

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES

Andrew Bruns (3 year term)



My St John journey began back in 2017 as a semi-regular visitor and quickly grew to a member within a year. Since then I have witnessed a lot of change for the better in the church, including the implementation of a new church organization chart and great addition of Pastor Brian. Throughout all of that change I started to become more involved within St John like assisting with the ThreeHouse Block Party, participating in Grace on Base church softball, singing in the worship band, and being a first year connector to name a few. I would like to continue to share my time and talents with St John on the church council to help promote further change within the church and better assist others in getting involved.

Jen Hartman (3 year term)



My name is Jen Hartman, and my husband, Jeff, and our three kids have been members of St. John since 2005. I have had the privilege to serve at St. John in a variety of ways. I was a small group confirmation leader for several years and chaperoned the youth trip to New Orleans in 2012. I was part of the assistant pastor search committee a few years ago, and our family also has served on the hospitality committee.

It has been a privilege to serve on the Church Council for the past three years as we continue to strengthen and grow our congregation, especially our opportunities for young people. St. John has been a big part of my adult and family's faith formation, and I value all that the faith community has given us. By serving on the Council, I will continue to strive to ensure all members and visitors feel that same sense of belonging and service.

Todd Parsons (3 year term)



I have served St. John Lutheran Church as a Council member and Church Treasurer for the past 5 years after joining the congregation as a new member in 2019. Prior to joining St John, I have leadership experience from being on our previous church's council for about three years. I work for the University of Northern Iowa as the Business Manager in the Office of the Provost after spending 10 years working for the Business Office at Wartburg College.

I want to serve as a member of Council because my strong experience can continue to help the church grow and serve its mission and ministry in lifelong learning.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Natalie Julin-McCleary



I'm Natalie Julin-McCleary and I have been a member of St. John since May of 2020. My husband Brian and I have two children, Toby and Sophie, and two cats, Nova and Stitch. I am a lead childcare teacher at St. John Preschool & Childcare Center while also working as a school counseling intern at Lincoln Elementary at Waterloo. I love working with students, helping them learn about themselves, the world around them, to grow in their faith, and to grow as humans. My experiences at St. John PCC are part of what inspired me to pursue my Master's in School Counseling at UNI, which I will complete in May 2024. Though I have only been here a few years, I am happy to call St. John my church home!

As a life-long Lutheran and lover of all things churchy, I am excited about the possibility of being a member of the nominating committee. At St. John, I serve as a lector, usher, communion server, cantor, worship band vocalist, and have served as a voting member at past synod assemblies. The nominating committee would be a new opportunity for me to grow my skills as a member of the St. John family and I am grateful to be considered!

Abby Martin



I have been a member of St. John since 2007. My children have been involved in Sunday School and Confirmation for many years and I have enjoyed getting to know the St. John community through this process. During my time at St. John, I have had the opportunity to teach Sunday School and help with Vacation Bible School. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the St. John's nominating committee.

Kelly Turner



I have been a member of St. John for approximately 14 years. Throughout my time here I have served on the Worship Team as a singer in the Worship Band. I have participated in VBS for the past two years and I have been serving on the church council for 5 years. I also served on the Endowment Committee for 3years, facilitated bible studies, discovery classes and book studies. I was a facilitator for the Hospitality & Congregation Care for 2years before moving to Service and Discipleship group. I recently helped serve snack and lunch twice a week to our preschool children. I have also participated in numerous church activities within our community. I believe my involvement in the church has given me a good understanding of the churches needs and my gift of building relationships will assist in finding opportunities to welcome others to serve.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Brenda Bass



As a member of the St. John community for over 25 years, my family and I have found this church to be a welcoming and supportive place. Throughout the years, I have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways. I volunteered extensively with youth & family programming (Sunday School, Wednesday nights with WOW and Club56, Faith Milestones, & Confirmation), but also have conducted premarital counseling sessions, served on numerous committees (strategic planning, human resources, and the nominating committee), and volunteered & assisted with the prior preschool playground renovation. These prior experiences have allowed me to serve our church and larger community, and get to know a wide range of members. The opportunity to serve on the Endowment Committee will provide a new way for me to serve & support St. John.

Sally Timmer



My name is Sally Kleiss Timmer and my family and I started attending St. John in the summer of 2023 and officially joined that fall. We immediately knew we were in the right place for us. I truly didn't even know attending a church could bring as much joy and community as St. John has brought us. That's why when I was asked to serve on the endowment committee, I was happy to say yes!

I am currently the Executive Director of the Cedar Falls Community Foundation, where we hold several endowment funds. I also currently serve on the Design Committee for Community Main Street, as the Vice Chair for the Cedar Falls Historic Preservation Commission, and am currently the President-Elect for the Cedar Falls Rotary Club.

NEWALDAYA LIFESCAPES MEETING DELEGATES

Annelie Heinen



Annelie and her family are newer members of St. John, participating in the Welcome to St. John event in February 2022. She is a member of the St. John Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Core Team, a reader at the 10:00 worship service, and excited to see how else she can get involved at St. John.

Annelie and her husband, Matt, have three children—Juliana, Alexandra and Toby Jace.

Terry Phillips



My name is Terry Phillips and I have agreed to serve as a St. John Voting Delegate for the NewAldaya Annual Meeting.

I have been a member of St. John for 35 years. During that time, I have served many roles including as a 10:00 communion server, Welcome Center Host, and usher. For the past 12 years, I have volunteered in the church office on Monday and Tuesday mornings. I am excited to be our Voting Delegate as I might have a different perspective since I have lived at NewAldaya for the past 2 years.

**Thank you to all our nominees who
have agreed to serve in a church
leadership role!**

*Thank
you*

***God's gifts of grace come in many forms.
Each of you has received a gift in order to
serve others. You should use it faithfully.***

1 Peter 4:10 NIRV