

**Memorials and
Honorariums**

Churches United for the Homeless:

In Memory of Dean Lokken:

Vicki Sola

ELCA World Hunger:

In Memory of Cheryl Urbach:

Elwood & LaVon Rieke

General Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Elaine Benner:

Anderson, Helgen, Davis & Celafu, P.A./David Anderson

In Memory of Cheryl Urbach:

Lyle & Rosalie Fritz, Tim & Elise Meyer, C. & M. Piatz

Good Samaritan Committee Fund:

In Memory of Cheryl Urbach:

Jeri Ekstrom, Joyce Meyer, Carol Stevens, Mary Ann Walen

Special Music Fund:

In Memory of Cheryl Urbach:

Bruce & Lois Nelson

Youth Fund:

In Memory of Cheryl Urbach:

Robert & Bonnie Ames, Eric & Stephanie Christeson, Fred & Judy Haugo

2016 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

As of January 21st, 119 pledges totaling \$336,194 have been received for the general operating fund. For comparison purposes, St. John's recent pledge history is;

2015:110 pledges totaling: \$327,472

2014:113 pledges totaling \$394,180

In addition to the pledge responses received for this new year, we have 32 households with established, recurring Simply Giving transactions totaling \$83,804 annually. These electronic contributions, combined with the 119 pledge responses, add up to a total of \$419,998.

Every one of St. John's households giving faithfully, whether by envelope, electronic transfer, or cash in the offering plate, committed by means of a pledge card or not, provides essential support to the ministries and outreach of this church. Thank you for this support!

Upcoming Adult Forums

January 31 Dr. Fauzia Haider—
Our Muslim Neighbors

February 7 Youth Musical — **No Adult Forum**

February 14 Tifani Luschen

February 21 & 28 Charlie Axness—
Creating an environment of
Hospitality

Women and Wine

The next Women and Wine event will be held at Dawn Papenfuss' home (4401 4th St. S in Moorhead) on Thursday, Feb. 18th starting at 6:30 pm. All St. John women are invited for fun and fellowship; bring a friend too! You are welcome (but not required) to bring a beverage or food to share.



St. John Lutheran Church

Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE HERALD

Volume 116, Issue 2

Community in Christ: Christ in Community

February 2016

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL:

"Rescue in the Night"

Sunday, Feb. 7 at both services
(8:30 and 10:45)

The story about Daniel in the Lions Den and all the events that led up to it! We will even have lions and a lion pit!

Ash Wednesday: February 10

Worship: 6:30pm

Lenten Supper: 5:30-6:30pm

Join us on Ash Wednesday with mass choirs and violinist, Jane Capistran. Remember to wear black!



In This Issue

- Notes from the Pastor
- Upcoming Events
- Youth and Family Events
- February Calendar
- Music Notes

DON'T MISS THE BOAT

During Lent, we will take a look at different boats and connect them to faith. Pastor Brian shared this quote which is often attributed to John A. Shedd, "A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are made for." Many sanctuaries are built by using the common construction of early wooden ships and Jesus did a great amount of ministry while sitting, sleeping, or stilling the storm in a boat, Join us at the end of the dock, jump on a boat, and let us journey together through difficult waters and rough seas.

Wednesday Worship Topics: Cruise Liner, Speed Boat, Canoe, Sail Boat, Fishing Boat, Life Raft

*If you have a canoe, kayak, heavy gauge fish netting, oars, life preserver or other fun nautical equipment please let us know as we'd love to decorate our sanctuary.

WICKED WATERS

Since we'll be spending most of our Wednesdays during lent in boats, we thought it would be fun to take a journey through some of the biblical stories where water was a significant part of the story. So we hope you'll join us for four Sunday's as we journey with Jonah, Noah, Peter and Paul into the wicked waters of a life in faith.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - General Fund	
\$4,468	Wednesday 01/13 thru Sunday 01/17 Offering Plate
\$8,093	Electronic Giving 01/14 thru 01/20
\$12,561	Total Offering
\$29,365	Income thru 01/20/16

St. John Annual Meeting 2016

During our Annual Meeting held on January 24, 2016, 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)

Rachel Rude, Shawn Vasichek, Larry Papenfuss, Dean Froslie, Janis Keller

Nominating Committee: (1 year term)

Trevor Christianson, Carroll Gjovik, Darrin Hawley, Heidi Twedt, Sadie Thompson, Karen Thompson

Voting members to Fargo Conference & Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly: (1 year term) Bonnie Ames, Robert Ames, Carroll Gjovik

St. John Foundation: (3 year term) 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

Dear St. John Lutheran members,

In July, 2011 you extended me a call as your Senior Pastor and we began our journey together at St. John. These last years of ministry with you have been incredibly fulfilling. Serving you at the Lord's Table, bringing you a word of hope during a funeral, uniting a couple in marriage, confirming your teenagers in faith, washing your babies through baptism, and connecting with you in life have been experiences that I cherish. Growing and living out faith in Christ together has brought me great joy.

Many of you know that my wife Jill has been studying at NDSU for a doctorate in Exercise Science and Nutrition. On December 8th Jill defended her dissertation and she will graduate May, 2016. Jill's dream since she worked with Native American students at a tribal college in Bismarck has been to teach, mentor, and work with students and focus her research on health and educational success of Native American youth. Last fall, Jill was invited to interview and was subsequently offered a position as an Assistant Professor at the University of Wyoming. Through deep prayer and discernment, our family has decided to pursue this opportunity and will relocate to Laramie, WY this summer.

It has been exciting to see my wife pursue her dreams and experience success. Throughout our marriage journey, Jill has changed jobs, relocated, and pursued multiple opportunities as I have been called around Christ's church. Our support for each other in our vocational journey is reciprocal and part of my call is to offer support and encouragement as she embarks on a new beginning as a faculty member. I am delighted to support Jill's call as Assistant Professor and show my care and encouragement as she has shown me. Therefore, I will resign as Senior Pastor. My last Sunday at St. John will be in July.

Please know there is plenty of ministry for us to focus on during this time of transition. Church council conversations and initiatives this year have led to a renewed focus on hospitality. We are also creating a technology committee that will assist with our website, email, security cameras, virus protection, and social media. Another primary area of focus will be visioning and planning for youth and family education and faith connections at St. John. We remain focused on our congregation's debt and will continue to raise awareness about financial giving with our capital campaign. Currently we are working with a sanctuary committee to assess our sanctuary's use of space and media. We will also continue to empower volunteers for ministry and focus on the role of our Stephen Ministers to provide one-on-one care for congregational members.

At Christmas we proclaim "Emmanuel", which means God with us. God has always been on this journey and may God's Spirit rest upon St. John and upon my family during this time of transition.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Nathan Keith

Music Notes by Dawn Papenfuss

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL: "RESCUE IN THE NIGHT" (Written by Tom Long and Allen Pote).

Sunday, Feb. 7, 8:30 AND 10:45am!

Sometimes laughter has a way of opening people to experience the presence of God. With this in mind, we offer a musical about Daniel: a light-hearted, but faithful rendition of the Biblical story of courage and trust. Please support these 40 children. See 20 lions and evil, plotting advisors, Heralds & King Darius, the People of Babylon...and sincere Daniel, as they re-enact this biblical story.

Dress Rehearsal will be February 3rd! We will meet from 5-6:15. Please be continue to practice lines with your children. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday Feb. 10 - No Choir Rehearsal

However, everyone who knows "Surely it is God" is invited to sing at 6:45! Please wear ALL BLACK.

Feb. 3-Dress Rehearsal

Feb. 7-Musical

Feb. 10 - Ash Wednesday MASS choirs and past kids from choir

"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 Christian fellowship, food and fun.

Thursday, February 11 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a Pot Luck Luncheon. If you can't cook, come anyway. We'll visit Hawaii with pictures and program by Dave and Gini Duval.

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

All are Welcome!

"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. Particularly helpful to those with foot health issues. Up-coming dates are Tuesdays Feb. 16 and March 15 in the Parlor. To schedule an appointment call Cathy Chatelain 293-6772 or 261-2707. Cost is \$16 paid to Sanford Home Health.

Foot Care at The Gladys Ray Shelter

Members of the Good Samaritan Committee will provide foot care for residents of the Gladys Ray Shelter on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 6-8:00PM. The shelter at 1519 1st Ave. S. provides overnight housing to about thirty men and women actively abusing drugs or alcohol. We will wash and massage their feet, trim nails and give them new socks.

You can help by donating socks for men and women.

Please place in the box located in the narthex.

Questions: Cathy Chatelain 261-2707

Yoga! (led by Gini Duval)

Yoga means to join, attach, or unite. The intention of Christian based Yoga is to integrate and balance all layers of life body, mind, heart, intellect and spirit.

Please consider Joining us!

St. John Lutheran Church
1710 5th Street South
Fargo, ND 58103

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

THE HERALD

February 2016
Published 12 times/year
Vol. #116, Issue #2

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage Paid
Permit #1040
Fargo, ND 58102

St. John Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9 am-4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am-2 pm

- 8 RULES TO A BETTER LIFE**
1. NEVER HATE
 2. DONT WORRY
 3. LIVE SIMPLY
 4. EXPECT A LITTLE
 5. GIVE A LOT
 6. ALWAYS SMILE
 7. LIVE WITH LOVE
 8. BEST OF ALL, BE WITH GOD

Contact Us

St. John Lutheran Church
1710 5th St. S., Fargo, ND 58103
701-232-8521 e-mail: office@stjohnfargo.com;
www.stjohnfargo.com

The Ministry Team of St. John: All the People of God, along with
Rev. Nathan Keith, Rev. Brian Hansen, Pastors
Dawn Papenfuss, Director of Music/Organist
Rachel Coen-Tuff, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Jackie Jabens, Finance/Office Manager
Carly Rogne, Secretary Randy Shone, Custodian
Jana Bruhschwein, Preschool Director
Kellie Knodel, Cheryl Dietz, Katie Olson, Preschool Teachers
Peggy Hammerling, Recorders Jessica Westgard, Handbells
Editor: Carly Rogne, Articles accepted before
1 pm Friday, February 12th for the March 16' Herald.

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Rachel Coen-Tuff, Director of Youth and Family Ministry 701-232-8521, Rachel@stjohnfargo.com

"Family ministry is a process, not a product." Nancy Goeing.

St John has had the blessing to take a leap of faith in our vision for Children, Youth, and Family ministry and move to the family ministry model of Christian Education. Family ministry is when parents become the primary teachers in a child's faith life rather than the pastor, youth director, or another caring adult.

Family ministry moves away from the traditional Sunday school model of having parents drop off a child in a classroom rather than the parent staying with the child. We know from research that parents are the primary model for faith formation, which leads then to young people becoming faithful adults. Family ministry is not a traditional approach to faith formation, which at times maybe frustrating or confusing to new families. When faith education is put into the hands of the parents children are able to create a deeper relationship with God and a deeper relationship with their parent. By providing places of worship for families to grow in faith together we are allowing for meaningful, impactful relationships to take place.

The process of family ministry is a beautiful process to be a part of and to watch take place in our community of faith. When we as a church community open up these spaces we are allowing for families to dig deep relationally with God, and with one another. When we show our support by engaging in family ministry we are also acknowledging the understanding of family ministry as a process of people creating a culture of discipleship which can be pass down to the next generation. When people disciple people we are creating a culture of faithful adults ready to grow in a life with Jesus.

Upcoming Milestone Ministries:

Holy Communion: Wednesdays March 9th & 16th at 5:30pm.

If your child is asking about Communion and wants to participate they are likely ready! These sessions will help children learn what this sacrament is all about. We suggest children participate in this milestone before 5th grade, but older children are welcome.

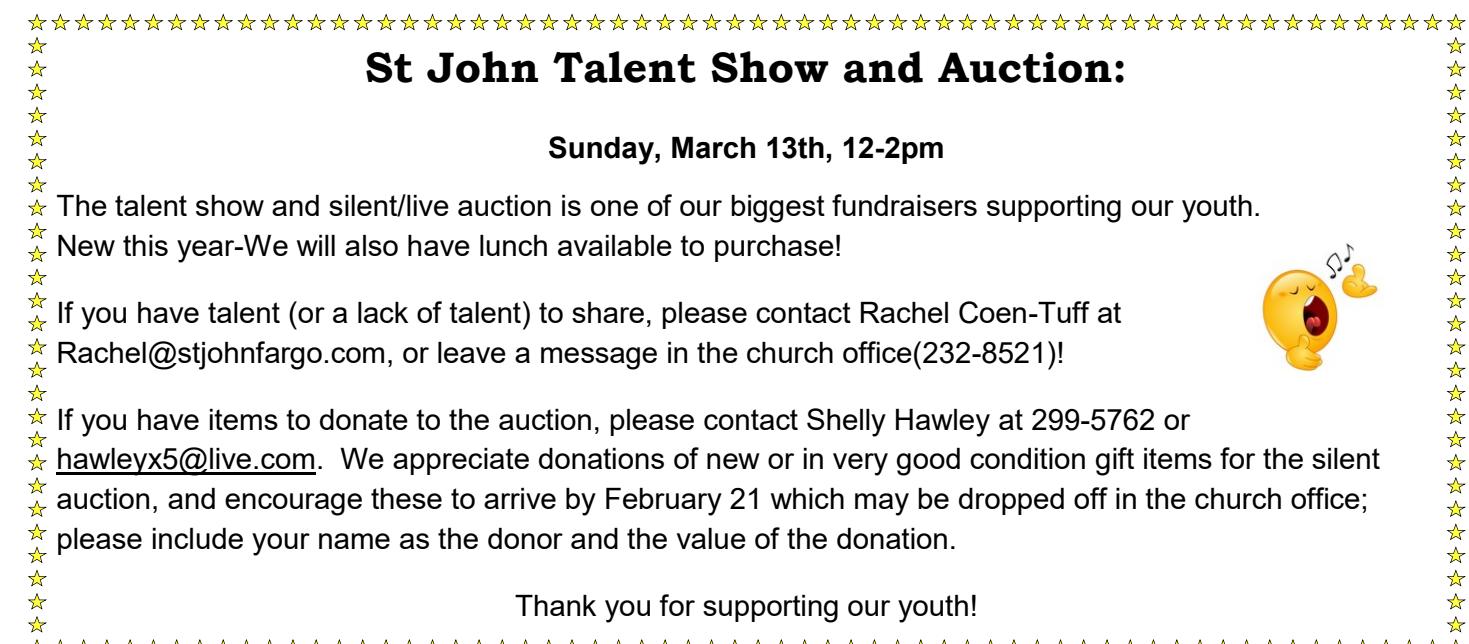
Apostles Creed: 3rd Grade

Sessions: February 7th & 14th

Milestone Sunday February 21st @ 10:45am

3rd-5th Grade Sledding: Sunday February 28th 2:00-4:00pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of sledding! Please dress suitable for outdoor weather, and bring along your sled or your saucer. We will be sledding at Mickelson Park & Softball Fields (901 Oak Street N).



St John Talent Show and Auction:

Sunday, March 13th, 12-2pm

The talent show and silent/live auction is one of our biggest fundraisers supporting our youth.
New this year-We will also have lunch available to purchase!
If you have talent (or a lack of talent) to share, please contact Rachel Coen-Tuff at Rachel@stjohnfargo.com, or leave a message in the church office(232-8521)!
If you have items to donate to the auction, please contact Shelly Hawley at 299-5762 or hawleyx5@live.com. We appreciate donations of new or in very good condition gift items for the silent auction, and encourage these to arrive by February 21 which may be dropped off in the church office; please include your name as the donor and the value of the donation.



Thank you for supporting our youth!