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St. John Children's Choir presents...

“The Old Testament Fast Forward”

This musical creatively recaps the entire Old Testament starting with creation and continuing through all the major stories, as well as the prophets, judges, and kings!

Mark your calendars now!
Sunday **February 5th** at both services!
8:30 and **10:45am.**

Please plan on coming to support our youth!



March 1, 2017
Worship: 6:30pm
Lenten Supper: 5:30-6:30pm

Join us on Ash Wednesday for worship with **mass choirs!**
Following St. John tradition please remember to wear black to this worship service!

St. John Annual Meeting 2017

During our Annual Meeting held on January 22, 2017, we elected these St. John members for the positions shown. We give **thanks to God** for those willing to serve St. John in these capacities and for those who have finished their terms!

- Church Council:** (newly elected to a 2 year term)
Dan Altenbernd, Eric Christeson, David McMahon, Sally Sterk, Damon Janssen
- Nominating Committee:** (1 year term)
Tari Wieers, Aaron Nissen, Donna Wallgren, Susan Quandt, Jack Anderson
- Voting members to Fargo Conference & Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly:**
Aanen and Carroll Gjovik, Sadie Thompson
- St. John Foundation:** (3 year term) Jessica Westgard Larson, Heidi Twedt, James Botnen
- Bethany Homes:** (1 year term) Sylvan Melroe
- Lutheran Social Services:** (1 year term) Joel Kangas
- Churches United for the Homeless:** (1 year term) Allan Peterson

A Note From the Pastor, Spring has Sprung *(by leak and crack)?*

It is too early to call it “spring”, but our current thaw is generally meet with joy. We are mostly glad for the respite from the sub-zeros temps. We can wash our vehicles. We can get those sidewalks clean. We can bring out the roof leak buckets (yes, this is our reality too).

Buy *(intentionally misused word)* now, you know about the water coming down from our roof problems. The flat roof has given 30 years and needs to be replaced. We have several active leaks. So, while most are enjoying the late-January thaw, that’s not the case inside our building. We have 4 active leaks and we expect more before spring and continuing ‘till whenever the reroofing work begins. You can help by emptying buckets and giving monies for the roof replacement.

Recently we have also had water coming up from our underground broken water pipe. The only visible remains is the pile of snow/slush/mud/ice near the 5th street parking lot entrance. While we may wonder how our new president will react with “3 AM calls”, I can tell you from experience how Jack Anderson reacts. He also knows who to call to get it fixed. I also know how Aaron Nissan reacts with his frequent checks and repairs.

Anxiously the staff watched the heavy machinery come and go, while wondering what impact the lack of water would have on our various ministries. Fortunately, we did not have to evacuate our homeless guests, nor cancel the preschool or Kindermusic. All the work (locating, digging, more digging and even more digging), fixing the cracked pipe and covering it all back again was accomplished that same day with only minor inconveniences. You can help with contributing towards the repair/replacement.

I’ve never encountered so many building repair needs in any of my congregations or interims as there have been here at St. John. I have every confidence we will get them all done. I have come to know that “Community in Christ- Christ in Community – Active in Love” is more than just a tag phrase here. TGBG! – Interim Pastor Paul

MUSIC NOTES by Dawn Papenfuss

- Feb.5 Children’s choir MUSICAL at both services
- Feb.12 Worship Band
- Feb.19 10:45 St. John choir
- Feb.26 Transfiguration 8:30 St. John Choir 10:45 Children’s Choir
- Mar.1 **Ash Wednesday** 6:30 Worship **MASS CHOIRS: CHILDREN & ADULTS**
6:10pm Practice with the Mass Choir No choir rehearsals following service.

Thank You in advance to the adults who particularly went out of their way to help with the musical! Marcia Stubstad, Directing/accompanying/anything that was needed! Jeanne Janssen, costumes & costumes & more costumes! (The animals are truly unbelievable!!!) This was a very tricky musical b/c there are so many costume changes that they need to be simple to get on & off. Stephanie Christeson joined us the last 3 weeks to help direct the kids off the stage to their costumes. (again---details!!!)

Lastly, I thank the parents for rehearsing lines with their kids, listening to the CD since last October (a lesson in endurance!!!), and getting them to church. I have to remind people that even though there is only two performances, it is the **PROCESS** that is important to these kids. They become a team. They become friends and they start to care for each other. Shy kids get a chance to come out of their shells. Outgoing kids get to be challenged. This is a children’s MINISTRY!!!!

Don’t stop coming to choir! I have bought some great two part song books for the next 3 months!

February Events

- Feb. 1st** 11:00am Pastor Brian’s Bible Study; 5:10pm Children’s Handbells; 5:30pm Children’s Choir; 5:45pm Adult Handbells; 6:00pm 6&8 Grade Confirmation; 7:00pm 7&9 Grade Confirmation; 7:00pm St. John Choir
- Feb. 2nd** Trax of Faith Practice
- Feb. 5th** Youth Musical at 8:30am and 10:45am; 9:45am Cross+Walk
- Feb. 6th** 10:00am YOGA; 7:00pm Book Club
- Feb. 7th** 5:00pm Stephen Leaders Meeting; 6:30pm Committee Night
- Feb. 8th** 11:00am Pastor Brian’s Bible Study; 5:10pm Children’s Handbells; 5:30pm Children’s Choir; 5:45pm Adult Handbells; 6:00pm 6&8 Grade Confirmation; 7:00pm 7&9 Grade Confirmation; 7:00pm St. John Choir
- Feb. 9th** 11:30am Young at Heart Potluck and Program led by Beth Brantner from the Lost and Found Ministry in Moorhead. She will be speaking about Drug Addiction and the affects on our community –All are Welcome!; 6:30pm Trax of Faith Practice
- Feb. 10th** Stephen Ministry Training
- Feb. 11th** Stephen Ministry Training
- Feb. 12th** Worship Band Sunday 8:30am Worship; 9:45am Cross+Walk; 10:45am Worship; 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
- Feb. 13th** 10:00am YOGA; 5:30pm MUGG Night (Men Under God’s Guidance) at the Fargo Brewing Company Ale House (4445 17th Ave South)
- Feb. 14th** 6:30pm RIC Meeting; 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Feb. 15th** 11:00am Pastor Brian’s Bible Study; 5:10pm Children’s Handbells; 5:30pm Children’s Choir; 5:45pm Adult Handbells; 6:00pm 6&8 Grade Confirmation; 7:00pm 7&9 Grade Confirmation; 7:00pm St. John Choir
- Feb. 17th** 5:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
- Feb. 18th** Stephen Ministry Training
- Feb. 19th** 8:30am Worship; 9:45am Cross+Walk; 10:45am Worship; 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
- Feb. 20th** 7:30pm Ruth Circle
- Feb. 21st** 8:00am Foot Care Clinic; 6:30pm Church Council
- Feb. 22nd** 11:00am Pastor Brian’s Bible Study; 5:10pm Children’s Handbells; 5:30pm Children’s Choir; 5:45pm Adult Handbells; 6:00pm Confirmation Service Project; 7:00pm St. John Choir
- Feb. 23rd** 6:45am Deuteronomy 28 Bible Study
- Feb. 26th** 8:30am Worship 9:45am Cross+Walk; 10:45am Worship
- Feb. 28th** 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

Weekly standing groups
St. John Quilters Tuesdays at 9:30am; Jambalaya Quilters Tuesdays at 6:30pm; Recorders Thursdays at 10:00am; NA (Narcotics Anonymous) Saturdays at 12:00pm AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) Sundays at 7:00pm St. John Staff Meetings Tuesdays at 9:30am

If you have events, announcements, and/or meetings that you would like to submit for consideration in The Herald please have them in the office by the 20th of each month by 9:00am (office@stjohnfargo.com)

St. John Christian Preschool

Have you heard? We are adding an after-noon program starting fall 2017. The hours will be 12:30-3:00 for MWF and TTH classes.

Everyone is excited the weather has allowed us to play outside.

A big thank you to the ND Lions for screening the vision of our preschoolers. Six children were referred for follow up with an eye care professional.

Red is the color of the month. We will celebrate Valentine’s day by bringing valentines for our friends.

The memory verse for February is Matthew 22:37 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart”.



Cross+Walk theme for February is **LOVE**. We are having a wonderful time on Sunday mornings. Jeremy fits right in and has been such an awesome addition for Cross+Walk families.

Please stop on down Sundays at 9:45 am to see faith in action!

We are still looking to staff a part-time Youth Education Director. This is an extremely flexible position that’s a whole ‘lotta fun!

If you are well organized with a knack for planning this may be an excellent way for you to get involved in Cross+walk, Vacation Bible School, and other youth events. You can check out the job description and apply online at www.stjohnfargo.com