



“ST. JOHN’S”

That's how we are known throughout the Golden Triangle of Ontario. Founded in 1837, a congregation of 2,700 baptized members representing approximately 1,100 families throughout the Twin Cities.

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Our joy is to welcome others into the fellowship of Christ as visitors or as members. As the Apostle Paul says, “We are thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now.” Welcome to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church!

Aspects of Our Ministry

Pastoral Care

Pastoral counselling in hours of joy and sorrow is an on-going program of the church. Regular visits are made to the sick and shut-ins at home and in hospitals, and to the general and prospective membership. Telephone the pastors or church office as needs arise.

Education

Sunday Church School: Teaching Nursery (age 3); Kindergarten (ages 4 & 5); Grades 1 to 12; Bible Classes. (9:30 A.M.)

School of Religion and Leadership courses are provided annually for adults.

Vacation Church School conducted annually.

Confirmation Classes - Saturday mornings during the fall and winter months: Grades 7, 8 and 9, leading to first communion.

The Pastor's Class - an enrichment course for adults conducted in the spring and fall for those desiring church membership.

Through its membership in the Eastern Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, St. John's offers:

The summer camp programme of synod.

Education at Waterloo Lutheran University: Waterloo University College and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Music

A unique opportunity for young and old is Choir School. Courses in theory, singing, and the history of church music. Five choirs are: Senior, Young People's, Boys' and Girls', Confirmation, and the Men's Chorus.

Anthems of praise are prepared for worship services. Highlights are the Advent-to-Christmas Carol Service and the Annual Concert arranged for presentation of diplomas and citations at the end of the Choir School year.

Creative Fellowship

Lutheran Church Women: Circle groups, holding monthly meetings, assemble at convenience of members. Opportunity for worship, discussion, and support of world missions of the Lutheran Church in America and of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran University.

Lutheran Church Men: Vital issues of the Christian faith are discussed at monthly meetings. Supper meetings quarterly. Special projects.

Luther League: Three units — Confirmation Fellowship (Grades 7 to 9); Seniors (Grades 10 - 13); Young People's. Weekly or bi-weekly meetings.

Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship: A group of men are active in fellowship and in annual spiritual retreats.

Additional fellowship opportunities: Couple's Club, Senior Citizens Fellowship; and Scouting: Rovers, Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies.

Contact the church office for details of meeting times and special events of all these groups.

Facilities

St. John's, founded in 1837, dedicated its new church in 1962. The sanctuary seats 500 persons.

The chapel, seating 100, is used regularly for services, private devotions, and special events.

The Education Wing consists of 24 class and meeting rooms, a foyer, general church office, and the consultation rooms of the pastors and the director of Christian education.

The Fellowship Hall, seating 400, is equipped for assemblies, meetings, film showings, dramatic presentations, games, and dinner meetings. Full kitchen facilities.

Parking is provided for 225 cars on church property.

World Mission

St. John's was established to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Kitchener-Waterloo. It draws together the strength of the fellowship of believers to support the work of the Gospel throughout the world. Through synod it participates in the Lutheran Church in America, the LCA - Canada Section, the Canadian Lutheran Council, the Lutheran World Federation, and the World Council of Churches.

Missionaries representing St. John's and the entire LCA are serving throughout North America and in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, British Guiana, Chile, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Tanzania, Trinidad, and Uruguay.

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