

All Commission Meeting

September 23, 2018

11:30am – 2:00pm (lunch will be served immediately following the 10:15 worship)

Dear Commission members,

Thank you for your dedicated service to St. John's Congregation. As I've shared since assuming the role of congregational president, we are all part of actualizing God's plan for St. John's and the impact we have on each other, our community and mission support outside of the US borders. I am excited to work together in the upcoming months. By meeting as a large group, we can see the great work that is being done by individuals, commissions and staff. The goal of this meeting is to create a refreshed sense of collaboration between the many commissions carrying out a variety of programs and ministries and to align the efforts of all commissions with a common purpose.

In order to enhance the value of our time together, we ask that you complete some work prior to the meeting. Using the purpose statement below as your guide, please create a document that answers the questions that follow:

St. John's Purpose: Living in God's grace, St. John's Lutheran Church is an inclusive community worshipping together, growing in faith, serving others and living as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

1. Please indicate which commission has created the document.
2. Who is the point of contact for your commission? Please submit an email and phone number.
 - a. This person will be responsible for submitting monthly commission reports for the council packet (which will be available on the website with the council minutes starting in October) and will also be the person that council or others contact when there is information to share, requests, questions, etc.
3. How does your commission work to fulfill St. John's Purpose?
 - a. Consider breaking down your answer into how this work reflects the key points of St. John's Purpose:
 - i. Inclusive community
 - ii. Worshipping together
 - iii. Growing in faith
 - iv. Serving others
 - v. Living as witnesses of Jesus Christ
4. What programs, activities, responsibilities, mission work and outreach fall under your commission?
 - a. What is the timeframe for each?
 - b. What is the volunteer base for each?
5. Would any of these be better served by a different commission? Which commission would you suggest? Why?
6. What does your commission do really well? What challenges does your commission face?
7. How has your commission engaged with the congregation the most? Least?
8. How has your commission been engaged with either the SE MN Synod and/or the greater ELCA?

Please complete document and submit to Sheryl via email (sheryl@stjohnskasson.org) by 9/19/2018. These forms will be compiled and sent out as a packet along with a meeting agenda to each commission's point of contact on 9/21/2018 to review prior to our meeting on 9/23/2018. You may also refer to the guiding principles as outlined in the attached document.

Thank you,

Jennifer