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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

Every two weeks in July, my brother and I would take the train from Minneapolis to New Lisbon, Wisconsin, where we would be met by my great-uncle and aunt, Cassie and Louis. They lived on a farm just outside of Mauston, and staying with them gave us a taste of rural life. Every morning, I would get up and help Uncle Louis milk the cows or shovel out the barn to accumulate the fertilizer for the fields. In the evening, we would play cards, usually canasta. At night, while in bed, Aunt Cassie would read Bible stories to my brother and me. They were a great two weeks!

Those Bible stories that Aunt Cassie read to us were just a part of my early Christian faith formation, and it laid the groundwork for growing up in the Lutheran faith that my immediate and extended families held so dear. I learned about the sacrifice Jesus made for us, to take our sins upon him, so that we can live in the grace and love of God. Those lessons, of course, have stayed with me, even though there were times in which those lessons were challenged. But through it all, God has been faithful to me through the love of my great-aunt and uncle.

We are grateful to our families for passing on the gospel to us, and like seeds that get sown, we are not always aware of the faith growth that is taking place in us. They are there in us, because God is with us always. And it is a privilege to be able to pass this wonderful gift of the gospel to all, especially our young people!

Pastor Brian

What's New?

Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 inside

10:00 outside*

EXCEPTIONS:

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.

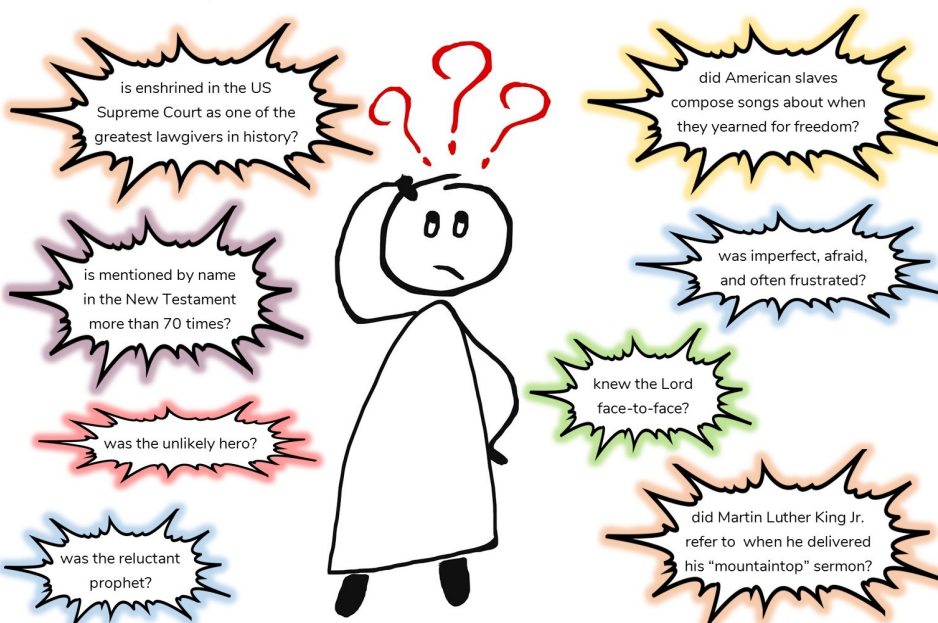
** Bring your favorite lawn chair for outdoor worship!

*** July 10 - 10:00 Bluegrass



So There Was This Guy ...

What Old Testament character ...



Do you know this character? Stay tuned. The answer will be revealed soon!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Last month, you were challenged to be among the first to identify our Bible character. The winners are listed below. They will receive a free copy of the book we will use for our fall congregation-wide study.

Patrice Krimpelbein
Sandra Paukner
Jo Riley
Mark Aamot
Brian Cranfill
Barb Lange

Worship and Music

Music Camp

Thank you to all who attended Music Camp June 13-16 and to all of the staff and volunteers that made the week a success! Together we learned four vocal songs, learned to play bucket drums and keep a steady beat, played handchimes with a lot of different note values and learned about music time periods and music theory. Phew! We are already planning for next summer, the week after school gets out.

Becky Whelpley
Lisa Weis-Cornelius



Questions about
music at
St. John's?

Contact Becky!

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Hymn Sing

Hymn sing preludes will return in August. Watch for your opportunity to submit hymn requests.



Holden Evening Prayer

We will be offering the Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesday, August 3 at noon and at 6:00 p.m. We know, it's an evening prayer, but it so beautiful and meaningful we can sing it at noon, also!

Becky Away on Ireland Adventure

I am on a continuing education adventure July 2-10, singing and performing with a choir directed by Craig Hella Johnson.

Outdoor Bluegrass Worship



That's right! The bluegrass group is back on July 10 at the 10:00 outdoor worship. If you are a fan of bluegrass music you DO NOT want to miss this!

See the 10th at 10:00!



Children, Youth & Families



Wisconsin Department of
Children and Families

Child Care Counts Grant Program

St. John's Preschool is proud to share we awarded \$575 to each of our thirty-five preschool families

St. John's Preschool applied for and received a monthly grant funding under the Child Care Counts Grant Program from November 2021 to May 2022 from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

This grant was designated to support and maintain high-quality programming as we continued to successfully operate preschool during the second school year of Covid-19.

The Preschool Board determined that, although there were many allowable uses of these funds, offering these grant funds directly to each family as tuition reduction fit best with our mission and our ministry.

Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped. Proverbs 11:25



Questions About Preschool?

Contact Laura:
262-786-4298 or

lrickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Children, Youth & Families

VBS Volunteers

Have a few hours each day to spare? Volunteer at VBS!!! We need many hands to have a successful and safe week for our campers. See the Signup Genius for spots available or talk to Joanna or Sonja!

Invite a friend!

Register by July 10!

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 **Register by July 10!**

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

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost for Week: \$45/child, \$120 family maximum

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



BOUNDLESS VBS 2022

St John's Brookfield

JULY 18-22, 2022
9:00AM-4:30PM

WWW.MAKEDISCIPLES.COM

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.



Family Fun Nights

We had ball at our first Family Fun Night on June 16! About 60 St. John's members and friends joined for gaga ball, pickle ball, bean bag toss, and root beer floats. See you July 21 for live music, campfire and s'mores, rocket launching and more!



LiveMusic
From Lutherdale Staff!

SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHTS
JULY 21, 2022
6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Activities: Face Painting, Rocket Launching with the Property Team, Campfire & S'mores, Gaga Ball.

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

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!

Children, Youth & Families

Maternity Help

Looking for a fun, energetic team of people to help this fall with Sunday evening Youth Group while Stephanie is on maternity leave.

Commitment: No prep. Just hang out with our amazing teens for one week or more.

Contact: Stephanie for details



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



sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Three Ways You Can Support Our Mission Trip

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.*

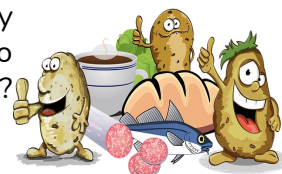
Sponsor a Gallon of Gas

July 23 we are headed on a long road trip to Savannah, GA with 12 people! Would you be able to sponsor a gallon of gas to get us there and back? Gas donations may be cash (placed in the empty gas can) or via PayPal.



Donate Non-Perishable Food Items for our Road Trip

We have four days of travel in total on our way to and from Georgia! Would you be able to donate a non-perishable food item for us? Donations appreciated by July 20.



Sign up here for needed items:

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

Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
7/10	Georgia Meeting	After 10:00 worship
7/17	Mission Trip Blessing	Both services
7/21	Family Fun Night	6:30-8:00pm
7/23-30	Mission Trip	All week!

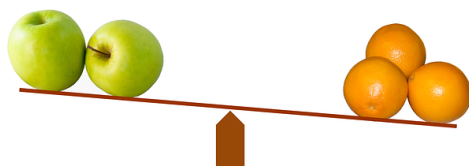
"Youth Group" is the term used at St. John's to refer to all program activities for high schoolers.

Comparative Religion Mentors

Are you interested in learning more about different faith communities right here in our own backyard such as Judaism and Mormon while creating lasting memories with our high school youth? Then I have the perfect monthly opportunity for you!

Commitment: The third Thursday evening of five months, plus optional field trips. No prep needed - just a desire to learn along with our youth!

If you would like to learn more about this experience, contact [Stephanie](#).



Outreach Opportunities

July Outreach: School Supplies

Do you remember the thrill of a new box of crayons and new pencils? 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 shopping cart 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 (on the [Summer at St. John's](#) page).

Newborn Kit Assembly

July 26 | 6:30 p.m.

This fun night of fellowship is an opportunity to serve newborn babies around the world. We have been collecting items for the kit throughout the year and will gather this night to assemble the kits. All ages and abilities are able to participate.

Current needs for kits:

- Onesies
- Ivory soap (3.17 or 4 oz. bars)
- Cash (for diapers and shipping)

Dinner is served?

We would love to gather for a light meal before assembling the kits. Would you like to organize the meal? There are many willing to assistants.

Contact [Mickey Fank](#) with questions.

Holiday Bazaar

We're pulling out all the stops for our final St. John's Holiday Bazaar. Be a part of the celebration, November 5! A tradition since 1983! Come for your favorites and for new surprises!

This final year is bittersweet for our core group of planners and leaders. Though we have loved so many aspects of this ministry, from the fellowship and the friendships to the immense charitable contribution of which we've been honored to be a part, we also have become aware that we have been doing this for a very, very long time. The cycle of co-chairing, chairing, and then stepping back into a support role broke down ages ago, until there were almost no new people stepping in to help. In 2019 when we announced that, "the St. John's Holiday Bazaar, in its current form, was coming to an end," our hope was that new people would fill the void. We were fully prepared for the fact that it may look very different from what we had known but we were willing to encourage and even play a small role in this new endeavor. Then of course Covid19 hit and threw everything into a tailspin. So, here we are again, announcing the end of the Bazaar. The core group of planners and leaders are ready to move on, some to



enjoy retirements and relocations, while others may be feeling the pull of even more intense commitments.

The first 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!

Troop 16

by Troop Historian, Jonathan McMahon

Elroy-Sparta Bike Hike

On the weekend of June 3, eight scouts, six biking and two chasers participated in our yearly Elroy-Sparta weekend Bike Hike. On the evening of Friday, June 3, they camped at Wanna Bee Camp Ground in the Dells, with pizza and soda served after setting up camp. On Saturday, June 4, a stop was made for breakfast at Paul Bunyan's Cook Shanty also located



in the Dells before beginning their biking trip. Bagged lunches were eaten on the trail. A stop was made at a stand on the trail in Norwalk. In total, everyone who

biked did a total of 26 miles through two tunnels along the trail. Intermittent rain fell throughout the day. That evening, grilled BBQ Pork Loin Roast with potatoes and salad was served for supper under a shelter. After supper, instead of setting up camp to sleep overnight and pack up the next morning on Sunday, June 4, the planned third day was cancelled due to word of severe rain and thunderstorms predicted for Sunday, and they packed up for home instead.

In preparation for Elroy-Sparta, a Bike Rodeo was held in the church parking lot on Tuesday, May 31. Will McCoy led several Bike Contest games, and Mr. Selle offered mechanical bike checks.



Regular Meetings

The meeting on Tuesday, June 7 was a softball game of "Peggy Move Up" held at the baseball diamond in Marx Park. A hot dog roast was held at the St. John's Fire Bowl afterwards.

This year's Annual Outdoor Court of Honor was planned with Awards to be presented at the Tuesday, June 15 meeting. However, due to the promise of extreme heat temperatures, the event was cancelled and postponed until sometime perhaps in August.

Monthly Rank Advancement

David McMahon - Tenderfoot

May Participation Honors

- 1 Nolan Nelson
- 2 David McMahon
- 3 Will McCoy
- 4 Matt Watson
- 5 Zac Watson

July Birthdays



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



Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well.

Following are highlights from the Annual Meeting held June 5, 2022.

- The congregation voted in four new council members: Mark Latus, Charlotte Yourell, Brittany Larson, and Josh Werner. Thank you to the outgoing members, Christine Hintze, Tim Tollander, Madelyn Beug- Hoffman and Linnea Logan, for dedication to support and lead our wonderful congregation.
- A lengthy discussion focused on our work with GROTH Design and the next steps of gathering feedback from the May 22 presentation.
- News was shared to defer one of our primary goals of 2022: calling a second pastor. St. John's has not been immune to the current economic conditions and inflation. Based on monthly giving and the increase in our utilities and other costs, calling a second pastor is a large financial responsibility that we cannot justify at this time. We continue to monitor giving, the budget, and other financials monthly, in hopes of calling a second pastor in the near future.

Following are highlights from the March 14 Council meeting.

President Report

- Council welcomed four new members: Josh Werner, Mark Latus, Brittany Larson, and Charlotte Yourell as they were elected at the June 5 Annual Meeting.
- St. John's is looking to hire a part time Building Supervisor. In this unique and tight labor market we are exploring various ways to fill this position. 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 details.
- Summer is here and that meant the return of Music Camp and energetic youth. The final day of Music Camp was celebrated with a wonderful Family Fun Night on June 16. July brings another opportunity for the youth with Vacation Bible School and Family Fun Night #2 on July 21.

Financial Report

- While our overall financials remain in good shape to cover our current expenses, we are in a position in which we cannot justify moving forward with one of our 2022 goals of calling a second pastor. We have been in

constant communication with our Synod and begin the call process again once the financials are more abundant.

- It was recommended and approved that we do not transfer any money into the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as we have less than 45 days cash on hand.
- 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 which allows us to support the many ministry goals for 2022.

Transition team

- The Transition Team continues to monitor ongoing COVID changes, CDC guidelines and the recent subvariants developments.

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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Brian Zach 608-279-3577

Vice-president

Keith Paukner 414-916-2618

Secretary

Josh Werner 262-271-0639

Treasurer

Carrie Peters 262-853-5888

At Large

Jim Morgan 262-893-7385

Mark Latus 262-784-1183

Charlotte Yourell 262-527-2404

Brittany Larson 262-527-2404

Kris Wasserman 262-424-3383

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
- ◆ Thursdays, June 16 - August 11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Summer
Sampler
Study

Contact Us

Office Hours

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

Church

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Preschool

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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.



*Without ceasing
I remember you
always in my
prayers.
Romans 1:9*

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.

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.

Part-time Building Supervisor



St. John's has an opening for a part-time Building Supervisor. This position oversees and supports the maintenance of the building and the exterior property. Key skills are communication, organization, and basic computer programs that support the facility. Additional building knowledge preferred, but not required. 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 details.

Calendar of events for July 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.	*worship service/event is live streamed									1 6:15a virtual men's group	2		
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Youth Mission Trip to Georgia													

Ministries and Missions

Women of the ELCA Convention

The 2022 "Gathering of Women", formerly known as the convention of the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's organization is scheduled for **October 8** at Grace Lutheran Church in Thiensville.

Worship will be led by Rev. Lisa Bates Froiland.

There is a resolution on the table to possibly disband the SWO.

There is no cost for this event. Registration deadline is September 8. Registration forms are available in the office.



Creation Corner

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.



Middle School Ministry

Our outgoing 5th & 6th graders & 7th & 8th graders each had an end of the year Lock In during June! They played at Marx Park, played Sardines in the church at night, and cooked-for-a-cause for a great learning service project. Both groups also planned and led the Children's Sermon at the 10:00 outdoor worship time and served as ushers, lectors, and communion assistants.

