



May 6, 2022

Dear St. John's Family,

Our Annual Congregational Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium of Walker Hall at 7pm. You are encouraged to attend. It is a special time for our community to come together and help shape the future of St. John's by confirming leaders, reviewing budgets, and approving new guidance for stewardship of God's blessed resources. This packet of information holds the majority of the information you will need to be up to date on the topics that will be shared on the 17<sup>th</sup>:

*Agenda* – As you can see, we have a great many topics to review in addition to a time of praise and worship to start our time together.

*Devotion* – I look forward to aligning our hearts through Pastor Tim's opening devotion.

*Constitution* – We have a long history and tradition here at St. John's. We ask that members who have not yet signed the constitution put their names alongside our forefathers and mothers.

*Approval of Minutes* – A copy of last year's minutes are in this packet for you to review. We will approve them before moving on to new business.

*Elections* – Wonderful, kind, and gifted individuals have all been led to submit their names to serve on various boards throughout our campus. Their names are on the enclosed sample ballots, and we will have their biographies available at the assembly meeting.

*Senior Pastor's Report* – Our ministry has been tremendously blessed this past year, and there's no one better to tell that story than our Senior Pastor.

*Financial Report* – I am pleased to share with you that our lay leadership and staff have spent a great deal of time and discussion on ensuring solid stewardship of our finances. This year's report is a special one to review. We will also vote on next year's budget.

*Constitution and By Laws Update* – The past two years have allowed us to take a closer look at the documents that govern our organization. Through the thorough and thoughtful leadership of Mr. Darryl Wold, we have revised these two important documents. Darryl will take us through these and while we won't vote on them yet, he will prepare us for the next steps in this long process.

*Strategic Plan* – Another area that we have had the time to work on is in the area of long-term planning. The Trustees drafted and approved the attached Master Plan document. This decision-making guide will help us ensure that our future moves are those that move our ministries forward in a positive, thoughtful, and wise way.

*Resolution to Purchase Real Property* – The secular world does occasionally impact our biblical one. And in the case of real estate, our leadership is restricted in its ability to make forward moving decisions due to the unprecedented and volatile market. The resolution the Trustees are bringing to the Congregation allows for agile and smart decision

making should opportunities arise. We believe this resolution maintains a strong respect for the power of the Congregation, while at the same time, provides for flexibility in the market. We will vote on this resolution as a Congregation.

*Cemetery Update* – We are blessed to have a special place for our families to remember their loved ones for generations. Our cemetery recently instituted new lay leadership and they are working hard to keep this unique resource a place of which we can all be proud.

*Election Results* – After all the reports, we will have the opportunity to get the results of the election from earlier in the meeting.

And then the evening concludes with adjournment and closing prayer.

Thank you again for all that you do for St. John's. It is a blessing to serve you and I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Congregational Assembly on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

In Him,

Chris Victoria  
President  
St. John's Lutheran Church and School

Please note: All of these items are also available on the Assembly web site at [stjohnsorange.org/assembly](http://stjohnsorange.org/assembly).