St. John is called by Christ to be a Sanctuary that Welcomes and Serves All

April 2022

One of my greatest hopes for our ministry is that we would become known as very welcoming. Not only to visitors and new members but also to each other. To be sure this idea is not much of a struggle with our closest friends, but it can become a threat to our sense of inner peace beyond that point. I have found that if an individual receives 4 or 5 welcoming exchanges, he/she will feel welcomed. Those exchanges begin to build bridges. The more I think about this the question is best framed as "How do I become more welcoming? The fact is we are each the church. How we communicate creates the impression the other person receives.

How we talk to and about each other will set the stage. Do we demonstrate the elements of shalom in our relationships? I am currently preparing this Sundays sermon called "How are you doing?" In the text this week Jesus has his feet anointed by Mary. It was an expression of love and awareness of all that Jesus was going through that could be seen within this gesture. I'm not sure how many people asked Jesus the question but near as I can tell not many.

So, moving forward, as a disciple of Christ, keep in mind that you might be the best version of Jesus someone may see. Remembering the power of your own baptism you are empowered to share God's light with the world.

So, how in practical terms might you do that?

1) Develop a prayer list of people you know or simply see. And pray.

- 2) Practice in the comfort of your own home the art of walking with less purpose. Imagine your self at church, walking from point a to b but making sure to establish eye contact and smile at people as you move. Allow yourself to stop as the spirit leads you to talk.
- Call, text or email someone each day. Ask the question "How are you doing?"
- Be prepared to listen, ask questions affirm the life of the other. Talk less, listen more.
- 5) Be easy on yourself. Remember you are loved so much and wonderfully made.
- 6) Practice point#2 using various situations, at a restaurant, the store, taking a walk, the doctors office etc.
- Fall in love with life, with people with God's creation become less enamored with things.
- Become aware of at least one new person each week (think of points 2 and 6).
- 9) Be not afraid.

Well, it is not an exhaustive list but I'm sure that you get the point. I am confident that the great shalom (God's love through compassion, mercy, justice and forgiveness) is the most important resource the world needs to find true peace. You/we have the keys to that kingdom. Let us not lock the door but rather throw our arms wide open to the possibilities that await.

Peace, Pastor Mark

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES . . .

Holy Week 2022 at St. John	
10 a.m. Sunday, April 10	1 p.m. Friday, April 15
 Palm/Passion Sunday 	– Good Friday
Worship with Holy Communion, gathering	A Service of Readings, Reflections, and
in the Narthex and moving into the	Passion Hymns and Anthems
Sanctuary	
	On Good Friday, we are invited to stand
Our Holy Week journey begins on Palm/	with the disciples at the foot of the cross.
Passion Sunday as we, with loud hosannas,	In John's passion narrative, shared on this
join the parade into Jerusalem that	day, Jesus reveals both the power and
eventually becomes a mountain climb to	glory of God, even as he is put on trial and
Calvary as we hear Luke's account of	sentenced to death.
Jesus' journey to the cross.	
	10 a.m. Sunday, April 17
1 p.m. Thursday, April 14	 Resurrection of Our Lord
– Maundy Thursday	Worship with Holy Communion and
Worship with Holy Communion, in the	Alleluias in Abundance Returning
Taizé Tradition	
	When it would appear that the journey is
<i>Our journey continues on Maundy</i>	over, that death has won, Easter
Thursday as we remember Christ's last	announces that Christ is risen! With
meal with his disciples and his	astonishment and joy we celebrate with
commandment to love one another as he	shouts of alleluia that Jesus is alive, that
has loved us. We are called to give and	we have been set free from the bonds of
receive love in humble service to one	death, and that we are forgiven! Christ is
another just like Jesus did as he cared for	risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
and served his disciples by washing their	
feet.	Dr. Michael Burkhardt
	Director of Worship and Music





Join us for discussion and fellowship on Zoom, Wednesday nights at 7:00.

April 6: Lectio Divina Luke 22:7-13 "Preparation for Last Supper"

April 13: No meeting Holy Week April 20: No meeting

April 27: Film screening (Zoom and inperson)

May 4th: Film discussion (Zoom only)

LECTIO DIVINA

Rastor Mark and Ashleigh will host a conversation about selected passages of scripture each week of Lent, using a method called Lectio Divina. What might sound scary or too mystical is really pretty simple. A passage of scripture will be read each week, four times, each with a different focus:

First Reading - What word or phrase caught your attention?

Second Reading - What thought or reflection came to mind?

Third Reading - What prayer might you have that expresses your feelings about the passage? Fourth Reading - In your silence is there anything else that comes to mind?

This approach creates wonderful conversation and interesting personal insights that lead to a stronger appreciation of scripture and each other.



YOUTH 🔽 GOV

AMERICA'S YOUTH TAKE ON THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL GOVERNMENT

It shouldn't be controversial to ask the government to preserve a habitable planet. Our faith calls us to safeguard the Earth for future generations. Around the world, young people are standing up for their generation and every one that follows.The young plaintiffs of Juliana v. US know that Climate Change isn't some obscure, far-off threat, and many of them have experienced its impact first-hand. Join their fight to hold their leaders accountable in YOUTHvGOV. JOIN US TO WATCH THIS FILM **April 27th at 7:00 pm** On Zoom or in-person in the MPR at St. John. Please arrive by 6:45 for in-person viewing.

Film discussion: May 4th at 7:00 pm. Zoom only.

Get the link in the eNews or on the St. John webpage.

Finite Tomorrows Time is elastic. We all experience the phenomenal ways time shifts. Four days on vacation is exponentially shorter than four days waiting for test results. Two years of a pandemic is somehow both a lifetime and the blink of an eye.

Perhaps the most frustrating thing about time is that we know, for each of us, it is finite, yet we know not when our end will come. If I knew just how my days were numbered, I imagine that every decision might have a different weight. It's easy to get to the sentiment of "live every day like it was your last." Living by this ideology can easily set us up for problems when the next day comes, and the one after that, and the one after that, and we're still here.

I can't imagine there are many who, knowing it was their last day on earth, would go to work.

Most of us have our own experiences that put our mortality in focus - the death of someone special, a car accident, a medical scare. It's fair to say that just about everyone on this earth has had to face their mortality in these past two years thanks to the pandemic. Some people, due to illness or age, might have been spared from that part of our timeline, but I can't fathom how anyone with even a child's grasp of reality could have made it through to today without some greater understanding of the limitations of our lives.

These moments, the times when our limited time feels tangible, can change us. Usually those changes are happening a little at a time. Someone you grew up with dies and the ripple of their life touches their friends, family, even acquaintances may feel the impact of their absence. Yet, currently that change is happening at a scale that is far beyond the norm. As the prospect of death feels closer, we tend to move closer towards that cliche. How

should we spend our days when we can't know for sure when our next tomorrow is going to be our last?

As masses of people face this question we hear a tired refrain of its effects, "no one wants to work anymore." As my grandma says, yes and no.

There's a lot to unpack in this idea and the current situation we face. When we enjoy the thought experiments of having the means to live any way we so choose, how many of us would keep showing up for a job where we are overworked, undervalued, where we are demeaned, where working conditions are unsafe, unethical? Even in jobs I love, which I have been lucky enough to have quite a few, there are still enough drawbacks that I would step away if I didn't have to worry about making ends meet.

That doesn't mean I would do nothing. When I dream of life unencumbered, I imagine time spent tending to gardens (work). I imagine cooking for people and cleaning (work and work). I imagine caring for my community in whatever ways I can (work). I imagine time to create (work). Yes, I imagine more time for rest, relaxation, and leisure. I hazard to say it would be a healthier amount than what we tend to afford people in that regard. I imagine my dream is not wholly dissimilar to the dreams of many others.

Facing mortality tends to push us to reassess our values. We tend to consider how we value ourselves and our time. Refusing a position because we value our selves and our time doesn't mean we don't want to work. People enjoy doing things. People like to feel productive and have a sense of purpose. Aside from affording us means to exist, work can give us these things as well. Left to their own devices, people aren't idle. It is true that we would likely enjoy more time for rest and leisure. In our work obsessed culture, idleness is not seen as the healthy and necessary thing it is. We exist in a system that has long been focused on growth. Yet, growth for the sake of growth, growth without stopping, relentless growth is not good, it's cancer.

When the pandemic hit and governments and other systems responded, some remarkable things happened. We imposed eviction moratoriums to protect our fundamental need for shelter. We mobilized food distribution at a massive scale. We halted student loan payments. We provided assistance to families with children. The expanded child tax credit alone cut rates of childhood poverty in the U.S. by 30% (see NPR article cited below).

Sadly, these safety nets we constructed were temporary. That relief we extended to those who are struggling the most was fleeting. "Get back to work" is the quiet and sometimes boisterous message as these sorts of assistance programs are ended. The irony is, of course, that in terms of employment rates, we are just about back to where things were before the pandemic. According to a report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics released in early March, the pre-pandemic unemployment rate of February 2020 was 3.5% or 5.7 million people (see BLS report, cited below). As of February 2022, the unemployment rate has dropped to 3.8% or 6.4 million people. As the report dives deeper into the numbers the starkest disparity in employment numbers is specifically in the leisure and hospitality sector which is down 9% from pre-pandemic levels. The numbers for unemployment don't count certain circumstances of people who are without a job, but wanting employment. Yet, the broader picture of labor force participation rate is just 1.1% lower as of February 2022 than the pre-pandemic level of February 2020. The number of those not in the workforce but want a job was 5.4 million in February 2022, compared to 5 million in February 2020.

By and large, people who can work are, in fact, working. Yet this narrative of "no one wants to work" persists.

What would happen to this narrative if we collectively did more to value each other and our finite time? What if we passed on the next big thing so that someone else could have the basic necessities? What if, instead of billionaire joyrides into space, they turned their attention to those facing homelessness and their employees on the brink? What if we recognized the significant struggle that many face, despite their participation in the workforce? What if we recognized that a person's worth and inherent value are not tied to their production? What if we rebuilt these safety nets that lifted so many out of poverty? There's a guy I know who says we should do just that - feed, clothe, shelter, visit. It seems our energy would be better spent if we focused less on how people should serve us and more on how we can serve others.

It is true, people don't want to work. They want to live. Our tomorrows are not promised, so what are we going to do with our todays?

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Ashleigh Altemann, Director of Mission Advancement

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T ws P A a a If h a t f e q d t t W t t m wh s	NOVING FORWARD he following is a letter from Tanya Kudla who has been living in the Parish House ince 2019. Tanya is moving out of the arish House and closer to her family in pril. We are grateful that we were able to ssist Tanya in her time of need and wish If the best for her and Adam. If there's one thing that I have learned the ard way it's that going to church nd <i>being</i> the church are two different hings. Many, if not most churches are imply not willing to enter into the imper- ection and messiness that would be re- uired to authentically live out Jesus' clear irective to "love our neighbor." And then here's St. John Lutheran. We came here three years ago, under un- hinkable circumstances. Adam, a young han who once lead worship in our church, vas near death, due to an addiction to eroin that developed after being pre- cribed opiates for a debilitating knee inju- y. He had overdosed twice, and had just	It is difficult for me to articulate the impact that the people of St. John have had on our lives. Time after time, the people who ministered to us with acts of service, such as painting, putting in a new floor, in- stalling a dishwasher, making re- pairs, even helping us get a vehi- cle, openly demonstrated the love of Christ with their attitudes and actions. My inter- actions with Larry, Tom, and Marie in the office were consistently encouraging and supportive at a time when the struggle was very real for us, especially during the Covid quarantines. Despite the obstacles and challenges, Adam and I had a strong sense that there was no judgment, but only love and genuine concern for our welfare.
b n a d A ir p w il y w	y. He had overdosed twice, and had just een released from the hospital after al- nost being completely destroyed by his ddiction. He had gone to an emergency etox, and they told me upon release that dam would not stand a chance of surviv- ng without stable housing. I could not rovide this at that time, as I was living with my daughter, due to my own serious lness. My husband had passed away four ears prior, and options were severely limited for us. I had abso- utely no idea what we were going to do.	In her book, <i>Pastrix</i> , ELCA minister, Nadia Bolz-Weber wrote, "The Christian faith, while wildly misrepresented in so much of American culture, is really about death and resurrection. It's about how God continues to reach into the graves we dig for our- selves and pull us out, giving us new life, in ways both dramatic and small." The example of authentic Christiani- ty carried out by the members of St. John not only brought healing and hope to us, it actually served to give Adam back his hu- manity. The difference between the day
S J	hat was when our friends, Dave and Pam hapiro, contacted Larry Urevig at St. ohn. Right away, the Board of St. ohn, fully aware of the situation, made a	Adam came here and his life today cannot even be quantified. Eventually, while at- tending his recovery meetings, counseling appointments, and doing the incredibly

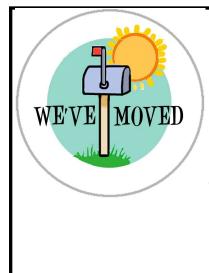
hard work of self exploration and surrender to God, Adam gradually found himself again. He established a steady job, and I am beyond grateful to say that Adam just purchased his first condo! [Please see the attached photo of Adam (on the left) at the closing for his condo.] I wish I could find the words to tell you that this absolutely would not have happened without this church.

As we move on to the next chapter of our lives, I just wanted to thank you for being the body of Christ. As Adam continues to grow and live out God's plan for his life as a work in progress, you will forever be a profound component of the true love of God in his story.

With gratitude to God and you,

Tanya Kudla





Card received from Marlene Dale letting us know that she has permanently moved to Florida and that her house in Farmington Hills will go up for sale the end of May. Her new address is:

L. Marlene Dale 853 Le Siege Lane The Villages, FL 32163 Cell phone: 248-425-8758

God's Grarden April Schedule

Spring is here and work in the garden is under way!

We will be building a bin for compost, re-configuring and installing garden beds, sowing some seeds....

arden

Monday Afternoons

3:00 - 5:00

Apri 11th April 18th April 25th

Additional work days to be scheduled as needed.

Many garden tools available (including quality kid sized tools). Please bring your own gloves and a water bottle. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear sunscreen.

A growing ministry of St. John Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills. The God's Garden ministry focuses on **care for others** - by growing produce to share with local organizations addressing food security, **care for creation** - by focusing on and teaching growing practices that sustain and support life rather than harm, and **care of self** - by exploring and promoting the therapeutic benefits of gardening.

Other ways to get involved:

Start some seeds

Check the February Voice for details.

Spread the word

Tell your friends, neighbors, accquaintances about what's going on at God's Garden. Like and share the God's Garden Facebook page.

Sponsor the garden

As little as \$5 can buy hundreds of seeds!

- \$25 can buy some starter plants, like strawberries!
- \$50 can help us enrich the soil with compost!
- \$100 can fund a whole bed for the season!



- 4/1 Doni Cavicchioli
- 4/3 Ruthann Atkinson
- 4/6 Abby Budgery
- 4/7 Bill Davis
- 4/10 Matthew Christopherson
- 4/11 Lori Savanyu

Margueritie Schoen

Brandon Westbrook

- 4/16 Chris Janik
- 4/18 Betty Kohli
- 4/22 Ryan Savanyu
- 4/23 Mark Fisher
- 4/24 Dianne Brundage
- 4/25 Patty Oates
- 4/26 Gary Monico

Sonja Stenson

4/27 Eugene Kohli

Tuyet Nguyen

4/29 Mikaela Sailus





Hello all,

St. John Lutheran Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Drive Details: Site: St. John Lutheran Address: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335

Room Name: BAC Gymnasium Date: Mon Apr 4, 2022 Time: 1:00: PM - 7:00: PM Blood Program Leader Name: Cindi Sailus Blood Program Leader Phone Number: 2484740584

HELP NEEDED

We need gently used (no stains or tears), cotton, cotton/blend sheets and pillowcases. No flannel and no micro-fiber. We could also use large pieces of fabric.

If you would like to donate sheets, pillowcase or fabric, please bring them to church on Sunday and place them in the box in the narthex labeled

SHEETS AND PILLOWCASES FOR LWR QUILTS. During the week the box will be in the office area. If you have any question, please call Joanne Hagen at 248-474-8521. Thank you your Monday Morning Quilters.



Saturday April 9th at 9am we will be cleaning up leaves on the church grounds in preparation for Easter Sunday! Please join us with your rakes for as long as you are able to. Extra rakes, work gloves, and leaf bags will be available. Please pray for favorable weather!

NISU Baking and Sales

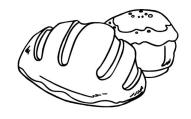
Saturday April 9

Contact Donna Bosanko for more details tbosanko1@hotmail.com



Kroger Rewards dollars can be directed to St John by looking under Kroger Community Rewards

 <u>krogercommunityrewards.com</u>.
 We are listed as "St. John Lutheran Church" organization IW750





You can designate a charity to receive a percentage of your purchases from <u>Smile.Amazon.com</u> (instead of Amazon.com).

It is the exact same website but your designated charity will receive a percentage of your purchases. We are listed as "St John American Lutheran Church".

The JOURNEY continues this spring . . .

You are heartily invited to join the young musicians of **hearts, hands and voices** Worship and Fine Arts Program



(including Jackson & Lydia from St. John and Evan & Aakanksha from Succoth!) as they present their annual Spring Program:

> One More Step Sunday, May 1, at 4 p.m. St. John Sanctuary



featuring music and readings of travel, Holy Week, and Easter for voices, handbells, handchimes, Orff instruments and African Drums

All the Day Long (Bob Burroughs) One More Step (Sydney Carter) Little Grey Donkey (Natalie Sleeth) Ubi Caritas (Becki Slagle Mayo) O Dearest Lord (Early American Tune) The Whole Bright World Rejoices Now (Carl Schalk) The Dance (Shaker Song) Shoes (Jay Musfeldt) Celebration (*for handbells by* Michael R. Keller) Come, People, Join to Ring (*arr. for handbells and handchimes by* Michael Burkhardt) The Strife Is Over (*arr. for handbells by* Burkhardt) Dr. Michael Burkhardt Founder and Artistic Director, **hearts, hands and voices** Worship and Fine Arts Program

Director of Worship and Music, St. John Lutheran Church



Join us for the Farmington/Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield

CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, May 1st at 1:00 pm OCC Orchard Ridge Campus

May 1st we will meet for a big kick off rally event. Folks can then join in a walk around the campus trails or walk some other time or place.

To register or donate go to: **crophungerwalk.org/farmingtonmi** Search teams for: St. John Lutheran - Farmington Hills, MI

Questions? Contact Ashleigh Altemann at: 248-227-2918 or ms.fancyfood@gmail.com

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen. Register for the CROP Hunger Walk, raise funds, and take us one step closer to ending hunger once and for all.

Join the movement! Bring a friend! Put hunger to an end!

What is the CROP Walk?

In 1947 farmers donated food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia, establishing the Christian Rural Overseas Program - CROP.

Today communities large and small host CROP Hunger Walk events to raise money to end hunger and poverty. Funds support the Church World Service which transforms communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster.

The CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering or event for us. It is an opportunity to help families who are struggling with hunger, concerned about where they'll find their next meal. The Walk is a way to take action, to make sure that one more person has enough to eat.

The funds raised in the Farmington area walk will go to organizations across the globe and in our community - C.A.R.E.S., Farmington/Farmington Hills Neighborhood House, Salvation Army, Yad Ezra, and Zaman.



Members:

Sandra & William Kennedy; Andrew Kurmas; Eugene Kohli; Beverly Gerhardt; Don Stauffer; Toni Lewis; Diane Stanton; Janet Caudle; Lois Makee; Earl Hagen; Mary Galloway; Marlou & Jim Grudt; Chris Janik; Diana Canup; Ward Varns; Eva Paulson; Dick Rudorffer; Audrey Riley; Ellen Zatolokin; Delores Winquist; Carol Sterling; Eunice Gould; Tammy Kilpatrick; Lillian Niemi; Jodi Oulette.

Friends, and Family:

Mary Buccellato, (Gransee); Val Burkhardt (Michael's mother); Bob Niesyto; Piper Ellis, Kristin Stoneback, Jane Borsvold, Cindy & Mark Borsvold (Sailus); Erin Cameron; Zach Taylor, Patty & Pete Herman, (Brundage); Kyle Soderlund, Val Blanchett, Mark Copp, Sue Jennings (Fisher); Loretta Zahn (Oates); Marshall & Jessie Anderson (Bosanko); Steve Kramer; Jaden Henkel, Barry Shiek (Henkel); Judy Wiessbock, Courtney Dimiceli (Wiessbock); Pr. Lauren Kirsh-Carr; Virginia Kincaide (Kincaide); Cheryl Cottongin; Mardee Thomas, (Galloway); Rosalind McLendan (Dale); Mary Rellinger (Switzer); Carol Collins (sister of Earl Hagen); Jeffrey Wetzel (Merrell).



Serving in the Military including overseas: Jacob Stanton

Michael Jamieson (Nader)

Please send prayer list updates to the church office at om@stjohn-elca.org.

Many Thanks to Pat Gransee for sending out cards to the people on our prayer concerns list. If you have someone on the list to whom you would like a card sent, contact the office. Thank you!



The Flower Chart will now be located in the office area. If you would like to order flowers ers you may sign in

there or you

may send an email or call in your request to the office.

The request should show the date and designation (what you would like to say in the bulletin) for flower order. Or you could complete an envelope with all information and turn in with your payment to the office by placing in the offering trays. The cost of the flowers is \$35.00. The JOURNEY continues THIS SUMMER . . . with hands and Worship and Fine Arts Camp August 8-11, 2022 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church To register please go to: info@heartshandsvoices.org www.heartshandsvoices.org

Dr. Michael Burkhardt

Founder and Artistic Director, hearts, hands and voices Worship and Fine Arts Program Director of Worship and Music, St. John Lutheran Church

Church Directory 2022



It is time to make sure that all the correct information has been received to create the new church directory. If you have any changes to your information please let the office know. The directory is created and printed then mailed to every individual listed in the directory free of charge. This is because of the advertising that you see on our inside and front and back covers. So if you have a business or know of someone who does 248-545-1415 Ext. 110 please invite them to advertise in our directory.

"The new 2022 St. John Lutheran Church Farmington Hills Membership Directory will be ready for publishing in June. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement for their business, or a personal message in support of our new directory should call Jake Allport at 248-545-4330 or email him at jallport@cathedraldirectories.com. A business card can be used in creating a new ad. Many times members have small businesses and other members aren't aware, but would love to support them. Also, advertisers do not need to be members of our church, so feel free to pass this information along to others." Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Jake Allport Cathedral Directories 248-544-1611 Faxjallport@cathedraldirectories.com www.connectingdirectories.com

A P R I L 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Monday– 9:30am- For most to date of information see of		RA = Renaissance Homeschool Grou	NW = Wednesday Academy; RHG = p; HHAV =Hearts, em Activity Center in activities	Renaissance Hands, and Voic-	1 9a Memorial Ser- vice 6p WAZA Track 7p Succoth Church	2 7a Via de Crhisto 9a WAZA Track 10a Baby Show- er
3 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour 12p Succoth Church 4p AA	4 1p Mid day Meditation and Prayer 1p Blood Drive 4:30p HHAV 6p WAZA Track	5 8a RA Hybrid	6 8a RHG 10:30p SJ Staff Meeting 6p WAZA Track 7p WNW 7p Succoth Church	7 8a Men's Breakfast 8a RA Hybrid 10:30a Bible Academy 6p Chancel Bells 7p Chancel Choir 6p WAZA	8 8a RHG 4p NISU set up 5p RHG (Gym) 7p Succoth Church	9 7a NISU Making 9a Clean Up Day 5p Succoth Wed- ding Anniversary Celebration
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The Staff at St. John is here to serve you. If you have questions or concerns, please give us a call; we will be happy to talk to you

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