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## **Chamber News**

MAY 2022

St. Joseph Area Chamber Lunch & Learn
STATE OF THE CITY PRESENTATION



Wednesday, May 11 12-1:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Government Center.

Mayor Rick Shultz will be presenting the "State of the City of St. Joseph"





ST. JOSEPH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: THE VOICE OF BUSINESS IN THE ST. JOSEPH AREA! The St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce is a group of local businesses and individuals interested in the general welfare and prosperity of the St. Joseph, MN area. The main interests of the organization are to promote and support commercial, industrial, civic, economic and educational concerns of the area.



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Visit our website for a great list of local chamber member businesses!



## Mark Your Calendar for the Next Chamber

St. Joseph

**State of the City** 

**Mayor Rick Schultz** 

**May Meeting** 

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from Noon-1pm

**Government Center** 

Please RSVP!

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## Check this out!

#### **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT**

Are you looking for a brand new way to promote our business?

Business After Hours is not only a great networking opportunity, it is a perfect way to bring business to your door! When you host one of the quarterly events you have a unique opportunity to introduce your organization to business professionals who may not be familiar with who you are and what you do.

If you would like to host a Business After Hours, contact Jude by email at

stjosephchamber@gmail.com

Create a relaxing, informative evening to network! Traditionally held from about 4:30-6:30, Business After Hours is one of St. Joseph Chamber's sought after events.

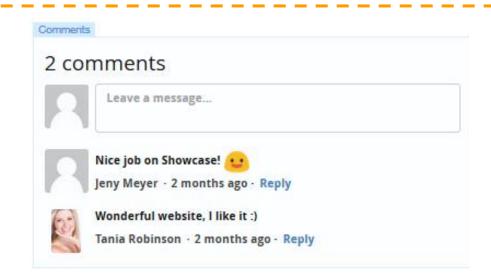


It's Easy! Really!

#### **BE A MEETING HOST!**

We are looking for member businesses to host a monthly Chamber meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your business and tell others why they should do business with you. Any member is welcome to host a meeting. As host you will have an opportunity to greet our members and time at the beginning of the meeting to highlight your company. You will also have the opportunity to display any brochures, business cards, or giveaways. If you would like to be a Chamber lunch host please contact Jude for available months.

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### Lunch & Learn Certificate: FREE Lunch

Be Our Guestl Be Our Guestl Be Our Guestl

#### Attend your first Chamber Lunch & Learn and lunch is on us!

The St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to one of our informational meetings held the second Wednesday of every month at the St. Joseph Government Center (City Hall).

	Don't Miss Out of	a Great Opportunity to:	
*Network with other businesses.	*Increase recognition.	*Generate new contacts.	*Inform others about your business.
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### May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Help ensure that no one faces the risk of hearing loss from loud sounds.

CDC supports Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM), founded in 1927 by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Each May, this annual event provides an opportunity to raise awareness about hearing and speech problems, and to encourage people to think about their own hearing and get their hearing checked.



Early identification and intervention for hearing loss is important. Many people live with unidentified hearing loss, often failing to realize that they are missing certain sounds and words. Checking one's hearing is the first step toward addressing the issue. Help us celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month by having your hearing checked.



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Do you want to be our next featured member? Contact Jude for the easyto-fill out questionnaire.



## Member Minute

A brief beginning to better know a Chamber comrade you can read in a few short minutes.



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# OPERATION ROUND UP® CONTRIBUTES \$55,400 TO 76 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CAUSES

*Melrose, Minn.* - Stearns Electric's Operation Round Up® Program contributed \$55,400 to 76 area organizations in March. Through the Operation Round Up® program, Stearns Electric Association gives its member-consumers the opportunity to give back to the community by rounding up their electric bill to the nearest dollar.

Since the program's inception in 1993, Operation Round Up (ORU) and Stearns Electric members have awarded over \$2.8 million to 5,100 local non-profit organizations and community service programs. The rounded-up funds, no more than \$11.88 per year, per member, are placed in a trust fund that is administered by the Stearns Electric Association Trust Board.

Trust Board Directors met on March 16 to review applications and funding requests. Seventy-six organizations were selected to receive funds totaling between \$250 to \$1,700 in this round of contributions.

On April 7, a few organizations gathered for a check distribution ceremony at our St. Joseph office.



Front Row: Melaine Myklebust and Sabrina Hanson-Reiter, Elevate; Sandy Hurd, Sartell Senior Connection; McKenzie Loch and Ashley Folwarski, Assumption Community Faith in Action; Elaine Eisenschenk, St. Ann's Mission Group; Fay Matson and Nancy Sturlaugson, Pieces of Love Quilters.

Back Row: Officer Steve Mathews, Sartell Police Department/Police Reserves; Ron Paulsen, Operation Round Up volunteer; Chief Dean Holthaus, Chain of Lakes Fire & Rescue; Dennis Anderson, Freedom Flight; Ron Hurd, Sartell Senior Connection; Dylan Edwards, Boy Scouts of America – Central Minnesota Council; Sue Hanks, Catholic Charities Community Services; Kathy Fingarson and Shelley Molden, Pieces of Love Quilters.





#### New 2022 Haehn Museum exhibit celebrates the art of Dennis Frandrup, OSB

The Haehn Museum, Art and Heritage Place, Saint Benedict's Monastery, opened its 2022 exhibit to the public Thursday, April 21, 2022. The works is titled "By the Work of Her Hands," and this exhibit celebrates the vast array of art forms mastered by the hands of Sister Dennis Frandrup. Respected by colleagues, admired by her students at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, and recognized by other artists, S. Dennis has been producing art for over 50 years. In this exciting exhibit, the teacher and artist come together to offer beauty to a weary world. It continues through Friday, December 23, 2022. After experiencing a museum tour, guests are invited to visit Whitby Gift Shop, where many items handmade by S. Dennis, as well as other sisters and artisans, will be available for purchase.

The Art and Heritage Place is located at Saint Benedict's Monastery, 104 Chapel Lane, St. Joseph, MN, 56374, and houses the Haehn Museum and Whitby Gift Shop. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is closed Sundays and Mondays. For more information, please call 320-363-7100 or visit <a href="https://www.sbm.osb.org">www.sbm.osb.org</a>.

The Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn., are a monastic community of women who seek God in their daily lives according to the Gospel and the Rule of Benedict. Through their ministry of prayer, work and community living, they listen and respond to the needs of the Church and the world.



#### Opportunities at Saint Benedict's Monastery

"Listen: Does Not Wisdom Call?"

#### Conference Retreat with the Monastic Community

It is a rhetorical question that Proverbs asks: "Does not Wisdom call?" (8:1). Indeed, Wisdom calls—in Scripture, in the *Rule of Benedict*, in the stories of our individual and communal journeys. Wisdom calls us to listen broadly, to make connections, to weave a seamless whole from apparent scattered threads. When we "listen with the ear of our heart," we see and hear God in the smallest of things—always and everywhere, God with us! Sharing her love for scripture, story, and Benedictine spirituality, Mary Stommes will invite us simply to listen, to pause and reflect—to see and hear anew the manifold ways that God is with us. Past, present and future. Holy, holy, holy.

Dates: Sunday, June 5, 7 p.m., through Friday, June 10, 5 p.m.

Facilitator: Mary Stommes, OblSB

Fee: \$400 (includes meals and overnight accommodations)

Registration Link: https://sbm.osb.org/event/listen-does-not-wisdom-call/

#### Labyrinth Retreat

Join in a shared experience of walking the sacred labyrinth by the Spirituality Center. Explore how the labyrinth path represents our journey through life and how God walks with us on the journey. History of the labyrinth and guidelines on how to pray the labyrinth will be offered, so all are welcome! In case of inclement weather, retreat will be held inside the Spirituality Center using a canvas floor labyrinth.

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 1-3 p.m.

Facilitator: Sheryl Rose, Labyrinth Facilitator and Spiritual Director

Limit: 10 participants

Fee: \$60

**Registration Link:** https://sbm.osb.org/event/labyrinth-retreat/

#### **Holy Trouble**

Inspired by the late congressman John Lewis, this presentation looks at people who have not only been "good troublemakers," but holy troublemakers. These people led lives inspired by the original troublemaker himself, Jesus, and upset the status quo to build the Kingdom of God in their communities. This presentation will especially emphasize the lives of women and people of color in their contribution to Catholic social justice.

**Date:** Thursday, June 16, 9–11:15 a.m. **Facilitator:** Clarey McInerny, OblSB **Limit:** Minimum of six participants

Fee: \$60

Registration Link: https://sbm.osb.org/event/holy-trouble/

#### A Book Lovers Circle

This circle provides an opportunity to talk with others about a book that has been/is a favorite of yours: novel, biography, poetry, essays, travelogue, history, theology, philosophy, science, humor—any kind of book. It could be old, a classic, new, little known or popular—some book that has influenced you, your understanding of self, the natural world, God or other people...whatever. Each person in the circle will have 15–30 minutes to talk about their book and what it means to them. Free will offering accepted.

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 9–11 a.m.

Facilitators: Katherine Howard, OSB, and Josue Behnen, OSB

Registration Deadline: Thursday, June 16

Limit: Minimum of 4 participants, maximum of 8 participants

Registration Link: https://sbm.osb.org/event/a-book-lovers-circle-2/

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#### #1: Precise Targeting.

Your message won't get lost in the mass chatter. The people of St. Joseph are your target market, you have a much greater prospect of generating business leads with The Chamber News specifically marketing to your audience. The more specifically you can define your target market, the better your chances of success.

#### **#2: Free.**

E-newsletter ads, especially when they are free, reach your niche market. You'll build a list by using ours – a direct connection to businesses. Email marketing continues to far surpass other channels. According to a report from the Direct Marketing Association, newsletter's ROI returned \$48.06 in revenue for every dollar spent.

#### **#3:** Top of mind visibility.

Each month you can remind readers of your business-generate continuous income, give your business a successful image, keep you competitive and invest in your success. Your ad is among only a few, so you'll receive maximum visibility.

#### #4: Linkability.

Your advertising in The Chamber News will be linked directly to your home page or direct customers to your social media page.

**#5:** Credibility. In addition, advertising in the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce newsletter adds to the established credibility of your business.

Readers trust information from our newsletter and individuals don't have to worry about viruses or spam because the links are coming from a trusted source.

#### #6: Anytime, anywhere.

The Chamber News reaches your target audience on a laptop, on their phones, at their desks in the office or at home. "St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce gets results for you and your business!"

#### **#7:** Lead generation.

Quality lead results from The Chamber News are trackable. You will know if your investment in the Chamber's newsletter is worthwhile by watching the metrics on your website.

#### **#8: Pass-Along Exposure.**

Not only can The Chamber News be forwarded from every recipient to others beyond our mailing list, an electronic newsletter has more longevity because it now exists in cyber space.

#### #9: No SPAM worries.

The Chamber News gets your message past SPAM filters. Your email sent to a SPAM folder is a problem. With the Chamber News, you are in an e-mail message recipients welcome. 22% of people trust an emailed newsletter message from known organizations, according to Forester.

#### **#10** Positive SEO for your website.

Newsletters are ranked highly by search engines. The search engine ranking of your webpages will improve as a result of links to and from the Chamber's newsletter.

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