

July 2021

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Face
Painting

Gaga
Ball

Rocket Launching
with the
Property Team

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

JULY 9, 2021

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Campfire
& Smores

Outdoors at St. John's
Bring a chair and a friend!

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

Summer is the time for rummage sales. I see signs every weekend inviting the community to come to the neighbor's house, garage, front yard to look at all the old stuff that someone has accumulated over the years. I don't often go to one, but I know many do. You never know what you might find. There might be a lamp in the shape of Mickey Mouse that you think would be cute for the children's room, or a poster of Hank Aaron that would look good among all the other Milwaukee sports paraphernalia you've collected. I don't know. And that is the thing. We don't know until we get there what treasures await!

Perhaps if Jesus lived today he would use a rummage sale as one of his parables. Maybe it would go something like this: A woman went to a rummage sale and found an item of great worth among the ordinary things of little value. Knowing that she could purchase this item for dollars that was really worth millions, does she buy it and not say anything? Or does she tell the owner of its true value, thereby not keeping the millions for herself?

The question implied in every parable is: What would you do? By what values would you justify your decision and action? Difficult, right?

Let's say that the item of inestimable worth is the Gospel and it is sitting among all the other messages that the world hears. Do you keep it to yourself and for yourself, or do you reveal it to others?

The rummage sale parable, like all the parables, has a point and a challenge. Just as Jesus' audiences had to struggle with such questions, we are often caught between two very different sets of values. And Jesus always implies the question: What do you choose?

Pastor Brian

Baptizing Pandemic Babies

Did you do a poor job of social distancing during the pandemic and now have a child to baptize?

1. Congratulations!
2. Contact Pastor Brian to schedule a date for baptism
3. Complete the [Baptism Form](#) and return it to the office.



What's New?

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 are now the first initial with the last name at the new domain of stjohnsbrookfield.org.

If you are unsure of the current email for a staff member, please use the links provided on the website by the staff pictures.

Until we are able to hire an Office Manager, the office email is admin@stjohnsbrookfield.org.



July 12, 19, 26

Yoga in the youth room
and
St. John's softball at Wirth Park

July 14

Training for Puppet Ministry
(see p. 4 for details)

July 9

Friday Family Fun Night

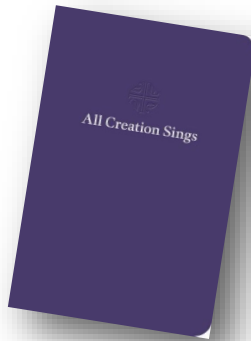
July 18 - car wash

St. John's parking lot during
worship

Worship and Music

Music Notes

Thank you to all who have donated to the new hymnal supplements! We are well on our way to reaching our goal but we still need 25-50 more. *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. The hymnals will be introduced in worship this September. The price is \$14.50 per book.

Peace,
Becky Whelpley
Director of Music

Summer Worship Schedule

July 4

One worship at 9:00 - inside

July 11 - August 29

8:30 a.m. - worship inside

10:00 a.m. - worship outside

- Bring a chair or a blanket if you wish to sit.
- Inclement weather will move the worship service in to the sanctuary.

Do you have a favorite hymn in the ELW?

Do we rarely sing it?

Now is your chance to suggest your favorites!

During the whole month of August, during the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, we will be inviting folks to request hymns that they would like to sing during the beginning and end of the service.

Questions about music at St. John's?

Contact Becky!



bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Video Equipment Update - Phase One



Phase One of updating the video equipment in the sanctuary is nearing completion. You will notice five new black cameras have replaced the two white cameras. Can you find all five when you come to worship?

The video equipment will allow for live streaming of our worship services. Once that is in place - *and the operators are adequately experienced* - we will go live every Sunday to Facebook and YouTube!

Would you like to join the AV team? Thorough training, practice and shadowing will be provided. Contact [Pam](#) to join the team and learn how to operate this fun new equipment!

Children, Youth & Families



Preschool Friends

Our Preschoolers show us that being a friend is easy to do!

St. John's Preschool Teachers guide children to share, take turns, cooperate, listen to others, manage disagreements, and see other's points of view. All part of Playing to Learn.

Ask us how your child can join St. John's Preschool in September.

Call 262-786-4298 or email lrickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org for more information.



Questions About Preschool?

Contact Laura:
262-786-4298 or
lrickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

call or text:
262-278-8021

email:
jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Puppet Ministry

Were you obsessed with Jim Henson and the Muppets? Can you make a silly voice? Then we need you!!! St. John's recently received a huge donation of puppet ministry materials to enhance our wonderful Children's Ministry puppets. Join us on Monday, July 14 at 6:00pm for our Puppet Ministry Kickoff and informational session! All ages welcome. Email Joanna to RSVP. jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org.



Children, Youth & Families



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.

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



We are looking for mentors for this years 9th grade students!!

If you are interested, it would include the following:

- Weekend retreat to Lutherdale 10/15 – 10/17
- Monthly gatherings with all confirmands and mentors on the 3rd Thursday of the month from November – April
- Confirmation service the 1st Sunday of May
- Helping to support your mentee on their faith journey as well as in every day life

It is suggested but not a must to meet other times through out the month to build that relationship with your mentee.

Contact Stephanie if you would be interested or have any questions.



Car Wash July 18

Park your car on the south side of the building **during worship** if you would like for your car to be washed by our high school and college youth! We will be taking donations for the car wash to go towards events that they will be attending including things like retreats, group outings, and mission trips.

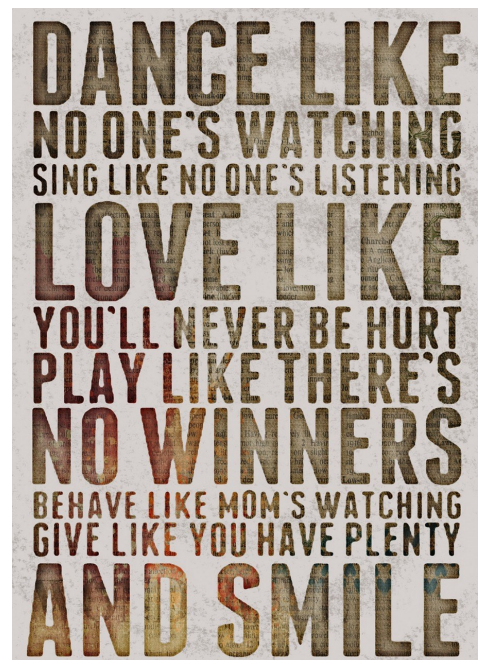


Financial Assistance Applications Open

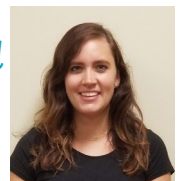
July 22 until all funds have been disbursed

Assistance is offered based on the financial need of youth participants and their families. Up to \$300 per youth participant may be provided to cover registration fees.

If you are interested in attending and would like to apply for the financial assistance, please contact Stephanie.



Contact Stephanie
with questions
about high school
and young adult
ministry at
St. John's

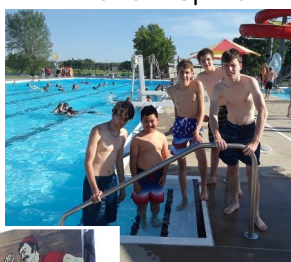


sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Troop 16

Camping and Biking

Our camp outing of the month was a 47 mile bike hike along the Sparta - LaCrosse trail. On Friday, we camped in the Dells. Saturday morning, six bikers left Sparta and went south to Wilton through two tunnels and then back one tunnel to Norwalk for 23 miles. A chase vehicle followed the bikers in case of physical or mechanical break downs. We set up camp in the Norwalk City Park and then drove to the Sparta pool for a refreshing swim on the 90 degree day. After Sunday



breakfast the bikers headed north through a mile long tunnel and then west along the

LaCrosse trail to Rockland and then turned back to Sparta for a 24 mile ride.



Meetings

In preparation for the bike hike, Nick Huebner organized a fun Bike Rodeo of races and competitions. The boys brought in their bikes for inspection and repairs by Bill Selle. A cupcake treat was shared by the troop as a reward for the troop having perfect attendance at a previous meeting. Other meetings during the month included Kickball, Ga Ga Ball, and Softball/Hot Dogs.

Court of Honor

The annual Outdoor Court of Honor was held in the St. John's fire bowl.

by Scoutmaster, Terry Hoeppner

The Mix-O game was played as the families arrived. Rank Advancement and Merit Badges were recognized. Other awards presented included Yearly Attendance, Yearly Participation, Monthly Participation, and Elroy Biking Participation. The meeting concluded with the retiring of four American flags.

Troop Guide Position

The Troop Guide troop position is held by Jonathan McMahon. He introduces new scouts to the troop and helps them to be comfortable in participating in troop activities.

Josh Balzer Leader Training

Josh Balzer attended the National Youth Leader Training in June. For goals he set at camp, he organized a high school climbing team and shaped up the troop room. He was awarded the NYLT Bolo upon completing his goals.

Monthly Rank Advancement

David McMahon - Scout
Donald McCarty - Tenderfoot

July Birthdays

1 Gail Mathes	9 Nicco Caravella	19 Michele Bertrand	26 Deborah Petersen
2 Karen Davis	10 Jack Nettekoven	19 Emma Campeau	26 Tom Potratz
2 Adalyn Elfers	10 Mary Spencer	19 Kari Stahl	26 Shirley Tutaj
2 Michael Wright	11 Ricky Wicklund	19 Charlotte Werner	27 Russ Brown
3 Michelle Werner	12 Kathi Campbell	20 Todd Luebstorf	28 Linda Klemm
4 Karmen Dippmann	12 Barb Falk	21 John Augustine	28 Janice Nelson
5 Todd Athorp	13 Ayla Visuri	21 Becca Chadwick	28 Jacob Roth
5 Cindy Schaefer	14 Mary Jo Menzel	22 Maggie Scanlon	29 Jean Borkenhagen
6 James Mathes	15 Gail Rennie	22 Jolene Turner	29 T.J. Chadwick
6 AJ Warp	15 Isabella Salinas	24 Kyle Cornelius	29 James Pirlot
7 Mickey Fank	16 Janet Nolan	25 Austin Fuller	30 Jan Delzer
7 Cali Walker	17 Sharon Mahoney	25 Bill Hughes	30 Tyler Rateike
8 Vicki Latus	17 Alice Yourell	26 Debbie Bruck	30 Ryan Walker
8 Barbara Reed	18 Mary Mueller	26 Sherry Olson	31 Missi Anderson
			31 Paul Moran

Outreach

July Focus: School Supplies for Students at All Peoples



Do you remember the thrill of a new box of crayons? You can make that happen for a student in Milwaukee. July brings the opportunity to help students start the school year prepared, confident, and ready to learn. Donations should be placed in the narthex by July 31.

There are FIVE different donation lists. One is a list of general supplies that are given loose. You may donate one thing, several things, or many things. The other four lists are to fill a backpack for a student of a specific age. All of the lists are available on the website. (In the "Events" section or under "What's New". Paper copies of the lists are available in the church narthex.



Creation Corner

Did you know?

The average American family takes home almost 1,500 plastic shopping bags a year, and only 1% are recycled!

Keep your reusable bags in your car so they are always with you.

Using cloth bags is not just for supermarkets!

Remember to use them at hardware stores, drug stores, clothing stores and the farmer's market too.



Holiday Bazaar

Yes, it's back! The St John's Holiday Bazaar will be held again this fall, **November 6, 2021** and we couldn't be more excited to see you all again! We've got great, new, creative ideas for the Bazaar this year. Help us fulfil them. We need all the help we can get!

We will, of course, follow all the COVID-19 guidelines at the level that St. John's Lutheran Church requires at the time of the Bazaar. We will update you as we get close to the date and as it pertains to each area.

More Good News! After having made the announcement in 2019 regarding the final St. John's Holiday Bazaar taking place in 2021 we have decided to extend another year to make up for last year. The committee will wait to disband in its current form until after the 2022 Bazaar is held on November 5, 2022. The 1st Saturday in November has been a day on which St. John's has welcomed the community to come and join us in mission for so many years. We hope it can continue to be a day of sharing with the community, that it might become something new. We offer support for those with a new vision. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide the missions and ministries of St. John's.

We intend to go out Strong!

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. Following are highlights from the June 14 Council meeting.

President Report

- On June 6, St. John's held its Annual Congregational Meeting. This annual meeting focused on sharing ministry reports and electing new Council members. The three new Council members are: Keith Paukner - Vice President, Kris Wasserman - At Large, and Jim Morgan - At Large. The outgoing members are: Jerry Hanson, Barb Lange, and Gary Schettler. Thank you to the outgoing Council members for their leadership and dedication to St. John's.

- St. John's is looking to hire a Financial Administrator and Office Administrator. If you or anyone you know feels called to serve, please reach out to the St. John's office for more details.
- Our partnership with GROTH Design Group continues to move along with two meetings scheduled for June.

Financial Report

- Over the past year we have been working to shift from Quick Books to our new accounting software platform, PowerChurch. The first phase of this move is complete. Thank you to Dawn Williams and Joe Schaefer for your countless hours on migrating us to PowerChurch.
- St. John's continues to be blessed with your faithful giving. We are in a strong financial position which allows us to

invest in and carry out the ministry goals set for 2020!

- With more than 45 days cash on hand, Council approved \$8,630 be moved into the Capitol Improvement fund.

Transition team

- We continue to monitor and review local health data and CDC guidelines.

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

St. John's Council

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Christine Hintze 262-993-4637

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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.

Summer Softball



Did you know St. John's has a men's softball team?

They play in a church league on Monday nights in the summer at Wirth Park. The remaining schedule is below. Looking for a fun outing on a Monday night? Come to Wirth Park and cheer for our team!

July 12 6:00 p.m.

July 19 7:00 p.m.

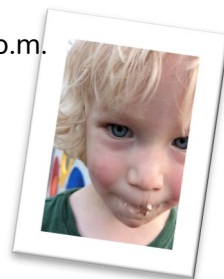
July 26 7:00 p.m.

August 2 7:00 p.m.

August 9 6:00 p.m.

See you at the ballpark!

Fun for kids of all ages!



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.

At Home Mission Trip



Thank You for the Food

Thank you so much to Carole Lewis, Karen Aamot, Kathy Sturgill, Marion Schreiber, Mary Sabin, Mary Tollander, and Mary Beth Gubbins for making these amazing lunches for the mission trip participants to enjoy! They were absolutely delicious!!

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

Staff emails have changed for Pastor Brian, Pam, Dan, Joanna, Stephanie, Laura, and Becky. 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 new emails (except Pastor) follow this format:

First initial, last name, @, stjohnsbrookfield.org

Pastor's email is: pastorbrian@stjohnsbrookfield.org

The general email for the office, until an Office Manager is hired, is admin@st.johnsbrookfield.org.

You will notice the domain name change from @makedisciples.com to stjohnsbrookfield.org.



Calendar of events for July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Online worship 9:00a outdoor worship 	5 office closed 9:30a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:00p AI-Anon	6 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p HR meeting 6:00p quilters	7 8:00a Retired Men's bfast 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS	1 3:00p Finance Team mtg 6:00p Faith Alive 6:00p AI-Anon	2 6:15a virtual men's group	3
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First Friday Family Fun Night



**Did you hear about our first Friday Family Fun Night?
Everyone had a ball!**

About forty St. John's fans of all ages came and enjoyed games like Gaga Ball, football, whiffle ball, golf, bean bag toss and more! We knocked it out of the park with old friends and new! Thanks to all who came out. It was a big hit!

On deck for July -- Rockets, smores, a campfire, and St. John's very own garage band, Da Dudes!

