



September 2021
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September

**PLANNING
& SCHEDULING**

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Beginning September 12

- 8:30 - worship in the sanctuary
and live streaming
- 9:30 - education/fellowship hour
- 10:30 - interactive family worship outside

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

- 5th - one combined worship at 9:00 a.m.
- 11th - 20th Anniversary of 9/11 Prayer Service
- 12th - Rally Day
- 19th - Healing Prayer Service & Labyrinth
- 26th - Quilt Sunday

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

September is the month for a good Rally!

Now that summer wanes and autumn approaches we move forward with another year of great worship, new ministry initiatives, educational programming, and fellowship. We have so much for which to be thankful. God continues to lead us and sustain us in our communal life at St. John's!

During this past summer we have been able to worship in person and outdoors with beautiful weather. Our Family Fun nights were just that - fun! It was great to see all of the kids and their parents, as well as many of our senior members, enjoying the time together - to visit, laugh, and share stories around the campfire or surrounded by water slides and a dunk tank.

In the following pages of the newsletter you will read about all that is being planned for the fall, including our small group ministries that will center on the book The Walk, starting in October. We hope that these small groups will enable us to meet and get to know new people and to form those faith bonds that are so vital to the life of each of us and the church. Our children, youth, and family ministries will once again provide the educational, social, and spiritual opportunities for growth for all of us.

We are also now streaming our worship service live thanks to our new cameras and technologies and to Pam Klink and Penny Holt who are learning how to use the technology effectively. So far, our services look great online - and we are reaching more people through that online service!

I am very excited as well that we have a new office manager, Cassie Heeps, who joined us in August. Cassie is a fine addition to our staff and will utilize her management experience to further the mission and ministries of St. John's.

I am very excited about what God has in store for us this year! We hope that you will join us in the mission of our church: to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world!

Pastor Brian

What's New?

9/11 Remembrance

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. St. John's will be offering a time of prayer and meditative music on 9/11 from 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. From 9:30 a.m. until noon we will have the sanctuary open and available for those wishing to stop by for individual prayer.

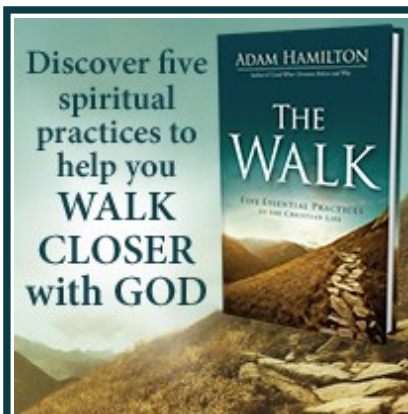
Healing Prayer Service

All who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives are invited to pray for themselves and for others during this service. Each person may come and receive a blessing and prayer as well as a physical gesture of healing such as the laying on of hands and the anointing of oil.

Please join us on Sunday, September 19, 2021 for a Healing service in the sanctuary.

4:00 p.m. come walk the labyrinth in the fellowship hall for some unguided meditation time. Kids, come make your own labyrinth to take home.

4:30 p.m. Healing service in the sanctuary.



Reconnect and Renew: The Walk

Beginning September 12

- Get your copy of the Adam Hamilton book, The Walk.
(Donations to help cover the cost of the book are appreciated.
The cost was \$10.99 per book.)
- Sign up for a small group.
- Get excited to reconnect and renew!

More info
on page 9

Worship and Music

Music Notes

Dear People of St. John's, We've missed you! We've missed you singing and praying and being together! We know it's been challenging, and we thank you for helping us get through this time!

St. John's Music Ministry will be back with our programming beginning in September and October. Please come and praise the Lord through music with us!

The Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

High school to adult welcome; please contact Becky Whelpley if you are considering joining.

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Play an instrument? Let Becky know! We have groups that provide special music throughout the year.

We just wrapped up a month of "hymn sings" at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship service where folks could suggest hymns they wanted to sing. We were able to sing 3-4 suggested hymns before each service in August. What a wonderful way to connect with each other, the whole church and the saints who have gone before us. When singing together our faith is not only expressed together, we also give praise and thank God for the love and faithfulness we are shown daily.

In September we are very pleased to begin introducing the new hymnal supplement "All Creation Sings" at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday service. If you would still like to make a donation towards this wonderful new resource, there are envelopes in the Narthex.

Questions about music at St. John's?


Contact Becky!

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Many thanks to all of the vocalists and instrumentalists that provided special music this summer during worship!





WE REMEMBER

Saturday, September 11

9:00-9:30 a.m. prayer and meditative music
9:30-Noon Sanctuary open for private prayer

Kids of the Kingdom

We are excited to be back in person this fall!! Kids of the Kingdom, our children's choir, will begin rehearsals in October and we need you!

Do you know any kids, ages 5-12, who love to sing? Invite them to join Kids of the Kingdom, where they will prepare music to present in worship once a month. KOTK spends time in rehearsal learning to sing and play instruments, creating dramatic presentations, and just having fun together.

Rehearsal is every Wednesday, October to May, from 5:15-6:00, followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

New friends are welcome to join at any time!

There is no cost to participate in KOTK. We just ask that families assist with meals on rehearsal evenings.

Contact Lisa with questions.

lisajwc@sbcglobal.net

**KIDS
of the
KINGDOM**

Handbell Choir

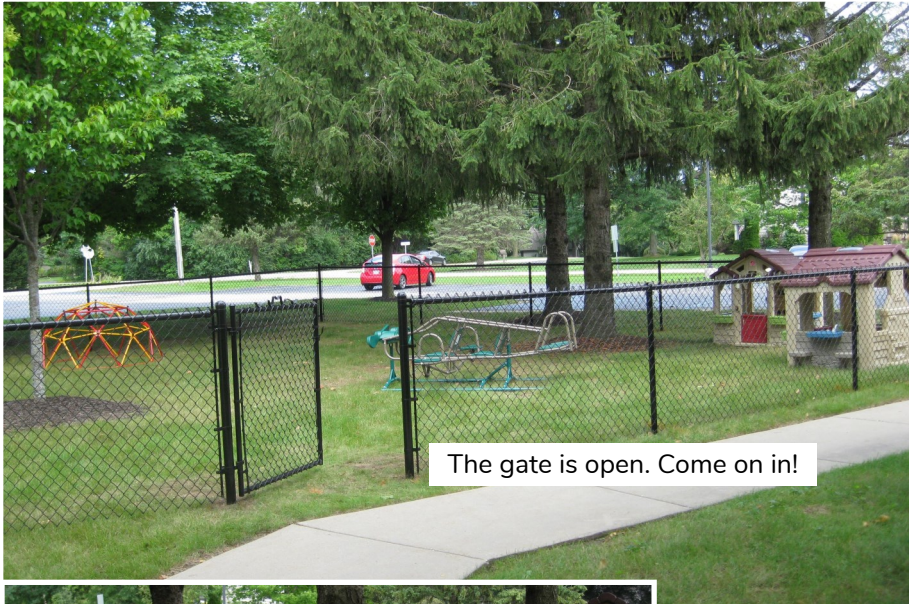
The handbell choir is excited to be planning for our 2021/2022 music and worship season. I am beginning to think about new music to both challenge and delight musicians and those who listen.

The handbell choir is looking for additional musicians. Do you read music? Do you like to laugh and be part of a close-knit team? If so, please contact me. I will be happy to meet with you ahead of our first rehearsal to share basic skills and answer your questions.

Weekly rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Heidi Bischmann
414-305-7812

Children, Youth & Families



The gate is open. Come on in!



Ready for take off.

Playing
to
Learn

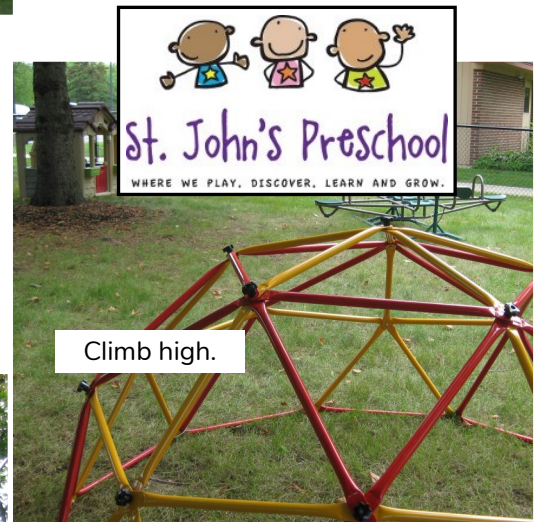


Won't you be my neighbor?

Build It and They Will Play!

Apologies to The Field of Dreams but it has been a dream to have a play area here at St. John's. So, when St. John's Preschool received grant funding this past school year, our dream became the Outdoor Learning Center. Soon it'll be filled with preschoolers during the week and our Sunday School children whenever they're here.

Join us on Rally Day, September 12, at the 10:30 service for the dedication. And you know there will be children playing!



Climb high.

The Outdoor Learning Center is intended for children ages two to five, adult supervision is required.

Classes Start September 1

Preschool classes are back in session on September 1. We are super excited to have children in the building again!

Of course, for the safety of our children, when Preschool is in session, the doors to the church remain locked. Please buzz at the office doors if you need access to the building during school time.

Questions About Preschool?

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



Children, Youth & Families

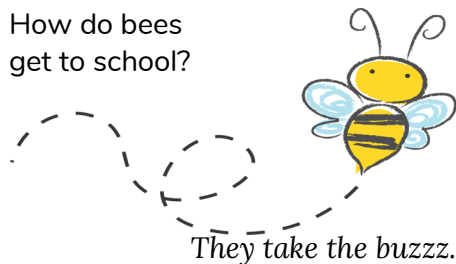
Children, Youth, and Family Masking Statement



We are connected by our Lutheran faith to love one another by following Jesus. At St. John's that faithfulness and love is a strong bond. Using recent data and guidelines set by national and state agencies, we strongly encourage and recommend that you wear a mask when gathering indoors, particularly in public gatherings such as worship. We believe that this is an effective way to protect one another.

For Children, Youth and Family programming, including indoor Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation, and 10:30 Family Worship, **we value being able to connect in-person.** For the fall, we **strongly recommend and encourage** all to be masked during programming; young children masked as able.

How do bees get to school?



Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

Joanna is available by email at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org 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!



Sunday Evening Education at St. John's

5th - 8th Grade

We are excited to offer **in person** programming on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00pm for our 5th -8th graders. Similar to last year, we will meet on an every other week schedule, with 5th & 6th grade and 7th & 8th graders alternating weeks.

7th & 8th grade Confirmation begins on September 26.

5th & 6th grade Bible Overview Class begins on October 3.

Questions? Contact Joanna.

CYF September Calendar

September 12

- 9:30 a.m. Rally Day Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Family Outdoor Worship

September 19

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Family Outdoor Worship & Yoking of 9th Grade Confirmation Students
- 4:00 p.m. Prayer Labyrinth followed by Healing Service at 4:30 p.m.

September 26

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Family Outdoor Worship
- 4:30 p.m. 7th & 8th grade Confirmation

October 3

- The Walk begins
- Bible Distribution for 4K & 3rd grade students in worship
- 5th & 6th grade Bible Class begins at 4:30 p.m.!

Family Worship

Beginning September 12, join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for Family Worship. Interactive components will be incorporated into worship with the Praise Band for a whole family worship experience. Designed for kids, teens, parents, and grandparents. It will be engaging and joyful!

Register

This registration covers all programming for children and youth offered at St. John's. **Only one form needed per family.**

Link: <https://forms.gle/aujKLMu7JzPp4rh4A>

Sunday School Plans

We are excited to see each other in person this fall!

Rally Day - September 12

Families of children ages 2-8th grade, join us for Sunday School kick off on Rally Day! We will gather outside in the circle drive at 9:30! We will sit in a drum circle, have a root beer float, join a relay race, and celebrate being able to re-connect!

Going Forward

For September, and for as long as the weather holds, we will be OUTSIDE!!! Outdoor Sunday morning programming will be for ages 2-8th grade. High Schoolers are welcome as Leaders!

If inclement weather, we will meet in the Sanctuary.

Questions? Contact Joanna.

Children, Youth & Families



Service Project

October 10 | 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Friends of Grant Park are looking for high school aged – adults to man their Trek 'n Treat stations! Kids who attend and volunteers are encouraged to dress up. Volunteers will hand out baggies of candy, and tell the kids about the plants, animals, and/or something related to the environment at the park. If you would like to volunteer, sign up here before September 23:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAA2DA0F85-trek>

Fall Youth Group Calendar

“Youth Group” is the term used at St. John’s to refer to all activities and programming for all kids in high school.

High School Youth Group will begin each week with a small optional meal from 4:30-5:00 p.m. with programming from 5:00-6:00 p.m. If your family/youth are not comfortable joining us for the meal, they are more than welcome to just come at 5:00 when programming begins.

| Date | Event | Time |
|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 9/12/2021 | Rally Day | Both Services |
| 9/19/2021 | 9th Grade Yoking | 10:30 worship |
| 9/26/2021 | Reconnecting | 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| 10/3/2021 | The Walk | 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| 10/10/2021 | Trek n Treat @ Grant Park | 12:30-4:00 p.m. |
| 10/10/2021 | The Walk | 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| 10/17/2021 | The Walk | 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| 10/24/2021 | The Walk | 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| 10/31/2021 | No Class - Halloween | --- |



Youth Gathering

Financial Assistance Applications open until all funds are 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.

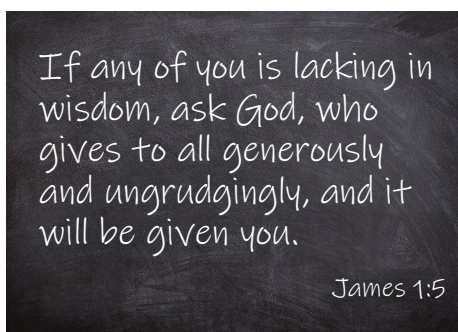
If you are interested in attending and would like to apply for the financial assistance, please contact Stephanie.

Registration is open!

Only one form per family is needed.

Click this link—or find the link on our website—to register your children for programming at St. John’s for the 2021-2022 year. This registration covers all programming for children and youth offered at St. John’s.

Link: <https://forms.gle/aujKLMu7JzPp4rh4A>



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



sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Adult Education

Intention: To provide learning opportunities that enhance our knowledge of God and us in the world.

Adult Ed is an opportunity to reconnect with others at St. John's and to renew our understanding of God's love and call for us through lectures, discussions and book studies.

A variety of opportunities will be offered throughout the year. Here is the general schedule so far:

- September 19 and 26, between services: Pastor Brian will lead a discussion based on the book, We Make the Road by Walking, by Brian McLaren
- October 3 through November 7: Church wide book study of The Walk by Adam Hamilton. There will be a variety of times and groups to choose from, including Sunday mornings.
- December 5 and ongoing: There will be a drop- in discussion group on Sunday mornings. This will be an informal group, self-directed and focusing on the readings and Gospel for each Sunday. Resources will be available to enhance the discussion.
- December 5 and 12: Lectures on prophets and the messiah by Pastor Kris Ruffatto, held on Sunday afternoon.

Look for new offerings in 2022 including a study of Love is the Way by Bishop Michael Curry during Lent, facilitated by Rev. Carol Wasemiller.

Please use Sign up Genius on the church website, beginning September 12.

Outreach

Faithful Friends - Make a Meal

AN ENDING AND A NEW BEGINNING!

Faithful Friends-Make a Meal Ministry grew out of Women's Ministries at St. John's. For many years (with the exception of the Covid hiatus), this ministry coordinated St. John's members who were willing to take a meal... or two... or three or more, to a member who had an illness, a surgery, or some other need. In addition to the delicious meals, the friendly smiles and well wishes have brightened the days for those whose lives were touched. These meals and visits have all been a BLESSING!

Carole Lewis and Judy Klawitter have been the coordinators since 2008. They extend their sincere thanks to each of you who have answered their calls and shared God's love in this heart-warming ministry throughout the years!

Over time, good ministries may come to an end, or develop a new approach. That is now true for Faithful Friends – Make a Meal



Ministry. The NEW BEGINNING will have the same purpose, but it will be done in a different way. To participate in this ministry going forth, we will be using Sign-up Genius, which will be put online through the office. We are now looking for a coordinator/ coordinators for this special

ministry. They will make the initial call to see if someone might be in need of a meal. That information will be passed on to Cassie Heeps, who will then set up the Sign-up Genius. This ministry is based on our core value of nurturing relationships with one another.

Time commitment will be minimal.

If you are interested, please contact Cassie Heeps, the new Office Manager, for more information at 262-786-6887 or admin@stjohnsbrookfield.org.

Watch the St. John's newsletter for more about a brand NEW BEGINNING to this ministry. And then, please step forward joyfully, as you have in the past years, to serve the Lord and your St. John's family, in this kind and caring way.

Outreach

September Focus: ELCA World Hunger

Working with and through our congregations in the U.S., Lutheran churches around the world, and other partners, [ELCA World Hunger](https://www.elca.org/hunger) is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality. Through this comprehensive approach, we work to address hunger from all angles — both domestically and globally.

As in years past we ask all to prayerfully consider either a significant one time donation, OR consider monthly giving to help fight world hunger through our “Burger A Month” club. As always, there are bundles of convenient reminder envelopes available for anyone wishing to help out through monthly giving.

Learn more at <https://www.elca.org/hunger>

Thank you St. John's!!

St. John's, you've done it again!!! Thanks to all of you, we have gathered many, many personal hygiene items for the folks at Hope Center, when the need has been greater than ever! Throughout the month of August, it was heart-warming to see the donations coming in! As always, our congregation was very generous!

Please know that your kindness will bring many smiles, and you will have made a difference with each item that you have given!

Our need for these items is ongoing. Please continue to drop off personal hygiene items in the Hope Center bin (in the Donation Location).

We thank you again for your caring hearts!

Reconnect with the Holiday Bazaar

RECONNECT with the Holiday Bazaar. St. John's Holiday Bazaar is back. We've missed you all so much! And we really need YOUR HELP!



Canning is back in a big way with the new Pressure Cookers! If you give it a try save a few jars for the Holiday Bazaar.

Make sure to set aside some time for creating and crafting. Channel your creativity and make a few extra items for the Bazaar.

Christmas themed items are always a hit, as well as cards, baby blankets, afghans, kitchen towels, hot pads, table runners, gift items and jewelry. Pinterest has a wealth of ideas for the latest popular Christmas crafts.



So, come one come all - All are welcome to participate in the Annual St. John's Holiday Bazaar! Saturday, November 6

It's time to prepare.

Look for information on how to sign up on the church website to see where you can Reconnect with the Holiday Bazaar:

- what you can make
- what you can bake
- where you can help on the big day.

Questions? Contact Pam Brown
Email: pkayebrown@yahoo.com

Reconnect and Renew: The Walk

So, what is The Walk? Where are we walking? Who's on the walk? Our community of St. John's is about to embark on an exciting adventure. We are going to focus on intentional strengthening of our daily walk with God. We are ready to take the next steps as individuals and as a church to grow in our faith journey together.

How will this happen?

- 1. Worship.** It will happen as we worship and pray together on Sunday mornings. The music, liturgy and sermons will delve into the Biblical passages that will guide us as we follow Jesus. We will take this walk together. Maybe you have missed regular in-person worship during the past pandemic year. What a celebration it will be to reconnect and renew our walk with Jesus! Don't miss any of the six Sundays in October and November!
- 2. Small Groups.** Our attention will be on a powerful book – *The Walk* – by Adam Hamilton. Some of you have studied Pastor Hamilton's books in your small groups. This readable, practical book gives down-to-earth examples of how Jesus walked with God and how we can enhance our daily walk. You will easily relate to Pastor Hamilton's familiar real-life experiences and favorite Bible stories. The five practices at the core of the daily walk are: Worship/Pray, Listen, Serve, Give and Shine. Whether you have been walking with God your entire life or are seeking to begin the journey, these five practices will challenge you to live out your faith! On Rally Sunday, Sept.12, you may sign-up for a small group in the church lobby, get your copy of *The Walk*, and prepare for your first discussion group meeting on Week 1. These meetings will be informal and fun!
- 3. Reconnect.** We will have many opportunities to reconnect during the weeks of *The Walk*. You are welcome to coffee and fellowship between services in the Fellowship Hall. Join in the many on-going outreach opportunities such as garden volunteering, monthly ministries, and, of course, the very popular Holiday Bazaar on November 6. Sunday, November 14, we will celebrate *The Walk* at an all-congregation luncheon!
- 4. Children.** All ages will be walking with Christ together! Our Sunday School children and Youth Group will learn how to walk with Jesus in their daily lives - in their family, school, and activities. So, Kids.... sign up on Rally Day in the lobby for your special small groups.
- 5. Pray.** Finally - but most importantly of all...pray for this six-week event. The pastors and team are excited about walking with all of you. Invite your friends and neighbors to this very special opportunity. It is our goal to have the entire congregation involved in *The Walk*. We trust that the Holy Spirit will be at work in our personal lives and our congregation's life as we grow in our walk with God and let our lives Shine.

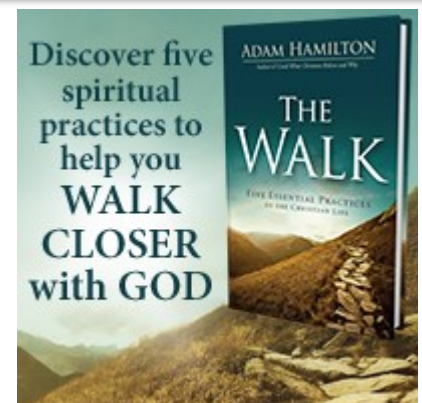
See you on *The Walk*!

Jesus told his disciples, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." (John 13: 34-35)

You Can Be a Facilitator

If you are interested in being more involved in this 6-week, all-congregation adventure please consider becoming a facilitator of a small group learning about *The Walk*. Facilitators will choose a day and time of the week for the 90-minute discussion. Members can sign up for a small group on Rally Day choosing one that best fits into their schedules. The resources available for facilitators include a Leader's guide and an opportunity to meet with other facilitators in September prior to the start of this learning adventure.

Please contact Kathy Davis kwdavis@wi.rr.com to join the team.



Troop 16

During the summer the troop slows down its activities, but we don't stop!

The troop participated in the Scout Expo held at the Corners Shopping Center. Ten troops demonstrated scout skills in the Market Square. Some of the skills included Pinewood Derby, Sail Boat Regatta, and cooking donut holes. Our troop demonstrated the seven



basic scout knots - Square, Bowline, 2 half hitches, Taut-line Hitch, Clove Hitch, Timber Hitch, & Sheet Bend. Guests to the booth received a patch for their participation.

The Annual Corn Roast was held in the St. John's Fire Bowl. The Chapmans hosted the roast and did all

by Scoutmaster, Terry Hoeppner

the preparation. The uniform of the day were the boy's favorite shirts from Long Lake Summer Camp or previous High Adventures. The evening began with a softball game where the "We" team beat the "They" team, 18 to 9. To conclude the evening, after the corn, advancement awards were distributed. and three American flags were retired.

The News Article Historian position is held by Dominic Eggert & Jacob Nienhaus. They alternate writing the monthly troop articles for the St. John's Inspire.

Year's Attendance Honors

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| 1 year | Nolan Nelson |
| 2 year | Matt Watson |
| | Jacob Nienhaus |
| 3 year | Zac Watson |
| 6 year | Will McCoy |

September Birthdays

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| 2 Nicci Gillette | 9 Matt Sternkopf |
| 2 Angie Grimord-Caravella | 10 Brent Logan |
| 3 Leah Bohne | 11 Bryan Franzen |
| 3 Dorothy Hintz | 11 Anna Resop |
| 3 Heidi Hornung | 12 Patricia Dybro |
| 4 Cheryl Granlund | 14 Melissa Caravella |
| 4 Teri Quam | 14 Pat Johnson |
| 5 Dick Gennerman | 15 Sean Beug-Hoffman |
| 5 Penelope Slater | 15 Ray Fuerstenberg |
| 5 Chris Wagner | 15 Linda Gugel |
| 6 Ezekiel Beyerlein | 16 Coleen Marshall |
| 7 Tim Tollander | 18 Weston Wiegelman |
| 7 Bennett Warp | 19 Cheryl Hintze |
| 8 Calla Gatzke | 20 Miles Sternkopf |
| 8 Ryan Zahn | 21 Mary Schwartz |
| 9 Jim Gaulke | |



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| 21 Melissa Seamonson |
| 22 Laura Rickinger |
| 22 Kathy Sturgill |
| 23 John Murack |
| 24 Pauline Shoemaker |
| 25 Hayden Fritz |
| 27 Joy Miller |
| 27 Charlotte Moran |
| 27 Jackie Scanlon |
| 29 Jackson Rebisch |
| 29 Lucy Schettler |
| 30 Emily Brooks |
| 30 Linnea Logan |
| 30 Nancy Olson |
| 30 Dave Sturgill |



Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. Following are highlights from the Aug 9 Council meeting.

President Report

- Have you heard? There is one more Family Fun night of the summer season on Friday, August 20 and will focus on water games. All ages welcomed.
- A GROTH Design meeting will be held on August 24 to explore potential internal and external design enhancements and the prospective costs associated with those ideas. Stay tuned for more details!
- This Fall, Pastor Frank and an energetic team will support a congregational wide book read (The Walk by Adam Hamilton) focusing on Reconnecting & Renewing our spirituality. Look for ways to participate in the upcoming weeks.
- St. John's is looking to hire a bookkeeper. If you or anyone you know feels called to serve, please reach out the St. John's office for more details.
- With the recent technology enhancements in the sanctuary, St. John's will be live streaming the 8:30 service every Sunday starting August 15. Recorded services will still be available to

watch via YouTube for those who prefer that option.

Financial Report

- St. John's remains in a strong financial position allowing us to invest in and carry out the ministry goals sets for 2021! Thank you for your faithful giving.

Transition team

- A Transition Team is scheduled for August 17, to examine the recent rise in the Delta Covid variant and how that may affect St. John's this fall and winter.

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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Planning Update

Planning Committee Status

After meetings in June and July with our Groth Design consultant, eight scopes (stages) were defined that summarized the needs and wants for our church renovation. At the consultant's suggestion, we asked VJS Construction Services company to estimate financial costs for the various scopes. Their detailed estimates were presented in August to the renovation planning committee and the church finance committee. This provided important input for establishing priorities among the scopes (stages) as we develop our long-term multi-year master renovation plan.

John Almasi,
Planning Committee Chair

Creation Corner

Did you know?

Many electronics continue to draw electricity even when turned off or in standby mode. By utilizing power strips, you can control the power usage to clusters of devices and eliminate the power and \$\$ drain.

Avoid energy vampires! Plug your electronics into power strips to turn off when not in use.



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.

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:

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| 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 | Brian C | |
| Gregg and Joy M's Grandson Cole | Sharon Mahoney's Friend Betty | | |
| 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
Irickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Meet Cassie

Cassie Heeps is the new Office Manager at St. John's. Cassie moved back to Wisconsin in 2021 after having lived in Arizona the last six years. Cassie has a passion for helping others and is currently enrolled in school to finish her bachelor's in forensic psychology. Outside of work and school Cassie enjoys relaxing, swimming, and spending time with her family; her fiancé Joe and 3-year-old daughter Gabriella.

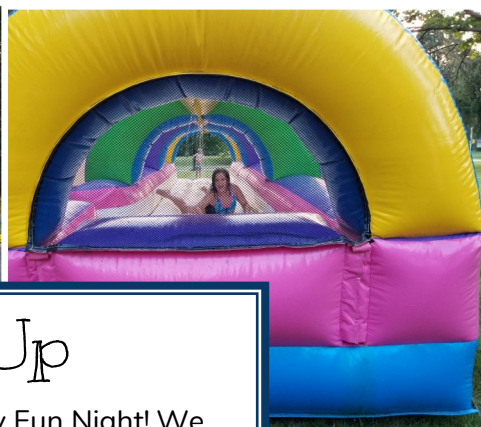


Cassie's part-time hours will vary. She may be reached in the office and her email address is admin@stjohnsbrookfield.org.

Calendar of events for September 2021

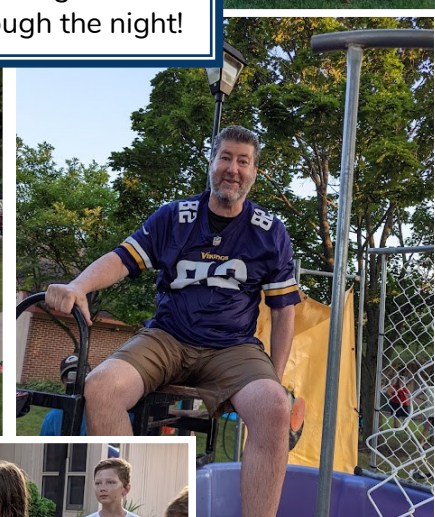
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 8:00a Retired Men's bfast 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p Walk planning mtg | 2 6:00p Faith Alive 6:00p Al-Anon | 3 6:15a virtual men's group | 4 |
| 5 9:00a indoor worship 6:00p Al-Anon | 6 Labor Day 9:30a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:00p Al-Anon | 7 8:30a virtual property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:30p HR meeting 7:00p Boy Scouts | 8 9:30a Morning Circle 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal | 9 3:00p Finance Team mtg 6:00p Al-Anon | 10 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a prayer shawl group | 11 9:00a 9/11 Remembrance |
| 12 Rally Day 8:30a indoor worship 9:30a education hour 10:30a outdoor worship 2:00p Pieper Porch event 6:00p Al-Anon | 13 9:30a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 1:00p women's Bible study 6:00p Al-Anon 6:30p council mtg | 14 8:30a virtual property team 9:00a woman's Bible study 10:00a staff mtg 4:00p stewardship mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal 7:00p Boy Scouts | 15 12:00p Retired Men's lunch 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal | 16 9:00a quilters 6:00p Faith Alive 6:00p Al-Anon | 17 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a Friday Book Club 7:00p Women of Faith book club | 18 |
| 19 8:30a indoor worship 9:30a education hour 10:30a outdoor worship 4:30p Healing Prayer Service & Labyrinth 6:00p Al-Anon | 20 9:30a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:00p Al-Anon | 21 8:30a virtual property team 9:00a woman's Bible study 10:00a staff mtg 1:00p Tuesday Book Club 6:30p handbell rehearsal 7:00p Boy Scouts | 22 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal | 23 6:00p Al-Anon | 24 6:15a virtual men's group | 25 |
| 26 Quilt Sunday 8:30a indoor worship 9:30a education hour 10:30a outdoor worship 4:30p confirmation (7/8) 6:00p Al-Anon | 27 9:30a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:00p Al-Anon | 28 8:30a virtual property team 9:00a woman's Bible study 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal 7:00p Boy Scouts | 29 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal | 30 6:00p Al-Anon | | |

“Water” Way to End the Summer!



Summer Wrap-Up

Thanks to all who joined us for our August Family Fun Night! We splashed, slipped, slid, played and dunked our way through the night!



Calling all women of St. John's

All women of St. John's are invited to an informal gathering in the beautiful backyard of Pieper Porch Winery on Sunday, September 12, 2-5 p.m.

Light snacks will be provided. Wine by the glass or by the tasting flight is available for purchase. Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon with women of all ages from St. John's ... and feel free to bring a friend! (Chairs are available, but feel free to bring your own.)

Contact Sonja Beyerlein with questions: 262-510-7547 or sjc@beyerlein.com. RSVPs appreciated but not necessary!

Pieper Porch winery is located at S67W28435 River Road, Waukesha, 53189.



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