



St. John's Lutheran Church

*Saved by Grace ~ Led by the Spirit ~ Called to Serve*

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**Interim Pastor, Rev. Naomi Garber**

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday July 11, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**



*Worship  
Opportunities*

**IN-PERSON**

**5pm Saturday, & 9am Sunday:**

Worship with us in the renovated Sanctuary. As you arrive for worship, you'll pick up communion elements before entering the sanctuary. Attendance will be taken for contact tracing, if needed. Thank you for your patience as we re-gather (safely) for worship!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, through Sept 6)**

9:00 a.m. at our Worship Center on the North end of parking lot. Some seating is available, so please bring your own lawn chairs. As you arrive for worship, you'll pick up communion elements. Please watch for the parking cones as you arrive, as there will not be access to the far north section of parking lot.

**ONLINE**

**Premieres Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.**

Online worship is available when you cannot attend, or are not comfortable attending, in person. This service premieres at 9:00 a.m. Sunday via our [YouTube channel](#), and can be viewed any time following the premiere. A link for this option can be found in your email.

**TELEVISION** St. John's worship service can be viewed on Oregon Public Access channel 983, or TDS channel 1019

## **Readings for Sunday, July 11**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 5:6-13

**Psalm:** Psalm 121

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Gospel:** Luke 5:17-26

## **SERVING THIS WEEK:**

**Reader:** Ryan Anderson

**Music:** Erin & Shane Dammen

**Altar Care for July:** Brenda Outhouse, Marla Byerly, Martha McGregor, Pat Wieczorek

**Pew Straightener for July:** Barb Hanna

**Ushers:** Jim Immenschuh, Linda Immenschuh, Carol Wichmann

**Altar Flowers:** Stoneman family in memory of Bill & Muriel Stoneman

## **Welcome Lamp:**

**July:** Bonnie Haugen in memory of Don Haugen

John Benedict, who is recovering from

surgery at Four Winds Rehab in Verona. Scott Bourie who has been diagnosed with Tinnitus. Prayers for the hospitalized who cannot be at their church to pray with their family and friends.



# ST. JOHN'WEEKLY CALENDAR

## **Sunday, July 11**

9:00 AM In-Person Worship

9:00 AM Online Worship

9:45 AM Fellowship Celebration of Jen's Ministry at St. John's

## **Monday, July 12**

1:30 PM Ruth Circle (Fireside)

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Worship Team Meeting

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 168 (Outside)

5:00 PM Communications Team Meeting

## **Tuesday, July 13**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry

5:00 PM Church Chow & How

## **Wednesday, July 14**

1:00 PM Staff Meeting (Gathering Area)

## **Friday, July 16**

Church Office is Closed

5:00 AM Basketball in Friendship Room

## **Saturday, July 17**

5:00 PM In-Person Worship

## **Sunday, July 18**

Communion Milestone

9:00 AM In-Person Worship - Outdoor Worship Center

9:00 AM Online Worship



## **SAVE THE DATE**

The Women of St John's are planning a drive-through Fall Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 2, 2021. This will replace our yearly Smorgasbord.

We changed the date to a Saturday, so the working members of our congregation could be involved. We have heard from many that Thursday's do not work for them, because they are working. Hopefully this will accommodate you better. We encourage families to volunteer together.

We will be serving a meal from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and again from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. We plan to serve 700 to 800 people. Please consider volunteering for this event. All proceeds go to support some type of mission, either our missionaries (Lori Lehnerr and Ed Swanson) or local charities.

We will be recruiting volunteers to make lefsa, make meatballs (dates to follow), package salads on Friday, October 1 or work either shift on Saturday, October 2.

God has so richly blessed us in many ways and this is a way we can give back to help those in need.

More details to follow in the upcoming months.  
Bonnie Gilbertson, WELCA dinner chair

***Happy Birthday this week!***

**JULY**



**7/11** Jon  
Fishwild  
Lisa Hessler

**7/12** Ruth Jeschke

**7/13** Emily Staveness  
Jessica Theisen

**7/14** Joseph Jenkins  
Keira Hubert

**7/15** Pat Knipfer

**7/16** Jim Hagstrom  
Betty Peterson

**7/18** Ryan Anderson  
Tyler Fischer  
Jackie Hendrickson  
Sue Johnson  
Carson Keisling  
Alida Weidensee  
Caelen Earle  
Olivia Parish

**Baptismal Anniversaries this week**



**7/12** Penny  
Pierce

**7/13** Lolita  
Coughlin

**7/15** Carson Gehrke

**7/17** Miller Stang  
Sabrina Dammen

**7/18** Zander Olmsted

## ST. JOHN'S TRANSITION TEAM SUMMARY REPORT

Priorities	Evidence	Implications
<p>Vibrant, growing, welcoming and spiritual community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth of school district</li> <li>• Census statistics: growing and more diverse</li> <li>• Financially sound church and community</li> <li>• Desire for deeper spirituality</li> <li>• “We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God’s work in Christ’s name for the life of the world.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we make it more inclusive and what is our measure for success?</li> <li>• What people are missing?</li> <li>• How do we plan to grow and even consider a new congregation?</li> <li>• In what ways do we enhance or grow our electronic ministry?</li> <li>• How types of activities/events do we incorporate to assist the congregation in growing deeper in faith?</li> <li>• How do we encourage and grow excitement and joy and a longing to be a part of the church?</li> <li>• How do we more effectively share about significant events in the lives of our worship community (prayer chains, social media, etc.)?</li> </ul>

<p>Commitment to regular and sustained youth programming</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No active middle or high school youth groups</li> <li>• Families that have left due to a lack of youth activities (intergenerational programming not a substitute)</li> <li>• Congregational concerns over the future of the church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we build the next leaders of the church?</li> <li>• In what ways do we continue to involve youth in worship activities (music, readers, ushers, etc.)?</li> <li>• How do we ensure that we don't favor one generation too much over another?</li> <li>• How can we utilize some of the unique spaces in our church to draw in youth (gym, outdoor fire pit, etc.)?</li> </ul>
<p>Passionate about small group ministry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various small groups (veterans, women's group, quilters, etc.)</li> <li>• Bible studies</li> <li>• Music activities</li> <li>• Youth activities</li> <li>• Missions</li> <li>• Intergeneration ministry</li> <li>• Environmental Stewardship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the core small groups?</li> <li>• How do we ensure opportunities for involvement that consider busy lives and working parents?</li> <li>• How do we bridge the gap between the generations?</li> <li>• How do we equip leaders of groups?</li> <li>• How do we help the congregation understand we are a "program" church?</li> <li>• How do folks get invited to the small groups (consider digital options)?</li> </ul>

<p>Grounded in Lutheranism (ELCA) with a recognition of a need for evangelism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age of congregation</li> <li>• Lack of plan for evangelism</li> <li>• ELCA congregation</li> <li>• Desire for gospel and grace-filled Biblical message/sermon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we reinforce that we are an ELCA Lutheran congregation?</li> <li>• How do we develop the spiritual lives of the congregation?</li> <li>• What is evangelism for Lutherans and how does this become part of our calling?</li> <li>• How do we invite in and welcome visitors?</li> <li>• How do we welcome families (core unit of church growth)?</li> <li>• How can we continue to explore how worship is an example of our commitment to ELCA Lutheranism?</li> </ul>
<p>Devoted outreach to community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various outreach activities (Boy Scouts, blood donations, fish fry, food pantry, helping hands, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we use our new space to creatively bring in new groups?</li> <li>• How do we contribute to mental health needs of the wider community—schools especially?</li> <li>• How can we be a destination for the community?</li> <li>• How can we better utilize various social media tools for outreach?</li> </ul>

**What qualities are we looking for in the next pastor?**

- Leadership development skills: ability to grow leaders versus viewing him or herself as the only leader
- Effective communicator (especially with tech) who brings joy and good humor to relationships
- Skills with evangelism (mission minded)
- Visible part of the wider Oregon community
- Update and align with our vision and mission
- Not afraid to challenge the congregation
- Demonstrated proficiency with social media so it can be used to support programming, volunteering, and ministry

**How do we plan to support the next pastor?**

- Support for family
- Encouragement to take risks
- Support for staff changes to support ministry (e.g., new youth assistant and/or staff skilled in managing digital needs of congregation)
- Commitment to walking the journey of change with the new pastor

**TRANSITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS:**

Barbara Newhouse

Keely Oppermann

Cal Gilbertson

Laura Nott

Hillary Carr

Rob Schmidt

John Cuta

Ryan Anderson

Kay Bliefernicht

Pastor Naomi

If you have any submissions or questions in regards to the Weekly Announcement Bulletin, please contact the office at 608.291.4311, or email [barbd@sjlserve.net](mailto:barbd@sjlserve.net) by 4PM each Tuesday.

## **Congregational Leadership & Staff**

**Interim Pastor:** *Rev. Naomi Garber*, [PastorNaomi@sjlserve.net](mailto:PastorNaomi@sjlserve.net)

**Director of Worship & Music:**

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**Building & Grounds Maintenance:**

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### **Church Office Information**

**Hours:** 8AM – 4PM, Monday-Thursday

**Office Phone:** (608) 291-4311- please leave a message if your call is not answered

**Emergency Phone:** The voicemail recording provides emergency contact information.

**E-mail:** [Info@sjlserve.net](mailto:Info@sjlserve.net)

**Church Website:** [stjohnsoregonwi.org](http://stjohnsoregonwi.org)

### **St. John's Church Council Officers**

**President:** Kevin Oppermann, 414.659.2676

**Vice-President:** Bob Lindmeier, 608.469.6055

**Secretary:** Catherine Stang, 608.501.8000

**Treasurer:** Mark W. Peterson, 608.455.5011

### **St. John's Social Media**

**Website:** [stjohnsoregonwi.org](http://stjohnsoregonwi.org)

**Public Facebook Page:** [facebook.com/stjohnsoregonwi](https://facebook.com/stjohnsoregonwi)

**Facebook Group for the Members of St. John's:**

[facebook.com/groups/stjohnsoregonwi](https://facebook.com/groups/stjohnsoregonwi)

**YouTube Channel:** [youtube.com/c/stjohnslutheranchurchoregonwi](https://youtube.com/c/stjohnslutheranchurchoregonwi)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/stjohnsoregonwi](https://twitter.com/stjohnsoregonwi)

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/stjohnsoregonwi](https://instagram.com/stjohnsoregonwi)

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