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Journal October 2024

Kim Kylo - Pastor

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Worship
9:30 Fellowship/Education Hour/
ACE
10:30am Worship
Nursery open from 8:30-11:30am
Communion is served on the first
and third Sunday each month

Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm-6:45 pm meal
5:30pm-6:00pm Elementary
Choir - Jesus and Me (JAM)
6:00-6:30pm Middle School
Choir (FLY)
6:00-6:30pm HIGHLIGHTS
Sunday School (pre-k-4th
grade)
6:30-7:00pm worship/
communion
7:00pm-8:00pm Affirm, Ablaze
and Adult Choir

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More information is available on the
website: www.sjlcl.org

**Submit information
by the 15th of the
month to:
candy@sjlcl.org**

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, September 15, the congregation voted to call Nathan Lyke as St. John's next Associate Pastor. Nathan will join us on Monday, October 28th, after concluding his work with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville. Here is a brief introduction to the congregation from Nathan:



Dear St. John's,
My family and I are thrilled to be a part of the congregation very soon. Thank you for extending the call to be your Associate Pastor. A little more about me and my family...

My wife Becka and I have been married for 18 years and been sweethearts for the majority of our lives. We have three daughters; Ruby (high schooler), Lucy (middle schooler), and Ivy (elementary schooler). Each of them are unique and special with their own giftings and flair for life!

I grew up in Lakeville and am a Lakeville Senior High School graduate. After some starts and stops, I earned a film degree from a college in Minneapolis, and most recently graduated from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. October marks 21 years in vocational ministry for me. I spent 17 at Hosanna Church in Lakeville in a number of different capacities, the most recent of which being the High School Pastor for about 5 years. For the last 3 years I've served as the Children's Ministry Director and Interim Family Ministry Director at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, MN.

In my free time I enjoy driving my 1965 Pontiac Tempest around Lakeville... when it's running, listening to and playing old school country music (think Hank Williams, George Jones, etc.), singing karaoke, and playing and running tabletop miniature wargames at conventions and for my friends.

I can't wait to continue meeting all of you and to be a part of the St. John's community!

In Christ, Nathan



For Your Information

October Worship News:

Wednesday, October 2 - Restorative Worship at 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 6 - "Leaves of Growth & Healing" Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 10:30 am. With Sunday School singing at 8:30, and Chancel Choir at 10:30

Wednesday, October 9 - Restorative Worship at 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 13 - Generosity Sunday! Worship, with Veritas Singing

Wednesday, October 16 - Restorative Worship at 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 20 - Worship with Holy Communion with Chancel choir singing at 10:30

Wednesday, October 23 - Restorative Worship at 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 27 - Reformation Sunday Worship with Guest Pastor Larry Westfield preaching & presiding with JAM choir singing at 8:30

Wednesday, October 30 - Restorative Worship at 6:30 pm

Generosity Sunday: October 13

Each of you has your own gift from God.

-1 Corinthians 7:7



2025 Offering Intent (Pledge) Cards were mailed to the whole congregation in late September. Please prayerfully consider how you might participate in our 2024 theme "Growing in Generosity" and tangibly grow your own generosity this year. As a congregation, St. John's has experienced a lot of transition in the last few years, and as we look ahead to 2025, we do so with the hopeful expectation that we are entering the next good chapter of our congregation's life together! Given that, I invite you to consider growing not only your generosity of serving (time), but also growing your financial generosity toward St. John's. Every gift matters!

On Sunday, October 13, we will celebrate God's abundant generosity shared in our congregation by offering our "2025 Offering Intent" (Pledge) cards to God in gratitude for all that God has and continues to do for us. Join us!

New Member Sunday: November 10

Are you (or someone you know) interested in membership with St. John's? We will welcome a fantastic group of new members during worship on Sunday, November 10 at both services. Prior to that, all interested new members are invited to our Membership Exploration Lunch on November 3, where we'll chat about St. John's mission and ministries, ways to give and get involved, and more! Contact the church office to RSVP.

Adult Christian Education (ACE) In October

ACE meets on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 9:30-10:15 am, from September - May. ACE sessions are for everyone - bring a friend! Join us for ACE in the sanctuary or tune in via livestream on our YouTube Channel.

Themes and topics for October:

October 6 - "Dignity For Our Daughters" w/ Guest Presenter, Denise Kanfield

October 13 - Veritas Visit: Special Fellowship

October 20 - No ACE (MEA Weekend)

October 27 - Memorial Garden & Columbarium Update

Sound Techs Needed



The Sound Tech team is looking for 1 or 2 new individuals to volunteer to run the sound board during Sunday morning worship. Training is provided!

Sound Tech volunteers generally serve for one worship service every eight weeks. Contact Danny Barth for more information or to sign up!

Livestream Techs Needed

The Livestream team is looking for 1 or 2 new individuals to volunteer to run the livestream during Sunday morning worship. Training is provided! Contact Francine Capasso or the church office for more information or to sign up!

Worship at Winsor Plaza

Gathers October 3rd at 2 pm - St. John's hosts a monthly worship service with Holy Communion in the community room at Winsor Plaza, held on the first Thursday of each month at 2 pm. Come join us for worship!

Coffee & Conversation at Highview Hills

October 24th @ 2 pm

Pastor Kim hosts a monthly "Coffee & Conversation" at Highview Hills. This will take place on the 4th Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm. This month, we will continue our study of other religions and other Christian denominations. St. John's members, friends and residents of HVH are welcome!

Faith Resources Altar Echo Podcasts

Did you know St. John's creates 3 podcasts? All podcast episodes can be found on St. John's Facebook page and website. Use the QR code for each podcast to access the podcast page, and subscribe to receive new episodes of each!

Altar Echo Podcast (the OG) is our weekly Scripture + Message podcast, a recording of the focus reading and sermon from Sunday worship. If you can't make it to church on Sunday, or you want a preview of the sermon, this podcast is for you. Episodes are released Friday or Saturday weekly.



Altar Echo Podcast

Altar Echo Text Study Podcast is our weekly deep-dive conversation between two or three pastors on the upcoming focus reading for Sunday. Episodes are released on Tuesday afternoons, and can be a great way to pique your curiosity about the upcoming Sunday's Scripture reading. Because this podcast includes multiple pastors, you get added content of multiple perspectives, questions, and ideas, many of which don't make the cut for the actual Sunday sermon.



Altar Echo Text Study

Altar Echo Families Podcast are twice monthly conversations about faith and parenting in our real lives. How does faith guide our parenting and family values? Pastor Kim and Amanda chat about good questions and practical strategies for raising good humans in this complicated world. Episodes are released on Thursdays, and can be helpful for parents, grandparents, or anyone who cares for children and kids of any age.



Altar Echo Families

Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's)

Join us as we find God EVERYWHERE! Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be. We've found God in the hilltops above Lisbon, Portugal, at the American Revolution in Boston, MA, in the desert in California, on the shores of the Cook Inlet in Anchorage, AK, and every place and week in between!

Our weekly messages include a 3-5 minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. The videos and devotional are both built so that they can be used alone or together, and while the Bible reading is always encouraged, no advance Bible reading or knowledge is needed to enjoy EBC. EBC emphasizes Jesus' love, God's purpose for us, and how we can relate the week's message to our lives in 2024. EBC is a work of joy and love, driven by the faithful belief that the Bible can be applied to our Everyday Lives all things big and small, all the time, everywhere!

Thank you for all of you who already make EBC a part of their week, and we encourage everyone to enjoy! If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!

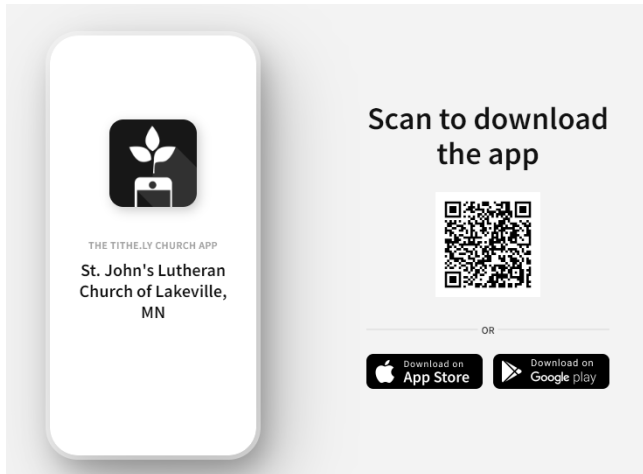
Seeking Donations!

The quilters are asking for donations of sheets (new or used) that can be used for backing. Any size would work. Please bring them to the church office. There is a donation bin available near the coat racks to collect them.

Veritas Concert October 13, 2024

Veritas will return to St. John's on Sunday, October 13 for Generosity Sunday, to celebrate our financial commitment to St. John's mission and ministry for 2025. Veritas will share music during both Sunday worship services, and will hold a concert at St. John's on Sunday evening, October 13 at 6 pm.

The 6 pm concert has been funded by two generous donors in our church community, so there is no cost to attend; a free-will offering will be collected during the concert. This year, we encourage you to not only make plans to join us yourself, but to also consider inviting family and friends to join you for this special music experience.



Download St. John's App

St. John's App is a great way to access information, give online, access weekly EBC and podcast resources, and more.



Children, Youth and Family News

Our faith programming year has begun!

Wednesday Nights

Faith Education, choirs, meals and worship!

Our first night of youth faith education has begun! Our 5th-9th grade classes start each year around bonfires. This year we are continuing our summer theme of "Created to Be!" Learning more about how we are created to be AUTHENTIC, BRAVE, DISCIPLES, DISRUPTIVE, FREE!

Meals are served 5:30pm-6:45pm. All are welcome to participate in our evening meal, they are made with love, care and are delicious! We are in need of additional servers and clean-up crew, please sign up to serve.

Wednesday Meal Servers and Helpers



Sunday School on Wednesdays and Sundays

Our Sunday School students have started their year off to a wonderful to start, right at the very beginning with the story of creation. Learning that we are all created to be unique and special! Our Sunday School Students can join us on Sundays from 9:30-10:15, and/or Wednesdays from 6:00pm-6:30pm for Sunday School Highlights. Sunday School will be singing at 10:30 worship on October 6! We are so thankful for our wonderful group of teachers this year, our team is growing as our class sizes are growing too! If you would like to be part of our teaching team, please contact amanda@sjlcl.org.



High School Youth Group

All 9th-12th grade students are welcome to join our High School Youth group. Join us at the bonfire chapel outside at 8:00pm-8:45pm. This group also does various service projects throughout the year, please contact Amanda or join our group me app to get the weekly updates.

https://groupme.com/join_group/100966262/4OyGNTEq--



Fall Education Programs:

Please find registration links and program descriptions on our Children, Youth and Family page



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Webpage

A look at our Fall Education Schedules and Programs

Sunday Schedule

- 9:30am-10:15am Sunday School for Pre-K-4th grade
- 9:30am-10:15am ACE Adult Christian Education
- Nursery will be open and staffed for both early and late services
- Parenting Littles small group will meet once a month

Sunday School, Middle School Fly Choir and JAM, Jesus and Me Choir will sing once a month in Worship

Wednesday Schedule:

- 5:30pm-6:45 pm meal
- 5:30pm-6:00pm Elementary Choir- Jesus and Me (JAM)
- 6:00-6:30pm Middle School Choir (FLY)
- 6:00-6:30pm HIGHLIGHTS of Sunday School (pre-k-4th grade)
- 6:30-7:00pm worship
- 7:00pm-8:00pm Affirm, Ablaze and Adult Choir

Young Adult Serving Faithfully (YAS) in the Community group:

This group is for Young Adults - who are interested in serving together at various service partners once a month at these wonderful organizations: Loaves and Fishes, Simpson Shelter, Lewis House, Feed My Starving Children and Oasis for Youth. Please contact Amanda for more information. amanda@sjlcl.org



All are welcome to join us for this fun fellowship event!

October 27 3:00pm-5:00pm

Participate in this outreach event by:
Hosting a trunk or donating candy!



- Trunk and Treat in parking lot (decorated trunks of cars are used for the distribution of candy and prizes)
- Pumpkin Painting—free pumpkins available while supplies last
- Hay Bale Maze
- Hot Dogs
- Lakeville Fire Department special guests
- Lakeville Troop 1111 hosting a Scout's archery course
- Wise Swim School activity
- Family Fun Carnival Games, Bingo, Face painting and more fall fun!



Affirm News:

Affirm is St. John's confirmation program for youth beginning grades 6-9, and runs September - April. Affirm features a variety of experiences and activities, including Service Blitz activities, Family Milestones classes bringing parents and youth together for important conversations, Lenten Mentors, and small group lessons with activities on our yearly theme.

- October 2** - Bonfire Small Groups
- October 9** - Bonfire Small Groups
- October 16** - No Affirm (MEA)
- October 23** - Feed My Starving Children Service Blitz
- October 30** - Service Blitz at St. John's: Making Fleece Blankets



Elementary and Middle School Choirs

We are looking forward to a new year with our awesome choirs! We are having a parent/Student meeting on Wednesday September 11th at regular our choir times. This is so we can gather contact information, go over expectations, answer any questions you may have, as well as hand out calendars through January 2025.

Please bring your students or anyone interested in singing with us to Mark! Malynda is looking forward to a new year and continuing to learn and grow and offer our praise!! If you have any questions, please email Malynda at Malynda@sjlcl.org.

5:30 for JAM Choir - up to 4th Grade
6:00 for FLY Choir - 5th Grade and up

JAM Choir (Jesus and Me) is for strong readers through 4th grade and will meet Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 6:00pm We will sing one Sunday of every month during worship!

The Middle School Choir (Fly) is for 5th through 8th Grade (or older if you want!) we will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. We will sing and lead worship one Wednesday every month!



Do you play an instrument and want to be involved with the choir, but not sing? GREAT! We would love for you to join us and play instrumental parts with our choir!! If you have ANY questions, please reach out to Malynda Riehle! You can talk to her on Sundays, or email her at malynda@sjlcl.org.

Parent's Night Out

Time: One night per month, time: 4:30pm-7:30pm.
Sign up for 2024-2025

Please join us for an evening adventure night where we explore some fun local places and may even check something off your bucket list! Childcare will be provided by our St. John's youth and Amanda Boe-CYF Director.



Parent's Night
Out Registration

Parents will have the option to donate to the youth camp accounts for the babysitting service (suggested donation \$10.00 an hour per kid.)

Parenting Littles Small Group



Parenting Littles

Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month

Are you parenting a child(ren) ages 3-10? Parenting Littles is for you!

St. John's Parenting Little Small Group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month during Sunday School. While your child learns about Jesus'; love in Sunday School, tend to your own spiritual and emotional wellbeing, gathering with other parents of littles to share best practices, parenting questions, and build community.

This small group will be facilitated by Amanda Boe and Pastor Kim Kylo.

Nursery Care

Children, Youth and Family ministries at St John's strives to create a seamless line of ministry from birth through high school and to walk alongside families to raise compassionate, respectful, and service-orientated children – with hearts of faith-filled love.

Our nursery is part of that promised mission to walk alongside families. We believe that caring for children in a safe, nurturing environment of the nursery is essential in order for parents to tend to their own spiritual care. As a part of that journey **we encourage and support parents to participate in choir, teaching, mentoring, Adult Ed Classes (ACE) Bible Studies, and worship. Children are always welcome in worship yet we realize there are times when nursery care may be a better option for your family.**

When you bring your children to the nursery, they will be safely in the care of St. John's Nursery Paid Staff who are: high school juniors and seniors, are trained in CPR & First Aid, familiar with basic child development, and have passed a background check.

Parents need to stay in the building while your child (ren) are utilizing the nursery and you need to provide your contact information.

St. John's Prayer Chain Ministry

"Are you in need of prayer for yourself or for someone else? The St. John's Prayer Group would be happy to pray for you. Prayers can be requested by:

1. Calling the Church Office at (952) 469-4916
2. Emailing Stacy Stanek at sstanek06@gmail.com

If you would like to be part of St. John's Prayer Chain, new members to this team are welcome.

You can participate on an email team or on a phone team. Please contact Candy in the church office at 952-469-4916, if you would like to join the prayer chain team.



Summer Trips, Opportunities and Camp Informational meeting October 9

Please attend one of two meetings at 5:30pm and 8:00pm

Many Opportunities for pre-k-12th grade students:

- Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria MN
- Summer Mission Trip location and information will be revealed
- Summer Stretch

Why now? Awesome, Mountain Top experiences require planning, prayer and preparation to have the best experience possible. We will provide many fundraising opportunities to help support each student, we also participate in early bird discounts and other cost savings opportunities. Please do not let cost be a factor in considering a camp or mission trip experience. Fundraising begins October 13.

Why Consider Summer Faith Camp or Mission Trip Experience?

- Discover a way of life that is uniquely and joyfully faith centered
- Participate in some new ways to: Serve, Sing, Dance, Play, Swim, Eat, Pray
- Most adult faith leaders and church goers attended camp or a mission trip in their youth. We strongly encourage all Affirm Students to have gone to a faith camp or mission trip at least once while they are in faith education programs.

Butter Braid Sales Begin: October 13 and Butter Braids will be ready for pick-up the week before Thanksgiving: November 18-22.



Small Group Ministry

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Connect. Grow. Belong.



relationship and faith.

St. John's offers a variety of small groups to include people of all walks, ages, and experiences of life. Check out our current small group offerings and consider getting connected with one or more of these vibrant spaces of

Yoga with Clarity

Lynn Coldren, Certified Yoga Instructor offers Yoga Classes, **Wednesday mornings** at 8:45am, for ages 15+ **and also now on Friday mornings** at 8:45am, for ages 15+. You will need to bring your own mat and props. Class size is limited, so if you have any questions or are interested please email Lynn at l.coldren63@gmail.com.



Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group



Facilitator: Peter Gudel
(contact: pjgudel@gmail.com)
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am;

Meets next October 21

Where: Perkins in Lakeville

Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.

"More Than Just Lunch" Small Group

Facilitator: Ginger Gustafson

Meets: Once/month on Tuesdays

Where: A variety of locations, each to be announced in advance

If you would like to participate in a monthly outing with your church friends, experiencing a variety of unique places to have lunch and entertainment, then this is the small group for you!

October 3rd at 10:00am, we will be going to the History Theater for the play, "Behind the Sun" which

is a look back at life in the 50's in Minneapolis.

In November we will be touring the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. Join us as we dine together, and have fun and fellowship together, and we know you'll look forward to each gathering! Sign up at church or by calling the church office. Sign-up sheets are on the counter in the hallway. Suggestions for places to attend are always welcome!

Book Group

Facilitator: Kathy Ziller
Save the date for the next Book Group
November 13 at 1:00pm

The book for this discussion is "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult

The story concentrates on an African-American labor/delivery (L&D) nurse, Ruth Jefferson, in charge of newborns at a fictional Connecticut hospital. Ruth is ordered not to touch or go near the baby of a white supremacist couple. After the baby dies in her care, Ruth is charged with murder, and taken to court.



Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, **10 -11 am on the 2nd Thursday of each month; meets next October 10th.**

Where: Highview Hills

Right now, millions of Americans face the devastation of Alzheimer's. The disease is robbing us of our families, our futures, and our finances. If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia. St. John's and Highview Hills are partnering to provide emotional, social, and educational support to caregivers. This group is open to anyone in our community. No RSVP; simply show up as you are available.

"Parenting Littles" Small Group

Co-Facilitators: Amanda Boe & Pastor Kim Kylo
When: 2nd Sunday of each month during Sunday School. **Meets next October 13th.**
Where: St. John's
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Paper Crafters Small Group

Facilitator: Jackie Knauf
Meets: 1st Thursday of every month at 9 am - 2 pm; **Meets next November 7** (the October date was moved to September 26)
Where: St. John's

The Paper Crafters Small Group makes cards to send to congregation members.

Quilters Small Group

Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets: 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 9 am; **Meets next October 10th and 17th**
Where: St. John's

The Quilters Small Group sews and assembles quilts to be donated.

Stitchers Small Group

Facilitator: Kathy Ziller
Meets: 4th Thursdays of every month at 9 am; **Meets next October 24th**
Where: St. John's

Knitters create Confirmation stoles, baptismal blankets, and prayer shawls. Come when you can; leave when you must!

Hannah Bible Study Small Group

Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets: 1st Wednesdays of every month at 9:30 am from September through June
Where: St. John's
Hannah Bible Study is a Women's Bible Study, with fellowship and treats, open to all women.

Mary Breakfast Bunch

Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next October 1**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
Mary Breakfast Bunch is a women's fellowship group open to all women.

Worship and Music News

Save the Date Now

For these amazing Music Events Coming to St. John's!

Sunday, October 13

Veritas – a professional Men's singing ensemble will be with us in Worship and offering a concert here at 6pm that evening.

Sunday, November 17

Thomas Keesecker – will be contributing to our Worship and offering a concert here at 4pm. Thomas will share music from his bestselling piano collections as well as collaborate with our choir with one of his many inspiring choral arrangements. In addition to being a composer, performer and church musician, he is known around the country for his sensitive, delightful and meditative piano arrangements of hymns.

Sunday, December 8

David Cherwien – will be leading an Advent Hymn Festival at 4pm. In addition to being a nationally known composer, arranger and conductor, Dr. Cherwien is known for these unique events which weave together a blend of song and spoken word in a profound interactive presentation. If you've not had a chance to attend one of his hymn festivals before, you will want to take part in this! Our choir will also be collaborating that day.

All these events are open to the public and you are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors!

Thrivent:

Did you know that programs such as Thrivent Action Teams have funded these service projects:

- Making Fleece blankets for Lewis House and Highview Hills Memory Care
- Meals for Living Well Disability Services
- Homeless Care Kits
- Diaper drive for VEAP
- Summer Garden, growing veggies for senior living communities

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Thrivent Action Teams is a program that gives \$250.00 twice a year to any person who has Thrivent, these funds are used to purchase the materials needed for these projects. Please contact Candy or Amanda if you would like to sponsor one of our service projects with your Thrivent Dollars or another similar fund that your employer or investment or insurance may provide. Our youth have a heart for service, please help us continue these and more projects like these in the future.

Compassion Team News

Holiday Giving Info But it's only October!!

I know, but the holidays are right around the corner! If you are looking for a way to give to families or others in need this holiday season, here are some wonderful options:

Armful of Love

This holiday giving opportunity is run through 360 communities and gives out gift cards, purchased by donors, to families in need which are then used by the families to purchase gifts.

There are two ways to donate to this program:

1. Pick up a pink donation envelope from the pew rack while at church and place your check or cash inside and place in the offering plate during service. Or you can give on Tithe.ly too, just choose "pink envelopes" from the dropdown menu and write "AOL" in the note box.
2. Sign up to sponsor families on your own at this website:



Armful of Love

For more information on 360 communities and their programs, visit



360 Communities

Hope for the Holidays

This holiday giving opportunity is run by the CAPS agency for Dakota, Scott, and Carver counties. Donors sign up through their website and receive the wish list of a family from the agency. You then purchase gifts off the wish list and bring them to the drop off on the designated days. You can also sign up purchase care packages for seniors in need or select items to purchase off an Amazon wish list that are then delivered to the agency. To sign up for this giving opportunity, visit



Hope for the Holiday



For more information about the CAPS agency visit

CAPS Agency

Loaves and Fishes

(year-round opportunities)

This organization, which St. John's sponsors, provides meals for people in need at several locations in and around the twin Cities. They need volunteers to help prepare the food and also to help serve. For more information and to sign up for this giving opportunity visit



Loaves and Fishes Program

These are just a few of the many opportunities out there. If you have other organizations you'd like to see on this list or if you have questions, please contact Elisa Brown at elisa@sjlcl.org



Altar Flower Sponsorship

Reserve a date to sponsor Altar flowers. Each bouquet is \$45 and you can choose one or two bouquets per Sunday. Please review the available slots in the QR code and sign up. Or call the church office and place your order with Candy. Thank you!

Ministry Finance Team Report

The Ministry Finance Team presents this **Financial Performance Report (“FPR”) for August 2024** to the Saint John’s Lutheran Church Congregation and St. John’s Lutheran Church Council.

We are moving towards autumn and the beginning of all the Fall activities. For July, the overall financial performance of the General Fund was positive, helped by lower than budgeted expenses. Offering revenues were above budget for the month. Expenses for the month were lower than budget. That resulted in a positive financial performance for August, a great result for a summer month. One area to watch is that after adjusting the General Fund financial results for August to remove the PPP fund allocation, operating cash flow was negative.

To help us continue to manage cash flow, we beseech you to contact Tyra to set up an automated giving program.

There are many ways you can support St. John’s financially. You can:

- Contribute cash or by check when you worship at Church
- Drop off or mail your contributions to Church if you’re not able to attend Sunday in person
- Text “Give” to 218.210.7853
- Go to the St. John’s website at www.sjlcl.org
- Click on “Give” at the upper right of the home page, and scroll down to:
- “We have three ways to give,” click on “Give Online”
- Gifts of stock, bonds, real estate, or other assets are gladly accepted
- Call Tyra at St. John’s (612) 469-4916 for assistance with set-up or any gifting Questions

Remember that you may contribute at worship with cash, check or electronically using your phone or computer.

If you have questions about setting up an electronic giving account, contact the Church office and we’ll get you all the information and assistance you need to support St. John’s Lutheran Church.

General Fund Report

For August 2024:

- Offering revenue was \$40,378 which is 1% above budget for the month
- General Fund revenues & transfers were \$43,020, which is 3% above budget for the month
- General Fund expenses were \$42,660, which is 9% below budget for the month
- General Fund net operating performance was a positive \$360 for August
- Excluding PPP funds (a one-time funding source), net operating performance was a negative \$1,161 for August

Full Year 2024:

- General Fund revenue is \$379,629 which is 97.5% of budget for the year
- General Fund expenses are \$369,862, which is 6% below budget for the year
- General Fund actual net performance compared to Budget is a positive \$24,699 for 2024 year to date
- Net of receipts to expenses through August 31 is \$9,767 including PPP allocation
- Net of receipts to expenses through August 31 is (\$2,400) excluding PPP allocation

Comments & Observations:

August financial results resulted in income exceeding budget, with operating expenses coming in below budgeted amounts. This is a strong result for a summer month. Net cash flow for the month was slightly positive but was negative after excluding the transfer of PPP funds.

Building Fund Report

The positive net operating result is due both to stronger revenues and expenses that were lower than budgeted levels. With the expected addition of an associate pastor this fall will test monthly financial results. The MFT will work closely with the Council to monitor and manage, to the extent possible, the financial effect of the staffing changes.

The Ministry Finance Team will continue to watch how actual financial results compare to budgeted amounts for the next few months. We will keep the Council and Congregation informed of future developments. Based on spring attendance, summer youth participation levels, and expressions of interest in membership, we are hopeful that September and the following months will show strong financial results.

Benevolence Fund Report

The Benevolence Fund is allocated a portion (8%) of total offering revenues and all any benevolence contributions from dedicated contributions. Benevolence Fund expenditures are distributed periodically according to need and the amounts available from the Benevolence Fund.

For August 2024:

- Benevolence Fund allocations and revenue received is \$3,610 for August 2024, which is 6% over budget for the month
- Benevolence Fund distributions for August 2024 were \$0
- Net Benevolence income and distributions for the first eight months of the year are at 108% of budget

The 2024 Benevolence fund is in good financial shape to respond to St. John's and larger community needs in 2024. Benevolence distributions are typically made later in the year as funding needs are identified and approved.

For August 2024:

- Building Fund revenues were \$ 8,721
- Building Fund expenses were \$10,094
- Building Fund Net is: \$ (1,369)

Full Year 2024:

- Building Fund Revenue is \$70,803
- Building Fund expense is \$80,752
- Building Fund net is: \$ (9,950)

Comments and Observations:

August 2024 continued an unfavorable trend for the Building Fund cash flow. For the first eight months of 2023, the building fund has experienced a net cumulative shortfall of \$9,950. In September, a gift to the mortgage fund was received which reduces the accumulated 2024 shortfall. This gift will be reflected in future months Building Fund Reports.

Funds that were accumulated from prior years that have been retained in the Mortgage account are being used to pay the 2024 and any future shortfall in building fund revenues.

We have approximately 7 months of mortgage payment reserves built up to secure the mortgage payment, meaning St. John's is in reasonably good financial shape for the Building fund for the near-term future.

Ministry Finance Team Members and How to Get Finance Questions Answered

The members of the Ministry Finance Team are always available and willing to answer any financial related questions or provide information about the financial operations of St. John's. Contact the Church office to be put in touch with a Ministry Finance Team member or if you see **Mark Gelle, Mike Sobota, Lisa Drogemuller, Andy Schultz, Brad Paulson, Mark Renze, Christopher Olson, or Treasurer Barry Fick**, don't hesitate to talk with them for additional information. We thank you for your ongoing financial support and encourage you to remain faithful in your giving as the year continues and we all experience new challenges.

Notes from the Finance Office:

St. John's greatly appreciates all the members who have allocated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to the church in 2024. This is a wonderful way to support our church. **How it works**, eligible members of Thrivent receive Choice Dollars that they can recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. Contact your Thrivent representative and ask them about this outreach program.

Did you know that Pink Envelopes are part of St. John's Benevolence Program?



ST. John's has 6 designated programs that pink envelope support throughout the year. **In September and October Pink Envelopes support Armful of Love.**

What is Armful of Love? Armful of Love through 360 Communities has delivered holiday joy to thousands of families over the decades. Armful of Love supports families in need with gift cards to purchase gifts and groceries during the holiday season. The support of our generous donors helps reduce financial stress for families in Dakota County.

St. John's gives 8% of all general offerings to our benevolence program that supports the many programs of our Global Mission outreach, Local Outreach, & the Saint Paul Synod. Pink envelopes are an additional benevolence program that is above and beyond members offerings.

There are pink envelopes included in your quarterly envelope packets and in the pews. On Tithe.ly you can give to Pink Envelopes. Make sure to open the dropdown box & select Pink Envelopes. Please email Tyra (tyra@sjlcl.org) or call 952-469-6322 if you have any questions.

2025 Offering Intent (Pledge) Cards were mailed to the whole congregation in late September. Please prayerfully consider how you might participate in our 2024 theme "Growing in Generosity" and tangibly grow your own generosity this year. In case you have some questions about this card, we have an image with some details about how to complete the card. Contact the church office if you have further questions.

<p>Each of you has your own gift from God. -1 Corinthians 7:7</p> 	<p>St. John's Lutheran Church "Growing in Generosity" 2025 Offering Intent Card</p>	<p>Keep this portion as a record of your General Fund and Mortgage 1-year commitment.</p>
<p>Enter an amount of how much you plan to give. I/we will give: \$ <u>100</u> to the General/Benevolence Fund <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually</p>	<p>General Fund 2025 \$ <u>100</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually</p>	
<p>Designate how often you will give that amount. I/we will give: \$ <u>50</u> to the Mortgage Fund <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually</p>	<p>Mortgage 2025 \$ <u>50</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually</p>	
<p>Enter the amount you plan to give to the mortgage. I will also give a one-time Special Gift for 2024 of \$ _____</p>	<p>One-Time Special Gift for 2024 \$ _____</p>	
<p>Designate the frequency. I would like help setting up online giving. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____</p>	<p>Thank you for your offering. Your gift matters to St. John's!</p>	
	<p>This is my/our pledge to support the mission and ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church, Lakeville for 2025.</p>	

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30am Mary Breakfast Bunch at Cracker Barrel 10:00am Staff Meeting 3:30 Membership and Outreach Team Meeting	2 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 9:30am Hannah Bible Study Small Group 3pm Worship Planning 5:45 Executive Team Meeting See Wed Schedule Below	3 10am More Than Just Lunch trip 2pm Worship at Winsor Plaza	4 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 2pm-8:30pm Church Directory Photo sessions	5 10am-4pm Church Directory Photo sessions
6 Fall Worship Times begin 8:30am Worship/ Communion 9:30am Fellowship/ Sunday School/ACE 10:30am Worship/ Communion	7 7pm Scouts 7:15pm WAM team Meeting	8 8:30am Global Missions Team Meeting 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm CYF Team Meeting	9 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 10am Worship at The Moments 3pm Worship Planning See Wed Schedule Below	10 9am Quilters 10am Dementia Caregivers Support Group @ HVH	11 8:45am Yoga With Clarity	12
13 Generosity Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship/ Sunday School/ Parenting Littles 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Veritas Concert	14 7pm Scouts	15 10:00am Staff Meeting 6pm Ministry Finance Team Meeting	16 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 3pm Worship Planning MEA-NO WED PROGRAMS 7pm Chancel Choir	17 9am Quilters 11am Kingsley Shores Worship	18 8:45am Yoga With Clarity	19
20 8:30am Worship/ Communion 9:30am Fellowship/ Sunday School/ACE 10:30am Worship/ Communion	21 8:30am Men's Breakfast Small Group-Perkins 7pm Scouts	22 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:15pm Gratitude and Generosity Team Meeting 6:30pm Council	23 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 3pm Worship Planning See Wed Schedule Below	24 9am Stitchers 2pm Coffee and Conversation at HVH	25 8:45am Yoga With Clarity	26
27 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship/ Sunday School/ACE 10:30am Worship 3-5pm Trunk or Treat	28 7pm Scouts	29 10:00am Staff Meeting	30 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 3pm Worship Planning See Wed Schedule Below	31	Wednesday Schedule: 5:30pm-6:45 pm meal 5:30pm-6:00pm Elementary Choir - Jesus and Me (JAM) 6:00-6:30pm Middle School Choir (FLY) 6:00-6:30pm HIGHLIGHTS Sunday School (pre-k-4 th grade) 6:30-7:00pm worship 7:00pm-8:00pm Affirm, Ablaze and Adult Choir 8:00pm HS Youth Group	

Church Directory Time!

We need **YOU** to make our directory complete! Please help by having your picture taken! Plus, you receive a free directory & a free 8 x 10 portrait just for being photographed!



Church Directory Sign-Up

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button.

Enter **mn462** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field

Online scheduling may not be available Saturday or Sunday so we can have paper sign-ups at church. *Appointments fill up quickly, so sign up as soon as possible to get the best date and time for you.*



Schedule Your Appointment Online!

Photo Dates: Friday - Saturday October 4-5

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