



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 4, Sixth 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 (1st & 3rd 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 4

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 123

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-13

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Reader: Sherryl Cobb

Music: Soulvation Praise Band-acoustic (Special Music:
Laura Nott, Aaron Johnson

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

Pew Straightener for June: Barb Hanna

Altar Flowers: Martha McGregor to celebrate family,
friends and Independence Day

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.





A MESSAGE FROM JEN

To everything there is a season and my next season of life is calling me. This fall, I will be moving to St. Paul, MN, to concentrate on the remaining pieces of my seminary journey

toward ordination in the ELCA. Therefore, I have submitted my resignation to Pastor Naomi and Congregational Council President, Kevin Oppermann. My last day in the office will be Thursday, July 8; 5 years (almost to the day) after I began at St. John's.

Leaving now will allow time for St. John's to discern children, youth, and family programming for the upcoming school year. I will use the remainder of July to purge the belongings the boys and I have accumulated and pack up the necessities for storage. In August, the boys, my mother, and I are heading to Europe. The impetus for our trip is a seminary class I will be attending in Berlin, Germany, about Dietrich Bonhoeffer. (If you are not familiar with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, I commend his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, to you. Not a big reader? A glance at his page on Wikipedia will give you some general information about his faith and how his adherence to it cost him his life.) We will then travel to Italy (no class to attend there – it's Arthur's choice of destination as a graduation celebration) before returning to the states when Theo, Arthur, and I will each be moving into our own new chapters. Your prayers for these transitions are appreciated.

I am thankful for my season at St. John's. You have loved my family and sat with us in times of uncertainty with the health of my boys and through a divorce. You have journeyed alongside me in my ministry to children, youth,

and families at St. John's. You have experimented with me as I brought new ideas back from conferences and classes. You have traveled with me to Houston and supported our youth to take that trip. You have been confirmation guides and mentors. You have taught Sunday School. You've driven us to camps, and retreats, and so very many Synod RiseUp Nights. You've attended meetings and shared your thoughts, hopes, ideas, and concerns. You have provided constructive feedback when I've preached. And you've prayed. Thank you.

The next season is also calling you, my beloved St. John's family. With Pastor Naomi's experience as an interim pastor and Kevin's hard work and devotion to the process, you will be making decisions about the direction that St. John's will head in the upcoming years.



Come celebrate Jen's ministry here at St. John's as we wish her God Speed on her new adventures

Fellowship after the 9:00 service Sunday, July 11.

If you'd like to thank her, say good bye or congratulate her with a card there will be a box available for cards.

JOHN'WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 4

9:00 AM In-Person Worship

9:00 AM Online Worship

Fellowship Following Worship (Outside)

Monday, July 5

6:00 PM Personnel Meeting

6:30 PM Property Team Meeting

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 168 (Outside)

7:30 PM Family Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 6

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

Wednesday, July 7

1:00 PM Staff Meeting (Gathering Area)

Thursday, July 8

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Oregon Area Food Pantry

Friday, July 9

Church Office is Closed

5:00 AM Basketball in Friendship Room

Saturday, July 10

Gaarder Family Reunion (Audrey Appel) - Friendship Room

5:00 PM In-Person Worship

Sunday, July 11

9:00 AM In-Person Worship

9:00 AM Online Worship

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

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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 will 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

Congregational Leadership & Staff

Interim Pastor: *Rev. Naomi Garber*, PastorNaomi@sjlserve.net

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Church Office Information

Hours: 8AM – 4PM, Monday-Thursday

Office Phone: (608) 291-4311- please leave a message

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St. John's Church Council Officers

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St. John's Social Media

Website: stjohnsoregonwi.org

Public Facebook Page: facebook.com/stjohnsoregonwi

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

facebook.com/groups/stjohnsoregonwi

YouTube Channel: youtube.com/c/stjohnslutheranchurchoregonwi

Twitter: twitter.com/stjohnsoregonwi

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Questions? Contact Sheryl Lindmeier at sheryllindmeier@gmail.com

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 by 4PM each Tuesday.