

## Congregational Forum TODAY

9:45 a.m. – Trinity Room

At the Congregational Forum on May 6, we will be reviewing the updated constitution and answering questions on the recommended candidate for Associate Pastor.

## Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 13

9:45 a.m. – Sanctuary

Vote on 3<sup>rd</sup> pastor, updated constitution, new Council members and recognize outstanding volunteers.

## Lutheran Day – May 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 8th, Lutherans from across the state will gather in Springfield to learn about advocacy, pray under the rotunda, and meet with elected officials to share our voices for people in need. Join Pastor Paul, Pastor Robin, parishioners, and social services from Illinois.

Register at [www.lutheranday.org](http://www.lutheranday.org). Meet 6:30 a.m. at church to carpool.

## Vacation Bible School

JUNE 10-14, 2018

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

AGES 4 YEARS – 6TH GRADE



## REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY

Register in the narthex or at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

(See Bulletin Insert)

## Adult Grief Group

May 12<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 p.m. - Youth Room

Grief affects us when someone we love dies, but the feeling of loss may also occur at other times: when kids grow up and leave home, in retirement, upon losing a job, or getting divorced.

We may experience grief with a disability, when our freedom or independence becomes limited, or when we've just had too much bad news. Grief can affect us in a wide variety of circumstances!

If you need the support of friends to help you through, drop in to join the Adult Grief Group, 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. for a discussion led by licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Sandra E. Carlson.

## Music Celebration Sunday

May 20 at both services



Bring your family and friends to celebrate Pentecost as we enjoy the God-given talents of all our musicians. Melody Makers, Joyful Singers, St. John Chorale, Handbell Choir and Praise Team will be sharing their musical gifts. You won't want to miss this celebration! And, don't forget to wear red for Pentecost.

## Sunday, May 20

### Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School is May 20th. We will have a short program at 9:45 in the sanctuary to recognize our teachers and the children will give a brief review of what they learned this past year. Parents and the congregation are invited to attend.

## Summer Worship Hours

Begin Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>

Worship times will be Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Please join us for fellowship between services!

## Scholarship Support for High School

### Mission Trip: How you can GIVE

Every year, we offset the cost of a Mission Trip and provide Scholarships to families who desire their youth to attend, but do not have extra means available to pay for the trip. This congregation's generosity is enormous, and we are grateful!

We are looking for donations of every size, including sizable donations, to fund our Mission Trip this year.

### How can you give? Three ways:

- ✓ Speak with Pastor Jen about your donation
- ✓ Make a check to "St. John Lutheran Church" and place it in the blue envelope in the pew, marked "Mission Trip"
- ✓ Check out our display coming soon to the narthex for needed donated and borrowed items.

*Thank you!!*

## Important Youth Dates

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Writing Workshop – Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. – KJ Hall

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Mystery Dinner – Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. – Karin Johnson Hall.

Tween GO! – Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:15-2:30 p.m. – Karin Johnson Hall

## Seminarian Support Special Offering

Our Seminarian Support Fund provides financial assistance to St. John members who attend seminary. Mike Markwell began seminary in the fall of 2016 at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. You can support Mike by enclosing your donation in the blue pew envelope and mark *Seminary Support*. Mike is the son of Chris and Keith Markwell.

## Adult Mission Trip Opportunity

### Calvary Church in Lemont

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Lemont Calvary Church will be partnering with City on a Hill, which works to break the cycle of poverty in some of the poorest neighborhoods in the city of Milwaukee. The trip is through our friends at Calvary Church, and they have a few spots open if you are interested in joining them! For more info., pick up a flyer in the office and contact Pastor Paul or Steve Costello.