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Traveling the Wilderness: Stories of Faith

Midweek Lenten Series Theme

Lent is a time to refocus our dependence on God and on the community God gives us to grow.

"Traveling the Wilderness: Stories of Faith" is our six-week Lenten Worship Series to practice trusting God in the ups and downs of life, and to grow deeper as a Christian community.

Worship: 7pm Wednesdays

Each week following Ash Wednesday, we'll hear from members describing moments lived in the "wilderness" and how it changed their faith and relationship with God. Topics and speakers will include:

March 04	Finding a Way Back to Hope: Gina Linko
March 11	Essential Practices for Difficult Times: Frank Norem, Jr.
March 18	Faith and Fear: Carter Day
March 25	Letting Go and Listening for God: Bill Bromer
April 01	Trusting God in the Unknown: Stacey Haskell

Our worship includes the story of Moses and the wilderness, retold through our Bible Drama entitled "Into the Wilderness and Beyond." It's a story of learning to trust and depend on God. We'll be studying the story of Moses every year in worship, so come and learn the story!

We'll pray in worship: silently around the altar, and together during the Lord's Prayer, which has been sung in our congregation for many years during our Lenten Midweek worship.

Lenten Practices in our Faith Community

Meals: During Lent, we eat together on Wednesday evenings. In this day and age, it's countercultural to sit around a table and eat with people you love and/or appreciate! Sign up in our church bulletin and let us know you'll be joining us for our 6pm Lenten Meals; suggested donation of \$5/person. Practicing caring for our earth as well, and bring your dishes to use during the meal.

Giving: During Lent, we practice giving to things that are important to us. Proceeds from our Lenten meals will be given to support our Adult Mission Trips. This year, we served people in the Hopeful, GA area who are recovering from hurricane and tornado damage.

Individual Devotions: During Lent, you are encouraged to begin/renew a weekly or daily prayer and meditation practice. We have free devotional guides you can use during Lent, located in our Narthex area. We also have a weekly email guide based on weekend worship readings, written by Pastor Jen. Email her at jenbeamsley@gmail.com to be placed on the list.

St. John welcomes

ELCA Secretary Rothmeyer

March 28-29

We have an opportunity to hear from a Churchwide representative about our shared ministry in the ELCA! The Secretary of the ELCA, Deacon Sue Rothmeyer, will join us for worship the weekend of March 28-29. Come and receive Secretary Rothmeyer's message and attend the forum between worship on Sunday, March 29.

What is the Secretary of the ELCA?

Along with the shared leadership of congregations, synods and the churchwide organization, there are four elected churchwide officers who bring their enthusiastic faith and unique skills to their service on behalf of this church and its mission. Each are elected to serve six-year terms through the actions of the Churchwide Assembly or the Church Council (Treasurer). The current officers are:

- Presiding Bishop (Elizabeth A. Eaton)
- Vice President (Bill Horne)
- Secretary (Sue E. Rothmeyer)
- Treasurer (Lori Fedyk)



ELCA Secretary, Sue Rothmeyer

The ELCA Secretary works in partnership with and support of other leaders throughout the church, to assure that we pursue our mission in this ever-changing world with integrity, mutual support and accountability, thoughtful planning and vision, effective administration, financial responsibility and consistent processes for decision making.

About Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer

Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer was elected Aug. 9, 2019, to a six-year term as secretary of the ELCA by the Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee.

Secretary Rothmeyer began her ministry as a lay campus minister with Lutheran Campus Ministry at Iowa State University in 1984. With her passion for campus ministry, Secretary Rothmeyer continued her work at the churchwide organization in 1995. Before transitioning to the Office of the Secretary in her role as assistant to the secretary and executive for Office of the Secretary administration in 2012, Secretary Rothmeyer served in various positions in youth, young adult and campus ministry. She is the first deacon and first woman to serve as secretary of the ELCA.

Secretary Rothmeyer earned a Master of Arts in communication arts and rhetoric from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1984, and a Bachelor of Arts in English and speech communication from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, in 1981. She serves as the ELCA representative to 1517 Media, Portico Benefit Services and Luther College Board of Regents; is a board member of Concordia Place in Chicago; and is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Source: elca.org

Get Closer to God this Lent

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" - Daily Lenten devotional

Pick up your free daily Lenten devotionals at the Opportunity Wall or download to your own device:
www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/

For daily devotionals delivered to your email inbox, visit www.luthersem.edu/email/ and Select "God Pause Daily Devotions" to receive "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" in your email inbox. Once Lent ends, you'll continue to receive daily God Pause devotions written by Luther Seminary alumni.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kit Collection

Now – April 5th

During Lent, our St. John community comes together like puzzle pieces to donate the items needed to create LWR Personal Care Kits. The items you thoughtfully bring will end up in the hands of people having one of the worst days of their lives. Personal Care Kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. We all know how the world looks a little brighter after cleaning up. We are thankful to you for your donations. Confirmation students will assemble the kits after Easter. We are collecting the following new items only:



- Bars of Soap (4-5 oz. only) – in original packaging
- Bath Towels (52"x27" only) – solid dark color
- Toothbrushes – individual packaged adult size only
- Combs – sturdy
- Metal Fingernail Clippers

You may drop off your donations in the Narthex at the new Donation Station! Thank you.



Fair Trade Coffee

Sunday, March 8th

Fair Trade is March 8th in between services in the Narthex. Stop by and check out our coffees, teas and chocolates.

New Members Received – Come and Celebrate!

Sunday, March 8th

We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace all who desire to sink their roots into our St. John family. Come and Celebrate! Meet our new members during coffee hour, which is held in between worship services. We will hold a welcoming ritual for all of our new members at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Northern IL Synod (NIS) Congregational Resourcing Event

Saturday, March 14th, 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

At Kishwaukee College, in Malta, IL

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Keynote Speaker

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Life Committee, the Congregational Resourcing Event

(CRE) is one of this synod's finest yearly events. Church council members, teachers, musicians, staff, volunteers, and leaders – just about everyone in a congregation – can take advantage of this learning event to strengthen skills, gather resources, network with others, and discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries. Come, experience and bring home new ministry tools. The Congregational Resourcing Event offers many varied educational workshop selections for you, your key congregational leaders, and other interested congregation members. Many groups, agencies, and institutions have displays.

In addition to workshops from the keynote speaker and NIS Bishop Jeffrey Clements, other workshops feature topics including: Administration/Council/Treasurers, Education, Evangelism/Outreach/Hospitality, Global/Inter-Faith, Leadership, Social Justice, Spirituality/Prayer/Health & Wellness, Stewardship, and Youth/Young Adult/Family Ministry.

Register at <https://nisynod.org/cre/>

Green Team Forum

Sunday, March 22nd, 9:45 a.m.

The Green Team will host Mr. James Theui from the University of Illinois. He will be speaking on small composting, and perhaps he can see if we can start something at church.

WOW!!! You really missed it if you didn't see our February guest speaker Maria Anna Rafac. She was so energetic and passionate about Sustainable Living and a delight to listen to. Lent is starting soon, don't forget to bring your dishes and dine green. We would like to welcome a new team member Maya Bishop, we know this young lady will be a great asset to our team.

Vacation Bible School 2020

June 7th – 11th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Rocky Railway: It's Just the Ticket

Ages: 4 - entering 6th grade register in May.

People entering 7th grade through age 99 can volunteer as small group leaders or station leaders at Sing and Play Express, Imagination Station, Loco Motion Games, and Rocky Wrap-Up. Visit <https://www.stjohnjoliet.org>, scroll down a little and then click on Sign Up or type this link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/e7LaZAYqdAYpgo1d6>

If online sign up is not your thing, contact Melanie Runkle at mel_runkle@yahoo.com or Sarah Wernli at sarahewernli@gmail.com to let them know you will help out with planning and decorating ahead of time, or with leadership the week of the event.



Welcome Tom Jones New Food Pantry Director

Pastor Jen and I have considered candidates to fill the Food Pantry Director position for many weeks and have come to the end of our search. We would like to introduce Robert “Tom” Jones as our next Food Pantry Director. Tom is a retired Assistant Controller of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, where he worked for 18 years, overseeing accountants, accounts payable and the general ledger.

Tom wants to spend his retirement serving God by serving others. He has the skills of a fiscally responsible “numbers guy”, the humility of a manager who relates to people as equals, and the heart of a servant who senses the call to help people in need as he is able to.

We are very excited to add Tom to our St. John staff. Tom began training the week of February 12. His role as director will focus primarily on operations – the ordering and inventory of food, welcoming clients and delegating leadership to shift leaders. His presence at the Food Pantry will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you for remaining steadfast in your involvement with the food pantry as we maneuver this leadership change. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Pastor Robin



Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during the loss of my sister, Sandy Major. Having the support of my church family has been a blessing.

Lisa Marshall

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and well wishes during my recent hip replacement surgery.

Feeling truly Blessed.

Kathy Moore

Thank you to our St. John members who attended the Chili Cook Off event at Westminster on Saturday, February 22nd. We were well represented and we are so proud of our St. John community who supports this food ministry year after year both at St. John and in the community.

Food Pantry Leadership Team

Thank you to Janel Eaton for taking time to purchase items for and put together 2 raffle baskets for the Chili Cook Off on our behalf. Janel has done this every year and we are very grateful.

Dawn MacGregor

We appreciate your gifts during our February SouperBowl of Caring Event. We couldn't do it without your ongoing support of this vital ministry!

Food Pantry Leadership Team

Vacation Bible School

June 7-11, 2020

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.



Find out how
you can
support VBS
this year!
Contact
Melanie, Sarah
or Pastor Robin today.

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mel_runkle@yahoo.com
Sarah Wernli
sarahewernli@gmail.com
Pastor Robin
pastorrobincaldwell@gmail.com

A week of
FUN & FELLOWSHIP, SONG & SERVICE

Have Fun!
Meet New Friends

7TH GRADE – ADULT VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED:

Crew Leaders
Crew Helpers
Set Design
Games
Snacks
Set Up
Take Down

New Members
Welcome
No Experience
Required



TASTE OF St. John

A Benefit Dinner for Our Youth

March 7th | 6:45 p.m.



*Taste of St. John is
our biggest youth
fundraiser and we
need **YOU!***

Dinner Tickets

\$10.00 Adults

\$ 5.00 Ages 4 – 10

Ages 3 and under are free!

Raffle Tickets

Quilt Raffle Tickets \$5.00

Bench Raffle Tickets \$5.00

*Bench made by 2019 St. John Mission
Trip participants*

Join a team

- *Dinner ticket sellers*
- *Raffle ticket sellers*
 - *Set up*
 - *Clean up*
 - *Serving*

Sign up using
your worship
bulletin,
at the ticket
table,
or contact

Penny Collins

815.342.5339

or

Mark Collins

815.545.2848

Sign up to bring

*Bringing gluten free food?
Please let us know!*

- *Main dishes*
- *Side dishes*
- *Desserts* (ice cream bar/
chocolate fountain)
- *Water and Pop*
- *Monetary gifts to
offset event costs*

Donate! Join a Team!

St. John Youth & Family Ministries

Faith Formation for Youth and Families



Now – April 1st

Attend Wednesday worship with your family

7:00 p.m. worship and Lenten Dinners at 6:00 p.m.

Now – April 15th

Confirmation Classes DO NOT MEET

(Personal Care Kit Item collection during break)

Confirmation classes do NOT meet during the season of Lent, Holy Week and the week after Holy Week.

April 12th

Easter Worship Easter Breakfast

Contact Pastor Evan, pastorevanmayhew@gmail.com

to volunteer at the Easter Breakfast hosted by our Confirmation Classes. All students and leaders are invited to participate.

April 22nd

Confirmation Class

Final learning event for all students and leaders.

March 22nd, 29th; 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

April 9th; 7:00 p.m.

Faith Milestones - First Communion

Save the dates for FIRST COMMUNION!

Primarily, we offer First Communion to third-graders, however, sometimes there are older children who join us with their parents to receive the instruction as well. Look for a letter coming with all the details. Here are the basics:

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY EVENTS

Sunday, March 22, 4:00-6:00 pm – activities & learning

Sunday, March 29, 4:00-6:00 pm – activities & learning

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm – First Communion recognition at worship and reception to follow

April 19th, 26th; 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

April 26th; 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

Faith Milestones – First Bible

Second-graders receive a Bible of their very own from the congregation. Parents and kids get practice using their Bible, we explore all the helpful stuff inside of it and learn a bit of history about where the Bible came from. Look for a letter coming later with the details, but here are the dates to save on your calendar:

MY FIRST BIBLE PARENT AND CHILD EVENT

Sunday, April 19, 9:45-10:45 am – activities & learning

Sunday, April 26, 9:45-10:45 am – Bible songs & Bible activity for second-graders in the Sunday school opening and class.

Sunday, April 26, at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services –Parents & second-graders invited forward to offer the new Bible to their child and receive a blessing.

H.S. FEAST of FIRE and FIRE 2

Feast of FIRE and FIRE 2 are “mini-Sabbaths,” providing time for our high school students to hang out and check in with one another, our adult leaders, and Pastor Evan. It’s a casual time, very similar to a confirmation care group where we share highs and lows, prayer and food. All high school students are welcome to attend and you can bring a friend. You can find us in the Youth Room.

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; 8:15 – 9:15 p.m.

H.S. FIRE2

We meet on Wednesdays from 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. in the Youth Room. Snacks, sharing highs and lows and prayer at the end. Plenty of time to hang out and take a mid-week break.

March 8th; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

H.S. Feast of FIRE

We meet usually once a month on Sunday nights for a longer time, and you are encouraged to bring food to share with others, like a potluck. We eat and usually play games, hang out, have a short reflective time, share highs and lows, and prayer.

March 22nd; 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Tween GO!

Tween = 4th, 5th, and 6th grade kids GO = God & Others

If you are in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, you can be part of our Tween GO ministry! We meet one Sunday afternoon a month to enjoy a meal, creative activities, small groups learning Fruits of the Spirit and participate in highs/lows.

Registrations are taken at the door when parents drop off their youth. Come to our Karin Johnson Fellowship Hall and be part of a great afternoon!

March 28th; 6:30 p.m.

Young Adult Ministry Event

We are excited to announce that the very first Young Adult Ministry (aka YAM) event is happening at the end of the month! If you’re roughly between the ages of 23-40, you may be interested in joining us for a night of fellowship, fun, and good conversation! More details will come in the next few weeks so keep an eye on your email! Contact Pastor Evan if you have questions.

Sunday School News

We have special activities planned during the Lenten season surrounding our “Kindness” theme.

Our Beautiful Beginnings classes began on February 23rd and will continue thru March 22nd. Parents with children ages birth up to 3 years old are welcome. We meet during the Sunday School hour West Wing Room 5. Please contact Chris Markwell if you are interested in joining us.

Sunday School Steering Committee

MISSION TRIP SIGN UP IS NOW OPEN! Now – May 1st

On our High School Mission Trips, teenagers come together to serve individuals and communities while building strong, long-lasting relationships with their friends and youth leaders. In one week, hundreds of teenagers from youth groups across the country repair and transform homes while growing closer to Jesus.



Date:

July 4 – July 11, 2020

Location:

Winchester, KY

Cost:

\$400

***Reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit today. A link to the registration form is available at stjohnjolieth.org
Current High School Students, registration for the 2020 High School Mission Trip is open!

Winchester is a historic town where both bluegrass and Southern hospitality abound. They are also known for their Ale-8-One soft drink that dates to 1926, the only soft drink invented in Kentucky that is still around today. Group Workcamps has been in Winchester over 14 years ago. The hard work of those participants is remembered and, in fact, the reason we've been invited back. You will discover that although Winchester is a few short miles off the highway, they are not out of reach or out of touch. In this historic town and the surrounding rural countryside of rolling hills, residents just need a little help and hope.

How We'll Serve:

Some homes are in historic districts. Others are nearby in the rural surrounding hills. Projects will include construction of ramps and porches, trailer repairs, painting, and other repairs. Participants will stay in a facility that is *fully air-conditioned and has indoor showers! There are 8 open showers for females and 12 open showers for males. If you're worried about modesty, bring your swimsuit. Everyone will be sleeping on floors, gender-separate, so bring your air mattresses!

Cost:

The cost for this trip is \$400, plus money for meals on the road. Reserve your spot by signing up by May 1st. A \$50 non-refundable deposit holds your spot. Scholarships are available - please contact Pastor Evan.

Sunday, May 3rd @ 7pm – Mandatory Orientation for all participants

All trip participants and their parents should plan to meet for a trip orientation on May 5th in the Sanctuary. Trip expectations, packing lists, and more information will be presented.

Sunday, July 19th @ 6pm – Return Trip Dinner

The whole congregation is invited to join in this celebration of all we did while we were on the trip. We will share all our stories & photos, watch the video of the trip, and thank all the people who made our trip possible. Please plan on being there!

Questions? See Pastor Evan!

2020 MFP

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

2020 sponsorship

Can your employer or community group help sponsor MFP events?



Diamond \$2,500+



Gold \$2,000



Silver \$1,000



Bronze \$ 500

All sponsors will be recognized at each event plus:

- * Early Bird event sign up upon commitment (up to 25 spots)
- * Volunteer at event(s) of your choosing
- * Logo on 2020 MFP Event Tee & 1 FREE Event Tee with your commitment on/before April 10th
- * Logo with link to your site on stjohnfood.org home page

Contact Pastor Robin Caldwell or Dawn MacGregor for information
pastorrobincaldwell@gmail.com 815.439.2320 stjohnfood@gmail.com

2020 dates

**25
APRIL**

**6
JUNE**

**12
SEPT**

**7
NOV**

MFP sign ups open 2 months before event at stjohnfood.org

Announcements

Congratulations to:

Dustin & Deanna Leonhardt on the birth of their son, *Tucker Bartley Leonhardt*

Illness/Recovering

Joe Aincham, Joshua Andrade, Pat Bambule, Gail Bartz, Pam Blaesing, Renee Bogacz, Bill Bromer, Cody Carter, Roy Conterez, Tiffany Crowther, Judy Dachman, Greg Domaleczny, Steve Engel, Arlene Erdahl, Susan Fick, Edwina Gell, Gail Hartley, Pat Block-Hay, Kari Hernandez, Kim Jensen, Diane Kaiser, Dawn Kemp, Bill Kerschbaum, Mel Keuch, Barb Koskiewicz, Cathy Kush, Cheryl Lovell, Lynn Martinek, Frances Masek, Joe Miller, Kathy Moore, Madison Mumm, Cathi Niewinski, Jeff Niewinski, Arnie Oppenheim, Claudia Pacini, Kim Pennington, Lee Perignon, Jay Phelan, Cheryl Pierce, Mathew Rathbun, Barbara Reed, Evan Sauerwein, Joe Scaglione, Mindy Scaglione, Dick Seaberg, Jim Simmons, Michelle Turvey, Scot Turvey, Lori & Wendy Zach

Hospitalization/Surgery/Testing

Aleesha Amodei, Tessie Heath, Caroline MacGregor, Roger Wright

Prayer Concern

Robb Bobb, Quiaoit family, Rich Santoro & Julie Arinaga family, Trueblood family

Homebound/Care Facility Members

Christa Arnold, Betty Barnes, Barbara Buse, Sally Ferguson, Bob & Jean Fitzer, Ardeth Holtz, Mary Johnson, Ardys Koch, Marilyn Krautstrunk, Victor & Norene Mazylewski, Donna Nelson, Wilkie & Carol Parrish, Norma Reed, Wilma Smith, Al Stadelmaier

Serving in the Military

Kyle Baugh, Brian Bergeman, Quinton Beyer, Daniel Bornhoeft, Thomas Bornhoeft, Isaiah Caldwell, Erik Carlson, Nick Fischer, Andy Groh, Noah King, Aaron Mateski, Nathaniel Richardson, Paul Shen, Jennifer Swanberg, Kyle Taylor, Emily Vance, Len Wruk

Our Sympathies To

Pam, Rob & Matt Kornauss on the passing of husband and father, Daniel Kornauss
Pam, Rob & Matt Kornauss on the passing of Pam's brother-in-law, Philip Klasen
Jim & Michelle Eklund and family on the passing of Michelle's great-nephew, Brandon Persiani
John & Nancy York on the passing of Nancy's nephew, Steve Barke
Kent & Virginia Munro on the passing of Virginia's mother, Lois Emmett
Lisa & Carlos Marshall on the passing of Lisa's sister, Sandy Major
Mark & Penny Collins on the passing of Mark's cousin, Steve Collins

Memorials

In memory of Leonard J. Frost by Jacalyn Frost

Committal Service for Philip J. Calahan

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. - Romans 14:8b

You are invited to a service of committal for Phil Calahan on Tuesday, March 17th, 2:00 p.m.

The committal service will be held in the Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel, located at 23060 W Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60431.

After the brief service, time is set aside in the chapel for fellowship with one another.

Private burial, attended by immediate family only, will follow the time of fellowship.

January 2020 Council Meeting Highlights

The State of St. John

Pastor Jen's review of 2019 included the following:

- The pastoral team feels the Narrative Lectionary enriches faith and the relationship it gives to everyday life.
- Lenten Worship was well received in 2019 and provides another avenue for faith growth.
- Pastor noted that Christmas and Easter attendance remains high and that these services often can provide an entry point for new members.
- The new communications position will enable the return of the Summer Faith Series which engages so many members.
- There will be a new Strategic Plan Working Group made up of Jonathan Adams, Tim Caldwell and Mark Frost. This group will manage the process for our 5-year vision and invite ministry leaders to assist with vision implementation.

Pastor Robin reported the following highlights of the past year and expectations for the future:

- There are upcoming transitions due to Dawn MacGregor moving to the Communications position; the Food Pantry Director position will be evaluated to determine what tasks will move with Dawn and the focusing of the new Food Pantry Director position on ordering, staffing, etc.
- Pastor noted that we had a Blessing in November 2019 during worship for the current 14 Homebound Ministers.
- We had over 100 people signed up for small groups in the fall of 2019.
- 2019 began the Apostles' Creed Faith Milestone Ministry for 5th graders in Sunday School.
- Pastor noted that Sunday School attendance is a challenge; and they are working on ways to address the varying teacher schedules.

Pastor Evan reported:

- Since he arrived in June 2018 his work on the youth programs has moved beyond observation/learning and is now 'doing' – development and revision of programs.
- He is enjoying working with the staff and they motivate him to do his best work.
- Confirmation includes the Bible for this year's focus; letting the kids know they don't have to turn their brains off when they read the Bible and it's OK to ask questions. Campfirmation is a key part of our program and some of Pastor Evan's favorite moments in the year.
- High School Ministry has 20-30 attendees on a regular basis.
- Badger TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) retreat gives the youth an opportunity to deepen in faith.
- Forty-three (the most) kids participated in the mission trip to Rushville; the return trip dinner was a huge

success with the kids and the congregation.

- College-Age Ministry [includes those in college, junior college and no college (working)] has begun; thirty care packages were sent; they are having check-ins at restaurants and are planning a college-age mission trip in June 2020.
- Young Adult Ministry [ages 25-35] has eight ministry team members visioning the ministry and is about to launch their first event.

Congregational Meeting Agenda

2020 Proposed Budget

Outstanding Volunteers

At the Congregational Meeting that will be held January 26, the Congregation will vote to approve the proposed budget. In addition, the former Christian Education Committee members will be honored: Glenn Smith, Tessie Heath, Chris Markwell and Karen Norem. Over the past years, many of their duties had been reassigned to the administrative team, the Sunday School team, the pastors, and/or dropped. In order to best serve the church in those duties without redundancy, the team was dissolved in 2019. These volunteers will be recognized for their many faithful years of service.

The following was approved:

- Financial Secretary's Report and Finance Report
- Facility Request from Kristen Graf and Sandy Smith
- 2020 Pastors Housing Allowance Declared. *The IRS requires pastors employed during the present calendar year to declare their portion of salary designated towards housing allowance in accordance with IRS regulations*
- Partial designation of 2019 income surplus to Northern Illinois Synod (\$1000) and Mwangaza (\$500);
- Land West Marketing Agreement with Stephen Engel - Baird & Warner Residential Sales with an amendment to show pond maintenance fee.

Detailed Ministry Reports and Council Minutes are available on the bulletin board outside the church office. Monthly Council agendas are available at the Opportunity Wall typically the Sunday before the Council meeting.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Birthday: Penny Collins, Stephanie Czoschke, Evan Mayhew, Luke Taylor
- 2 Birthday: Kathy Calahan, Owen Feuchter, Stephen Fry, Sophia Kardadi, Jeanne Paluga, Alison Phelps, Shaun Wormsley, Dawn Zoran
- 3 Birthday: Angelina Campagna, Annette Eichorst; Anniversary: Carlos & Nancy Sanchez
- 4 Birthday: Nora Boburka, Trisha Stingel, Emily Trentz, Natalie Trentz, Scot Turvey
- 5 Birthday: Crystal Andel, Matthew Dolle, Andrew Furman
- 6 Birthday: Janith Drish, Melinda Scaglione, Rebecca Wejman; Anniversary: Tim Hay & Pat Block, Michael & Lisa Heinrich
- 7 Birthday: Janel Eaton, Marsha Getz, Justin Radtke, Brent Rimmke
- 8 Birthday: Patrick Darche, Melaine Pokusa, Carlos Sanchez
- 9 Birthday: Lauren Anhalt, James Bogacz, Jaedyn Cherry, Wendy Farkasch, Makena Paramo, Meagan Paramo, Julia Pragit, Jason Stevens
- 10 Birthday: Fred Holzrichter, James Meridieth III, Ashley Quiaoit
- 11 Birthday: Ivy Llorens
- 12 Birthday: Patty Cankar, Diana Donnelly, Amelia Mastin, Knox & Trey Meyer, Ethan Walden
- 13 Birthday: Gavin Cole, Ben Covault, Nayda Figueroa; Anniversary: Bob & Jennifer Schlosser
- 14 Birthday: Darrel Bruckert, Tom Doyle, Joe Fennewald; Anniversary: Holger & Lori Rubien
- 15 Birthday: Kathryn Duffy, Matthew Ponx, Carson Terry, LeAnn Turner
- 16 Birthday: Braelynn Anderson, Erin Graefen, Nancy Rathbun, Margot Shafer
- 17 Birthday: Sara Hundle
- 18 Birthday: Nicole Conrad, Roy Conterez, Janet Hughes, Teri Jones, Azriela Kruspe, Dustin Leonhardt
- 19 Birthday: Amanda Beaudry, Kaylee Gurzynski; Anniversary: Fred & Margaret Holzrichter
- 20 Birthday: Brendan Roark; Anniversary: Rick & Jen Stenberg
- 21 Birthday: Susan Fick; Anniversary: Chris & Laura Linares
- 22 Birthday: Katelyn Bishop, Judy Dachman, Roger Voise; Anniversary: Mike & Linda Evans
- 23 Birthday: Tom Dutton, James Engimann, Alex Ohlson, Jacob Prosise, Rick Stenberg
- 24 Birthday: Megan Apt, Barbara Buse, Nadia Darwish, Kaitlynd French, Michelle Korczak, Stephen Liedtke, Eleanor Mastin, Grace Mikos, Abigail Ogrizovich
- 25 Birthday: Mike Edwards, Kyle Eichorst, Leland Engel, Diane Goodenough, Bill Kruse, David Spencer
- 26 Birthday: Julie Arinaga, Kyle Barnes, Paul Hernadez, Bella-Irene Karambelas, Brittney Kehrner, Bridget Koenig
- 27 Birthday: Thomas Bowen, Regina Engel, Laura Koran, Sean Scaglione
- 28 Birthday: James Bartz, Rob Doyle, Janet Hopman, Gina Linko, Wendy Murray; Anniversary: Ed & Carole Kirner
- 29 Birthday: Grace Clarke, Charlee Desiderio, Mark Dolle, Mandy Dwyer, Mary Johnson, Melanie Meyer
- 30 Birthday: Tony Freehauf, Paula Leon; Anniversary: Ryan & Monica Johnson, Al & Pam Wilke
- 31 Birthday: Ray Barnes, Ally Fremouw, Bob Hornberger, Bernice Krause

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Lisa Marshall, Church Administrator
Pam Kornaus, Program Administrator
Ellen Goodwin, Praise Team and Youth Choir Director
Tori Hicks, St. John Chorale Director
Dawn MacGregor, Communications Director
Tom Jones, Food Pantry Director
Sarah Wernli, Handbell Choir Director
Pamela Blaesing, Office Assistant

Worship with Us:
Saturday evening 5:30 p.m.
Sunday traditional service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday contemporary service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.



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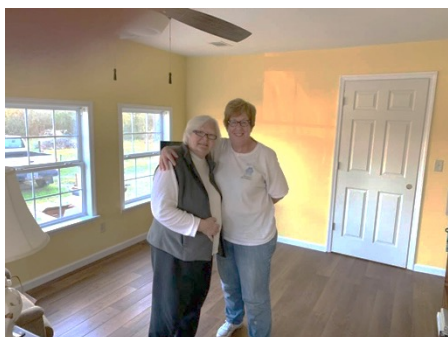


Lenten Dinner & Worship Every Wed.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Mission Trip Feb. 15-22, 2020



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