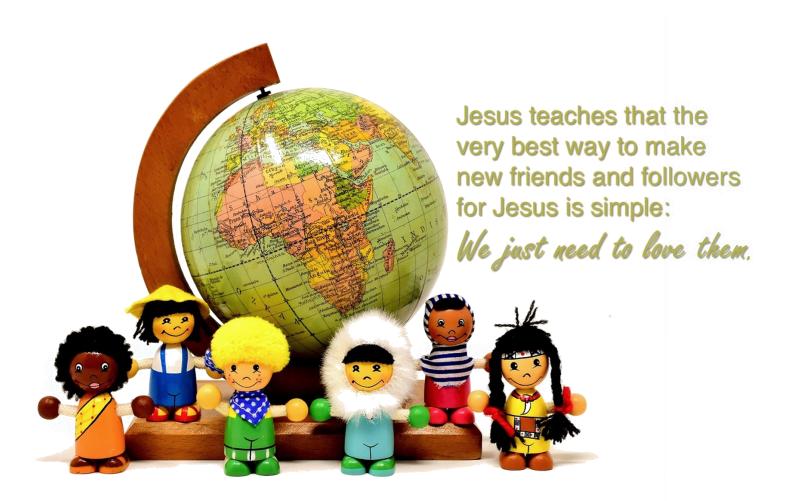


August 2022

Stay Informed. Be Inspired.



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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

The title of our newsletter is Inspire: to inspire, to be inspired. The information that is gathered and conveyed in our newsletter is to inspire us with all that is happening in the church and to be inspired to be part of the activities and opportunities that God has instilled in us with the Holy Spirit.

We can sometimes forget that it is the acts of the Holy Spirit that draws us together in and around God's Word, that our activities are created and driven by our own creativity and energy. Yet, without the work of the Holy Spirit and the inspiration – the Holy Spirit within us – our activities become human efforts serving human goals and human ideas of success.

Jesus inspired his disciples to follow him, not in building a human kingdom on this earth where they could exert power and influence the way the world uses them; instead Jesus inspired his followers by calling them into the mission of God's work through self-sacrificing love. How often are we inspired by people who show that kind of sacrificial love through the work of serving those in need.

Jesus promises us the power of the Holy Spirit to live our lives, not tearing down but through building up, and to ask ourselves how we can be inspirational to others. Of course, inspiration can not be called upon at our will; rather it is a gift by the Holy Spirit when we let go of our own strivings, needs, wants, fears, and gratifications. It comes through patience and diligence, when we can "let go and let God".

Inspiration also comes through collaboration and celebration, when we can work together for what God is doing in our midst.

So, the information in our newsletter is not only to let you know what is happening in our mission but an invitation to be inspired to work together in this wonderful place we call the church.

What's New?

Summer Sunday Schedule

8:30 inside 10:00 outside*

EXCEPTION:

Sept 4

9:00 outside

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- * 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!
- *** August 28 10:00 Bluegrass

Holden Evening Prayer at Noon

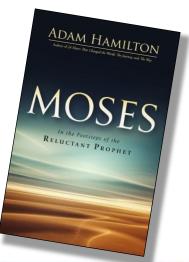
On Wednesday, August 10 at noon, Pastor Brent Halverson will lead us in the Holden Evening Prayer. We know, it's an evening prayer, but it so beautiful and meaningful we can sing it at noon, also!

So There Was This Guy ...

That Guy We Will Meet This Fall - Moses!

Yep. Moses. That guy God called from a burning bush to lead his people out of oppression in Egypt. Moses reluctantly accepted the call (after running out of excuses). We can learn a lot from Moses, who was imperfect, afraid, and often frustrated, but who became the hero of the Old Testament.

If you have been reading the InSpire over the last couple of months, you have probably figured out that our congregation wide book study this fall will be about Moses. We will use Adam Hamilton's book, Moses — In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet, for a six week study starting October 2. The author selects six key events from Moses' life and uses each to reveal something to us about God, about ourselves, and about God's will for our lives. Books and sign-up sheets for the various discussion groups will be available starting on Rally Day, September 11. Watch for more details to follow.



Worship and Music



Ireland Choir

Many thanks to the people of St. John's for the opportunity to have the time to go to Ireland for continuing education as a singer with the Friends of Craig Hella Johnson Festival Choir. I was indeed blessed to join 113 singers from around the United States and about 20 non-singers traveling with us to present two choral concerts arranged by composer/arranger/conductor Craig Hella Johnson in Dublin and Belfast,

Ireland. Unfortunately, Craig Hella Johnson was not able to go due to Covid so we had the immense pleasure of singing under the direction of Mark and Craig Aamot.

Back row: Craig Aamot, Mark Aamot, Mark Peterson, Kari (Aamot) Johnson, Karen Aamot, Leah Johnson, Vicki Taylor Front Row: Carol Peterson, Pat Gardner, Becky Whelpley, Patrice Krimpelbein, Linda Gugel



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BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!

St. John's Handbell Choir

Joyful Bells • Tuesday Rehearsals September – May

LAUGHTER • FRIENDS • PRAYER
FELLOWSHIP • FUN • BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

OUR CHOIR – The St. John's Handbell Choir is an intergenerational group made up of 11-15 ringer musicians. We play 4-1/2 octaves of Malmark Handbells and 3 octaves of Malmark ChoirChimes once or twice each month at the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

OUR MUSICIANS – Each person brings to the bell choir his/her individual level of musical ability, patience and a sense of humor. Together we play hard, laugh lots and share God's blessings through our special music in rehearsals and worship.

NO SCARY AUDITION – There is no audition required to join the handbell choir, and it is not necessary to have past ringing experience. Music reading skills are helpful. What are most important are a willing spirit, a joyful heart and a positive attitude!

WE NEED YOU – There are openings in the choir beginning this fall. We would love to have you join us! We are looking for full time ringers year round, or seasonally. We have a place for YOU!

CONTACT HEIDI – If you or someone you know would like to play with the Joyful Bells Choir, please email or call Heidi Bischmann – hbischmann@gmail.com or (414) 305-7812.

NEW RINGERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Frank and Friends

Pastor Frank invites you to a help celebrate his 75th birthday.



Questions about music at St. John's?

Contact Becky!

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Hymn Sing

Sundays in August | 8:15 a.m.

Suggest your favorite hymn in the box in the narthex.

Join the Choir!

Choir is beginning Wednesday, September 7 and we NEED YOU! The choir meets every Wednesday in the sanctuary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and we generally sing 2-3 Sundays a month at the 8:30 a.m. service.

- We are actively looking for new members and hope you will prayerfully consider.
- Never sung before in a choir -NO problem
- Can't commit to the whole year -NO problem
- Looking for a shared activity with your high school student - this is it!

Please consider being a part of a festival choir that will celebrate St. John's 60th anniversary this Fall.

Please direct all questions to Becky Whelpley, Director of Music

bwhelplev@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Outdoor Bluegrass Worship

That's right! The bluegrass group is back on August 28 at the 10:00 outdoor worship. If you are a fan of bluegrass music you DO NOT want to miss this!

See you the 28th at 10:00!



Children, Youth & Families

Meet the Preschool Teachers

What do teachers do during Summer Vacation? Your Preschool staff is having lots of fun before school starts in September!











Contact Laura: 262-786-4298 or





Children, Youth & Families

Amazing Fun Coming Soon to Children's Programming Near You

Backpack Blessing

Whether starting your 1st year of school or your 22nd, join us on August 28 at both services for a Backpack Blessing, and start the year re-assured that God, and St. John's, is going with you.

August 28, 2022 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Bring your backpack, device, diaper bag, computer bag or any bag you'd like!



Confirmation

Confirmation will be continuing on Sunday evenings this fall!

Due to overwhelming parental feedback, Pre-Confirmation for 5th & 6th graders, and Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders will continue with twice monthly, Sunday evening gatherings in the fall. The classes will alternate weeks beginning in October. We'll meet from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in person at St. John's and will start each session with a meal.

More info can be found at https://makedisciples.com/ministries/child
-youth/middle-school/

Fall Registration is Open

Please register your kids for Fall programming. The registration form is for Sunday School, Confirmation, High School Youth Group and Kids of the Kingdom.

Only one form needed per family.

Link: https://forms.gle/ A2YogawndhhHBarH7

Click to Register

Volunteer! It's For the Kids!

Have a love to share with the children of St. John's? Consider sharing your time and gifts with our students on Sunday Mornings as part of our Large Group Sunday School team or a Small Group leader! Please reach out to Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org to discuss possibilities!



Vacation Bible School Recap

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in and supported VBS this year! We welcomed three amazing counselors from Lutherdale who shared their love of Jesus with all the children at St. John's. If you'd like to help plan next year's VBS, let Joanna or Sonja know!



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

Maternity Help



Looking for a fun. energetic team people to help this fall with Sunday evening Youth Group while Stephanie 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

Successfully Serving in Savannah

It was a busy week for the Mission Trip Team! It was filled with house painting, organizing, cleaning, therapy horses, sorting, swimming, shopping, connecting, and serving. They appreciate your generosity to make it possible for them to follow Jesus and serve the world.



Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
8/7	Mission Trip Recap	Both services
8/16	Blood Drive	12:00- 6:00pm
8/25	Family Fun Night	6:30- 8:00pm
8/28	Backpack Blessing	Both services

"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

Donate Blood In Honor of **Grayson Yourell**

The Yourell family knows firsthand the benefits of blood donation as Grayson received blood products after the Waukesha Parade Tragedy. The family encourages the community to come out and donate to ensure blood is available for others when needed.



Blood Drive

St. John's Lutheran Church

20275 Davidson Road Brookfield

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Brookfield

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free pint of Culver's custard, BOGO Nothing Bundt Cakes Bundtlet coupon & a \$10 e-gift card courtesy of Suburban Propane!

Enjoy a performance by Premier Dance Company and Catholic Memorial HS!



American Red Cross

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

Scrapbook & Card Making Classes

Like to craft but never make the time? Want to learn how to make cards?

St. John's received tons of wonderful scrapbooking and card making supplies from our good friend, Sandy Haun. We want to put them to good use! Come and learn how to make cards. Come to one session or all four! You may keep the cards you make or donate them to sell at the Holiday Bazaar.

Monday, August 15 | 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 7 | 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

So a proper amount of supplies are available at each session, please RSVP through the website on Sign Up Genius. Direct questions to Cindi Wright-Kau at 414-213-6644.



St. John's Holiday Bazaar and Hope

The St. John's Holiday Bazaar has raised over \$300,000 over the past 38 years. This money has brought Hope to countless people. Funds have provided scholarships to students of Los Héroes in El Salvador, supplies to Akeri Parish in Tanzania, support for the poor and homeless through the Hope

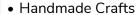
Center, Bibles for the youth of St. John's, funding for the Beloved Sisters retreat with women from All Peoples, support for the Waukesha Women's Center, healthcare for the poor in Waukesha, Christmas food boxes and so much more. There are so many ways to be involved with this "Hopeful" ministry! We need your creative and culinary

contributions as well as your time on November 5. We need your help more than ever this year!

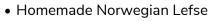
We will once again be offering a streamlined version of the Bazaar this year and of course we will follow all the suggested guidelines at the level that St. John's Lutheran Church requires at that time. We are excited to unite with our volunteers and the community by offering this treasured St. John's Outreach Ministry event one more time.

Come join us for:

Homemade treats at the Bake Sale



- The Coffee Corner will be a place where our guests and our volunteer workers can relax with a cup of coffee, rest a bit and connect with friends.
- Christmas Cookies by the Box. Specialty Cookies



The St. John's Holiday Bazaar has been a treasured tradition since 1983. Make sure you are a part of this celebration in some way in this LAST YEAR of this beloved ministry.



Troop 16

Four scouts attended Long Lake Summer Camp near Dundee. Scouts got to swim and participate in other fun activities. Slushies at the Trading Post is always popular. The boys ear cafeteria style at the dining hall. On Wednesday, the troop prepared pancakes and tacos in our "Trail View" campsite. Our troop joined another troop to take fifth in both the camp-wide relay and Aquafest competitions. The troop also took second in campsite inspection for the week.





It was a great, hot week with no precipitation. The boys earned eight merit badges. The troop was one of the few the earned the coveted Badin-Powell Award.

At a troop meeting, earning the Badin-Powell was celebrated with a pizza party. At the party, the scouts were presented badges, patches, and played a game of kickball.

by Scoutmaster Terry Hoeppner

At another summer meeting, the boys played "Peggy Move Up" softball and enjoyed an ice cream treat. Will McCoy led the first coat staining of a small bridge used at Prairie Home Cemetery. The bridge is part of Will's Eagle service which will be worked on later in the week.

Jacob Balzer is the church first aid kit quartermaster. He periodically checks the four church first aid kits for completeness and for expired items.

Scouts with most participation points for the year:

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

Q: What do you do if you get rejected from a job at a sun screen factory?

A: Reapply!

Q: What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?

A: Swimming trunks!

Q: What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer day?

A: I'm bacon!

August Birthdays

- Josh Werner
- 1 Emelia Zaeske
- 2 Sonja Beyerlein
- 2 Gene Kaiser
- 3 Debbie Hipke-Fuller
- 3 Phyllis Reichert
- 5 Jason Ayer
- 5 Ryan Wagner
- 5 Karie Zach
- 7 Linda Elfers
- 7 Judy Klawitter
- 7 Steven Wimmer

- 9 Sheena Gatzke
- 9 Cordelia Reinfeldt
- 9 Levi Wiesner
- 10 Adelyn Lange
- 11 Isabella DuChateau
- 11 Nathan Gaska
- 11 Sandra Landgren
- 11 Olivia Slater
- 12 Lori Schettler
- 12 Kevin Slater
- 13 Denny Bigsby

- 13 Dale Granlund
- 14 Alyssa Vetta
- 15 Carol Elder
- 15 Addisyn Kaiser
- 17 John Nugent
- 17 Norma Poulsen
- 17 Karen Wilson
- 18 Rhonda Bohne
- 18 Kevin Wolfmeyer
- 22 Jason Gillette
- 22 Weston Grabowski



- 22 Bill Reed
- 26 Dan Blask
- 26 Ella Salinas
- 27 Rich Warp
- 28 Sue Murack
- 28 Paul Whitaker
- 30 Cathy Whitaker
- 31 Sophia Ayer
- 31 Carol Hein
- 31 Thomas Kallin
- 31 Barb Lange

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples.

I pray this news finds you healthy • Due to the ongoing fluctuation of and well. Following are highlights from the July 18 Council meeting.

President Report

- The following news was shared at the annual meeting and in the July Inspire. Our overall financials remain in good shape to cover our current expenses: we are though in a position at this time 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 will begin the call process again once the financials are more abundant.
- 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 more details.

Financial Report

- monthly giving, it was recommended that we do not transfer any money into the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF).
- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of May 4 was \$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 subvariant developments. The next meeting is August 9.

Please reach out to me or the council members with anv questions you may have.

Praying for peace and good health to all.

Brian Zach, President

600 Newborn Kits **Assembled**

Service Success

We partner each year with Global Ministries Health to provide Newborn Kits to new moms around the world. The Newborn Kits are gifts that help a new mom celebrate her baby, and clothe and care for her child. Importantly, they are also used by overseas partners to encourage young women to seek prenatal care during pregnancy, greatly improving their chances for a healthy, happy outcome. Once that connection is made, they can also encourage postnatal care, including vaccinations and well-baby checks that can help a newborn thrive.

This year we were able to provide 600 Newborn Kits. Thanks to the following for making it possible!

- Mickey Fank, for organizing the collecting, assembling, and shipping
- Bill Schmidt for transporting the kits to the Global Health Ministries in Minnesota for distribution
- Volunteers who gathered to prep for the assembling and those who gathered to assemble the kits.
- Generous donors who provided the items for the kits (soap, receiving blankets, onesies, hats)
- Generous donors who provided cash to purchase items for the kits in bulk (diapers and towels) and to help cover shipping costs.

Thank you for helping us service the world, one baby at a time.

St. John's Council

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Charlotte Yourell	
Brittany Larson	262-527-2404
Kris Wasserman	262-424-3383

Transition Team

The Transition Team will be meeting on August 9 to review the latest developments in COVID variants and discuss any possible changes to our approach.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Brian Zach



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 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

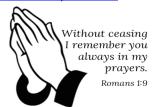
We pray for those who are battling illness or are healing:

Barb K Dorothy E
Floyd K Cindy H
John G Steve W
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.

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, and basic organization, computer programs that support 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.

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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.

Ryan Logan Eagle Project

For my Eagle Scout project, I rebuilt the church vegetable garden. I worked with volunteers to remove the rotten boards from the old garden, then we put in new boards to make one big garden bed. We also built two benches and a storage bench to go around the outside of the garden.





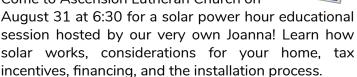




Creation Corner

Consider solar!

Are you curious about solar? Wonder how it works or if it is right for you? Come to Ascension Lutheran Church on



Solar Power Hour

Ascension Lutheran Church 1415 Dopp Street, Waukesha, WI

August 31, 2022 | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Register at https://www.growsolar.org/jefferson-waukesha/

Family Fun Night



St. John's to Celebrate 60

