

I have called you by name, you are mine...



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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

My daughter Eliza is moving to Chicago. Having spent the last six years in Minnesota, she is moving back to her home city. She has a sentimental attachment to Chicago, and I can understand why. During her senior year in high school Cindy took a position in Milwaukee and was gone for the week, returning back to Oak Park on the weekends. My elder daughter Madeleine was away at school in Iowa. So it was just Eliza and me who stayed until she graduated from high school. That year, she and I went to many Blackhawk hockey games in the year in which they won the championship, but it didn't quite make up for a disrupted home life. She went on to attend the University of Minnesota (an excellent choice!) where she established many good friendships and lived many great experiences.

Now she is going home.

Home is a powerful place for many of us, perhaps because it is a place in our lives where we might have felt the most secure, a place where we are loved and supported. Perhaps it is a place where we feel we can be ourselves and let down our guard, so to speak. It is a place where we feel connected to our family, friends, and community. We are loved and valued as a part of something greater than ourselves. At least that is the ideal. Oftentimes, we sentimentalize home and often overlook or forget in our memories, the challenges and difficulties that homes can sometime bring.

For many, home does not draw the same feelings of security, love, and connection as it does for others. We hear of so many children who come from broken homes, where love, support and care are absent, where addictions bring about anger, deep uncertainty, and even violence. Yet I have known persons who come from broken homes to be strong, caring, and faithful people who in themselves begin to establish a home where love flourishes.

Often we refer to our church as a church home, and we ask visitors if they have found a church home yet. We extend the invitation for them to join us, where we offer love and support for anyone who comes through our doors or who we meet in our ministries. We offer a place in which everyone is loved and valued, not because we want more successful people in our pews to further the life of our church; instead we love and value each other because we are loved and valued by God.

As Pastor Frank said in a sermon, we are all beloved. And no matter where we go, there we are. We are beloved people of God who live in the home of God—cherished, nurtured, and made whole at the broken places.

Yes, we often hear that life is a journey. Perhaps it is a journey homeward, to a place where we already reside. Our home is God. Welcome home!

Pastor Brian

What's New?

Annual Meeting

June 6, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. There will be the Zoom option for those who prefer that method. There will be one worship service this day, at 9:00 a.m. Both the worship and the meeting will be outside, weather permitting.

Registering for Worship

Beginning in June, St. John's will no longer request registering for worship. A message will be shared through all media options (i.e. website, email, social media) if there is a need for contract tracing.

Creation Corner

New feature of the Inspire that was inspired by and requested after the latest adult ed series. You will find it on page 7.



June 13 - begin summer schedule

8:30 indoor worship

10:00 outdoor worship

June 18 - Friday Family Fun Night

6:30 p.m. (see back page)

Worship and Music

Music Notes

Thank you to all who have donated to the new hymnal supplements! *All Creation Sings* is a new, comprehensive song and prayer collection developed as part of the ELCA's commitment to the ongoing renewal of worship in these changing times. Supplementing *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, this resource contains expansive hymns and liturgies that invite us to join our voices with God's whole creation.

Make sure to order/donate by June 13, 2021 for the discounted price of \$12.50 per book.



As we finish the program year I want to thank Kenn Anderson (Contemporary Music Director), Heidi Bischmann (Handbell Director) and Lisa Weiss-Cornelius (Kids of the Kingdom Director and Choir accompanist) for their commitment to St. John's and their flexibility in navigating through the pandemic. The same thank you to all of the musicians of St. John's who have recorded, rehearsed and prayed for the ministry, thank you! Well done good and faithful servants of God.

I look forward to the fall looking more normal and welcoming groups back for regular rehearsals.

Peace,
Becky Whelpley

Summer Worship

8:30 a.m. - worship inside

- Masks are optional, but recommended.
- Congregation may sing the Postlude.
- Communion is self-serve with provided kits or received from Pastor. You choose.

10:00 a.m. - worship outside

- Masks are optional.
- Singing is encouraged.
- Communion is self-serve with provided kits or received from Pastor. You choose.
- Bring a chair or a blanket if you wish to sit.
- Inclement weather will move the worship service inside.

Children, Youth & Families



Preschool Success

Wow, We Did It!

We were in Preschool every school day.

We are proud to say that St. John's Preschool had a full school year of Learning and Growing with all the challenges we faced with COVID. With teachers, grownups and children working together, we were able to have a wonderful year of learning, playing and making friends.

Questions About Preschool?

Contact Laura:
262-786-4298 or

stjohnspreschoolbrookfield@gmail.com



St. John's Preschool
WHERE WE PLAY, DISCOVER, LEARN AND GROW.



Children, Youth & Families

Children, Youth, and Family Board

Last fall a Children, Youth and Family Board (CYF) was formed to help guide our educational programming. We would like to thank the members of the CYF Board for their dedication and vision for the future of St. John's CYF programs.

Board Members:

Andrea Warp

Linnea Logan

Sonja Beyerlein

Nicci Gillette

Karie Zach

If you have interest in serving on the Board, please reach out to Linnea Logan.

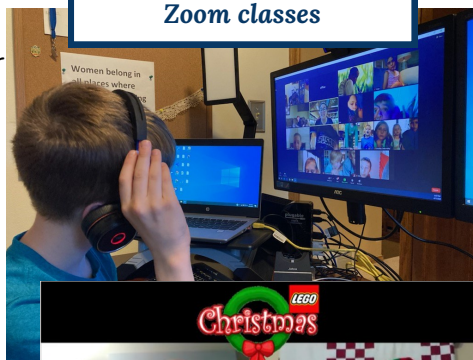
Middle School Ministry

Our 7th & 8th grade Confirmation students wrapped up their year with team building and challenging themselves on the high ropes course, the tall wall and ziplining at Lutherdale!

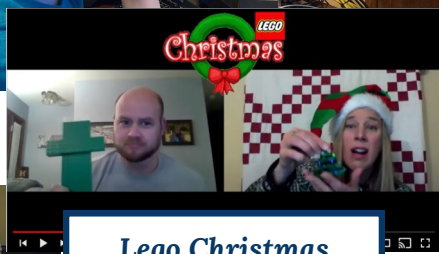


That's a wrap!

Thank you to families for both your flexibility and your commitment to our Children, Youth and Family programs this year! The greatest blessing this year was discovering all types of new and exciting ways to connect with our kids and we are looking forward to integrating these new technologies and programs into future programming!



Zoom classes



Lego Christmas



Family Blessing



Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

Joanna is available by email at josalinass2014@gmail.com or by call or text at 262-278-8021.

Joanna sends out weekly Children, Youth and Family emails. If you are not receiving those emails and would like to, let Joanna know!



Children, Youth & Families

Make Up Bonfire

Sunday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m.



Four Affirm Their Baptismal Vows

Congratulations to Sophia, Skye, Ryan and Aaron. They publicly affirmed their baptismal vows during the confirmation worship on May 16.



At Home Mission Trip

June 28 – July 1

We have 3 high school students going on our mission trip in Milwaukee! Our mission is to expose youth to poverty and hunger alleviation efforts and build relationships with leaders caring for their community. We will be gone all day during our trip days, and then home to sleep at night. Thank you to some wonderful members of our congregation for offering to provide sack lunches for us all on each of our trip days.

Care Kit Donations:

The group we are working with is putting together and providing care kits for the community. You are invited to support our mission trip by donating items during June. The donation list is on page 7.

Gathering Volunteer Corps Applications Open

Apply until June 22

The Gathering Volunteer Corps serves in multiple capacities throughout the Gathering. Duties might include ushering and assisting during mass gatherings, helping with Interactive Learning activities, directing foot traffic in the convention center, staffing the info booth or moving equipment in a Gathering facility. GVCs serve wherever Gathering planning teams have identified the need for additional help!

Eligibility: GVCs must be 19 years old or have been out of high school for one year by the time of the Gathering and be able to commit to being in Minneapolis for one week, likely July 22-28, 2022.

Click the link for more information:
<https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/Attend/Volunteer>



This summer the high school youth and college aged young adults will have the opportunity to gather twice a month as a large group! We will be gathering once a month to complete a service project and once a month to grow in our relationships with one another and strengthen our faith.

June

High School Mission Trip: 6/28-7/1

Family Night: Friday, June 18

July

Service Project: Sunday, July 18
Car wash during worship services

Family Night: Friday, July 9

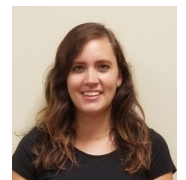
August

Service Project: week of August 8
Local service project

Family Night: Friday, August 20

Questions about high school and young adult ministry at St. John's?

Contact Stephanie!



youthministry@makedisciples.com

Troop 16

Menomonee Park Camping

Eight scouts participated in the Menomonee Park camping trip. Main activities include Orienteering with Maps & Compasses. Scouts also participated in games and courses which were conducted all over the park. Three scouts earned the Orienteering Merit Badge during this camping trip.

Nolan Nelson worked on his First Class Cooking requirement by planning a menu, developing shopping and cooking equipment lists, and leading his patrol in preparing and cooking three meals.



S'mores were the chosen dessert to make around the campfire.

Nolan and his patrol cooked scrambled eggs & sausages, sloppy joes, steak, and potatoes in a Zip Pack made from aluminum foil. S'mores were the decided desert made around the campfire.

On Sunday, Dan Warchol prepared a delicious "Leader Dutch Oven Cinnamon Roll French Toast Breakfast". Activities later were performed during a rainstorm.

Meetings and Service

Some scouts helped at the Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast curbside pickup by running orders out to cars.

During a meeting, Scouts did a clean up at the yard of the church. One patrol picked up sticks & trash on the south side of the property. The other cleaned up the Fire Bowl while the third pulled weeds along the building.

by Troop Historian, Jacob Nienhaus

At other meetings, the OA election was conducted, tents were set up to check for repairs, and GaGa Ball was played.

Mr. Hoepfner's birthday was celebrated with ice cream sundaes at another meeting.

Alex Kempen received his Eagle Scout Badge at his Eagle Ceremony in the church Fellowship Hall. Alex achieved the rank a year ago, but decided to wait for St. John's to open to have his ceremony.

April Participation Honors

- 1 Jacob Nienhaus
- 2 Zac Watson, Jon McMahon
- 3 Nolan Nelson
- 4 David McMahon

June Birthdays

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|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Allison Krusche-Bruck | 9 Ella Schemberger | 15 Nolan Dominguez | 23 Aaron Hintze |
| 3 Macy Kaiser | 10 Heather Campeau | 15 Jeff Keough | 23 Chris Klink |
| 3 Doris Klitzke | 10 Brian Cranfill | 15 Dale Riley | 23 Andy Petersen |
| 3 Tim Rouse | 10 Amy Hutchinson | 15 Benji Salinas | 25 Laura Gundlach |
| 4 Samuel Aune | 10 Carter Lurvey | 16 Cristine Luebster | 26 Lynnette Fritz |
| 4 Marlene Zick | 10 Kim Stephens | 17 Gerri Johnson | 26 Smith Zahn |
| 5 Marion Schreiber | 12 Rhiannon Gaska | 17 Chuck Klawitter | 27 Denise Kirschman |
| 6 Dennis Hartman | 13 Erica Burns | 17 Connie Peterson | 27 Matt Wimmer |
| 7 Jon Holz | 13 Juliet Gundlach | 18 Tyler Schettler | 28 Joshua Petersen |
| 7 Kate Schettler | 13 James Janz | 18 Meredith Wafle | 28 Alexander Stephens |
| 7 Mary Wagner | 13 Sarah Mueller | 19 Liam DuChateau | 29 Scott Bingenheimer |
| 8 Ralph Zick | 13 Joanne Reinfeldt | 19 Jim Stollberg | 29 Penny Holt |
| 9 Kathryn Bingenheimer | 14 Bill Davis | 19 Evelyn Wright | 29 Sally Schoeneman |
| 9 Mark Franzen | 14 Terrence Katka | 20 Samantha Price-Bertrand | |
| 9 Paul Menzel | 14 JoAnn Klein | 21 Tom Hoffman | |
| 9 Keith Paukner | 14 Kim Rateike | 22 Neal Mathes | |



Outreach

June Outreach Focus: Care Kit Donations

June brings the opportunity to help our youth serve others during the High School Mission Trip. The trip this summer is to Milwaukee. They are gathering the following items to share during the mission trip.

- New clothing items & ways to carry them: white tube socks, new plain white t-shirts, flip flops, backpacks
- Toiletries: soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, deodorant
- Cleaning: paper towels, tissue packs, toilet paper, unopened cleaning supplies, rubber gloves, laundry detergent
- Fun Things: arts and craft supplies, small safe toys, playing cards
- Batteries
- Baby Things: diapers, diaper cream, formula, soft baby items like wash cloths, blankets, hats, socks, etc.

There is a designated tote in the narthex to collect these items.



Adult Education

Paddle with the Pastor

Pastor Karen Natterstad and Joanna Salinas led a six-week session of Our Gift, Gratitude and Joy Adult Ed series on Creation. The session culminated with the attendees being invited to a canoe outing at Lutherdale to "Paddle with the Pastor."



Creation Corner

Environmental stewardship is important to us here at St. John's!

Did you know?

In 2019, our preschool switched to reusable cups for snack time, and has since saved over 5000 cups from going to the landfill!

What can you do?

When you can't use a reusable container, make the easy switch from plastic baggies to paper ones! Paper sandwich bags are both recyclable and compostable, and you can purchase them in most grocery stores.



What's Your Story?

Are you involved in an outreach ministry?

Are you connected with one of our partner churches?

We would love to share your story. How are you involved? Why are you involved? How did you become involved? Why do you continue?

Contact Cindy Halverson, chair of the Partnership and Outreach Team, with questions. Please share your story - or don't be surprised when we ask to hear it!



Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. Following are highlights from the May 10 Council meeting.

President Report

- Our Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. This meeting will be held outdoors on the Circle Drive (weather permitting) and will be available via Zoom for those who prefer that option. Please bring your lawn chair.
- Council reviewed and approved Pastor Frank's Pastoral Assistant responsibilities for the upcoming six months (Council reviews this every six months). We are so blessed to have Pastor Frank continue to be an integral part of St. John's.

Financial Report

- Our financials continue to remain strong and remain above budget. Thank you for your faithful giving.
- With more than 45 days cash on hand, Council approved the Finance Team's recommendation to transfer \$11,095.70 to the Capitol Improvement Fund.

Transition Team

- Please refer to the Transition Team Announcement on page 9.

Please reach out to me or the Council members with any questions you may have.

Praying for peace and good health to all,
Brian Zach, President

Attend the annual meeting on June 6 at 10:30 to vote for new council members for 2021-2022.

St. John's Council

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Brian Zach 608-279-3577

Vice-president

Gary Schettler 262-542-2309

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Christine Hintze 262-993-4637

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Dawn Williams 262-309-9333

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Jerry Hanson 262-785-8098

Tim Tollander 414-429-3609

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Linnea Logan 262-358-0501

Barb Lange 262-542-4010

Summer Giving

Supporting our summer ministries and mission is only a click away. We offer convenient online giving, so you never have to worry about leaving your cash or checkbook at home. You can make a one-time contribution or set up recurring gifts – a great option for members who will be traveling during the summer months. Get started by visiting our online donation page at www.makedisciples.com.

Eagle Awarded

After waiting a year due to the COVID virus, Alex Kempen was finally honored with an Eagle Ceremony on May 21, 2021 in the St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Troop Members participated in the American Flag and Scout Oath & Law ceremonies. Jim Mathes gave a nice character presentation of Alex and also made the presentation of the Eagle Badge.

Alex is Troop 16's 72nd Eagle recipient and has earned 34 Merit Badges. For his Eagle Service Project, Alex organized and directed the troop in building a butterfly garden at Prairie Home Cemetery.



Alex Kempen
Eagle Scout

Facility Use

To request space for your small group or ministry to meet in the church building, please complete the Facility Use Form on the website. It is under the Resources tab - [Documents and Forms](#). Contact [Dan Thompson](#), Building Supervisor, with questions.

St. John's Response to CDC Announcement

Fellow Disciples,

With proper safety measures in place, St. John's returned to indoor worship in March for the first time in nearly a year. In returning, our top priority then and still is the safety of you and our amazing worship and office staff.

As new data and guidelines come out, the Transition Team and Staff continues to assess, adapt, and implement potential changes. That said, we continue to safely "ease" back into our familiar worship practices and give you options so you may enjoy worship at your comfort level.

On May 9, the 8:30 indoor service was given the choice to sing the Postlude (masks on) together. Those who did not prefer to sing indoors had the opportunity to sneak out early.

On May 16, the 8:30 and 10:15 indoor services had the choice to receive communion at the rail. The little individual communion "coffee creamer shaped" cups were available for those who wish to commune via that method.

With the recent CDC guideline changes, the Transition Team and St. John's Staff met once again to map out St. John's response and next steps.

Indoor Worship at 8:30

On May 23 at the 8:30 am Traditional Worship service and moving forward, the wearing of a mask or other face covering will be optional, but recommended, for those who are vaccinated.

A mask/face covering is recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated. Additionally,

per the CDC, if you have a condition or are taking medications that weaken your immune system, you may NOT be fully protected. even if you are fully vaccinated and necessary precautions are still recommended (i.e. wearing a mask).

Singing

We will continue to sing the Postlude hymn together as a congregation (mask optional, see above). Those who prefer not to sign will have the opportunity to exit before singing begins.

Communion

We will continue to have communion at the rail, with the option to commune at your seat using the individual communion "coffee creamer shaped" kits.

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Outdoor Worship at 10:00

Masks/face coverings will be optional for the outdoor services. However, if worship needs to move inside due to the weather, masks are strongly recommended.

Singing

Singing outside is encouraged!

Communion

We will continue to have communion at the rail, with the option to commune at your seat using the individual communion "coffee creamer shaped" kits.

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Sunday, June 6

There will be only one service at 9:00 am, outdoors in the circle drive. Annual meeting to follow.

Groups (Bible/Book Study, Quilters, Memorial Celebrations, etc.) using the church

The wearing of a mask or other face covering will be optional for those who are vaccinated.

A mask/face covering is recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated. Additionally, per the CDC, if you have a condition or are taking medications that weaken your immune system, you may NOT be fully protected. even if you are fully vaccinated and necessary precautions are still recommended (i.e. wearing a mask).

Food

We Lutherans enjoy having food when gathering, with that, food is now allowed when gathering indoors.

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Church Office Hours

St. John's will have office hours from 9 am to 12:00 pm, Monday – Thursday.

Thank you to the Transition Team, Staff, and Worship Team for your leadership over the past 14 months and thank you to you for your prayers and support as we work our way back to "normal."

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Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Praying for peace and good health to all,

Brian Zach – Council President & Transition Team Chair

brianzach@gmail.com
608-279-3577

About Us

Welcome Statement

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.

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.

Praying for Our Church Family

We pray for those who are battling illness:

Mary S	Barb K	Dorothy E	Floyd K
John G	Ken B	Steve W	Tim M
Hope H	Connie P	Sharlene W	Kim S
Dennis W	Katie A	John S	Jim T
Cindy H	Kathy K		
Gregg and Joy M's Grandson Cole		Sharon Mahoney's Friend Betty	
Brittany L's Family Member		Bonnie S's sister Jeanne and BIL	

To help us to stay connected, we will be sharing the list with you monthly. Prayers may be for thanksgiving, hope and/or healing. The requests may be immediate, short or long term.

Prayer requests may be submitted at the bottom of the website www.makedisciples.com.



*Without ceasing
I remember you
always in my
prayers.*

Romans 1:9

Contact Us

Office Hours

The St. John's phone is answered 9:00-Noon, Monday to Thursday.

Church

phone/fax: 262-786-6887
email: to email a staff member, please click on the link by their photo on the website under Staff

Preschool

phone: 262-786-4298
stjohnspreschoolbrookfield@gmail.com

Changing Emails

St. John's is in the process of updating technology and how we are able to do ministry. One result of this technology update is a change in our email addresses. The staff emails will be switching one at a time. If you are unsure of the current email for a staff member, please use the links provided on the website by the staff pictures.

The first two email changes are:

Becky Whelpley
bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Dan Thompson
dthompson@stjohnsbrookfield.org

You will notice the domain name change from @makedisciples.com to stjohnsbrookfield.org. Also, the email address uses names not titles.

As each email address is updated, a notice will be put in the weekly Happenings email.



Calendar of events for May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30a virtual property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal	2 8:00a Retired Men's bfast 6:00p TOPS	3 3:00p Finance Team mtg 6:00p Faith Alive	4 6:15a virtual men's group	5 8:30a virtual men's group
6 Online worship 9:00a outdoor worship 10:30a annual meeting	7 9:00a virtual Bible study 11:30a Hope Center meal	8 8:30a virtual property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal 6:30p HR meeting	9 6:00p TOPS	10	11 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a prayer shawl group	12 8:30a virtual men's group
13 Online worship 8:30a indoor worship 10:00a outdoor worship	14 11:30a Hope Center meal 1:00p virtual women's Bible study 6:30p virtual council mtg	15 8:30a virtual property 9:00a woman's Bible study 10:00a staff mtg 1:00p Tuesday Book Club 4:00p stewardship mtg	16 6:00p TOPS	17 6:00p Faith Alive	18 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a virtual Friday Book Club 6:30p Family Fun Night 7:00p Women of Faith book club	19 8:30a virtual men's group
20 Online worship 8:30a indoor worship 10:00a outdoor worship	21 11:30a Hope Center meal	22 8:30a virtual property team 10:00a staff mtg	23 6:00p TOPS	24	25 6:15a virtual men's group	26 8:30a virtual men's group
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Football
Kickball
Croquet
Gaga ball
Beanbag toss

Ball Games!



Dad's Root Beer
Floats



In honor of
Father's Day!

All ages!

Friday Family Fun Night

June 18, 2021

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Games! Contests! Crafts!

Outdoors at St. John's

(Indoors if inclement weather)

Join us for food, friends, fellowship and fun!
Bring a chair & a friend

