

March 2022 Stay Informed. Be Inspired.

# Lent & Holy Week Worship

Lent is a season of reflection, preparation, Ash Wednesday, March 2 and healing. Join us in worship as you 12:00 worship journey through Lent. 6:30 worship Wednesdays. March 9, 16, Worship includes communion and imposition of ashes 23, 30, and April 6 12:00 worship Moundy Thursday, April 14 12:00 worship 6:30 worship Good Friday, April 15 12:00 worship Reflect | Prepare | Heal 6:30 worship

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### **Pastor Ponders**

#### by Pastor Brian Halverson

The month of March brings a season to which many people anticipate with great enthusiasm – March Madness. It is the culmination of the college basketball season in which 68 college teams are selected to play for the national championship. It is the next biggest event after the holiest of holy days in sports – the Super Bowl. After March Madness, we look forward to the conclusion of the pro basketball season with the NBA playoffs and the possibility that the team of which we are fans, is there at the finals. After a long summer of baseball, we have the World Series that concludes now at the end of October/beginning of November. For added bonuses we have the Olympics, World Cup soccer, the Indy 500, and many more sporting events to watch. We watch to experience the "thrill of victory and the agony of defeat".

The church has its seasons as well. It begins with the birth of Christ, followed by Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and the seasons that follow those holy days. In March, we have our own version of March Madness – Lent. It is a time in which we read in the Scriptures the madness of the world and how it culminated in the death of Jesus. March also is the month, in many years, in which Easter is celebrated and we hear the stories of Jesus' resurrection. We experience the agony of defeat and then the thrill of victory!

In our baptism we are initiated into the rhythm of the seasons. Through our life-long journey with Christ, we not only hear and read about the passion of Christ, but we experience it through the relationship we have with Jesus. We know that these seasons are the rhythms of our church lives that shape and deepen our understanding of the gospel and enlighten our work in God's mission in the world.

Pastor Bria

### What's New?

#### Lenten Worships

Ash Wednesday March 2 Noon and 6:30 p.m.

**Lent Wednesdays** March 9-April 6 Noon worship

### Family Fun Night

Kids of all ages (yes, adults included) are invited to the Preschool Family Fun Night on March 8. Wildlife in Need Center is coming from 6:00-7:30 p.m. You won't want to miss it! You might get to meet Marcy, the opossum ambassador.



### Small Groups a Key Part of St. John's Ministry

Are you a part of a small group at St. John's? Many of you are. It may be a study group, a service group, a caring group, or even a softball team or yoga class. We have a booklet that outlines the various groups at St. John's. It takes 18 pages to describe them all!

Small Groups are key to St. John's ministry. I like to think of my faith journey at St. John's at three levels:

Congregational Worship – A powerful and renewing experience on Sunday morning where we as a community are blessed with great

music, great preaching of God's important. Small Groups fill the word, and powerful prayer. gap between the two. We

Individual Time Alone with God (TAWG) – Our personal regular one on one devotional time with God. It may involve Bible reading, prayer, meditation, or the use of prepared devotional material.

Small Groups – Spending time together to learn, serve, and grow in our relationship with God and each other. God did not intend us to do this alone.

Congregational worship is powerful. Our individual TAWG is

important. Small Groups fill the gap between the two. We recognize this as a congregation and encourage everyone to be involved in a Small Group. Not a member of a group? Considering joining one? Possibly considering forming a new group with fellow members of St. John's with similar interests? Our new Small Group Ministry Team is here to help. Contact us.

 Ralph Berglund (<u>ralph.berglund@gmail.com</u>)
 is Small Group Ministry Team Leader

### Worship and Music

#### Lenten Wednesdays



We are looking forward to our Lenten journey with you! We will be offering a **Wednesday noon** service during Lent that will be a combination of The Holden Evening Prayer, hymns, readings and communion.

Please join us each Wednesday, March 9 to April 6, at noon.



bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Mark your calendars! St. John's is pleased to be having a Music Camp June 13-16, 2022. This exciting camp will offer a fun filled atmosphere exploring Church music including singing, ringing and drumming. Camp will run from 9-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday for those who have completed 5K kindergarten-6th grade. Volunteers 7th gradeadult needed.

Save the art

More information to come.

Ash Wednesday, March 2, worship at Noon and 6:30 p.m. Lent Wednesdays, March 9-April 6, worship at Noon.

### "Love Is The Way" Lenten 2022 Study

"You are invited to walk the path of love with one of the warmest most beloved spiritual leader of our time and learn how to put faith into action" (from <u>Love is the Way</u> book cover, 2020).

Read <u>LOVE IS THE WAY;</u> <u>HOLDING ON TO HOPE IN</u> <u>TROUBLING TIMES</u> by Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

> Questions? Contact Carol Wasemiller at <u>clinnea@yahoo.com</u> or 847-651-4694

Sign up for a Zoom group facilitated by Rev. Caro Wasemiller:

- Sundays, 5pm-6pm, March 6, 13, 20, 27, & April 3, 10 or
- Wednesdays, 6:30pm 7:30pm, March 9, 16, 23, 30, & April 6, 13
- Sign-up Genius at <u>makedisciples.com</u> website.

Other groups are welcome to use the resources.

group Stop by the display in the narthex Carol for more information and browse sample copies. You may buy the book through your favorite source.



## **Children, Youth & Families**





Everyone is invited to meet our Animal Ambassadors. It's not just for kidsgrownups will learn while having fun, too!



### **Make Your Summer Plans**



### Vbs is back!!!

July 18-22, 2022 9:00am - 4:30pm

Join us this summer as St. John's and Lutherdale Bible Camp partner to host a week-long day camp at St. John's!



June 13-16, 2022 9:00-11:30

Campers: 5K kindergarten-6th grade Volunteers: 7th grade-adult

St. John's Lutheran Church

### **Children, Youth & Families**

#### Children, Youth, and Family Masking Statement

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 now, we **strongly recommend and encourage** all to be masked during programming; young children masked as able.

### Sunday Evening Education at St. John's

We are excited to offer IN PERSON programming for our Middle Schoolers on Sunday evenings.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Calendar

- Mar 6 Connect Class, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Mar 20 No class due to Spring Break
- Mar 25 Garcade Outing, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Calendar

- Mar 13 Confirmation Class, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Mar 25 Garcade Outing, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- Mar 27 Confirmation Class, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

### Family Worship

Join us Sunday Mornings at 10:30 for Family Worship. We've incorporated interactive components into worship with the band for a whole family worship experience. Designed for kids, teens, parents, and grandparents.

#### Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

Joanna is available by email at <u>jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org</u> or by call or text at 262-278-8021.



Lent

Stop by the

table in the

narthex and

pick up a

family packet

for Lent!

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

### Sunday School

Join us during Lent as we explore health through a rich and interactive curriculum from ELCA World Hunger! We'll focus on our physical, mental, and spiritual health and highlight how God it at work healing our neighbors and us.

Questions? Contact Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org.



Join us for Sunday <mark>Sch</mark>ool in Lent!

Weekly on Sundays

In person at 9:30am or via Zoom at 6:30pm

Ages 2 - 6th grade

Contact Joanna for more info. jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org

### **First Communion**

<u>First Communion Class</u> Palm Sunday April 10, 2022 9:30 a.m.

<u>First Communion Service</u> Maundy Thursday April 13, 2022 6:30 p.m.



Is your child ready to take communion? Here at St. John's we welcome children of any age to the Table when you as a family feel it is appropriate. We will be holding 1st Communion this year on Maundy Thursday at 6:30pm, with a Communion Chat with Pastor Brian for families the Sunday before. Please RSVP to Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org and fill out the form online. Link to form --> https://forms.gle/eGPiyAh2Te7ne6bm6

### **Children, Youth & Families**

### Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time	
3/6	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm	•
3/13	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm	i
3/17	9th Graders/ Mentors	6:30-7:30pm	\ \ \
3/20	Spring Break	No group	!
3/25	The Garcade	2:00-5:00pm	1
3/27	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm	

"Youth Group" is the term used at St. John's to refer to all program activities for high schoolers.

High School Youth Group begins 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 may come at 5:00 for programming.

### Healing Prayer Pouches

Every week during Lent, the youth group is putting together a pouch for you to take home and use to pray.

These pouches have everything you need including instructions on different ways to pray for yourself and others.

We encourage you to grab a pouch after worship either on Wednesdays or Sunday morning.

One pouch per person. Look for the blue bucket!





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

### The Garcade

Come join us for UNLIMITED play of over 175 different arcade games on March 25 at The Garcade in Menomonee Falls from 2-5 p.m. Sign up so we can give the company an estimate of how many are coming.

Garcade Sign Up

### Encouragement To Sign Up To Assist At The 10:30 Family Worship

Middle and High School Students are welcome to serve as readers, prayer leaders, A/V assistants, and Communion Assistants at the 10:30 Family Worship. (Adults can do these, too!)

- Readers: Read the Bible Lessons for the week. You will get the reading in advance to practice.
- Prayer Leader: Lead the congregation in the Prayer of the day or the Prayer Petitions during worship. These will be provided in advance to practice.
- A/V Assistant: Operate the PowerPoint slides during worship. Learn the camera system.
- Communion Assistants: Serve communion with the Pastor.

Training is available and provided for all of these. <u>Sign Up Here</u>



### 2500 Youth Silent Auction Thank Yous

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items/baskets & treats for our silent auction fundraiser. Another giant thank you to those who bid on baskets and won some amazing things to take home! The youth were able to raise **\$2500** to go towards our mission trip this summer to Georgia!!



### **Outreach and Lenten Opportunities**

#### Loaves and Fishes

St. John's has the privilege to serve a meal to the hungry of Waukesha County. The program, known as Loaves and Fishes, provides the meal at the Hope Center.

Sign up to either set up and prepare the food or to serve the food and clean up.

#### Sign up here.



#### SHE a Lenten Series

Dr. Crystal Hall teaches biblical United studies at Lutheran Seminary and is a certified life coach for women in ministry. She's hosting a Lenten webinar series for women in ministry at 7:00 p.m. EST on Thursday during Lent.

Gain actionable tools you can apply in your ministry working with difficult people, setting boundaries and addressing sexism.

Open to seminarians, clergy, staff and volunteers.

It's free! Register at https:// www.crystalhallphd.com/events.



March Outreach Focus: Luther Manor

Luther Manor is a faith-based care facility which offers a continuum of care for seniors from independent living all the way through hospice care. It is located in the city of Wauwatosa, and serves a diverse

population. A donation to Luther Manor Foundation helps support their in-house and community outreach activities. We will also be cookies to be distributed collecting by volunteers, now known as "cookies and conversation".

Details to follow.

Cookies and Conversation

**Lutheran Manor** 

Contact Mary Tollander with questions.



**Together in Hope: Stories of Partnership** 2022 LENTEN DEVOTIONS Monday - Saturday | Beginning Ash Wednesday 3/2 PF 🕅 🙀 🕶 🕜 outreachforhope.org/lenten-devotions

### **Outreach for Hope Daily Lenten Devotions**

Mondays through Saturdays from Ash Wednesday (March 2) through Easter Vigil (April 16), we'll be releasing 40 days of video devotions by our Ministry Partners, supporters and staff.

Sign up to receive these devotions on your preferred platform:

EMAIL: If you didn't already subscribe to our Lenten Devotions email list in a previous year, <u>click here</u> to sign up to receive daily emails with links to our video devotions and written transcripts. (Make sure to select "Yes, sign me up for Lenten Devotion updates!" for the final question on the sign-up form.)

**YOUTUBE:** Subscribe to Outreach for Hope on YouTube to get in-app notifications when we release new video devotions.

PRINT PDF: Visit our Lenten Devotion webpage to download the full set of devotion written transcripts as a printable PDF when it becomes available (soon!).

We hope this series will inspire you to reflect on the gifts of partnership and accompaniment, and how we might put them into practice within our own faith community. May our Savior's spirit of abundant grace and love be with you and yours this Lenten season.

### **Troop 16**

On the weekend of February 19 and 20, nine of our scouters attended the overnight camping weekend at the MacKenzie Center near Poynette. Our troop joined three other troops totaling 50 scouters, with activities including the following:

Indoor archery

Snowshoeing

• GPS/geocaching



- Animal tracking/snowshoeing
- Plaster animal track molds
- Compass orienteering
- Shelter building



On Saturday evening, a game of Pictionary was hosted by our own Bill Selle, along with other board games. To even the cooking and clean-up workload between the four total troops, each troop took turns cooking one respective meal and another troop cleaned-up the kitchen and dining hall. Troop 16 was no exception, as we cooked Sloppy Joes and Mac & Cheese for Saturday's lunch, and cleaned up Sunday's breakfast.

Our Annual Potluck was held on February 8, but due to COVID-19 and the new mandates and guidelines set in place, we had sub sandwiches provided this year instead of everyone contributing food. Scouts displayed their patrol and demonstrated their flags patrol yell, as well as being awarded advancement ranks and other awards. Sea Base slides of Ship 2 in the Florida Keys by Jacob Rose were also shared. Recognition of Larry Long's 15

#### by Troop Historian, Jonathan McMahon

years of service to Troop 16 as chairman slides. Appreciation Certificate presentation, and past memories.

At weekly meetings, we worked on first aid lead by Scot Flannery & Dan Warchol in preparation for the coming First Aid competition in March. February On 15, our meeting was held at the Town Of Brookfield Fire Station where the scouts received help from fire fighters with CPR, and other first aid related skills. On February 1, Hillcrest Pack 1 Webelos checked out the troop to see if any Cub would Scouts possibly be interested in joining Troop 16.

Participation January Award Winners

#1: Nolan Nelson #2: Matt & Zac Watson #3: Joe & Jacob Balzer

Upcoming Camping Trip Indian Mound Reservation (IMR) First Aid Meet

### **March Birthdays**

- 3 Jaidyn Barz
- 3 Isabella Fuchs
- 3 Jennalyn Mallmann
- 4 Jackson Moran
- 5 Peg Schellin
- 7 Alex Fuchs
- 7 Arlyn Meier
- 7 Scott Pavlichek
- Ann Kopecky 8
- 8 Jacob Zaeske
- 9 Steve Mueller
- 10 Bruce Campbell

- 11 Mark Aamot
- 11 Rachel Paget
- 12 Gregg Miller
- 12 Debbie Morgan
- 12 Jane Vento
- 12 Deb Zaeske
- 13 Ken Bahr
- 13 Amanda Gumm
- 13 Dawn Kallin
- 13 Sam Nettekoven
- 13 Charlotte Yourell
- 14 Sue Cisz

- 14 Jena Koscielniak
- 15 Barb Krause
- 15 Ruth Novak
- 15 Will Otten
- 16 Don Hintze
- 17 Pat Anderson
- 17 Tony Caravella
- 17 Aaron Cranfill
- 17 Dale Oistad
- 19 Ronda Sodemann
- 20 Linda Brazin
- 21 Anthony Caravella

- 21 Sharon Grunau
- 21 Ellen Schwantes
- 22 Stephanie Dominguez
- 22 Dennis Rebisch
- 23 Judy Ertel
- 25 Barb Keymar
- 26 Alice Wafle
- 27 Amy Bingenheimer
- 28 Carrie Allbaugh
- 28 Mary Almasi
- 28 Sue Kaiser



### **Council Communications**

Fellow Disciples.

and well. Following are highlights from the February 14 Council meeting.

#### **President Report**

- The Annual Meeting was held on January 30. Thank you for all those who attended in-person and virtually.
- Please save the date for our next Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 5. This meeting primarily focuses on electing new council members along with reviewing annual reports and celebrate our partnership/outreach ministries.
- On Sunday, May 22 we will be holding an update on the GROTH Design work which taken place over the past years.
- Council appointed Carrie Peters to the role of Council Treasurer on Februarv 14. This appointment will run up to our June 5 Annual Meeting, at which time a Congregational vote can take place.
- THANK YOU to Dawn Williams for her leadership, financial expertise, and support in serving as Council Treasurer for the additional months beyond her schedule term.

#### **Financial Report**

- The 2022 budget was approved at the Annual Meeting on January 30.
- We look forward to carrying out the 2022 ministry goals made possible by your generosity and faithful giving. Thank you!

Transition team

- I pray this news finds you healthy The Transition Team continues to meet and review ongoing COVID changes with CDC auidelines and the recent subvariants developments.
  - Reports indicate potential CDC guideline updates coming at the end of February.
  - Please look for announcements the weekly Happenings in emailed out each Friday, on any potential changes St. John's may make in response to these updates.

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

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Ash Wednesday March 2, 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Lent Wednesdays March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6 12:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday April 14, 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday** April 15, 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

### **Creation Corner** What Are You Fasting from During Lent?

Consider the #NoplasticsforLent initiative, led by ELCA young adults across the church. They are calling us to prayer for creation, to lament the ways we have been complicit in the degradation of the earth, and to action to care for our neighbor in fasting from the things that are hurting our planet. Their suggestion is that individuals, families, and communities fast for 40 days from single-use plastics.

You can participate with this initiative on the ELCA Young Adult Facebook page. It kicks off with worship on March 7.



### Contact Us Office Hours

The St. John's phone is answered and doors are monitored for entry 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

### 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 socio-economic health. 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 or are healing:

Barb K	Dorothy E
Floyd K	Cindy H
John G	Steve W
Tim M	Kathy K
Норе Н	Connie P
Sharlene W	Kim S
Dennis W	John S
Jim T	Vivian Y
Charlotte Y	Alice Y
Grayson Y	

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 <u>www.makedisciples.com</u>.



### **Meet Dennis**

Meet Dennis Lopiparo, the new Building Supervisor at St. John's. Dennis is the founder and coowner of a landscape company by the name of D&K Seasonal Services. Over the past 7 years, he has grown his lawn cutting and snow plowing company into a full service operation including retaining walls, pergolas, pavers and outdoor kitchens.



Prior to this, Dennis worked at St. Mary's Parish & School located in Hales Corners where he spent five years as a Building & Maintenance Technician and five years as Food Service Director. It was here where Dennis was able to demonstrate his culinary skills. Although Dennis earned his chef, food and beverage certification many years ago, it remains his passion to this day.

Whether it's in the field in landscaping or on the plate in the kitchen, Dennis' exceptional attention to details is second to none.

On the rare occasion when Dennis is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends traveling, working out and riding his Harley Davidson.

### Calendar of events for March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*worship service/event is live streamed		<b>1</b> 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:30p handbell rehearsal 6:30p virtual HR meeting 7:00p Boy Scouts	<ul> <li>Ash Wednesday</li> <li>8:00a Retired Men's bfast</li> <li>12:00p worship</li> <li>5:30p AA</li> <li>6:00p TOPS</li> <li>6:30p worship</li> </ul>	3 6:00p Faith Alive 6:30p Al-Anon	4 6:15a virtual men's group	5 8:30a men's group
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### **Columbarium and Memorial Garden**

A columbarium (kol-uhm-bair-ee-uhm; pl. columbaria) is a structure for the respectful and usually public storage of funerary urns, holding cremated remains of the deceased. The term is derived from the Latin columba ("dove," or "pigeon"), and it originally referred to a pigeon house or dovecote.

On All-Saints Sunday 2017, St. John's dedicated the Memorial Garden and Columbarium as a new ministry. It was fitting to have this dedication on All-Saints Day as a way of honoring those who have gone on before us. We hold a 6:30 sunrise service on Easter as a further celebration of this ministry.

To learn more, visit our <u>website</u>.

We would like to thank the St. John's committee for their vision and completion of the columbarium. The columbarium is a beautiful addition to the church grounds. There is constant attention to the surrounding plantings.

We are long time members of St. John's. Matt, Scott, and Jill were baptized and confirmed here. When Judd died, we were happy to know there was a place for his ashes. And years later, we visit the columbarium. It is likely that this would not be done as often if we chose another site for his ashes. And because of the columbarium, our connection to St. John's is now even stronger!

Sally Schoeneman and family

### Odds and Ends at The End

#### Winter Market

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Winter Farmer's Market and Meal and to all our volunteers. Please continue to support our local producers and visit one of the other markets this year!

Southminster Presbyterian Waukesha March 6, 2022 10:30am-1:00pm

Ascension Lutheran Church Waukesha March 13, 2022 9:30am-1:00pm

### GROTH Design Recap & Update

The group inches closer on finalizing potential plans which can be shared with the entire congregation.

A date has been set! On Sunday, **May 22**, 2022, we are planning to share the work the team has done with GROTH Design and VJS. Please stay tuned for more details on this event as the date approaches.

For a full report and timeline, read the <u>January Annual</u> <u>Report</u>, page 23. (Available online and in the narthex.)

#### Save the Date

Congregational GROTH Design update May 22, 2022

#### Calling a Second Pastor

We are working with our Greater Milwaukee Synod to schedule a town hall meeting on an upcoming Sunday, here at St. John's. This town hall meeting is open for all to attend, and is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the call process, ask questions and support the Call Committee members. Please stay tuned for more details.

Save the Date

Annual Meeting | June 5, 2022

Elect new council members, review program year, and more.



**March 2022**