

# THE VOICE

## St John Lutheran Church Summer 2023 Newsletter

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

### Pastor Marks' Reflection

Our missional footprint in Farmington Hills/Farmington is certainly growing at St. John. Pathways in Compassion Nursing Home Visitation Ministry. The Residence, our home for adults with special needs. God's Garden that will serve as bridge to larger community. And soon our tutoring program coming here in part through Antioch. Each of these ministries are an active representation of God's peace working through many volunteers who share God's love with others. Most of these are newer developments for us since the close of COVID.

These ministries of course have been built on the foundation of our congregations work with Lutheran World Relief. None of these efforts could be established without our effort to strengthen the faith of our membership and friends which can be seen in worship, education, visitation. Christian care and fellowship. All of this taken together might answer the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian?"

Lately, I have been thinking about the question, "Why am I a Christian?" Over the past year or so I have taken an active interest in classic literature which often creates the need for the "why" question and the following answer. At the age of 71 I have become more absorbed in trying to give an answer to this question to the next generation. It is natural for us to want to pass on our understanding of faith to loved ones who will replace us in life. One thing I realize is the answer to this question may change to some extent over time. This is not to be confused with one's belief expressed in the classic or new creeds.

For many of us, we wonder if the next generations will follow us in a life of faith? We see a church that it is greying and we wonder. Of course, if you ask ten Christians the "why" question you will likely get 10 different answers. Some will be more concerned about what happens after death, while others focus more on being the hands and feet of God right now, and yet others still are looking for community, a place to belong and become all they are meant to be.

I guess the main reason I am a Christian is that I do believe that God has created everything and as a result, everything and everyone is sacred. Jesus fully God and fully man shares with us how we can live and share God's love with others. It is my hope and prayer that this world becomes more peaceful and representative of what I have come to believe as God's will.

I have been taught this over time by individuals who have shared this love with me and my family. My mother suffered from mental illness and spent much time away from us in the

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hospitals run by the state. It gave me an opportunity to live with other families as a very young child. I saw how members of our neighborhood and church came to my rescue and it was love which was God's love working through them that really set the stage for my life of faith.

And of course, as your Pastor many of you have inspired me through your faith and it is your faith that could be part of my answer. It seems that without the community of faith these ideals of peace/shalom might become lacking and as a result the world would become a harsher place with less hope and less love. Each of the ministries mentioned above could be an answer to the question. Our faith in the Risen Christ creates an opportunity for each of us to ask the question. In doing so I am confident that we will find the answer to the question as well.

Peace,  
Pastor Mark



## *A Truly Special Delivery*

For many years, the members of St. John's Eucharistic Ministry team took Holy Communion to homebound members of our congregation. That ministry was paused during the pandemic for the safety of both those giving and receiving this gift. Now that life has largely returned to "normal," we wish to resume the practice of providing Communion to those unable to attend worship services.

Once each month, eucharistic ministers visit our homebound members to provide Communion and engage in friendly conversation. This is a caring ministry that provides both spiritual nourishment and a personal connection to our church family. If you would like to serve your fellow congregants in this way or would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Mark.



## A Tree Fell, and It Was Good

The last day of my trip to California in May, Evan and I went to Muir Woods National Park. It is situated north of San Francisco in Marin County. Relying on the shuttle service and public transit meant we had a limited window to explore the park, but we did have enough time to take one of the side trails that took us up among the trees.

With any place I visit, I always end up with an “If I Come Back Here” list. Another visit to Muir is definitely on that list. Specifically, a visit without the time constraints for more opportunity to explore and marvel at the grandeur of these monstrous trees.

They are magnificent, standing hundreds of feet tall, with trunks so massive that whole families could seek refuge in their hollows. A few of these giants had fallen, bringing their majesty down to earth. Over time, the softer layers of bark had fallen away, exposing the dense and rock-hard interior wood. Fallen trees are generally left to continue in their journey of life after death, providing homes and nourishment to the life of the forest. When a tree falls across the trail, the trail crew cuts away just enough of the massive trunk to allow hikers through once more. It was an exposed cross section that caught my eye and alerted me to one of these fallen trees. Unlike the others I had noticed, this one had been entirely hidden by moss and ferns and such as it made its slow return to the soil. It can take centuries for a redwood to fully decompose. We stopped to trace the hidden path of the trunk, a mounded channel of bright green, up and down the steep hill on both sides of the trail.

The question of whether or not a sound is made if a tree falls with no ears around to hear is a thought experiment that gives us an opportunity to consider how reality is constructed. Lately, I’ve been considering another sort of question. If good things happen, and no one pays attention, did they really happen?

The horticultural therapy class brought me out to California. I look forward to sharing more about that experience. (While I feel confident I did well, it seems appropriate to wait until I receive the grades and feedback on my assignments so I can adjust things if needed). Documentation was a good part of what we focused on in the class. Practicing horticulture is inherently therapeutic. There are studies that illustrate the many benefits of time spent in the garden and working with plants. In many ways, the biggest element that distinguishes horticultural therapy is the use of documentation. As we discussed in the class, if it is not documented, it didn’t happen.

I witnessed and experienced so many things during my trip to California, not all of them good. The worst thing that happened to me directly on the trip was getting stuck waiting for over an hour for a shuttle at Muir Woods, along with 60+ other people, when we could have been enjoying the park. The bad and ugly things I witnessed, stark evidence of the negligence of our way of life, I’ve been sitting with – processing, researching, reflecting.



But the good things did happen, so that's what I'd like to focus on – to document - and give a little praise for a few highlights from my time in California.



### **Mystery Car**

While the public transit of California is a dream compared to the services of Metro Detroit, relying on it in the area I was taking my class was doable, but difficult. My brother's hotel hookup came through with a \$40/night room in Martinez, a 25 minute drive from the Solano Valley Community College campus where the Horticultural Therapy Programming class was being held. Adding on the cheapest rental car option – a "mystery car," still came in cheaper than the hotels around the corner from the school. When I went to pick up my mystery, I was expecting a boring economy car, like a Toyota Corolla. What I got was a Chevy Camaro. The novelty was much fun. Boy did that car want to drive fast.



### **From Pontiac to California**

I found out that a friend of mine from Pontiac, Coleman Yoakum of Micah 6 fame, also happened to be in the same part of California. Our schedules aligned so that we were both in Sacramento on Sunday and heading to San Francisco on Monday. We met up at a brewery Sunday evening. He caught me up on some of the happenings back home that I was out of the loop on, and we made plans to do our travel together. He saved me from navigating 3+ hours of travel on bus and train to my hotel in Oakland. I saved him from having to be behind the wheel when crossing the bridge into the city.



After a short stint on the freeway, we opted for the surface streets and country roads through Napa and the forested hills of Marin County, to the coast. Our short adventure included a stop at the water with a visit from some sea mammal in the distance, a stop along the cliffs for an up-close look at Seussian flowers and an encounter with a coyote, a short visit at Muir Woods, and lots of fog sightings. We parted ways in the rental car parking lot. He hopped in an Uber to the airport, I walked around the corner to the bus stop.



## Flora, Fauna, and Food

Besides the coyote and unknown sea creature, my encounters with wildlife were few but still delightful. I witnessed little lizards scurrying around the college's horticultural center where the class was held. In the afternoon, the double doors in the back of the classroom were open most of the time to allow the fresh air to flow through. A scrub jay, cousin of the blue jay, would fly in and join us. At Muir Woods, we saw another sort of jay, perhaps the bluest bird I've ever seen, hopping about the gift shop area. During our quick stop at the beach, flocks of cormorants filled the sky. These large birds dive into the water to feed on fish, even herding them as a flock. Walking back to the bus stop from the shore we came across perhaps the most upsetting discovery, a 7" long slug.



Food is everywhere in California. Fennel lines the roads, fills whole fields, and even any opportunistic crack in the pavement. Not surprisingly, the plant is considered invasive in California, but as a fennel lover I was enchanted by the availability of it. The small city yards and gardens of Sacramento were home to orange trees and bananas. I came across a tomato plant growing in the drain. Vibrant mosses blanketing the trees and variegated thistle plants taller than me with 18" leaves and the spikiest of spikes were among the many plants that stopped me along my way. At the botanical gardens in San Francisco we encountered succulents with mathematical precision, flowers of unreal vibrancy, and plants so massive and so strange I felt drunk with wonder as we rode the bus back to the other side of the city.



## God's Garden Update

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, was planting day in God's Garden. The crew of Jackie and Larry Craig, Maria Gilligan, and Marsha Grimstead rocked through clearing the beds of weeds and putting our transplants from Yad Ezra into their new homes. Tuesday and Wednesday, my Outdoor Hour, Healthy Me and Wilderness Survival classes with the homeschool finished the job. The first and second graders of Outdoor Hour and Healthy Me added a good layer of mulch on the beds. The middle and highschoolers in Wilderness Survival refreshed the soil in the buckets with some compost before planting and mulching them.

In my absence, Maria took on the watering duties. Given the unseasonably warm temperatures, and the minimal rainfall, this was an important job. Unfortunately, the well-watered plants were extra appealing to our mammalian friends, who came and nibbled many of the plants to mere twigs.

I mentioned our garden woes to a friend and fellow Growing Pontiac board member. She sent me off with an additional tray of plants, two bags of seed potatoes, a stash of red pepper flakes, and some knowledge. She pointed out that with the excessive dryness, animals will turn to plants not just as food, but as a source for water. She recommended putting out some water for the animals, and gave me the recipe for a DIY anti-mammal spray to try and keep the plants safe (rubbing alcohol, spicy pepper, vegetable oil). So far, it seems to be working. If that fails, she gave me some back up plan suggestions.

Some of the little twigs are still trying to make it. Maybe with a little care, hope, and prayers, they'll rebound. In the meantime, it is not too late to start things like squash and beans from seed. Come out and give us a hand on Wednesday afternoons!





**Synod Day at Comerica Park**

Family! Friends! Church Members! All are invited to Synod Day at Comerica Park, followed by fireworks **Friday, August 25, 7:10 game time Tickets \$25**  
**The SEMI Synod Office will only fill ticket orders placed by your church · No individual tickets will be sold.** · Paid ticket requests submitted to the Synod Office will be filled in advance · All requests are due by July 25th

If you would like to attend **Synod Day at Comerica Park**. Per the information given the order must be placed by the church. If you want to attend let the church office know how many tickets you want and send that information in along with your payment. I will then send the request for how many tickets along with payment to the synod office. I would like to have all requests for tickets along with payment by July 18th.



**JULY 2023**

**SUNDAY**

- 2 The Mikkola Family
- 9 The Marshall Family
- 16 Maria Gilligan
- 23 The Caudle Family
- 30 Hoffman and Stear

**AUGUST 2023**

**SUNDAY**

- 6 The Dresden Family
- 13 Toni Lewis and Maria Gilligan
- 20 The Mikkola Family
- 27 The Marshall Family

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to serve as coffee fellowship hour hosts and hostesses.

A special Thank you to Joanne Hagen who has served as coordinator for a long time but is not able to continue.

Soon there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex café area where you can sign up to host a coffee hour. Anyone is welcome to sign up . There will be coffee hour instruction sheets detailing how to make the coffee and instruction on set up and clean up. Please fill free to take one. Also if you have never done coffee hour and want to but are not comfortable using only the instruction sheet . No worries training if needed will be provided . Just let it be known that you would like training. .

# CROP WALK

The 2023 was another record breaking year for the Farmington Area CROP Hunger Walk! Teams raised **\$57,493! WOW!**



Our St. John team passed our goal and raised **2,710!**

Thank you to all who donated!

And special thanks to the St. John water station team: Dave Elias, Joanne and Earl Hagen, and Kevin O'Brien!

## THE LAST WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM  
JUNE 28  
JULY 26  
AUG 30

Come to a tailgate party in the parking lot (or in the gym if the weather doesn't cooperate) for a time of fellowship, faith, fun, and food.

**BYO:**  Food  Friends!  
 Beverages  Chair

# God's Garden Summer Schedule

Warmer weather means more to do! We'll be sowing seeds, managing weeds, planting flowers, harvesting, and more.

Come experience the benefits of playing in the dirt with friends!

## Wednesday

### Afternoons

weather permitting

3:30 - 5:30

Garden helpers are invited to stay after to share a light meal together, and The Last Wednesday tailgates.

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:

#### Spread the word

Tell your friends, neighbors, acquaintances 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!



A garden and arts camp that explores the natural world, our place in it, and our call to care.

- Open to kids entering grades 1st - 6th in the fall. (7th grade+ welcome as helpers).
- Cost: \$25 for the first camper from a family. Each additional camper \$5! (Scholarships available)
- July 17-21 9 am - 12:30 pm
- Space is limited to 50 campers, so register soon.

For more information and to register visit [www.stjohn-elca.org/cccamp](http://www.stjohn-elca.org/cccamp)

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**Volunteers,  
we need you!  
Sign up here!** →

What is the  
**CREATE AND CARE**  
CAMP

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5 days of God,  
Garden, and Art!

Daily Themes:  
Made from Earth  
Created for Connection  
Water of Life  
Our Imprint  
Harvest Time

Highlights include:  
Lasagna gardening  
Companion planting  
Weaving  
Play with clay  
Pickling  
Nature's paint  
AND MORE!!

Mid-morning snack served.



**July**  
**17th - 21st,**  
9:00am - 12:30pm  
← Registration



**ANNOUNCING**  
hearts, hands and voices  
**Summer Worship and Fine Arts Camp**  
**Monday-Thursday, August 7-10, 2023**  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church

This year's camp experience is based on the theme,  
**Take It to the Lord in Prayer**  
with singing, ringing, drumming, moving, and playing experiences  
focused on  
"praying the psalms."



Please help us get the word out to young people regarding this exciting opportunity. Registration forms are available at [www.heartshandsvoices.org](http://www.heartshandsvoices.org).

For further registration information as well as opportunities for volunteering at the camp, contact Ellen Batkie at (248) 497-1451 or [info@heartshandsvoices.org](mailto:info@heartshandsvoices.org).

*Thanks so much for your support of this exciting ministry!*

Dr. Michael Burkhardt

hearts, hands and voices Founder and Artistic Director



**OUR JOINT CHOIR**

Joint Choir rehearsals have continued since Fall 2022 and concluded at the end of May. Our last joint rehearsal was Thursday, May 25th. The choir's final Sunday for the program year was Pentecost Sunday (May 28th).

I am thankful for our dedicated choir members who persevered through more than 6 months of shifting schedules and compromises. Moving forward, I am excited to be working with one group, in one place.

**RECITAL REFLECTIONS**

I was thankful for your support of the special recitals sponsored by both congregations since Nov. 2022. These were the recital with Joanna Percy of St. John in March and the final organ recital on April 30th at Antioch. Three colleagues, Ann Buland, Stephen Warner, Tom Curry, and I shared the space in a farewell Recital to the beautiful Skinner Organ. I thank you for your continued support and look forward to special music events at St. John in 2023-2024 and beyond.

**Final Service at Antioch**

Thank you to the choir members who sang in the massed choir that was assembled to lead worship for the

Farewell Worship at Antioch on Sunday, June 4th. I also appreciate members of St. John who supported Antioch by attending the Farewell and worshipping alongside a congregation that was saying good-bye. It was a special marking of ministry at Antioch and a joyous celebration of 65 years of good work in Farmington Hills.

**Choir Party**

Joint Choir was graciously hosted at the home of Antioch members Ingrid and Tom Haeusler in South Luton. (Tom is a tenor in the choir.) The gathering on Wednesday, June 7th was a spirited way to end the year - food, fun, a sing-a-long and most of all an expression of friendship. Thank you Ingrid and Tom for hosting.

**Antioch Donation**

The choir library at St. John has been enhanced by a donation of the majority of the musical scores in the Antioch library of music for choir, bells and organ. I greatly appreciate this donation. The expansion of choice will help us and you'll hear many selections from each collection next year. As well, many people from St. John helped to transport the boxes to St. John - about 40 in all. Thank you.

Antioch also donated the beautiful Yamaha grand piano from the sanctuary there. Somewhat larger, it will be used in the sanctuary and the current Boston piano at St. John will be moved to the choir room. The upright currently in the choir room is being sold with funds returning to the Music Fund at St. John. Again, this is a special gift from Antioch and will assist us all sing praise for many years to come.

**Bells**

Four people rang bells on Sunday, June 11th. Dan Bingham and a friend, Kathy Charbeneau, and two experienced ringers from Antioch - Julie Cyrus and David Parker played. I appreciate their participation and hope you enjoyed the selections for four ringers and piano by Anne Krentz Organ. I am planning to start a permanent bell group for the Fall and beyond.

**Future Dates**

Open Choir will start on Sunday, Sept. 10th. I have held these kinds of rehearsal in the past and they have worked well. We will meet in the choir at 9 am on the Open Choir Sunday and present the piece that same day. Many pieces are written for one rehearsal preparation and these simple but well-crafted pieces help engage singers who cannot commit to weekly rehearsals.

First Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, Sept. 7th at 7 pm in the choir room.

First Sunday for Choir Singing in church - Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023. Please meet in the choir room at 9 am.

I look forward to meeting each of you. I appreciate your comments or questions. I hope you enjoy the fine days of our Michigan summer.

Sincerely

Sean Michael Jackman

Director of Music and Organist  
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## New Life for the Parish House!

The Parish House (the little house just south of the church) is getting a new mission. Originally built as a parsonage, the Parish House has also been home to refugees, pastoral interns and others who needed a place to live during a tough time. Now it will have a new mission as "The Residence" -- a home for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Below is a letter from Board President John Dresden.



Parish House update 6-6-23

At last night's board meeting, the board voted for using the parish house as a residence for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with Community Living Centers running the house be adopted.

We all agreed that this is a great opportunity for Christian outreach, doing god's work, helping others that need help, and will also give us some extra income.

The plan for getting persons in the house is by the end of September of this year.

The St. John board also cannot thank the few church members that have been working on the parish house and have put so much of their time and effort in getting it ready.

As the house is getting close to the final stages, our main project is that we still need to update the main upstairs bathroom to be compliant with the Community Living Centers requirements.

This has an estimated cost somewhere from \$12,000 to \$20,000. We are getting a few more quotes on getting the work done.

We are looking for extra donations from the congregation to get this work completed.

John Dresden III  
Board President

NOTE: Thank you to the donors who have given all of the monies needed to complete the work at the parish house.



June

- 6/2 Nancy Janik  
Loretta Myers
- 6/4 Jodi Ouellette
- 6/9 Brian George  
Margaret (Peg) Jenks
- 6/13 Tim Schafer
- 6/16 Chad Hoffman  
Sandy Kennedy  
Elise Kramer
- 6/17 Donna Bosanko
- 6/21 Cheryl Berling
- 6/26 Keven Blaker  
Kaitlyn Savanyu
- 6/27 Daniel Bingham  
Judy Elias
- 6/30 Robert Savanyu



July

- 7/1 Kari Varns
- 7/4 Eric Stenson
- 7/7 Sean Jackman
- 7/8 Paige Brannon  
Parker Brannon
- 7/20 Stella Weller
- 7/22 Rich Kincaide
- 7/27 Jo Ann Adams  
Bill Kennedy
- 7/28 Sally Stauffer
- 7/29 Shirley Niesyto
- 7/30 Erin Pavlovich
- 7/31 Dave Rowe



August

- 8/2 Elaine Anderson
- 8/6 Christopher Blaker
- 8/10 Johnathan Westbrook
- 8/11 Gilda Bingham  
Dave Stenson
- 8/15 Judith Merrell  
Jessica Ward
- 8/21 Carol Sterling
- 8/24 Larry Craig
- 8/25 John Dilland
- 8/26 Allie McDowell
- 8/30 Anna Boczkaja

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Jane Borsvold (Sailus)  
 Patty & Pete Herman  
 (Brundage)

Cheryl Cottongin  
 Mardee Thomas  
 (Galloway)  
 Rosalind McLendan (Dale)  
 Mary Rellinger (Switzer)  
 Carol Collins (Hagen)  
 Jeffrey Wetzel (Merrell)



## Serving in the Armed Forces:

Jacob Bush (Hoffman)  
 Collin Doolan (Fisher)  
 Michael Jamieson (Nader)  
 Tommy Waller (Rowe)

*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!*

## Members

Karen Brosch  
 Denny Mahle  
 Dave Rowe  
 Fran Copp  
 Larry Urevig  
 Gene Kohli  
 Diane Stanton  
 Lois Makee  
 Earl Hagen  
 Mary Galloway  
 Marlou Grudt  
 Chris Janik  
 Diana Canup  
 Ward Varns  
 Ellen Zatolokin  
 Delores Winquist  
 Eunice Gould  
 Eva Paulson  
 Tammy Kilpatrick  
 Jodi Oulette

## Friends and Family

Carli Mischner,  
 Bob Carlson,  
 Bob Niesyto,  
 Jean Nelson (Niesyto)  
 Dale Copp (Copp)

Daisy Anderson,  
 Karen Call (Bosanko)  
 The Niskanen family,  
 Max Mccoll (Hoffman)  
 Chet Klaska,  
 Diane Ford (Blaker)  
 Bill Horton (Brugman)  
 Steve Keller (Androvich)  
 Lisa Rubenstein,  
 Mary & Bill Burgin (Fisher)  
 Barbara Kaiser,  
 Colleen Davis (Henkel)  
 Jaden Henkel  
 Ole Hagen  
 Barbara Camp (Adams)  
 Leeanne Stenson  
 Ken Sandberg (Lunski)  
 Karen & Roy Juntunen  
 Brent Canup Jr.  
 Brent Canup Sr.  
 Pat Holland  
 George Austin (Craig)  
 Val Burkhardt  
 Leilani Sibinovski  
 Julie Chambers  
 Kristin Stoneback  
 Lloyd Borsvold,



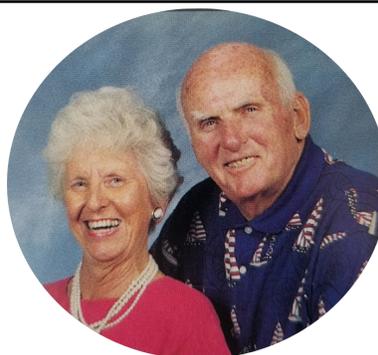
I would like to thank the people listed below for all your help with the making of nisu and pasties. We could not do it without all of you

helping out. From peeling vegetables, to crimping the crust, to making sure the milk wasn't too hot, it takes all of us to make it work.

- Wayne Raylean
- Doug & Diane Stanton
- Nancy Leszczynski
- Sandy & Bill Kennedy
- Julie, Dave & Eric Rowe
- Harold Galloway
- Tom Taepke
- Janet & Wolfgang Henkel
- Darlene, Marshall, Jessie, Daisy & MJ Anderson
- Nancy & Chris Janik
- Pam & Art Mikkola
- Gail Schleif (Cleon)
- Brenda & Terry Shelton
- Lorna Wiljanen
- Jessica & Jackson Ward
- Tom Bosanko

Of course, I also want to thank all of you that purchased the nisu and pasties. Without you we would not have been able to give the church more than \$5500.00.

Thank you again,  
Donna Bosanko



In Christian sympathy we express our condolences to the family of **Carol Sterling** who died peacefully in her sleep on June 19

Carol and her husband Richard were long time members of St John. There are no details at this time as to when or where there will be a service. Condolences may be sent to her daughter Rene at:

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Henriksen  
8448 Starwood  
Fenton MI 48430

Rest eternal grant Carol, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

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Eva Paulson has been moved to assisted living.

Eva Paulson  
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Apt. 210  
Farmington Hills 48331  
248/482-8715

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For most to date calendar information see online calendar at <http://www.sjohn-elca.org/calendar>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour @ 12pm - Succoth 4pm - AA @ Music	26 10am - Quilters @	27 1pm - Prayer Shawl	28 3:30pm - God's Garden 6:30pm - Wednesday 7pm - Succoth Church	29 8am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Bible Study 2pm - Bible Study @	30 7pm - Succoth Church	1 8:45am - Silver Tree
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			3:30pm - God's Garden 7pm - Succoth Church	8am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Bible Study 2pm - Bible Study @	7pm - Succoth Church	8:45am - Silver Tree 9am - Waza Track @
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour @ 12pm - Succoth 4pm - AA @ Music	8:30am - HHAV 10am - Quilters @ 7pm - St John Board	8:30am - HHAV 1pm - Prayer Shawl 6pm - Leadership 6:30pm - Book Club @	8:30am - HHAV 3:30pm - God's Garden 7pm - Succoth Church	8am - Men's Breakfast 8:30am - HHAV 10:30am - Bible Study 2pm - Bible Study @	8:30am - HHAV 7pm - Succoth Church	Carpet Cleaning entire 8:45am - Silver Tree
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour @ 12pm - Succoth 4pm - AA @ Music	10am - Quilters @		10am - Renaissance 3:30pm - God's Garden 7pm - Succoth Church	8am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Bible Study 2pm - Bible Study @	Renaissance Academy 7pm - Succoth Church	8:45am - Silver Tree 9am - Waza Track @ 7pm - Half Saree
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour @ 12pm - Succoth 4pm - AA @ Music	8am - RA deep 10am - Quilters @	9am - Renaissance 1pm - Prayer Shawl 1pm - RA Teachers	3:30pm - God's Garden 7pm - Succoth Church	8am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Renaissance 10:30am - Bible Study 2pm - Bible Study @ 5:30pm - RA Theatre	7pm - Succoth Church	8:45am - Silver Tree
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour @ 12pm - Succoth 4pm - AA @ Music	10am - Quilters @	8am - Renaissance	9am - Renaissance 3:30pm - God's Garden 6:30pm - Wednesday 7pm - Succoth Church	8am - Men's Breakfast 8am - Renaissance 10:30am - Bible Study 2pm - Bible Study @		



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