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# THE EAGLE



ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2017

A background photograph of a forest with tall, thin trees and a ground covered in fallen autumn leaves. A single leaf is captured in mid-air, falling from the trees.

# BE MORE

# *Together*

Helping disciples at St. John's get more involved and connected to the community through the sharing of their unique gifts.

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# BE MORE

## Together

### Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It's hard to believe that I've been here two months already. It seems like just yesterday I packed up all my stuff and moved down to Springfield and started here at St. John's. All I have to say is WOW! I knew that St. John's was a busy place, with ministry happening in every-which-way but nothing could have gotten me ready for the ministry here at St. John's. I am happy to say that I am excited be with you in ministry and growing in our response to God's grace.

We kicked off Rally Sunday with the theme of "We are Church Together," and, between you and me, I was excited and filled with joy, although I was a little scared after I told the 60-70 kids that I had cookies for them during the children's message and they wanted those cookies right away and nothing was going to stop them. I really hope that you are filled with the same excitement I have for our ministry together as we are reminded that the church is not the building, but all of us coming together in response to God's grace to carry out God's mission in the world.

As I reflected after Rally Day, a question kept coming up. If we are to claim to be church together, what does that mean for you and me? What does it mean for St. John's? What is the next step? I'd like to share a story I found on an online blog.

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***"Seeing the disciples of St. John's come together, united and excited for continuing the ministry of this congregation was a great joy for me."***

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**"We all are one in mission; we all are one in call. Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all."**

*Three pelicans were flying to a popular lake. As they traveled, they were each lost in thought. The first pelican thought to himself, "I love my beak. It's magnificent. No other bird has a beak quite like mine. When I get to the lake, I'm going to parade along the bank, showing off my beautiful beak and all of the other birds will be jealous."*

*The second pelican thought to himself, "I love my beak and I need to protect it. I can't afford for it to get damaged, so I'm going to only catch small fish in shallow waters. I know that I can do more, but it's too risky."*

*The third pelican thought to himself, "I love my beak. It's a beauty and I'm going to push the limits and get the most out of it. I'm going to become the best catcher of fish in the lake. I've been given this beak for a reason, so I'm going to work hard and catch the biggest fish out there."*

*We've all been given unique talents, experiences and attributes for a reason. Not to show off that we have them. Not to do the bare minimum with them. But to fully develop them and use them to their maximum capacity. We are each here to make a positive difference to the world around us and are all equipped for the task. (Darren Poke - Better Life Coaching Blog - [www.betterlifecoachingblog.com](http://www.betterlifecoachingblog.com))*

St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans that "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us" (12.6). We have been blessed by God with so many things, and we are called to share our gifts with one another and with the world for which God has called us to care for. The gifts we have been given are not to be kept to ourselves. They are to be shared with one another. We are to combine our gifts with the gifts of others, in order to continue building the Body of Christ, the Church. Imagine



what St. John's would be like if all our talented musicians didn't share their gifts in worship. Or, what our education programs would be if those who have the gift of teaching didn't share those gifts, helping pass on the faith to others. Or what would our world look like if 500 years ago a monk named Martin Luther didn't share his intellectual gifts and his realization that we are justified by faith alone, against the teachings of the church in his time?

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***"We are to combine our gifts with the gifts of others, in order to continue building the Body of Christ, the Church."***

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Together, we are called to share our gifts with one another. Perhaps you are like me, recently joining St. John's or perhaps you have been a disciple your whole life. Regardless of your situation, I invite you to come together and join us at the Fall Ministry Fair on October 14 from 6-8p.m. There are many different ways you can share your gifts, and at the ministry fair, you might find a few. Who knows, you might find there is something you are gifted in that isn't currently a ministry of St. John's and there might be others with the same gifts and ideas. Regardless, I hope

you will come and see the numerous ways we are responding to the gifts we have been given and how God is calling us to share those gifts.

As we continue along this journey of being disciples here at St. John's and our growing towards Being Church Together, my hope and prayer is that we will continue to grow in faith, comforted in the promise of God's grace, sharing our gifts with one another, for as the hymn *We All Are One in Mission* reminds us,

"We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace."  
(ELW 576)

God's Peace,

*Pastor Adam*



# FALL MINISTRY FAIR

October 14 6-8 p.m. PLC

## GOD IS CALLING YOU

## TO BE MORE

*...but how?*

Come find out about the amazing ministries going on at St. John's, and how you can be part of them at the BE MORE Fall Festival and Ministry Fair Saturday, October 14 from 6-8 p.m.

It's an event for the whole congregation to celebrate who we are as church TOGETHER, to highlight the many ministries we share, and to share our many gifts with one another, with our community, and with the world!

Food, prizes, ministry team leaders and information will be in the Parish Life Center from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This is your chance to meet people, ask questions and

find out how you can get involved. Entertainment will be in the Parish Life Center (PLC) from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Kids' activities and childcare in the gym 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Chili cooks needed! Simply make your best pot of chili and bring it with you to the event to share!

As God's church, we can BE MORE together!

For more information, contact Kristen Schmid Schurter, Coordinator of Spiritual Gifts Ministries, at 793.3933 x217 or [ksschurter@stjohns-springfield.org](mailto:ksschurter@stjohns-springfield.org).

### FEATURING

**Interactive Ministry Fair**

**Chili Cook-Off**

**Hot Dogs, Veggies,  
Dessert**

**Children's Games  
and Activities**

**Inspirational Guest  
Speaker Steve  
Thomas  
with Real-Champion  
Sports**

**Live Music**

## Highlighting Choir Member Chris Groth

Chris began singing in church when he was a youth at Faith Lutheran. He remembers wearing white robes with big red bows on them. His entire family was musical. Many of the hymn harmonies that he sings during worship today are the alto line that he remembers his mom singing. When he was a student at U of I, he sang with the St. Andrew's choir under the direction of then student Greg Busboom! Chris began singing in cantatas in 2012-2013. Jean Welch and Alicia Huntley were instrumental in encouraging him to join the cantata.

Although it can be difficult to juggle a full-time job, a family, and singing at church, Chris has found that Sunday rehearsals fit pretty well into his schedule. In addition to cantatas, Chris can be heard singing in the Soli Deo men's ensemble. He enjoys the fellowship in practicing and learning something that may be difficult at first, but then having a sense of accomplishment when it's sung well.

***"I believe that God has found a way for me to make time to sing."*** -Chris Groth

Chris's wife, Sarah, is very understanding and is capable of "holding down the fort" when a late night at work turns into a late night of singing. He believes that if you enjoy singing and being part of the group, you will find a way to make time to practice and perform.



**"WE'RE LIKE A WELL-OILED MACHINE,"**

says JoAnn Thrasher, left, describing how she and Lois Corrigan put together bulletins each week. The two still managed to smile after assembling 525 bulletins for Rally Day.

# GIFTS OF SERVICE

**"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"**

### Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are a part of God's good creation, making each of us unique. All are welcome to come learn more on **October 29, 5-7 p.m.** in the **Adult Meeting Room (AMR)**. Dinner and childcare are provided.

RSVP to Coordinator of Spiritual Gifts Ministries Kristen Schmid Schurter at 793.3933 x217 or [ksschurter@stjohns-springfield.org](mailto:ksschurter@stjohns-springfield.org) for more information.

**Psalm 139:14.**



# BUILDING to be more together

BY PASTOR GREG BUSBOOM

**So why build? And, why now? So, what in the world is this proposed building project all about? And, why in the world do we need it?**

If you have found yourself asking yourself these questions, know that you are not alone. These are extremely important questions for us. These are the questions the leaders of St. John's have been struggling with for years now. These are the questions all of us need to be asking as we discern how best to move forward as the church **TOGETHER** in living out our mission *to be and make disciples of Christ, in response to God's grace.*

First, the proposed building project is not, first and foremost, about **us!** The proposed building project is primarily about **God** and how we as God's people can most fully live out God's mission for us in and through this place. As such, the two questions that have emerged over the past several years and that have propelled us forward to where we are today are 1) How can we grow our **HOSPITALITY** to more effectively welcome and grow relationships with the many folks who enter our doors each and every day?, and; 2) How can we continue to support our growing **MINISTRY STAFF** so that they can continue to most effectively equip us for lives of faith-filled discipleship



## Join the Conversation

**The congregation will vote on whether and how to proceed at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 19 at 12 noon in the Parish Life Center (PLC).**

During the month of October, four informational meetings will be offered so that you can learn more about the options that are being proposed and so that

you can help us improve these options for the sake of Christ's mission in this place.

Meetings will be held in the Adult Meeting Room (AMR). You are welcome to attend as many of the meetings as you would like! Come and be a part as we join together in living out our mission to be and make disciples of Christ, in response to God's grace.

### **INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

**Sunday, October 8  
9:15 a.m.**

**Tuesday, October 17  
10:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, October 19  
7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 22  
9:15 a.m.**





# Children and Family

## Sunday School

**9:15-9:30 a.m. Music and Opening in the PLC**

**9:30-10:15 a.m. Classes downstairs in Classrooms A-F**

Pre-K through 6th Grade are studying our new *Whirl!* Lectionary Sunday School each week. Every *Whirl!* Lectionary lesson follows a four-part sequence:

**Welcome, Hear, Respond, and Launch (WHRL!).** Our learner leaflets are for children to take home to spark family conversations and weekly challenges. Here's hoping our children are pushing us to be more involved in their Sunday School experiences together.

We currently have more than 20 dedicated disciples teaching Sunday School this fall. They are welcoming, caring, and enthusiastic about teaching the stories of Jesus' life. We are so happy to have them in this ministry with us!

## Trunk-or-Treat

**October 25, 5:30 p.m.**

**Church Parking Lot**

Join us as we decorate our trunks for a spooky, fun-filled family celebration! All are invited to grab dinner together, and then you can fill your bags with candy as you move from trunk to trunk. Wear your favorite costume, bring a bag for goodies, and meet us in the church parking lot for some Halloween surprises!

We need volunteers to help serve in this ministry! If you would like to help with coordinating the event, planning dinner, or helping us stock candy that evening, please contact Sam Neahrng as soon as possible ([sneahrng@stjohns-springfield.org](mailto:sneahrng@stjohns-springfield.org)).

## Sprout!

**On Wednesday Evenings**

**Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Classes at 6:30 p.m.**

Many of our 3rd graders and their parents are currently in our "My Bible" Class with Jennifer Read. Jennifer has been sharing her gift of teaching and leading children each fall at St. John's for the past 8 years. She helps our young families live out their baptismal promises by teaching them how to use and understand God's Word together.

Our 4th and 5th graders are having fun with one of our favorite children's authors. Each week, we read a book or watch a short film by Dr. Seuss. We discuss how Dr. Seuss' teachings in his books align with Jesus' teachings in the Bible. Once per month, we will bake dessert to deliver to our local fire department.

## Christmas Program Auditions

**Weds, November 8, 6-6:45p.m.**

It will be here before we know it! This year's Christmas program will include children aged preschool through 6th grade and will be held on Sunday, Dec 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the PLC. Auditions for speaking parts and singing parts (1st - 6th graders) will be Wednesday, November 8, 6-6:45, in room C/D. Sign up on Sam's door or at Sunday School! Rehearsals for the program will begin in November: on Wednesdays, 6:15-6:45 p.m., and on Saturdays, Dec 9 and 16, 9-11 a.m. There will also be several Sunday 9a.m. rehearsals before the Sunday School Opening. More info to come! Please contact Alicia Huntley with any questions. [ahuntley14@yahoo.com](mailto:ahuntley14@yahoo.com) or 217.714.4524.



# Youth and Family

## Sunday School

Sunday Mornings (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

Grades 7-12, come hang out and discuss topics relevant to being a Christian Youth

## Encounter

Sunday Nights, October 8 & 29 6-8p.m.

Grades 9-12 (note date change!)

## Ignite

Sunday, October 15

After 10:30 Worship - 1:00 p.m.

Grades 6-8

## Preschool

### Rockin' Nite Maze Fundraiser

**October 7 5:00-10:00 p.m. at Bomke's Patch  
St. John's Lutheran  
Preschool**

Navigate the corn maze under the stars with only glowsticks, flashlights, and awesome 80's tunes!

Music, bubbles, and foam! Fun for all ages!

Admission: Adults - \$10, Children - \$8

A portion of ticket sales to benefit St. John's Lutheran Preschool

See [bomkespatch.com](http://bomkespatch.com) event page for more details!

## Sprout!

On Wednesday Evenings

Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Classes at 6:30 p.m.

### High School Bible Study

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

Come and explore St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

\*No Bible Study October 25. Come to Trunk or Treat!

### Confirmation

6:30 - 7:45p.m. in Classroom A/B

## 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

It's not too late to turn in your registration forms and \$150 deposit. You don't want to miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime event! Let Pastor Adam know if you have any questions.

"I LOVE THE GAMES AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY"

- ELIZABETH

"THE CALM BEFORE THE SCHOOL WEEK"

- LUKE

"CHURCH IS THE PLACE I FEEL LOVED AND SAFE"

-ANONYMOUS

"CAME FOR COFFEE, STAYED FOR LOVE"

- ZOE

# Adults

## Adult Forum Continues to Explore Luther's Small Catechism

The Adult Forum meets each Sunday from 9:20-10:15 a.m. in the Adult Meeting Room (AMR) and continues its exploration of Luther's *Small Catechism*. As we commemorate this 500th anniversary year of the Lutheran Reformation, this seven-session course opens up meaningful and rich conversations around some of the core teachings of our Lutheran faith and how we can live out that Lutheran faith as 21st-century disciples of Jesus. The class is led by Pastor Greg. Whether this is your first introduction to the *Small Catechism* or whether you know it well already, this engaging study hopes the Spirit will ignite--and reignite--the spark of faith in you! All are welcome!

## Luther & The Reformation

Did you know that Rick Steves, famous travel expert, is a member of the ELCA? In commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Rick Steves traveled to many different places important in the Reformation and produced a special documentary. Join us on Tuesday, October 24 from 7:00-8:30p.m. in the PLC as we watch Rick go through many of the sites that were important to Martin Luther and the reformation.

## Millikin "Vespers"

Travel to Decatur to hear the very popular Millikin Choir on December 2 for the 2:00 p.m. concert. Please contact Cindy Engstrom at 217.691.0471 if you are interested. Price will be determined by the number of people going. Deadline is October 31.



## New Disciples Class

Anyone interested in joining St. John's or simply learning more about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian in the world is invited to participate in our upcoming New Disciples' Classes. This five-week series begins on Sunday, October 1 and continues each Sunday throughout October, ending on Sunday, October 29. The class meets from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Adult Meeting Room. A light supper and childcare will be provided each week. We will explore together what it means to be in community, a Christian, a Lutheran, a disciple, and a servant. New disciples will be received into the life of the congregation the weekend of November 4-5. To sign-up, please contact either our New Disciples Coordinator Alison Storm at [newdisciples@stjohns-springfield.org](mailto:newdisciples@stjohns-springfield.org) or 217.299.9098. All are welcome!



## Church Camping Trip

You are invited to come out again for the Annual Church Camping Trip at Camp CILCA, October 13 and 14. Come out any time after 4 p.m. on Friday. The trip is completely unstructured, meaning you and your family can do some trail hiking, fishing, canoeing, a challenge course; play frisbee, kick-ball, or football; and of course join in on some fireside fellowship all at your leisure. If you plan to attend, contact Chris Groth at [cgroth@cmtengr.com](mailto:cgroth@cmtengr.com)

## The Gospel according to Mark

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parlor



# BE MORE as we support

## Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are needed to assist with driving and delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of October. Please contact Janet Moulton at 217.971.9535 to sign up!

## Grief Support Group

St. John's will hold a series of Grief Support Gatherings for anyone who has experienced the death of a person whom they loved. Led by Margie Wheelhouse, licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Professional Counselor, and a Nationally Certified Counselor, and Pastor Pam, the group will meet on Mondays from 5:30 - 7:00p.m. for six weeks beginning October 2. We will meet in the Music Room for six weeks, concluding the series on November 6. While we may grieve many kinds of losses, this gathering is for those who have lost a loved one. The death may have been recent, or could have occurred in the past.

Everyone suffers losses. Everyone grieves at one time or another. One of the most difficult losses we experience is the death of a loved one. It can be hard to reach out to others when dealing with feelings of sadness and loss. We are created by God to be in community, and especially in difficult times, that community can offer support and comfort.

## Blood Drive

October 26 is the next date for St. John's to sponsor the blood drive at the Central Illinois Community Blood Center. Please plan to donate if you can!

## St. John's Prayer Chain

St. John's Prayer Chain invites disciples to pray with and for others. Liz Kelley assembles prayer requests received at worship as well as from e-mails and phone calls during the week sending them to those who are on the prayer chain. To request prayer for yourself or someone else, or to become a pray-er, please contact Liz (bhappy34@comcast.net.) You can also request prayers using the information cards in the sanctuary, or the prayer book in the PLC.

Linda Bryant remembers being overwhelmed after the death of her father:



**"When my father passed in April, I thought 'how can I do this alone?' Looking back, I realize that through the prayers, I was never alone."**

Steve Sargent knows the power of prayer as his wife, Jean, recovers in the hospital from major surgery:



**"Knowing that church people are praying brings extra strength for me. I don't know what you would do without that."**

Surgical ICU  
C201-C215

## LWR Care Kits

A reminder that this year, the Global Missions Ministry Team is collecting personal care kits to be distributed to people who have fled their homes or live in refugee camps or other shelters. Last year, over \$13.3 million, 346,170 quilts, and 144,970 personal care kits were collected and distributed by Lutheran World Relief to 16 countries.

If you would like to help, please bring the following items:

- Light-weight bath towel, dark colors preferred
- Bath-sized bars of soap
- Individually wrapped toothbrush
- Sturdy comb
- Metal nail clipper

Please bring all items by Sunday, October 22. Collection baskets are in the Narthex and the PLC Lobby. Many thanks for your generous support.

Last year, Lutheran World Relief collected...

**13,300,000**

dollars

**346,170**

quilts

**144,970**

personal care kits

**Bothered by the news and want to do something positive? Here's your chance.**

## ANALYZING AND UNDERSTANDING RACISM WORKSHOP

BY KRISTEN SCHMID SCHURTER

It took until the last day of the Analyzing and Understanding Racism workshop for the African-American woman seated next to me to quietly ask our small group "Do they teach you?" As a parent, she taught her children how to deal with racism; she wondered if in white households, parents taught their children to view black people negatively.

This important opportunity is coming to St. John's Parish Life Center November 2-4, and you are invited! Crossroads

teaches the 2.5 day workshop, in partnership with the Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism (SCoDR). The workshop is open to the community, and only 45 spots are available.

Contact Kristen Schmid Schurter at 793.3933 x217 or [ksschurter@stjohns-springfield.org](mailto:ksschurter@stjohns-springfield.org) for more information.

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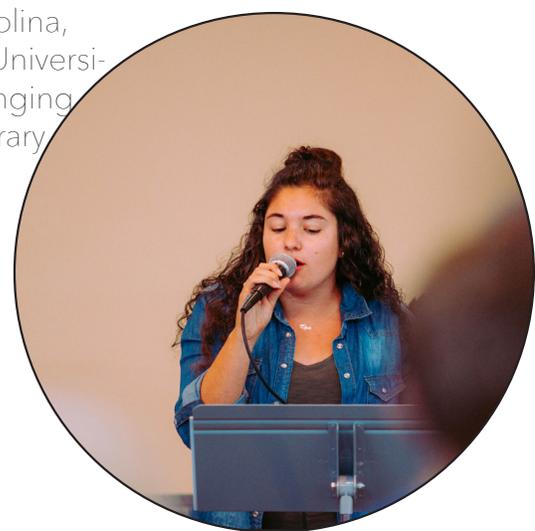
**"I learned a great deal of valuable information when I attended the workshop. My greatest education came from the faces and words of the people around me. I was also able to learn how other congregations and organizations are proactively working to become anti-racist."**

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# BE MORE together in worship

Carmen Remolina,  
Freshman at University of Illinois singing  
at Contemporary Worship



## September 30/October 1

*We are church TOGETHER*  
as we **PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S MISSION!**  
Matthew 21:23-32

## October 21/22

*We are church TOGETHER*  
as we **LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD!**  
Matthew 22:15-22

## October 7/8

*We are church TOGETHER*  
as we **WORK AS GOD'S TENANTS!**  
Matthew 21:33-46

## October 28/29

**500th Commemoration of the Reformation**  
*We are church TOGETHER*  
as we **TRUST IN GOD'S WORD!**  
John 8:31-36

## October 14/15

*We are church TOGETHER*  
as we **ENJOY GOD'S PARTY!**  
Matthew 22:1-14

**5:00 p.m. Saturday**  
*(Casual Traditional in Sanctuary)*  
**8:00 a.m. Sunday**  
*(Traditional in Sanctuary)*  
**10:30 a.m. Sunday**  
*(Traditional in Sanctuary)*  
**10:30 a.m. Sunday**  
*(Contemporary in Parish Life Center)*

### 15 Young People to Affirm their Faith in Christ

On Reformation Sunday, October 29, 15 young disciples here at St. John's will affirm their faith in Christ through the Rite of Confirmation. The Rite of Confirmation follows the completion of two years of faith formation as these young people grow and develop in their faith and commitment to Christ. Those affirming their faith include:

Madi Arnold  
Joshua Eiter  
Emma Gilbert  
Darviel Johnson  
Elizabeth Lee  
Emma Johnson  
Emily Powers

Frankie Kulavic  
Jesi Province  
Emily Resch  
Joshua Ryan  
Gretchen Sanders  
Adam Sevenser  
Elinor Simmons  
Derek Gruenenfelder

These young people, together with their parents and extended families, will share in a celebration confirmation banquet on Sunday, October 22, as they share their faith statements with one another. Hold each of these young disciples in your daily prayers that they may be sincere in the promises and commitments they make and that God's Holy Spirit would strengthen them in their faith and discipleship to Christ.

### Chancel Choir Day of Song and Prayer

On Saturday, October 21, from 9a.m. to 3p.m., we will have our first (hopefully annual) Day of Song and Prayer. All individuals interested in learning about singing as a member of the Chancel Choir are invited to join us for this day of song, prayer and fellowship. We will begin with a light breakfast, followed by prayer and singing. This will also be our first rehearsal for the Christmas cantata, which will be held during worship on December 9 and 10. A light lunch will also be served. We encourage any interested singers to join us for this important day of relationship building. **13**

# Leading the Way as a Diverse, Inclusive Community



Every Sunday after worship, members of St. Paul Thai Lutheran Church in Forest Park, Illinois, take part in what might seem like an unusual tradition. They enjoy a pot-luck meal, and once their food is settled, they engage in some friendly competition—playing badminton.

“Everybody gets to play, no genders or nationalities are excluded from that group,” said St. Paul Thai member Theodore Lietz. The beloved tradition is demonstrative of the congregation’s diverse, inclusive community, which has welcomed people of Thai and other backgrounds since 1985.

More than 30 years later, St. Paul Thai Church continues its legacy of inclusivity. The congregation is made up of 70 percent Thai first generation immigrants, and the remaining 30 percent is a mix of other races, said its pastor, Pongsak Limthongviratn. Services are conducted in Thai and English, and the congregation offers translation headsets when needed.

In the spring of 2017 the congregation was selected to try out the ELCA’s updated version of One Body, Many Members. This free resource consists of downloadable Bible studies, discussion questions, and activities aimed at supporting congregations on their journeys to welcome every racial, ethnic, and class background.

“One Body, Many Members is really just about having us

live out our call to go beyond our walls and share the good news and to meet people where they are and how we create worship communities that reflect the wider diversity of this world,” said Judith Roberts, ELCA racial justice ministries director and resource facilitator.

It can help any congregation facilitate conversation about diversity, regardless of its location or maturity. In the case of St. Paul Thai, the resource provided meaningful enrichment to an already thriving community.

“Diversity makes us strong,” said Monta Limthongviratn, a lay minister at St. Paul Thai. “We don’t exist only for Thai people, but because we live as a diverse community, we try to respond to the needs of other people.” Your continued generosity to St. John’s helps support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in creating resources like One Body, Many Members (ELCA.org/Onebody), which aid congregations in their efforts to reflect the diverse country the United States is becoming. (Copyright 2017 ELCA - ELCA.org - Living Lutheran.org)

## **Financial Snapshot**

**“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s’” (Matthew 22:21).**

### **Financial Snapshot**

#### **General Operating Fund**

	<b>August 2017</b>	<b>Year-to-Date 2017</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 69,808.28</b>	<b>\$ 662,761.08</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 86,669.12</b>	<b>\$ 616,748.77</b>
	<b>\$ (16,860.84)</b>	<b>\$ 46,012.31</b>

#### **Be BOLD Capital Campaign**

<b>Amount Pledged through May 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,473,107</b>
<b>Amount Received as of August 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 670,501</b>
<b>Remaining Balance on Mortgage as of 8.31.2017</b>	<b>\$ 1,170,787.85</b>

# October Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Children and Family Ministry Team 12:00pm Hospitality Ministry Team 5:00pm New Disciples Class 6:00pm Parents in Christ	2 5:30pm Grief Support Workshop 5:30pm Personnel Committee 7:00pm Leadership Board	3 8:45am Healthy Preschooler Class 9:00am Women's and Men's Bible Studies 9:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm St. John's After School Center 7:00pm Young Adults Bible Study	4 8:15am Pastries with the Pastors 8:45am Healthy Preschooler Class 9:00am Pastors Cluster 12:15pm Pastries with the Pastors 1:00pm Friends in Christ at Concordia 5:30pm <i>Sprout!</i> Meal 6:00pm Financial Peace University 6:30pm <i>Sprout!</i> Classes 7:45pm Worship Band Practice	5 8:15am Pastries with the Pastors 12:15pm Pastries with the Pastors 5:30pm Bells of Glory 6:40 Chancel Choir	6 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	7 3:00pm Schrock/Clancy Wedding 5:00pm Worship/Communion – PLC
8 9:15am Building Forum 12:00pm 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat 1:00pm Lutherans at Play 5:00pm New Disciples Class 5:30pm Parenting the Early Years Social Event 6:00pm <i>Encounter</i>	<b>Columbus Day</b> 9 <i>Preschool and Church Office Closed</i> 5:30pm Grief Support Workshop	10 9:00am Women's and Men's Bible Studies 9:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm St. John's After School Center 5:00pm Stephen Minister Peer Support 6:00pm Group LOYAL	11 8:45am Healthy Preschooler Class 9:30am Social Ministry Team 5:30pm <i>Sprout!</i> Meal 6:00pm Financial Peace University 6:30pm <i>Sprout!</i> Classes 7:45pm Worship Band Practice	12 8:45am Healthy Preschooler Class 5:30pm Bells of Glory 6:40 Chancel Choir	13 <i>Church Camping Trip</i> 1:30pm Stitch n' Share	14 <i>Church Camping Trip LWR Coffee Sales</i> 5:00pm Worship/Communion – Sanctuary <b>6:00pm "Be More" Ministry Fair</b>
15 <i>LWR Coffee Sales</i> 11:45am <i>Ignite!</i> 5:00pm New Disciples Class 6:00pm Parents in Christ	16 4:30pm Preschool Board 5:30pm Finance Committee 5:30pm Grief Support Workshop 7:00pm Leadership Board	17 8:45am Healthy Preschooler Class 9:00am Women's and Men's Bible Studies 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:30am Building Forum 1:00pm Adult Ministries Team 4:30pm St. John's After School Center 6:00pm Dinner Night Out	18 8:45am Healthy Preschooler Class 11:00am Preschool Chapel 12:45pm Preschool Chapel 1:00pm Friends in Christ at Concordia 5:30pm <i>Sprout!</i> Meal 6:00pm Financial Peace University 6:30pm <i>Sprout!</i> Classes 7:45pm Worship Band Practice	19 10:00am Confirmation Camp Planning Team 11:00am Preschool Chapel 12:45pm Preschool Chapel 5:30pm Bells of Glory 6:40 Chancel Choir 7:00pm Building Forum	20	21 9:00am Day of Music and Prayer 5:00pm Worship/Communion – Sanctuary
22 9:15am Building Forum 5:00pm New Disciples Class 5:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal 6:00pm 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Banquet 6:00pm <i>Encounter</i> 6:00pm Parenting the Early Years	23 5:15pm Property Ministry Team 5:30pm Grief Support Workshop 7:00pm Stewardship Vision Team	24 9:00am Women's and Men's Bible Studies 9:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm St. John's After School Center 5:00pm Stephen Minister Peer Support 5:30pm Phone Call Ministry 7:00pm Rick Steves' Luther and The Reformation	25 6:00pm Trunk-or-Treat 6:00pm Financial Peace University 7:45pm Worship Band Practice	26 Adopt-A-Day Blood Drive 5:30pm Bells of Glory 6:40 Chancel Choir	27	28 5:00pm Worship/Communion – Sanctuary
29 <i>Reformation/Confirmation Sunday</i> 5:00pm New Disciples Class	30 5:15pm Property Ministry Team 5:30pm Grief Support Workshop	31 9:00am Women's and Men's Bible Studies 9:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm St. John's After School Center	<b>5:00 p.m. Saturday</b> <i>(Casual Traditional in Sanctuary)</i> <b>8:00 a.m. Sunday</b> <i>(Traditional in Sanctuary)</i> <b>10:30 a.m. Sunday</b> <i>(Traditional in Sanctuary)</i> <b>10:30 a.m. Sunday</b> <i>(Contemporary in Parish Life Center)</i>			

# THE EAGLE NEWSLETTER



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### Mission Statement

To be and make disciples of Christ, in response to God's grace.

### Vision Statement

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is called to grow in meaningful relationships with Christ, with each other, and with the community as we are gathered for worship, equipped for discipleship, and sent to care.

## Home Repair

Do you have a home repair or yard work need that you could use some assistance with? The Home Repair ChristCare small group is ready and available to help you at no cost. No job is too small. Please feel free to call Chris Groth at 341.8011, to schedule a date.

## Need a ride to worship?

Call the church office at  
217-793-3933  
Our new van is  
wheelchair accessible!

Lead Pastor	Pastor Greg Busboom
Pastor of Community Care	Pastor Pam Mitcham
Pastor of Outreach and Discipleship	Pastor Adam Connolly
Church Administrator	Carrie Smith
Interim Financial Manager	David Richter
Director of Media and Communications	Tucker Good
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Director of Contemporary Worship	Christie Lazarides Purdy
Chancel Choir Accompanist	Linda Fairchild
Children's Music Leader	Alicia Huntley
Youth & Young Adult Worship Leader	Andy Lazarides
Contemporary Worship Keyboardist	Valerie Hunter
Custodians	Dwayne Varner, Brian Yokem

**NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE EAGLE IS 10-11-2017**