

St. John's 60th Celebration

Please join us...
November 6, 2022
4:00 p.m.



Program | Potluck | Reformation Village

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8

Join us for a short Hymn Sing Program followed by a delicious potluck. Following the meal, we will travel back to the time of the Reformation to learn more about our Lutheran history. We may even get to meet Martin and Katie Luther!

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

November is a month for gratitude. Of course, we have a full day called Thanksgiving that is devoted to gratitude. At our Thanksgiving table, our family offers a special prayer – each of us – for that which we are grateful. It is an intentional time in which we express in words what we hold in our hearts.

In the gospel of John, Jesus gives the Father great thanks for his relationship with Him, and he gives thanks for his disciples who have followed him on his arduous journey. Jesus' heart is open in his expressions of love and gratitude for all that his Father has given to him and to whom he shares with his friends.

In Paul's letters to his congregations, he always began by giving thanks for all the members of the churches who had accepted the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ. He was grateful in all things and through all circumstances, even when he was imprisoned in Rome. His sins had been forgiven and he cherished the new life he now had the chance to lead all the way up to his death.

We often hear people say that we need to keep Christmas in our hearts all year around. I would prefer to believe that we need to keep Thanksgiving in our hearts and actions each day of the year. Living a life of gratitude each day at a time is perhaps the most faithful way in which we can witness the gospel.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Brian

Because of Your Generosity

For sixty years, ministry has happened at and through St. John's. Your continued, faithful, generous giving in response to God's blessings makes those ministries possible.

A few of the ministries that you make possible are:

- Worship
- Youth mission trips
- Hope Center meals
- Sunday School
- Streaming
- Confirmation
- Shut-in visits
- Bible distributions



What are your favorite ministries?

What's New?

NOVEMBER 5

Holiday Bazaar (9:00a)

NOVEMBER 6

All Saints' Day
(candle lighting during worship)

60th Anniversary Celebration

NOVEMBER 20

"Moses and the Freedom
Fighters" musical during worship

Moses Wrap-Up Celebration
between services

NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
(6:30p)

NOVEMBER 27

Advent begins

Vaya Con Dios

Pastor Brian
will be in El Salvador
November 7-14.

We pray for ...

- safe travels
- for the people of our
partner church, Los Héroes
- for strengthened faith and
- for stronger relationships.

Worship and Music

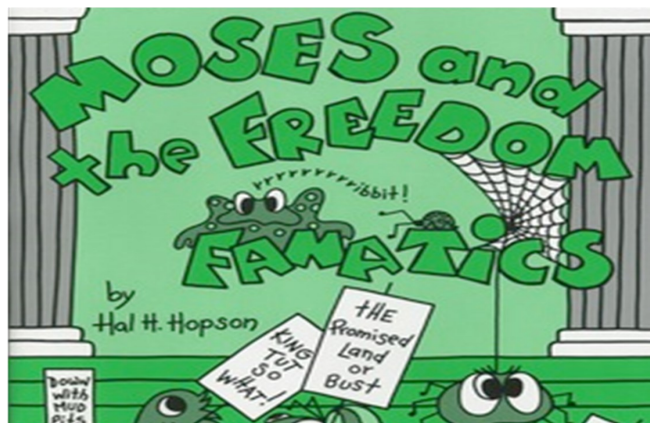
Festival Choir

It's not too late to consider being a part of the 60th anniversary choir! High school age and up (middle school please be accompanied by adult). We will meet in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. to rehearse on Sunday, November 6, 2022. The program begins at 4:00p.m.



Moses and the Freedom Fanatics

Do not miss the wrap up to our Moses study - the adult choir, Kids of the Kingdom, Sunday School and friends will present "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics" at both services Sunday November 20, 2022.



A celebration of our Moses study, complete with food and beverages, will happen between services. Everyone who has worshipped, read the book, or participated in a discussion group is encouraged to attend.

Holden Evening Prayer at Noon and 6:00

Wednesdays 11/2 and 12/7 at noon and 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Brent Halverson leads the noon services and Pastor Brian leads the 6:00 p.m. service.

The musical settings are very melodic and easy to sing. It is a wonderful peaceful way to spend a half hour.

Shining a Light on Christmas Worship

December 19 Monday	12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas worship
December 23 Friday	6:00 p.m. Journey to Bethlehem outdoor worship
December 24 Saturday	10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. Candlelight and communion worship
December 25 Sunday	9:00 a.m. Christmas Day worship
January 1 Sunday	9:00 a.m. New Years Day worship



Questions about music at St. John's?

Contact Becky!
bwhelp@stjohnbrookfield.org



Christmas Concert

Jubilate Choral
December 3
7:30 p.m.
at St. John's

Tickets available on their [website \(jubilatechorale.org\)](http://jubilatechorale.org) or from Becky.

JUBILATE
CHORALE

National Lutheran Choir

The National Lutheran Choir is excited to announce their virtual subscription for this program year. NLC, under the direction of David Cherwien, has wonderful programming that now can be streamed throughout the year. The yearly virtual subscription is only \$30.

More information can be found here: <https://t.e2ma.net/message/y2dunm/yurrc2>

Children, Youth & Families



Preschoolers say THANK YOU for a fun adventure!

Preschoolers love walking through the Parting of the Red Sea that the Youth Leadership Team created in the lower hallway. They walk through it everyday and love following the footprints in the sand. And the sea creatures look so friendly.

We can't wait to see what comes next!



Questions About Preschool?

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



St. John's Preschool

WHERE WE PLAY, DISCOVER, LEARN AND GROW.

Thank you to our Middle School Students!

Our Middle School students gathered once again for a cooking night! They filled the freezer with individually wrapped freezer meals for our shut ins and anyone else who may need a meal.

If you know of someone who could benefit from one, please stop by the kitchen and pick one up! A huge thank you to our students who spent a Saturday night mixing, chopping, peeling and baking!



Children, Youth & Families

First Communion

We rejoice with the families of Benjamin Vanden Heuvel and Hope Burns who both celebrated First Communion on Reformation Sunday. May God continue to bless their lives.



Thank You, Moses

A huge thank you to Moses for spending the month of October with us and giving us insight into his life and the lessons we learned along the way.

Be sure to join us on November 6 when Joanna sits down with Moses for the final time and hear Moses's parting words of wisdom for St. John's.



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.

Sunday School

Sunday School is off to a great start!

Join us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School! In November we are wrapping up our time with Moses and prepping for the Moses Musical on November 20. Our Stewardship Focus in November are two families we adopted for Christmas through the Waukesha Christmas Clearing Council!

November 6 – Last week of Moses. Play Moses Bingo!

November 13 – Costuming and rehearsal with Mrs. Whelpley for Moses Musical.

November 20 - Moses Musical at 8:30 and 10:30. Please plan on attending both services! We will have a party in between services with food for the kids.

November 27 – No Sunday School. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday School programming is for ages 2-5th grade. Students in 6th – 8th grade are invited to join the Youth Leadership Team which meets on Sundays in the Paul Room.

Questions? Contact Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org

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

Youth Leadership Team

Our Sunday morning Youth Leadership Team is having a blast! Besides making the mural of the Red Sea downstairs, in October they also made bag lunches for the Hope Center, taught the Sunday School kids about the Red Sea, and had a Halloween Party!

The Youth Leadership Team is for kids in grades 6-8 and is led by Karie Zach and Sonja Beyerlein. Drop in as your schedule allows!



Sunday Evening Education

We are excited to offer programming for our Middle Schoolers on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00pm.

7th & 8th grade Calendar

- Nov. 6 - 60th Anniversary and Reformation Village 4:00pm-7:00pm
- Nov. 13 - Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00pm
- Nov. 27 - No class – Happy Thanksgiving!

5th & 6th grade Calendar

- Nov. 6 - 60th Anniversary and Reformation Village 4:00pm-7:00pm
- Nov. 20 - Connect Class 4:30-6:00pm

Contact Joanna with questions!

Children, Youth & Families

Thank You, Phil

A HUGE thank you to Phil Peters for stepping in to help with youth group while I was having baby Navvi!!



Synagogue Visit

In October, our 9th grade Confirmation students learned about Judaism as part of their Comparative Religions class. Michael Taibleson from the Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jehurun came and spoke to the class, and the following week our students visited the synagogue and attended a very beautiful Shabbat Eve Service featuring staff from OSRUI, a Reform movement summer camp in Oconomowoc. After the service the students were invited to an *oneg* (time of fellowship) featuring camp themed treats and then were invited back to the sanctuary where Rabbi Berkson spent a considerable time answering all the students' questions and even showed us a Torah Scroll. It was an incredibly meaningful experience!



Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
11/6	Anniversary Celebration	4:00pm
11/13	Youth Group Mural Painting Night	4:30-6:00pm
11/17	9th Grade Confirmation - Comparative Religions	6:30-8:00pm
11/20	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
12/4	9th Grade - Mormon Worship	9:00am

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

Comparative Religions

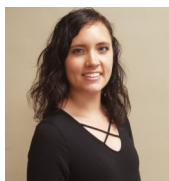
High school and young adults, are you interested in learning more about different faith communities right here in our own backyard? Come join us on the third Thursday of each month to learn directly from someone who is a part of a different faith community than ours! This month, we will have someone from the Mormon faith here. Feel free to come to all of the meetings, or just the ones that you are able to make or religions of interest to you.

Sunday Morning Gathering Opportunity

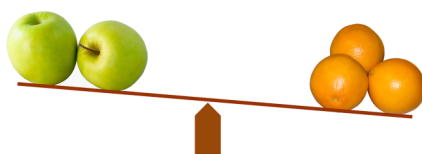
Are you looking for something to do on Sunday mornings between services? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15 a.m. we will gather to help with Sunday School, complete service projects, team build or just spend time with one another!



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



sbroussard@stjohnbrookfield.org



Outreach Opportunities



ST. JOHN'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR
NOVEMBER 5, 2022 9am to 1pm
TOGETHER GOING OUT STRONG

The Final St. John's Holiday Bazaar



Looking for unique gifts? Looking for a tasty treat?
Look no further than the St. John's Holiday Bazaar on November 5.

Bake Sale - Pre-boxed Christmas Cookies - Crafts - Lefse

It's our final year so come be a part of the celebration!

Contact Pam Brown for questions pkayebrown@yahoo.com.

November Outreach Focus: Mission of Healing

The focus for the November Mission of Healing Outreach Collection will be health education centered in Los Héroes with a heavy emphasis on reproductive health education (boys and girls) and the Days for Girls project. Based on greatest need (and what is not available in El Salvador) here are the items people can donate:

- + New flannel (darker prints, pre-wash and dry it)
- + Girls undies size 12 - 16 (not white)
- + PUL fabric (available at JoAnn and Amazon)
- + Babyville Boutique plastic snaps (available at JoAnn and Amazon)
- + Regular size bandages, large bandages, gauze, first aid tape, curlex wrap (for wound care in the community)
- + Money gifts for Days for Girls project.

Donations may be put into the shopping cart in the narthex. Monetary donations may be made [online](#), given during worship, or sent to the church office.

Gracias!

Giving Tree

Watch for the 2022 Giving Tree to appear over Thanksgiving weekend.

A variety of ornaments will be on the tree. The ornaments are gifts you may purchase to bless the life of a stranger. Is there someone on your gift list for whom it is hard to shop? Donate a gift from the tree in their honor.



Troop 16

Starting off, Troop 16 had a Camporee at Camp Long Lake in Dundee, Wisconsin, and had the



opportunity to achieve 22 merit badges, with the automotive maintenance, cooking, electronics, nature, plumbing, radio, and theater badges taking the spotlight. Nolan Nelson was the only scout attending this campout, where he had two adult leaders help him with the eagle-scout-required citizenship in the nation badge. Despite his aspirations to stay outside, he was swooshed inside by the freezing temperatures, though there were three meals prepared in the dining

hall, awaiting him, and many other scouts.



Swing Time Golf was a popular attraction in the last few weeks. There, the scouts ended up beating Mr. Hoepfner. Afterwards, ice cream and McDonald's were greatly appreciated. Patrol cheers were made, along with scouts

by Troop Historian, Donald McCarty

learning how to swim safely and how to make safety rafts. This was followed up by indoor activities, along with bowline and sheet bend -know-making, in an inter-atrol activity (led by Joe Balzer). Concluding this day was a compass direction activity, which was won by the Sharks over the Computer Geek patrol.

As of recent weeks, Nolan Nelson was anointed troop historian, where he is in charge of the display case, which is to the right of the entrance to the scout-meeting room. He will then dust and straighten the display case, while also turning the light above it on during meetings, and off when everyone is dismissed from meetings.

September participation honors:

- Zac and Matt Watson
- Nolan Nelson
- Jon and David McMahon



November Birthdays



1 Jessica Nettekoven	6 Brian Resop	18 Barbara James	
1 John Roth	7 Nancy Kraus	18 John Rickinger	24 Mickey Gipp
1 Sandra Wicklund	7 Ethan Zach	19 Sue Hamman	24 Liam Turner
1 Colton Wright	8 James LaHann	19 Cheryl Woodworth	25 Paul Cornelius
2 LeNay Anderson	9 Angela Turner	20 Alice Beyer	26 Kathy Davis
2 Jordan Emmons	9 Kurt Zaeske	20 Chris Elfers	27 Lisa Belli-Fuchs
2 Kathy Kempke	10 Cheryl Poth	21 Maddie Beug-Hoffman	27 Susan Gaulke
2 Jordan Larson	11 Brynn Fuerstenberg	21 Heather Cheslock	28 Jim Cheslock
2 Sandra Paukner	13 Timmy Emmons	21 Roger Krebs	28 Gregg Everts
2 Luan Unger	14 Josh Belli	21 Gwen Templin	28 Sarah Gillette
3 Joseph Gatzke	14 Chris Spofford	22 Ann Marie Haas	28 Klaudia Hollander
4 Debbie Wimmer	14 Vivian Yourell	22 Curtis Templin	28 Bonnie Suhaysik
4 Kim Zick	16 Ben Allbaugh	22 Cooper Templin	29 Joshua Balzer
5 Connie Braun	16 Vicki Fuerstenberg	23 Sherry Henschel	29 Mick Scanlon
6 Henry Berthold	16 Karen Klousnitzer	23 Jim Koscielniak	30 Zachary Luebstorff
6 Janice Franzen	16 Jerry Olson	24 Skye Bertrand-Zweig	30 Kyle Schaefer

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. Following are highlights from the October 17 Council meeting.

President Report

- Mark your calendars for the upcoming anniversary festivities, as St. John's will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on November 6. Thank you to all those involved on making this celebration possible.
- Budgeting discussions and preparation are underway for the upcoming year.

- Thank you to the Property members and all those served on the annual Fall Clean-up Day.

Financial Report

- In the October Inspire we began sharing monthly financial reports and will continue to do so moving forward. I hope you find the report beneficial as we strive to support and carry out the many wonderful ministry goals for 2022 including the upcoming fall programs. It is your generosity and faithful giving which allows us to support the many ministries.
- Due to the lower than anticipated giving, it was recommended we do not transfer any money into the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) this month.
- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of October 6 was \$113,697.94.

Transition team

- The Transition Team continues to monitor and review ongoing COVID advancements, along with any CDC guidelines.

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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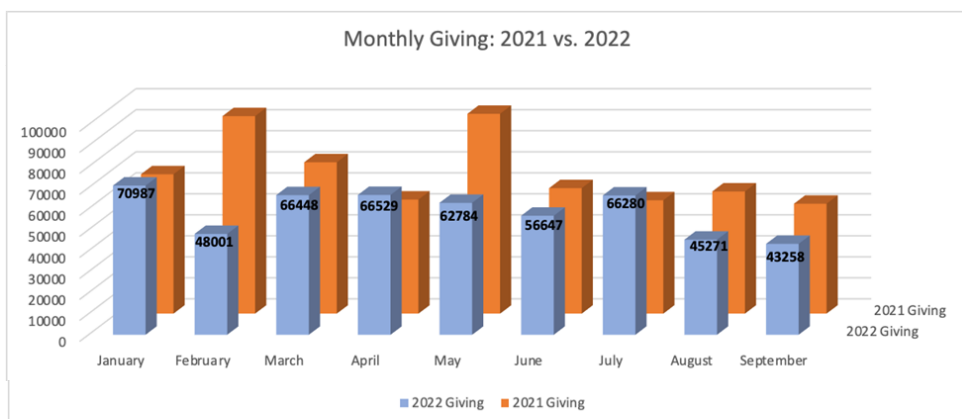
Brittany Larson 262-527-2404

Kris Wasserman 262-424-3383

Treasurer Report

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, so let us take an opportunity to be thankful for each other. First and foremost, I'm thankful that God led our family to St. John's, where we witness so many people with servant hearts who are willing to work behind the scenes to fulfill our mission. In the past month alone, among so many examples, I'm thankful for those who work each week to help feed the hungry. Thank you to those who have stepped up to encourage the next generation at St. John's. Many thanks to our musicians, who provide an exciting worship experience for all ages. Gratitude to the many volunteers who will make the Holiday Bazaar a success. Cheers to everyone working tirelessly to prepare for the 60th Anniversary celebration. Thank you to those who lead, count, repair, stream, comfort, report, prepare, serve...we see the difference you make!

Finally, thank you to those who support these efforts financially. We are successful because you give. Let us continue to give with grateful hearts, thankful for God's many blessings upon us, our families, and our congregation.



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

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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 all, regardless of race, age or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to physical or mental health, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in our commitment to the ways, grace and love of Christ.

Core Values of St. John's:

- Serving our world, locally and globally;
- Inspiring worship and music that honor God;
- Nurturing relationships with one another as Jesus walks with us;
- Growing in God's grace through education and discipleship;
- Engaging children and youth in the life of the church.

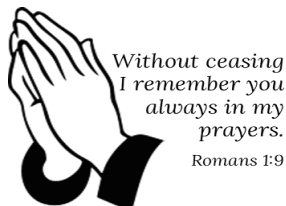
Praying for ...

We pray for those who are battling illness, are healing, or are needing extra prayers:

Barb K	Dorothy E
Floyd K	Cindy H
John G	Steve W
Kathy K	Jerry M
Connie P	Arlyn M
Cheryl H	Dylan H.

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.



Creation Corner

Weatherize your home

As the air gets chilly, it is time to think winter!

Heating our homes is the biggest energy expenditure we have. Save \$ and stay warmer by weatherizing your home now. Prevent heat loss by sealing around your attic door and basement windows. Check doors for air leaks. Put plastic on your windows. Weatherized homes can save up to 30% on their energy bills!



Staff Phone Extensions

St. John's Phone Number: 262-786-6887

Extensions:

100	Sue Smith, Admin Assistant
101	Pastor Brian Halverson, Senior Pastor
102	Pam Klink, Communications Coordinator
103	Bill Stace, Building Supervisor
104	Joanna Salinas, Children's Ministry
105	Stephanie Broussard, Youth Ministry
106	Rebecca Mitchell, Bookkeeper
107	Becky Whelpley, Music Director
200	Laura Rickinger, Preschool

Note the changes!

Calendar of events for November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*worship service/event is live streamed		1 8:30a property team 9:00a woman's Bible study 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:30p handbell rehearsal 7:00p Boy Scouts	2 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 8:30a Card Crafting 12:00p Holden Prayer 4:30p Finance Team 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:00p Holden Prayer 6:00p Card Crafting 6:30p choir rehearsal	3 5:30p Indian Culture Events 6:00p Drop off for Bazaar 6:30p AI-Anon	4 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a Bazaar drop off and set up 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	5 9:00a Holiday Bazaar
6 <i>Moses Week 6</i> 8:30a worship* 9:30a education/fellowship 10:30a worship 4:00p 60th Anniversary Celebration	7 <i>Food Pantry Pick Up</i> 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:00p AI-Anon 6:30p Adult Ministry Mtg via ZOOM	8 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal 7:00p Boy Scouts	9 9:30a Morning Circle 10:00a Purple Lily Cafe 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	10 4:00p Finance Team Mtg 5:30p Indian Culture Events 6:30p AI-Anon	11 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a Book Club 10:00a prayer shawl group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	12 2:00p Eagle Ceremony
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27 <i>Advent 1</i> 8:30a worship* 9:30a education/fellowship 10:30a worship <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> <i>No youth programming</i>	28 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:00p AI-Anon	29 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal 7:00p Boy Scouts	30 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	To request space for your small group or ministry to meet in the building, please complete the Facility Use Form on the St. John's website. It is under the Resources tab - Documents and Forms . Contact Sue Smith , Administrative Assistant with questions.		

Ministries and Missions

60TH ANNIVERSARY OFFERING



\$10 for ten Pastors called to St. John's
\$60 for 60 years of ministry at St. John's
\$120 for the 120 kids registered for programming
\$1962 for the year it all began
\$_____ for however the Spirit moves you

REMEMBERING YESTERDAY, THANKFUL FOR TODAY,
EXCITED FOR TOMORROW.

The Anniversary offerings will be split between the Greater Milwaukee Synod's "Equipping the Saints" campaign and as seed money to lead us into the future with better signage - inside and out.

Moses is Topic of Next St. John's Academy

Our next St. John's Academy lecture will be Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Kristine Ruffatto will round out our discussion on Moses.

Who is Dr. Kristine Ruffatto?

Teaching and the Old Testament were two of Kristine's passions even before she went to seminary. She incorporated these gifts into her missionary work in the Central African Republic and as a pastor in the ELCA. One of the ELCA calls, in which she served alongside her pastor husband, Scot, was at St. John's from 2003-2011.



In 2011, Kristine took a deep breath and made the decision to accept a call as Professor of Old Testament at Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon. There, she provided a generation of pastors and other students with a strong foundation in Biblical Studies, Pastoral Care, and Cross-Cultural Studies.

Now retired, Kristine is happily back in Wisconsin with her family, still reading, teaching, and travelling. She is an alumna of Concordia College in Moorhead, MN (BA), Luther Seminary (MDiv) and Marquette University (PhD).

Lecture attendees are invited to share a light supper with our youth at 4:30 p.m.