

June 2022

Stay Informed. Be Inspired.

Summer Happenings

Summer at St. John's



Scan or click this QR code for information on all of the happenings this summer at St. John's, such as:

Music Camp
Summer Sampler Study
Newborn Kits

Vacation Bible School Family Fun Nights Worship Schedule



Music Camp 2022

June 13-16, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

for children who completed 5K through 6th grade.

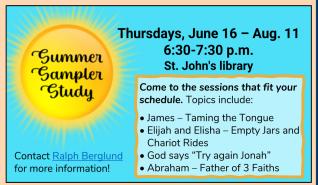
** 7th graders and older are invited to volunteer!**

Cost: \$15 per child Scholarships are available

Register and pay online









* June 16, July 21, August 25

6:30pm-8:00pm



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

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

We begin June with the Sunday of Pentecost. It is the day in which the Holy Spirit who gets the spotlight and who will guide the church over the next 2000 years. Lutherans are known for being people of the second article of the Apostle's Creed, Jesus the Savior, but sometimes the Holy Spirit gets "short shrift". For most of us, it is hard to describe God as three-in-one, and yet this is what we believe.

The apostle Paul writes about the many spirits in the world but there is only one Holy Spirit. Therefore, as he tells his congregations, it is important to discern what spirit or spirits are at play, if you will. The important tell-tale sign of the Holy Spirit is love. Do we act out of love, building each other up, encouraging one another, and providing strength in times of crisis or trouble? If so, the Holy Spirit is within us and directing us in our decision-making and actions. Are we at peace with ourselves and others, giving assurances that God is graceful and full of mercy? Then the Holy Spirit is within us and around us. Can we forgive and ask for forgiveness, to be vulnerable as difficult as that may be. Then the Holy Spirit is within us.

Finally, do we confess our faith in Jesus Christ, for it is the testimony of the Spirit that Christ is risen and will come again to bring all things to himself. That is the mark of the true Spirit.

May God bless you in the name of Jesus through the Holy Spirit!

Pastor Bria

What's New?

Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 inside 10:00 outside*

EXCEPTIONS:

June 5 9:00 outside annual meeting to follow

July 3 9:00 outside

Sept 4 9:00 outside

- * Outside is weather permitting. Worship will move inside if the predicted weather is too windy, too wet, or too cold.
- ** Bring your favorite lawn chair for outdoor worship!



So There Was This Guy ...

By Steve Johnson

Stop me if you have heard this one before.

There was this guy a pretty long time ago that I think you should know about.

One day while out on a walk, he happens across a supervisor physically abusing a worker. Well something just goes off in our guy and he kills the supervisor. Realizing that the powers that be are not going to look kindly on what he has done, he hightails it to the hills.

Soon after, our guy gets a job as a sheepherder. And then the strangest thing happens. One day while he is out tending the sheep, he hears a voice. And this turns out to not be just any voice - its GOD!

And God says to the guy: Hey, I've got this people moving project and I need a leader, and I've decided it's you. Well, our guy (being like a lot of us?) says - No way. Not me. I'm not your man. I don't have the

skill set for a project that size. But God says, not to worry, because He'll be there with him every step of the way.

Want to learn more about some of the really great things our guy did? Then be sure to sign up for our fall book study. I'm telling you, a lot of what happens to our guy is going to directly relate to YOU.

CHALLENGE:

So, if you are on top of your scripture knowledge and think you know who the guy is, let me know. The first ten households who respond with the correct answer will win a copy of the book we will be reading this Fall.

Email: <u>waukeshasteve@gmail.com</u> with your answer. Good luck!

Worship and Music

Music Notes

Many thanks to Heidi Bischmann, Lisa Weiss-Cornelius, Kenn Anderson and all of the singers and instrumentalists that fill our worship with praise for our loving God!

Looking forward to a summer of special music as well as the hymn sing returning to the 8:30 a.m. worship in August.

Also in August, we will be offering the Holden Evening Prayer once a month at noon. We know, it's an evening prayer, but so beautiful and meaningful we can sing it at noon!

Jubilate Chorale Concert

The Jubilate Choral concert has been rescheduled to June 5 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's.

Tickets available at the door:

Seniors \$12 Adults \$15 Children over 10 \$7 Children under 10 free



Scan this QR code to go to the "Summer at St. John's" web page to register for Music Camp.



Welcome to Music Camp 2022 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Brookfield, Wisconsin!

This summer, participants will make a Joyful Noise as we explore our God-given gifts. We will experience drum circles, singing, and hand bells, as well as learn about different musical styles and themes. We will play games, eat snacks, and, of course, make music!

Music Camp 2022 runs Monday through Thursday, June 13-16, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for children completed 5K through 6th grade.

** 7th graders and older are invited to volunteer!**

Cost: \$15 per child Scholarships are available



Questions about music at St. John's?



Contact Becky!

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Gummer Gampler Study

Contact Ralph Berglund

for more information!

Thursdays, June 16 - Aug. 11 6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's library

Come to the sessions that fit your schedule. Topics include:

- James Taming the Tongue
- Elijah and Elisha Empty Jars and Chariot Rides
- God says "Try again Jonah"
- Abraham Father of 3 Faiths

Summer Sampler Study

- Everyone is welcome Bible beginners to veterans
- ◆ Talk about some of our favorite Bible stories
- ◆ Come to the sessions that fit your schedule
- ◆ Meet in the air conditioned library
- ♦ Thursday, June 16 August 11
- ♦ 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Children, Youth & Families





WHERE WE PLAY, DISCOVER, LEARN AND GROW

Questions About Preschool?

Contact Laura: 262-786-4298 or



lrickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Children, Youth & Families

Family Worship

Sunday Morning Family Worship continues outside!

Join us Sunday Mornings OUTSIDE at 10:00 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.



Vacation Bible School is Boundless

Vacation Bible School is back at full strength in 2022! Join us to celebrate God's Boundless Love as we team up with Lutherdale to host a weeklong VBS camp at St. John's. Games, crafts, music, Bible study, and boundless fun! Registration is open and space is limited!!!

Dates: July 18-22, 2022

Ages: 4 yr old (by VBS) – 6th grade (completed)

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40/child, \$100 family maximum if registered

before June 19, 2022.

Register here: https://forms.gle/5ZVWvVLeRAz2Eggs8



Muchas Gracias!

Gracias to all of our St. John's Families for a terrific year! We wrapped up our program year on May 22 with an El Salvadorian inspired fiesta to celebrate a great year and our partnership with the children at Los Héroes de la Fe!



Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

Joanna is available by email at <u>isalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org</u> 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

Graduations

Are you or someone you know graduating this year? We would love to recognize you on this huge accomplishment!

We will honor our high school and college graduates on June 12. Please fill out this form by June 5.

<u>Graduate Recognition – St. John's</u> <u>Lutheran Church – Brookfield</u> <u>(makedisciples.com)</u>



Contact Stephanie with questions about

high school and young adult ministry

at St. John's



sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Prayer Partners

Our high school youth are so excited for their mission trip in July! There's so many moving parts during a YouthWorks trip and there are so many prayer needs and ways you can lift up the staff, community partners and our high school youth attending. Because of this

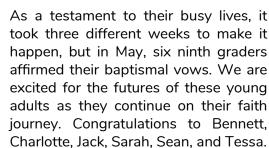
opportunity for prayer, we want to invite you to an important way that you can partner with our youth - sign up as a prayer partner!

Before we leave for our trip, you will receive a booklet similar to the devotional booklet that our youth will receive when they arrive in Georgia!

What a great opportunity for you to connect deeper with the community that we will be serving! If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner, please reach out to Stephanie Broussard.

Confirmation Days









Youth Group Calendar

Time Date **Event** 10:00am -6/5 Yard Clean Up 1:00om Graduation Both 6/12 Recognition services Family Fun 6/16 6:30-8:00pm Night Mission Trip 6/23 7:30-9:00pm **BonFire**

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

Outreach Opportunities

Lunches for All Peoples Teen Bible Study



All Peoples is offering "Lunch & Bible Study" to their teens this summer to continue developing relationships. St. John's will be making the lunches! We need sandwiches, veggie bags, cookies, fruit, and drinks. We will assemble fifteen lunches each week unless attendance changes. Volunteers to accompany Teri on delivery are also welcome. Sign up through our website:

St. John's Lutheran Church: Lunches for the APC teens (Lunch Bible Study) (signupgenius.com)

Thank you for signing up to support and feed the youth at All Peoples!

Waukesha Food Pantry

Summer is a busy time at the Waukesha Food Pantry because children are not in school.

Commonly Needed Food Items:

- Shelf stable fruits
 - canned in water or juice
 - especially popular pineapple and mandarin oranges
- Whole grain cereals
- Boxed meal kits
- Ready to eat soups with meat
- Canned pasta with meat
- Shelf stable milk alternatives such as soy or almond milk
- shelf stable proteins such as tuna, chicken, ham, tofu
- 100% fruit juice
- Size 5 & 6 diapers and wipes

The Waukesha Food Pantry picks up donations from St. John's once a month. Donations may be placed in the in the Donation Location blue bin in the Fellowship Hall.

June Outreach: Offering of Letters

Our outreach effort for June is an <u>Offering of Letters</u> to our elected representatives in Washington DC on behalf of the hungry. **This is an at-home activity.**

We take our guidance for these letters from an ecumenical Christian organization called Bread for the World. (www.Bread.org) Bread for the

World is a <u>collective Christian voice</u> urging our <u>breadfortheworld</u> nation's decision makers to end hunger at home HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER. and abroad. By changing policies, programs,

and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live.

This year's Offering of Letters builds on last year's work as Bread members continue to urge Congress to expand anti-hunger programs in response to the pandemic and increase funding for nutrition programs. This year focuses on the bipartisan Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act which will authorize USAID to advance targeted programs to prevent and treat malnutrition around the world; ensure an elevated focus on nutrition programs across global health, food systems, and other sectors; and require robust monitoring of these interventions to ensure the effective use of taxpayer dollars. Urge our <u>Senators</u> to cosponsor S. 2956. (It's already passed in the house of Representatives)

Resource packets are available in the Narthex including a sample letter, envelopes, and more information about Bread for the World, as well as details regarding this year's specific asks. There are links to the same information on the church website under "Resources - Documents and Forms".

New this year, you can direct email your elected representatives using the QR code below. Use your smart phone camera to take you to draft email letters which will automatically route to your elected representatives based on your address.

St. Johns has encouraged an Offering of Letters every year since 2006, with the exception of 2020 due to COVID-19 lockdown. Thank-you to all who have participated over these last 16 years. Please consider helping the hungry with an offering of letters.

A Hope Center Thank You

A great big thank you to all of you who brought hygiene items for the Hope Center during the month of May! Your kindness and generosity will provide those needed items for the many clients who visit the Hope Center every day! St. John's—once again, your caring hearts will make a difference for others!!

Troop 16

The camping trip of the month was the Hoard & Curtis Scout Camp on Lake Ripley near the town of Cambridge.

Six scouters enjoyed the rainy weekend. The main theme of the campout was First Class cooking. We used the cabin facilities for sleeping on cots, but did the Saturday advancement cooking outside under a shelter while the rains came down. most of the day except a few peeks of sunshine. Don McCarty and Dave McMahon

did a great job of leading the cookina. requirement was to cook two items for breakfast and lunch and three items including a dessert for supper. The menus included scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, Dutch Oven pizza, baked potatoes, fried potatoes, Chicken Tenders in bread crumbs, Steaku'ms, homemade sloppy joes, and Memphis Molly. Lots of good eating. Other activities included advancement, board games, a camp hike, board games, outdoor games, movie night and popcorn.

Eight scouters, lead by Jim Mathes, participated on a day hike on the Ice Age Trail near Monches. This hike was in place of the planned Devil's Lake Bluff Hike that was cancelled due to little interest. The



by Scoutmaster, Terry Hoeppner

hike was a five miler attended by eight scouters. Along the hike, Mr. Mathes explained the glacial terrain, eskers, trees, and plants. The group took a break in a cemetery for an individual prepared sub sandwich lunch.

Meetings this month consisted of an Order of the Arrow election, advancement, Kickball tournament, and a scout skill presentation by Dan Warchol.

Dominic Eggert is our Troop Chaplain's Aide. He leads the prayers on camping trips and Eagle Ceremonies.

Monthly Rank Advancement
Jonathon McMahon - First Class

April Participation Honors

- 1 David McMahon
- 2 Matt & Zac Watson
- 3 Joe & Jacob Balzer

June Birthdays

- 3 Macy Kaiser
- 3 Doris Klitzke
- 4 Samuel Aune
- 4 Marlene Zick
- 5 Marion Schreiber
- 6 Dennis Hartman
- 7 Jon Holz
- 7 Kate Schettler
- 7 Mary Wagner
- 8 Justin Douglas
- 8 Ralph Zick
- 9 Kathryn Bingenheimer
- 9 Mark Franzen
- 9 Keith Paukner
- 10 Heather Campeau

- 10 Brian Cranfill
- 10 Amy Hutchinson
- 10 Carter Lurvey
- 10 Kim Stephens
- 12 Rhiannon Gaska
- 13 Erica Burns
- 13 Juliet Gundlach
- 13 James Janz
- 13 Sarah Mueller
- 13 Joanne Reinfeldt
- 14 Bill Davis
- 14 Terrence Katka
- 14 JoAnn Klein
- 14 Kim Rateike
- 15 Nolan Dominguez

- 15 Jeff Keough
- 15 Dale Rilev
- 15 Benji Salinas
- 16 Cristine Luebstorf
- 17 Gerri Johnson
- 17 Chuck Klawitter
- 17 Connie Peterson
- 18 Tyler Schettler
- 18 Meredith Wafle
- 19 Barry Dahlgren
- 19 Liam DuChateau
- 19 Evelyn Wright
- 20 Samantha Price-Bertrand
- 21 Tom Hoffman
- 22 Neal Mathes

- 23 Aaron Hintze
- 23 Chris Klink
- 23 Andy Petersen
- 25 Laura Gundlach
- 26 Lynnette Fritz
- 26 Smith Zahn
- 27 Denise Kirschman
- 28 Joshua Petersen
- 28 Alexander Stephens
- 29 Scott Bingenheimer
- 29 Marie Emmons
- 29 Penny Holt
- 29 Sally Schoeneman

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

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

President Report

- On Sunday, May 22 we will be holding an update in Fellowship Hall on the GROTH Design work.
- 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 celebrating our partnership/outreach ministries.
- The Building Supervisor staff position is open. If you or someone you know has a calling to support and serve the ministries of St. John's as Building Supervisor, please contact the office for more details.
- With summer approaching I hope you explore all the wonder activities taking place: outdoor worship services, Vacation Bible School, Music Camp, Family Fun nights in June, July, and August and the Summer Sampler Bible Study. Check out our website for full details.

Financial Report

 The April financial reports showed a better trend in giving compared to February and March. It was reported in the month of February we were off to a slow start with general giving. Unfortunately, March financials also reported a lower than anticipated general giving amount. The Finance Team and Council is closely monitoring the giving trends and how it affects our ministry goals.

- It was recommended and approved that we do not transfer any money into the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) this month due to the inconsistent giving trends.
- The current balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of May 4 is \$116,556.05.
- Thank you for your generosity and faithful giving throughout this economic climate and ongoing inflation. Your support allows us to carry out the ministry goals for 2022

Transition team

 The Transition Team continues to monitor ongoing COVID changes and CDC guidelines as case numbers continue to flux. 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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Kris Wasserman	262-424-3383				

Creation Corner

Get to Know Your Fridge!

Refrigerators are a major energy consumer in homes. If the temp is just 10 degrees colder than necessary, your unit can consume 25% more energy monthly! Check the temp by placing a digital thermometer inside and closing the door for 20 minutes. Ideal temps should be 4-5 degrees F for the freezer and 37-40 degrees F for the refrigerator. Use your temperature controls to adjust up or down and then recheck an hour later.



Contact Us Office Hours

The St. John's phone is answered and doors are monitored for entry 9:00-Noon, Monday to Friday.

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

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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 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

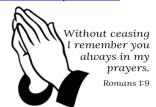
We pray for those who are battling illness or are healing:

Barb K Dorothy E
Floyd K Cindy H
John G Steve W
Kathy K Jerry M
Connie P Arlyn M
Vivian Y Cheryl H
Charlotte Y Alice Y

Grayson Y

Gregg and Joy M's Grandson Cole Sharon Mahoney's Friend Betty 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.



Purple Lily Friendship Café

Purple Lily Friendship Café is a memory café, which meets at St. John's the 2nd Wednesday each month. People living in their home who have dementia, along with their care partner, are invited to join us for conversation and activity from 10:00-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Nancy Shea by phone or text at 262-617-7152 or send an email to dementiafriendlyelmbrook@gmail.com.

Please share this information with anyone you know who is struggling with dementia. Let them know we are welcoming attendees.

Purple Lily Friendship Care is part of Dementia Friendly Elmbrook, that strives to provide support and resources for the 8,500 individuals in Waukesha County living with dementia.

Contact Mary Tollander or Patrice Krimpelbein with questions.



We're looking for a Preschool Teacher in our Four Year Old class

COME TEACH WITH US!

Our ideal candidate is a talented, energetic and experienced preschool teacher with a heart, and skills, for our busy Four Year Old class.

Is this your next teaching job?

Do you know someone who would be a great teacher?

Contact Laura Rickinger at- lrickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org 262-786-4298

Calendar of events for June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Outdoor worship: 1. bring a comfy chair 2. worship will move inside if the weather is predicted to be too wet, too windy, or too cold.			1 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS	2 4:00p Finance Team 6:30p Al-Anon	3 6:15a virtual men's group	4
5 Pentecost 9:00a worship outside* 10:15a annual meeting 7:30p Jubilate Concert	6 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 5:45p softball at Elm Grove 6:00p Al-Anon 6:30p Small Group Ministry 7:25p softball at Wirth Park	7 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 7:00p Boy Scouts	8 9:30a Morning Circle 10:00a Purple Lily Cafe 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS	9 6:00p Faith Alive 6:30p Al-Anon	10 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a prayer shawl group	11 3:00p 5th/6th Event
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Ministries, Memories, and Missions

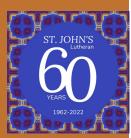
Visitation Team Road Trip

As part of the Visitation Team we took our visitation the road" to spend the dav Ralph Baumbach our founding pastor. We had a truly wonderful day and so happy to share that at age 96, Ralph is doing so well living in a lovely apartment in a retirement community in Stoughton.



St. John's 60th Celebration

St. John's will celebrate 60 years of making disciples and serving the world this Fall. How will we celebrate? There are some exciting ideas on the table but a planning team is needed. Would you like to be part of the planning team? If so, contact the church office to volunteer.



Mission Moving Forward

What is your mission? What gifts did God give to you? How are you using your gifts to serve God?

Contact the office if you are looking for ways to use your gifts and serve at St. John's.

Don't Miss This





No rain dates. If weather is bad we will move inside and do bingo or trivia.

Themes

June 16 – Backyard games, gaga ball, Father's Day root beer floats. In circle drive area.

July 21 – Lutherdale counselors will be here and will provide camp songs/music, mission trip send off, bonfire & smores, rockets.

August 25 – End of summer fun with water games, dunk tank, slip n slide, watermelon, and popsicles. Circle Drive area.

Annual Meeting

June 5, 2022 | 10:15 a.m. Elect new council members, review program year, and more.

Register for VBS!

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