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### St. John Lutheran Church

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Community in Christ : Christ in Community

October 2017

### A Note From the Pastor

The Lutheran Church is commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation this year. In 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. Five hundred years later, I sometimes wonder what exactly we’re celebrating. At the beginning of the Reformation, Luther became aware that the church was no longer serving the people, rather, the church had become a burden for most people. This realization is still important for us today. Is the church a burden or is the church serving people? For me, the easiest answer to this question is to make the church a positive, meaningful experience for everyone. Surprisingly, one of the best ways to do this is to get as many people as possible involved in the ministry of the church. Rather than thinking harder about how we might accommodate people and offer a better church “product,” we should find more ways for individuals to volunteer and have a positive impact on others.

In that spirit, St. John Lutheran is declaring 2017-18 the “**Year of the Volunteer.**” We are going to do everything we can to help make volunteering a possibility for everyone at St. John. We’re doing this because volunteering at church is the easiest way to do ministry. Our plan is to look at our current volunteer ministries and see how we can expand them, help people figure out how they’d like to volunteer, and make room for everyone who wants to be involved in the ministry of St. John. Volunteering may not be for everyone, but I know that doing ministry is rewarding, and I hope that everyone can find a niche in the various ministries here at St. John.

As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, my hope is that we can “reform” our church a bit. The church is the place where we hear about God’s good news—how God is always making things new. How can we hear God’s news in different ways? I encourage you to explore the variety of ministries through which you can volunteer at church and in the wider community. I’m certain that the more you give of your time and talents, the more you will feel rewarded. Above all, I hope this makes St. John Lutheran feel like a “brand new” church, a community of believers where the love of God in Christ is found in new and amazing ways.

### Emmy Nominee!

Congratulations to **Steve Wennblom** for his documentary “**Flowers of the Church: Minnesota’s Stained Glass Heritage**” for PBS.

This documentary is up for an EMMY in a few weeks! Steve and Carol will be attending the Emmy Event.

We are proud of you!!

Our very own **Elwood Rieke** has been nominated for **Senior of the Year at Bethany!**

**Awards Dinner:** Thursday, October 5  
Hilton Garden Inn 4351 17th Ave S, Fargo

5:30pm Social  
6:30pm Dinner & Program

Tickets: \$55/person

To reserve tickets, call 701-239-3250



# Upcoming Events

## FALL SCHEDULE!

### Sunday:

8:30am Worship/Communion  
9:45am CROSS+WALK  
9:45am Adult Forum  
10:45am Worship/Communion

### Wednesday:

11:00am Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
5:00pm Kids' Handbells  
5:30pm Adult handbells  
5:30pm Children's Choir  
5:30-6:30pm dinner  
6:15pm Confirmation for Grades 6-9  
7:00pm Confirmation for Grade 10  
7:00pm St. John Choir

Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
11:00am Wednesdays, starting October 4

## Church Women United

Church Women United will meet Friday, October 6 at 11:00am at St. John in the Parlor. Officers will be elected and gifts to and reports from local projects will be discussed, including Native American Ministry, the YWCA shelter, and Churches United for the Homeless.

Luncheon served at 11:00am—\$5.00.  
Everyone welcome!

## GOT BLOOD?

GOD gave us the miracle of life sustaining blood and the ability to give that "miracle of life" to others in need. Please consider donating your blood to sustain the health of members of our community.

United Blood Services will be in the St. John fellowship hall on **Monday, October 23** from **2:45pm until 7:00pm** to receive your donation.

You may sign up at church after Sunday service or contact Cathy Chatelain 701-261-2707.

Sponsored by the Good Samaritan Committee.

## Lutheran World Relief Mission Kits

Lutheran World Relief mission kits ship October 16-20. If you would like to donate items for kits or cash towards shipping, it is greatly appreciated. Kit supplies are listed on **LWR.org** and the LWR poster in the narthex.

Contact Char Grant if you have questions (701-298-2928).

## Attention Snowbirds

If you'd like church correspondence delivered to you without interruption, please call or e-mail the church office (701-232-8521/office@stjohnfargo.com). Please 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!

## MUSIC NOTES by Dawn Papenfuss

### Special Music in October

**October 1** 8:30 Handbells

10:45 Handbells, St. John Choir

**October 8** Worship Band & Children's Choir together

**October 15** 8:30 St. John Choir

10:45 Children's Choir

**October 22** 8:30

NDEA MEA

10:45 St. John Choir

**October 29** 8:30 Reformation Sunday: Recorders, St. John Choir

10:45 Confirmation: Russ Pederson on Saxophone

New choir members are always welcome!!

We have 35 kids in our children's choir!! WOW!! Marcia and I are so excited to be working with your children. It's not too late to join!



## Get Involved!

### Attention all Actors!

The St. John Players still need actors for the upcoming chancel drama, Henri Gheon's *Christmas in the Marketplace*.

If you're interested, call Jim Alger at 701-639-7721.

### "YOUNG AT HEART"

*"It's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years"*- Abe Lincoln

Please join us for coffee, treats and Christian fellowship in the Parlor on Thursday, October 12 at 10:00am. Marlene Ames & Donna Hogeman are in charge of food.

All are welcome!

Questions? call Donna Enstad 701-840-0348, Mavis Lura 701-238-4147, or Cathy Chatelain 701-261-2707

### MUGG (Men Under God's Guidance)

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30pm at the Fargo Tap House. For all men. We will gather after work for food and fellowship.

## Help Hurricane Victims!

Those affected by the hurricanes in the southeastern United States and the Caribbean are still in desperate need! The powerful winds, rain, and flooding has left countless people without homes or access to basic necessities, such as food. Your gifts will bring long-term help and hope to those affected by the hurricanes.

For more information or to donate, please visit **ELCA.org/disaster** or contact the church office.

### "HAPPY FEET"

#### St. John Foot Care Clinic

We have volunteers to pamper your feet and trained personnel to trim your nails—all while you enjoy coffee and visit with friends! The next upcoming date is Tuesday, October 17 in the parlor. Schedule an appointment by calling Cathy Chatelain 701-261-2707 or 701-293-6772. Cost is \$18 paid to Sanford Home Health.

### RECONCILING IN CHRIST

This is a group focusing on ways in which St. John may actively serve the LGBTQ community. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at St. John. Contact: Stephanie Christeson 701-478-4145.

Wednesday Night Worship—Coming in January!

October 2017

1 8:30 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Cross+Walk (FH) 9:45 AM - 10:35 AM 2nd Grade Bible Basics Gathering 9:45 AM ADULT FORUM: Roy Hammerling - "Martin Luther & The 95 Theses: The 1st Door on the Road to Reformation" (S) 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM New Member Orientation (B11) 10:45 AM Worship/Communion 7:00 PM AA (FH)	2 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pre-school Early Drop 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Kindermusik (MR) 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool 1:30 PM Staff Mtg (CR) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kinder-musik (MR)	3 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pre-school Early Drop 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR) 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Quilters (B11) 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM IEP for Preschool (FH) 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kinder-musik (MR) 6:30 PM Committee Night	4 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pre-school Early Drop 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 5:00 PM Kids' Handbells (B11) 5:30 PM Adult Handbells (B11) 5:30 PM Children's Choir (MR) 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Dinner (FH) 6:15 PM Confirmation Gr 6 thru 9 (P) 7:00 PM St. John Choir (S)	5 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pre-school Early Drop 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR) 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kinder-musik (MR)	6 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pre-school Early Drop 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR) 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Women United Luncheon (P) 5:00 PM Unterseher/Reiners Wedding Rehearsal	7 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA 4:00 PM Unterseher/Reiners Wedding
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Join us for the CROP Walk  
Sunday, October 1

In the fall of each year, St. John has been one of the congregations who have participated in the CROP Walk which is held to help support areas of hunger need both domestically as well as worldwide.

This year’s walk will be held Sunday, October 1, beginning at 1:30pm. It will start at First United Church of Christ, **406 8th St S, Moorhead**. Walkers may choose a 5K (around three miles) or a 10K (around six miles). Each participant is encouraged to give a financial donation.

For more information, contact  
Allan Peterson at 701-282-4644.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 8TH**

There will be a New Member Orientation here at St. John on October 1st between worship services from 9:45am-10:30am downstairs in room B11.

If you can’t make it to an orientation, please make arrangements to meet with Pastor Erick or Pastor Brian.

New members will be recognized during worship services on October 8th.



Searching for a way to serve your community?

**Join AmeriCorps!**

AmeriCorps Legacy Corps for Veterans and Military Families is looking for individuals 17 years of age and older to serve as respite volunteers in the following counties:  
**Becker, Clay, Norman, Otter Tail, Traverse and Wilkin.**

Volunteer 450 hours in a 12-month period of time and receive a monthly living allowance plus eligibility for an education award of approximately **\$1,500**. Volunteer work involves providing safety and companionship for persons age sixty or older with a chronic health condition so family caregivers can take a break.

**Interested persons in Becker, Cass (Fargo), Clay (Moorhead), Norman, Otter Tail, Traverse and Wilkin counties please contact:**

**Tara Giese at 218-233-7521 or 1-800-488-4146 or tara.giese@lssmn.org**



ST. JOHN FOUNDATION NEWS

ST. JOHN FOUNDATION REPORT

At the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the St. John Lutheran Church Foundation Board, funding was approved in response to financial requests as follows:

- \$3,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane relief
- \$2,156 to the St. John Christian Preschool from the Aaron & Holly Nissen Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is awarded annually and used by the preschool for scholarships to attend our preschool.

The board disbursed a total of \$12,257 to fund various projects, organizations and scholarships last year – and \$10,580 already this year. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the St. John Foundation to support continued outreach giving! Several donations to the foundation have already been made this year in the form of memorial gifts, and the thoughtfulness of each one is sincerely appreciated.

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](mailto:jjabens@stjohnfargo.com) or [office@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com)). The foundation board’s next meeting is scheduled in December 2017.

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

Committee Reports

**Worship & Music Committee:** What do we do? We provide ushers, readers of scripture, and assisting ministers (who write their own prayers) for worship. The Altar Guild falls under our committee. They are the women & men who help set up communion, change the paraments, and decorate the sanctuary. ALL GROUPS could use new members.

Please contact Dawn Papenfuss if you are interested.  
[dawn@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:dawn@stjohnfargo.com)

Memorials, Honorariums & Special Gifts

<b>General Memorial Fund:</b>	<b>St. John Christian Preschool:</b>
<i>In Memory of Don Dresser:</i>	The Sarah and BJ Knutson Family
Donard and Carolyn Thue	

Children, Youth and Family

6th-9th Grade  
CONFIRMATION

- October 4—Learning
- October 11—Fellowship
- October 18—No Class
- October 25—Learning
- November 1—Service project  
Great Plains & Churches United

Thank you, confirmation students who helped spread mulch and clean up the church yard!

**Chaperones wanted!** - Interested in being an adult leader for one or more middle or high school events? Contact Jeremy!

Call or text: 218-205-2698  
Email: [jeremy@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:jeremy@stjohnfargo.com)

Thinking about learning guitar? Contact Jeremy about **free guitar lessons**.

Upcoming Youth Events

- October**
- 8 - H.S. – LOL: Living Out Loud 5:30-8pm
  - 13 - H.S. - Haunted Corn Maze
  - 14 - M.S. - Haunted Corn Maze
  - 29 - Confirmation Day

- November**
- 12 - H.S. – LOL: Living Out Loud
  - 19 - H.S. – Movie/Game Night
  - 15 - Operation Christmas Child  
Packing boxes during confirmation, open to all church members.

**New this year - LOL: Living Out Loud** Every 2nd Sunday of the month 5:30-8pm. High school students are invited to meet in the youth room to hang out and chat about what it means to live as a Christian teen. Expect movies, games, in-depth discussions and always plenty of food!

**High School** (H.S.) - students in grades 9-12.  
**Middle School** (M.S.) - students in grades 6-8. Youth programming will be scheduled in conjunction with confirmation.

CROSS+WALK

(Age 3–Grade 5)

We kicked off a new year of CROSS+WALK as we learned about friendship with our “Lunch Room” theme in September, exploring how God’s love showed through the people in the Bible who were friends to David, Saul, Peter, and Job.

Come see our new theme in October, as we “Refocus” and talk about how we can always be thankful!

New to CROSS+WALK or just curious? Come join us! We meet Sundays at 9:45am downstairs in the fellowship hall. Come at 9:30am for family fellowship time! Through large and small group settings, we show everyone in the family how to live out their faith every day—at home, at school, and in the community.

Questions? Contact Erin Bjerke at the church office 701-232-8521 or [ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com)

Attention 2nd Grade Families!

You’re invited to our Bible Milestone! We will hold classes to go over the basics of the Bible with your 2nd graders on **October 1 & 8** during CROSS+WALK. Please plan to attend both sessions.

Bibles will be presented during worship **October 15**.

Preschool News

St. John Christian Preschool is off to a great year with 78 children enrolled. Each month preschoolers learn about a new country. We explored customs, food, clothing, animals, and artifacts from Nicaragua this month. Preschool sponsors two children from Nicaragua. We pray for them and sponsor them financially so that they may attend a Christian preschool and have access to dental/medical care.

Jana Bruhschwein  
Preschool Director  
St. John Christian Preschool