

St. John Lutheran Church
1710 5th Street South
Fargo, ND 58103

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

‘THE HERALD’
May 2016
Published 12 times/year
Vol. #116, Issue #5

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage Paid
Permit #1040
Fargo, ND 58102

St. John Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9 am-4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am-2 pm



St. John Lutheran Church
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE HERALD

Volume 116, Issue 5 Community in Christ: Christ in Community May 2016

Worship in May

Sundays, May 1,8,15, 22: 8:30 and 10:45 Worship
Sunday May 29: Summer Schedule begins-1 service at 9:30am

May 4th, 8th Last days of Cross+Walk
May 8th Cross+Walk children, St. John Choir, and Hand Bells will be performing for a beautiful Mother’s Day service
May 10th “Becoming Reconciled” a Congregational Congregation. Dinner at 6:00, Conversation at 6:30pm
May 11th Spring Cleanup! 5:15pm. Food and drinks will be provided. We need the congregation to pull together on this one! If you are able to help in any way please call the church office or signup on the Tower of Service next time your in church.



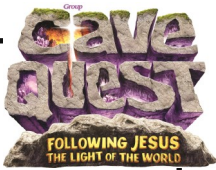
May 12th YAH May Luncheon with special guest speaker Julie Siegle presents “Living without Limits” 11:30am in the fellowship hall
May 15th 3rd-5th Graders 4:30-6:30 Family Bowling night at Sunset Lanes
May 15th Get your ooey gooey caramel rolls! All proceeds go towards the youth summer trips.
May 22nd Senior Recognition Day

Vacation Bible School 2016! June 12-15 5:30-7:45pm

Join us for Vacation Bible School. Make these dates a priority on your family calendar. Bring your children’s friends, relatives, even bring the whole neighborhood! It will be a fun packed four evenings where kids will explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus’ Love.

“Cave Quest-Following Jesus , Light of the World” is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

Sign up today @ www.stjohnfargo.com



ASLESON SCHOLORSHIP

Any St. John member who is accepted at an ELCA college or seminary may apply to the St. John Foundation and receive this scholarship. The foundation board manages the fund and will make disbursements. Application forms are available in the church office and *must be submitted to the church office (232-8521) by Monday, June 6, 2016. NOTE: Students need to apply every year for this scholarship!*

Spring Clean Up!

Wednesday May 11th @ 5:15pm
Food and Drinks provided
Please bring rakes, rags, buckets, gloves, & power washers if you have them!

We will be cleaning the yard, gutters, trimming trees and hedges, washing windows inside and out, cleaning children’s outdoor and indoor play areas & dusting the overhead entry.

Please signup on the Tower of Service or call the church office if you are available.

Thank you!

Summer Schedule Begins May 29th
Wednesday Worship 6:30pm
Sunday Worship 9:30am

Cross+Walk last days
Wednesday May 4th and Sunday May 8th

Contact Us

St. John Lutheran Church
1710 5th St. S., Fargo, ND 58103
701-232-8521 e-mail: office@stjohnfargo.com;
www.stjohnfargo.com

The Ministry Team of St. John: All the People of God, along with
Rev. Nathan Keith, Rev. Brian Hansen, Pastors
Dawn Papenfuss, Director of Music/Organist
Rachel Coen-Tuff, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Jackie Jabens, Finance/Office Manager
Carly Rogne, Secretary Randy Shone, Custodian
Jana Bruhschwein, Preschool Director
Kellie Knodel, Cheryl Dietz, Katie Olson, Preschool Teachers
Peggy Hammerling, Recorders Jessica Westgard, Handbells
Editor: Carly Rogne, Articles accepted before

A Note From the Pastor,

Spring is here!

As I write to you today the sun is shining and the grass has begun to green thanks to the gift of April showers. The birds are hard at work collecting material to build nests, nests that will hold the precious eggs out of which new life will spring forth. This season brings with it the hope of new beginnings, the hope of life out of death, the hope of resurrection.

A spring tradition for my family is the planting of a garden. Over the past many years (just as I did when I was a child) we have gathered together as a family on a warm May Day and placed seeds into the freshly tilled soil. This year we are trying something new. Instead of making the trip to the green house we decided to try to grow our own starter plants at home. And so about a month ago we made a trip to the store to get our seed and our potting soil and our Dixie cups.

Almost a week after we had planted our starter seeds I was greeted with a shout from my daughter Alexa. Not knowing exactly what was wrong I hastened up the stairs and into my daughters room to see what was the matter. Upon entering Alexa’s room I found her holding one of the starters (that had been sitting on her window sill) with a broad smile stretched happily upon her face. She looked up at me and she said daddy look!!!! There in that little cup were the very beginnings of a tomato plant. A tomato plant which bears with it the hope of someday bearing fruit that will feed our family.

As I reflected on that brief experience in our household I was reminded of Christ’s words in the Gospel of St. John the 12th Chapter “Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds (much fruit is another translation).” As Christ’s disciples we are a people who live in the promise of death and new life. We are an Easter people, a people who trust in the promise and the hope of life out of death.

Over the past years I have been parted by death from both close family and friends, and in the void that their death leaves it can be easy to fall into despair. Yet, as a person of faith I do my very best to cling to the promise of Easter, the promise of the resurrection. As a people of hope we cling to the sure and certain promise that death is not the end, for as we are reminded in Revelation “Weeping may last the day but hope comes in the morning.”

Spring is a season above all that we need (especially here in the upper Mid West). For spring brings with it the hope that winters cold hold will not last forever for out of deaths cold grip life shall one day spring forth. Like the small sprouts shooting forth out of dead seeds and cold damp soil with the hope and promise of new life. Easter also brings with it the promise of new life in Christ, even as we face the cold reality of death.

Therefore, let us shout Alleluia all the more for death has been conquered in Christ and life is our hope and our promise. Happy Easter my friends! And what a gift that it comes formally during the season of spring.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian Hansen

Bethany Named Best Retirement Community: For 5th Straight Year!

Bethany Retirement Annual Meeting Bethany Retirement Living, Fargo, is sponsored by 38 area North Dakota ELCA congregations, including our church. Representatives from these congregations were delegates at Bethany’s Annual Meeting on April 5, 2016.

Delegates elected four Trustees to Bethany’s eleven-member governing board and also elected next year’s Nominating Committee. Reports were presented by Board Chair, John Hertsgaard, President/CEO Shawn Stuhau and various Department Directors.

Bethany on University consists of a 172-bed nursing facility (Skilled); 67 studio and one bedroom assisted living apartments and 12 Basic Care studio apartments (Tower II); 52 basic studio apartments (Tower I); Bethany Personal Care Services and Bethany ‘s Foundation. Bethany on 42nd consists of a 116-bed nursing facility (103 Skilled beds and 13 Transitional Care beds); and 40 senior housing/assited living units (Bethany Gables) and Bethany’s Foundation.

Bethany remains thankful for volunteer hours provided through Congregation Auxiliary members and pastoral support, as well as the prayers, visits and financial support received from congregational members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvan Melroe

Look what’s happening with small groups at St. John this month!

YAH (Young at Heart) For those of a ‘certain age’, join us for Christian fellowship, coffee & refreshments. Cathy Chate-lain, 261-2707 **Next Meeting: May 12, 11:30 am**

Deuteronomy28Men Men’s Ministry Meet at St. John before going to work, 6:45-7:30 am. Coffee is on at 6:30 am. **Next meeting: Thursday, May 26** Contact: Keith Burck, kburck@alerusmail.com or 232-3800.

Ruth Circle Meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm from September-May, and is hosted by a circle member in her home or in the church parlor. **Next Meeting May 16 Location TBA**

Rachel Circle Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30am in the conference room at St. John. **Next Meeting May 18**

Bible Study with Pastor Brian Pastor Brian Hansen will lead a bible study every Wednesday at 11:00am in the St. John Parlor. All Are Welcome!

MUGG: (Men Under God’s Guidance) 2nd Monday of the month, 5:30 p.m. at the Loft at Ushers (Moorhead) For all men, we will gather after work for food and fellowship. **Next meeting: May 9**

Reconciling In Christ: This is a group working toward St. John being more welcoming of the LGBT community and be-coming a Reconciled in Christ congregation. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. John. **Next meeting: May 10** Contact: Stephanie Christeson 701-478-4145

Women & Wine Fellowship Women of St. John are invited for fun and good conversation; in the evening hours. **Next meeting TBA** Contact: Diane Wiesenborn, 701-866-5623

Foot Care Clinic Our Foot Care Clinic provides fellowship and foot care performed by volunteers and trained health personnel. Call Cathy Chatelain at 261-2707 to schedule an appointment. Cost is \$16 paid to Sanford Home Health Care-Fargo. Donations appreciated and go to support this ministry. **Next clinics: Tue. May 17**

Yoga Mondays at 10 am in the Parlor. Yoga literally translated means to join, attach, or unite. The intention of Christian based Yoga is to integrate and balance all the layers of our life so that our body, mind, heart, intellect and spirit flow in harmony. Yoga strengthens, tones, increases flexibility, reduces the likelihood of injury and helps ease the symp-toms of stress. Join us! Wear comfortable clothes. (Any money given at the end of the year will go to the Lutheran Global Health). Contact: Gini Duval, 701-306-3454 **Schedule: May 2,9.**



Memorials & Honorariums:

THANK YOU TO ALL LENTEN
WEDNESDAY SUPPER PREPARERS!

General Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Herm Holland:

David & Judi Workin

In Memory of Harold Olsen:

Ruth Kautzman, Allan & Judith Peterson

Good Samaritan Committee Fund:

In Memory of Jim Oss:

Michael & Susan Williams

In Memory of Harold Olsen:

Vern & Jo Ann Flanagan, Mavis Lura (for Foot Care), Jane Nissen (for Foot Care), Gloria Pechtcl

Special Music Fund:

In Memory of Harold Olsen:

Richard & Shirley Bolme,
Aanen & Carroll Gjovik, Lyle & Rosalie Fritz,
Marian Prim

Six groups volunteered their time to prepare, serve and clean-up a Wednesday supper this Lenten season. *Thank you* to each person who participated; the warm fellowship of supper gets Wednesday evening church activities off to a good start! Here is a list of each group that served and the revenue raised and dedicated to the pro-gram they’ve chosen:

- Youth and Family Ministry - \$391 to St. John Youth Account
- Good Samaritan Committee - \$297 to St. John Youth Account
- Missions/Social Concerns Committee - \$272 to Churches United for the Homeless
- Reconciling in Christ Team - \$219 to Mathew’s Voice Project (Fargo Public Schools)
- Jonah Lovers of the Sea - \$227 to St. John Youth Account
- St. John Adult Choir - \$296 to St. John Special Music Fund

Music Notes

by Dawn Papenfuss

May 1 Peggy Johnson, guest organist

May 8 Peggy Johnson, guest organist 8:30-Hand Bells 10:45-Hand Bells – prelude, Cross+walk children and St. John Choir performing

May 15 Worship Band

May 22 10:45am St. John Choir

May 29 9:30am services start!



Living Life Without Limits

YAH Young at Heart is excited to host *Judy Siegle* as their program for their May luncheon to be held in Fellowship Hall at 11:30am on Thursday May 12. **ALL ARE INVITED** to hear this inspirational speaker. Judy, at age 18, experienced a car accident which left her a quadriplegic and changed her life forever, but she didn’t let that stop her. She learned how to live without limits! Questions? *Call Cathy Chatelain 261-2707, Mavis Lura 238-4147, or Gini Duval 306-3454.*

God's By Grace

Becoming Reconciled: A Congregational Conversation

The Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team invites everyone to come learn what it means to become a Reconciled in Christ congregation. Come for an evening of discussion, listening, and learning together.

Tuesday, May 10
Fellowship Hall
6:00-6:30 a meal will be provided
6:30-7:30 presentation and conversation

We welcome people of all perspectives and beliefs to participate.



You are invited:

The Touchmark Retirement Home Spring Show, “Back to Broadway” at The Fargo Theatre on Thursday, May 5 at 7pm.

Songs are from Broadway shows.

St. John Welcomes New Members!

Carl and Norma Rodlund

Pamela Harris

Jean Ready

Brian and Haley Hermanson

Marcia Young

Luke and Holly Heck

Carolyn Martin

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Rachel Coen-Tuff, Director of Youth and Family Ministry 701-232-8521, Rachel@stjohnfargo.com

Our lives are constantly in motion. New babies are being born, children are growing, car seats are being adjusted, and high school seniors are getting ready for college.

Just as our children grow and change so will our ways of forming, shaping and practicing youth ministry. Youth ministry in some aspects has looked the same for many years, faith education for elementary school children, confirmation for middle and high school children, mission trips, and bible camps. All of these are good positive ways of shaping the faith life of our young people but what are we doing as a church to fit the ever changing needs of our changing families?

What are positive ways in which we can change youth ministry? Tom Schwolert of Vibrant Faith ministries suggests these ways.

Think differently- if we are only looking for God to show up during our periods of programming for youth we are missing out in the true relationship that Jesus has taught us to live into which is chaotic, messy and full of life.

Look for Relationships- the faith life of a youth is shaped by five caring adults in their church life. Where do you think you could fit into being a caring adult this year in youth ministry?

Listen to their stories, rather than give advice- As human beings we are looking for ways to relate to one another. Youth often feel that their voice is not heard enough. Spending time with a youth one and asking about their day is all they need in order to feel important.

Changing the way youth ministry is shaped and formed in our churches is a way for children, youth and their families to feel valued, listened too and to feel that there is a place for them in our church families. Together we can make these changes to provide for a growing families and a changing world.

Rachel Coen-Tuff



Milestone Ministries

Graduate Recognition Sunday

The Class of 2016 is invited to a special recognition Sunday on **May 22nd** where graduates will have a cake reception in their honor, and receive a gift in worship. Please join us in affirming and praying for this wonderful accomplishment for these young people embarking on the step in their life.

Reminder:

Last day of **Cross+Walk** for the year will be **Sunday, May 8th** and **Wednesday, May 4th**. Thank you for a year filled with learning and fun!



Family Bowling Night

3rd-5th Grade Event

Join us for an evening of bowling fun, at Sunset Lanes on **May 15th 4:30-6:30pm**. Please bring a dish to share — all ages are welcome to bowl and have fun!

Carmel Roll Sales:

Sunday, May 15th & June 19th

Come and eat yummy, ooey, gooey, goodness and support our summer trips for our youth!

