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### Fall Time Changes

(Beginning September 11)

Worship times:  
Sundays @ 8:30am and 10:45am  
Cross+Walk Sunday's at 9:45am

## Rally Sunday September 11th

Blessing of the Backpacks!



All students are encouraged to bring their backpacks with to worship for a special blessing.

### 2016-2017 Council Members

Donna Wallgren President/Exec. Committee;  
Janis Keller V.P. for Ministries; Susan Quandt  
V.P. for Support; Dean Froslic Secretary;  
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The Ministry Team of St. John: All the People of God, along with  
Rev. Brian Hansen, Pastor  
Rev. Paul Balaban, Interim Pastor  
Dawn Papenfuss, Director of Music/Organist  
Jackie Jabens, Finance/Office Manager  
Carly Cox, Secretary Randy Shone, Custodian  
Jana Bruhschwein, Preschool Director  
Kellie Knodel, Cheryl Dietz, Katie Olson, Preschool Teachers  
Peggy Hammerling, Records Jessica Westgard, Handbells  
Editor: Carly Cox, Articles accepted before  
1 pm September 15th for the October 16' Herald.

## FALL SCHEDULE!

**Sunday:** starting September 11

8:30am Worship/Communion (Blessing of the Backpacks)

9:45am 1st day of Cross+Walk

10:45am Worship/Communion (Blessing of the Backpacks)

**Wednesday:** starting September 7

5:30pm Adult handbells

5:30pm Children's Choir (parent meeting at 6:00pm)

6:00pm 10th Grade Confirmation Meeting

7:00pm St. John Choir (for adults and older teens)

\*This time MIGHT be moved up but at this time, it is 7pm.

Following choir we have coffee & treats.

If you are new to the church (or haven't been in choir) **WE WOULD LOVE NEW MEMBERS.**



A Note From the Pastor,  
OMG – How crazy is the Fall Schedule!

I know that I’ve “only just begun”, but in the office we are busy planning some of the Fall schedule and it looks awe-some and insane! Especially with me (the *interim*) coming on and St. John not being fully staffed (and actually I see a potential need for at least one other full-time support person). Brian, Jana, Randy, Jackie and Carly will no doubt continue to do their best (and also try and help the “old guy” along).

That being said, there will be some changes. Some will be intentionally made. Some unintentionally. Hopefully none affecting the basic or core program, the mission and ministry of St. John. Hopefully more intentionally than not. For these changes I ask for your understanding. For those done unintentionally, I ask forgiveness in advance.

I’ve been the pastor of 4 congregations in the first 30 years of my ministry. St. John is the 8<sup>th</sup> congregation of which I’ve been an interim over the past almost 10 years. A couple of times I’ve come in during Advent (so we hustled to get those special worships and Christmas planned). In one congregation I started on Ash Wednesday itself! So, I’ve had experience of needing to “get going” in a hurry. So, starting here in August should be a breeze – NOT! Ramping up for the Fall is intimidating and challenging and amazing.

Please keep us in your prayers. I need them all the time. To God Be the Glory– Interim Pastor Paul

Memorials, Honorariums & Special Gifts

General Memorial Fund:

In Memory of William Ekberg:

Ruth Kautzman

In Memory of Their Dear Friend, Alice Westra:

Pete & Monica Graber

St. John Foundation:

In Memory of William Ekberg:

Robert & Suzanne Schultz



FINANCIAL UPDATE - General Fund

Thank you for your generosity in supporting God's mission through St. John Lutheran Church!

\$3,368	Sunday 08/21 Offering Plate
<u>\$1,297</u>	Electronic Giving 08/20 thru 08/25
\$4,665	Total Offering
\$10,768	Weekly amt needed for \$563,023 annual budget
\$314,966	Income thru 08/25/16
\$327,921	Expense thru 08/25/16
\$366,119	Budget thru 08/25/16

God's By Grace

We are all God's By Grace!

Have you ever wanted to learn more about Islam? Given the rise of ISIS and other extremist factions of Islam, it is important that we take the time to learn more about Islam so that we can clear up our own misconceptions and understand how groups like ISIS are not at all representative of Islam.

On **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, the RIC committee is sponsoring an adult forum class that will be talking about the basics of Islam—essentially an Islam 101 class led by church member *Luke Papenfuss* and his friend and fellow religion major at Concordia College, *Sara Funkhouser* who is also a coach for the Interfaith Youth Core, a nationally recognized organization that seeks to build religious pluralism which they define as having three parts which are as follows:

- Respect for people’s diverse religious and non-religious identities
- Mutually inspiring relationships between people of different backgrounds
- Common action for the common good

We will also be leaving some time at the end to answer any questions that people may have. All are welcome to attend!

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING BEGINS

Have you considered becoming a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers go through intentional training here at St. John to help equip them in bringing Christ-Centered Care to people who are hurting, or have experienced a significant life event. If you feel called to this ministry of caring please talk to God about committing to this vital ministry. Fill out an application located on the welcome table in the entry area, in the office. Applications will be accepted through 10/12. Interviews will take place from 10/12 to 10/18. Training begins 10/21 to 11/6 weekends and Tuesdays.

This may be your time to help someone in need as well as develop spiritually. Being a Stephen Minister is a great way to express God’s love to people around us and is a wonderful benefit the entire congregation.

Questions, contact Rachel Asleson, Pastor Brian, David Duval, Alan Peterson, Jim Power, Gail Reiersen, Amy Reinhart, Norma Rodlund or Gini Duval.

LUTHERAN LIBATIONS

Sunday, September 18 from 4-6 pm  
Fargo Brewing Company, 610 N University Dr, Fargo.

Gather with your St. John family for fellowship and a brew!

Luchadores (Mexican food truck) will be on hand with food for purchase, and we are welcome to bring additional non-beer beverages and dessert items to share.

Mark your calendars!

(arrangements by Joel Kangas)

ST. JOHN FOUNDATION

next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for  
**Tuesday, September 6 at 5:45 p.m.**

Any funding requests from the congregation for projects/missions within the scope of the mission statement of the St. John Foundation will be reviewed during this meeting.

**Request forms are available in the church office. Please turn in completed forms to the office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2.**





