

# next steps

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for September 3 & 4, 2016

St. John's Lutheran Church  
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### welcome visitors!

If you are visiting St. John's, please fill out a [purple visitor slip](#) found in the back of the church seats. Prayer request forms are on the back of the visitor slips. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. If you would like to know more about St. John's and our ministries be sure to stop at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

### enhancing worship

- large print bulletins  
A limited number of large print bulletins are available for all services.
- personal listening devices  
We have 4 personal listening devices available.  
Please ask the ushers for assistance.



### hospitality question of the day

Who is your favorite teacher?

### grief support group

Our next Grief Support Group will be held Oct. 4, 11, and 18 at Cross of Life Lutheran Church in Brookfield. For more information check our website, bulletin board or the September newsletter. Please see Lori Davis with any questions or to register.

### reformation trip opportunity

A few openings are still available on the November 17-20 Norway Lutheran Church bus tour to *Martin Luther and the Reformation* exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Additional stops include the Chanhassen dinner theater, Mall of America and the American Swedish Institute (all of which will be decorated for the holidays). Worship Sunday will be held on Luther Seminary's campus at Old Muskego, the first Norwegian Lutheran church in America. Please reserve your spot by October 3. Information/reservation: email/call Pastor Kristie Jaramillo, [prkristie@gmail.com](mailto:prkristie@gmail.com), or Donna Hanson 262-534-3862.

### focus giving sabbatical

For the month of September we will be taking a Sabbath from our monthly focus giving. Over the past 22 months, we have given faithfully to outside organizations. This month is a chance to pause and pray in thankfulness for how God has worked through us in our giving. We also take this time to pray for God's guidance on how we will participate in future focus giving efforts which return in October.

### new bishop elected in tanzania

We celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Meru Diocese of Tanzania upon the election of Pastor Elias Kitoi Nassari as Bishop-Elect. Pastor Elias is a native Tanzanian who has served here in the Greater Milwaukee Synod for the last 20 years. He will succeed Bishop Paulo Akyoo who has served as Bishop since the formation of the Diocese in 1992.

### learn more about st. john's

New to St. John's? Want to learn more about us? Want to become a Member?

Join us Monday, October 24 from 6-8pm for dinner and conversation. This is a chance to meet church leaders and ask your questions about ministries at St. John's. We'll provide dinner, information about St. John's and lively conversation.

Please contact Pastor Eric or Pastor Jennifer if you're able to attend – or if you can't make it but want to grab coffee with a pastor, let us know.

### lutheran disaster response

Your gifts are needed to help respond to the Gulf Coast flooding! Your gifts through ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response will bring God's hope, healing and refuge to those who are affected by these devastating floods. Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help address the many needs, especially the long-term recovery efforts of those affected. Please go to the ELCA website to donate or to get more information: [elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response](http://elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response)

### next steps for this week

Sep 4	8:30a	worship
	10:00a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	4:00p	New Berlin 4H
	6:30p	Al Anon
Sep 5		office closed
	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
Sep 6	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:00p	quilters
	6:30p	HR meeting
	6:45p	handbell fruit & dessert social
	7:00p	boy scouts
Sep 7	9:00a	quilters
	10:00a	circle leader prep
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	choir
Sep 8	9:00a	yoga
	6:30p	Al Anon
	7:00p	GALS
Sep 9	10:00a	prayer shawl ministry
	8:00p	AA
Sep 10		OFH bike ride
	9:30a	AA
	5:15p	worship
Sep 11	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon

### future opportunities

Sep 25	WM Salad Supper
Oct 21-22	Beloved Sisters Retreat
Nov 5	Holiday Bazaar

### altar flowers

Altar flowers were sponsored today by Jeff and Mary Beth Gubbins in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

### please pray...

for blessings upon

- Elyse Jacqueline Cvikel, daughter of Marty and Andrea Cvikel, as she was baptized last weekend.
  - our teachers and students as they begin a new school year
  - John & Sandy Haun as they move to California this week
- for these immediate needs of healing and strength  
Bev, Bill, Dan, Jim & Barb, Kathy, Max, Melissa, Kathy, Ruth, Stephen
- for ongoing treatment and recovery  
Judy, June, Matt, Sara, Tim
- for our shut-ins  
Vern Aune, Gretchen Brueske, Dolores Hartman, Alice Ladewig, Betty Mihelich, Dorothea Mortensen, Audrey Reed; Lois Rosholt, Ruth Segal, Janet Vogelsang
- for our partner churches  
Los Héroes, Akeri Parish, All Peoples
- for all those serving in the military  
Tech. Sgt. Rick Bachtell; Michael Beasley; John Bruschi, Jr.; Michael George; Adam Kaczmarek; Cody Kallin; Maj. Nathaniel Lauterbach; 2nd Lt. Stuart McConnell; Lt. Cmdr. Bartholomew Sievenpiper; Sgt. Andrew Smith; Pvt. Kacey Slater; Maj. Rick L Strickroot; Todd Westhauser; 1st Lt. Madeline Wilcox; William Wright

Please submit your announcements by  
**Wednesday at noon.**

The staff and pastors review and make final decisions based on space, timing and needs of the community.

Please submit announcements to Pam at email address: [office@makedisciples.com](mailto:office@makedisciples.com).



## next steps to caring & serving

### outreach for hope bike ride

**Register and Ride** – Once again, generous donors have teamed up to donate \$25 for every registered rider or virtual rider registration up to \$9,000!! Even virtual riders qualify for the donation! Online registration closes at midnight on Sept. 7 – Walk-up's are welcome the day of the ride.

**Support a Rider** - For every online donation to riders' web pages, a generous donor will contribute another \$10 to Outreach for Hope.

**Make a Donation** – For your convenience on-line donations are possible at [www.ofhbikeride.com](http://www.ofhbikeride.com). Donations received via mail are also gratefully received and will be instrumental in helping us reach our goal of \$110,000.

### bazaar fun begins in october!

St. John's Women's Ministry is once again preparing for the **Holiday Bazaar**. This year's Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 5 at church. There are many ways to get involved in this fun event. The *first preparation day is on October 8* when you can come to church and have fun with our bakers and make apple pies and lefse to sell at the bazaar. There will be more events and other ways to get in on the fun leading up to the Holiday Bazaar – watch for more announcements! Jennifer Cranfill is our Chairperson and is happy to answer any questions (414-305-1512 or [jennifer1961@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer1961@yahoo.com)).

### boxes needed!

Copy boxes or large boxes are needed for packing up our quilts and school kits for LWR. Please stack donations in the "Donation Location" area. Thanks!!

### partner prayer breakfast

All Peoples Church is hosting a prayer breakfast on Saturday, September 17 from 9:00-10:30 am at their Harambee Campus at 2600 N 2nd St, Milwaukee. All are welcome!



## next steps to learning and growing

### adult confirmation

Don't miss your opportunity to attend St. John's Adult Confirmation Course! Pastor Jennifer is teaching an 8 session Confirmation course for adults who may not have had this as a youth or would like to refresh their knowledge of our Lutheran faith traditions and teachings. Everything you need to know is on display in the lobby under the Adult Education information board.

### arts and faith workshop

Join us on **Saturday, September 17** from 9:00-noon (with optional afternoon activities) for an Arts and Faith Workshop featuring devotional artist **Vonda Drees** demonstrating her art of spiritual journaling. We will be led in a Bible study exploring our creative role in the world; we'll experience Vonda leading us in a workshop on spiritual journaling; and then we will get to play. Several stations will be available at which participants can make simple creative projects, with basic instruction. No artistic experience is required- just a willingness to take chances and learn something new! This is a perfect event for families or friends to attend together, or for people to come to alone to make new friends!

**We need a few volunteers** to oversee project tables. You can bring a simple project to teach, or just help people with a project we give you.

**We need material donations:** old t-shirts, fabric (cotton), magazines, card stock and/or scrapbook paper.



A \$5 donation is asked to cover the cost of additional materials. Please sign up in the lobby. Contact Stephanie Luedtke with questions or to register. [sluedtke0@gmail.com](mailto:sluedtke0@gmail.com)



## next steps to children, youth & families



### sunday school is looking for a few volunteers!

#### Sunday School Drama Team

Do you have a flair for the dramatic? Have a mean Moses impersonation? Then we need YOU! Join our newly formed Sunday School Drama Team and help the Bible come alive for our kids. Once a month commitment or as available. St. John's Youth welcome to join!

#### Substitute Small Group Leaders

No prep needed! Just show up and spend some time with our kids.

#### A/V Squad

Are you a techie? At church on Sunday Mornings? We are looking for a team of 2-3 individuals to set up and run the A/V during large group Sunday School (9:45-10:05). Training provided.

Interested? See the sign up in the lobby for all the details or contact Joanna Salinas at [pachanga724@yahoo.com](mailto:pachanga724@yahoo.com).



## next steps to music & worship

### sunday morning schedule change

Just a friendly reminder that beginning Sunday, September 11, we resume our regular Sunday morning schedule:

8:30 worship  
9:45 education hour  
10:45 worship

See you in worship!

### handbell choir invitation - you can be a ringer!

You're invited to join the St. John's Handbell Choir the *Joyful Bells* beginning September 6 Tuesday rehearsals, September-May, 6:45-8:15 pm

### There will be a Fruit/Dessert Social on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:45 pm.

This casual social event is an opportunity to gather together, learn more about the handbell choir, and to plan for the upcoming season on Handbells. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the Joyful Bells!!

The St. John's Bell Choir is an intergenerational group of ringers who meet once a week to enjoy laughter, fun and fellowship - all to the glory of God. There is no audition required to join the handbell choir, and it is not necessary to have past ringing experience. Music reading skills are helpful. New ringers are always welcome!!

If you or someone you know would like to play with the Joyful Bells, please contact Heidi Bischmann – (414) 305-7812 or [Bells@makedisclples.com](mailto:Bells@makedisclples.com).

### what is a rally?

September 11 is Rally Day at St. John's! So, what's a Rally Day? Webster tells us that to Rally is to "join together, round-up, gather, try something new, reunite and summon."

How can we Rally on September 11? First of all, we can *summon* our family, neighbors and friends to worship. We can *join together* with our entire St. John's family to worship our God who Keeps Promises. We can *round up* our children and their friends to *gather* in Sunday School and then enjoy coffee and pastries and *join* others in adult education class.