



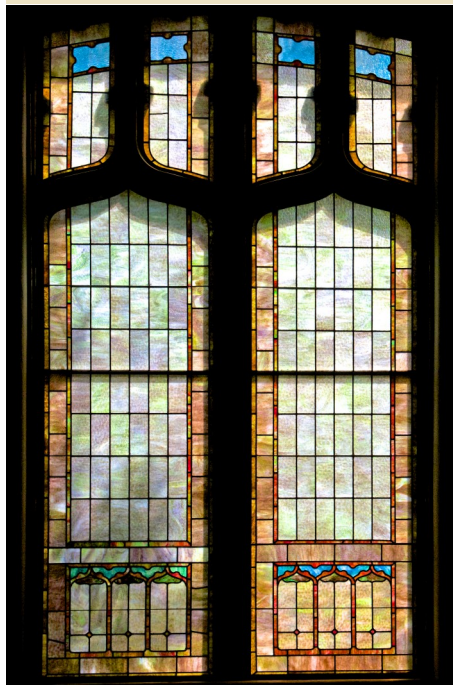
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Palm Sunday, April 9

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

Maundy Thursday, April 13

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

Good Friday, April 14

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

Holy Saturday, April 15

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

Easter Sunday, April 16

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 a.m. service broadcast on KYMN 1080 AM / 95.1 FM

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP

9:45 a.m. Sundays

LIVE BROADCASTS

8:30-9:30 a.m. Sundays
KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM

TV BROADCASTS

NTV Channel 187
7:30 p.m. Mondays
7:00 p.m. Fridays

Worship Services

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

Nursery Hours

8:15 a.m. - Noon Sundays

Learning and Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sundays

All Ages from September-May

Live Broadcasts

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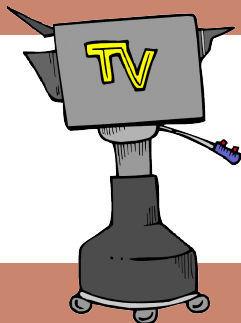


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Learning and Fellowship

April 2:

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

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Easter Garden Orders, Commons

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

Life Groups (Grades 6-9), Youth Room

Life Group Guides (Grades 10-12), Youth Room

Adult Forum: Poetry Forum with Rob Hardy, Sanctuary

Accompany, Undercroft

April 9:

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

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

Life Groups (Grades 6-9), Youth Room

Life Group Guides (Grades 10-12), Youth Room

Accompany, Undercroft

Toddler Time, Room 20

April 16:

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April 23:

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Faith & Health Board Table, Commons

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

Life Groups (Grades 6-9), Youth Room

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Adult Forum: Leonard Vibbe, Sanctuary

Bold Café, Fireside Room

April 30:

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

Faith & Health Board Table, Commons

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Life Groups (Grades 6-9), Youth Room

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Adult Forum: Conversation on Race Continued, Sanctuary

Dear Friends in Christ:

On February 12, St. John's Children, Youth, and Family boards hosted our annual Youth Fundraiser Silent Auction and Breakfast, and it was a major success. In the past five years, this year has raised the most funds, which are close to \$7,300. Included in this number are the handful of individual donations given simply to fully sponsor a child or youth who would not otherwise be able to afford going to camp. We feel that an added success of this fundraiser is that many of you have taken up the challenge to offer relational fundraiser items – wine and cheese parties, group game nights, music and art lessons, and much more. Not only are we supporting our children and youth, but we are supporting each other by gathering together in relationship.

So, where does this money go? How does this money support our children, youth, and families?

Each summer, our summer programming for our children and youth include three opportunities. First, St. John's Director of Children's Ministry, Julie Brehmer, partners with Bethel Lutheran, St. Peter's Lutheran, and Emmaus to offer Vacation Bible School (VBS) for 3 year olds through 4th graders in Northfield. This year's theme is *Hero Central*, where kids will learn about their favorite Biblical heroes, while also discovering the qualities in themselves that make them heroes in the kingdom of God.

Next, each summer St. John's sends 2nd through 8th graders to Green Lake Bible Camp for a classic summer Bible camp experience filled with fun, faith, and friends.

Finally, each summer, St. John's Director of Youth Ministry, Mike Skunes, leads a trip with High School Youth. These High School trips are on a three-year cycle: Mission Trip, National Youth Gathering, Backpacking Trip. This year is a mission trip year with 11 people currently signed up to go to Nashville, TN. In 2018, we will send youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. In 2019, we will head back to Christikon for a mountain backpacking trip!

With these three children and youth programs happening, your fundraising dollars help to reduce the cost for each participant and to make possible full scholarships when needed.

Because of all of this, our hearts are full of gratitude.

Thank you. Thank you for the many ways in which you care for and support the children, youth, and families of St. John's. Thank you for your spirit of generosity which ensures that no child or youth will be prevented from attending VBS, camp, or a mission trip due to financial constraints.

From Our Pastors



Pastor Pam Fickenscher



Pastor Jonathan Davis

Prayer and Care Ministry

Prayer Chain:

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

Contact Mary Cisar with a prayer request or to become a prayer chain volunteer:

macisar@gmail.com or 663-1097.

Grief Care Resource:

Care Notes are one of the grief support resources at St. John's. Stop by the Commons to pick one up for yourself or for a loved one.

Grief Booklets:

"Journeying through Grief" is a resource for those grieving the loss of loved ones. Contact one of the pastors if you would like a copy or if you would like to give a copy to a friend or family member.



The following St. John's members died 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."

April 6, 2016
Allen Swedin

Stephen Ministers: With You at Hard Times

We all need help at times in our lives. When dealing with difficult situations, we may seek help from a variety of people we trust, such as family members, friends, pastors, or health care specialists. Another caring person you might want to add to that list is a Stephen Minister.

Situations in which Stephen Ministers listen and provide care include:

- illness or death of a loved one
- facing your own illness or death
- birth of a child
- strained family relationships
- separation from loved ones
- feeling anxious or guilty
- feeling lonely or worthless
- financial problems
- adjusting to a move or new environment

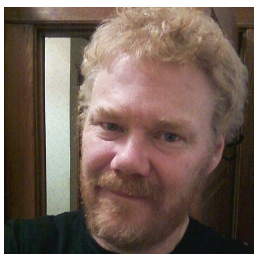
These are just a few of the reasons people have sought assistance from Stephen Ministers.

If you or someone you know needs care and support, please call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429 or Pam Schwandt at 507-645-6120.



Poetry Forum with Rob Hardy, Northfield's Poet Laureate Sunday, April 2

On Sunday, April 2, the Adult Forum will continue its tradition of an annual poetry reading. Rob Hardy, Northfield's newly appointed poet laureate, will be with us to read some of his poetry.



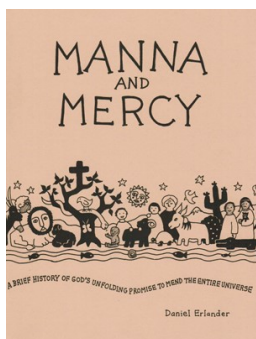
In 2016, the Northfield Public Library and Arts & Culture Commission appointed Hardy to a three-year term as Northfield's first Poet Laureate. In this role, Hardy is seen as coordinator and creative leader of poetic and literary arts in the community. The decision to appoint a poet laureate is part of an overall effort to advance the visibility, quality, and ap-

preciation of poetic arts in schools, among practicing poets, and for public audiences.

The Poetry Forum will be held in the Sanctuary from 9:45-10:30 a.m. Rob Hardy's new book of poetry will have just been published and will be available.

Manna and Mercy Mondays Continue Starting Monday, April 24 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Ever since Alan Storey preached at St. John's in October (you can find the [sermon on our website](#)) and led a *Manna and Mercy* retreat, we have been hearing from many people about how powerful it was and the impact he made on them. Those who attended the retreat have been wondering, "What's next? When can we dig deeper into *Manna and Mercy*, and what Alan taught us?"



To help congregations dig into the themes and lessons of *Manna and Mercy*, Alan Storey has created over 40 short video clips that give new insight on how to read scripture, think about a particular Bible story, or how to think about God. They feel like a video daily devotional of sorts.

Continuing on Monday, April 24, we invite you to bring a lunch and join us over the lunch hour to watch a video or two (each one is about 7-10 minutes long) and have group discussion around the topic.

We hope you will join us! This is a great way to both grow in faith and in relationship with each other.

Life and Growth

Radio Ministry



Radio Broadcasts

March 5, 2017

Given by Bill and Mary Gasho.

March 12, 2017

Given in memory of
Ken Struss and Elmer & Cora Schultz
by Marie Struss and Family.

March 19, 2017

Given in memory of Roger Hand,
Benjamin Ness, and Burt Paulsen
by the Women of St. John's.

March 26, 2017

Given in loving memory of Don McRae
by his family.

If you would like to
sponsor a broadcast (\$160),
please contact the church office
by phone at 507-645-4429 or email at
office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Children and Youth

Important Dates for Children to Remember!

Sunday School Schedule (9:45-10:30 a.m.)

April 2	Sunday School
April 9	Sunday School Toddler Time
April 16	No Sunday School (Easter Sunday)
April 23	Sunday School
April 30	Sunday School

ROCK - Wednesday Afterschool Programming

April 5
April 12
April 19
April 26

CATechism for Grades 4 and 5

Wednesday, April 5
4:00-4:45 p.m.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15
9:30 a.m., Commons

Prayer Buddy Get-Together

Wednesday, April 19
5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Third Grade CAT Retreat

Wednesday, May 3
5:30-6:45 p.m., Undercroft



Toddler Time

Children who are 2 year olds (by 9/1/16) and Preschool 1, along with their parents, are invited to attend Toddler Time.

Rachel Skunes leads the children in song, games, crafts, and story time. Toddler Time meets monthly at 9:45 a.m. in Room 20 (lower level).



June 12-15

Age 3 (by 9/1/17) - 4th Grade
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Kids go on an awesome adventure alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God.

St. John's, Bethel, Emmaus, and St. Peter's Churches come together to provide this fun-filled summer camp experience.

This year's VBS is at Bethel Lutheran Church for all age groups.

The cost is \$15.00 per child with a \$30.00 family limit.
(Scholarships available)

Registration forms are available
in the lower and upper Commons and on [St. John's website](#).

We need many volunteers for Hero Central!

- Hero Helpers – lead a small group of children to various stations
- Station Leaders and Assistants – lead music, crafts, games, Bible storytelling, snacks
- Decorating and Prep – prior to VBS
- Help with Registration on Monday, June 12
- Nursery Care

Please call Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or email at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or fill out the Volunteer page in the Registration packet if you are willing to help.

Third Grade CAT Retreat

Third graders, along with their parent(s), are invited to attend our last Catechism retreat of the year on Wednesday, May 3, from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Undercroft. Our topic is the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please RSVP to Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or if you are unable to attend.





Andy's Gang, Shores of St. Andrews Bible Camp, June 18-23

Kids in 2nd - 5th grades! We'd love to have you join us at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp this summer in New London, MN. Feel free to invite a friend!

St. John's will be attending the week of **June 18-23**.

To find out more info about camp or to register online, go to <http://www.gllm.org/>. Everyone receives money from the fundraiser towards the registration fee, so please pay only the deposit of \$125.

If you are in need of a scholarship, please feel free to talk with Julie Brehmer or Mike Skunes. We want everyone have the opportunity to attend.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Catechism

4th and 5th graders last day of Catechism class for the year is April 5.



Prayer Buddy Get-Together

During the Lenten season, 4th and 5th grade Catechism kids were paired with an adult member from our congregation to be their "Prayer Buddy". Prayer Buddies are asked to pray for their child from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

On Wednesday, April 19, we will have an informal get-together in the Fireside Room during our Wednesday Night Meal starting at 5:30 p.m. for Prayer Buddies and their child/family to share their experience. Thank you for being a part of Prayer Buddies.

Children and Youth

Important Dates for Youth to Remember!

Life Groups & Life Group Guides Schedule 9:45-10:30 a.m.

April 2	Life Groups
April 9	Life Groups
April 16	Life Groups (Easter Sunday)
April 23	Life Groups
April 30	Life Groups

Confirmation (Grades 6-9) 6:15-7:30 p.m.

April 5	Lenten Worship/Small Groups (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
April 12	No Confirmation (Holy Week)
April 19	
April 26	

Spirit Worship Grades 9-12

Wednesday, April 12
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Bethel Lutheran Church

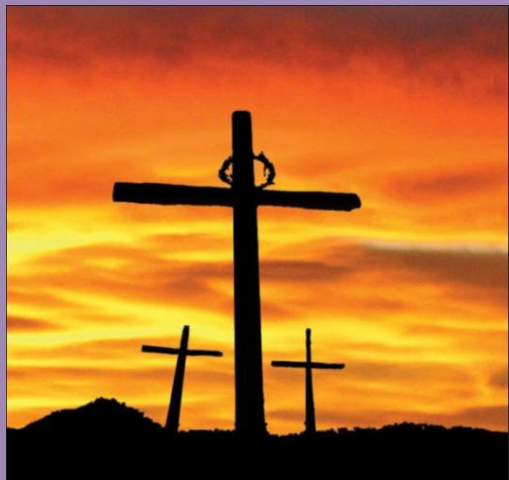
Augsburg Interfaith Bridge Building Retreat Grades 6-12 (parents welcome)

Saturday, April 22
8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Meet at St. John's

NAYW's Night of Awesomeness Grades 6-8

Friday, April 28
6:00 p.m.-Midnight
Meet and Pick Up at St. John's

Children and Youth



Spirit Worship for Grades 9-12

When:
Wednesday, April 12
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Where:
Bethel Lutheran Church

What:
Spirit Worship is a sensory-experience retelling of the Holy Week story put on by Northfield Area Youth Workers and led by local college students. Participants will be hear the sound of pounding nails, feel their hands being bound in rope at different points in the story of Jesus' last week, all while being blindfolded.

Know that the experiences are "opt-in" and youth can come to just observe as well.

Youth from St. John's, Bethel, St. Peter's, and the Methodist Church are invited to come and to bring friends.

NAYW's Night of Awesomeness

When: Friday, April 28, 5:30 p.m.-Midnight

Where: Meet and Pick Up at St. John's

Cost: \$25

Who: Grades 6-8

What: Swimming, dodgeball, and scooters at the Y? Cosmic Bowling? Pizza? Romans and Christians? With all that fun stuff jammed into one night, there is no better word to describe the night besides "Awesome". Grab a friend and join us and your friends from Bethel and the Methodist church as we have a fun night out on the town.



Augsburg Interfaith Bridge Building Retreat

When: Saturday, April 22, 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Where: Augsburg College (Carpool leaves from St. John's)

What: In order to build bridges with our Muslim neighbors, Augsburg College will lead us in an educational retreat, service project, and tour of a Mosque and Afro Deli in Minneapolis.



The event is aimed towards middle school and high school youth, but parents are welcome and encouraged to attend, too.

Confirmation in Lent

Reminder: Confirmation will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on April 5. Youth will be expected to attend worship with their small groups from 6:30-7:00 p.m. and then discuss what they heard and do their weekly ritual of check-in and prayer from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Small Groups will not meet on April 12 (Holy Week - no service).

Confirmation will resume the regular schedule (6:15-7:30 p.m.) on Wednesday, April 19.



Mission Outreach: Easter Breakfast

When: Sunday, April 16, 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 Nashville Mission Trip, Green Lake Bible Camp, and Magical Mystery Tours.



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

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15



The St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 15! 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 Church Office or put in the basket in the Commons. Thanks so much!

Order Your St. John's T-Shirt / Sweatshirt!

St. John's children and youth are taking orders for t-shirts and sweatshirts with St. John's new logo.

- T-Shirts - \$15 and Sweatshirts - \$25
- Sizes: Youth M-L and Adult XS-XL

The styles and sizes will be on display in the Upper Commons.



Payment is due at the time of order.

Intergenerational Events

St. John's Lenten Soup Suppers and 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, April 5

Hot Diggity Dog (Minestrone)
Heritage Stew (Scandinavian Stew)

Wednesday, April 12

One Potato, Two Potato (Potato Soup)
Iowa Pot of Gold (Chicken Corn Chowder)

Wednesday, April 19

Sloppy Joes

Wednesday, April 26

Pulled Pork



Shared Ministry

**Please join us in celebrating
the gifts of the
many people involved
with funeral hospitality.**

**Here are the names of some of
our team leads:**

Marie Benson

Funeral Reception Coordinator

Char Nelson

Reception Food Purchaser
& Team Co-Coordinator

Ted Peterson

Behind the Scenes Kitchen Sage

Judy Smith

Dining Room Set Up

Jim Enestvedt

Dining Room Set Up

Bob & Jane Gelle

Fresh Fruit Preparers

Sharon Bishop

Team Co-Coordinator

Pat Fick

Team Coordinator

Norma Gilbertson

Team Coordinator

Sue Hagen

Team Coordinator

Judy Karlson

Team Coordinator

Jeanette Rondestvedt

Team Coordinator

Did you know?

Thank offerings given to the church
by families for funeral receptions
are put in a fund to update
and maintain kitchen equipment.

***And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just
as you did it to one of the least of these who are
members of my family, you did it to me.'***

Matthew 25:40

What comes to mind for you when the word "funeral" is mentioned?

Loss, sadness, not knowing what to say? St. John's Funeral Hospitality Teams are groups of faithful women and men from all ages in our congregation who provide an atmosphere of calm healing with food after a service commemorating the life of a loved one. We have had numerous faithful women and men be involved in this ministry for grieving people at St. John's over many years. For this vital outreach to continue, our Funeral Hospitality Teams need your help.

Funeral receptions at St. John's have evolved over the years. Up until 2000 we served sandwiches and cake during primarily afternoon funerals. After St. John's Hall and Kitchen were built, we began having morning funerals. This timing allows the family time to gather afterwards to process, grieve, and support each other. When the St. John's Catering Committee dissolved in August of 2000, seven of their members, now all octogenarians, offered to continue making hot dishes (e.g. chicken wild rice casserole) for funeral receptions.

Funerals are one way we celebrate life, and what better way than at a beautifully set table with nourishing food and people who care? How could you help to continue this vital ministry?

- Bake bars or a cake
- Make sandwiches
- Set tables
- Brew or serve coffee
- Host in the dining room
- Cut and plate cakes and bars
- Bus dishes, wipe tables
- Run the dishwasher
- Hand wash dishes

We know your gifts of service will be very gratefully received by these families. We need your help. Please call or e-mail Christy Hall-Holt at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org.



Leonard Vibbe Speaks at the Adult Forum – Sunday, April 23



Leonard Vibbe is a senior at St. Olaf and a longtime friend of St. John's.

Leonard has just returned from an internship in Sierra Leone, where he worked with Ebola survivors.

Leonard will be speaking at the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 23, from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Come to hear his story about his travels and where life is leading him now.



News and Updates

Pub Theology in April

We are all theologians. Believe it or not, all of us are constantly doing theology as we think and wonder and ask big questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, and a life of faith.

Continuing on Monday, April 10, join us at the Contented Cow from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for Pub Theology.

Pastors Pam and Jonathan and Mike Skunes will lead a monthly conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, and current events. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences to the table.

Each month, the topic will be different and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, the News Blast, and an email list.

Contact Pastor Jonathan (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to add your name to the email list.



the WOMEN'S page

April Gatherings

Abigail/Rebecca Circle
Thursday, April 13, 2:00pm
Parkview West Library
Northfield Retirement Community

Elizabeth Circle
Thursday, April 13, 1:30pm
J. Rondestvedt's home
2002 Lake Drive

Lydia Circle
Wednesday, April 12, 9:00am
St. John's Hall

Martha/Claudia Circle
Wednesday, April 13, 9:30am
Parkview West Fireside Rm
Northfield Retirement Community

Mary Circle
Friday, April 7, 1:00pm
Marcia Yernberg's home
780 Indigo Lane

Sarah Circle
Wednesday, April 12, 9:00am
St. John's Hall

Bold Cafe
Sunday, April 23
St. John's Fireside Room

Baby Boomers
Saturday, April 1, 4:30pm
Jennifer Edwins' home
106 Nevada St.

Breakfast Group
Saturday, April 8, 8:30am
St. John's Fireside Rm

Rides available for all St. John's
Women's events.
Call Mary Hoff 763.688.4516



Join us:

Olaf @ Christy's Excellent Adventure!



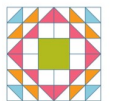
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer -
Jerusalem



The Hall-Holt family was touched by God's love through the people of the church / abroad. Tales of their excursion around the world with St. Olaf's Global Semester program will broaden your understanding of God's work around the globe.

Thursday, April 6, 1:00pm St. John's Hall

SHEETS Please! Spring-Clean your linen closets and donate your old colored sheets (62"x82" and larger, percale or flannel) Details on the WELCA bulletin board.



Spring Gathering! Saturday, April 8 9:00-Noon \$12
Cannon River Conference - Women of the ELCA
Trinity Lutheran & Wanamingo Lutheran, Wannamingo, MN



Dr. Irshad Jafri "Similarities between Islam, Judaism & Christianity" and Cora Cromer, Music Therapist

Details on WELCA bulletin board and our facebook page

Save the Date!

National Gathering of ELCA Women
This Summer, July 13-16, in Minneapolis!

Scholarships available, see WELCA bulletin board info: www.welcatg.org



KATIE LUTHER would have been proud

Thank you to all who made our tea a great success!



Quote of the day -

"Women in the church need to continue being their compassionate, smart, capable, beautiful selves and honoring each other in that work." - Kristin Partlo

DVD's of the video "From Our Mothers' Arms" are available for \$5.00 (contact Julie Zdenek)



like us on Facebook: "Women of St. Johns"
friend us @ Kvinner St. Johns
(Kvinner: Norwegian for "Women" 🙄)

Correspondence: women.stjohns500@gmail.com
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St. John's
Women
of the
ELCA

From Bread for the World:

Rev. David Beckman, Bread for the World President, writes:



Pope Francis, Bill Gates and the World Bank have each presented convincing evidence that ending hunger and extreme poverty by 2030 is within reach and most U.S. pastors agree. All the nations of the world have agreed to work for the end of hunger and related goals by 2030.

As Christians reflect on these hopeful developments, we recognize God at work in the world. We are moved by our experience of God's grace in Jesus Christ to do our part to help end hunger - through direct assistance to people in need and as advocates on public policies affecting hungry and struggling people. Powerful forces in Congress will be pushing to dismantle or cut funding for many of the programs that help these people in our country and worldwide. Programs threatened with deep cuts include those that offer direct help to buy food for infants and families in this country. Also in peril are international programs, including nutrition assistance for young children and investments that help struggling farmers grow more food and nourish their families and communities.

Government programs cannot by themselves end hunger. Families, churches and charities, and businesses also have to play their parts. But we can only end hunger if our national government does its part. Doing our part as Christians this year includes advocacy with our members of Congress to ensure they make funding decisions that put us on track to ending hunger by 2030.

More at www.bread.org.

Sunday School Prays for Children Around the World

Each month, our Sunday school kids will be praying for children from another country.

Our prayers in March were for our friends in Cambodia. The word "peace" in the Khmer language is "santiphap".

We also enjoyed Cambodian treats!



News and Updates

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, April 2, between services.

They will also be taking orders
Wednesday night, April 5,
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.

The last day for orders is April 5.



News and Updates

Registration Time at Open Door Preschool

Open Door Preschool has openings
for the 2017-18 school year.

Open Door offers 2 and 3 day
morning and afternoon sessions.
Combinations and extended day
options are also available.

Visit their 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.



DON'T MISS...
OLAF & CHRISTY'S
EXCELLENT
ADVENTURE

... their escapade to Israel, Egypt, India, Thailand, China, Hong Kong & South Korea while on Global Semester, Fall 2016. Open to everyone.

Thursday, April 6. St. John's Hall

sponsored by: 

New Member Luncheon

We invite newcomers to St. John's to a lunch
after worship on Sunday, April 30.

If you have not already received an invitation
but wish to join St. John's, please contact
Leah Garlie in the Church Office at 507-645-
4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.



Conversations on Race Continued Sunday, April 30

In January and February, we continued our conversations on race and racism in America by discussing the common words and phrases that are used in conversations on race.

We also wrestled with what it is like to be a predominantly Caucasian congregation in a predominantly Caucasian community at a time such as this and what we still have to learn.

During the Adult Forum, on Sunday, April 30, we will continue our conversations around race by welcoming guest speaker Lisa Moore. Lisa is the Assistant Professor of Social Work and Family Studies at St. Olaf College and was at speaker at the Martin Luther King Jr Community Celebration in January.

The forum will be held in the Sanctuary from 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Please join us as we continue this crucial conversation.



Thank You for Donations for Refugees in the Twin Cities

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To the Congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church:

We would like to formally thank you, the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church, for generously and eagerly supporting our item-drive for refugees. Between your congregation and St. Olaf, we collected over 120 items ranging from a rice cooker to toiletries. All the items collected will directly benefit refugees in the Twin Cities, as we have partnered with Lutheran Social Services, Catholic Charities, and Arrive Ministries.

In our current political climate in which refugees are not only scapegoated in words, but in policy decisions, your contributions could not be more timely and important. At the very least, your donation items tell refugees that they are not alone, and that they are supported. Your contributions also signal community support for the wonderful work refugee resettlement agencies do, regardless of any political winds. If you would like to know more about refugee services provided by Catholic Charities, Lutheran Social Services, and Arrive Ministries, please see their websites or contact Kaziah or Zach.

Originally spurred by a group project about positive social change, we were compelled to do something to help refugees and refugee resettlement agencies in our community, especially given the dichotomy between the global plight of refugees and the unsettling rhetoric used against refugees. As college students, the items-drive seemed like the most practical and tangible action we could undertake to help our neighbors in need. Your generosity, however, is what turned this simple idea into a successful campaign. For that, we thank you!

Sincerely,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Women of St. John's "Art Crawl 2017"

Thursday, May 4

Afterschool Programming Outing to the Y

Wednesday, May 17

High School Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 21

Summer Worship Begins

Sunday, May 28