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Community in Christ: Christ in Community

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Summer Worship

Sunday's at 9:30am



Wed. July 5th
7:00pm

Come, celebrate life and freedom with this fantastic group of talented children ages 8-12 drumming, singing, and dancing.

Mark your Calendars!
St. John's 25th Annual Corn Feed

Wednesday August 9th 5-7pm

Menu: Fresh Sweet Corn, Hot Dogs & Brats,
Lemonade & Coffee, Bars & Cookies

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

Bring your neighbors and friends!



A Note From the Pastor,

It is with great excitement that I have accepted the call to be Senior Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church. I look forward to getting to know you, and will use this article as a way to begin to introduce myself and my family. I have been a pastor for nearly 20 years and have most recently been interim senior pastor at First Lutheran in Fergus Falls. My family and I moved up to Fargo last winter from a town near the Twin Cities. My wife’s name is Kara and she works as an attorney at Noridian Healthcare Solutions. Kara and I both grew up in Minnesota and attended Lutheran colleges here. We met at the Concordia Norwegian Language Villages and got married in 2003. We have two daughters, Olivia – 6 yrs old, and Marit – 4 yrs old, who will both be attending Oak Grove Lutheran School this fall.

My family and I were able to participate in St. John’s VBS program a couple weeks ago. What a great introduction to the church! My girls had a lot of fun and really enjoyed the activities and all of the pets. My wife and I discovered a church that is welcoming and that cares about kids. I also was able to meet much of the staff and I am looking forward to working with Pastor Brian, Jeremy, and everyone else.

I plan on starting in the office on July 17th, and my installation is tentatively planned for Sunday, July 23rd. I look forward to meeting you and learning more about what God is up to at St. John. Please feel free to stop by my office to say hi, or set up a time to have coffee or lunch. Above all, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your pastor. I’m really excited to see what God has in store for us.

Peace,

Pastor Erick



ST. JOHN FOUNDATION REPORT

At the June 8th meeting of the St. John Lutheran Church Foundation Board, funding was approved in response to financial requests as follows:

- \$1,624: \$406 to each of three college students (from the Asleson Scholarship fund) and one semi-nary student (from the Foundation fund)
- \$1,300 to the St. John Youth Account toward chaperone expenses for the 2018 National Youth Gathering (from the Foundation fund)

The board disbursed a total of \$12,257 to fund various projects, organizations and scholarships last year – and \$5,424 already this year. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the St. John Foundation to support continued outreach giving!

If you have a project or a special need (or know someone in the community with a project that fulfills the foundation’s mission), please consider making a funding request. Funding request forms are available at the church office or by email (jjabens@stjohnfargo.com or office@stjohnfargo.com). The foundation board’s next meeting is scheduled in September 2017.

Currently serving on the foundation board: Pat Pobst-Chair, Heidi Twedt-Vice Chair, James Botnen-Treasurer, Julie Kloster-Secretary, and Jessica Westgard Larson.

St. John Book Club 2017-2018 Reading List

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

July 10	The Underground Railroad (Colson Whitehead)
August 7	The Wright Brothers (David McCullough) 6:00pm potluck at Lindenwood Park (shelter #4) Bring food featured in books from the past year.
September 11	La Rose (Louise Erdrich)
October 2	Mothering Sunday: A Romance (Graham Swift)
November 6	Cleopatra: A life (Stacy Schiff)
December 4	Lab Girl (Hope Jahren)
January 8	News of the World (Paulette Jiles)
February 5	Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption (Bryan Stevenson)
March 5	The Immortal Irishman: The Irish (Sara Lindberg) Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero (Timothy Egan)
April 2	One Amazing Thing (Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni)
May 7	A Piece of the World (Christina Baker Kline)
June 5 (Tuesday)	Fargo Country Club-We will make selections for next year. 6:00pm

MUSIC NOTES by Dawn Papenfuss

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: I would love to have people contact me to do special music this summer. After hearing all the kids play at the talent show, I would love to do organ/piano duets with the more advanced kids and piano duets with others. I want to get kids playing more in church but I need your help!!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED? I am considering teaching organ lessons to anyone who has probably 3-4 years of piano under their belt. I would like to keep organ playing alive! Many churches need organists/pianists. If you are interested (this could be ANY age from 5th or 6th grade to adult), please let me know. You would have to work out coming to church to practice, but we can talk about that.

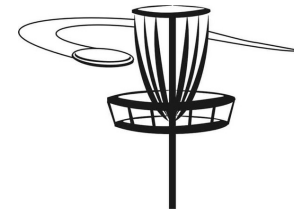
THANK YOU so much to those who biked in the ELCA World Hunger bike ride this past Friday and yesterday. Your support in this venture was much appreciated.



July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Red Willow Bible Camp 9:30 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA	26 Red Willow Bible Camp	27 Red Willow Bible Camp 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	28 Red Willow Bible Camp	29 Red Willow Bible Camp	30 Red Willow Bible Camp	1 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA
2 9:30 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA	3	4 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Committee Night	5 Uganda Childrens Choir	6	7	8 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA
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16 9:30 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA	17 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Passport Adventures	18 8:00 AM Foot Care Clinic 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Passport Adventures 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Church Council	19 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Passport Adventures	20 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Passport Adventures	21	22 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA
23 Installation of Pastor Erick 9:30 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA	24 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Soy un Superheroe 1:00 PM Mini Golf and Ice Cream	25 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Soy un Superheroe 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	26 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Soy un Superheroe 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting	27 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Soy un Superheroe	28	29 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA
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Youth and Family



Frisbee Golf and Floats.

July 11th from 1-4 pm for Meet at the church at 1 and bring a Frisbee for Frisbee golf if you have one. All youth going into 9th grade and older are invited. Bring a friend or two. The more the better.

Mini Golf and Ice Cream

July 24th 1pm .

All youth going into 9th grade and older are invited. Bring a friend or two. The more the better.
*Watch the bulletin and Facebook for updates!



Buffalo River State Park Day Trip

August 10th 11am-4pm

All youth going into 9th grade and older are invited. Bring a friend or two. The more the merrier!
*Watch the bulletin and Facebook for updates!



National Youth Gathering Interest Meetings:

August 16th 7pm and

August 27th 10:30am

(youth entering 8th-12th grade)

Celebrate with us!

St. John Lutheran Church members are invited to an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to be held for Ryan Hawley on Saturday July 15th at 2pm. at St. John Church. Ryan's Eagle project was completed at the church last summer and we are excited to have you help us celebrate this occasion.



St. John Financial Update

As a council, we feel it’s important to update you on St. John’s financials. While summer is typically a slower time for income, we want to share our current operating budget numbers and encourage you to be intentional in your giving over the coming weeks and months:

- Operating budget giving is about \$19,000 less than last year at this time.
- Thanks to careful budget management by our staff, and salary savings in our interim period between senior pastors, we’re currently covering our operating expenses.

However, as our salary expenses increase with a new pastor, this trend will become problematic.

And so, as we begin this next stage of St. John’s ministry, we ask you to prayerfully consider three areas:

1. Please be intentional about maintaining your regular giving through the summer and remainder of the year.
2. Consider signing up for Simply Giving to make recurring or one-time electronic contributions to the capital campaign and/or operating budget. A growing number of members use this convenient giving option. To learn more, pick up a Simply Giving brochure at church or visit www.stjohnfargo.com/simply-giving/.
3. Prayerfully consider a special gift during the upcoming months.

We certainly understand the many financial priorities you face, and we’re thankful that you give as you’re able. Yet even modest increases in giving can add up quickly as more members contribute. Thanks for your ongoing support of St. John, and see you in worship!

In your service,

St. John Council

Memorials, Honorariums & Special Gifts

ELCA World Hunger Appeal:

In Memory of Ruth Lee:

Elwood & LaVon Rieke

In Honor of Walter Vollmers for translations:

Jane Nissen

General Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Shirley Knatterud, Kathy Luther’s mother:

Judy & Fred Haugo

In Memory of Ruth Lee:

Cathy & John Chatelain

Good Samaritan Committee Fund:

In Memory of Olai & Dorothy Estenson:

Wes Myhre

In Memory of Dorothy Estenson:

Jeri Ekstrom

Good Samaritan Committee Fund for the Foot Care Clinic:

In Remembrance of Dr. Robert (Bob) Jordheim:

Jane Nissen

In Memory of Shirley Knatterud:

Jane Nissen

In Memory of Patricia Pletan, Dianne Stenso’s sister:

Jeri Ekstrom

St. John Capitol Appeal Update

The Capital Campaign Appeal has received pledges and gifts approaching \$300,000 toward our goal of \$350,000 AND two households have pledged an additional \$25,000 in matching funds to help us reach our goal. This is truly wonderful news. If you have not yet made your gift or pledge to the campaign, or if you are willing to give a little extra to help complete this match, then please do so and help us reach our goal! A strong conclusion to this appeal is one of the ways we’ll embrace St John’s next chapter of life and ministry, led by Pastor Erick Thompson, soon joining us as senior pastor.

Appeal response cards are available in the church office or call 232-8521 or email jjabens@stjohnfargo.com for assistance.



GOD'S GRACE FOR ALL

SAVE THE DATE!

The RIC committee invites you to join us in celebrating FM Pride Week, August 10-13.

Help represent St. John at Pride in the Park on Saturday, August 12 from 11-4. Sign up for a 1.5 hour shift. Visit with our neighbors and share the message of God's love.

Sunday , August 13 at 12:30 is the Pride Interfaith Service at the Fargo Theatre.

Immediately following the service at 2 p.m. Sunday, walk with other St. Johnnies in the Pride Parade. Let's share the message of God's Grace for All!

For more information or to sign up, contact Susan Murphy at (701) 793-2601

Come for Lunch and Treat your Feet

Tuesday July 11 @12:00pm in the Parlor.

We invite anyone interested to be a part of our Foot Care Ministry at St. John. We are a fun group of volunteers who provide a beneficial service to more than 30 participants who utilize the Foot Care Clinic. Have a foot massage and enjoy lunch with us in the Parlor on July 11th.

The “Happy Feet” Foot Clinic is held in the Parlor every third Tuesday of the month from 9:00am-Noon.
Questions: Cathy Chatelain 701-261-2707.

Fellowship hour in the Parlor is an important ministry of St. John. Please take a minute to sign up to serve or bring treats. This is a fun and great way to meet and welcome all who come to worship at St. John! Sign Up sheet is on the East wall in the Parlor.