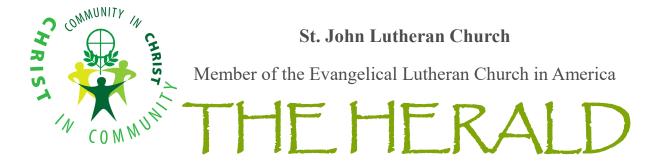
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Fall Time Changes
(Beginning September 11)

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

Blessing of the Backpacks!

September 2016

Rally Sunday

September 2016

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Blessing of the Backpacks!

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

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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)

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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 awesome 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 8th 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

\$1,297 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**th, 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 Reierson, 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.

MUSIC NOTES by Dawn Papenfuss

CHOIR IS STARTING!!!! Anyone from age 4-senior citizens have a place. Wednesday, Sept. 7, Children's choir starts at 5:30 in the music room. I would like to have a meeting with the **kids and parents at 6pm.** I want to explain the goals for this year, the musical, ideas for what you can do at home, and links. Children who are 4 YEARS OLD can start choir!

Adult Handbells: Will resume rehearsal Wednesday, September 7th 5:30-6:30pm in Room B-11. We will play in church for the first time on Sunday, September 25th.

Youth Handbells:

Sept. 14 & 21, 5:00-5:30 pm in B-11 will be an Intro to Handbells for *new* youth ringers. Please come to BOTH weeks if possible as they will be progressive.

Sept. 28, 5:00-5:30pm EXPERIENCED youth bell ringers please join us. We'll start practicing a piece to play in church at that time. Parents: Please contact Jessica Westgard Larson if you child/ren plan to ring again this year.

*Intro to Handbells workshop does not require pre-registration. Any children 3rd grade and older who have at least 1-year of experience reading music/piano lessons are welcome to come and give bells a try. No long-term commitment to try!

Wed. Sept 7

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5:30 Children's Choir (parent meeting)

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

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Choir schedule for September Worship

Sept. 11 8:30 Maybe SJ choir 10:45 St. john Choir

Sept. 18 8:30 St. John choir 10:45 Recorders?

Sept. 25 8:30 Adult Handbells 10:45 Children's choir

Adult Handbells in Worship:

Sept. 25th

Oct. 23rd

Nov. 20th

Dec. 18 Dec

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Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Countdown to Cross+Walk

Attention families: We invite you to be part of Cross+Walk 2016-17! We're super excited for the year as we bring new energy and focus to this ministry.

At Cross+Walk, we'll help kids and their families discover who Jesus is. Through large group and small group settings, we'll show your family how to live out faith every day at home, school and in your communities.

Who: Everybody is welcome with a special focus on families (grown-ups, too!) with kids ages 3 through grade 5. When: Begins Rally Sunday, Sept. 11

Register online through the church's website: www.stjohnfargo.com, pick up a form in the church office, or at the welcome center. To help cover supply costs, we suggest that families pay \$10 per student with a maximum of \$25 per family. Payment is appreciated but not required; all children are welcome to participate! We also welcome donated school supplies (markers, paper, colored pencils, etc.).

We Need You for Cross+Walk

This year we are excited to bring new energy and focus to Cross+Walk, and we'd like your help. To accomplish everything we imagine for this ministry, we need volunteers of all ages – high school youth to our most experienced Lutherans.

Does this make you nervous? Don't sweat it. We have some incredible, easy-to-use resources to help you be a successful leader.

How can you help? We need:

- Large group leaders willing to present the themes and Bible stories to an all-ages group (rotating a 30 minute commitment each Sunday)
- Small group leaders willing to team teach peer groups (20-25 minute commitment each Sunday plus prep) Hosts to greet Cross+Walkers and make them feel welcome (15-20 minute commitment each Sunday. No prep.)

We also are looking for leaders to assist with our Milestone Ministry. This is where we as a community of faith help families to fulfill many of the promises made at baptism (like teaching The Lord's Prayer, the creeds and placing the Scripture in their hands). This requires a commitment of 1-2 Sundays per year.

The St. John Youth committee would like to invite all youth in grades 3 through 12 and their families to join us for a bonfire, camp songs, and s'mores.

Join us on **Sunday September 11th** from **6:30** to **8:30** at the church for a relaxing time of fellowship, camp songs, and sharing summer stories.

Please bring your own lawn chair if you are able and everything else will be provided.

Also get ready to join in October for a trip to the haunted corn maze and a trip to the pumpkin patch for the younger families.

