

June 11, 2017

ST. JOHN'S

The Parish Post



Eller Farewell and Godspeed

Join us this Sunday, June 11th, at the 10am worship to bid Farewell and Godspeed to Rob and Tanya (and Isobel) Eller. They will be moving to Columbus, Ohio, Father's Day Weekend to begin Masters-level education at Trinity Lutheran Seminary so that Rob can pursue a call as an ordained pastor in the ELCA. Immediately following the worship you are invited to join us for a small cake and punch reception in the gym. If you are able, you are encouraged to get a gift card of some sort as a token of support for the Ellers as they begin this new journey on our behalf.

Father's Day Ugly Tie Contest

Calling all men! Not only are you invited to sing in the Men-Who-Do-Not-Necessarily-Sing Chorus on Father's Day, but we want you to wear your ugliest tie to the 10am worship that day. There will be a contest (judged by the women of the congregation in attendance) as to who is wearing the ugliest tie. For that "winner" there will be a prize! Gear up, men, for the contest is afoot!

Summer Worship Schedule

Just like last year, there will be no changes to our worship schedule come summer. We will gather as per normal at 5:30pm on Saturday nights, and again Sunday mornings at 8am and 10am. Come fill your tanks at worship so that you can go out into the world and be the light Christ has called you to be. You belong here!

Barstools

We are looking for some nice wooden barstools to use here in our church building. Do you happen to have any you would like to donate? Did you want to purchase a couple for us? Please contact Pastor Erik for more information.

End of School Year Celebration

All families; including kids, grandkids, neighbors etc. are invited to an End of School Year Celebration. It will be on Wednesday, June 14th from 5-7 PM in the Gym. We will have hot dogs, chip, drinks and dessert. There will be something for everyone; music, bounce house, and games! If you have any questions please email Barb Kulisek at bkulisek@roadrunner.com or call 602-2925.

Special Music

On Father's Day (June 18), the St. John's Men's Chorus will be singing. There will be a short rehearsal after the 10 AM service on June 11 - TODAY. If any men would like to join us in singing, please meet near the piano by the bells.

Cookies Donations for Synod Assembly

Donations of cookies for Synod Assembly are needed. Those who are willing to help out, please bring your donation to the Church office by Wednesday, June 14th. Your help is appreciated!

At the age of twelve, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. Where did his parents find him? (In the temple Luke 2:42-46)

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK— JUNE 12 — JUNE 18

Monday, June 12 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Tuesday, June 13 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Wednesday, June 14 ~ John 14:25-26

Thursday, June 15 ~ Hebrews 3:1-6

Friday, June 16 ~ Acts 7:35-43

Saturday, June 17 ~ Mark 7:1-13

Sunday, June 18 ~ Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8 and Matthew 9:35-10:8



† ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT †

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.



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June 4, 2017

We at St. John's are working on developing a new worship gathering for both our folks and for those folks whom we are currently not serving with our existing worship style selections. Not that there is anything wrong with either the traditional worships that we do on Sunday morning or the spoken word worship we gather for on Saturday evenings, we just know that there are more options out there that others desire. But before we get into a tussle about worship styles, allow me to share my take on what worship is and one of its main purposes therein:

Where we gather together is a gas station and our communal worship is the fuel. We come together to fill our tanks so that we can head out into the world to do what we have been called to do as the people of God.

We go to the gas station to fill up; the day you start hanging out there is the day you have lost sight of life. We don't gather here to stay here – we gather here to fuel up together and launch together to change our surrounding community together as a people of faith.

So what fuels your soul? This is not about being trendy or hip – this is entirely about what you need so that you can leave this place filled for the week ahead. I view part of the act of community worship as our recharge together where we learn, grow, are fed, and are sent out. If that is what we expect out of worship (no matter what the style), the questions we need to ask have to do with what you need to make that happen. What aspects of worship are most fulfilling to you? What are you most looking for in a worship experience? What factors are important to you in your choosing your worship gathering?

Even though this letter is primarily about worship, I truly understand and believe that worship is only a small part to who we are: **We are first-and-foremost a community of faith with a central mission.** There is so much more to a church than its worship gatherings, yet those worship experiences are an integral part of our expression of our faith. Our worship helps us build that community.

So let's make sure we are doing it right. Let's make sure that we are offering what people need to fill their cup, for it is only when their cups are filled that they have enough to pour out into the cups of others. On the other side of this letter is a simple survey we are hoping you will take time to fill out. We desire your thoughts, wishes, and ideas. We want your honesty and your candor. We endeavor to make this community of faith truly *your* community of faith. Please return the survey to us in person, via mail, or via my personal email.

In God's service and yours,

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St. John's Lutheran Church Worship Survey 2017

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Your church wants to better understand how you view the worship life of our church. Please take a few moments to answer these questions and then return this survey to the church office by Sunday, June 25th. We invite EVERY PERSON in your household (confirmation-age or older) to fill out a copy of this survey. Additional copies can be found in the church narthex (lobby) as well as on our church website under the "Documents and Forms" tab.

Name: _____ Gender: _____

How old are you? 12-18 19-35 36-49 50-64 65+

How many years have you attended worship at St. John's? less than 3 3-10 11 -20 21+

How often do you typically attend worship at St. John's?

Every week 2-3 times each month Once a month Mainly on holidays

Other (member elsewhere, snowbird, etc.): _____

Do you have children living at home? YES NO

If so, do they typically attend worship with you? YES NO Ages: _____

If you could have a worship gathering **DAY AND TIME** that would best suit your needs, when would it happen?

DAY: _____ TIME: _____ AM / PM

Is this the day and time of the worship gathering you primarily attend now? YES NO

Which worship **STYLE** do you most prefer (traditional, spoken, contemporary, blended, etc.)? _____

Is this the style of the worship gathering you primarily attend now? YES NO

Regarding your preferred worship style: What aspects are most fulfilling to you? What are you most looking for?

What factors are most important to you in choosing which worship gathering you would primarily attend?

Other comments you would like to share regarding worship here at St. John's: _____

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S ~ June 11, 2017 thru June 18, 2017

SUNDAY	6/11/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		11:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Committee—Assembly Room
WEDNESDAY	6/14/2017	12:30 PM	Project Dignity
		5:00 PM	End of the Year School Bash—Parish Center/Gym
THURSDAY	6/15/2017	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
			Synod Assembly at Thiel College (thru Saturday)
SATURDAY	6/17/2017	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion — Chapel
SUNDAY	6/18/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary



PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND LEADERS ...

<i>Dwain Fugate—healing</i>	<i>Matthew—in the Army</i>	<i>Kevin Harper</i>	<i>Cathy Goellner</i>	<i>Mark Fedorchak</i>
<i>John Berger</i>	<i>Paul Rapela</i>	<i>Lucille Wisinski</i>	<i>Sarah (seizures)</i>	<i>Carrie Fiske</i>
<i>Bud Bresee</i>	<i>Don Carlson</i>	<i>Leah (cancer)</i>	<i>Anthony Martin</i>	<i>Richard McLaughlin</i>
<i>Ben Montifiori</i>	<i>Patty Myers</i>	<i>Helen Robinson</i>	<i>Katie (cancer)</i>	<i>Lynn Schrimper</i>
<i>Ken Strohmeyer</i>	<i>Angie Suprynowicz</i>	<i>Beth Kendall</i>	<i>Cindy Weber</i>	<i>Pastor Weber</i>
<i>Elaine Sturtevant</i>	<i>Kristen Davenport</i>	<i>Olive Pifer</i>	<i>Paul Quinn</i>	<i>Paul Hess</i>
<i>Claude Sturtevant</i>	<i>Erika Rapela</i>	<i>Anthony Knepper</i>	<i>Elizabeth Richards</i>	<i>Bobbi and family</i>
<i>Our Country</i>	<i>President Trump</i>	<i>Bishop Elizabeth</i>	<i>Bishop Ralph</i>	<i>All our U.S. Veterans</i>

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, June 18, 2017

June 18, 2017

Worship Leader and Lector
 Greeters
 Communion Assistant, Acolyte, & Usher

June 18, 2017

Lector
 Acolyte
 Worship Leader
 Greeters
 Ushers
 Communion Assistants
 Altar
 Counters
 Flowers

8 AM Worship

Butch Karnes
 Ben and Pat Montifiori
 Volunteers

10 AM Worship

Angela Theiss
 DustiRose Richards
 Butch Karnes
 The Wasiulewski Family
 Sue Carlson, Pam Gildersleeve, Greg Kay and Don Carlson
 Lynn McGrath, Sandy Richards, Jay Richards, and Bob Quinn
 Marge Altsman, Judy Sweeney, and Linda Radomski
 Chris Reichert, Marj Quinn, and Bob Quinn
 Denise and Jim Scott

