

# THE VOICE

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

## Pastor Marks' Reflection

December 2022

As a pastor I am often invited into the privacy of the heart and home. There are so many amazing stories within the community of St. John that feature deep and rich complexities of life. The fact is, occasionally, what is important to one is insignificant to the other. Yet, so often I see the willingness of our members to share the peace with each other despite differences. (It is good that we do not cause stumbling blocks (faith practices) for our friends. Romans 14:13-23

This is the Spirit working between and within us that serves as a basis for our faith. The power of compassion creates the opportunity to adjust our lives to the rhythms of others. While this might sound mystical and maybe it is, it happens in the world of sports all of the time. Great teams understand the strengths and weaknesses of the other and reform or adjust to accommodate the talents present.

In a way we are building a team here at St. John where people can come to worship, fellowship and prepare to become God's hands and feet. It is my prayer that each of us feels a type of connectivity that must be protected and strengthened as our faith is enhanced to take greater steps forward with our individual and collective lives.

On December 17th at 6PM we are given a unique opportunity to be God's hands and feet by inviting family, friends, neighbors or co-workers to the Christmas Peace Service. It is a service that will feature smooth jazz music, reflections that will be read that will touch the heart and mind as well as a blessing with oil to reconfirm God's love to those participating. Following the

1- hour service, we will offer an afterglow featuring sweets and refreshments.

As you stop and think about the people in your life it is reasonable to assume that each of us has a measure of heart ache and struggle that is often less bearable during the holidays. These challenges can however serve as a gateway to greater peace when addressed in a safe and welcoming context. With that said you don't have to get too deep about this, simply invite your friends to the service. My friends do not be afraid to ask. Let's share God's peace and trust.

Finally, please know that you can reach me at 248-207-1312 if you need to talk.

Peace,  
Pastor Mark



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### **Commitment Sunday December 11, 2022**

With the vision for mission growing, we are asking each member to complete their current pledge through February 2023 and make a new pledge, hopefully increased, for March 2023 through February 2024.

Additionally, we are asking for a special one-time gift between now than the end of January to help shore up dollars spent for unexpected (facilities) needs.

An appeal letter and pledge card has been mailed to all member households, as well as, sent electronically please refer to that correspondence for more information.

Dave Androvich  
Stewardship of Resources Chair

This time of year is full of exuberance. Radio stations, stores, and shopping centers shift to festive music programming. Decorations fill our homes and line our streets. We are filled with holiday cheer, except when we're not.

Not everyone feels comfort and joy at the sound of carols or the sight of twinkling trees wrapped in lights. Even the happiest of souls may be blindsided by a wave of grief when a memory is stirred by the merriment we often find ourselves in the midst of. For so many reasons, this season can be particularly difficult. All the things bringing us joy can also bring us stress and sorrow.

Of course, it doesn't have to be something relating to this season to strike that nerve and put us in our feelings. On my way home the other night I was noticing the pretty lights and scanning through the radio channels offered to us through the trial of XM Radio that came with our "new" car. I stopped scanning at the sound of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young, an old favorite of mine that I don't listen to much anymore. The song was not one of my favorites, but I was enjoying the sing-along.

*"Teach your children well,  
Their father's hell did slowly go by,  
And feed them on your dreams,  
The one they pick's the one you'll know by."*

Not my favorite, but it still gives me feelings. Crosby, Stills, and Nash (with or without Young) was a staple in our home. We all enjoyed the music. There was something about this song talking to both generations that I think helped endear us to it and to the group. It wasn't always the happiest of homes, and as a kid I interpreted the "father's hell" as referring to my dad's anger. My mom did the bulk of feeding us dreams. I was

mildly reflecting on these things through the bridge and into the next verse.

*"And you of tender years,  
Can't know the fears,  
That your elders grew by,  
And so please help,  
Them with your youth,  
They seek the truth,  
Before they can die."*

And suddenly I couldn't sing anymore. My eyes welled with tears which soon fell down my cheeks. The calm waves of emotion I was floating on had crested a bit higher. On the lake, sometimes I like to ride the big waves and let them take me into shore. But I wasn't looking to swim with this wave, so I let it pass on by.

I can't imagine that's the last time I'll get an unexpected splash of emotion this season. We all live with feelings of grief, but they often float closer to the surface this time of year. Tending to our own mental health and being conscientious towards others can help us all as we get through the coming weeks.

November 27<sup>th</sup> marked the start of a new church year and the first Sunday in the season of Advent. I have always been fond of this season. In recent years, I think part of my sentiment towards it comes from the benefit of our Advent practices on my mental health. They provide focus, a framework that helps to harness the energy and emotions, process, and release. They can help keep us centered and grounded, so that we're better able to navigate when the emotional waters get rough.

The year, for Advent, I took a slightly different approach to the typical devotions we might do

with our Advent wreaths. The weeks of Advent are often given the themes of peace, hope, love, and joy (the order of these may vary). Reading through the worship planning book, *Sundays and Seasons*, I found a different set of themes jumping out at me. Thinking about them now, I do see parallels to the more traditional set.

- Week 1 – Slow Down (Peace)
- Week 2 – Reflect (Love)
- Week 3 – Wonder (Hope)
- Week 4 – Rejoice (Joy)

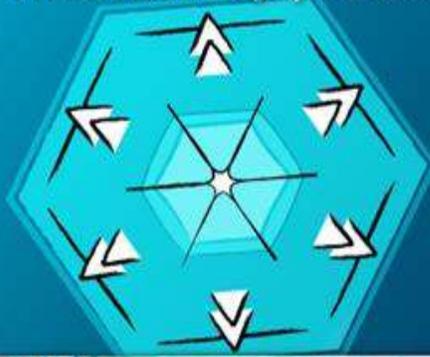
Each week, we will have a prompt of Service, Care for Self, Create, Give, Time with Others, Advocate, and Prayer, relating to the theme. For example, the Slow Down suggestion for Time with Others is a family or friends game night. In week three, as we focus on Wonder, our Advocate prompt relates to the wonder of God's creation. I hope that you'll spend some time with these materials, whether or not you feel they are

needed in a therapeutic manner.

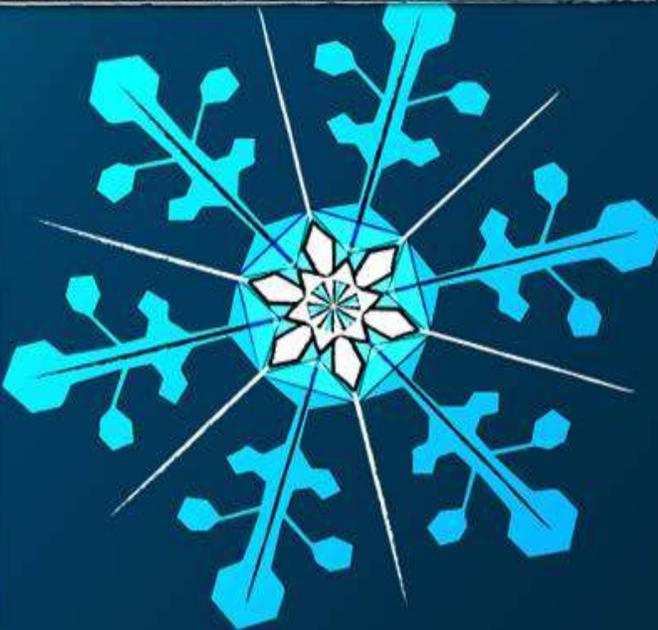
Again, recognizing that cheer is not universal in this season merrymaking, Pastor Mark will be leading us in a Christmas Peace service the evening of Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The idea behind it is very much in keeping with the Blue Christmas service we have done in years past. It will feature music, readings, reflections, and refreshments after. We are invited to slow down, rest into the experience, and find the peace of the season.

We can't always predict when our storms will come, and our gentle float turns fraught. Remember that we are all fundamentally sacred, and we should treat each other, and ourselves, as such. Let us be gentle to ourselves and one another this season as we slow down, reflect, wonder, and rejoice, so that we might spread some peace, love, hope, and joy.

**The season is joyous, but some of us may be having a hard time.**



**Everyone is invited to slow down, rest into the experience, and find the peace of the season. Come as you are for a service of music, readings, and reflections, with refreshments to follow.**



**All the community is invited to join us at our**  
**Christmas Peace Service**  
**Saturday, Dec. 17th, 2022**  
**6:00 - 7:00 pm**  
**St. John Lutheran Church**  
**23225 Gill Rd.**  
**Farmington Hills, MI**  
**248-474-0584**



## A NEW ARRANGEMENT

I am excited to be working at St. John Lutheran as the new Music Director and Organist. As you know, your Council has entered into an agreement with Antioch Lutheran Church for a trial period in which I will be the music director for both congregations. The trial period will run from mid-November 2022 until May 1st, 2023.

It is my hope that this arrangement will help build connections through music and provide opportunities for some joint music events. I will be planning the services with Pr. Mark at St. John and with Intern Amy at Antioch. Leadership at each congregation will meet throughout the trial period to plan and to reflect on how things are going.

As part of the agreement, I will be playing normal service music every other week at St. John, and every other week at Antioch. I am thankful that Ann Buland, a talented local musician who has been active in our Synod for many years, is able to assist us by being the guest organist most weeks. The choirs will rehearse together each week, alternating rehearsal locations. Each choir will sing at regular services in their own church.

I have included my bio so you may learn more about my professional experiences.

## BIOGRAPHY

Sean Michael Jackman was born and educated in Newfoundland, Canada. He has balanced a career in public school teaching and church music for more than twenty-five years.

He holds undergraduate, masters and doctoral degrees in Music Performance (organ) and Music Education - B.Mus. and B.Mus.Ed. (Memorial University of Newfoundland); Master of Music in Music Performance (University of Toronto) and Master of Music in Music Education (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor); Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ/Church Music (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) and Doctor of Education in Music Education (Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City). Sean's piano teachers have included the late Eric Abbott and the late Andreas Barban (St. John's, Canada). His organ teachers have included D. F. Cook (St. John's, Canada), John Tuttle (Toronto) and the late Marilyn Mason (Ann Arbor, Michigan).

Since January 2018, Sean has been the Director of Music at Antioch Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Farmington Hills, MI. In November 2022, he began working as the Director of Music at St. John Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, MI. While serving most mainline denominations throughout his career, he has been active as a recitalist and accompanist. Previously, he was the Music Director

and Organist at Christ Episcopal Church in Dearborn, Michigan for almost fifteen years.

Sean's teaching experience extends from pre-Kindergarten music classes to graduate school. In public school teaching, he has taught K-5 general music, middle school and high school choir, mathematics and elementary classroom. He has taught at the collegiate level and supervised student teachers as both a university supervisor and cooperating classroom teacher. Currently he is the Teacher/Leader of the Arts Academy at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park (secondary) at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (P-CCS) in Plymouth, MI.

Sean holds membership in NAFME (The National Association for Music Education), the College Music Society, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the Ontario College of Teachers, the Michigan Education Association and the American Guild of Organists.

He and his partner, Robert, recently moved to the Grandmont-Rosedale neighborhood of Detroit. They are enjoying their new home, a 1926 English Tudor and their most recent addition, Mabel - a seventeen-month old, chocolate English Labrador Retriever.

For more information, please visit: [www.seanmjackman.com](http://www.seanmjackman.com)

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

I look forward to getting to know each of you. Thank you for your warm welcome and assistance in helping me get settled into this new position and this unique arrangement. It's more challenging since I am only with you on alternate Sundays but I am confident that our new situation will be beneficial for all involved.

Please introduce yourself if we have not met during coffee hour or before or after the service. I wish each of you a holy Advent, merry Christmas and the joys of the holidays with your family and friends.

Sincerely

Sean Michael Jackman

Director of Music and Organist

Email: [seanmjackman@gmail.com](mailto:seanmjackman@gmail.com)

Cell 734.730.7423

## An Evening of Fellowship and Music with Antioch Lutheran Church

As we have welcomed Sean Michael Jackman, our new Director of Music, to St. John, we are also growing our relationship with Antioch Lutheran Church. Both choirs have begun rehearsing as one, opening the door for greater fellowship between our congregations. To that end, members of the board, leadership, and staff of both churches, along with the two choirs, came together the evening of November 17th for a bit of socializing and some music by way of an organ demonstration.

A printed program accompanied the musical offerings which shared about the pieces selected along with some history of Antioch's organ.

*“Once a congregation dared to see visions and dream dreams. The dream was of a solemn majestic sound; the vision was of real pipes,*



*soaring high to sing God's praises."*  
*William J. Johnston, 1992 - Former organist and consultant to Antioch*

The organ at Antioch Lutheran Church is a E.M. Skinner Pipe Organ, or rather, two organs rebuilt into one. The first organ had originally been built in 1912 for Wesley United Methodist Church in Muscatine, Iowa. Eventually it made its way to the basement of the Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, where it was all but forgotten. The second organ was built in 1927 and used in St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Detroit until 1984. William Johnston utilized elements of both to create the right organ to meet Antioch's needs, making every effort to maintain as much of the original Skinner organs as possible. Ernest M. Skinner was innovative in his production of fine quality instruments, known for their warm, full tone.



## Dealing With Grief During the Holidays

We all know that grief is experienced during all seasons, but it is often felt strongly at this time of year. As we head toward the holiday season, here are some thoughts for the holidays.

### **Plan Ahead**

Bereaved individuals who experience the most difficulty with the holiday season are those who have given little thought to the challenges they will encounter. Consider ahead of time what may be expected of you, both socially and emotionally, as well as your own preferences.

### **Accept Your Limitations**

Grief consumes most of your available energy no matter what the season. The holidays place additional demands on your time and emotions. Plan to lower expectations to accommodate current needs.

### **Make Changes**

Your circumstances have changed. Expect to make necessary alternatives in holiday plans to accommodate those changes. Consider changing your surrounding, rituals, and/or traditions to diminish stress.

### **Trim Down to Essentials**

Limit social and family commitments to suit your available energy. Shop early, use catalog sales or consider gift cards. Re-evaluate priorities and forego unnecessary activities and obligations.

### **Ask For and Accept Help**

Accept offers for assistance with holiday shopping, decorating, cleaning, cooking, etc. Chances are loved ones are looking for ways to lessen your burden at this time of year. Allow those who care about you to offer their support in concrete ways.

### **Build in Flexibility**

Learn to “play it by ear”. There is no concrete formula for learning to deal with loss. You are the foremost authority on what is best for you and your needs may legitimately change from day to day. Take each moment as it comes.

### **Give Yourself Permission “To Be”**

Grieving is nature’s way of healing the mind and heart from the greatest injury of all. Expect fluctuations in mood and perspective. We are never “over it” but the experience of many bereaved is that eventually they enjoy the holidays again. Hold on to HOPE!

Submitted by Loraine Stear, MSW  
Angela Hospice Bereavement Volunteer

Advent Week One  
SLOW DOWN

Walk down any neighborhood street and there are Christmas lights and decorations at many houses, even before Thanksgiving. Visit a mall, lights are flashing, secular music playing, and Santa is there. There is noise and instant gratification for the commercial Christmas at every turn.

Advent is the time leading up to Christmas. Our handout for this first Sunday in Advent is entitled SLOW DOWN. Here at church we can do that. Listen, contemplate, think about what this Advent season really means. The choir anthem was Come Thou Long Expected Jesus. We anticipate what is yet to come. Each Advent, we look forward to the holiest of nights and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here in the sanctuary, we don't have lights flashing and the tree is not yet lit. Each Sunday in Advent, we can sit quietly, look at our lovely Christmas tree adorned with balls with family members' names and white and gold Christmons. The evergreen tree is the symbol of eternal life Christ offers his followers. The tree's white lights proclaim Christ's role as the Light of the world. Each Christmon represents a Christian theological symbol.

Please enjoy this Advent season, the peace and quietness of it. Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Anticipate Christmas Eve when the tree is lit and together we, once again, celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Janet Henkel  
Chair, Worship and Music Team

hearts, hands and voices  
Worship and Fine Arts Program



presents

## A Night for Dancing



Saturday, December 10, 2022, 7 p.m.  
St. John Lutheran Church  
Farmington Hills, Michigan





## Look for the Bell Tree

Once again we are asking the members of St. John to participate in the Neighborhood House “Adopt-a-Family” Christmas project. We plan to have the Bell Tree up Thanksgiving weekend.

We have 2 families this year. Candice is a mother of 3 girls who works the midnight shift so she can be at home when her girls are around and awake. When her mother passed away last year, her brother came to stay with her so someone would be home with the girls while she was at work. Her daughters are Journee, 6, Amani, 12 and Jordyn, 15.

Kristina is another single mom who works hard to support herself and her 12 year old son Jaydon. Her job includes making wreaths and floral blankets for gravesites. She and Jaydon like doing things together.

To participate, just take a paper bell (or bells) from the Christmas tree in the narthex, and look for the sign-up sheet on the easel next to the tree. Write your name on the sign-up sheet on the line next to the number that is on the top of the bell. Please follow the guidelines on the bell when purchasing your gift.

When you have purchased the item listed on the bell, attach the bell to the purchase and place it in our large collection box near the Bell Tree before the posted deadline. The parents may want to wrap the children’s gifts, but wrapping the adults’ gifts would make it more festive for them. Some items may be outside your budget, but there is nothing wrong with two or more people combining their resources to make one of these purchases. Kroger Gift Certificates and cash donations for utility bills are also needed (checks should be made out to “Neighborhood House”). Place these and any other gift cards in the “Women’s” mailbox in the office area.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Oates at 248-473-0816 or 248-924-4731 or email her at [rpoates@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rpoates@sbcglobal.net).

Please help us once again to brighten the holidays for some families in need in the Farmington area.

# Wednesday Nights Where?

Wednesday, December 14th  
at 7:00pm on Zoom

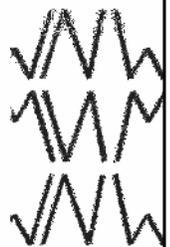
Wednesday, December 28th  
at 6:30 pm in the MPR

Join Pastor Mark and Ashleigh for fun, food and fellowship and to explore matters of faith in action! Online and in-person.

On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, we will meet in the Zoom @ 7:00 pm. Meeting ID 837 4910 7021 or get the link on the St. John website.

On the LAST Wednesday of each month, we will meet in person in the MPR at 6:30 pm. **BYO:**

- Food!
- Beverages!
- Friends!



## St. John Carillon

If you've been around the church in the last month or so, you may have heard the hymns from our carillon.

The carillon was originally installed in 1992, purchased by founding member Leo Harrawood, Diana Canup's father. The joyful hymns from the carillon were enjoyed by both the congregation and our neighbors for many years. However, a number of years ago, the equipment failed and was outdated to the point of not being able to be repaired.

We recently purchased a computer program that replaces the old system and allows us to play a selection of hymns at defined times over the existing speakers on the roof of the church. It is currently set up to play four random hymns (from our available list of 50) at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, four

hymns are played at 9:45 AM and 11:45 AM, just before the St. John and Succoth services. In December, the selected hymns will be from a list of twenty five Christmas hymns.

On Sunday, December 18, there will be a rededication of the carillon after the 10:00 worship service in the old sanctuary. A catered luncheon will be provided by the Canup family.

Submitted by Chris Janik



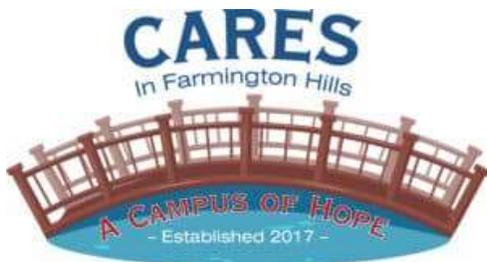
## Sharing is Caring

For years we have collected items for CARES of Farmington Hills under the name BTW(Buy Two Weekly). This ministry was paused during Covid, but is coming back during Advent to allow us to help our neighbors! Keep watching for future announcements about what they need and when we will start. We are looking for volunteers to drive the items over to the old St. Alexander's site on Shiawassee near Middlebelt. Ideally we would have 4-5 volunteers so that each person would do it once a month. Contact Ashleigh or Nancy Janik(248-207-3814) if you are interested in helping.

## CARES

Community. Action. Resources. Empowerment. Services. = CARES, these important principles and ideals are the cornerstones of sustainable, workable and healthy communities – now and into the future.

The mission of CARES of Farmington Hills is to offer comprehensive support services for individuals and their families in and around the Farmington Hills area that are in need or have limited access to everyday necessities due to insufficient financial resources or family instability. CARES will offer needed support in the areas of food, clothing, job education and training as well as access to other community and county support services – all on one campus.



## Foster Closet of Michigan



Oakland County Foster Closet is a local, Farmington Hills based non-profit that helps hundreds of children and families every month with clothing, hygiene, and other items such as toys, school supplies, etc. We are looking for volunteers to help out at our organization, as well as contribute financially to allow us to pay our rent and keep our doors open. For more information, please call Michelle at 248-419-4487, e-mail us at [info@ocfostercloset.org](mailto:info@ocfostercloset.org), or find us on Facebook. Thank you!

## St John Red Cross Blood Drive



Monday  
December 12

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
23225 Gill Rd. Farmington Hills  
Bethlehem Activity Center



12/5 Sonja Brannon  
 12/9 Lydia Raines  
 12/10 Linda Ouellette  
 12/12 Bob Oates  
 12/14 Angela Ozar  
 12/24 Peren Brannon

12/24 Kristina Stenson  
 12/26 Janet Caudle  
 LEEANNE STENSON  
 12/27 Beth Fisher



*A heartfelt thank you to: Chris and Nancy Janik, Tim Schafer, Bob Oates, Andy Kurmas and Wolfgang Henkel for helping to decorate the sanctuary and building for the Advent/Christmas season. I always appreciate your willingness to help when it is needed.*

*Janet Henkel*

*Thank you to everyone that helped to make the Pasties and Nisu. Also, thank you to everyone who purchased them. The money raised is given back to the church to help with major repairs.*

*Thank you also to Thrivent. We received \$250.00 to help offset the price of some of the ingredients.*

*Our next pasty sale will be in January. We need your help to make them. If you can help, please let Donna or Tom Bosanko know. If we don't get more help this may be our LAST sale.*

*Thank you again.*

*Donna Bosanko*



**Members:**

**Family and Friends**

Bill Davis	Ward Varns
Dave Rowe	Dick Rudorffer
Fran Copp	Ellen Zatolokin
Larry Urevig	Delores Winquist
Gene Kohli	Carol Sterling
Toni Lewis	Eunice Gould
Diane Stanton	Eva Paulson
Lois Makee	Tammy Kilpatrick
Earl Hagen	Jodi Oulette
Mary Galloway	
Marlou Grudt	
Chris Janik	
Diana Canup	

Kate Hoffman	Erin Cameron
Richard Charlton	Patty & Pete Herman
Barbara Camp	Linda Steusloff
Leeanne Stenson	Kyle Soderlund
Greg Santavy	Val Blanchett
Ken Sandberg	Marshall & Jessie Anderson
Karen & Roy Juntunen	Jaden Henkel
Barbara Trager	Barry Shiek
Brent Canup Jr.	Courtney Dimiceli
Brent Canup Sr.	Cheryl Cottongin
Pat Holland	Mardee Thomas
George Austin	Rosalind McLendan
Jim Frattini	Mary Rellinger
Susan Pearlman	Carol Collins
Val Burkhardt	Jeffrey Wetzel
Bob Niesyto	
Kristin Stoneback	
Jane Borsvold	



**Serving in the Military including overseas:**

Michael Jamieson (Nader)  
Collin Doolan (Fisher)

*Please send prayer list updates to the church office at [om@stjohn-elca.org](mailto: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!*

# D E C E M B E R 2 0 2 2

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9:30am—3:30pm 248-474-0584</p> <p>For most to date calendar information see online calendar at <a href="http://www.stjohn-elca.org/calendar">http://www.stjohn-elca.org/calendar</a></p>		<p>Calendar key: RA = Renaissance Academy WNW = Wednesday Nights Wherever HHAV =Hearts, Hands, and Voices BAC= Bethlehem Activity Center PiC = Pathways in Compassion Bold Print= St John activities</p>		<p><b>1</b> <b>8a Men's Breakfast</b></p> <p>8a Renaissance Academy</p> <p><b>10:30a Bible Academy</b></p> <p>6p WAZA TC</p> <p><b>7p Joint Choir @ St John</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 8a Renaissance Academy</p> <p>7p Succoth Church</p>	<p><b>3</b> 8:45a Silvertree Yoga</p> <p>9a WAZA TC</p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>10a Worship</b> <b>11a Coffee Hour</b> 2:30p HHAV 12:30p Succoth Church 4p AA</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>10a Quilters</b> 6p WAZA TC 6:30p HHAV</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8a Renaissance Academy</p>	<p><b>7</b> 8a Renaissance Academy 6p WAZA TC 7p Town Hall (Zoom) 7p Succoth Church</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>8a Men's Breakfast</b> 8a Renaissance Academy <b>10:30a Bible Academy</b> 6p WAZA TC <b>7p Joint choir Antioch</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 8a Renaissance Academy 4:30a NISU setup 7p Succoth Church</p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:45a Silvertree Yoga 9a WAZA TC</p>
<p><b>11</b> <b>COMMITMENT SUNDAY</b> <b>10a Worship &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>11a Lunch</b> 12:00p Succoth Church 4p AA</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>10a Quilters</b> 6p WAZA 6:30p HHAV</p>	<p><b>13</b> 8a Renaissance Academy <b>1p Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> <b>6p Leadership Team</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 8a Renaissance Academy 6p WAZA TC <b>7p WNW (Zoom)</b> 7p Succoth Church</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>8a Men's Breakfast</b> 8a Renaissance Academy <b>10:30a Bible Academy</b> 6p WAZA TC <b>7p Joint Choir @ St John</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 8a Renaissance Academy 7p Succoth Church</p>	<p><b>17</b> 8:45a Silvertree Yoga 9a WAZA TC  <b>6pm Christmas Peace Service</b></p>
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<p><b>25</b> <b>10a Worship &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>11a Coffee Hour</b> 12:00p Succoth Church 4p AA</p>	<p><b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>27</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>28</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>6:30pm WNW</b> 6p WAZA TC 7p Succoth Church</p>	<p><b>29</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>8a Men's Breakfast</b> 10:30a Bible Academy <b>1p PiC</b> 6p WAZA TC <b>7p St John Board</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> OFFICE CLOSED 7p Succoth Church</p>	<p><b>31</b> 8:45a Silvertree Yoga 9a WAZA TC 10a Succoth NYE set up 9pm Succoth NYE Service</p>



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