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THE FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10TH!

RETURNING TO TWO SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT

8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. ON RALLY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Blessing of the Backpacks at both services - Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship for a special blessing!

CROSS+WALK KICKOFF AT 9:30 A.M.

*****WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH:*****

5:00 p.m. - Kids' Handbells (Room B11)

5:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells (Room B11)

5:30 p.m. - Children's Choir (Music Room by Kitchen)

7:00 p.m. - St. John Choir (Sanctuary)

SUNDAYS STARTING SEPTEMBER 10th:

8:30 a.m. - Worship/Communion

9:30 a.m. - Cross+Walk (Fellowship Hall)

10:45 a.m. - Worship/Communion

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH:

6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Meeting for Parents and Students Grades 6 thru 9 (Sanctuary)

RALLY SUNDAY ALL-CHURCH BONFIRE GRILLOUT!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME KICK OFF THE NEW SEASON! EAT HOTDOGS, SIT BY THE FIRE AND SING SOME CAMPFIRE SONGS. BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR AND, OPTIONALLY, A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE. WE'LL PROVIDE THE HOTDOGS, CHIPS, AND S'MORES. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 FROM 5:30-7:30 P.M. RIGHT HERE AT ST. JOHN!

SENIOR HIGH KIDS: YOU'RE INVITED TO STICK AROUND FROM 7:30-9:00 FOR A LATE-NIGHT BONFIRE!



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control."

A Note From the Pastor

“Come and See!”

In the beginning of the Gospel of John, Jesus invites his first disciples to come and see. Jesus wants them to come and see what God has in store for them, what God is up to in the world. The disciples join Jesus and their lives are changed forever.

In the same way, we are being invited to join God’s amazing work in the world. We are invited to come and see all that God has in store for us. At St. John, we are excited about the start of pro-gram year on Sunday, September 10th with worship at 8:30 and 10:45 and education hour at 9:30. Join us as we begin our annual journey through the story of God’s love for all people. Come and see how this love makes a difference in your life. Come and see where God is leading St. John and how we all can be a part of God’s story as it unfolds in the world.

I’m excited to see where God is leading us as a church. I’ve only been at St. John for about one month, but I’ve already learned that this is a wonderful church. I’m excited to get to know you and to find out how God is at work in each and every one of your lives. God’s promise of love and grace is certain to make a difference in your life. Come and see!!

Peace,
Pastor Erick

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
OCTOBER 8TH

New Member Orientations will be held here at St. John on September 24th and October 1st between worship services from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Please try to come to one of these two orientations or make arrangements to meet with Pastor Erick or Pastor Brian if you are unable to be here on one of these two Sundays.

FAITH CHEST MINISTRY

The old guys making the faith chests for baptisms are retiring this year.
If this ministry is to continue, please help find replacements now!
Call Roland Enstad 701-840-0591 or Wes Myhre 701-232-0213
for more information. We will provide training to all volunteers.

MUSIC NOTES by Dawn Papenfuss

CHOIR ARE STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 6th!!!!

Please look below to see where your child or you fit in!!!!

- 5:00 Kids Handbell group (grade 3 & up) - Room B11
- 5:30 Children’s Choir (age 4-grade 5) - Music Room (by Kitchen)
- 5:30-6:30 Adult Handbells - Room B11
- 7-8pm Adult Choir



We encourage new people to join! All groups are very welcoming. If your child is age 4, the first rehearsal will help them feel more comfortable. It’s ok to “try choir” at any age. I suggest you try 3 rehearsals before you or your child make a final decision.

Call Dawn 701-388-4200 with any questions. Invite others to join!

Choir Performance Schedule for September:

- Sept. 10 8:30 open
- 10:45 St. John Choir
- Sept. 17 Worship Band at both
- Sept. 24 8:30 St. John Choir
- 10:45 Children’s Choir

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Thank you SO much to everyone who helped make the Corn Feed a success again this year. We are so grateful for you! In addition, we thank all those who came to eat and who donated generously. We were able to meet our combined matches of \$1,000 and grossed over \$4,900 total! Also, thanks to Kevin Kroke and Kathy & Jeff Botnen for their matching donations. We look forward to another inspiring year in Worship & Music!

"YOUNG AT HEART"

For all who are mature in years, but young in spirit.
Please join us for coffee, treats, and Christian fellowship in the parlor and share our summer vacation highlights as we get back in the swing of YAH.
Thursday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m.
All are Welcome! Questions?
Call Donna Enstad 701-840-0348, Mavis Lura 701-238-4147, Cathy Chatelain 701-261-2707

WOMEN AND WINE

Women and Wine will meet at Diane Wiesenborn’s home on Thursday, September 28, starting at 6:30 p.m. Address is 505 11th Ave. N. in Moorhead. All women of St. John are welcome and are invited to bring a friend!

MUGG (Men Under God’s Guidance)

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

"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. Upcoming dates are Tuesday, September 19 & 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.

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 2:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. 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

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 6:30 p.m. at St. John. Contact: Stephanie Christeson 701-478-4145

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 AM Worship/Communion 10:30 AM Nat'l Youth Gathering Interest Mtg (8th-12th Grade) 7:00 PM AA	28 6:30 PM Trax of Faith rehearsal	29 9:30 AM Staff Mtg	30 5:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg	31	1	2 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA
3 9:30 AM Worship/Communion 7:00 PM AA	4 CHURCH CLOSED IN OB- SERVANCE OF LABOR DAY	5 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Preschool Back to School Open House 9:30 AM Staff Mtg 6:30 PM Committee Night	6 Choirs Start! 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool Back to School Open House 5:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 5:00 PM Kids' Handbells 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM St. John Choir	7 Preschool Begins! 6:30 PM Trax of Faith rehearsal	8 Preschool Begins!	9 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA
10 Rally Sunday 8:30 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Cross+Walk Kickoff 10:45 AM Worship/Communion 5:30 PM All-Church Bonfire Grillout! 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Senior High Bonfire	11 5:30 PM MUGG Night 6:30 PM Trax of Faith rehearsal	12 9:30 AM Staff Mtg 2:00 PM Shanley HS -use of pkg lot 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg 6:30 PM Reconciling In Christ Group Mtg	13 5:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 5:00 PM Kids' Handbells 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM CONFIRMATION Mtg- Parents & Students Grades 6-9 7:00 PM St. John Choir	14 10:00 AM Young at Heart	15	16 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA 4:30 PM Baumgarten/Wolf Wedding
17 8:30 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Cross+Walk 10:45 AM Worship/Communion 7:00 PM AA	18	19 8:00 AM Foot Care Clinic 9:30 AM Staff Mtg 6:30 PM Church Council	20 5:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 5:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 5:00 PM Kids' Handbells 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM St. John Choir	21	22	23 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA 3:00 PM Conley/ Kugler Wedding
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Youth and Family

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation meeting for students in grades 6 to 9 and their parents on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Meet in the sanctuary

Come and learn about our great confirmation program! Our focus is on learning to become members of the church, the body of Christ. We will be emphasizing three different areas: learning, service, and fellowship. On many Wednesdays, our format will be a large group presentation on a topic for roughly 30-40 minutes, followed by small group time with parent volunteer mentors. Our goal is that we learn about God's love for all people, and that we all get to know each other and what it means to be a member of the Church.

Hope to see you on September 13th at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary!

Come be a part of an amazing and powerful once in a life time event!!!

The St John youth group is going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Texas next summer **June 25 –July 2, 2018** and I think it would be great if you joined us!!! The trip is for everyone who is currently in **8th-12th grade**, and it truly has the potential of being one of those life-changing experiences that most of us only have an opportunity to experience once. *With the ELCA Youth Gathering you get to participate in volunteer and outreach activities both together as a youth group and with churches from all over the United States. At the gatherings, you will have the opportunity to meet people from churches as far away as Hawaii and New York and as close to home as Moorhead.*

We at St. John want to do everything in our power to make this opportunity accessible for all, no matter their financial situation, so if the trip cost is a concern, know that we have a plan in place to make sure that everyone who is interested will have the ability to go.

If you are even a little bit interested or you're wondering if this might be an event that makes sense for you or your friends, please call/text/email me! I'd be happy to visit with you about it.

Jeremy Maahs, Youth Programming Director
 218-205-2698/jmaahs@stjohnfargo.com



ST. JOHN FOUNDATION NEWS

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 seminary 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's next board meeting will be scheduled early this fall.

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

WELCOME ERIN BJERKE!

Hello, everyone!
My name is Erin Bjerke, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Youth Education Director and Office Secretary! I grew up in the small farming community of Page, ND and graduated from Concordia College in 2015 with a degree in communication studies and Spanish. While in college, I spent my summers on staff at Red Willow Bible Camp and, most recently, I have been a camp and youth ministry intern at Heartland Camps in Parkville, MO. With six summers of camp ministry under my belt, I'm excited to use my experiences at Red Willow and Heartland to bless the youth program (and the office) here at St. John!



CONSTRUCTION NEWS!

As a part of the Belmont Park neighborhood flood risk reduction project, the storm sewer lift station currently located just southeast of the church building is being moved from the east side of Lindenwood Drive to the west side. Work is well underway and is scheduled for completion by the end of October. With preschool summer camps in session here at the church, the return of our beloved preschoolers in September, and safety on our minds, barriers have been placed at the center of the parking lot to slow traffic. The parking lot remains accessible from both 5th Street South and Lindenwood Drive; we're simply eliminating thru (detour!) traffic. The barriers are being removed for Sunday worship and all other events taking place at the church.



Fellowship Hour in the parlor on Sunday mornings 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! The sign-up sheet is on the east wall in the parlor, near the clock.

Did you know that...

...in addition to more than 475 human residents, Bethany Retirement Living is home to nearly two dozen animals? Dogs, cats, birds, and fish are an important part of the whole-person care provided to residents. Countless studies have shown the positive impact of having pets around to provide entertainment, activity and improvement to a variety of health factors - as well as an opportunity to give and receive a little LOVIN'! Bethany's pets are cared for by employees and volunteers. If you'd like to help, please contact Jessica Peck at 701-239-3246 or Laurie Schnabel at 701-478-8904.



Memorials, Honorariums & Special Gifts

General Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Gordon Langseth:

Ruth & LeRoy Jackson, Doug & Char Grant

Good Samaritan Emergency Assistance Fund:

In Memory of Ray Odegard:

Wes Myhre

In Memory of Al Krieger:

Wes Myhre

Special Music Fund:

In Memory of Gene Iverson:

Clifford & Marlys Young

In Memory of Dorothy Estenson:

Kevin Estenson, Marilyn Farsdale,

Jay & Gary Estenson

In Memory of Gordon Langseth:

Robin & Gaylon Anderson

St. John Foundation:

In Memory of Carol Prien:

Robert & Suzanne Schultz