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Summer Worship Schedule

One Sunday worship service at
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The Ministry Team of St. John:
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Vacation Bible School

June 9-12, from 5:30pm-7:30pm,
with supper served 4:45pm-5:30pm

Ages: completed 1 year of Preschool through
5th Grade

Register online at

vbspro.events/p/events/stjohnpnt or contact the
church office. Once you've registered, you can pick
up your t-shirt in the church office!

Cost: suggested donation of \$15/kid or \$25/family

Questions? Contact Erin at 701-232-8521 or
ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com



Volunteer Opportunities!

See page 8 for more information.

Musical Coming to St. John: "Godspell"

Monday, June 17 at 6:30pm here at St. John

Come see the New Testament parables brought to life in this family-friendly event! The musical "Godspell" will be performed by New Wine Ministry of Zion Lutheran in Cloquet, MN. Free will offering. See page 3 for more information.

A Note from the Pastor...

Grace and Apostleship

St. John’s Church Council has recently been working on updated vision and mission statements. Through this process we’re learning a lot about who we are as a church and what the purpose of St. John is. As we get closer to our updated statements, I was reminded of a phrase from Paul’s letter to the Romans. In the very beginning of the first chapter, Paul is introducing himself and describing his understanding of his ministry. In verse 5, he claims the foundation of his ministry is through the “grace and apostleship” given him by Christ.

It is this same grace and apostleship that forms and shapes our vision and mission of the church. We begin in grace; God’s grace given to us through Jesus Christ. The beginnings of the Christian life are found in the grace given to us in baptism, declared to us in proclamation, and experienced through the Lord’s Supper. It is grace that brings us into God’s family as inheritors of eternal life, and grace that defines our relationship with God. And, most importantly, it is the free gift of God’s love expressed through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that creates our faith and makes us Christians.

In the freedom that God gives us as Christians, we are then able to be apostles. The Greek word “apostle” literally means “to be sent forth.” As apostles, we are sent forth into the world to be good news for all people. As apostles, we are, as Martin Luther put it, “Little Christs” in the world. We are given the free gift of grace and then called to give grace and love abundantly into the lives of family, friends, neighbors, and most importantly, strangers. As apostles, we bear Christ’s redeeming and creative Word of grace to the entire world.

St. John lives in the wonderful, dual identity of grace and apostleship. It is the church, a place for grace, forgiveness, joy, hope, celebration and community. And, this church is filled with apostles: gathered by the Holy Spirit so that they might be sent out into the world. We are people who are called to be grace-filled in our various vocations and life situations. Above all we are God’s beloved children, surrounded and blessed by the gift of God’s presence in our lives, now and forever.

Peace,

Pastor Erick

St. John Hires New Office and Finance Manager

We are pleased to welcome John Bell to the St. John staff! John will start in his position as the new Office and Finance Manager on June 4, when he will prepare to take over Jackie Jabens’s position when she retires in late June.

Jackie Jabens Retirement Celebration

Be on the lookout for a celebration of Jackie Jabens’s time at St. John on June 23.

Family Camping Trip

Friday - Sunday, June 21-23 (come for one or both nights)

Fort Ransom State Park, ND (about 1.5 hours from Fargo)

Cost: \$25/night for campsite with water & electricity (these are pull thru sites with 30 amp, also great for tents)

Check in: 4:00pm, Check out: 3:00pm

Trailers and tents welcome in these sites. Extra tents may be available. If you would like to camp but are short a tent, ask Jeremy.

Reservations: Please make your own reservations at the park website: <https://travel.parkrecnd.com/Make-A-Reservation>

Choose the West Side Campground - Sites 23, 24, 25, 26, 19 and 21 are all together.

Or ask Jeremy or Bethany to reserve one for you.

We are looking forward to camping together!

Kids’ Guitar Group

We will continue to meet over the summer.
Contact Jeremy for more details: 218-205-2698

Preschool News

Preschool celebrated the end of the year with the spring programs. Our theme was “We can change the world.” We had over 500 people attend our 4 programs. We are so grateful to our families and classroom volunteers. We still have openings and scholarships available for the fall. If you know of a child in need of a great Christian education, send them our way!

—Jana Bruhschwein, Preschool Director

Upcoming Youth Events

June 9-12: Volunteer Opportunity: VBS

June 21-23: Family Camping

Coming soon: Redhawks Game (keep a look out for more information!)

Ping Pong Table: THANK YOU!

A special thanks to Paulette and Jack Roberts for their generous gift of a ping pong table and supplies for the youth!

A Note from Jeremy...

The grass is growing, trees are flowering, and everything is green with new life! For the youth, some are graduating out and a new group of soon-to-be ninth graders are joining the high school ranks. We're starting to get excited about our new plans for Sunday and Wednesday youth groups, touching up the youth room decor, and of course, our trip to Colorado later this summer! On a personal note, we've got a new life a our house too! Our little girl Raina Grace Maahs was born on May 24th, and if you don't see as much of me this month, it's because I'm enjoying my new role as dad! Thank you very much to everyone who supported us at our shower or with notes, encouragement, and prayers! Julie and I feel so blessed to be a part of this community and we're looking forward to you all being a part of Raina's life!

Peace,

Jeremy

Come to Red Willow Bible Camp this Summer!

We would like to invite all of our youth to consider coming to a camp session at Red Willow Bible Camp this summer! Erin will be there the week of July 7-12. That week, there will be a 3-day camp for grades 2-3 and a 6-day camp for grades 4-6. If those dates don’t work for you, or if you’re older (grades 7-12) or younger (grades K-2), other dates are available online at redwillowbiblecamp.org.

St. John wants to cover 33% of the cost for you to go to camp, so be sure to use our church code: **SJF19** when signing up! We don’t want the cost of camp to be a deterrent for any family, so there is additional campership money available from Red Willow and from St. John. For more information, contact Jeremy (jeremy@stjohnfargo.com) or Erin (ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com).

Children, Youth and Family

Congrats, Grads!

On Sunday May 19 during worship services, we recognized our high school seniors graduating this spring. This was their final Milestone in our Milestones Ministry program, where we formally recognize the major events in the life and faith of our students. The following graduates were recognized with a blessing and the special gift of a personalized bath towel. There was also a cake reception between worship services.

- Parker Christensen

Tyler Desherlia

Nathan Hongerholt
- Alex Janssen

Nathan Olson

Eleacia Sherbrooke
- Patrick Smith

Noah Thompson

Aiden Vollmers

Vacation Bible School

Volunteer Opportunities!

If you're an adult or a teen, there's still time for you to get involved with VBS! We're still looking for volunteers to serve in the following areas:

Work with the kids. Small group leaders guide kids from one activity to the next and participate with them.

Decorate/set up or tear down. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes before and after a week of VBS!

If you are interested, please contact Erin at ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com or 701-232-8521.



Volunteer Training, Orientation & Setup

Who: St. John & Pontoppidan VBS Volunteers

What: Volunteer orientation, training & setup

When: Wednesday, June 5, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Where: St. John Lutheran

Volunteers, please join us for an evening of preparation for our upcoming VBS! This will be a time to get your bearings, ask questions, and get to know your fellow volunteers. Supper provided.

Wanted: Safari Animals

We are looking to borrow a few stuffed safari animals to decorate for VBS! If you have stuffed animals at home such as lions, elephants, and giraffes (oh my!) that we could borrow the week of VBS, please contact Erin at 701-232-8521 or ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com



Pentecost: June 9

Don't forget to wear red for worship on Sunday, June 9 at 9:30am

GODSPELL – A playful retelling of the Gospel

The musical “Godspell” has been around for nearly 50 years. Much of the dialogue comes directly from scripture. Jesus’s teachings, his parables, and his confrontation with the scribes and Pharisees, come directly from the gospel of Matthew. Even the songs come from the book of Psalms, from classic hymns, and from ancient prayers. The musical brings you into the good news of Jesus with playfulness and joy. It draws you into the life of the disciples as they learn through teachings and parables what it means to follow Jesus. New Wine brings a creative, 21st century vibe to “Godspell”. Rapping parables, dance, audience participation, and a ton of humor create a fresh “Godspell” experience that will be enjoyed by people of all ages.

The students in this year’s New Wine production express the joy of the good news of Jesus. As they act out the parables, teachings, and passion of Jesus, they draw us into that good news. We, who hear the good news, are the “light of the world.” We get to spread the light and the good news of God’s amazing love, not in a make-believe, play-acting world, but in our daily lives as we let God’s love flow through us. Come experience the joy and love of New Wine’s “Godspell”!

Pastor Loren Anderson-Bauer
Zion Lutheran Church
Cloquet, Minnesota

About New Wine....

New Wine is a Christian youth musical/drama ministry of Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet, Minnesota. The group’s name is inspired by the 5th chapter of Luke where Jesus challenges us to get rid of the old categories in which we thought about religion and relationships with God, and pour our new wine into new wineskins. The group promotes Christian fellowship, friendships and understanding among the students, who come from varied denominational backgrounds and traditions. We are thankful this ministry has continued for 27 years! This year’s New Wine tour group consists of 50 students, grades 9-12. Five area school districts are represented as well as 17 different area churches. <https://zioncloquet.org/new-wine/>

Coming Soon: New Photo Directory

Keep watching the Herald for more information about a new photo directory this fall. Lifetouch Photography will be at St. John to photograph members on the following dates: July 30 - August 1; October 21 - 23

Join the St. John Turf Team!

We’re looking for 3-4 individuals or families to mow grass and maintain the church grounds this summer. If you’re interested, please contact Pastor Brian at 701-532-4404 or pastorbrianhansen@hotmail.com.

Synod Assembly: June 8 – 9

On Sunday, June 9, the pastors will be at the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly. We will still have worship that morning at 9:30am. We celebrate Pentecost that day, so don't forget to wear red!

Announcements

ASLESON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Any St. John member who is accepted at an ELCA college or seminary may apply to the St. John Foundation to receive this scholarship. The foundation board manages the fund and will make disbursements. Application forms are available in the church office (701-232-8521 or office@stjohnfargo.com) and must be submitted to the church office by **Monday, June 3, 2019**.

NOTE: Students need to apply each year for this scholarship.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Churches United & Salvation Army

On **Sunday June 2**, 8 to 10 volunteers are requested to prepare and serve dinner from 3:30pm to 7:00pm at Churches United for the Homeless in Moorhead and from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Salvation Army in downtown Fargo. If you are interested in helping with this vital ministry, contact Allan Peterson at 701-282-4644 or 701-715-5482.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour

If you would consider bringing treats or serving coffee and treats between worship services one Sunday this spring, please sign up in the parlor or contact the church office at 701-232-8521 or office@stjohnfargo.com.

This is a great way to meet and welcome all who come to worship at St. John!

Dates are available through the summer to serve after the 9:30am service.

"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, June 18** and **Tuesday, July 16** in the parlor.

Schedule an appointment by calling Cathy Chatelain at 701-261-2707 or 701-293-6772. Cost is \$18 paid to Sanford Home Health.

ST. JOHN FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

If you have a project or a special need (or know someone in the community with a project that fulfills the St. John Foundation’s mission), please consider making a funding request.

Funding request forms are available at the church office or by email (office@stjohnfargo.com).

The foundation board’s next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th, and funding requests received no later than **Monday, June 10 at 4:00pm** will be reviewed at that time.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the St. John Foundation to support continued outreach giving!

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Get Involved!

Book Club Monday, June 3 at 7:00pm here at St. John. We will choose books for next year Questions? Contact Jane Nissen at 701-235-0436.	RECONCILING IN CHRIST This is a group focusing on ways in which St. John may actively serve the LGBTQ community. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 10 at 6:00pm in the Window Lobby. Contact: Luke Papenfuss 701-446-6678
MUGG (Men Under God’s Guidance) Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30pm at the Fargo Ale House. 4445 17th Ave S, Fargo For all men. We will gather after work for food and fellowship. Questions? Call Joel Kangas at 701-235-5924.	Women & Wine All women are invited for an evening of food, drinks, and fun! Usually meets the third Thursday of the month in the evening. Please contact Julie Staigle at 701-361-1824 with any ideas or questions!
Ruth Circle Please join us for Bible study on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Location to be announced.	Rachel Circle Please join us for Bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in the conference room.

Music Notes by Dawn Papenfuss

YOU ARE INVITED to attend GODSPELL (a 70’s musical) at ST. JOHN on Monday evening, June 17 at 6:30pm. The “New Wine” group is a group of 50 high school students from Cloquet, MN. We are hoping that young and old alike will attend this event. Come and see the New Testament parables brought to life!! (They add a number of unique styles of music to this 70’s musical) Invite everyone!! I hope to have a large crowd. (We are starting it at 6:30pm for the younger kids) Free will offering. (We are also housing the group and providing a lasagna supper. Let Dawn know if you want to help serve supper. 701-388-4200)

THANK YOU to the congregation of St. John for your incredible support of me this past month. My surgery went great and I am progressing very quickly! In fact, I’m ahead of the game! I will be back to play organ/piano June 2. I have enjoyed your cards and jokes and food!

WANT TO SHARE YOUR MUSICAL TALENT???? If you would like to play an instrument or sing in church this summer, please let Dawn know. We would love to have a variety of music over the summer. Dawn 701-388-4200; dawn@stjohnfargo.com

The 2019 CORNFEEED will be Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00pm. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We will be asking members of the various music groups to make desserts, serve etc. More in next month’s *Herald*.

ELCA World Hunger Emphasis: THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who contributed to our annual emphasis for ELCA World Hunger. Contributions from St. John totaled \$14,004 this year!



Memorials, Honorariums & Special Gifts

ELCA World Hunger Appeal:

In Memory of Sanford “Corky” Fuglestad:

Elwood & LaVon Rieke

General Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Alexa Jo Young, Marcia Young’s granddaughter:

Carolyn Thue

In Memory of Don Thue:

David & Judi Workin, Kevin & Kelly Kroke, Mr. & Mrs. Truman Johnson, Gloria Boland, Bruce & Colleen Nelson, Bruce & Lois Nelson, Jeanne Walker, Mary Melroe, Steve Shark, John & Beverly Carter, Betty & Darwin Konrad, Allan & Judith Peterson, Gail Reiersen & Lynn Wolff, C.A. Pederson, R.J. & G.C. Schoener, Harlan & Elaine Boyer, Ruth Westrick

In Memory of Robert Dittmer:

Carolyn Martin

Save the Date!

St. John Annual Corn Feed:
Wednesday, August 14

*A free will offering will benefit the
Worship & Music fund.*

Pride Sunday: August 4

On Sunday, August 4, St. John will hold a Pride-focused worship service in lieu of our regular worship service.

The Fargo-Moorhead Pride event is August 8 -11.

Special Music Fund:

In Memory of Don Thue:

Jeff & Kathy Botnen, Lyle & Rosalie Fritz, Sylvan & Caroline Melroe, Gloria Pechtcl, James & Joann Alger, Richard & Shirley Bolme

Youth Fund:

In Memory of Alexa Jo Young, Marcia Young’s granddaughter, for the upcoming high school youth summer trip to Colorado:

Carolyn Martin, Karen Kruse

St. John Foundation:

In Memory of Don Thue:

Lynne Ebner, Jane Nissen, Robert & Suzanne Schultz, Ken & Gloria Nygard