



This Month at St. John:

- April 1—Easter Worship 6:30, 8, 9:15 and 10:30am
- April 2—Office Closed
- April 8-15—Great River Family Promise Host Week
- April 10—Call Committee Meeting, CCP Board Meeting
- April 11—Staff Meeting
- April 15—New Member Class
- April 17—Music and Worship, Executive, and Council Meetings
- April 19—Community Dinner
- April 22—New Member Sunday
- April 24—Call Committee Meeting
- April 29—Sunday School Sings for St. John
- April 30—Office Closed





"Looking Forward... with Wisdom, Knowledge, and Expectation!"

Finally!. the Transition/Call Committee is making the last turn and headed for the home stretch to "look forward" to interviewing candidates for Call as the next Pastor of St. John! This week they completed a pre-final draft of the Congregational Profile. After final edits it will be presented to the Church Council for approval

{hopefully at April 17th meeting}. Once voted on with approval by Council, it will be sent to the Mpls. Area Synod Bishop's office for their assessment, recommendations, and approval. With that step, the Synod will initiate steps to provide candidates for consideration, interview, and Call. Before providing pastoral candidates for Call, the Bishop will set an appointment for a final consultation with the leadership of St. John to insure readiness for interviewing. We are already "looking" to contact Bishop Svennugsen to get on her calendar.

It has been and joy and privilege to work and walk with St. John leaders and members during this "in between time" of celebrating the past leadership and preparing for the next pastoral partner. With the Transition/Call Committee making the final turn, I too begin to make the initial strides toward my final turn as your Interim Pastor. What a blessing to "look up" in prayer with you since before July 16. What an honor to "look back" with you to assess and confess and celebrate St. John's storied past. What a delight to "look in" to identify strengths and growth areas. What a blessing to "look around and out" to discover the context in which St. John ministers here in Zimmerman {a field white for harvest} and the partners in the city and the Mpls Area Synod and the ELCA that share and inspire the journey of faith and service together in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! And NOW... what a WONDER to "look forward" with you... for the new shepherd leader God has for you and the fresh ministries and missions to which God calls you.!.

Our race together will continue... perhaps for a few more months. The timing is unpredictable for us, but our loving Lord knows where we stride in the race and I am confident God has in mind to bless us together as we run "through and beyond" the finish line. In the meantime, we will continue to "look up," praying for God's wisdom, power, and will. We will listen to God's Word and with sleeves rolled up, labor together in care for one another and those around us. We'll gather to delight in worship with song and prayer and meaningful and sacramental feasts of God's love. We have wonderful plans in place for the post-Easter spring and God-willing, we'll share at least a good portion of planning for and implementing worship and ministry during a fulfilling and enjoyable summer together.

1 Corinthians 9:24

²⁴Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.

Let's finish the race well together!

Expecting great things... Looking Up and Forward, Praying us Forward, confident in the Spirit. Interim Pastor Bob Rusert

Cornerstone's Church Corner



Cornerstone Christian Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2018/2019 Preschool year. We currently have openings for 3 year olds on Mondays and Wednesdays. We also have openings for four/five year olds on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, half days or Tuesdays and Thursdays full days.

Please contact us at 763-856-4561 ext 14 to set up a tour or get your questions answered!

Check out our website: www.cornerstonechristianpreschool.org
Contact the Preschool for more info; zimmermanccp@yahoo.com or
763-856-4561 ex 14.

New Member class! Interested in becoming a member of St. John? We have a new member class scheduled for April 15th from 9:15-10:15 and a lunch at 11:45. Please let the Church office know if you are going to attend this class. churchoffice@green-church.org or 763-856-4561, EXT 10.

Confirmation News:

9th Grade Confirmation Students will make affirm their faith on May 6th at the 10:30 am Worship service.

Y o u t h M I S S I O N T r I p - Greeley, Colorado June 23-July 1

This spring will you be buying flowers, garden plants, hanging baskets, patio pots, shrubs, trees, mulch, decorative rock, etc.?

Please consider buying gift cards from the Greeley Work Camp Youth Mission Trip. Before and after services we will be selling \$25 gift cards to Nelson's Nursery. You get \$25 to spend at Nelson's on anything you want and we get \$5 toward our trip June 23-July 1 to Greeley, Colorado. Gift cards will be on sale April 8-May 13. Please consider supporting our trip and getting ready for spring in the process!



Transition/Call Committee Updates:

We expect to complete and approve our Ministry Site Profile at our first meeting in April. This will then be submitted to the synod and ultimately posted to recruit prospective pastoral candidates. Once we submit the Ministry Site Profile, Bishop

Svennungsen will meet with our congregation to discuss our transition process and next steps as we prepare to call a pastor. We hope that you all will be able to join us for that conversation. Looking forward, we remain hopeful we'll be meeting with potential candidates by early summer.

St. John Building and Grounds Spring Clean up

As I write this we are getting snow rain sleet and everything in between. But I know we will see nicer weather.

So with that said On Saturday April 21st starting at 9 we will be doing a spring cleanup day.

And what a fitting time to do it as Sunday is Earth Day

This will consist of cleaning all the windows in and out washing down the wood work and just doing a deep clean of the corners and crevices.

Time and help allowing would like to rake detach and clean up the grounds.

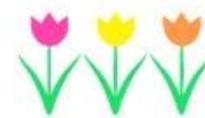
I will be putting out a signup sheet to make sure we have all the supplies needed and too get a head count on how much meat will be going on the Traeger smoker for lunch at 1.

Many Hands Make lite work!

In my Lords Service
Kevin Johnson



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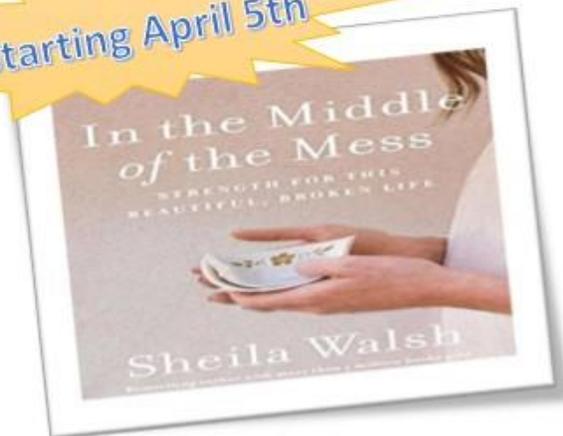


Non-denominational Community Women's Bible Study

Meeting at St. John Lutheran Church in Zimmerman

Thursdays *(Fall through Spring) 9:00am Coffee Fellowship / 9:30am DVD Bible Study*

Starting April 5th



- April 5th – Brokenness is the Beginning
- April 12th – Brokenness Is Hard
- April 19th – Brokenness Is Loud
- April 26th – Brokenness Is to Be Shared
- May 3rd – Brokenness Is the Path to Healing
- May 10th – Brokenness Is Temporary



May 10th Tea Party

Questions? Call/Text Wendy 320-333-6296





Wanted Handy persons



St. John Building and Grounds

The Green Hat Crew

The Green Hat crew was formed to do small projects around the church to help save on the cost of maintenance in and around the church so the budget could be kept lower and to save the funds for projects needing licensed trades people.

Once we had fully taken care of the church needs our goal was to step out into the community.

This would include members and nonmembers in need of help. We could help the elderly, spouses of active duty personnel or people with short term disability or illness. We would do light yard work, house repairs, transportation for appointments etc.

We meet the second Wednesday 8-10 and the last Saturday 8-10

Emails are sent out before hand on projects coming up.

We know that St John has many talented people to make this happen.

If you have questions contact Kevin Johnson or Eric Roensch

Worship for Easter Season at St John!

April 8th 2018 Easter 2 **8 AM Traditional** **10:30 AM Contemporary** Text: John
20:19-31 **"The Foundation of Our Faith?"**

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, ...and put my finger in the mark... and in his side, I will not believe."

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1--2:2

The story tells of Thomas's doubt and demand for his own personal revelation experience of the presence of God in Jesus Christ! What do we 'require' of God before we will allow ourselves to 'believe'? What are the meaningful and reliable foundations for faith?

April 15th 2018 Easter 3 **8 AM Traditional** **10:30 AM Contemporary**
Text: Luke 24:36b-48 **"Understanding and Scripture with an Open[ed] Mind!"**

"⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures..."

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7

The story tells of one of Jesus' resurrection and revelatory post crucifixion visits with the disciples! In this visit He 'opens their minds' to understanding the prophetic Scriptures and the events which compel us and all who hear to a new beginning of a new life. Jesus opens the way to a daily new beginning lifestyle.

April 22nd, 2018 4th Sunday of Easter **8 AM Traditional** **10:30 AM Contemporary**
Text: John 10:11-18 **"Rest Assured in the Arms of the Good Shepherd"**

"¹⁴I am the good shepherd... And I lay down my life for the sheep."

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24

The story tells of Jesus's promise to "lay down His life" for us, the sheep of His flock. We have a loving Lord who is willing to sacrifice all He is and has to assure and secure us. With the Good Shepherd we are free to rest assured.

April 29th, 2018 5th Sunday of Easter **8 AM Traditional** **10:30 AM Contemporary**
Text: John 15:1-8 **"The Joy of a Fruitful Life!"**

"⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

1 John 4:7-21 Psalm 22:25-31 Acts 8:26-40

The story tells of Jesus' defining the expectation and purpose of a life of discipleship. We are designed, gifted, and called to bear fruit to the glory of God by walking in the way of Jesus. A life of discipleship characterized by love yields the greatest fruit.

May 6th 2018 6th Sunday of Easter **8 AM Traditional** **10:30 AM Contemporary**
Text: John 15:9-17 **"Christ-like Love is Sacrificial Love!"**

"¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6

The story tells of Jesus' commissioning His disciples to the same kind of love with which He loved all people. The highest form of love is sacrificial love, loving to the extent of giving oneself in the place of and for the sake of others. In a world encouraged to secure privilege and get love for one's self, mature Christians willingly and deliberately seek to give love sacrificially.

May 13th 7th Sunday of Easter **8 AM Traditional** **10:30 AM Contemporary**
Text: John 17:6-19 **"Secure in the Prayers of Jesus!"**

"¹¹... Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Acts 1:15-17,21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:8-13

The story tells of Jesus' praying for His disciples to secure them in this world and the next. With the power of the evil one so evident and so strong in this broken world, it's great to know that Jesus is looking out for us in the battles of life with evil. We need all the help and encouragement we can get to live hopeful and secure.

May 20th 2018 Festival of Pentecost **8 AM Traditional** **10:30 AM Contemporary**
Text: John 15:26-27 and 16:4b-15 **"Living with the Advantage!"**

"⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Ps. 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

The story tells of Jesus' promise of life with the advantage of the Advocate. Too many people struggle living with disadvantages. Self-reliance proves unreliable, relying on the world proves catastrophic, relying on the power of the Spirit, the Advocate, proves healthy and wholesome, productive and victorious.



**NEWSFLASH!
ALLEN JUNTUNEN IS
TURNING 80!**

Come help us celebrate:
Saturday afternoon,
April 28th
1:00 - 4:00
St. John's Fellowship Hall

Drop in any time for cake, coffee and refreshments.

Hosted by the Juntunen "kids".

Great River Family Promise Host Week is April 8th through April 15th! We need many volunteers. Please check the board in the Narthex for opportunities to help! If you have any questions please contact Janna Luebben and/or Lori Scheif.

Free Community Dinner: April 19th from 5-7pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be serving Scalloped potatoes, Ham, coleslaw, bread and a dessert! Bring your family, invite your neighbors and friends!

Thank you to all who helped make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter! Our Building and Grounds and Decorating committee did a fantastic job. Thank you also to all who helped serve communion, ushered, lectured and ran the screen/slides at our 4 Easter services.

You are valuable and appreciated by St. John!!!

*St. John
Memorial*



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