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### **Contact Us**

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**701-232-8521 e-mail: office@stjohnfargo.com;**  
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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

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# THE HERALD

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**Thanksgiving Worship  
and Pie Social  
Tuesday, November 22nd  
6:30 pm**

**Sunday November 27th there will  
be 1 Worship Service at 10am!**

### **FALL/WINTER 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.

### **NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS**

Do you know some one who is interested in  
joining St. John? Spread the word!

**Orientation is scheduled for November 6th  
and New Members will be received November  
13th at 9:35am.**

For more information about St. John, call the  
church office, 232-8521 or email  
office@stjohnfargo.com

### **Adult Forums**

**November 6th** - Robert Moen will be addressing  
the history of being a RIC congregation.

**November 13th** - Jessica Thomasson from  
Lutheran Social Services will be speaking about  
the many programs they offer to our community

**November 20th** - Rev. Mytch Pierre-Noel  
Dorvilier partners with congregations in Eastern  
North Dakota Synod to enhance and encourage  
mutli-ethnic congregational growth

**November 27th** - No Adult Forum-1 Worship  
service at 10:00am

### **Fall Back!**

Nov 6, 2016 - Daylight Saving  
Time

Set your clocks **back** 1 hour.



A Note From the Pastor,

And they’re off!

Now I’m not a big fan of NASCAR. I think watching cars go around in a circle for umpteen hours is about as exciting as watching your computer update. You know it’s going to end, you just don’t know when. Sad to say, but calling a new pastor is a lot like that.

Like the drivers and pit crews, we’ve have our prep time: reviewing past mistakes, thinking of new strategies, filling out our required forms, fine tuning and adjusting the car (MSP), debating our direction (of course for NASCAR the direction is always a right turn, another right turn, and another right turn.) All needs to be done before race day (before we interview and call a new pastor).

The Call committee has its share of preparation time. And they are coordinating/collaborating with the MAP survey so as to not duplicate work. The Call Comm. still will have discussions, many meetings, and will debate the results as they were filling out the MSP (Ministry Site Profile, the church description and “job” listing). When they are finished, the Church Council will give their stamp of approval before the MSP is sent on to Bishop Brant.

When the MSP is finalized the Call Comm. will need to switch gears in their preparation or working process. When we get a candidate’s file, what criteria do we use to evaluate? If we have more than one candidate, what is our process? Do we telephone interview first or bring them on-site? How do we decide what is the next step? How do we host the candidate (and are spouse/children invited?) How do we make the best use of their time? Who pays for what and when?

Of course the candidate(s) will have similar options about us as well. The decision to proceed is always mutual. How we present ourselves, how prepared we are for them, how we show our hospitality sometimes makes all the difference. Let’s all help to make sure that we use the best fuel (MSP), equipment (our facility, members, mission) and select the best driver (candidate) to win this race! **TGBG** – Interim Pastor Paul

For the Young At Heart

“It’s not the years in your life that count, but the life in your years”-Abe Lincoln

Please Join Us for Christian fellowship, food and fun!

Thurs. November 10 at 11:30AM-Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. If you can’t cook, come anyway And let’s give thanks together. Program given by Ken Bauer-Connecting canine helpers with individuals who are blind.

Thurs. December 8 at 10:00AM Enjoy Christmas cheer with coffee and Cookies in the Parlor. Ray Green will be here to entertain us with his Holiday music and humor.

Thurs. January 12 at 10:00AM Join us in the Parlor for coffee and refreshments. Amy Rand will share with us her recent experience of living with her family in South Africa.

Questions? Call Mavis Lura 238-4147, Cathy Chatelain 261-2707

Contest!

Let’s re-name the Nursery!

Nursery implies baby care. However, young parents today prefer to have their children with them in the church service.

Be Creative! How can a new name bring new ideas for this room!

Get your vote in-Thurs. Nov. 17th-Sun. Nov. 27th in the Narthex. Decision of the name will be made December 6th at the Good Samaritan Committee Meeting and brought to Council.

Community in Christ : Christ in Community

Capital Campaign Update!

St. John received \$553,590 in pledges as part of our three year capital campaign aimed at enhancing ministry and reducing our debt. With five weeks remaining in this campaign, we have received pledge payments plus other donations totaling \$551,158. With these funds we have made significant progress toward our goals.

- 1. Debt Reduction: We have reduced our loan balance from \$1,143,300 to \$749,738
- 2. Ministry Support:

- Paid \$40,000 of our \$50,000 commitment to Churches United for the Homeless.
- Expanded Associate Pastor Position from ½ to ¾ time (Pastor Brian)
- Funded Sunday School/Cross+Walk Ministry Coordinator Position

Seminary Intern Pastor (Jeff Brown)

- 3. Facilities and Equipment Improvements and Support for:

- HVAC System Replacement
- Heat Transfer Fluid Replacement and Related Boiler Maintenance Needs
- Sanctuary Wireless Mic System
- Security Camera System with Alarm
- Landscaping Work to Eliminate Water Seepage
- Fellowship Hall Projector and Screen
- Room B11 TV and DVD Player
- Addition of Electric Panel and Heater to Storage Shed
- Replaced and Added Phone and Internet Switches

Security Locks for Sacristy Area

With five weeks remaining in this campaign, we give God thanks for debt reduction and increased ministry impact!

The campaign ends November 30, so if you have not yet completed your pledge, please consider doing so in the next few weeks. Contributions to the capital campaign can be made in the collection plate, by scanning the QR code in a worship bulletin, online at [www.stjohnfargo.com](http://www.stjohnfargo.com), or in person at the church office.

Memorials, Honorariums & Special Gifts

General Memorial Fund:  
In Memory of Ardella Ronson:  
Sylvia Morgan, Gail Reiersen & Lynn Wolff, The Ronson Family  
Special Music Fund:  
In Memory of Ardella Ronson:  
Gini & Dave Duval, Mary Ann Walen, Fred & Judy Haugo

FINANCIAL UPDATE - General Fund

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

\$4,650	Sunday 10/16 Offering Plate
\$6,981	Electronic Giving 10/15 thru 10/21
\$11,631	Total Offering
\$10,768	Weekly amt needed for \$563,023 annual budget
\$385,620	Income thru 10/21/16
\$408,094	Expense thru 10/21/16
\$453,803	Budget thru 10/21/16





