



St. John's Lutheran Church



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The Inspire November 2019



Pastor Ponders Generosity

In last month's newsletter I began our discussion on generosity, the origins of the word and how it developed over time. Generosity was initially ascribed to the values of the nobility in the Late Middle Ages but in today's world, it is a value that can be ascribed to anyone. Each one of us can be magnanimous, kind, and share our abundance with others.

In our confirmation class, I asked the students a series of four questions, one each week.

1. Ask someone else, "What is the most generous act they have seen someone else do?"
2. "What is the most generous act you have seen someone else do today?"
3. "What is the most generous act you have done today?"
4. And finally, the question will be asked, "What is the most generous act you have seen God do today?"

These are questions with which I begin my day. It is a spiritual exercise that I do, much like the physical workouts I do at the health club so that I can be physically healthy and strong. When I begin my day looking for the abundance that God provides rather than my own perceived lack of things, I feel better connected to the source of life and my attitude changes from the negative to the positive. When I am feeling negative feelings towards a situation or a problem, I ask God to help me see God's generous hand in the situation or problem, and how it may be another opportunity for me to act in a more generous way. It allows me to see where I might be wrong, for my need to repent, and for me to forgive others as I would want them to forgive me.

In God's realm, as I understand Christ's teachings, it is not a zero-sum game where if you win, I lose – or if I win, you lose. In God's abundance, it is not winning or losing. It is receiving and sharing. When we live in God's abundance, we share together all that is the Lord's. We are generous because it God who is generous with us – every day.

Pastor Brian

Council Corner

The Council met Monday, October 14, 2019

Council members received updates on the following:

- Stewardship for All Seasons (St. John's theme is *Together - Moving God's Mission Forward*)
 - Making good progress in preparations for the appeal
 - Focus groups are planned for sharing the program and receiving input on the mission area of focus
- Financial report:
 - At the end of September there were 49 days cash on hand; \$4072 was moved to the Capital Improvement Fund increasing the balance to \$81,000.
 - Year to date income is on budget and expenses are 12% under budget.
- Pastor's report:
 - The Interiors Committee invited a consultant experienced in church design (GROTH Design Group) to meet with them on 10/14. The consultants shared the process for developing a master plan for the St. John's buildings and grounds.
 - The consultants will be invited to the November Council meeting to share their process with Council members. These consultations are provided free of charge.
- Draft Budget: this is a preliminary discussion designed to share with the Council the 2020 projected revenue and expenses.
 - The revenue is projected based on 2019 year to date actual giving plus the budgeted giving for the remainder of the year.
 - Utilizing data from the Stewardship for All Seasons, the Finance team projected a 15% increase in giving.
 - Capital expenses to be considered include:
 - completion of the sprinkler system repair
 - necessary repairs to the organ
 - major maintenance and replacement projects, examples include replacements of some windows and the parking lot
 - Stewardship for All Seasons mission initiatives include: Investing in our Children/Youth/Families, Growth in Hospitality, Partnerships and Social Ministry (outreach), and our Care and Core ministries (inreach)
- The Council approved the new position of pastoral assistant. Pastor Frank Janzow has agreed to work with Pr. Brian and preach one weekend per month and teach confirmation one week per month.

Learning Opportunities

Sunday Morning Adult Education in December

Christmas. We all know the story. Or do we? Did you know that the birth of Jesus is discussed only in 2 of the Gospels, Matthew and Luke? Did you know that the details each Gospel writer tells are quite different? Did you know that many of our Christian beliefs or traditions about Christmas are not even in the Bible? Sunday morning Adult Education will use Marcus Borg and John Crossan's book called "The First Christmas" to help us gain a renewed understanding of this significant event. We will cover the book from November 24th through December 22 in five sessions. While it would be helpful to have the book, the weekly discussions will be self-contained with information to assist in learning and discussion. There is not a need to commit to all five Sundays, as each session will be on a specific topic or area.

Questions: talk to Dale Landgren or Cris Sievenpiper.



SAVE THE DATE
Mental Wellness Initiative
February 22, 2020

Women's Afternoon Bible Study Invites You

The women's afternoon Bible study invites you to join them at St. John's for monthly meetings.

Their goals are to:

- watch and discuss a video each month
- provide support for one another
- belong to a small group.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The group does not meet in July and August. December and June are bring a dish to share lunches!

Direct questions to Ann Kopecky at 262-786-8299.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Council members with questions you may have.

Yours in Christ,
Kathy Davis, President

Caring & Serving

Changes at the Jail

We regret to report that the Waukesha County Jail has put a hold on the donation of jigsaw puzzles as well as softback books. Feedback which has come to us over the years has always indicated that the hundreds of puzzles we have donated have been very much appreciated and have made a real difference in the lives of individuals who are far from home. The jail tells us that this is a temporary hold due to increased time pressures on their staff, but temporary holds usually become permanent. *Therefore, we are asking that you find a good home for your books and puzzles knowing how much they have meant to so many people over the years.*

With great thanks, Jane Babcock (262) 544-6174



November Stewardship Focus

The Sunday School Stewardship focus for November is Operation Christmas Child. The congregation is invited to join the Sunday School families as we collect items for Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child ideas

“Wow” toy: stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, doll, harmonica, recorder

Small toys: jump rope, yo-yo, bouncy ball, slinky, toy cars, foam ball, Etch-a-Sketch, plastic dinosaurs/animals, kaleidoscope

Hygiene items: toothbrush, comb, washcloth, soap, band-aids, lip balm

School supplies: coloring book, crayons, stickers, playdough, colored pencils, sharpener, picture book, solar-powered calculator

Clothing/accessories: sunglasses, socks, flip flops, underwear, hat, mittens, friendship bracelets

Shoebboxes, wrapping paper, and scotch tape!

Or donate funds and the Sunday School team will purchase needed items!

*All donations appreciated by
Sunday, November 24, when boxes will be packed.*

What is a Mission of Healing Family Wellness Fair?

Each fair is jointly planned by congregations in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Salvadoran Lutheran Church (ILS) in coordination with local and regional government clinics. The focus is preventive, holistic healthcare. The leaders put together a traveling team of 10-20 US volunteers and 20-25 Salvadoran volunteers. The team visits four communities in four days.

Adult, youth and child participants are given a “passport.” Participants are encouraged to gather knowledge and passport stamps by visiting as many of the 30+ teaching booths as they can. Participation varies from about 200-500 people per community. School groups often participate with their teachers.

November Outreach Offering: Mission of Healing Supplies

Participants in the fair build their own first-aid kits as they travel through different teaching sites and check-up areas. We need these items for the kits and the teaching stations:

- ◆ ¾” Band-Aids
- ◆ large Band-Aids – approx. 3” square
- ◆ hotel-size wrapped soap
- ◆ nail clippers
- ◆ small alcohol wipes
- ◆ sturdy checkers sets
- ◆ brown paper and white paper lunch bags
- ◆ funds to purchase items in El Salvador (i.e. toothpaste, acetaminophen, prenatal vitamins, adult vitamins, reading glasses, and anti-parasite medicine.)

At the menstruation talk, girls receive Days for Girls washable hygiene kits. Kits are also made in Los Héroes, El Salvador by a women’s collective. You can donate:

- ◆ sewn items according to DFG patterns (contact debrahadams65@gmail.com for current guidelines)
- ◆ dark color wash cloths
- ◆ darkish color undies (Girls 10-14)
- ◆ darkish pattern flannel (for pads)
- ◆ 1/2”-5/8” grosgrain ribbon
- ◆ cotton fabric (for shields and drawstring bags)
- ◆ funds to purchase bar soap
- ◆ PUL Fabric
- ◆ plastic snaps (Babyville Boutique or similar)

Music & Worship

Holiday Worship Schedule

November

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 27 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28 no worship

December

Music Sunday

Sunday, December 15 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24 2:00, 4:30, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25 10:00 a.m.

Day after Christmas

Thursday, December 26 no worship

Advent Meditation Sanctuary

Advent, the time of year we prepare for Christmas, tends to become stressful and chaotic. You are invited to combat the stress and chaos by spending some time in mindful meditation.

Following the Thursday worship services on December 5 and 12, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., you are invited to spend time in the sanctuary. Materials will be available to guide your meditation or you may simply sit, in the calm and the quiet.

Music Sunday is December 15

We are very pleased to announce a slight change to the Christmas Music weekend that has become a tradition at St. John's. This year we will present to the same service of lessons, carols and all of St. John's Music Ministry at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services on Sunday, December 15. There will be no Saturday evening service.

Questions about music at St. John's?

Contact Becky!
choir@makedisciples.com



The Memorial Garden - Through the Valley of the Shadow

As our family gathered to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, we asked our three adult children and spouses to join us on the patio of our home for a conversation. After some small talk, we took the opportunity to update them on our financial planning. They asked typical questions and shared their ideas.

We then turned to our preplanning for end-of-life decisions. They were aware of the Memorial Garden work that we had been involved in, but this conversation focused on our personal plans. We asked them to walk outside to the Garden when they were at worship in the morning. We wanted them to see the paver with their names on it. We told them that to us it represented their roots in the St. John's family of Christ - their faith journey in Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, & music groups.



*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want...
He guides me in paths of Righteousness for his name's sake*

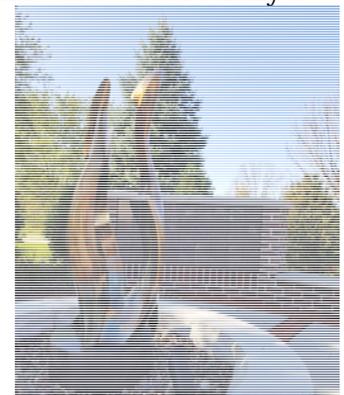
We asked them to see the niche that we had purchased for our resting place. We shared that this was a gift to them...to have these important decisions and arrangements made. We assured them that we plan on being around for several years...but that only God is all-knowing and that we were prepared.

*Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
We fear no evil, for you are with us.*

We thought that this conversation would be difficult, but it wasn't. It felt good. Our children were interested in learning about the Columbarium and cremation. We are grateful that the Memorial Garden with Columbarium has offered our family a loving path through the transition from life to eternal life.

*Surely goodness and love
will follow all the days of
our lives,
And we will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.
(from Ps. 23)*

Mark and Karen Aamot



REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS (RMDs) & QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)-AFTER AGE 70 1/2:

RMDs from IRAs weren't simplified or changed in the new tax law. Taxpayers ages 70½ and older are still required to take annual withdrawals from IRAs, whether the money is needed or not. The RMDs are taxed as ordinary income. As such, you may want to consider making the charitable portion of your RMD withdrawal through a QCD.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity such as St. John's. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, as long as certain rules are met.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

Regardless of whether you itemize or not you can still exclude the QCD from your taxable income. However, if you do itemize, you cannot claim the QCD as part of your charitable contributions, since you are not being taxed on the QCD.

You can donate part of your RMD to charity and withdraw the rest of it as retirement income as long as you meet the MRD requirements by the end of the calendar year. For a QCD to count towards your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31. Any amount donated above your RMD does not count toward satisfying a future year's RMD.

Funds distributed directly to you, the IRA owner, and which you then give to charity do not qualify as a QCD. The QCD check from the financial institution must be made payable directly to the charity.

Don't miss your RMD deadline, because regardless of your account type, the IRS penalty may be severe—**50% of the amount not taken on time.**

Please consult your Financial Advisor or Tax Advisor for additional information regarding IRAs RMDs eligible for QCD and the QCD limitations.

While many IRAs are eligible for QCDs—Traditional, Rollover, Inherited, SEP (inactive plans only), and SIMPLE (inactive plans only)*—there are requirements:

- You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. (If, however, you file taxes jointly, your spouse can also make a QCD from his or her own IRA within the same tax year for up to \$100,000.) Meaning couples can exclude up to \$200,000 of their retirement savings from income tax if they donate it to charity.

Publishing Gifts and Memorials

St. John's is blessed to receive donations in memory or in honor of a loved one. The Gifts and Memorials Committee is tasked with managing these funds. In appreciation of these gifts and memorials, the committee will be publishing the names of donors in the newsletter each month beginning in 2020.



St. John's Endowment Fund

Approximately seventeen years ago, St. John's established its own Mission Endowment Fund. The purpose of the fund is to enhance the ability of St. John's to participate in God's mission as described in our church's constitution.

Each one of us has an opportunity to create an enduring legacy of our commitment to St. John's and its mission through not only our current gifts and pledges, but also through endowed gifts for outreach ministries that lasts beyond our lifetime. The income gained from the fund will therefore become "the Gift that keeps on Giving".

No portion of the Fund's income or principal is to be used for the church's operating budget or capital projects. The income will be used for various outreach ministries such as local or worldwide mission programs, educational and social service organizations and special situations involving needy persons within our own church.

During the last two years the Endowment Committee has approved requests for and the Church Council has approved the release of outreach gifts in the amount of \$19,136. Currently, the most recent quarter-end value of the Endowment Fund is \$145,852.

If you would like to make a single contribution, make the Fund a part of your estate plan, make a designated contribution / memorial gift, or just have further questions about the Fund, please contact any one of the following Committee members:

Jennifer Cranfill
Carole Lewis
Angie Rose Mueller
Mark Sabin
Phil Lange, Chairman

Make your gift "the Gift that Keeps on Giving"

Children, Youth & Families



Youth Packer Party

Youth in 7th-12th grades - sign up in the lobby for the Packer Pizza Party on Sunday, November 10, at noon in the Youth Room!

We'll cheer the Pack as they take on Carolina. Friends are welcome! Don't miss the fun! Ninth grade mentors are welcome also!



Hosts - Tuesday Night Bible Study

FREE Childcare On December 8

Attention all parents! On Sunday, December 8, from 12:00 pm -4:00 pm the 7th - 12th graders will be offering an afternoon of free childcare! We invite all 2 year olds - 6th graders to join us for a fun afternoon of crafts, games and stories! Look for the enrollment forms on the information board in the narthex! Accepting forms through November 24 so we can make sure we have enough supplies and helpers!

Rock Climbing Adventure

On November 15, all 9th - 12th graders are invited to come and climb! We will be meeting at Adventure Rock in Brookfield at 6:30 p.m. After climbing we will walk over to Culvers for some dinner!



ADVENTUREROCK

Culver's

Questions About High School Youth or College Age Ministry?

Contact Carrie!
youthministry@makedisciples.com



M.S.M.
Middle School Ministry

5th & 6th Grade Bible Bunch Class

Sundays 9:40-10:35
Paul Room

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm
Nov 7 Creed
Nov 14 Stewardship
Nov 21 Stewardship
Nov 28 No Class

Christmas Wreaths Available From Our Boy Scouts

Our Boy Scout Troop 16 is selling Christmas wreaths (24"-7"), canes, crosses and roping. Please contact scout church members to place your order before November 3.

Jacob, Joe & Josh Blazer 262-798-1108
Terry Hoepfner 262-786-0412
Jim Mathes 262-938-0808



Children's Ministry Upcoming Dates

Nov 10 Elementary Classes - Card Making with High School Youth Group
Nov 17 Preschool Classes - Card Making with High School Youth Group
Dec 1 No Sunday School -- Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec 24 Christmas Pageant, 2:00pm worship
Dec 29 No Sunday School -- Merry Christmas

Questions about programs for toddlers to 8th Graders?

Contact Joanna!
childministry@makedisciples.com



Children, Youth & Families

Christmas Pageant

All Sunday School children are invited to participate in the telling of the Christmas story in pageant that will take place during the 2:00 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve. Children will receive singing material during the large group Sunday school time in early November.



PACKING PARTY

Packing Party

Operation Christmas Child Pizza and Packing Party
November 24, 2019
12:00pm-2:00pm

Sunday School families are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of wrapping and packing our Operation Christmas Child boxes as we prepare them to head overseas. An excellent way to share our blessings during Thanksgiving! Activities for preschool through high school-aged children. Lunch will be served!

Youth Handbells Play for Reformation

Our youth handbell choir, for ages 5th-12th grade, reformed for this year. New members are always welcome. No experience necessary!

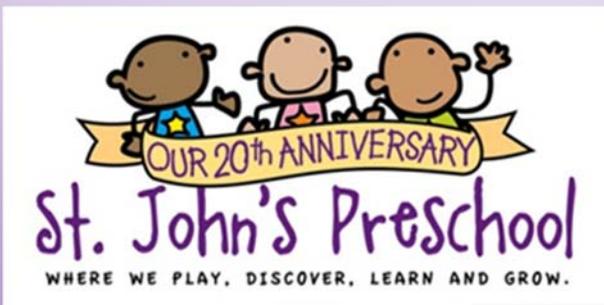


Preschool Sponsors Food Drive

St. John's Preschool is hosting our 7th Annual Food Drive. Food collected will be given to the Waukesha Food Pantry.

In November, our preschoolers are learning about grocery stores and food, farmers and their harvest, sharing and Thanksgiving. Our Christian Education Time is focused on Bible stories about how we are called to help one another.

Preschoolers are learning through their sharing and generosity how to help others, even people they don't know.



Questions About St. John's Preschool?

Contact Laura
preschool@makedisciples.com



Partnerships

Veronica's Visit

We were blessed in October to host a member of our sister church in Tanzania, Mrs. Veronica Mushi. She was part of an eleven-person delegation from their synod to visit with our synod.

It has been a whirlwind visit. Here are a few of the activities she participated in during her visit:

- * Welcome dinner and worship at Adoration in Greenfield
- * Greater Milwaukee Synod lunch with Bishop Erickson
- * Toured Marquette University with the in campus pastor
- * Visited Redeemer in Milwaukee to learn about their bee keeping ministry
- * Visited a large dairy farm and luncheon through St. John's, Sheboygan Falls
- * Women's book club
- * Hope Center in Waukesha
- * Leadership conference in Lake Geneva
- * Multiple dinners with host families and other friends
- * GMS Meru Partnership committee meeting and lunch
- * Two worship services at St. John's, Brookfield
- * Visit to St. John's preschool, youth group and Sunday school
- * Trip to Chicago for sightseeing and the installation of the Metro Chicago area Bishop
- * Closing worship and dinner at Our Savior's, Oconomowoc

As is their tradition, Veronica presented Pastor Brian with a gift for St. John's from the Akeri Parish. The gift was handmade paraments.



above: Deborah Petersen, Veronica, and Gail Rennie
top right: Veronica and Patrice Krimpelbein
bottom right: one of the paraments gifted to St. John's

Education for Life

Meet Hassell, an adorable first grader, who is one of the students currently in the Education for Life – El Salvador Scholarship Program. We have sponsored her for the past year, and she has touched our hearts every time we see her smiling face on our fridge, or receive a letter from her!



The students in the Education for Life – El Salvador Scholarship Program range in age from kindergarten through university level. Our previous student, Edwin, completed his high school education with the help of this program. We were so proud and happy for him! It is truly a rewarding experience to participate in the scholarship program!

What does it mean to be a sponsor?

- You would support your student by providing scholarship fees for this school year.
- You would have the opportunity to communicate with your student and get to know him/her better.
- You would support your student with prayers.
- Most important of all - you would make a difference in the life of a child now and in the future!

There are many students in the Education for Life – El Salvador Scholarship Program who are currently sponsored by St. John's members. However, there are also new students in need of sponsors.

CAN YOU HELP?

If a total scholarship does not fit into your budget, any donation would be gladly accepted! We have even had children donate a portion of their allowance to help a student in El Salvador - a perfect lesson in reaching out to others!

If you feel that you would like more information about participating in the scholarship program this year, please contact Mary Beth Gubbins (262-792-9497) or email her at marybethgubbins@wi.rr.com.

We have all been blessed with so much! The Education for Life – El Salvador Scholarship Program provides an opportunity to share those blessings with others. We believe that by participating in this rewarding experience, your hearts will be touched, as ours have been! Please give it your prayerful consideration. Thank you so much!

Carole and Roger Lewis

Troop 16 News

by Troop Historian, Zac Watson

At the Webelos Jam-O-Ree, Menomonee Park, a lot of troops came to set up camp and teach scouting skills to the Webelos who attended the event. At our campsite, 10 scouts participated and instructed the Webelos in learning to tie 4 knots, the bowline, sheet bend, and the square knot tied behind their backs. Plus scouts go to lasso pretend bulls with a rope. Alex Kempen organized the Webelos camp out for his eagle planned trip.

Twelve scouters attended a camp at Blue Mound State Park. John Chapman planned the Blue Mound State Park trip for his eagle requirement. Caveman cooking with a twist was the cooking theme, the scouts cooked in their patrols. No pots and pans were used but instead foil, as it is more primitive. Saturday was spent touring the Cave of the Mounds, working on Geology Merit Badge, and learning Rocks and Mineral identification. After an all night torrential rain, we packed for home soaking wet.

Other highlights:

- Alex Kempen organized and directed the troop in the preparation of a Butterfly Garden at Prairie Home Cemetery for his Eagle Service Project.
- Indoor games and ice cream sundaes at the church due to the cancellation of the planned mini golf event due to storms.
- Congratulations to Sean D'Sousa and Adam Blazek for passing their Eagle Board of Reviews
- The scouts chose their new patrol names, assistant patrol leaders and made patrol flags. The new patrol names include: Beach Boys, Black Hole, and Cherry Pie.
- Owen Chartier is our Troop Display Case Historian. He keeps our Display Case clean, in order and periodically changes the displays.

September Participation Honors:

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| 1 Nick Huebner | 4 Zac Watson |
| 2 Jacob Nienhaus | 5 Joe Balzer, |
| 3 Josh Balzer | Liam Wagner, |
| | Jacob Balzer |

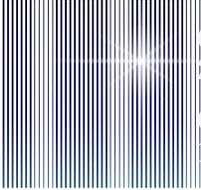
November Birthdays

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| 1 Jessica Nettekoven | 8 James LaHann |
| 1 John Roth | 9 Angela Turner |
| 1 Sandra Wicklund | 9 Kurt Zaeske |
| 1 Colton Wright | 10 Cheryl Poth |
| 2 LeNay Anderson | 11 Brynn Fuerstenberg |
| 2 Kathy Kempke | 11 Carolyn Krause |
| 2 Jordan Larson | 14 Josh Belli |
| 2 Sandra Paukner | 14 Cindy Proeber |
| 2 Andy Truax | 14 Cris Sievenpiper |
| 2 Luan Unger | 14 Chris Spofford |
| 3 Joseph Gatzke | 16 Ben Allbaugh |
| 4 Debbie Wimmer | 16 Vicki Fuerstenberg |
| 4 Kim Zick | 16 Karen Klousnitzer |
| 5 Connie Braun | 16 Jerry Olson |
| 6 Henry Berthold | 16 Arlene Traxel |
| 6 Janice Franzen | 17 Page Chadwick |
| 6 Brian Resop | 18 Barbara James |
| 7 Nancy Kraus | 18 John Rickinger |
| 7 Ethan Zach | 19 Cheryl Woodworth |



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| 20 Alice Beyer | 26 Jeffrey Baeten |
| 20 Chris Elfers | 26 Kathy Davis |
| 21 Maddie Beug-Hoffman | 26 Samantha Runkle |
| 21 Heather Cheslock | 27 Lisa Belli-Fuchs |
| 21 Roger Krebs | 27 Susan Gaulke |
| 22 Ann Marie Haas | 28 Jim Cheslock |
| 22 Rob Mauck | 28 Gregg Everts |
| 23 Sherry Henschel | 28 Sarah Gillette |
| 23 Jim Koscielniak | 28 Klaudia Hollander |
| 24 Skye Bertrand-Zweig | 28 Bonnie Suhaysik |
| 24 Mickey Gipp | 29 Joshua Balzer |
| 24 Liam Turner | 29 Mick Scanlon |
| 25 Paul Cornelius | 30 Zachary Luebstorf |
| | 30 Kyle Schaefer |

calendar of events for November 2019

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			 <p>SAVE THE DATE Mental Wellness Initiative February 22, 2020</p>		<p>1 6:15a MGD men's group 7:30p Chinese Church</p>	<p>2 8:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a Holiday Bazaar</p>
9th confirmation retreat at Lutherdale						
<p>3 All Saints Day 8:30a worship 9:45a education for all 10:45a worship 6:30p AI Anon</p>	<p>4 9:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI Anon</p>	<p>5 8:00a preschool board 8:30a property team 10:30a AA 11:30a staff meeting 6:00p quilters 6:00p TOPS 6:30p handbell rehearsal 6:30p HR team meeting 7:00p boy scouts</p>	<p>6 9:00a quilters 5:00p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p AA 6:30p choir rehearsal</p>	<p>7 8:30a retired men's bfast 6:15p worship 6:30p AI Anon</p>	<p>8 6:15a MGD men's group 10:00a prayer shawl min 7:30p Chinese Church</p>	<p>9 8:00a Men's Bible Study</p>
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Welcome Dan!

Please welcome our new Building Supervisor, Dan Thompson! We asked Dan to introduce himself and this is what he had to say:

To start things off, I come with an open mind and positive attitude towards just about everything! I am a very faithful and detail oriented individual who is very excited about my role at St. John's Lutheran Church. I have had the best welcome by staff, members of the church fellowship and the property group that have very much so made me feel very comfortable in a new working environment. I am a HUUUGE animal lover, supporter of Wisconsin sports and have a strong interest in motorcycles and cars. I come from a background specializing in facilities, energy and custodial management. A huge accomplishment I have made in this field of work is managing the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids Michigan. In all, I encourage all members of the church to get to know me a little bit better as I am a new face around here.



At St. John's we align with Paul's words in Romans 15:7 "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." We welcome one another all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, age or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to physical or mental health, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in our commitment to the ways, grace and love of Christ.

See you in worship!

Thursdays, 6:15 p.m.
Sundays, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.



(Education Hour is Sunday at 9:45 a.m.)

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core values of St. John's:

- Serving our world, locally and globally;
- Inspiring worship and music that honor God;
- Nurturing relationships with one another as Jesus walks with us;
- Growing in God's grace through education and discipleship;
- Engaging children and youth in the life of the church.

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Instrument Petting Zoo

The Kids of the Kingdom sponsored the first instrument petting zoo to introduce the Sunday school children to different instruments.

We are excited to begin using the Alto wooden Xylophone that was generously donated from an anonymous donor.



Last Newsletter Mailing

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey in the October newsletter regarding how you read the Inspire. Based upon the responses, the newsletter will no longer be mailed. However, we have several that not only prefer, but need, a paper copy of the newsletter. To be sure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the Inspire, beginning with the December edition, the electronic copy will continue to be available online and printed copies will be available in the narthex.