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Good News!

FROM PASTOR DAVE.....

Welcome Chrystal!

I am so excited to welcome Chrystal Rasmussen to our staff as our new Administrative Assistant. We were lucky to have many very qualified and gifted applicants for this position, but Chrystal stood out in that she possessed all the work experiences, expertise, and qualifications that we felt were needed in this position. She officially began her employment with us on May 12th. She lives in Monticello – but has connects with people here in Annandale, and even some within St. John's. I hope that you will stop by and welcome her – introduce yourself – and let her know that we are so happy to have her as part of our St. John's community!!

Pentecost

Often referred to as the "Birthday of the Church" we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday on Sunday, June 4th. **Since the color of the day is RED - you are invited to wear something red that day - the brighter the better!!!** 😊 Together we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit --- God's presence with, within and among us --- who gathers us in Christ, and then scatters us to serve! Yes, it is the Holy Spirit who is daily calling us to faith, gifting us for service, empowering us for ministry in Christ's name, leading us into God's preferred future, and surprising us in countless ways with the wonder of God's love and grace!!! I hope that you will join us as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday on June 4th!

Our Summer Worship Theme: "Singing from the Heart"

Beginning on June 11th, we will be focusing each Sunday on one of the Psalms. The Book of Psalms was the ancient "hymnal" of Israel – and within the Book of Psalms there are songs/prayers that reflect almost every human emotion – from joy to sorrow, from fear to anger, from praise to lament. We hope that you will join us as we listen to the psalmist "sing from the heart" – and allow the psalmist's words to connect with us and lead us in "singing from the heart" as well!

Update on CYF Position

As of the writing of this letter, we have NOT received any applications for our Children, Youth and Family Director staff position. We understand that this may take some time – so we need to be patient; but I would also encourage you to share our need with anyone who you know who may be interested and qualified. We are open to a full-time person – but we are ALSO open to having people apply for a part-time position in a given age area (e.g. preschool/elementary; middle school; and high school). Please contact the church office with any

questions. Application can be found on our website and/or in the church office.

Suffering in our Midst

In May I attended a Continuing Education Event that focused on the painful reality of Domestic Abuse. Do you realize that a woman is beaten EVERY NINE SECONDS in the United States; or that 1 in 4 women are victims of Domestic Violence? In 2016, 60,000 women in Minnesota alone accessed services – but many more didn't out of fear that they would not be believed, because they lacked financial resources, because they lacked a support system, because their abuser had convinced them that it was "their fault", because they wanted to believe the abuser, the person they loved, that "it wouldn't happen again." But it does! It's a vicious cycle! That's the reality that we need to face as a nation! While there certainly are men who are abused by their wives/girlfriends – 90% of all abusers are male. And children are often victimized, if not directly, by being witnesses to what is happening within the home. Domestic abuse is all about power and control (it's not an anger management issues) – and it grows out of a fundamental lack of respect for women. As a nation, and especially as the Church, we need to stop tolerating the attitudes and beliefs that play into domestic violence (e.g. sexist comments and jokes). We can no longer afford to be silently complicit! We need to remember that abusers come in all shapes and sizes – many are "nice guys" out in the world – but not at home! Too many women are victims, too many are dying! We need to speak out...we need to let women know that God does NOT condone such violence...and when we sense something is wrong, when a woman comes us for help...we need to say: "I believe you, I will listen, I am here for you, I will support you, and you are NOT to blame!"

Update on Mt. Hermon Meeting

On Thursday, May 18th, Synod Minister Linda Pederson met with representatives from both St. John's and Mount Hermon to begin a discussion about we might more effectively work together as we move into God's future! It was an insightful meeting as we shared with each other what we believe are our "bright spots" or "assets" – and also what we believe are our "challenges." It's interesting, even though we are very different in size, we still have some of the same challenges. We will be meeting again on June 6th out at Mount Hermon (7pm) to continue the conversation – especially in terms of how we might work/serve

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Office Hours: Mon.- Fri., 8:00am-3:00pm

Sunday Worship
8:30 am Traditional
10:00 am Contemporary



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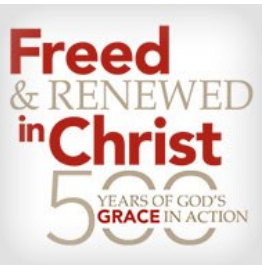
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Tina Honsey

ELCA Missionary

Terry Jensen

together in God’s Mission. Kris Nelson, Peggy Bodell, Denny Abernathy and I participated in the first meeting --- we would like to add one or two more for the June 6th meeting (so if you are interested, please give me a call or send me an email). It’s good to get to know our “neighbors” to the south – and remember that we are partners in a common mission!

Coffee and Conversation

Again, during June, I will be at the local McDonalds every Thursday from 2-4pm. I invite you to stop by and chat about anything and everything - it can be about something at church, or what God is up to in your life, or anything at all. If you do stop by, and I am NOT there – it means that there is a pastoral emergency of some kind.

Synod Assembly

This year’s SW MN Synod Assembly will be held Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. The theme of the assembly this year is “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” based on Matthew 28:20! My wife, Diane, and I will be serving as “voting members” from St. John’s. Please keep the Assembly in your prayers.

Update Diane’s Dad


As many of you already know, my wife’s dad underwent heart surgery on May 8th down in Rochester – but they were not able to complete the procedure. Due to the artery twisting, they were unable to complete the “tavr.” He was in the hospital from Monday to Thursday. He is now back at his new home at “Silver Creek on Main” in Maple Grove where he currently is in Assisted Living studio apartment. He will heal up and then they will try the surgery again – probably in July. We would covet and appreciate your prayers for Jim during his healing, and as he awaits the next surgery!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

55plus 55+ is for those in our congregation (guests welcome) who are 55 or older and like to have fun and fellowship. We invite you to join us at the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory on June 7th. I understand the flowers are beautiful and all the animals are good looking and above average. You can sign up at the Visitors Desk or call the church office. Transportation cost is \$23.00.

Look for these future gatherings:

- Gardens in St Cloud
- Paramount Theatre
- River Road Bus Trip
- Paddleford Cruise
- Progressive Dinner
- Apple
- Orchard
- Winery
- Buffalo Community Orchestra
- Plymouth Theater
- Dinner and Music at Golf Course
- Community Theater in Buffalo
- International Market
- Cokato Corn Festival
- Al and Alma’s
- Games and Suds at Spilled Grain
- Others



Invest in the Kingdom: Gathered in Christ... Scattered to Serve

Our new three year capital campaign, **Invest in the Kingdom: Gathered in Christ...Scattered to Serve** just completed its second pledge Sunday on May 21. In order to meet our 36 month mortgage obligation, our goal is \$345,132 for this campaign. To date, we have received pledges of **\$255,804**. 30% of the eligible giving units of our congregation have returned a pledge card. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, it is critical that each of you prayerfully consider how you can help in this important mission of our church. Thank you to all of the members of St John's that have already returned their pledge card. Your continued support of our campaign is appreciated.

I want to thank our Capital Campaign Team: Linda Dircks (Team Leader), Sandy Niklaus, Mary and Dave Holmgren, Diane Barkley, Sue Hadler and Trish Townsend for all their efforts – for the visual and verbal reminders they have provided, for the energy they have brought to this campaign, and for their commitment to the goal of raising the money needed to pay our mortgage payments over the next three years. Please be sure to thank them for their efforts!

Once again, it was so fun to be able write a theme song for this campaign --- but the “real kick” is hearing you sing it! Wow! I hope the song lyrics are a good reminder to us of how our building is a place where God gathers us around Word and Sacrament – so that we might be reminded of whose we are – of how much we are loved – and to be encouraged in faith so that God might scatter us out into the world, into our homes, workplaces, communities to be instruments of God’s love and grace for the healing of the world!

June	Greeters/ Welcome Center	Readers	Acolytes	Coffee/Treats Servers	Audio/Video Techs
June 4 8:30am	Peg & Roger Beuning		Brooke Bianchi Mason Boos	Jim & Amy Miller	A: Joe Bayer V: Steve Niklaus
June 4 10:00am	Trish Taylor	Peggy Bodell	Maddie Jacobson / Jacob Nilson	Marshall & Nikki Neumiller	A: Shelly Mikel V: Ethan Nilson
June 11 8:30am	Harvey & Joyce Dahl	LaDonna Howell	Ethan Olson Jonah Peterson	Keith & Sandy Jerpseth	A: Jim Framstad V: Phyllis Framstad
June 11 10:00am	Don & Sharlyn Daniels	Vickie Greene	Allison Benjamin Trevor Potter	Drew & Donna Jacobson	A:Diane Nelson V: Michelle Wang
June 18 8:30am	Duane & Linda Dietz	Diane Barkley	Trevor Potter	Pat Larson MaryAnn Humola	A: Jim Hallstrom V: Denise Schultz
June 18 10:00am	J & Angie McClelland	Vickie Greene	Anna McClelland	Christy & Steve Kuefler	A: V:
June 25 8:30am	Clayton & Shirley Diskerud	Jo Heyd	Ethan Olson Carson Cooper	Jon & Karen Navaratil	A: V: Jim Peterson
June 25 10:00am	Dave & Sue Hadler		Jonah Peterson Trevor Potter	Don & Joy Rother	A: V: Ethan Nilson

8:30 Service
Joyce Martin
Delores Hogberg
Pat Larson

10:00 Service
Ken and Amy Hegge
Sally Mozingo

Altar Guild

Shirley Dick

Mona Volden


WELCA Circles:

Sarah Circle:
Hostess:
Bible Study Leader:

Rachel Circle:
Wednesday, June 14th, 9:30am
Hostess: Shirley Diskerud
Bible Study Leader: Bev Sorensen

Mary Circle:
Wednesday, June 7th at 1:30 pm
Bible Study Leader: Frieda Gunderson
Hostess: Frieda Gunderson

Ruth Circle:
Monday, June 12th at 2:00pm
Hostess: Gloria Warner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	June 2017 Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Coming up...</i> Pentecost Sunday – June 4 th (Wear Red) Taco Booth – June 30-July 4				1 <i>9:15am</i> Annandale Improvement Club	2 <i>1:30pm</i> Care Center Communion Service	3
4 Pentecost Sunday <i>8:00am & 11:00am</i> Confirmation Mentor Meetings <i>8:30am</i> Traditional Worship w/ Communion <i>10:00am</i> Contemporary Worship w/ Communion <i>11:30am</i> New Member Gathering	5 <i>6:00pm</i> Boy Scouts	6 <i>8:00am</i> Men's Bible Study <i>10:00am</i> Women's Bible Study <i>1:30pm</i> Staff Meeting	7 <i>1:30pm</i> Mary Circle <i>7:30pm</i> AA Meeting – Ed Bldg.	8 <i>9:30am</i> Annandale Christian Women's Club	9 SW MN Synod Assembly, Gustavus, St. Peter, MN	10 SW MN Synod Assembly, Gustavus, St. Peter, MN
11 New Member Sunday <i>8:30am</i> Traditional Worship w/ Communion <i>10:00am</i> Contemporary Worship w/ Communion <i>1:00pm</i> Eagle Scout Ceremony (Blake Lewison)	12 <i>9:30am</i> Hands for Hope <i>2:00pm</i> Ruth Circle <i>6:00pm</i> Boy Scouts <i>8:00pm</i> Boy Scouts - Venture	13 <i>8:00am</i> Men's Bible Study <i>10:00am</i> Women's Bible Study <i>1:30pm</i> Staff Meeting <i>6:30pm</i> Min of Worship/Music <i>6:30pm</i> Min of Support & Stewardship <i>7:30pm</i> Executive Committee Meeting	14 <i>9:30am</i> Rachel Circle <i>7:30pm</i> AA Meeting – Ed Bldg.	15 <i>9:30am</i> Annandale Christian Women's Exec Board Meeting <i>10:00am</i> Newsletter Deadline	16	17
18 <i>8:30am</i> Traditional Worship w/ Communion <i>10:00am</i> Contemporary Worship w/ Communion	19 <i>6:00pm</i> Boy Scouts <i>6:30pm</i> Min of Outreach <i>7:00pm</i> Church Council <i>8:00pm</i> Boy Scouts - Venture	20 <i>8:00am</i> Men's Bible Study <i>10:00am</i> Women's Bible Study <i>1:30pm</i> Staff Meeting	21 <i>7:30pm</i> AA Meeting – Ed Bldg.	22 <i>1:00pm</i> Writing Group	23	24
25 <i>8:30am</i> Traditional Worship w/ Communion <i>10:00am</i> Contemporary Worship w/ Communion	26 <i>9:30am</i> Hands for Hope	27 <i>8:00am</i> Men's Bible Study <i>10:00am</i> Women's Bible Study <i>1:30pm</i> Staff Meeting <i>5:00pm</i> Property Team Meeting	28 <i>7:30pm</i> AA Meeting – Ed Bldg	29	30  Taco Booth Starts	
<div>St. John's Bible Camp Week at GLBC – June 25th - 30th</div> <div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>						

From Pastor Tom’s Desk...

Dear Friends,

The time does come when every cowboy must hang up his spurs and ride into the sunset. My time has come. I have sent word to the leadership of our church that I plan to take my saddle weary bones to warmer climates this coming winter. My last time with you is anytime between now and December 31st.

Why such latitude? There is a difference between replacing equipment and replacing staff. If the right person is available, the church would want to move quickly. Or, if the church wants to study staffing arrangements, they would take more time.

I signed on with St. John’s for what was to be about four weeks. It has now been over four wonderful years. It would be hard for Jo Anne and I to fully describe what a rich blessing you have been to us. You have stoked my passion to share the gospel. You have become great friends for both of us. It has been good to work with Pr. Dave and St. John’s staff.

Until that final day comes, I plan to serve in whatever way I can. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel. We love you all!

Pr. Tom Heyd
INDNJC



2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. In 2018 the Gathering will be held in Houston, Texas from June 27-July 1st. The theme of the 2018 gathering is “This Changes Everything” based on Ephesians 2:8, “By grace you have been saved...”

ALL youth who will be a part of the graduating classes of 2018-2022, that’s all current 7th-11th graders – are eligible to attend. **All youth and parents should have received a letter and should be aware that we are asking you to pay ½ of the registration fee (\$75) by June 11th.** With the Taco Booth and Firecracker 5K coming up soon – we need to know who is planning on attending next summer’s Gathering so that we can take full advantage of these fundraising opportunities (since the Gathering will take place **PRIOR** to next summer’s Taco Booth and Firecracker 5K)! So this is it – our BIG fundraising opportunity – and we don’t want to miss it! So, please return your pre-registration along with your \$75 (checks made out to St. John’s) by Sunday, June 11th! If you have any questions, or if for some reason you cannot pay the half of the registration fee, please contact *Pastor Dave*.

Mentor Meeting

If you have been asked to serve as a Confirmation Mentor – there will be a brief orientation meeting for mentors only on Sunday, June 4th either at 8am or 11am. Please make every effort to attend. If you are not able to attend, please contact Pastor Dave to make other arrangements.



Taco Booth
Once again St. John’s will have their Taco Booth down at the park during our 4th of July Festival. This year the proceeds will go primarily to the youth who will be attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX; but proceeds on July 1st will go to support our Precious Gifts Preschool.

The Taco Booth is such a success because of the strong support of the St. John’s congregation. Once again we need donations of **bottled water and/or pop (any major brand)**. You can drop off your donations at the church and stack them under the coat rack next to the Fellowship Hall.

We also will need your help in working the booth – the sign up board will be in the Gathering Area of the Church! It’s a great opportunity to meet other St. John’s youth and adults and to have some fun!

Most of all, we need you to come and buy some tacos – invite your friends! They really **ARE** very good!!!!
Thanks for your generous support!!

Are you able to help us???
There are still slots that we need to fill up to make sure that we are staffed to handle those busy crowds! Sign-ups are in the fellowship area!

MANY THANKS

- To our “Invest In the Kingdom: Gathered in Christ...Scattered to Serve” Team, under the leadership of Linda Dircks.
- To all who helped serve the lunch for Irvin “Scotty” Scott’s Funeral.
- To all our D-Way guides and substitutes, to all who helped serve our Wednesday meals (especially to Samantha Duret for coordinating the kitchen helpers and pizza orders, etc.), and to all who volunteered in any capacity.
- To all who helped with our Sunday School program this year - especially our co-leaders: Nichole Abernathy and Laura Eastling.
- To all the Sunday School youth for singing in worship on Mother’s Day.
- To the 55 Plus Planning Team for their work in organizing future events.
- To Karen Navratil for her work in the front gardens. If you have a green thumb - she’s always looking for fellow gardeners!
- To the members of the Chancel Choir, their director: Mark Nelson, and their accompanist: Orma Lou Jacobsma for another year of wonderful music!
- To all those who are serving as part of our summer “mowing” teams - for all you do to keep our grounds looking good!
- To Cal Froehlich for preparing St. John’s “Chili” entry for the Chamber’s Annual Chili Cook-off, and for all who helped serve! We are also grateful for a Thrivent Action Grant to help defray the costs of the chili!!!
- To all who have agreed to serve as “mentors” for our youth preparing for Confirmation this fall!
- Thank you to all who donated and helped with Food for Kidz! We packaged 24,192 meals and raised \$3,279.18

SUNDAY WORSHIP READINGS

June 4 – PENTECOST SUNDAY Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7
June 11 – SINGING FROM THE HEART Psalm 121
June 18 – SINGING FROM THE HEART Psalm 103
June 25 – SINGING FROM THE HEART Psalm 46



Summer Worship Schedule

We are now on our Summer Worship Schedule - that means our worship services are at 8:30am and 10am. Please pass the word!



Does technology intrigue you??
Do you love to volunteer??
Are you available a couple Sunday morning’s a month??
...Then come join our team!!
Email: Meggan Caird at mcaird@stjohns-annandale.org

Summer Campfire/Sing-A-Longs



We have a new campfire ring – so let’s make use of it. Each month this summer we will host a campfire/sing-a-long here at church. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket (and bug spray) and we’ll supply the song sheets and musicians! We’ll also provide the marshmallows! We will start at 7pm. Our **FIRST** will be **Tuesday, June 20th**! Share the word! If you play guitar or banjo or percussion (we have the drum box) – let Pastor Dave know that you would like to participate! In case of rain, we’ll just move inside and sing around candles! 😊 And maybe have ice cream instead of marshmallows.

Nursery Speaker

Thanks to Memorial Funds, we now have a speaker in the Nursery, so that those using the Nursery (or staffing the Nursery) can listen to the worship service!



Tenth Triennial Gathering is July 13-16, 2017 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Registration is still open! Interested? Give your name, phone and/or email to Bev Sorensen at 274-8271.

PRESENT: Pastor Dave Nelson, Denny Abernathy, Bill Berry, Mary Iverson, Michelle Wang, Lonnie Baack, Steve Miller, Matt Honsey ABSENT: Kris Nelson, Shelly Mikel, Abby Mikel, Dave Hadler, Peggy Bodell, Matt Treicher

Topic	Discussion	Action
Faith Talk:	Denny - What is the first funeral you remember?	N/A
Scripture and Prayer	Pastor Dave	N/A
Approval of Agenda	Motion: Approve May Council Agenda	M/S/P Exec/Matt
Secretary’s Report	Motion: Approval of April Council Minutes	M/S/P Exec/Bill
Treasurer’s Report	Motion: Approval of Treasurer’s Report: April	M/S/P Exec/Lonnie
Executive Committee Actions:	* Cards for Lisa w/ \$25 (per staff gifts policy) card in the office stop by to sign * Update on CYF postings - no applicants yet; discussed possibilities if there continues to be no applicants * Exit interviews w/Lisa, Becky, & Sam - members of Exec will talk with them	
Pastor Dave’s Report	Deeper Thoughts Discussion: CYF - * Discussion about entire CYF program: Sunday School curriculum, D-Way Schedule & what each portion looks like; Congregation’s goal for confirmation? Barriers to reconfiguring D-Way? Pastor Dave’s Report * New Admin Assistant - Chrystal Rasmussen accepted the position & started 5-12-17 * Pastor Tom will be including a letter to the congregations in the June newsletter * Mount Hermon meeting 5-18-17 * Email from Pastor Tim Wheatley regarding awareness of area protestor at other ELCA churches.	
Unfinished Business:	* Fundraising Policy - will discuss in June * Policy Re: Requests from ELCA Colleges & Universities - will discuss in June * Update on sanctuary from property team - architect believes we nee to have residue tested * Policy in response to request from Morgan Diers - Denny will bring policy next month and and have conversation w/Diers * Security System - Lonnie will bring info to June meeting	
New Business	* Resignation of Matt Treichler; appointment for council & replacement on Exec. Committee * VBS Team would like to charge \$15-20/child; Motion: No charge for VBS	M/S/P Exec/Michelle M/S/P Lonnie/Matt
Ministry Updates	WELCA -great responses for kits/Invest in the Kingdom – working hard & great team	N/A
Council Reminders:	Faith Talk in June - Shelly Offering Duties – Be diligent in checking the schedule & signing up	N/A

Mark your calendar:		
Adjournment	Motion to exten meeting 15 minues Adjourned at 9:21pm.	M/S/P Mary/ MattT.
Announcements/Prayer	Pastor Dave	

Council members contact your Missions – What are you currently working on. Is there anything else you would like to share with the board. Please let your mission know to send minutes of each meeting to Bonnie as soon as possible after the meeting.

	Monthly Income	Monthly Expense	General Fund Balance	Page 6
General Fund (1)	April 2017			
		\$45,178.61	\$35,892.89	\$45,813.13
	Monthly Average 2016			
		\$35,808.85	\$34,651.80	
Building Fund (2)		Monthly Mortgage	Building Balance	
		\$11,761.42	\$9,587.00	\$7,892.35
Precious Gifts Preschool (3)		PG Expense	PG Balance	
		\$3,303.05	\$1,755.35	\$9,170.02
Notes:	1. The General Fund Balance has grown since December 31, 2016. April was a very good month, it was a 5 week month and included Easter. We need to continue this trend throughout the summer months. 2. We still maintain a positive balance; our next mortgage payment will be \$9,587.00. 3. Precious Gifts Preschool balance is still positive, and has grown since December 31, 2016. Remember our mission at St. John's is supported by your talents and generous gifts. THANK YOU!			

In Need of Prayer?

People at St. John's are ready to pray for and with you --- in times of joy, and in times of need. To activate this prayer ministry please contact the church office. Only the information you choose to share will be passed on to the Prayer Ministry participants. But please understand that if you are calling on behalf of another person, in order to respect the right of privacy, and for the sake of confidentiality, you must have that individual's permission before we can activate the prayer ministry and pray for them by name.



Also, please know that our prayer ministry is ALWAYS open to additional participants. If you would like to be included in either the Prayer Chain (where you would receive a telephone contact) or the email prayer group – please contact the church office.

Pastoral Visits

Please call the church office and let us know if you desire a pastoral visit – especially if you are going to be hospitalized. If it is an emergency feel free to call Pastor Dave at home.

EMAIL

If you would like to receive the newsletter and/or weekly bulletin and announcements as an e-mail just let the office know at chrystalrasmussen@stjohns-annandale.org. It works great and is very cost-effective!

CHANGING ADDRESS: MOVING AWAY??

For every piece of returned mail or updated address we are charged a .57 fee from the post office. In addition, for those who will be moving and are leaving the area permanently, please notify the office at 274-8827. Thank you.

Communion Service at Annandale Care Center

Our monthly service of Holy Communion will be June 2nd at 1:30pm. While this worship service is intended for all St. John's members who are residents at the Care Center and Centennial Villa apartments, it is open to ALL (both residents and family and friends).



Coming up....

- St. John's Taco Booth – June 30th – July 4th
- Firecracker 5K – July 4th
- Care Center Communion Service – July 7th
- Benefit Dinner for the Paul Segner Family at Mt. Hermon – July 15th
- Septuafest – July 20th
- St. John's leading Sunday Worship at the Care Center – July 23rd
- Vacation Bible School Leaders Training – July 23rd
- Vacation Bible School Decorating – July 29th
- Vacation Bible School Sunday/Leaders Training – July 30th



ST. JOHNS NEW MEMBERS

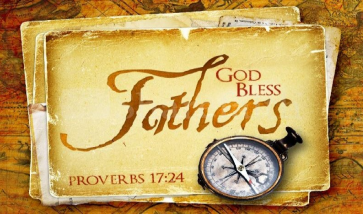
If you are interested in joining St. John's Lutheran Church, come on out to the New Member gathering on Sunday, June 4th from 11:30am - 2:30pm! This gathering is hosted by our Outreach Team, and we would love to see you there! New Member Sunday will be June 11th. Please call the church office to let us know that you are interested in attending.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

A planned gift is one that sits in a different box from the church giving done throughout the year. People put planned gifts in wills or estate plans as a way to ensure they can support the life of the place they love with gifts that continue to grow long after they're gone. That's the idea of making a planned gift to our Endowment Fund.

We are grateful for each and every gift given to the St. John's Endowment – no matter the size. And we would encourage you to include the St. John's Endowment in your estate planning. Such gifts allow us to support worthwhile ministries within and beyond our congregation!

To learn about the many ways to make a planned gift, please contact the church office or call InFaith Community Foundation at 800-365-4172 (where our St. John's Endowment is held).



**CELEBRATE FATHERS AND
ALL THE MEN WHO GIVE
FATHERLY CARE!
JUNE 18TH**



Martin Luther on a Stick???

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation – we are inviting you join in something FUN this summer. On the Welcome Desk at Church well will have “Luther a Stick” figures – and we invite you to pick one – take it with you on vacation, to the lake, on a family outing, etc. – and then take a picture of you with Luther – and email it to the church so that we can post them on our Church's Facebook page. Let's see how much fun Luther can have with the people of St. John's this summer!!!! Let's put a **SMILE** on Luther's face!!!!

Awards will be given for the most exciting location that would make “Marty” smile, most creative location, or the biggest group with “Marty”!

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Jill Wrobbel and her Business Professionals of America team (including Zach Wrobbel and Morgan Diers) for their great success at this year's National Competition!
- To Celeste Froehlich for being named the Emily Horsch Memorial female athlete of the year.
- To **ALL** Graduates - high school, college, etc. Blessings to each of you as you begin a new chapter in your life!!

MEALS ON WHEELS

Thank you to all who delivered meals on wheels during May. Sharing your time and your friendly greeting when you deliver the meals is greatly appreciated. St John's next opportunity to deliver meals will be the month of November, 2017. *Diane Barkley



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