

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023
12:00 and 6:30 p.m.



Remember you are dust and to dust you will return.



St. John's Lutheran Church
20275 Davidson Road
Brookfield, WI 53045



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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

February is the shortest month of the year, but it contains so much. Often we begin our Lenten season in February, as we do this year with Ash Wednesday being on February 22. This year we begin a Spring emphasis on the theme of Journey and Mission.

As you will read further in this newsletter, the Adult Ministries group has planned to use as a resource, for our small groups, the book The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul, by Adam Hamilton. This will give us insights into the beginning of the church through the life of Paul and his followers.

We also plan to have speakers for our St. John's Academy with the theme of Journey and Mission, beginning with Pastor Paul Bulgerin, who with a group from St. John's, journeyed to the Holy Land this past November. He will talk on his experiences and how they relate to our overall mission of the church. He will speak on February 26 at 5:00pm.

A group of from St. John's and I will travel this month to our sister church in Tanzania. From there, we will bring back many warm greetings from our sisters and brothers in Christ along with our own experiences and learnings from our journey and share them with you at another adult forum. This event is tentatively scheduled on Sunday, April 23.

Finally, we have invited Linda and Tim Muth to come and share with us the important ministries that are on-going in our sister church in El Salvador. We hope that his will be a wonderful start in celebrating the Silver Anniversary of our partnership with the church in Los Héroes and All Peoples!

So, February kicks-off our journeys in the name of Christ who leads us in all things!

Pastor Brian

What's New?

Lenten Worship

Lenten worship will be offered this year on the five Wednesdays of Lent at 6:30 p.m. Worship will use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy.

Worshippers are invited to gather for a soup supper before worship at 5:45.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

5:45 p.m. - soup

6:30 p.m. - worship



Annual Meeting

St. John's annual financial meeting was held Sunday, January 29. Highlights of the meeting included an update on planned 2023 projects, election of the nominating committee, and approval of the proposed 2023 budget. To read the full annual report, [click here](#), or go to our website:

<https://makedisciples.com/resources/forms>.

A banner for "2023 SERIES MISSION JOURNEYS". It features a world map with red location pins. Below the map, there's a photo of ancient stone ruins. Two text boxes are overlaid: one on the left says "FEBRUARY 26 4:30 - Meal 5:00 - Academy" and one on the right says "Pastor Paul Bulgerin will present on the history and sites of the Holy Land." The logo "The Academy at St. John's" is in the top right corner.

Children, Youth & Families

We Are So Excited...
Wildlife In Need Center is coming to **Preschool for Family Night!**



SAVE the DATE!

Thursday, March 2 from 6:00-7:30pm (doors open at 5:45pm)


St. John's Preschool
WHERE WE PLAY, DISCOVER, LEARN AND GROW.

20275 Davidson Road Brookfield, WI 53045 lrickinger@stjohnbrookfield.org ~ 262-786-4298

Kids of all ages
(yes, adults included) are
invited to the Preschool
Family Fun Night.
You won't want
to miss it!

Questions About Preschool?

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



Enroll Now for Fall 2023-2024 Preschool!



2022-2023 PRICES

**ONE
TIME
ONLY**



FREE

- We are freezing next school year's tuition at current rates – No tuition increases.
- We are providing your child's healthy snack at no charge to you.

**The Preschool Board is Using Grant Funding
to Pass these Savings on to Our Families**

Children, Youth & Families

Sunday Morning Family Worship

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 for Family Worship. We have incorporated interactive components into worship with the band for a whole family worship experience. Children's message, activities, family blessing,, and more! Designed for kids, teens, parents, and grandparents.



Youth Leader Team

6th – 8th graders!

Join Mrs. Beyerlein and Mrs. Zach on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 downstairs for food and fun! Currently we are creating a turtle mural out of paper in the hallway for the Preschoolers!

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!



Petit and Organ Piper

5th – 8th graders!

Join us on Feb. 4 from 2:30pm-6:30pm as we skate at the Pettit and then head to Organ Piper Pizza for dinner! RSVP by Feb 2.

Think Summer!

Save the dates for Music Camp, VBS, Boundary Waters, and Family Fun Nights.

Sunday Evening Education

Middle Schoolers! Can you believe we are halfway through the year?!? If you haven't connected with us yet this year, jump on in! We are excited to offer programming for our Middle Schoolers on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00pm. We start with dinner!

7th & 8th grade Calendar

- Feb 4 - Ice Skating and Pizza 2:30-6:30pm
- Feb 5 - Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00pm
- Feb 19 - Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00pm

5th & 6th grade Calendar

- Feb 4 - Ice Skating and Pizza 2:30-6:30pm
- Feb 12 - No Class - Super Bowl
- Feb 26 - Connect Class 4:30-6:00pm

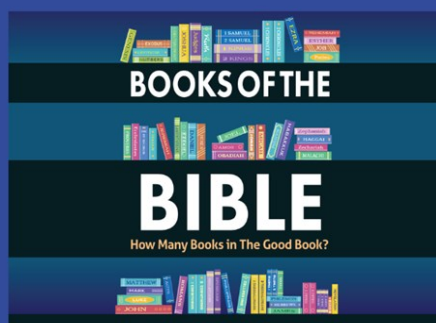
Sunday School

Join us Sundays at 9:30am for Sunday School! We are continuing with our deep dive into the Books of the Bible and finishing our current Stewardship focus – a peanut butter and jelly drive!

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 who are currently working on turtle mural for the preschool!

Questions? Contact Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org.

Join us for Sunday School



SUNDAYS
AT 9:30AM

www.makedisciples.com



Children, Youth & Families

Boundary Waters

Boundary Waters July 8 – 15

Sign Up Here:

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

Escape Room

The high school youth and their chaperones had a fantastic time at the Escape Room last month.



HS Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
2/5	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
2/12	No Youth Group	---
2/16	9th grade confirmation - confirmation prep	6:30-8:00pm
2/19	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
2/26	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm



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

Save The Dates For Summer



Outreach Opportunities

February Outreach Focus is Women's Center

The mission of The Women's Center is to provide safety, shelter and support to empower all impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse, and trafficking. An exceptionally helpful way to support their mission is by providing new, unopened items frequently used by their clients. After the harrowing experiences their clients endure, the goal is to restore dignity, confidence, and self-respect.

A list of the current highest priority needs:

- toilet paper,
- facial tissues,
- dish soap,
- dish sponges,
- gas cards,
- paper towels,
- 100% cotton hand towels,
- flavored oatmeal (instant),
- adult coloring books,
- 2023 calendar books,
- post-it-notes,
- body wash,
- Suave antiperspirant,
- Shea Moisture shampoo and conditioner,
- TracFone minutes



Giving Tree Generosity

All the organizations were extremely grateful for our donations. Thank you to the entire congregation for your generosity!

The Women's Center: \$510 in gift cards

Angel's Baby Closet:

1 car seat, 4 infant sleepers, 9 packages of diapers, 6 baby wash/lotion

WILC: (Wisconsin Independent Learning College)

8 puzzles, 11 Lego sets, 4 dry erase boards, numerous dry erase markers, 33 fidget toys

ACAP: (Adaptive Community Approach Program)

15 items from their wish list were donated (ex. paints, embroidery kits, pickleball sets, knife sets, canvases, canning jars)

ELCA Good Gifts: an unknown number of gifts were given using the tags placed on the tree.



Education For Life

El Salvador Student Scholarships

School fees for supplies, uniforms, and transportation make it difficult for families to send their children to school. Years ago, a scholarship system was established to assist families with the school costs.

There are three students waiting for scholarships. Meet them on the next page. Each scholarship is \$200. You may choose to cover a full scholarship or partial. You will receive notes from your student.

If you wish to help provide scholarships, contact Mary Beth at marybethgubbins@wi.rr.com.

C is for Cookie

Dear friends, Once again, we will be collecting cookies for the Luther Manor cookie drive in the **month of May**. If you are buying Girl Scout cookies this year, please consider buying an extra box or two to donate to Luther Manor. The residents love receiving these cookies, they're delicious, and they have a very long shelf life!

Thanks, Mary Tollander

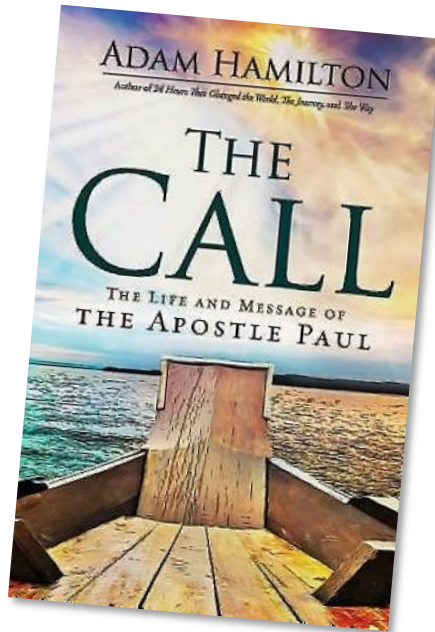


Lenten Journey with Paul

Our journey continues! There was this young Pharisee named Saul. He liked nothing better than to persecute Christians. He would go anywhere to find them and bring them back to Jerusalem to be punished. But, God being God, decided that Saul (aka Paul) was just the person he needed to help spread the word about His saving grace.

So, while Saul/Paul was on his way to Damascus to get some would-be Christian Jews, God got his attention with a blinding light. And then God called Paul to bring His saving message to the gentile world.

And the rest is history as they say. Paul begins a series of missionary journeys across Asia Minor and Greece, helping to establish Christianity.

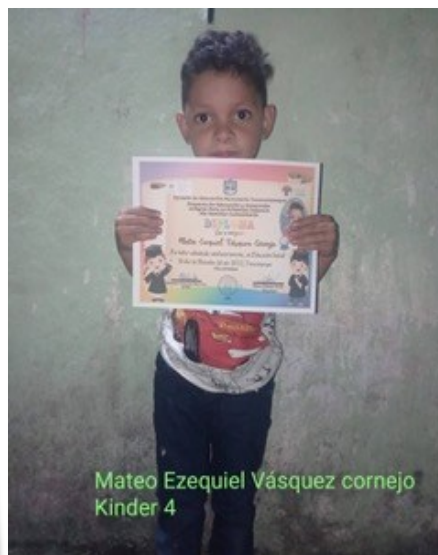


Begins February 19

We are inviting you to join us on a Lenten Journey this February/March to learn how Paul did in fact bring the Gospel to the world. And along the way, we will also learn about St. John's missionary work.

Our Lenten Journey will be similar to our Moses journey last fall. We will be using another Adam Hamilton book "The Call – The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul". There are six sessions with an accompanying DVD. Many of last Fall's Moses discussion groups will be participating in our journey with Paul. **If you are not part of a current group, please consider joining Kathy Davis's group that meets between services on Sunday morning. Books will be provided through the group facilitators.**

Opportunity to Make a Difference in the World



These three students are waiting for scholarships through our Education for Life scholarship program in El Salvador. Each scholarship is \$200. You may choose to cover a full scholarship or partial. You will receive notes from your student. In turn, you may send notes and small gifts to them. Contact Mary Beth at marybethgubbins@wi.rr.com with questions.

Troop 16

by Jim Mathes

Troop 16's planned retirement celebration recognizing Scoutmaster Terry Hoepfner is shaping up to be a fantastic event. Terry's 40 years of service to the youth of our community at St. John's as the Troop's sponsor is commendable. The 150-person maximum for lunch has been reached.

For those still wanting to learn more about Terry's positive contributions, the 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. program on Sunday, February 5, 2023, in the Church's Sanctuary has plenty of space available. This will allow all to join in congratulating Terry on his years of cheerful service of doing a good turn daily.



Terry will display his lifelong - 70 years - of Scouting memorabilia in the narthex on the morning of February 5.

The Call

We will be studying "The Call: The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul" this Lenten Season. The weekly sermon themes will be:

- 2/19 Called to Follow Christ (Acts 22)
- 2/26 Called to Go (Acts 13:1-4a)
- 3/5 Called to Suffer (Acts 16:1-10)
- 3/12 Called to Love (1 Corinthians 13:1, 4-7)
- 3/19 Called to Give (Acts 18:23, 19:1)
- 3/26 Called to Be Faithful (Acts 21:12)

Enjoy the journey.

For God so loved the world. John 3:16



And the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor. 13:13

February Birthdays

1 Mary Beth Gubbins	10 Robert Poth	17 Mallory Adams	
2 Karen Aamot	10 Brian Reed	17 Ruth Dillon	
2 Kenn Anderson	11 Marion Holmberg	17 Nicolas Luebstorff	
3 Ryan Logan	11 Steve Johnson	17 Declan Pirlot	
5 Ariella Beyerlein	11 Jennifer Templin	18 Patrice Krimpelbein	22 Sam Salinas
6 Lia Holmberg	12 Gary Hintz	18 Nick Vetta	23 Ron Riesen
6 Shirley Kerschke	13 Jessica Everts	18 Lisa Weiss-Cornelius	23 Steven Schellin
7 Ron Novak	14 Jan Schemberger	19 Pamela Moore	24 Jenna Gumm
7 Karen Pingel	15 Ken Paulsen	20 Tierney Athorp	25 Dave Peterson
8 Debbie Allard	15 LoRayne Schmidt	20 Karissa Klink	25 Pam Truax
8 Katie Pavlichek	16 Mandi Barz	20 Skip Webb	25 Dolores Wuttke
8 Dave Sidebottom	16 Gary Ertel	20 Beckham Zahn	26 Darlene Bahr
9 Jim Holmberg	16 Callum Reinfeldt	21 Todd Vogelsang	26 Max Bohne
9 Bill Schmidt	16 Mary Tollander	21 Grayson Yourell	26 Josh Brooks
			26 Adrian Williams
			28 Jackson Schilling

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. Following are highlights from the January 16 Council meeting.

President Report

- St. John's Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 29, with the primary goal of reviewing and approving our 2023 budget.
- Prior to our Annual Meeting, budget listening sessions will be held January 19 and 22.
- Thank you to the Financial Secretaries, Finance Team, St. John's Staff, and Council members for your diligent work on preparing the 2023 budget. Your support and dedication are greatly appreciated.
- A letter regarding the St. John's Building Improvements is being sent out on the 19. As highlighted in the letter, we will

discuss the needed improvements and next steps in greater detail at the annual meeting on January 29.

Financial Report

- Council agreed with the Finance's Team recommendation not to transfer any money into the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) this month.
- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of January 10 was \$112,347.31

Transition team

- Thank you to the Transition Team who continues to monitor and review ongoing COVID advancements.

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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Charlotte Yourell 262-527-2404

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Kris Wasserman



Music Ministry



Music Camp 2023

AMAZING NOTES

June 12-June 15

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

for kids completing 5K - 6th

7th graders and older are invited to volunteer!



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

lrickinger@stjohnbrookfield.org

About Us

Welcome Statement

At St. John's we align with Paul's words in Romans 15:7 "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." We welcome one another all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, age or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to physical or mental 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
Linda N	Nancy K

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

Creation Corner

Shop Local!

Local food is not only fresher, but shopping local directly supports your local economy, prevents food deserts, and improves food security. Thankfully, we are making it easy for you! Join us at the Winter Market at St. John's on February 19 from 9:00-12:00pm and stock up!



Staff Phone Extensions

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

Extensions:

- 100 Sue Smith, Admin Assistant
- 101 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

Calendar of events for February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p>		*worship service/event is live streamed	1 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	2 6:15p Indian Dancing 6:30p Al-Anon 6:30p The Call facilitator meeting	3 6:15a virtual men's group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	4 8:30a men's group 2:30p Middle School Fun Day (offsite)
	5 8:30a worship* 9:30a education/fellowship 10:30a worship 12:15p Hoepfner Party 4:30p 7/8 Confirmation 4:30p youth group	6 <i>Food Pantry Pick Up</i> 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p Al-Anon 6:30p Adult Ministry Mtg via ZOOM	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 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	9 6:15p Indian Dancing 6:30p Al-Anon 6:30p Faith Alive	10 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a Book Club 10:00a prayer shawl group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study
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Winter FARMERS MARKET

*All are
welcome*

Sunday, February 19th
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church
20275 Davidson Rd., Brookfield WI

Products include

Rustic Breads
Sweet Breads
Pastries
Eggs
Mushrooms
Meat
Veggies
Soaps
Salsas
Preserves
Apples
Syrups
Cider
Oats
Granola

*Freewill donation
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Brunch Tickets on Sale

February 5, 2023

Spinach or Sausage Cheesy Egg Bake
Homemade Organic Yogurt with Granola
Oatmeal Apple Coffee Cake
Baked Cinnamon Apples
Coffee, Cider, Tea, Milk

Dine In or Take To Go!



**Food, Faith and
Farming Network**
Growing Community, Land, and People

This Winter Farmers Market, hosted by **St. John's Lutheran Church**, is a project jointly sponsored by **Food, Faith and Farming Network** and the **Harvest of Hope Farm Crisis Fund** of the Madison Christian Community; both are non-profit organizations supporting Wisconsin family farmers since the 1980s.

InSpire

February 2023