



ST. JOHN
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A Note from the Pastor...

On October 31st of every year, we celebrate The Reformation in the Lutheran Church. This year we have some amazing opportunities to learn from Martin Luther about what the church really means. Luther lived in a time of amazing change, and learned and taught what the real meaning of the church was. Even though Luther grew up in the Roman Catholic Church, he was eventually kicked out of that church, and he had to learn how to worship in new and different ways. Luther made certain that God's message of love became the center of these new ways of worship.

Given the pandemic, we can learn a lot from Luther and The Reformation. No one planned to have worship outside our walls for six months to a year, and it has been a difficult transition. Yet, we have to be careful about the wanting to have things our own way. One of the main lessons of The Reformation is that church is more about the message than the building. The answer of whether we are a church or not depends more upon whether we are proclaiming the gospel than if we are in the building together or not. The difficult lesson for Luther and for his theological descendants is that God is not asking us to find the most comfortable way to do things.

God is asking us to think about life differently. When Jesus talks about the kingdom of God coming near, this means that our lives will be different because God bursts into our neat, tidy little worlds. We had become used to worshipping in certain ways inside our church building, and now God has shown us that this good news exists

outside the building. I don't know how many of us realize that the genius of the Reformation is in Luther's understanding of God's faithfulness to us. When we are claimed by God, God never abandons us. Instead, God is now present with us forever. And, as much as God is presence, God is also calling us, challenging us, inviting us to rethink our lives.

The Reformation means that whether or not you are in church for worship, God is with you. God's message of love for you will never be separated from you. Luther suggested that the church should always be in the process of being reformed. This re-forming, re-imagining, will help us to focus on what the real purpose of the church is: proclaiming the Good News that your loving God has come near, poured grace into you, and this God will never abandon you. This year may be more reason than ever to celebrate this message of The Reformation, and to take to heart Luther's realization that no matter what happens in our world or in our lives, our faithful God comes to us no matter what. Praise be to God!

—Pastor Erick



Daylight Saving Time **Ends Sunday, Nov 1**
Remember to set your clock back the night before!

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Special Update from Pastor Erick

October 29, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of St. John,

It is with deep gratitude that I write this letter. We are approaching nearly eight months of living in pandemic mode, and St. John continues to remain a strong, vibrant church. I miss seeing all of you, and I am happy that we have had the opportunity to do Zoom worship and meetings, as well as the chances that weather has provided to meet outside. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the financial picture at St. John as well as briefly talk about our plan for opening the building up for worship and other groups.

As I write this, St. John maintains a functional financial position mainly because we secured funding through the Paycheck Protection Program last spring, along with keeping some expenses down. St. John has also been fortunate enough to secure some grant money through the North Dakota Economic Resiliency Grant program in order to help us provide a safer environment for preschool, as well as worship and other groups when we are able to meet. Our finance team had also refinanced our mortgage so that we have financial flexibility going forward.

Yet, our finances are on a trajectory that will be very difficult to maintain without some additional funding. I recognize that the pandemic has impacted everyone's finances in different ways. My hope is that, if you are able, you would consider helping to put St. John back on a more secure financial footing. If you could send a one-time donation, or even increase your regular giving, it would help our finances as we head into the winter. Given that we are uncertain what will happen with outside funding and loans, it is important that we do what we can to stabilize our general fund accounts.

More importantly, I hope you will continue to pray for St. John and its ministries. The leadership and staff have done an amazing job of learning how to continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ via computers, telephones, and tablets. We have over 20 weekly opportunities for worship, youth events, book clubs, and other group meetings over Zoom and other platforms. I am so grateful for the talented and flexible staff and the amazing job they have done!! If you haven't yet checked out worship, please do so. We are getting people involved from their own homes, even as we stream live. It's really amazing how the church continues its mission even as we are functioning so differently.

Our reopening plan uses the rate of cases per 10,000 in Cass County. It is similar to the model the Fargo Public Schools also uses. We have put a link to our model on our website and hope you will check it out. Bottom line, the Church Council will use the model on our website to inform our decision making, but may need to take other factors into account. Please continue to check our website for updates.

I'll end this letter as I began, with gratitude. I am so thankful for the ways we have continued to be a thriving community of Christ. While I look forward to seeing everyone again, I know that we will be a strong church throughout this difficult time. Thank you for your prayers and your financial gifts that support our ministry and make it possible to continue to reach more and more people.

Peace,

Pastor Erick

Worship & Fellowship

Live Online Worship

We've had wonderful online attendance for worship throughout the pandemic. St. John will continue to offer online worship on **Sundays at 9:30am** and **Wednesdays at 7:00pm**. There are three options for attending worship remotely:

1. Facebook Live:

To join us for worship on Facebook Live, go to **facebook.com/stjohnfargo/live**. A Facebook account is not required. Refresh the page when it's time for worship, and you should see the live video. If you have any problems getting connected with Facebook Live, give Jeremy a call sometime during the week and he will be happy to help get you set up!

2. Worship on Zoom:

Join the Zoom meeting on your computer by copying and pasting this link into the URL box on your browser: <https://zoom.us/j/96954699012?pwd=VmJSV3F0SzBoUURqQlITR1ZJaDBFZz09>

Or you can go to zoom.com (or open your Zoom app), click on "join a meeting" and enter the following when prompted:

Meeting ID: 969 5469 9012

Passcode: 0EJF7

3. Worship by Phone:

Dial: 1-312-626-6799 (long distance rates may apply)

It will ask for your meeting ID.

Dial: 969 5469 9012 then press #

It will ask for your participant ID. **Press #**

It will ask for your meeting password.

Dial: 502823 then press #

It will tell you that you are in the meeting, and how many other people are listening by phone. In just a moment, you will hear the service. You will not be

able to talk back. Thank you for joining us for worship! If you would like to stay for fellowship time and Adult Forum, please stay on the line.

Thanksgiving Worship

Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00pm on Facebook Live and Zoom.

Please join us for a special worship service as we celebrate Thanksgiving together.

Please use the same login info from the "Live Online Worship" column.

Virtual Pie Social

After Thanksgiving worship on **Tuesday, November 24** (around 7:30pm), you're invited to a virtual pie social on Zoom! You're invited to bring your own pie or other dessert as we take some time to chat with one another. We'll split the large group into breakout rooms (like virtual tables) so it's easier to talk.

Please use the Zoom login info from the "Live Online Worship" column.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

It's time for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the F-M Emergency Food Pantry! Since the pandemic is still going on, it will look a little different this year. We encourage you to bring your non-perishable food pantry items to our drive-thru drop-off. There will be a box just outside the main (northeast) entrance on the following days and times. Please bring your donations then:

Sunday, November 22nd Noon - 5:00pm

Monday, November 23rd 9:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday, November 24th 9:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday, November 25th 9:00am - Noon

As an alternate option, you may choose to send a check directly to the F-M Emergency Food Pantry.

Worship & Fellowship Cont'd

Zoom Fellowship

Between worship and Adult Forum on **Sundays (around 10:10am-10:30am)**, everyone is invited to a virtual Fellowship time. This will be a time to talk, laugh, catch up, and maybe make a new connection!

For Fellowship, please use the same Zoom information as listed in the "Live Online Worship" article on page 3 to log into Zoom on your computer or to call in by phone. If you're already logged in for worship and would like to attend fellowship, just stay logged in. You can choose to stay for Adult Forum afterward. On **Sunday, November 29**, we will have an extended fellowship time in place of Adult Forum.

MUGG Night

Men Under God's Guidance

All men are invited to a virtual MUGG Night. On **Monday, November 9 at 5:30pm** join us over Zoom for a time of fellowship. Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92245069933?pwd=NzRxN0VyNW1JLzVpOUV0QkhkelprUT09>
Or Meeting ID: 922 4506 9933
Passcode: mugg
Check out our new Facebook group!

Women & Wine

Usually 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm on Zoom.

All women are invited to join us for food, drinks and fun! Please contact the office for more information (701-232-8521 or office@stjohnfargo.com).
Check out our new Facebook group!

What Are You Thankful For?

Invitation for everyone at St. John! Would you be willing to video yourself (with your smartphone) answering this question: What are you thankful for? You could have your whole family answer in one video or you can send separate videos for each member. Just email it to: jeremy@stjohnfargo.com or ldpapenfuss@gmail.com. We want to use these videos for worship in November.

Keep watching.....they'll be more similar requests throughout the year.

Check Out Our New Facebook Groups!

We hope that during this time of social distancing, we can continue to find online fellowship with each other. That's why we've created a number of new Facebook groups geared toward different interests. We invite you to join any and all that interest you! To find them, go to our "St. John Lutheran Church – Fargo N.D." Facebook page. At the top, click "more" and then "groups." When you see a group you like, click "join group." One of our Admins will approve your request shortly.

Our new Facebook groups include:

- Children, Youth, & Family
- St. John Choir
- St. John Needle Artists (sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc.)
- MUGG (Men Under God's Guidance)
- Women & Wine
- Care for Creation
- Missions/Social Concerns
- Book Club with Pastor Erick

Bible Studies & Education

Adult Forums

Sundays at 10:30am on Zoom.

- Nov 1 Pastor Erick: "What Makes American Christianity Unique"
- Nov 8 Dr. Roy Hammerling: "Martin Luther and the Plague (Pandemic)" *info below*
- Nov 15 Dr. Roy Hammerling: "A Conversation about Martin Luther" *info below*
- Nov 22 Pastor Erick
- Nov 29 Extended Fellowship Time

Use the Zoom link from online worship (p. 2) or Meeting ID: 969 5469 9012
Passcode: 0EJFf7

"Martin Luther and the Plague (Pandemic)"

In this adult education session, Dr. Roy Hammerling will discuss Martin Luther's 1527 treatise entitled, "Whether One may Flee the Plague?" It is appropriate in the midst of our pandemic to think about how Martin Luther responded to plagues during his day. The Black Plague regularly reoccurred and devastated communities in Europe throughout Luther's days. Luther was asked, "What is Christian responsibility to others in such troubled times?" He has some insights that will be useful for us to think about. All are welcome.

"A Conversation about Martin Luther"

After visiting with some members of St. John, Dr. Hammerling has decided to have a discussion focused on your questions about our church's founder, Martin Luther. Dr. Hammerling will take questions and lead a discussion about issues that matter to you. The first questions that Dr. Hammerling will discuss (which come from Bob Schultz) is, "What was Luther's attitude toward the Jews?" and "What did Luther think about Islam?" After that he will open it up to your questions, so come ready to ask anything you wish to discuss. All are welcome.

Daily Devotions

A word of thanks to all the St. John members who have written devotions for our community of faith during this time of social distancing!

If you are interested in sharing a devotion please contact either Pastor Brian or Pastor Erick. Thank you for sharing Christ's love with others!

—Pastor Brian

Daily Devotions can be found at stjohnfargo.com or on our Facebook page. To get them emailed to you daily, please email office@stjohnfargo.com, OR to get them mailed to you weekly, please call 701-232-8521.

Book Club with Pastor Erick

You're invited to join us in reading the book "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson and discussing it over Zoom. Feel free to come either on **Mondays at 7:00pm** or **Tuesdays at 1:00pm**.

Here is the Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?pwd=VlIvOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09)

[pwd=VlIvOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?pwd=VlIvOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09)

Or Meeting ID: 880 8281 9369

Passcode: 215273

Tentative Schedule:

Sept 28-29	Intro, preface, chaps. 1-3
Oct 5-6	Chaps. 4-9
Oct 12-13	Pillars 1-4
Oct 19-20	Pillars 5-9
Oct 26-27	Chaps. 10-14
Nov 2-3	Chaps. 15-18
Nov 9-10	Chaps. 19-24
Nov 16-17	Chaps. 25-29
Nov 23-24	Chaps. 30-31 & Epilogue
Nov 30- Dec.1	Closing dialogue, plans for winter

Bible Studies & Education Cont'd

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:30am on Zoom. The Thursday "text study" Bible Study has moved to Tuesdays!

Please join us for this pastor-led Bible study as we dive deeper into the text for the coming Sunday.

Here is the Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/91458607719?](https://zoom.us/j/91458607719?pwd=cFY1NkkrNFZUcitRRkZ3L1g3V0dOdz09)

[pwd=cFY1NkkrNFZUcitRRkZ3L1g3V0dOdz09](https://zoom.us/j/91458607719?pwd=cFY1NkkrNFZUcitRRkZ3L1g3V0dOdz09)

Or Meeting ID: 914 5860 7719

Passcode: 0cMCqZ

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays at 2:00pm on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us! We will continue our study of the third section of Isaiah, chapters 56-66. Here is the Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/93602092643?](https://zoom.us/j/93602092643?pwd=MndGcW5KdlBzVkrhS0Z6T29UY0Zudz09)

[pwd=MndGcW5KdlBzVkrhS0Z6T29UY0Zudz09](https://zoom.us/j/93602092643?pwd=MndGcW5KdlBzVkrhS0Z6T29UY0Zudz09)

Or Meeting ID: 936 0209 2643

Passcode: 4pvdMA

St. John Book Club

This is the monthly book club that is made up of St. John members and non-members alike. We meet the first Monday of each month over Zoom, with a different book to discuss each time. New members are always welcome! Please contact Jane Nissen (701-235-0436) for more information, including the Zoom login.

This Year's Book Schedule: (7:00pm on Zoom)

Nov 2 *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

Dec 7 *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

Jan 4 *His for Hawk* by Helen McDonald

Feb 1 *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson

Mar 1 *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

Apr 5 *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James W. Loewen

May 3 *The Story of More* by Hope Lahren

Children, Youth, & Family

Family Game Time

Please join us on Zoom for some fun for the whole family! On **Sunday November 8, from 4:00pm-5:00pm**, everyone is invited to join us for some Jackbox games, and maybe even some fun trivia! You'll need a computer or tablet to connect to Zoom and a smartphone or tablet to use as your game controller. Here is the Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/93085213181?](https://zoom.us/j/93085213181?pwd=emlKd0FONkNsajJURzl5ZWJseGx1dz09)

[pwd=emlKd0FONkNsajJURzl5ZWJseGx1dz09](https://zoom.us/j/93085213181?pwd=emlKd0FONkNsajJURzl5ZWJseGx1dz09)

Or Meeting ID: 930 8521 3181

Passcode: 0gvESG

Kids' Coloring Time

Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:15pm on Zoom.

Erin will be hosting a time for kids to get together over Zoom and color! Erin will email out a coloring sheet that you can print, or use your own. This will be a time to catch up with each other and hang out while we do something creative.

Here is the Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/98851753584?](https://zoom.us/j/98851753584?pwd=a1B3WmlhVEoxWnQ2UlpBd2lZL3ZoQT09)

[pwd=a1B3WmlhVEoxWnQ2UlpBd2lZL3ZoQT09](https://zoom.us/j/98851753584?pwd=a1B3WmlhVEoxWnQ2UlpBd2lZL3ZoQT09)

Or Meeting ID: 988 5175 3584

Passcode: 2wXpEe

Children, Youth, & Family Cont'd

Cross+Walk Sunday School



Please join us for our new theme in November, “Shout Out: Let ‘em know you’re thankful” (©reThink Group) where we’ll explore stories in the Bible about gratitude.

Sundays from 10:30am-11:00am on Zoom.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99393027078?pwd=VS85NmZPT2JLSTZEekJ1dWI5c0pvUT09>

Or Meeting ID: 993 9302 7078

Passcode: Crosswalk

Cross+Walk Sunday School has always had a focus on family faith formation, and this year we get to double down on family. Thanks to Zoom, we will still get to meet as one large group, for a short time of songs, stories, and a bit of silliness. But where this digital environment really shines is in Family Small Groups. You and your family will have a setting to sit together and open the Bible. We put together step-by-step guides to walk you through a simple Bible activity and to talk together about the promises of God for you and the world. And you’ll be paired up with another family or two for a comfortable and intimate group to walk through this together.

Blessings,

Erin Bjerke, Youth Education Director

Virtual Christmas Program

All kids age 3 through grade 5 and their families are invited to participate in our virtual Christmas Program! This is an opportunity for you to read or act out the Christmas story, sing, play an instrument, or even read a poem!

We will ask interested families to make a recording of themselves performing their part and send it to us. **Recordings are due by December 6.** If you’re interested in participating, please email Dawn at ldpapenfuss@gmail.com.

Everyone’s recordings will then be edited together (we might not have space to use everything you send us), and we will make sure that everyone is featured. We will premiere the video during worship on **Sunday, December 20 at 9:30am** on Facebook Live.

Milestones Ministry

Upcoming Milestones:

“Welcome to Worship” (4-year-olds): Nov 8

Eucharist Education (5th Grade): Nov 15 & 22

For more information, please contact Erin at ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com or 701-232-8521.

Parent Small Group

Next meeting: Monday, November 9 from 8:30pm-9:30pm on Zoom. This is a time for parents to connect with one another and talk about what’s on their mind, including the unique challenges of parenting an elementary schooler during the pandemic, and take time to center themselves and pray.

Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91826363600?pwd=MWV5VExidVF5bTFvSkhaY2RCU0ptdz09>

Or Meeting ID: 918 2636 3600

Passcode: 8Gnxbv

Children, Youth, & Family Cont'd

6th-8th Grade Confirmation

Wednesdays from 6:00pm-6:50pm on Zoom.

Confirmation Schedule for November

- Nov 4 Learning #3 (God's Two Kingdoms)
- Nov 11 Learning #4 (Christian Vocation)
- Nov 18 Mentor Connections #1 *info below*
- Nov 25 NO CLASS (Thanksgiving Break)

Mentor Connections #1

Confirmands and Mentors will be given a connections sheet they can use as a resource to guide conversation. They are encouraged to meet by phone or virtually to connect anytime during the week (our normally scheduled Zoom time from 6:00-6:50pm might make sense). If you would like to meet with your mentor on Zoom, Pastor Brian will be present on our regular Confirmation Zoom link on Wednesday November 18th from 6:00pm-7:00pm, and he can place you all in breakout rooms with your mentors.

Confirmation Zoom Meeting Link:

[https://zoom.us/j/94444353487?
pwd=YmNpa05XMxE2eDkvZGpyS0NPZmpLQT09](https://zoom.us/j/94444353487?pwd=YmNpa05XMxE2eDkvZGpyS0NPZmpLQT09)

Or Meeting ID: 944 4435 3487

Passcode: confirm

High School Youth Group

All youth grades 9-12 are invited to join Jeremy on Zoom the **first Wednesday of each month from 7:30pm-8:30pm**. This will be a time of fellowship and catching up with each other.

Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/94444353487?
pwd=YmNpa05XMxE2eDkvZGpyS0NPZmpLQT09](https://zoom.us/j/94444353487?pwd=YmNpa05XMxE2eDkvZGpyS0NPZmpLQT09)

Or Meeting ID: 944 4435 3487

Passcode: confirm

9th Grade Confirmation

Our 9th grade Confirmation students will be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month from **7:00pm-7:30pm on Zoom**. We will be using a peer ministry resource to guide our discussion. Ninth graders are encouraged to stay for High School Youth Group afterward.

- Nov 4 Hello - Making a Friend
- Dec 2 Human - Welcoming a Friend
- Jan 6 Hurt - Understanding a Friend
- Feb 3 Help - Helping a Friend
- Mar 3 Hands - Walking beside a Friend
- Apr 7 Confirmation Worship Service Planning and Review of Experience

A Note from Jeremy...

Half a year ago, I wasn't expecting us to still have a great need for social distancing. I miss getting to be in church with the whole congregation, hanging out in the youth room with high schoolers and middle schoolers, playing guitar together with a growing group of new aspiring musicians, and being a part of Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Recently, I have had the privilege of receiving all of your contributions of pictures and videos for our Wednesday evening and Sunday morning services. It has been a joy to feel like I'm interacting with the entire church through images and video! As a church, I believe that we are just now starting to scratch the surface of what it can mean to be a community that exists outside of the walls of the church building. I'm excited to find more ways to grow together in new ways! Keep sending in those videos and pictures as part of worships and if you don't know how to get involved, let me know! I'd be happy to talk with you about it!

Peace,

Jeremy Maahs, Youth Programming Director 8

Announcements

Music Notes

Singers and instrumentalists! If you have been watching our worship services, you will have noticed a big change in late October. We now have the ability to piece together a worship service from our homes. What does this mean? You can read the scriptures of the day, record with your phone, and then send it to Jeremy. He then puts it in the correct slot. Another person can read the prayers, etc. On Reformation Sunday we did a trial run with a few choir members on an anthem we knew well. They did great! So, be aware that you will soon be invited to sing music again!

—Dawn Papenfuss, Director of Music

Wanted: Scripture Readers & Assisting Ministers

People of St. John, We now have the ability to have you record yourselves at home (using your smartphone) and then send it in for us to include in worship. ie. reading scripture, saying prayers, singing, etc. Let us know if you want to be involved in this way. ldpapenfuss@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry

If you're struggling, please contact one of our Stephen leaders for more information about Stephen Ministry: Pastor Brian: 701-212-5214
Sue Erickson: 701-541-0847

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BY THE PANDEMIC?**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

A Stephen Minister can walk alongside you or a loved one to offer support and care—and it's free and confidential.

To learn more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders.



St. John Members Thankful for Recent Cards, Prayers

Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers during my recovery after my recent fall. Hopefully in a week I will be able to put more weight on my leg. A special thank you to choir members and others who sang Happy Birthday to me below my window at Bethany. You made my day. God bless my family at St. John

—Jeri Ekstrom

Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers for health during this last summer. I appreciate them all and am on the road to recovery.

—Lynn Wolff

Lutheran World Relief Kit Update

A huge and sincere THANKS to Elwood Rieke, Doug Grant, Jana Bruhschwein, and Jordan Erickson for all you did for transporting the boxes of mission kits to Midwest Motor Express, who generously donates shipping to the Minneapolis LWR warehouse. We also thank all of our quilters, and Char Grant and Judy Peterson for putting the kits together! The fall kit shipment from St. John included 24 Baby Care Kits, 34 Personal Care Kits, over 100 School Kits, and 64 Quilts.

AmazonSmile

Did you know that you can donate to St. John by shopping on Amazon.com? It's easy! When you do your Amazon shopping, just go to [smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and choose St. John Lutheran Church as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. John!

Announcements Cont'd

Sundays At-a-Glance

This is our anticipated schedule for Sundays through November.

9:30am: Worship (Facebook Live & Zoom)

10:10am-10:30am: Fellowship (Zoom)

10:30am-11:15am: Adult Forum (Zoom)

10:30am-11:00am: Cross+Walk Sunday School (Zoom)

Worship, Fellowship, and Adult Forum will all be accessible using the same Zoom link.

Upcoming Special Worship Services

November 1: All Saints Sunday

Tues, November 24: Thanksgiving Worship

Attention Snowbirds

If you will be living at a different address this winter and would like church correspondence delivered to you without interruption, please call or email the church office at 701-232-8521; office@stjohnfargo.com.

Please confirm to us your winter address and tell us which date to begin using it and which date to switch back to your local address.

Thank you!

St. John Church Council

2019-2021	Amanda Holt	President
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2020-2022	Michael Westhoff	Social Concerns
2020-2022	Sadie Thompson	Youth Programming
2020-2022	Mike Williams	Property

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The Ministry Team of St. John:

All the People of God, along with

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Erick J. Thompson

Associate Pastor: Rev. Brian Hansen

Director of Music/Organist: Dawn Papenfuss

Youth Education Director & Office Secretary: Erin Bjerke

Youth Programming Director: Jeremy Maahs

Office & Finance Manager: John Bell

Facility Assistant: Jordan Erickson

St. John Christian Preschool Director: Jana Bruhschwein

Preschool Teachers: Kellie Knodel, Cheryl Dietz,

Katie Mare, Katie Maple, Michele Wangen,

Shelley Krosbakken, Jami Olson

Accompanists: Suzanne Schultz & Marcia Bettenhausen

Handbell Director: Jessica Westgard Larson

Articles accepted before

5:00pm on November 20th for the December 2020 *Herald*.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Z)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom)			
9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live)	Pastor Erick (Zoom)	1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	5:00 PM Youth Education Comm Mtg(Z)			
10:10 AM Fellowship (Zoom)		3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	6:00 PM 6th-8th Confirmation (Zoom)			
10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom)			6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg (Zoom)			
10:30 AM C+W Sunday School (Zoom)			7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (FB Live)			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
4-Year-Old Milestone	5:30 PM MUGG Night (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Zoom)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom)			
9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live)	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	6:00 PM 6th-8th Confirmation (Zoom)			
10:10 AM Fellowship (Zoom)	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Parent Small Group (Zoom)	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Facebook Live)			
10:30 AM C+W Sunday School (Zoom)						
11:00 AM 4-Year-Old Milestone (Z)						
4:00 PM Family Game Time (Zoom)						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live)	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Zoom)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00 PM Women & Wine (tentative, online)	5:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	
10:10 AM Fellowship (Zoom)		1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	6:00 PM 6th-8th Confirmation (Zoom)			
10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom)		3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Facebook Live)			
10:30 AM C+W Sunday School (Zoom)						
11:00 AM 5th Grade Milestone Learning Session (Zoom)						
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg (Zoom)						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5th Grade Milestone	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Z)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom)	THANKSGIVING DAY	THANKSGIVING BREAK	
9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live)		1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	6:00 PM 6th-8th Confirmation (Zoom)			
10:10 AM Fellowship (Zoom)		3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	NO Wednesday Worship (you're invited to watch the recording of Tuesday's worship on our Facebook page)			
10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom)						
10:30 AM C+W Sunday School (Zoom)						
11:00 AM 5th Grade Milestone Learning Session (Zoom)						
29	30					
ADVENT 1	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)					
9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live)						
10:10 AM Fellowship (Zoom)						
10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom)						
10:30 AM C+W Sunday School (Zoom)						

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