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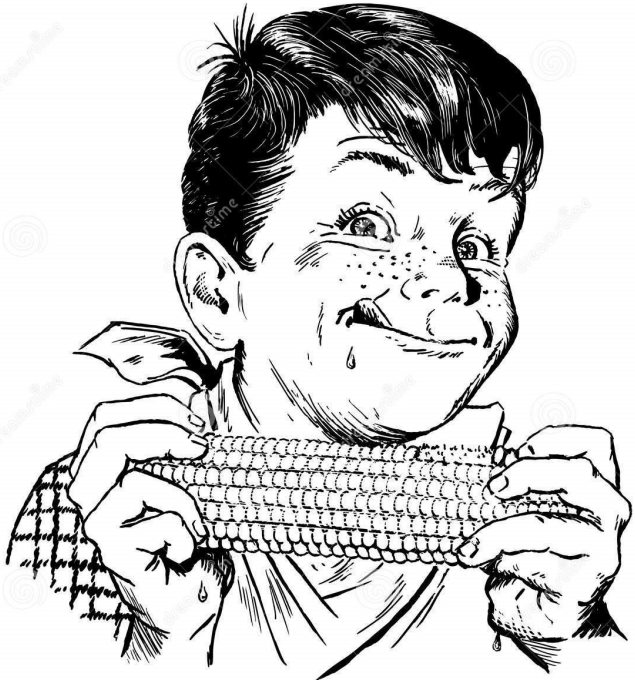
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Come One, Come All!

**St. John’s
24th Annual
Corn Feed!
Wednesday August 10th
5-7pm**

Menu

Fresh Sweet Corn
Hot Dogs & Brats
Lemonade & Coffee
Bars & Cookies

Free will offering for
worship and music at St. John!

FALL SCHEDULE!

Rally Sunday, September 11 - Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday: starting September 11
8:30 am Worship/Communion
10:45 am Worship/Communion

Wednesday: starting September 7
6:30 pm Worship/Communion

**Reminder:
No Wednesday Evening
Worship in August**

A Note From the Pastor,
WOW, we have had a busy month of July! We’ve said goodbye to our now former lead Pastor Nathan Keith and his family. We’ve also said a hasty farewell to Rachel Coen-Tuff (our Youth and Family Ministry Director) who has begun her new Ministry work at Faith Lutheran in West Fargo. The Church council has had to do some unexpected but excellent work of finding a new interim pastor (after the pastor we thought was coming backed out on us around July 4th). Many of our committee’s are doing new visioning to address areas we want to grow and expand our ministry. Our staff has begun to work diligently planning and organizing to make sure that heading into the fall we are ready to hit the ground running.

There are many Ministry related items that I would like to share with you all but I’m going to just mention a few. First of all our Council met on Tuesday July 19th and voted to extend a 6 month interim call to Pastor Paul Balaban. What this means is that for at least 6 months (and likely a bit longer) Pastor Paul will be helping guide our congregation through the process of having intentional discussions with our community around where God is leading this community of faith. He will be helping us to do some visioning and reflecting on how God is at work in our community of faith as well as areas of future ministry God may be calling us. He will be working with the Church leadership to form a call committee as we prepare to call a new lead pastor. And, he will be praying with and for us as we journey together in God’s care.

Pastor Paul will be joining us here at St. John on August 1st. He was kind enough to adjust some of his plans to come immediately after he finishes an interim call in Devils Lake. Thanks to Pastor Dan’s willingness to come early I’ve been able to step in and help lead the youth Mission trip to Seattle that our Youth and Family Ministry Director (Rachel) has been organizing for July 23rd-31st.

Shortly after returning from that Mission trip I will be leaving with my family on a vacation to Europe. I will be returning to Church on August 18th at which time Pastor Paul will be taking some much needed time to visit his family. I’d like to extend a word of heartfelt thanks to Pastor Paul for his willingness to jump in immediately during the time I’ll be away. Thank you Pastor Paul, we are excited to get to know you!

Finally I just wanted to express a word of deep appreciation to all the members and staff here at St. John who give of your time tending to all the things big and small that make a difference in this place and the community we serve! THANK YOU!!!! Please know that all those little things you do are noticed and appreciated and valued! Thank you, for your passion and your love for this place and the lives that are touched through the ministries we lead together. Thank you for your care and affirming words to our hard working staff, it is always appreciated and welcome. I look forward to the ways God will continue to use and guide our lives of faith as we move forward into the future. May God continue to be with you and us during this time of transition and hope.

I hope you all enjoy this last month of Summer and thank you for allowing me to serve you in this ministry that we share!

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

St. John Book Club

2016-2017 Reading List

(Meetings at St. John Lutheran Church, 7:00PM, unless otherwise noted)

August 1, 2016 *The Faith Club* by Rayna Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Pricilla Warner.

We will meet at Lindenwood Park Shelter #2. Bring food featured in books from past year.

September 12, *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson,

October 3, *Far From the Madding Crowd* by Thomas Hardy.

November 7, *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff.

December 5, *Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain.

January 9, *Sisters in Law* by Linda Hirshman.

February 6, *Nora Webster* by Colm Toibin.

March 6, *Norwegian by Night* by Derek B. Miller.

April 3, *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow.

May 1, *Five Days at Memorial* by Sheri Fink.

June 6, Meeting at the Fargo Country Club for Book Selection for 2017-2018.

Meet Our Interim Pastor!

Who are you? Paul D. Balaban

Why are you coming to St. John? I will be your interim pastor

What’s an interim pastor? I come after your pastor leaves and leave before your next pastor comes.

What will you do? Pretty much what the previous pastor did. I come so that the mission and ministry of St. John continues as you look for your next pastoral leader.

What won’t you do? I won’t make general visits. I will call/visit as the need arises, where your next called pastor will call/visit to build ongoing relationships.

Where’s your wife/family? My wife and family live in Pekin, Illinois. We call interim ministry “friendly deployment”. I try to get back home about every 6 months.

Will she/they come out to visit? Hasn’t happened yet. My spouse has a full time+ job in a public school as a Suzuki Strings and music teacher (and instrument repair and massage therapist and . . .)

Where do you live? I don’t know yet. Got a place to rent? Looking to find a 6 month lease with month to month following...Ideas? Rental properties? Contact the church office.

How long have you been doing this? Pastoral ministry over 37 years. Interim ministry about 10. St. John will be my 9th interim position.

When do you start? Monday, August 1st

How long will you be here? That depends on you. I have no set agenda.

How can I reach you? At the church office (701-232-8521). My cell: 309-267-1653.

When do you work? All the time. That is one area of ministry I don’t model very well. I figure I’m here, I might as well work. I like doing mission/work/ministry/life.



God's By Grace

We are all God's By Grace!

The Reconciling in Christ ministry team invites you to join us for some exciting events during Pride Week 2016.

On Saturday, August 20 come see us at our booth during Pride in the Park from 11-4 at Island Park.

On Sunday, August 21 at 2pm join us to walk in the F-M Pride Parade and share your love out loud! (line up begins at 1:30)

We are excited to reach out and share God's love and grace with everyone! If you would like to participate in these events or have any questions, please contact Susan Murphy at 701-793-2601

Music Notes

ST JOHN CORNFEEED: Thursday, Aug. 10, 5-7pm. ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN MUSIC need to sign up for different shifts. It takes many people to make the CornFeed a success! We need some younger moms & dads to wash and cut the corn between 12:30-4 pm. This is a more laborious job and involves bending over the sink.

Schedule for Thursday, August 10:

- Noon---shuck corn
- 12:30-4 pm: wash and cut corn ends
- 3-4:30 pm: set up (salt & pepper, make drinks, set up dessert trays)
- 4:30-6 pm: shift #1 (serve food, desserts, drinks, hospitality, cook)
- 6-7 pm: shift #2 (same)
- 6:00 pm & on: clean up (wash tables, garbage, wash pots, etc)
- *to help, email dawn at: dawn@stjohnfargo.com

St. John’s adult handbell choir is gratefully bursting at the seams, but we don’t want to be “full”! If you have ever had an interest in playing handbells and would be interested in exploring the feasibility of a 2nd adult or mixed age handbell choir, please contact Jessica Westgard Larson ASAP. Once interest is polled, we’ll explore feasibility, rehearsal time options, as well as if this additional group should be full-time or just get together to play a few times a year. No previous handbell experience required, but you will need to know how to read music, and be willing to commit to rehearsals and a Sunday “performance schedule” once decided upon as a group.

Parents of youth who want to play bells: please contact Jessica at your earliest convenience so plans can be made for the coming year. Youth handbells have traditionally rehearsed Wednesdays 5:00-5:30 pm. Children should have enough outside music experience/piano lessons to be able to read basic music. This typically means 3rd grade and older, but 2nd graders will be considered if they’ve had at least a year of piano lessons. Once a commitment is made to participate, attendance is necessary.

Jessica Westgard Larson
jlwestgard@hotmail.com / 701-371-8094

Memorials, Honorariums & Special Gifts

ELCA World Hunger Appeal:

In Memory of Bill Slanger:

Elwood & LaVon Rieke

General Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Bill Slanger:

Allan & Judy Peterson

In Memory of Jack Gruhl:

Allan & Judy Peterson

Good Samaritan Committee Fund:

In Memory of Jack Gruhl:

Gaylon & Robin Anderson

Good Samaritan Fund:

In Honor of the Keith Family:

Pat & Butch Pobst

Special Music Fund:

In Memory of Marvin Jorgenson (Lois Nelson’s Uncle):

Lyle & Rosalie Fritz

In Memory of William Ekberg:

Mary Ann Walen, Jeri Ekstrom, Prudence Olson, Gaylon & Robin Anderson, Peggy Hammerling

In Memory of Dee Olson:

A Friend

St. John Foundation:

In Memory of Jack Gruhl:

Marlene Ames

FINANCIAL UPDATE - General Fund

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| \$13,359 | Wednesday 07/06 thru Sunday 07/24 Offering Plate |
| \$12,145 | Electronic Giving 07/08 thru 07/27 |
| \$25,504 | Total Offering |
| \$10,768 | Weekly amt needed for \$563,023 annual budget |
| \$284,071 | Income thru 07/27/16 |
| \$296,958 | Expense thru 07/27/16 |
| \$321,508 | Budget thru 07/27/16 |

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Exciting Changes at St. John!

On the July 19th council meeting council approval was given to split the youth committee into two separate committee's to help give a better focus to two very important areas of programming for the youth of our church. The two committees will be Youth Education and Youth Programming. Youth Education will focus on educational needs and programing of our youth ages birth through confirmation. Youth Programming will focus on how to provide social, emotional, and service opportunities for our youth ages kindergarten through high school. With the development of each committee we are also looking to expand each committee and add new members who have passion to help our youth grow in these areas. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Youth Programming committee please contact Shelly Hawley at 218-299-5762 or hawleyx5@live.com. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Youth education committee please contact 701-238-1336 or bloom2708@yahoo.com We look forward to hearing from you.

St. John Small Groups

YAH (Young at Heart) For those of a ‘certain age’, join us for Christian fellowship, coffee & refreshments. The 2nd Thursday of the month September—May at 10:00am Contact: Cathy Chatelain, 261-2707 or Gini Duval, 306-3454.

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.

Deuteronomy28Men Meets at St. John before going to work the 3rd Thursday of every month. 6:45-7:30 am. Coffee is on at 6:30 am. Contact: Keith Burck, kburck@alerusmail.com or 232-3800.

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.

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

Women & Wine Fellowship Women of St. John are invited for fun and good conversation; in the evening hours at member’s homes. Dates and times TBD Contact: Diane Wiesenborn, 218-287-4420

Foot Care Clinic Our Foot Care Clinic provides fellowship and foot care performed by volunteers and trained health personnel the 3rd Tuesday of the month. 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.

Yoga Free yoga class to stretch your mind, body and spirit. 1 hour. 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, Dates TBD

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. John. Contact: Marc Stubstad, 701-388-7257

NA (Narcotic’s Anonymous) Saturday afternoons at Noon.

If anyone has anything they would like to add to this list please e-mail Carly @ office@stjohnfargo.com

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