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Community in Christ: Christ in Community

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**St. John Call Committee Formed**

Dear St. John members,

We, the members of the newly formed St. John Call Committee, are excited to engage in the important work of identifying the gifts of our congregation, engaging in honest and open conversation, and eventually lifting up the name of someone whom we feel will be a “good fit” for St. John. We have met with Bishop Terry Brandt of the Eastern North Dakota Synod who explained the multiple steps of the official call process. We ask not only for your prayers, but also your input. The names of the committee are listed below; please feel free to engage us in some conversation over the next few months. We will keep you updated as we progress through this important time in the life of St. John.

Dan Altenbernd, Jeri Ekstrom, Carroll Gjovik, Nathan Olson, Luke Papenfuss, Donna Wallgren, Joel Kangas (chair)

**2016-2017 Council Members**

Donna Wallgren President/Exec. Committee;  
Janis Keller V.P. for Ministries; Susan Quandt  
V.P. for Support; Dean Frosle Secretary;  
Rachel Rude Worship and Music; Jack  
Anderson Property; Aaron Nissen Property/  
Preschool; Tari Wieers Youth and Family;  
Shawn Vasichek; Larry Papenfuss.

**Contact Us**

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**[www.stjohnfargo.com](http://www.stjohnfargo.com)**

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, Recorders  
Jessica Westgard Larson, Handbells  
Editor: Carly Cox, Articles accepted before  
1 pm October 15th for the November 16’ Herald.

**FALL SCHEDULE!**

**Sunday:**

8:30am Worship/Communion  
9:45am 1st day of Cross+Walk  
10:45am Worship/Communion

**Wednesday:**

5:00pm Children’s Handbells  
5:30pm Adult handbells  
5:30pm Children’s Choir  
7:00pm St. John Choir (for adults and older teens)  
Following choir we have coffee & treats.

**Attention Snowbirds**

If you’d like church correspondence delivered to you without interruption, please call or e-mail the church office (232-8521/[office@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com)), confirm to us your winter address and tell us what date to begin using it and what date to switch back to your local address. Thank you!



**Fall Back!**

Nov 6, 2016 - Daylight Saving  
Time  
Set your clocks **back** 1 hour.



**A Note From the Pastor,**  
One of the many discoveries I made while in North Pole, AK, was that you needed to adjust your magnetic compass. Here in Fargo we are used to the magnetic North as being pretty close to true North (at least not enough for us ground pounders to worry about). There, not that I used a compass to get around (they do have roads), the difference between magnetic North and true North is about 26°. That is a significant difference.

Which brings me to the role as your interim pastor. One of my “jobs” as your interim is to try to learn what and why you do what you do. That’s where the good “difference” comes in. I ask a lot of questions. Hopefully, I do it in a nonthreatening way with you and your group or ministry so that I may learn what it is you do and why you do it. My assumptions may be way off (like 26°), that’s why I ask. And we all know what happens when we assume! I certainly don’t want to go off in one direction, assuming you are going the same, only to discover you are going in a different direction. 26° off target is still a miss.

Our major goal together is to call your next pastor. That is my target and hopefully yours. And not just any pastor. We want the right next pastor. So we will work thru the steps required – gathering information, collating and filling out forms, interviewing and hosting prospective candidate(s). It will be time consuming and costly, but the calling your next pastor is vital to the future ministry of St. John Lutheran.

On a personal note: I’m still a little off! While I strive for perfection – it will never happen. While I’d like to hit every note perfectly in the liturgies – that has yet to occur in my ministry. While I’d like to remember names of people I’ve just met – I’ve even forgotten my brother’s name when I tried to introduce him – now my spouse, Bunny, I most times remember! I love being here. I love learning to live and do ministry here at St. John Lutheran, Fargo, as we work toward calling your next pastor.

Let’s be a little off together! TGBG – Pastor Paul



**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.

**Adult Forums are Back!**

*Each week at between worship services at 9:45am we will explore a different current topic in our community*

**October 2nd** Stephen Ministry-What it Means to me.  
**October 9th** Sonja Ellner –Dorothy Day  
**October 16th** Jackelle Cornell-Ministry in Central African Republic of behalf of Eastern ND Synod  
**October 23rd** R.I.C.  
**October 30th** Confirmation Sunday No Adult Forum

**Calling all Actors!**

The St. John Players announce tryouts for the upcoming chancel drama for the Quincentennial Year of Martin Luther’s launching of the Reformation. The drama is Luther, based upon John Osborn’s play by that title.

**All are Welcome!**  
If you have a question please call *Jim Alger @ 639-7721*

**Memorials, Honorariums & Special Gifts**

**Good Samaritan Fund:**  
*In Memory of Gladys Jondahl:*  
Mike & Sue Williams

**Special Music Fund:**  
Jessica Westgard Larson, for a new handbell

**St. John Foundation:**  
*In Memory of Fremont Frazee, father of Paula Frazee-Sperling:*  
Ruth Kautzman

ONE SONG CAN CHANGE  
A MOMENT,  
ONE IDEA CAN CHANGE  
A WORLD,  
ONE STEP CAN START A  
JOURNEY,  
BUT A PRAYER CAN  
CHANGE THE IMPOSSIBLE

FINANCIAL UPDATE - General Fund	
Thank you for your generosity in supporting God's mission through St. John Lutheran Church!	
\$4,330	Sunday 09/18 Offering Plate
\$1,792	Electronic Giving 09/17 thru 09/23
\$6,122	Total Offering
\$10,768	Weekly amt needed for \$563,023 annual budget
\$350,575	Income thru 09/23/16
\$371,049	Expense thru 09/23/16
\$410,730	Budget thru 09/23/16



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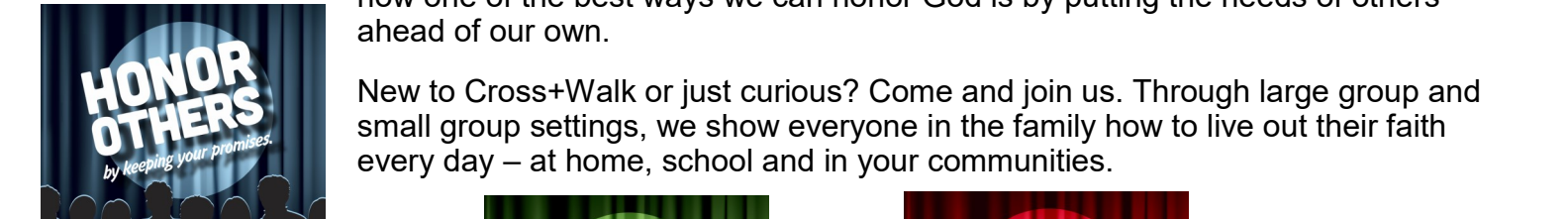
# Children, Youth and Family Ministry

## Cross+Walk: Exploring the Theme of Honor in October



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**HONOR OTHERS**  
*by keeping your promises.*

Now one of the best ways we can honor God is by putting the needs of others ahead of our own.

New to Cross+Walk or just curious? Come and join us. Through large group and small group settings, we show everyone in the family how to live out their faith every day – at home, school and in your communities.



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Please notify Darla Dockter if you're planning to go, [dockters5@q.com](mailto:dockters5@q.com) or text 701-361-7103

## Altar Guild, a Great Way to Serve

There are many wonderful ways to serve at church; reading the lessons, ushering, serving coffee between services, singing in the choir, serving communion, etc. Altar Guild is another great way to serve and we are looking for new members. Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary and communion for weekly worship. Altar Guild decorates the sanctuary during Advent to help build anticipation for the birth of the Christ child, strips the altar as we move to the cross and fills the sanctuary with flowers as we rejoice in the Easter resurrection. If you or you and your family would like to be a part of Altar Guild please contact Janet Graalum or Melissa Tomlinson.

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