



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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"You belong here."

The Parish Post

Monthly Newsletter

Worship With Us

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Saturday 5pm Spoken Vespers
Sunday 8am Contemporary
Sunday 10am Traditional

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2023 Congregation Council

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† 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.

Project Dignity Christmas Event

I'm sorry for the late update, but I wanted to let everyone know Project Dignity held yet another very successful, joyous and fun for all Christmas Event December 14th in our Parish Center. Members from 28 households attended. I want to thank Pastor Erik for his presence as well greeting and having conversations with our guests. A delicious pasta/meatballs/salad meal from Valerio's was enjoyed by all complete with bread, clementines and snack bags all followed by desserts contributed by the event's volunteers. All our guests went home with a variety of items including 2023 calendars, hats, scarves, gloves, wrapping papers/bows, Christmas cards, tote bags, candy bags, Sunny Delight and a new/gently used Christmas decoration. In addition, everyone won at least 1 and up to 3 new items from our auction tables. Some examples are hooded sweatshirts, fleece blankets, coffee maker, toaster, frying pans and sheets sets. I want to give a huge thank you to my volunteers who were present that day: Bob Bestvina, Brian Bestvina, Marj and Bob Quinn, Margie and Carl Gehrlein, Carolyn Sturtevant, Shantel and Greg Kay, Bill Kay, Mark and Sue Eller, Janet Heubel and Joyce Foht. I'm so very grateful for you all!

Diane Bestvina

Tackle Hunger With Us!

We will be collecting canned soup, vegetables, and fruit for our food pantry as well as the Second Harvest Food Bank's Annual Souper Bowl. Bring you canned goods on February 11th and 12th and "vote" for your favorite team by placing your donation on the table with your team's color.



Confirmed in Christ

On January 8, 2023 during the Traditional Worship Service, Christopher Boam, Timothy Powell, and Richie Blatt were confirmed. We congratulate these young men on this milestone in their faith journey.



Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world.

A year of service through the Young Adults in Global Mission program invites young adults to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, providing critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need. It also invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, providing space to consider their sense of identity, God's work in the world, and their place within it all.

Young adults serve in the spirit of accompaniment, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence and solidarity. Areas of service include, but are not limited to, health and development, congregational ministry, human rights, education, homelessness, addiction recovery, women's issues and children and youth. All site placements provide opportunities for young adults to confront issues of wealth and poverty, racial privilege, economic disparity and globalization, all through the lens of faith.

Candidates for Young Adults in Global Mission apply to the program at-large rather than to a specific country. Applicant preferences are taken into account but the final decision about where volunteers serve is made by Global Mission staff and YAGM country coordinators in mid-April. Current YAGM country programs include: [Argentina/Uruguay](#), [Jerusalem/West Bank](#), [Mexico](#), [Senegal](#) and [United Kingdom](#)

Applications for the 2023-2024 YAGM service year will be open from Nov. 1, 2022 through Feb. 1, 2023. Priority will be given to those who apply before Jan. 15.

We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together. Come, imagine yourself in the world!

To learn how you can support Young Adults in Global Mission, visit their sponsorship page [here](#).

For more information contact YAGM at 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2861 or by [email](#).



It is time to say goodbye to our well-used old green hymnals (Lutheran Book of Worship / LBW) and our old blue hymnal supplements (With One Voice / WOV). Please take as many as you want for any use that you want. On 3/1 they will be leaving the church campus forever.

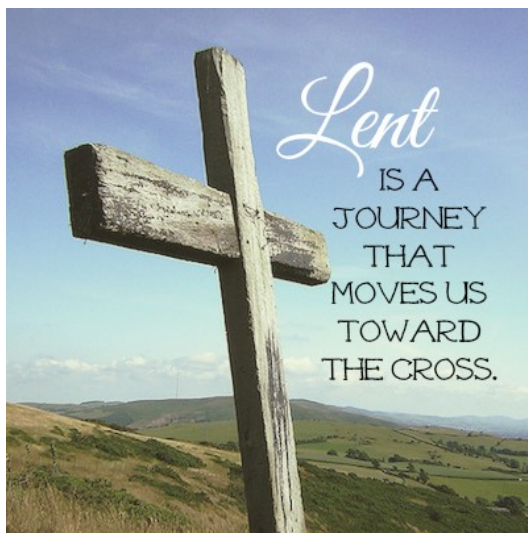
(Yes, we have saved a few copies as reference materials. No, no other church in our synod or elsewhere wants them.)

Prayer Requests: Do you have someone or something to pray for? Use the “Prayer Request” link on our church website (<http://stjohnserie.org/prayer-request/>). Enter your request and we will publish it in the Parish Post as well as be able to petition it during the prayers in worship. Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the “Prayer Request” link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

Just a Reminder: If you would like anything put in the *Parish Post*, please have it submitted to the church office no later than the 20th of the month prior. The office email is: office@stjohnserie.org or call the office at (814) 456-7596.

Check In for Worship: As you attend worship with us virtually or in person, please remember to check in. Record your attendance through the app on our “Worship With Us” web page. Or you can check in via email, letting us know where you were, who you were with, and what worship you attended, by texting or emailing that information to attendance@stjohnserie.org.

Check in for WORSHIP >





Grown-Up Winter Retreat

February 24-26, 2023

Registration Deadline: February 13, 2023

Who says camp is just for kids?

Grown-Up Camp includes all of the fun and excitement of camp with some relaxation, fellowship, and extras for adults! This grown-ups only retreat is the perfect opportunity to enjoy all the fun of camp but with some changes and additions specifically for grown-ups. Anyone age 21 or older is invited to join in the fun!

You will be able to enjoy camp classics like campfires, hikes, crafts, and games. All of the activities are optional to provide as much or as little time as you'd like to relax or explore Lutherlyn's beautiful grounds and trails.

The **\$150 fee** for these fun filled days at camp includes all meals, program, snacks, and lodging (cabins are equipped with full bathroom/showers and twin size beds). Guests are responsible for bringing their own linens and toiletries. **Optional: \$165/person for 2 people to share a private cabin room. \$180/person for a private cabin room.**

Activities available throughout the retreat include:

- Recreation Building
- Discovery Room
- Hiking Trails
- Board Games
- Sports Fields
- Outdoor Lawn Games
- Snacks, Drinks, & the Fireplace in Stewart
- Dining Hall Porch - Rocking Chairs
- Beautiful Outdoor Spaces
- Naps!
- We also encourage you to bring any books/hobbies/crafts you might enjoy.

* No need to bring any beer or wine, we will provide a variety of drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) for everyone to enjoy. There may be other groups on camp so alcohol consumption is limited to the beer and wine at the Saturday evening event.

Visit www.lutherlyn.com or call the number listed above for more information or to register.



shelter the **HOMELESS**

February 1-7 at St. John's

Join us as we provide our homeless neighbors a warm place to sleep and shower. We need your help in hospitality. Contact the church office to sign up for a four-hour shift to be the hands of Jesus in this place that week.



Special Meeting

Per a request from the 2022 Annual Meeting, the Congregation Council revisited our quorum number requirement. While 10% of membership was a suggestion from the ELCA, it does not seem to suit us well.

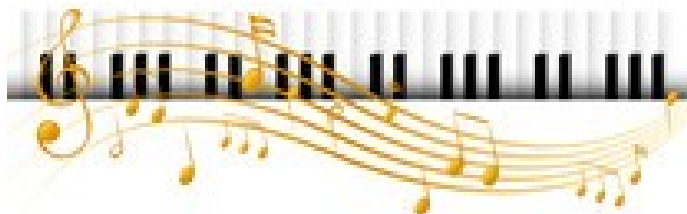
Congregation Council recommends to the congregation that
C10.04. Ten (10) percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.
be amended to read:

C10.04. A minimum of Forty (40) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

This cannot be voted on at this Annual Meeting. According to our Constitution and Bylaws (C16.01), any proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws needs broadcast to the congregation thirty (30) days in advance. **We officially broadcast now calling a Special Meeting for this purpose on Sunday, February 26th at 9:15am (in between the Sunday morning worship services).**

For this change to take effect once voted on and passed, it must further be fully ratified at the next Annual Meeting (C16.02b) in 2024.

For a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws, visit our webpage at www.stjohnserie.org.

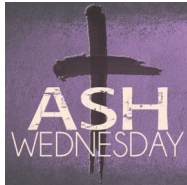


Musicians Needed

St. John's Bell Choir is looking for new members. Rehearsals are at 11:15 AM after the 10:00 AM service. In addition, any musician (vocalist/instrumentalist) who would like to contribute to our 10:00 AM Traditional Service, please contact Kathy Swanson. We would love to have you add to our worship experience.



February 2023 St. John's Lutheran Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Fri.	Saturday
			1 5PM—7 AM OUR NEIGHBOR'S PLACE WARMING SHELTER	2	3	4 5PM WORSHIP
5 8 AM WORSHIP 10AM WORSHIP 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 5PM—7 AM OUR NEIGHBOR'S PLACE WARMING SHELTER	6	7	8 7PM CONG. COUNCIL	9 11:30AM WELCA	10	11 5PM WORSHIP
12 8 AM WORSHIP 10AM WORSHIP 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 12PM Brew Crew	13	14 ♥HAPPY Valentine's DAY♥	15	16	17	18 5PM WORSHIP
19 8AM WORSHIP 10 AM WORSHIP 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal	20	21 7:00PM Duford Terrace Board	22 	23	24	25 5PM WORSHIP
26 8AM WORSHIP 10AM WORSHIP 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal	27	28				

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