

# **CANDIDATE BIOS**

## **Vice President of the Congregation- Council of Trustees (1)**

### **Tony Harnack**

Tony Harnack and his wife, Jolie, have been members of St. John's Lutheran Church for over 20 years. Their three children attended St. John's Lutheran School and Orange Lutheran High School, and are now pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees, and careers. Tony is also an alumnus of Orange Lutheran High School. Tony has previously served on the St. John's Council of School Ministries for 10 years, 6 as chairman. He served 8 years as a St. John's Trustee (two as Vice President of the Congregation), 10 years on the St. John's Lutheran School Endowment Committee, and as chairman of the Principal Search Committee. Tony is currently serving on the Board of Regents at Concordia University, Irvine. Both Tony and Jolie were raised in the Lutheran Church and continue to prioritize Christian education in their service. Tony and Jolie own and operate a manufacturing company in Corona. In his free time, Tony enjoys travel, golf, and mountain biking (although he is not yet in good enough shape to keep up with Pastor Tim on his fancy e-bike).

## **Treasurer of the Congregation- Council of Trustees (1)**

### **William "Boe" Boezinger**

Boe and his wife Cathe have been members of St Johns together for 30 years. Their daughter Maddy and son Garrett were baptized, confirmed, and graduated from St John's School and Orange Lutheran High School. Boe is an alum of Olu and Cathe works at Olu in Development. Boe is a fourth-generation member of St John's church and continues a family legacy of service to the congregation. Boe's mom Shirely served on the St John's School Board in the 1980's, and Boe's Dad Bill served on Trustees in the 1990's. Boe has served in the past on both School Board and Trustees. Serving others is an important part of both Boe and Cathe's lives and supporting Christian education is a core priority. Boe just celebrated his 25 year anniversary with the Walt Disney Company, and enjoys time with family and friends, especially in their adopted hometown of San Clemente.

## **Trustee at Large – Council of Trustees (1)**

### **Nicholas Villaseñor**

Nick and his wife, Nila, became members of St. John's several years ago. They have two daughters who attend St. John's, Mia in 4th grade and Eva in 3rd grade. Nick has completed his 5 years on the Council of Trustees as Treasurer and is looking forward to serving at St John's where there is a need. Nick attended California State University Fullerton, where he earned his BA degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance and a Concentration in Investments and Financial Planning. He is Senior Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager at UBS - Wealth Management, USA.

## **Council of Schools (2)**

### **David Kim**

David and his wife, Esther, have been members of the St. John's community for about 6 years. Their three sons have been attending school here for 6 years, with their oldest, Dean, in 6th grade, Drew in 4th grade, and Devon in 1st grade. David was born and raised in New York City and moved out to California for his residency in Emergency Medicine at USC. He's been working as an Emergency Medicine physician since 2001. He's an avid reader, loves to write, and is a forever student. He speaks Korean, Spanish, German, and French. He has studied abroad in Germany and Korea, and has traveled all around the world, including medical missions in the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti. He devotes any spare time he has to his children from helping with schoolwork, cheering them on from the sidelines, assisting on the baseball field, and getting on the Brazilian JiuJitsu mat to teach. David has served on the school board these past 3 years and is devoted to the important relationship the school has with the church. Esther is also currently serving as a member of the school auxiliary board, overseeing events like the Jog-a-thon, Kindness Week, and more. His family loves to serve when they can in the many community outreach events the church provides. He loves and appreciates the school and faith community God has provided through St. John's and would love the opportunity to continue serving on the school board.

### **Jaclyn Spangler**

Dr. Jaclyn Spangler is a proud wife and mother of two children currently attending St. John's Lutheran School—one in preschool and one in third grade. She and her husband were married at St. John's and are both grateful to be raising their family in the same Christ-centered community that shaped her own childhood. As a St. John's alumna, Jaclyn attended from preschool through 8th grade before continuing her education at Orange Lutheran High School. Her passion for education led her to earn her undergraduate degree and teaching credential from Vanguard University, followed by a Master's in Educational Technology from Concordia University Irvine, and ultimately a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California. She currently serves as an elementary school principal in the Tustin Unified School District. Jaclyn is a servant leader who stands strong in her faith and is deeply committed to Christian education. She considers it a great honor to give back to the school and community that has given so much to her. She is excited about the opportunity to support the mission of St. John's Lutheran School and help guide its future through service on the School Board.

## **Council of Elders (4)**

### **Jason Johnson**

Jason and his wife, Dawn, have been active members of St. John's for over 30 years. Their adult children, Ryan, Amanda, Megan and Jacob all attended St. John's Lutheran School. Jason previously served on the Councils for Children's Ministries and Missions and Outreach and currently, along with Dawn, assists with the New Member Class. Jason recently embarked on a new career with Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) as a Disaster Response and Volunteer Engagement Coordinator. In his new role with LCC, Jason is focused on building relationships with churches and volunteers in the Pacific Southwest District to enhance readiness and community engagement. Outside of his professional and ministry work, Jason enjoys gardening, cooking for friends and family, and spending time with his granddaughter, Charlotte. He's also a lifelong Cubs fan and loves going to baseball games with his wife and friends.

### **Matt Potthoff**

Matt and his wife Melissa have been members of St. John's since 2013. Before having children, they were active in the music ministry at St. John's, with Matt playing cello and Melissa playing violin for church. Melissa also taught violin at the Music Conservatory. Matt grew up in the Central Valley, and Melissa grew up in Northern California, both were raised in the Lutheran church. They met while attending Concordia University in Irvine. Their 3 children; Sophia, Dietrich, and Katrina were baptized at St. John's and are homeschooled. Matt works at Orange Lutheran High School where he has taught math for the past 24 years. In addition to teaching, Matt also serves as the Educational Technology Coach and STEM Academy Co-Director. Matt enjoys spending time with his family and their favorite pastimes which include playing tennis, hiking, and camping.

### **Jim Ross**

Jim and his wife Jennifer have been members of St. John's since 1998 and were both born and raised in Southern California. They were married by Pastor Klinkenberg shortly after becoming members. Their sons Billy and Jacob Ross were students and baptized at St. John's, later attending Orange Lutheran High School. Coming full circle, they now have a granddaughter, Faith Ross, in kindergarten at St. John's. Jim recently completed Pastor Klinkenberg's leadership class. Jim is retired from Molson/Coors brewing Company, helping keep the general population and Lutherans alike hydrated for nearly 30 years. Jim is looking forward to serving our congregation.

### **Steve Theiss**

Steve and his wife Lindsay have been worshipping at St. John's since they moved to Orange in 2024. Before arriving in California, they lived in New York and New Jersey for 20+ years where Lindsay worked in strategy and business development and Steve worked in film/TV and comedy. Their three daughters Elle (11), Vera (8), and June (5) attend school at St. John's and are (slowly) beginning to identify as Californians. The family is involved in several ministries at St. John's including 4th Saturday food distribution and Mexico mission trips to Mi Roca Fuerte in Tecate. Steve was part of the men's leadership study this past year and is not used to writing bios about himself that don't contain at least one joke.