



Saint John's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Page

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Dear Friends

The holidays are coming! Are you ready for the craziness to come forth? Once Halloween is done, all bets are off. Turkey day, Black Friday, Christmas parties... The holiday dam is breaking.



Personally, I love this season. I really enjoy all the extra gatherings and all the delicious treats. It's a great time to reconnect with extended family and forge strong bonds together.

As a church, we give thanks for all God has done in the past. And we trust him to be with us into the future. This month, we'll celebrate All Saints Sunday remembering those who have died. The bell will toll as each name is read. It's been a hard year with dear friends moving away or passing away. Each loss reminds us to focus on the truth that Jesus holds the keys to the kingdom and death has been defeated.

What are you thankful for this season? I hope we can find time to be quiet and listen and reflect. Gratitude is the key to hopefulness. And faith grows as we spend time thanking the giver of all good gifts.

I'm thankful to be a part of this great family of faith. This Thanksgiving will mark three years for the Wallace family at Saint John's. What a great ride it's been. Thanks for making it so special.

Peace

Greg

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Up Coming Events

Remember... to set your clocks
back Saturday night November 2nd, 2019

**New Member Orientation
Saturday, November 2nd**

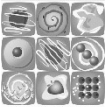


New Member Class

Remembering the Saints

All Saints Sunday
November 3rd

We will gather for worship on Sunday, November 3rd to remember the Saints of Saint John's who have died in the past year. There have been some tough losses lately. We'll remember their legacy and press on toward the high calling of God in Christ Jesus together.



GOODIES

**Fellowship Folks
'BITS AND BITES FROM THE BALTIC'
Coming on Saturday, November 16th @ 4:30pm.**

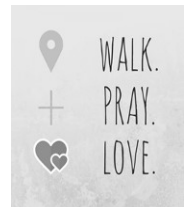


**Save the date! Advent Brunch
Sunday December 1st 11:30 - 2:00pm**

Prayer Walk and Talk @ the Beach

Thursdays 8:30-9:30am

Prayer is one of the most important aspects of living as authentic followers of Jesus. Through prayer we have the privilege to communicate directly with our awesome God and other believers! Join us any Thursday for a time of prayer, conversation, and a bit of exercise.



Kids Up and Coming News



KidsChurch continues Sundays at 9:30am and we are currently working through a Harvest series this October and November. There are more than 100 verses in the Bible that speak directly or indirectly about harvest. Jesus referred to sowing seeds and reaping rewards more than a dozen times in the

gospels. Children will become familiar with classic words of Christ, such as the Parable of the Sower, the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares, and the great harvest! Be sure to join us!



Kids Christmas Program

It's that time of the year - can you believe it!?!? We will begin working on Christmas Play music during KidsChurch in November and have three Saturday rehearsals: November 9th, November 16th and dress rehearsal on December 7th. Saturday rehearsals will be from 9-11am

please be on time and ready to begin at 9 am. Copies of the play will be available on Sunday, November 3rd. All families need to take a copy home and read through it several times in preparation for the first practice. Parts will be given on Saturday, November 9th. Don't miss it!



ADVENT
Brunch

Advent Pot Luck Brunch - Sunday December 1st

Fun for all ages! See details on page 7



Christmas Angel

Christmas Angel Project

It's that time of year again! We have the opportunity to share love through gift-giving to the children of Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz congregation in Santa Maria. There will be a little Christmas tree in the Commons soon. The tree will be decorated with cards that have the name, age, and gift wishes of a child whose life will be brightened by your generosity. After you shop

and gift wrap, just return the gifts to church and they will be delivered to Santa Maria for you. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Chrissy or Julie
Thank you.

Youth Group News



Hume Lake Winter Camp

When: February 28th - March 1st

Grades: 7-12th

Where: Hume Lake

Cost: \$50 per student: \$25 Non-refundable deposit due no later than November 3. Additional \$25 due 2 weeks before. Additional cash for fast food lunch on Sunday and spending money for snacks, souvenirs at the camp store approximately \$30-40.

Total cost for non-member friends: \$215 plus spending \$

Get ready for: Snow. Boxsled Blitz. Monster Tube Run. Broom Hockey. Great music. Messages geared for teens. Friendships that last a lifetime. **Note: Students will need to take a minimum day from school on Friday and eat lunch before meeting at church.**

Monday, November 11th Magic Mountain

Join us for a fun day on the roller coasters! This is an extra event for students in 7-12th grade looking for a fun way to spend a school holiday. Discounted group ticket price is \$50 per student plus spending money for food and souvenirs. We will meet at Saint John's at 9am on Monday morning and return between 9-10pm. *Student need to pay in full and sign up with Cindi no later than Sunday, November 3rd.*

Sunday, November 24th -Youth Serve at Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz

7th-12th graders are invited to join the Raveras, and Neita as we lead KidsChurch for this great community. Eat a hearty breakfast and bring cash for a fast food lunch (we don't eat lunch until almost 2!). We'll depart from Saint John's about 11:15am and return around 3:30pm.

Please let Chrissy Ravera know if you are able to join us!



**Confirmation & Youth Group rotation -
It's never to late to get involved or bring a friend!**

1st & 3rd Sunday evenings 6-8 pm:

7th-9th confirmation with Pastor Greg & 10-12th High School small group discipleship

2nd Sunday evening 6-8 pm for Youth group with games, topical discussions, and fellowship all 7th-12th graders together.

4th Sundays together 7th-12th graders will put our faith into action, work together and care for God's people, his world, and others around us.

5th Sundays outings, field trips, fun events, or game nights for 7th-12th graders combined.

PLUS 2nd & 4th Sunday mornings during 9:30am worship: Old & New

Testament foundations with Neita Oates and Wes Drysdale. We are so thankful for this incredible team!

Make a Difference



Monthly Food Donations

The 5 Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry



The Social Outreach Services team is asking for you to join with us in donating specific foods each month to the Food Pantry. December-White Rice, Dry Pinto Beans, Masa Harina for Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz.

November-Pasta and/or Sauce

Thanksgiving Luncheon at Saint John's Will Not Be Held This Year

For many years Social Outreach Services sponsored a luncheon on Thanksgiving day. Naomi Klinkenberg, Patti Roberts, Lynn Kaloian, Shari Bowman, Jeff Metcalfe, and Sandy Lebens all had a hand in coordinating the dinner with Emanda Miller graciously roasting and providing a delicious turkey each year. The numbers in attendance at the lunch have greatly dwindled over the past few years. After much discussion, the SOS team has decided to not continue with this event this year. We hope that this will not be an inconvenience to anyone.

ZOZU Project (Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda)

Thank you, Saint John's, for continuing to show your love and support for the children at Solid Rock Christian School. It is a remarkable journey over the past 6 years to partner with other churches in the area to provide clean water and an education including 2 meals per day and needed medical treatments for these precious children of God. Following the presentation on September 29 at both services, 10 additional sponsorships were given to support 10 of the children at the school. Having a connection with their special sponsor means everything in the world to these children as they experience the joy of being able to thrive in the school setting. Your beautiful, loving hearts are so appreciated as we strive to make a difference, one child at a time. For more information or an opportunity to sponsor a child if you have not already done so, go to zozuproject.org or call Sandy Lebens (805)459-2238.

Empty Bowls Benefits The Homeless Coalition

Empty Bowls Fundraiser was a huge success again this year and Saint John's was a partner in this event through ticket sales and through Pastor Greg participating as a celebrity server of the soup!!! Thanks, Pastor Greg. It was great seeing you serving for this great cause. Between Lynn Kaloian and Emanda Miller, 20 tickets were sold and those of us in attendance walked away with a beautiful handmade pottery bowl and a very full tummy. The event raised \$41,000 to benefit the Homeless Coalition in our community. According to Charlotte Alexander, Operations Manager for the Five Cities Homeless Coalition, the event had more donated bowls and volunteers than ever before.



**Empty
Bowls**

Come One, Come All to FAMILY ADVENT BRUNCH



Sunday, December 1st

11:30 AM

Following the 10:00 Service
Ouimette Hall



- POTLUCK BRUNCH AT 11:30 AM

Bring your favorite Main Dish, Side Dish, Salad or Dessert

- ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Craft an Advent Wreath for your family or our homebound

Help to decorate the Church for Christmas






Decorate sugar cookies

Traditional Scandinavian Treats

- CAROLING IN THE COMMONS

A special time together in the Commons decorating our Church

Family Christmas Tree with Hot Cocoa, Apple Cider and Cookies

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>27 Reformation Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Youth Confirmation 9:35 AM Kids Church 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Trunk or Treat 6:00 PM Youth Group</p> 	<p>28 9:00 AM Arroyo Quilting 10:30 AM O.A. Mtg 1:00 PM Literacy 3:00 PM Stephen Min.</p>	<p>29 7:30 AM Men @ Lebens' 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study 6:30 PM FPU</p>
<p>3 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:30 AM Worship-Holy Communion 11:00 AM Worship-Holy Communion 6:00 PM Youth Confirmation 6:00 PM Youth Group</p> 	<p>4 9:00 AM Arroyo Quilting 10:30 AM O.A. Mtg 1:00 PM Literacy 6:30 PM Youth Comm Mtg</p>	<p>5 7:30 AM Men @ Lebens' 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study 1:30 PM Altar Guild 6:30 PM FPU</p>
<p>10 Reception of New Members 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Youth Confirmation 9:35 AM Kids Church 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Group</p> 	<p>11 OFFICE CLOSED Veterans Day 9:00 AM Youth to Magic Mountain 10:30 AM O.A. Mtg 2:00 PM Global Missions 3:00 PM Stephen Min.</p>	<p>12 7:30 AM Men @ Lebens' 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study 11:30 AM Chapel People's Kit.</p>
<p>17 9:30 AM Worship-Holy Communion 9:35 AM Kids Church 11:00 AM Worship-Holy Communion 6:00 PM Youth Confirmation 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>18 9:00 AM Arroyo Quilting 10:30 AM O.A. Mtg 1:00 PM Literacy 5:00 PM Council Mtg</p>	<p>19 7:30 AM Men @ Lebens' 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study 1:00 PM Staff Mtg</p> 
<p>24 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Youth Confirmation 9:35 AM Kids Church 11:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Youth Serve at Iglesia 6:00 PM Youth Group</p> 	<p>25 9:00 AM Arroyo Quilting 10:30 AM O.A. Mtg 1:00 PM Literacy 3:00 PM Stephen Min.</p>	<p>26 7:30 AM Men @ Lebens' 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study 7:45 PM Boy Scouts</p>

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 8:00 AM Al-Anon 5:00 PM Undercover Rehearsal	31 8:30 AM Prayer Walk @ Beach 10:00 AM Organist Rehearsal 1:00 PM Literacy 5:00 PM Heavenly Handbells 6:00 PM Women @Kerry W 6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Property Comm 	1 All Saints Day OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM Arroyo Knitting	2 9:00 AM New Member Class 9:00 AM Property Day 8:00 PM A.A. Speakers 
	6 8:00 AM Al-Anon 10:00 AM Social Min. 5:00 PM Undercover Rehearsal	7 8:30 AM Prayer Walk @ Beach 9:00 AM Arroyo Quilting 10:00 AM Organist Rehearsal 1:00 PM Literacy 5:00 PM Heavenly Handbells 6:00 PM Women @Kerry W 6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	8 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM Arroyo Knitting	9 9:00 AM Kids Christmas Rehearsal 
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	20 8:00 AM Al-Anon 1:00 PM Shalom Circle 5:00 PM Undercover Rehearsal 6:00 PM Al-Anon Mtg	21 8:30 AM Prayer Walk @ Beach 9:00 AM Arroyo Quilting 10:00 AM Organist Rehearsal 1:00 PM Literacy 5:00 PM Heavenly Handbells 6:00 PM Women @Kerry W 6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	22 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM Arroyo Knitting	23 10:00 AM AAUW Bingo
	27 8:00 AM Al-Anon 5:00 PM Undercover Rehearsal	28 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day 	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30

Fellowship Folks

‘BITS AND BITES FROM THE BALTIC’ Coming on Saturday, November 16th

What in the world is “Bits and Bites from the Baltic”, you ask? It is a Fellowship Folks event put on by Frank and Sandy Lebens that is coming to Ouimette Hall on Saturday, November 16 at 4:30 pm!!! Bits of trivia about The Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Russia, Finland, and Sweden will be shared. Some are unbelievably funny!!! Now we get to the best part---the BITES!!! We will have little tastes of everything from Swedish meatballs, reindeer sausage, bitterballen, bratwurst and sauerkraut, Russian tea cakes , and much, much more!!! Sandy is excited to try her hand at some of these fascinating recipes so sign up in the Commons area and come to learn a bit and have some bites and a whole lot of fun and fellowship with your Saint John’s family.



Women’s Ministry



The Women’s Ministry is happy to report the following numbers for the White Elephant & Bake Sale.

Floor Sales	\$7,059.53
Bake Sale	\$ 789.75
Thrivent	\$ 250.00
Gross Sales	\$8,099.53
Net Profits	\$7,952.22 (a new record!)



A giant Thank You for all those involved. We couldn’t have done it without the following: The Set-Up Crew, The item Contributors, The Staging & Pricing Crew, The Bakers, The Floor Workers, The Ladies working the Bake Sale, The Men managing the Man Cave, The Customers from Saint John’s and the community, and The Clean-Up Crew.

We are most thankful for our Lord’s blessing on this event!
Kay & Rena

Alternative Gift Giving Christmas

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING CHRISTMAS IS COMING
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th!!**

On Sunday, December 8, the Social Outreach Services team will be hosting an Alternative Gift Giving Fair in the Commons area of the church from 8:45 am-12:30pm. So many of us have people on our Christmas lists that are difficult to shop for or would rather have the money spent on a gift go to someone in need. This Christmas Fair is your chance to support a charitable cause in honor of someone on your Christmas list. **WHAT AN AMAZING WAY TO SPREAD GOD'S LOVE TO THOSE IN NEED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHILE HONORING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS!!!** At our Alternative Gift Giving Fair for Christmas, several charitable organizations will be featured: **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** -make a donation to purchase farm animals to sustain small farms in Africa and South America; the **ZOZU PROJECT** (Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda)-make a donation toward ongoing school supplies and land acquisition adjacent to the existing church and school for school expansion and the ability to serve additional children. The Ouimette's and the Lebens' were able to bring back some wonderful Ugandan bags, baskets, etc. as well as the jewelry and boxes made by the Moms of the children at the school so watch for those items on the **ZOZU** sale table; **IGLESIA LUTERANA SANTA CRUZ**- Donations made will support the "Feed My People" program to take lunch to the field workers who toil to provide the fruits and vegetables that we all enjoy. Sandwiches are made and taken to the fields and a short prayer service is provided while the men and women have their lunch. Sometimes a worker will pass up their lunch in order to be able to take it home for a child; **CHINA SERVICE VENTURE** - Donations made will be used to purchase rice and oil for the families that are taking care of the "Stay Behind Children" in China. Pastor Jeff Neller-moe is hoping to travel to China in December and will purchase the rice and oil while he is in China and distribute it to the needy families.

Each of these non-profits will be available for you to make a Christmas gift donation in the name of a loved one. **ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.** We hope you will bring your checkbooks and come and support our efforts to share in the true spirit of Christmas by giving meaningful gifts to our loved ones and at the same time help those in need. Thank you.

Remember those
who are less
fortunate



Dress a Girl

In October, Dress A Girl met for the last time this year – we had a rather large group with several new people – that was exciting! We will continue to make dresses through the holidays at home. There are dress kits and shorts kits available to pick up – see either Cheryl or Pam in the office.

Also exciting, we have a couple of new ministries interested in receiving dresses and I will give more information about this in the New Year.

Our next workshop is Sat. Jan. 11th 2020! Thank you to all of you who participate in Dress a Girl – you are truly a blessing to the ministry!

Be Blessed – Make a Dress! Pam



- LCMC 19th Annual Gathering & Convention -



A total of 763 people joined together in Omaha last month for Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ's 19th Annual Gathering and Convention.

The total number of participants, including Pastor Greg was 440 delegates, 190 church members, 24 seminarians, 49 vendors, 2 speakers, 8 members of the Board of Trustees, 6 LCMC staff members, and 44 guests who were non-members of LCMC. The theme of this year's event was "Listen Up!", designed to challenge and encourage our congregations to listen to God's calling on our lives, His calling on the people around us, and the callings and challenges that face us across generations.

Over the course of the four day event, participants heard from challenging keynote speakers, took part in fellowship meet-ups and breakout sessions, worshiped together, networked, plus had the chance to connect with dozens of mission and ministry vendors. Our next Annual Gathering and Convention will be held **October 4-7th, 2020** at **North Heights Lutheran Church** in Arden Hills, MN.



Church Highlights

Council Highlights not available this month due to meeting date change to October 29th.

New Member Orientation Saturday, November 2nd

Interested in learning about membership at Saint John’s? Join Pastor Greg & Cindi for a fun morning of learning together. We meet at 9:00am on Saturday, November 2nd and wrap up with a delicious lunch. It’s a great way to meet new folks and learn more about this amazing congregation. There’s no pressure to join, but, if you want to, this class is the way to do it.

Talk to Pastor Greg to save your spot.



New Member Class



Income/Expenses:

	Sept. 2019	YTD
Income	32,461.15	265,794.95
Expenses	<u>31,639.94</u>	<u>311,701.37</u>
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ATTENDANCE

Oct. 6 133 (Family Sunday)	Oct. 13 129 includes 20 in Kids Church	Oct. 20 119 includes 9 in Kids Church	Oct. 27 133 includes 15 in Kids Church
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November



2 BOB GOLD, JEANNIE ORMONDE

5 THERESA SCHULTZ

6 SUSAN RODRIGUEZ

11 BETTY HANSON, EDIE OVERDUIN

12 BERRY CARROLL

13 MEGAN WINTERBERG

14 BOB MCGHIE, DENISE MCCOID,
NEITA OATES

15 SHAR TERBORCH

16 PENNY KRUSE

21 LYNN KALOIAN

24 KATHY LINDSTAEDT

25 MARILYN CARLSON

30 MIKE APFEL

6 DAVID & JANIS IMMEL

MONA & HERB HART

7 BOB & SYLVIA GOLD

11 ALAN & LYNN KALOIAN

14 STEVE & RUTH KAPKA

15 GEORGE & CAROL ERICKSON

RALPH & CAROLYN MINER



Prayer Ministry

Cal, Axel, Ken, Shari, Patti, Betty, Nancy, Gary, Sandy, Pam, Shirley, Candy, Barbara, Arianna, Tim, Rose, Karen, Jim, Belinda, the Stegall's son, Eric; the family & friends of Ken Barrette, the family & friends of Marcy's brother, Don



December Newsletter
Deadline is DEC. 10th
No exceptions due to holidays!!!!
 Thanks to all the volunteers
 who have been such a blessing
 to the office. It would be
 impossible without you!

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