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

LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP
9:45 a.m. Sundays
All ages | Sept.–May

LIVE BROADCASTS
8:30–9:30 a.m. Sundays
KYMN Radio 1080 AM

TV BROADCASTS
7:30 p.m. Mondays
7 p.m. Fridays
NTV Channel 187

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.*

Manna and Mercy Retreat with Alan Storey

St. John's is excited to host the Reverend Alan Storey and his Manna and Mercy Retreat on Friday evening, September 30th through Saturday, October 1st.

Who is Alan Storey? He is a South African pastor appointed to the Central Methodist Mission in Cape Town. Most commonly, he is known for his prophetic, and yet loving, voice as a teacher and preacher committed to the peacemaking Jesus. This commitment was tested early in his life when he faced a requirement to enlist in the South African apartheid regime's military. After spending a year of discernment working in Australia, he returned to South Africa, declaring he would never fight in the apartheid army – or any army. Alan was arrested and faced trial with a six-year prison sentence as the likely outcome. During this trial, however, the apartheid broke, and Alan's trial was abandoned. He became the last conscientious objector to be tried in apartheid South Africa.



Alan's teaching and preaching is both passionate and compassionate. He seeks to tell the truth, but to tell it in love. He has taught and spoken at many churches and conferences around the US, most notably at Holden Village and the Lake Junaluska Peace Conference.

Alan is committed to the liberating and life-enabling message of the Bible. Sadly, through the ages it has been read and interpreted in such a way that it has been used as an instrument of human domination and death - to cheer on the crusades, support slavery, advocate Apartheid, glorify genocide, sanction sexism, bless war, and worship prosperity in the face of the poor, just to name just a few horrors of our human history.

At this retreat, we will journey from Genesis to Revelation over the course of two days, taking a fresh look at scripture through the interpretive lens of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and God's overall call for each one of us to partner with God in mending this fractured world.

The cost for this event is \$40 but if this cost is a hindrance to you, scholarships are available. You can register for this event on the [St. John's website](http://stjohnsnorthfield.org) or by contacting the church office.

Following the retreat, Alan will also be preaching in worship and leading adult forum at St. John's on Sunday, October 2nd.

Welcome Fest Week 2016
Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Wednesday, September 14

- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal - Picnic Style along with bouncy tent, face painting, sno-cones, and more!
Children Choir Open House (Grades K-5th)
5:30 p.m. Catechism Orientation (Youth in Grades 3rd-5th along with Parents)
6:00 p.m. Open House for our Preschool Children starting Sunday School
6:15 p.m. Confirmation Orientation (Youth in Grades 6th-9th along with Parents)
7:00 p.m. St. John's Chorale Kickoff

Sunday, September 18

- 9:45 a.m. Ministry Fair between services in St. John's Hall
- An opportunity to learn about different ways to connect, learn and serve!
Sunday school begins for Preschool-9th Grade
10:20 a.m. First Day of Sunday School Treats

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The church building
will be closed on
Monday, September 5,
in observance of Labor Day.

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Fall Worship Begins
Sunday, September 11

Our schedule for this fall will be:

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, adult forums, small groups
10:45 a.m. Worship

Come and Worship at St. John's!

From Our Pastors...

2017 is around the corner! If you don't hang out with Lutherans all the time, that might not mean much to you, but there's a good chance that by this time next year, nearly everyone will know its importance.

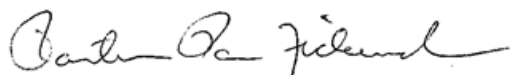
For a long time now, Lutherans have been gearing up for the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. This month, the ELCA is hosting the "Grace Gathering" in New Orleans, a conference about how to lift up our identity as Lutherans publicly. Germany has declared that October 31, 2017 will be a national holiday. Here at home, the Women of St. John's are sponsoring a bus to see a special exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, and reading a book about Katie Luther.

There are all kinds of ways to mark this occasion, but one important reminder came to us at the Southeast Minnesota Synod assembly in May: Lutherans are more than our history. 2017 will also feature a gathering of the Lutheran World Federation – not in Europe, but in one of the places where Lutheranism is growing the fastest, Namibia.

It's good to remember that "Lutheran" does not designate an ethnicity or a culture. While many of us at St. John's have roots in northern Europe, the Lutheran emphasis on God's living word is vital and transforming in places like Tanzania, which now has more Lutherans than the United States.

Now is a good time to be ready to respond; how would you respond if someone outside the church were to ask you, "what is a Lutheran?" "What is all this fuss about the Reformation about?" As pastors we hope that your answer would focus not on family or lute-fisk, or even on worship style, but on the singular focus of Lutheran theology on the grace given to us in Jesus Christ – a grace we do not earn or create, but which creates a new person in us.

Garrison Keillor once joked, "We'll all be Lutherans eventually; so you may as well start now." If by that he means "we will all be astonished and grateful for God's grace eventually," I agree that now is a wonderful time to sink deep into that grace, and learn again what it means to be Lutheran.



Pastor Pam

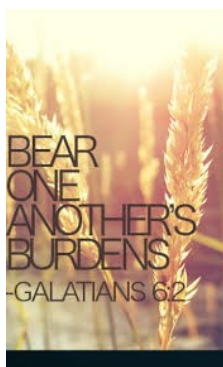


Pastor Pam Fickenscher



Pastor Jonathan Davis

Time for Transitions - Of All Kinds



September is a month of transitions - from season to season, from free time to scheduled time at work or at school. Changes almost always take some adjustment. It might mean something small like resetting the alarm clock earlier or something huge like being uprooted with a move to a new city. Starting a new job or facing the loss of one, sending an excited child off to college or simply accepting an emptier nest, we all must deal with transitions at one time or another.

Some transitions open doors to fresh beginnings and new opportunities; oth-

er transitions signal closure leading to a sense of emptiness. Whether the change is a positive or a negative, daily life suddenly may feel like too much to cope with alone. A good listener can help you embrace the transitions before you and grow into them!

When you or someone you know could use the support of a caring, Christian partner through a transition, consider a Stephen Minister. 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*

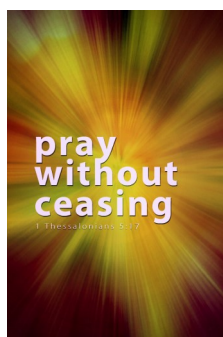
Grief Support Ministry

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."*

*September 11, 2015
George Paulson*



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.

Sunday Learning and Fellowship in September

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.

September 4:

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons.

Meals on Wheels Sign Up, Commons.

September 11:

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons.

Meals on Wheels Sign Up, Commons.

Accompany Sample Session, Fireside Room.

September 18:

Ministry Fair with Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall.

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate Mix/Chocolate Bars, St. John's Hall.

Meals on Wheels Sign Up, 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.

Accompany, Undercroft.

September 25:

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

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

Meals on Wheels Sign Up, 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: Re-Membering - Connecting Through Our Stories, St. John's Hall.

Accompany, Undercroft.

Bold Cafe, Fireside Room.

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Thank you to all the musicians who shared their gifts in worship this summer...

Summer Sunday musicians

Jo Ann Polley, clarinet

Cate Carson, violin

Cathy Rodland, organ

Ruth Legvold, piano

John Ferguson, organ

Pelletier family

Joanne Rodland, organ

Kathleen Thompson, piano

Julie Zdenek, soprano

Sonja Wermager, violin

Emily Judge-Becker, violin

Chuck Hellie, baritone

Pastor Jonathan Davis and

Marty Hodel, trumpet

Elinor Niemisto, harp

Thea Groth, bassoon

Elizabeth Bade, bassoon and
soprano

Kristin Partlo, soprano

Dan Fenn, piano

Summer Cantors

Chuck Hellie

Ruth Legvold

Carolyn Nuelle

Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch

Rachel Skunes

Julie Zdenek

David Sudermann

Kristin Partlo

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

Synneva Bratland

Elizabeth Bade

Children's Ministry... Important Dates to Remember!

Wednesday, Sept. 14

- CAT Orientation for Grades 3rd-5th
5:30-6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Open House for Preschool 1
Sunday School,
6:00 p.m., Room 15

Sunday, Sept. 18

- Sunday School Begins
9:45-10:30 a.m.
- Installation of SS Teachers
10:45 a.m. Service

Wednesday, Sept. 21

- "ROCK", Reaching Out to Christ's
Kids, Wednesday Programming for
K-5th grades begins!

Sunday, Sept. 27

- 4th Grade Receives Catechisms,
10:45 a.m. Service



Open House for Preschool 1 Sunday School!

All preschool children who are 3 by 9-1-16 are invited be part of the Preschool 1 Sunday School class this fall. Our Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. in Room 15 (lower level) to meet the teachers and help with this important transition. Registration forms are online at www.stjohnsnorthfield.org or are available in the church Commons.

Youth Blast 2016!

Who: Kids in grades 3rd-5th

When: Friday - Saturday, November 4-5

Where: Good Earth Village, Spring Valley, MN

Cost: \$55 (\$25 deposit reserves a spot)
(Scholarships available; no charge for chaperones)

Youth Blast invites kids in grades 3rd-5th for an overnight adventure at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN. The 24 hour camp experience is filled with games, hikes, great food and worship. This is a wonderful introduction to what a week long summer camp is like. We will carpool from St. John's on Friday leaving at 5:15 p.m. and arrive back on Saturday around 5:30 p.m. Feel free to bring a friend and join us for Youth Blast!



Register early; space may be limited!

Parents – we need drivers, chaperones. Thanks!

Register by going online at

<http://goodearthvillage.org/youth-blast/>

Feel free to call or email Julie Brehmer at 645-4429 or children@stjohnsnorthfield.org if you have questions.

Registration for Sunday School, Preschool – Grade 5

Sunday School begins on September 18th from 9:45-10:30 a.m. for children who are age 3 (by 9-1-16) – grade 5. If you have not yet registered your child for 2016-2017 Sunday School year, it's not too late. Please fill out a Registration and Health form as soon as possible. A timely response is one of the best ways to support Children's Ministry at St. John's. Forms are available in the Commons and online at www.stjohnsnorthfield.org. If you have questions, contact Julie Brehmer at 645-4429.



CATechism / Confirmation Orientation, Wednesday, September 14

Catechism and Confirmation Orientation for youth in grades 3th-9th will be held, Wednesday, September 14th, in Fellowship Hall. We invite parents, along with their 3rd-5th graders, to come from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Parents, along with their 6th-9th graders, are invited to attend at 6:15 p.m. If you are unable to attend, please call the church office at 645-4429. Catechism classes begin in October for our 4th and 5th graders and Confirmation on September 21st for our 6th-9th graders.

You are also invited to St. John's Wednesday Meal starting on September 14th from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall.



Reaching Out to Christ's Kids, begins on Wednesday, September 21



ROCK, our Wednesday afterschool program, is open to children in grades K-5th. Wednesday afterschool programs, for all grade levels, consists of an after-school snack, recreation, Catechism, DOG", Kid's Club, music opportunities (Alleluia and Jubilate Choir) art, and service projects!

St. John's will be providing bussing for children from Greenvale, Bridgewater and Sibley school and from the Middle school for Prairie Creek students who are interested in participating in our Wednesday afterschool programs.

For more information, check out the Children's Ministry Information Packet online. Registration packets are available in the Commons or online at www.stjohnsnorthfield.org under Ministries and Programs.

Tenth Grade Confirmation

Tenth Graders, blessings to you as you prepare for your confirmation this fall. Here are a few quick reminders about the month ahead:

- Schedule and complete your Confirmation interview with your assigned Pastor by September 16th. Have your faith statement and questions prepared prior to your meeting. If you have questions, contact Mike at youth@stjohnsnorthfield.org.
- Be sure to mark your calendars for the Confirmation Retreat at Gustavus from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17th. All tenth graders are expected to attend. We look forward to seeing you then.
- Also, mark your calendars for the Confirmation Rehearsal and Breakfast on Saturday, October 15th. We will take pictures, run through the service, and share a meal with your families and mentors.



Youth Ministry... Dates for Your Calendar

Sept 14th – CAT/Conf Orientation (Fellowship Hall)
Sept 17th – 10th Grade Retreat (Gustavus)
Sept 18th – 1st Day of Life Groups/Sunday School
Oct 15th – Confirmation Rehearsal and Breakfast
Oct 16th – Confirmation Service for 10th Graders
Oct 28th – Romans and Christians

Hello Mary! Bon Voyage Christy!

Have you noticed there have been two shared ministry coordinators present on Sundays lately? Mary Kelvie has joined St. John's staff as Interim Shared Ministry coordinator through the beginning of February. Christy Hall-Holt along with the rest of her family will depart on September 1st to lead a 5-month Global Semester Abroad program with students from St. Olaf College.

Please support Mary as she helps to coordinate the many hospitality traditions at St. John's:

- By serving with your monthly hospitality group (September - May). Do you know what month your hospitality group serves? Have you offered to serve as a Co-leader yet (2 - 3 month commitment)?
- By volunteering for one or two of these hospitality areas. Which one or two appeal most to you?
 - Funeral Reception Ministry: Help with serving, food prep, clean up, or baking cake or bars
 - Wednesday Evening Meals: Clean up after meal every one or two months and/or Bake desserts
 - Ministry Fair - September 18, September 21
 - Sunday Hospitality Co-Leaders - All monthly groups need new co-leaders to rotate in
 - Thursday's Table Community Dinner - September 29
 - CROP Walk - October Date TBD
 - Habitat For Humanity - October Date TBD - Build Crew and Meal preparers
 - Thanksgiving Pie Social - November 23
 - St. Olaf Choir Breakfast - January 8, 2017
 - Annual Meeting Potluck - January 29, 2017
 - Board Orientation Pizza Supper - January/February Date TBD
 - Lenten Soup Suppers - Coordinate Boards to prepare and clean up

How Can I Get Involved with Extending Hospitality at St. John's?

It is vital for Shared Ministry to continue as autonomously as possible to allow the rest of St. John's staff to focus on their areas of service. I am asking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with Sunday and Wednesday hospitality, and with the many special events that are part of St. John's. Please look through this list and consider one or two that you would be excited about. Please thoughtfully consider if you could help be a part of continuing St. John's Hospitality tradition. Thank you for reaching out in service to our St. John's and Northfield communities!

Au Revoir until February,
Christy Hall-Holt
Shared Ministry Coordinator

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St. John's is Providing Volunteers for Thursday's Table Community Meal on September 29

Would you be interested in helping to put on this free Community Meal at the Northfield Community Resource Center? Sign up for a shift and plan to enjoy dining with the other guests that night. There are various shift times of 1-2 hours. It's a great way to serve! Please Note: Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.



To sign up contact Mary Kelvie by phone at 645-4429 or by email at sharedministry@stjohnsnorthfield.org.

Hello St. John's Community!

My name is Mary Kelvie. I am honored to be serving with you all here at St. John's as Christy Hall-Holt's temporary replacement while she is enjoying some time seeing God's creativity around the world. As someone who is new to Northfield, and new to St. John's, many of you may not know me. I am originally from South Dakota, however, I moved to the Cities 20 years ago to teach junior high math, and science at North Heights Christian Academy. David Kelvie and I were married the end of June. God not only gifted me with a wonderful husband, but also 3 new beautiful blessings, Jack, age 10, Kayla, age 8, and Noelle, age 5. I am taking a break from teaching this year to work on my Master of Education degree. This opportunity to serve at St. John's is exciting and a wonderful blessing for me to get to know my community here at St. John's better. If I haven't met you, I am looking forward to making a connection with you soon!



What are Monthly Hospitality Groups? How did I become part of one?

- Everyone at St. John's is a member of one of nine monthly groups (September - May). As new people have arrived, they are assigned to a group, often the same one their sponsors are part of.
- During one month of the year the members of your group share the responsibility for supporting fellowship and providing welcoming hospitality on Sunday mornings.
- The more people who serve, the more we get to know each other by working together, and the lighter the load for everyone.
- **NOTE:** If you are NOT typically available during the month in which you have been assigned, please let us know which month would work best for you. (June, July, and August are not part of the monthly groups.)

Do you have an email account that you use regularly? If so, we would be grateful if we could communicate with you electronically. Please send an email message with your name to Mary Kelvie, Interim Shared Ministry Coordinator at sharedministry@stjohnsnorthfield.org. Thank you!

What do the members of hospitality groups provide on Sunday mornings?

- **Coffee Service**
 - Prepare, Serve, and Clean Up: 2-3 hour time commitment (4 people)
 - Bring 6 dozen treats of any kind (3 people)
- **Greeting at Commons Doors & Welcome Desk**
 - Greet and Attend the Welcome Desk
 - 1 person each from 8:10 to 9:30 a.m. and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
- **Greeting at Southwest Door**
 - 1 – 2 people per service arriving 20 minutes before service
- **Communion Prep & Clean Up**
 - 1 – 2 people per service
 - Arrival times are 7:30 a.m. (1st service) or 9:30 a.m. (2nd service) on Sunday morning

Please communicate with one of us if you are physically or for other reasons unable to perform the services listed above. Each season of our lives provides different ways to contribute to our community.



Can you help with Children's Programming?

An ambitious array of activities means more volunteer opportunities for St. John's members – parents, grandparents, anyone! Are you able to help out on Wednesdays or Sundays? Whether you enjoy working with large or small groups of children or behind the scenes, there is a place for you. Many opportunities can fit into your schedule.

Wednesday afternoons: Snack Servers, Recreation, Bus Angels, Kid's Club assistants for grades K-3rd, DOG assistants for grades 3th-5th.

Sunday Mornings: Sunday School teachers and team teachers, Nursery volunteers, Library volunteers, Music volunteers.

Please call Julie Brehmer at 645-4429 or email at children@stjohnsnorthfield.org, if you have questions or would like to volunteer. Our thanks to you in advance!



Interested in Mentoring Youth?

Consider being an adult mentor for a small group of our 6th-9th grade youth by either joining us as a **Confirmation Group Guide** on Wednesday nights or a **Life Group Guide** on Sunday mornings. No theological training is required, just a heart for talking with youth. If you would like to learn more about how you can support youth at St. John's on their faith journey, please contact Mike Skunes at 645-4429 or youth@stjohnsnorthfield.org.



Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels Association of America is a non-profit organization and the oldest and largest program in the United States to provide meal services to seniors or those in need. St. John's participates in Meals on Wheels in Northfield by volunteering to deliver meals from September 18th-October 15th. Meals on Wheels provides a warm, healthy noon meal for residents in Northfield who are in need, while giving an opportunity for contact with others. The individuals who receive the meals are very appreciative of both the meal and the time you spend delivering it. Sometimes, just a quick conversation with you can make their day and yours!

You may sign up to volunteer for St. John's deliveries of [Meals on Wheels online through the St. John's online directory \(CCB\) link](#) at the top right of St. John's webpage. We will also have a table set up in the Commons on Sundays. **Delivering meals only takes one hour of your day.** Please consider donating your time and visit us either online or at church. If you have any questions, please call or email Nancy Kluver at 507-581-0896 or rnkluver@gmail.com.

St. John's Wednesday Night Meals

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

All are welcome,
it's a fantastic time for
fellowship for ALL ages!
Supper is served
from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall.

Free will offering appreciated!

Wednesday, September 7
No Meal

Wednesday, September 14
Hot Dogs and Chips

Wednesday, September 21
Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Wednesday, September 28
Tatar Tot Hotdish



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, Christ-
mas Day, and Good Friday ser-
vices are also broadcast.

If you would like to sponsor a
broadcast (\$160), please con-
tact the church office by phone.

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

Radio Broadcasts

August 7, 2016
Given in memory of Joyce
Schrader by family and friends.

August 14, 2016
Given with thankfulness of this
house of worship by Shirley Falck.

August 21, 2016
Given in memory of Steve Swan-
son by his Family.

August 28, 2016
Given by Chrys Meador and Scott
Burt with thanks to the people of
St. John's for their support of
Henry Burt.

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

Acts of Ministry

Baptisms

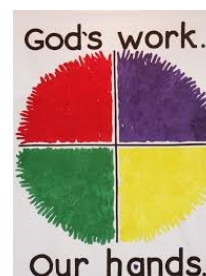
August 7: Claire Elizabeth, daughter of Ashley & Marty Gallagher
August 14: Odin Burnell Langford, son of Natalie & Jacob Langford and
great-grandson of Bernie & Sue Renander

Births

Emmett Alberda Swanson, son of Anatheia & Nick Swanson and grand-
son of Lynette & Scott Swanson

Deaths

Muriel Sovik, August 13, 2016



Women Re-Form!

Anthropologists have discovered civilization's first deities were women, and their temples were run by women. Around 2000 b.c.e., the tables began to turn, and well, we know how it's been since then!

Fast forward to 1517 c.e., a monk began a small revolt against the Catholic Church. As a result, in 2017 Protestant churches worldwide will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the Church. Although five centuries is a long time, the Reformation continues with dramatic advancement in gender roles and equality.

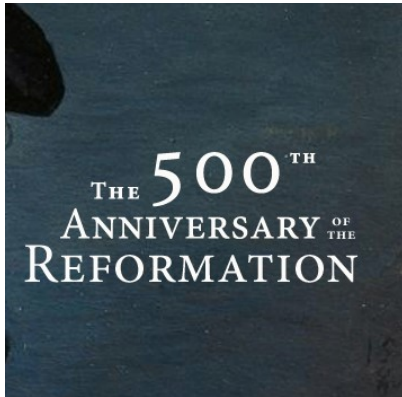
St. John's Women want to celebrate this *Re-Formation* by focusing on the striking changes of women's influence in the church.

Beginning this Fall, and continuing through May, we will: Experience "A Transgender Story." We'll meet the author of Katie Luther's Biography, Daughter of the Reformation, take a journey with Women in Reformation History, ride a bus to the Minnesota Institute of Art for "Martin Luther: Art of the Reformation" exhibit, enjoy a "Katie Luther Tea" honoring the women who have brought about change, and we'll voyage globally to see how the church is helping families today.

Many of these opportunities are open to the entire congregation. Check "the Voice" for details.

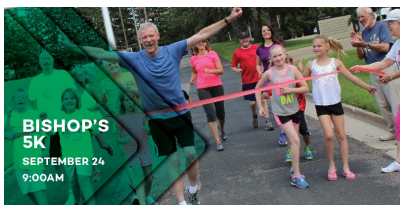
We want to get to know all our St. John's Women, so our September event will do just that. On Thursday, September 1st, at 1:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall we will begin with a "Getting to Know You" activity followed by an introduction to Mary Helene Rasmussen Jackson's book: Daughter of the Reformation (Katie Luther Biography). Books will be available to purchase.

Join us in our year of Re-Formation!



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Bishop's 3rd Annual 5K Walk/Run Saturday, September 24, 2016, 9:00 a.m.



The SE MN Synod will be hosting the third annual Bishop's 5K on Saturday, September 24th in Rochester. Funds raised will go to Channel One Food Bank in Rochester as well as Echo Food Shelf in Mankato. Not only is this an opportunity to have fun (if you're in to run/walks) it is a chance to impact food insecurity in our local community as well. Channel One Food Bank serves food-shelves in SE Minnesota and La Crosse County Wisconsin. Our food shelf in Northfield is one of the agencies that receives food from Channel One. The following is a link to the synod site promoting the 5K. <http://semnsynod.org/bishopssk/>

WOMEN OF St. John's

Mission Statement:

TO MOBILIZE WOMEN TO ACT BOLDLY

Women of the ELCA includes ALL women of St. Johns!

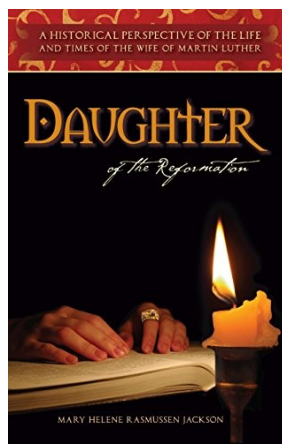
September Meetings

- Sept. 7: Lydia - 9:30 a.m. at the home of Judy Smith, 12366 Ibson Ave., 645-8617
Sarah - 9:30 a.m. at the home of Char Nelson, 306 Archibald Ln., Dundas, 663-0564
- Sept. 8: Martha/Claudia - 9:30 a.m. at Fireside Room at NRC, contact Marilyn Jacobson, 663-9060
Elizabeth - 1:30 p.m. at the home of Gretchen Hardgrove, 117 Orchard St., 645-6340
Abigail/Rebecca - 2:00 p.m. at Parkview East
- Sept. 9: Mary - 1:00 p.m. at the home of Genevieve Quarberg, 1604 Cannon Valley Dr., 645-0089
- Sept. 10: Breakfast Group - 8:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room, contact Kathy Mellstrom, 663-1451
- Sept. 12: Women of St. John's Board at 9:30 a.m. in the Undercroft
- Sept. 12 & 15: Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Sept. 13 & 27: Knitters meet at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Kathy Vang, 645-4849

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 1, at 1:00 p.m.

"Getting to Know You" activity and an introduction to Mary Helene Rasmussen Jackson's book: Daughter of the Reformation (Katie Luther Biography). Books will be available to purchase. For additional information see article on page 12.



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"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."

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Submit publicity items for the **Voice, Sunday Bulletin, Website, Facebook, etc.** to Julie Zdenek at julie.zdenek@gmail.com or 618-698-4870.

Where do pastors come from? from the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board

Have you ever wondered where pastors come from, and how they are called by God to be pastors? Sometimes their call from God comes through an especially intense religious experience.

For example, in the Bible God confronted Isaiah and Saul in that way. Isaiah stood in the temple in Jerusalem and was overwhelmed with a sense of the awesome presence of God. Concerned for the life of his chosen people Israel, God asked, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" Isaiah replied, "Here I am. Send me!" (Isaiah 6). Saul was headed for Damascus to persecute the church there. On the way, the risen Christ confronted Saul, blinded him and led him into Damascus. There he was ministered to by Ananias, who was told by God, "This man (Saul) is my chosen instrument to carry my name before Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel." Saul was baptized and became the great apostle to the Gentile world (Acts 9).

But more often the call to ministry comes through the suggestion and encouragement of church leaders and members who see the possibility of a person serving God as a pastor of the church. Such promptings from church members, from family and friends, are often the channels through which the Holy Spirit speaks to call those who eventually become pastors. In fact, the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations stipulates that one of the responsibilities of the congregation council is to "seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel." Of course, all members of the church share that responsibility. When you recognize the faith and gifts in a person would indicate they might become a pastor, speak to them and encourage them to consider God's call to ministry.

The preparation to becoming a pastor includes four years of study in college and four years at a seminary. This involves cost that can add up to considerable debt for the seminary graduate. To help with this cost of preparation, there is a fund for seminary students from St. John's through which we give around \$500 each year to each student. St. John's also had an endowed scholarship at Luther Seminary for students.

We currently have four members from St. John's studying to become pastors. They are Kristofer Coffman, Paul Nichol, Hayden Kvamme, and Henry Burt. Pray for them. As you have opportunity, speak to them and encourage them in their call to ministry.

School Kit Donations Continue

Last year, St. John's assembled 220 School Kits to send to kids around the world. These school kits were made possible with all the generous donations supplied by YOU! To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies often mean the difference between getting an education or not. You can help by purchasing items from the school supply list, or a monetary donation. Make checks to St. John's WELCA, write school kits on the memo line, and put in the offering plate, or leave in the Church Office. You can find school supply lists and turn in purchased supplies at the school kit display in the Commons. We'll be assembling kits on Sunday, October 23rd, between services. Suggestion to parents: bring the list along when you take your kids shopping for school supplies, and let them be part of the project.



School Supply list for one school kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with cm on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt Fiskar scissors (must be the Fiskar brand as the other ones break easily)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 1/2" eraser

14th Annual Northfield Community Celebration of the UN International Day of Peace

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Severance Great Hall
Carleton College

6:30 p.m. - Reception & formal commemoration of the UN International Day of Peace. Northfield Arts for Peace students will receive the Peace Award.

7:00 p.m. - Musical performances, poetry reading, open mic celebrating Sustainable Peace.

This is the opening local event observing the United Nations International Day of Peace, celebrated annually around the world on September 21st or the surrounding week. Supporting this year's theme, "Sustainable Peace: Building Blocks for Peace," the program will introduce the 17 Building Blocks for Peace developed by 193 member countries of the UN. These challenges for the world to meet by the year 2030 aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General, reminds us that development and peace are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. They are essential to achieving peace in our time at any time.

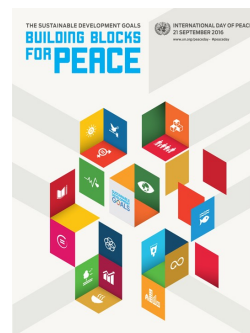
Hosted by the UN Stassen Fund of Carleton College via the Political Science Department, and supported by peace and justice groups in Northfield, the Northfield Human Rights Commission, the Healthy Community Initiative, Northfield Arts Guild, The Key, Northfield students for social justice, and the City Council.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

4:00-5:00 pm

Bridge Square: Words and Sounds for Peace by the Northfield Students for Social Justice

All events are open to the public and free of charge.



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From Bread for the World: "I Vote to End Hunger"

"Mass hunger in America is a moral scandal. That's why virtually all churches, synagogues and mosques are moved to find some way to help feed hungry people" declares the Rev. David Beckmann (ELCA).

We are moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ to work for justice for people who are hungry in our country and around the world. Today more than 48 million Americans, including 1 in 5 children, struggle with hunger. A recent survey conducted by Bread for the World found that 1 in 3 voters say they will vote for candidates who promise to make ending hunger one of their top priorities. We believe that ending hunger by 2030 is a goal within reach, and we are taking action because our children, our neighbors – real people – are suffering. We want candidates to know that we will vote to end hunger. "I Vote to End Hunger" is our campaign to put the issues of hunger and poverty on the agenda in the congressional and presidential elections.

Our Christian faith compels us to elect wise leaders who will uphold justice and the common good, especially for people who are poor and needy. Churches, communities and government working together have the power to end hunger. This November, elect leaders who will make ending hunger a priority. More at www.bread.org.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP

9:45 a.m. Sundays

All ages | Sept.-May

LIVE BROADCASTS

8:30-9:30 a.m. Sundays

KYMN Radio 1080 AM

TV BROADCASTS

7:30 p.m. Mondays

7 p.m. Fridays

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Welcome Fest Week 2016

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Wednesday, September 14

- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal - Picnic Style along with bouncy tent, face painting, sno-cones, and more!
- 5:30 p.m. Children Choir Open House (Grades K-5th)
- 6:00 p.m. Catechism Orientation (Youth in Grades 3rd-5th along with Parents)
- 6:15 p.m. Open House for our Preschool Children starting Sunday School
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation (Youth in Grades 6th-9th along with Parents)
- St. John's Chorale Kickoff

Sunday, September 18

- 9:45 a.m. Ministry Fair between services in St. John's Hall
- An opportunity to learn about different ways to connect, learn and serve!
- 10:20 a.m. Sunday school begins for Preschool-9th Grade
First Day of Sunday School Treats