Lutheran World Relief, that sends quilts around the world to war-torn, disaster-ridden, and impoverished areas.

March 6th as we worship they will adorn our pews and remind us of God's sheltering grace. Materials for the quilts are funded by your designated Thrivent dollars to St. John's, and the shipping costs are covered by additional gifts to Lutheran World Relief.

Where do the quilts go?

The latest shipment from the U.S. warehouses (one of which is in nearby St. Paul) went to Burkina Faso, Ukraine, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, and Tanzania. In 2013 nearly 485,000 quilts went to 20 different countries.

Lutheran World Relief is the development and relief effort of Lutheran churches in the United States, partnering with agencies around the world to provide sustainable solutions to global poverty. Founded in 1945 by U.S. Lutherans to respond to the humanitarian needs of post-war Europe, Lutheran World

Relief (LWR) today reaches millions of people around the world through its programs in emergency response and sustainable development. Go to lwr.org for a wealth of information.

On March 6th, envelopes will be available on the quilts for special donations, which will cover the costs of shipping our handiwork to those who need it.

St. John's Welcomes the Iowa State Singers



On Sunday, March 6th, at 3:00 p.m., St. John's will welcome the Iowa State Singers, under the direction of Dr. James Rodde, for a concert which will also feature the Northfield High School Chamber Choir. The Iowa State Singers is Iowa State

University's most select choral ensemble, with 66 singers from freshmen to seniors. Dr. Rodde is the Endowed Chair and Director of Choral Activities at Iowa State University, where he oversees a program of 400 undergraduate choristers. The program

will include a cappella works by Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff, Weelkes, and several contemporary composers. The concert will be in the sanctuary, and is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted.

St. John's Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers

Let's get together for Dinner -
Come, share a meal!

All are welcome,
it's a fantastic time for
fellowship for ALL ages!

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

Free will offering appreciated!

Wednesday, March 2

Scandinavian Veg. Stew and Chicken Noodle

Wednesday, March 9

Vegetable Soup and Vegetable Beef Soup

Wednesday, March 16

Swedish Meatball and Tomato

Wednesday, March 23

Holy Week - No Meal

Wednesday, March 30

Potato Bar



Radio and Video Broadcasts

Worship services are
broadcast on KYMN 1080
AM from 8:30-9:30 a.m.
central time every Sunday.
Christmas Eve, Christmas
Day, and Good Friday ser-
vices are also broadcast.

If you would like to spon-
sor a broadcast (\$160),
please contact the church
office by phone.

Video broadcasts of St.
John's worship services
can be seen on Northfield
Community Television
(NTV) - cable channel 187,
Mondays at 7:30 p.m and
Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Radio Broadcasts

February 7, 2016

Given in loving memory of Andy and Loretta Siler by
their grandchildren - Christianna, Michael, Jacob, and
Christopher; and their great-grandchildren - Ben, Eva,
Eileen, Dorothy, and Neil.

February 14, 2016

Given in memory of Jim Braulick by Georgia Braulick.

February 21, 2016

Given by Sharon Bishop in honor of her grandson
Matthew's birthday.

February 28, 2016

Given in memory of Steve Swanson by family and friends.

***" Help us keep
this ministry
alive and
sponsor a
broadcast!"***

Acts of Ministry

Baptisms

February 28: Leo Timothy Ellingson
son of Anastasia Clack and Derrick Ellingson

Births

February 10: Clayton Robert Moore
son of Tammy and Bob Moore

Deaths

Joan Starkweather, January 31, 2016
Maxine Oates, January 31, 2016
Janice Wallaker, February 3, 2016
Phyllis Hoversten, February 7, 2016

Marriages

February 27:
Kelsey Sorensen and Nick Motzko



Mission Outreach: Easter Breakfast



When: Sunday, March 27th, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: St. John's Hall

Who: For Everyone at St. John's (but put on by Youth)

What: As a service to the congregation and all our guests Easter Day, St. John's Youth will be hosting a breakfast consisting of egg-bakes, muffins, and fruit. All proceeds from the event will go to individuals who assist to help defray summer ministry opportunities including the ELCA Youth Gathering, Green Lake, and Magical Mystery Tours.

Youth: Watch for additional information regarding your participation including items to bring and sign ups to help at the breakfast.

March Special Offering: CAC Food Shelf from the Benevolence and Social Concerns Board

*"I was hungry
and you gave
me food."*

-Matthew 25:31-46

Northfield Community Action Center (CAC) is in the midst of its annual March Minnesota Food Share Campaign. During the month of March, food shelves across Minnesota seek donations to augment supplies and run their programs for the remainder of the year. All local donations are dispersed by the CAC into the Northfield food programs, such as the Food Shelf. The CAC stretches donated dollars by purchasing food from a Feeding America Food Bank (formerly Second Harvest)

at about \$.25 per pound, so monetary donations are preferred.

You may use the St. John's special offering envelope for the CAC Food Shelf. Please write your check to St. John's, and indicate CAC Food Shelf on the memo line. Our goal is to reach at least \$10,000. Last year, St. John's members donated over \$12,000! Thank you for being God's hands to reach out to our neighbors in need.

News Bits...



Our former intern, John Schwehn has received a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton. He will begin

ministry there after Easter and will be ordained soon thereafter.

Hayden Kvamme, one of St. John's seminarians, has

transferred to Wartburg Seminary in Iowa. He reports that he is engaged to another seminarian and enjoying his studies.

Carry the Future Campaign

St. John's and Open Door Preschool are working together to host a collection box for baby carriers on behalf of Carry the Future (carrythefuture.org). Refugees commonly walk hundreds of miles to their asylum destinations. They desperately need a safer, more comfortable way to carry their babies and toddlers. Please support this effort by donating

- new and used baby carriers (not wrap-style)
- hats, mittens, and socks for babies and toddlers
- small soft toys, protein bars, notes of encouragement
- financial contributions to cover the cost of sending the carriers overseas, and emergency supplies for refugee families such as diapers, flashlights, and waterproof solar blankets.

The collection box is located in the north-east corner of the building in the hallway in front of Open Door Preschool. You may also turn items or donations in to Christy Hall-Holt in the church office. Thank you for your compassionate support.



Registration Time at Open Door Nursery School

Open Door Preschool has openings for the 2016-17 school year. Open Door offers 2 and 3 day morning and afternoon sessions. Combinations and extended day options are also available. Visit our website at: www.opendoorpreschoolnorthfield.org or contact Barb Howe or Sue Anderson at 507-645-8532 for further information. Scholarships are available.

Open Door is proud to be a 4 star Parent Aware rated program.



Notes of Thanks

Thank you to all Hospitality Groups! Special thanks to Group 3, for serving on Sunday mornings in March. And to Groups 1 and 2, for your faithful service during January and February. We sure feel welcomed on Sunday mornings.

Thank you all out going board chairs and board members! Special thanks to Patsy Ophaug, Jeff McLaughlin, Keith Homstad, and Troy Sorensen.

Thank you to the hospitality team that so ably hosted the St. Olaf Choir for breakfast as they joined us in worship!

Thank you to the many adults serving as Prayer Buddies this Lent to our 4th and 5th graders!

Thank you to St. John's Boards for setting up, serving, and cleaning up for Soup Suppers.

"Nothing teaches hope, kindness, courage, and compassion like helping others."

Embrace and Extend God's Beauty in the World... through Stewardship!



St. John's Lutheran Church embraces the beauty of God's world and seeks to extend the light of the Gospel through the ministries of the congregation. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure help St. John's spread God's love throughout our community and the world.

We believe that all we have is a gift from God. The word "steward" is found numerous times in

the stories told by Jesus. It is often translated as "manager." It is God who provides for the beautiful bounty of the world; it is we who are invited to manage what God has placed in our care.

During the coming year, you will be hearing more about the many ways members of our congregation share their time and God-given talent as advocates, care-givers,

worship leaders and other roles that help them participate in Christian service. We pray you will be inspired to embrace the wonder of God's beauty in the world through your gracious acts of stewardship.

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."
Hebrews 4:10

From Bread for the World...



BFW members reached record levels of giving and provided a steady stream of letters, phone calls and emails to help achieve legislative victories for hungry people in 2015. Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act which prevents most of the sequestration cuts from taking place in 2016 and 2017 and does not find savings by cutting anti-hunger programs such

as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Congress also passed a measure that made permanent the 2009 improvements to the earned income tax credit (EITC) and the child tax credit (CTC). These credits benefit 50 million Americans, including 25 million

children. This victory will prevent 16 million Americans from falling deeper into poverty.

Thanks to the 2015 Offering of Letters congress heard a strong message of support for child nutrition programs. Congress is committed to passing bipartisan child nutrition reauthorization in 2016. (more at www.bread.org)



From Thrivent Financial... Your Journey: Retirement, Taxes and Generosity

Join special guest speaker Andrew Gray (Wealth Advisor with Thrivent Financial) as he walks you through the journey of preparing for, transitioning into, and arriving at retirement. Including developing

a strategy to help make the right decisions to achieve your goals and control taxes. As well as living your goals and financially supporting the people, ideals, and organizations that are important to you.

Saturday, March 19th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Northfield Community Resource Center in Room #225.

Please call Joy at 645-7515 or email joy.mathews@thrivent.com to reserve a place for you and a guest.

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S
Mission Statement:
TO MOBILIZE WOMEN TO ACT BOLDLY
Women of the ELCA includes ALL women of St. Johns!

March Meetings

- March 7:** Women of St. John's Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Fireside Room
 Bible Study Leaders meet at 12 noon in the Fireside Room
- March 8 & 22:** Knitters meet at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Kathy Vang (507-645-4849)
- March 9:** **Lydia** - 9:00 a.m. in St. John's Hall for coffee, with Bible study to follow at 10:00 a.m.
 (bible study lead by Genevieve & David Quarberg in the Library)
Sarah - 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room, contact Char Nelson, 663-0564
- March 10:** **Martha/Claudia** – 9:30 a.m. at Parkview West, contact Marilyn Jacobson, 663-9060
Abigail/Rebecca – 2:00 p.m. at Parkview East
- March 11:** **Mary** – 1:00 p.m. at Sharon Flaten's, 5008 90th St. E, 301-4123
Elizabeth – 1:30 p.m., Location TBD
- March 12:** **Breakfast Group** – 8:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room, contact Kathy Mellstrom, 663-1451
- March 14 & 17:** Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
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Monthly Meeting: "Feeding God's People" Thursday, March 3, 1:00 p.m.

In keeping with the Women of St. John's theme for this year, "Sharing Our Abundance", the program for March will be "Feeding God's People." March is Minnesota Food Share Month and over 300 food shelves statewide receive donations during the month long campaign to fight hunger. This month the Women of St. John's will learn ways that the Northfield community assists families in need. Our speakers for this program will report on the Northfield Food Shelf and Thursday's Table. We hope to see you in St. John's Hall on March 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

Bold Café

Bold Café meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month between services; in March the meeting date will be March 20th. A social is also planned each month but this has not been determined for the month of March as of this date. Watch the St. John's Newsblast for information about the Bold Café March social gathering!

Submit items for the **Voice** to Marilyn Calcutt (merilyn.calcutt@gmail.com)
 Submit information for the **Sunday Bulletin** to Mary Hoff (jpmhof@msn.com)

*"As a community of
 women created in
 the image of God,
 called to
 discipleship in Jesus
 Christ, and
 empowered by the
 Holy Spirit, we
 commit ourselves to
 grow in faith, affirm
 our gifts, support
 one another in our
 callings, engage in
 ministry and action,
 and promote
 healing and
 wholeness in the
 church, the society,
 and the world."*



St. John's Annual Youth Fundraiser Silent Auction and Breakfast Sunday, April 10

Our fundraiser helps make our 2016 summer programming opportunities and other youth and children's programming financially possible for all families. We thank you in advance for your participation and support!

Fundraiser Schedule for the Day!

- 8:00 a.m. Silent Auction Begins with a **BUY IT NOW!** Option
Check out the donations given by our youth in the Commons area.
- 9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
(\$6 per person/ \$24.00 per family)
Pancakes
Sausages
Fresh Fruit, Juice and Coffee
- 9:30 a.m. Games/Activities
- 11:00 a.m. Breakfast and Silent Auction Ends

If you have an item or service to donate to the auction, fill out the form below and bring the donation to St. John's Main Office by April 3rd. Please contact Julie Brehmer at St. John's, 645-4429 or email; children@stjohnsnorthfield.org, if you have questions.

-----Tear off here-----

Name: _____

Phone Number/Email Address: _____


Please describe the donation: _____

Estimated value of your donation: _____

Please bring your donation to the Main Office by Sunday, April 3rd. Thank you!



Summer 2016 for St. John's Children and Youth

| Camp | Grade Completed | Dates |  | Cost | Deposit | Registration deadline |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---|-------------------------|--|---|
| VBS Summer Camp | Age 2-4 th | June 13-16 | Volunteers come together to provide this fun-filled week for age 2 through grade 4. Kids enjoy music, crafts, games, Bible stories and friendships building. | \$10 or \$30 per family | No Deposit | Registration Is Open |
| Shores of St. Andrew "Andy's Gang" | 2 nd – 5 th | June 19-24 | Spend the week on the beautiful shores of St. Andrew near New London, MN. Create crafts, sing songs, share in Bible devos, play lots of games, kayak and swim! Ask about sibling discounts! | \$420 | \$125 payable to Green Lake Non-refundable | Registration Due by March 31 Balance Due by 5/22 |
| Chrysalis Crew | 6 th – 8 th | June 19-24 | Chrysalis Crew is located at Green Lake in Spicer, MN. This week long camp is awesome, the best of summer camp! Come for a week of faith-filled experience. Ask about sibling discounts! | \$420 | \$125 payable to Green Lake Non-refundable | Registration Due by March 31 Balance Due by 5/22 |
| Christikon | 9 th – 12 th | July 22-31 | A high-adventure trip awaits you in the beautiful mountains of Montana. Two leaders will take you into the wilderness for a week of hiking, creation-appreciation, bible-study, and high country camping. | Approx. \$560 | \$100 | Balance due May 1 |

REGISTER EARLY!

For Andy's Gang and Chrysalis – We have some spaces reserved.

**If registering after March 31,
we'll check camp availability for space.**



Other stuff for middle school'ers... **MAGICAL MYSTERY TOURS!**

For youth completing 6th – 8th grades.

**Join us and other Northfield area churches for mystery events
in June, July and August.**

More info will be coming your way this summer.

Questions? Contact Mike Skunes or Julie Brehmer at
645-4429, or email youth@stjohnsnorthfield.org
or children@stjohnsnorthfield.org

**Every camper receives about \$125
from our Youth Fundraiser towards
the cost of camp
Please feel free to ask about full/
partial scholarships too.**

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**Turn your
clocks ahead
on Sunday,
March 13,
at 2:00 a.m.**