

# Saint John's Annual Congregational Meeting

November 12th  
10:00am - Nave

- † Presentation of and voting for New Council Members
- † Reports from the Council President and Senior Pastor
- † Voting on the 2018 St. John's Ministry Spending Plan



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## 2018 ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL CANDIDATES



**RICK SPRANG** - Rick has been a member of St. John's since 1980. He has served on Council in the past and served as Secretary previously. He has been active in many roles with St John's LCY for more than 20 years, serving the last two years as Youth Ministry chairman and LCY co-leader with Pastor Emily. With her departure, he is now leading the group with parental support. He is also a member of Lutheran Men in Mission and St John's Fellowship Committee. You will find him in many roles around the church including bus driver and as needed chef. He is active in the Sunrise Civitan Club (St John's Civitan) and has served on their board. He is General Manager for Those Pickle Ladies, LLC in Spartanburg, owned by Tracey Bishop. He lives in Spartanburg where he is chef and chauffeur for his father, Richard.



**JUDY DRAKE** Judy is the widow of the late and beloved Bill Drake and an active member of St John's for three years. She is a retired RN ( 50+ years), and is active in helping her friends and neighbors on a volunteer basis. Her nursing focus was on Cancer care, with 20+ years in hospice and palliative care. Judy feels honored to be a member of St. John's, and looks forward to serving.



**DR. LARRY WHITE** Larry White is a product of South Carolina. He graduated from Saluda, SC, schools, Clemson University, and the Medical University of SC, where he also served an internship and a four year residency in OB-GYN. After serving two years as a major in the Army Medical Corps, he moved to Spartanburg in 1975 with his wife, Myrna, and sons, Luke and Scott. They joined St. John's soon there after. Since, they have added two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren to the family. He has practiced OB-GYN in Spartanburg since their arrival and has served on many medical committees and boards. He was Spartanburg Physician in 2014. He is currently on the Medical university of SC Alumni Board. Now retired, Dr. White enjoys gardening, woodworking, and college football. [\(Two Year Term\)](#)



**NAN DEMPSEY** Nan is an almost life-long member of St. John's Lutheran Church having joined at the age of 3. Over the years she has been active in Sunday School, Weekday Church School, Bible School, Children's and Youth Choir, Luther League, Circle, Word and Witness, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Eucharistic Ministry and various committees. She is daughter to the late Betty & Griff Neumeyer, sister to Janie & Tracey, wife to David, mother to David, Bryan, & Griff and Nana to Elseay & Summit. In 2016 Nan retired from a 31-year career in education. She taught sixth-grade at Pine Street. She was the Regional Coordinator for a not for profit, STEM Centers SC, that focused on support of teachers, schools, and districts to grow STEM possibilities and capabilities of teachers and leaders. She was also named the first Director of the Upstate SC STEM Collaborative—the outgrowth of a three-year taskforce initiated by the African American Network at Michelin to bring STEM opportunities to students, families, and communities. Nan is past president of Learning Forward SC, past president of The Magnolia Debutante Club, and has served on numerous boards and education advisory committees. She received a doctorate

in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of South Carolina, an M.Ed. in Elementary Education and a BA in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Converse College.



**RON THOMAS** Ron and his wife Barbara moved to Spartanburg from Minneapolis in 1997 and have been members of, and active in, St. John's since that time. They have four children and nine grand children. Ron is retired after some 37 years in public and private commercial real estate having worked for national industry leaders. He has held corporate, regional and field positions in the areas of Administration, Property Management, Development, Leasing, Contract Management, and Environmental Compliance. He previously served on St. John's Church Council where he worked with Jan Porter and others on the Personnel Committee. He currently assists his wife with Alter Guild duties. [\(Two Year Term\)](#)



**BENJI MILLS** Benji is a lifelong Lutheran and has served on church council for four different Lutheran congregations, He is employed as a Quality Manager at Martex Fiber Southern Corporation. Benji is married to Kendra, a Speech pathologist at Woodland Heights Elementary School. They have two sons: Ethan, a junior at Clemson University and Matthew at 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Boiling Springs Middle School. He enjoy spending time with family and watching sports, especially those involving Clemson.