

LENTEN SEASON

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

5:45 p.m. - soup

6:30 p.m. worship



Journey to the Cross

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

Like many of you, I am ready for the time of Spring, preferably late Spring when the trees are once again leafed with green and the flowers are blooming. It will come – eventually. It always does. The transition to Spring, however, is the difficult part. We wait, watch, and go through our routines of daily life.

The description I gave above sounds more like Advent than Lent, but both are really transition points – one for the birth of Christ and the other for the Resurrection!

During our Lenten season this year, we prepare for Holy Week by retracing the steps and journeys of the apostle Paul, who himself was the most important figure in another transition – the transition between Christ's ascension and the Day of Pentecost to the birth of the Church. In fact, as Adam Hamilton in his book The Call that we have begun reading in our small groups, ventures to say that without Paul, Christianity would have remained a small Jewish sect in a backwater territory in the Roman Empire and not the world-wide movement that has taken shape over the last 2,000 years.

We will explore Paul's journeys and incorporate our own into this transition story, as we wait, watch, and work in this time between the Resurrection and the fulfillment of God's realm in the end time.

I look forward to your journeys of faith during this Lenten time of Spring!

Pastor Brian

HE IS RISEN

Easter Celebrations

Sunrise worship outside in the columbarium

6:00 a.m.

Traditional Easter Worship

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.



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.

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6:30 p.m. - worship

The Call

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

- 3/5 Called to Suffer
(Acts 16:1-10)
- 3/12 Called to Love
(1Corinthians 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.

Family Night



Children, Youth & Families

SCIENCE FRIDAY IN PRESCHOOL

The Three Year Old class have Science Friday Experiments with Mrs. DeCoto

This experiment uses a recycled water bottle with water, drops of dish soap and glitter to make a Tornado in a Bottle! When you put everything together and shake the bottle in a circular motion, you'll be watching the glitter swirl like the wind of a tornado.

These budding scientists learning that the Tornado in a Bottle is caused by the water in the bottle spinning toward the center of the bottle creating a vortex.

We have so many fun ways to learn in Preschool!



Questions About Preschool?

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



Save The Dates For Summer

BOUNDARY WATERS

July 8-15



SEEDS OF CHANGE VBS

July 31 – August 4, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Church, Brookfield



SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 14, 2023

August 3, 2023



Music Camp 2023



AMAZING NOTES

June 12-June 15

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

for kids completing 5K - 6th

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. Designed for kids, teens, parents, and grandparents.

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!



First Communion

First Communion Service

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Worship at 8:30 am or 10:30 am

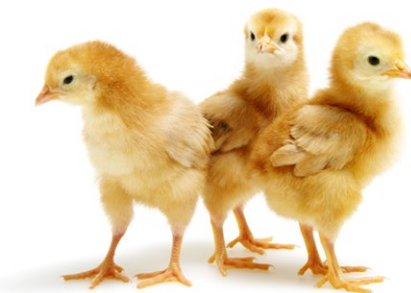
Class at 9:30 am

Is your child ready to take communion? Here at St. John's, we welcome children of any age to the Table when you as a family feel it is appropriate. We will be holding 1st Communion this year on Palm Sunday with a Communion Chat with Pastor Brian in between services. Please RSVP to Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org and fill out the form online.

Link to Form: <https://forms.gle/J3TEaVJxzjyL4Dk39>

Our new stewardship focus for Lent is...

ELCA Chicks! Do you think we can raise enough to donate 100 chicks to families in need around the world?



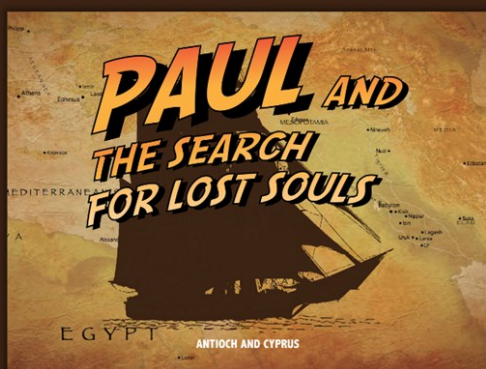
Sunday School

Join us Sundays at 9:30am for Sunday School! During Lent we are Journeying with Paul.

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.

Join us for Sunday School



SUNDAYS
AT 9:30AM

www.makedisciples.com



Sunday Evening Education

Middle Schoolers! Join us for dinner each Sunday at 4:30!!!

7th & 8th grade Calendar

- March 5 - Hope Center Meal 12:30-3:30pm
- March 5 - Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00pm
- March 19 - Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00pm
- March 29 - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00-7:00pm

5th & 6th grade Calendar

- March 5 - Hope Center Meal 12:30-3:30pm
- March 12 - Connect Class 4:30-6:00pm
- March 26 - Connect Class 4:30-6:00pm
- March 29 - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00-7:00pm

Contact Joanna with questions!

Children, Youth & Families

HS Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
3/5	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
3/12	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
3/16	9th grade confirmation - confirmation prep	6:30-8:00pm
3/19	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
3/25	Indoor Mini Golf	1:00-4:00pm
3/26	No Youth Group	---

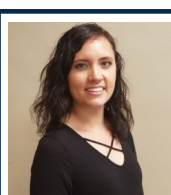
Boundary Waters

Boundary Waters July 8 – 15

It isn't too late to sign up!

Sign Up Here:

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



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

sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Big Putts Mini Golf

Ready to kick off spring break at Big Putts Indoor Mini Golf?

Where: Big Putts Mini Golf

Date: Saturday March 25

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAA2DA0F85-high5>



TWO SERVING EVENTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Middle Schoolers! We have two upcoming serving events!

Join us on March 5 as we serve the meal at the Hope Center and on March 29 as we host the Lenten Soup Supper at St. John's. Food and helping hands are needed. Watch for a sign up email from Joanna.

Middle School Hope Center Meal

5th-8th grade serving event

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March 5, 2023
12:30-3:30pm

SIGN UP TODAY!

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Hope Center
502 East Ave, Waukesha

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### Middle School Serving Event

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER MEAL

**SIGN UP TO HELP!**

**MARCH 29  
5:00-7:00PM**

# Outreach Opportunities

## Outreach for Hope

On Sunday, March 19, Pastor Chris Manke, Executive Director of Outreach for Hope (OFH) will be visiting and preaching at St. John's. Many at St. John's are familiar with OFH mainly through their September Ride, Run, Walk fund raiser. OFH is a legally separate entity affiliated with the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA. It's main goal is to provide partnerships and funding to support efforts of inner city Lutheran congregations (Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Waukesha) in their neighborhoods and at their churches. OFH provides support to develop specific programing efforts and then provides grants to fund them – 20 grants are being given in 2023 worth more than \$240,000. These grants are awarded annually and are funded through the Bike Ride effort. However, OFH also raises funds throughout the year for specific efforts (Super Bowl food drive; Coats for Kids; etc.) and to provide funding to support running the organization. OFH is not a congregational budget item at St. John's, so please consider the opportunity to support its ongoing ministry.

Any questions: contact Dale Landgren



## Thank You, Doris Klitzke

The February Outreach Focus was the **Women's Center**, 505 North East Ave, Waukesha. St John's has been a community leader in support for this important Independent non-profit human service agency founded in 1977. Thank you for your many donations! These donations make possible the free and comprehensive services designed to address the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse.

St. John's support had been carried out by Doris Klitzke for forty-three years. Doris began her volunteering at the Women's Center because she "loved helping out in some way." She speaks passionately of the women and children who need support and care through traumatic times in their lives. Doris has worked with the three directors of the Center and many staff members. She developed a routine of gathering needed items from members and delivering them to the Center every Monday. She has appreciated the support from Brian Cranfill, Outreach Chair. In the past few years Peg Schellin has come forward to help Doris with the assembling and packing. Volunteer drivers have been very helpful also. But, most important of all have been the many members who have gathered paper items, children's coloring books, personal items, gift cards and many more. Thank you, everyone!

The Women's Center can house up to 20 guests at one time. Some women stay for as long as

two years and move on to five transition homes in the area. It is easy to see the great need for the donated items.

Doris has received many appreciation/thank you notes from the Center. Angela, former Center Director wrote, "If you need anything, the Center is here for you, just as you have been here for us. We love you, Doris!" In 1994, Doris received a plaque from the Center recognizing fourteen years of her generous volunteering.

Doris is pleased that Mary Almasi has stepped forward to serve as the new liaison from St. John's to the Women's Center. Thank you, Mary!

*"Whatsoever you have done unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me."  
Matthew 25:40*



# Thanks for the Memories

by Terry Hoeppner

Hi Folks,

As published quite frequently over the past few months, I was honored on Sunday, February 5 with a tribute on my Scoutmaster Retirement after 40 years with Boy Scout Troop 16. I thank the wonderful participation of St. John's, Chairs Jim Mathes & Bill Selle, the troop committee, scout parents, scouts, and the 200 guests that attended.

Long time scouting friend, Henry Lewis, was the Master of the Ceremonies which were held in the church Sanctuary. Troop Boy

Scouts presented the Colors for the patriotic opening. We were honored to have 15 of our 61 Eagle Scouts in attendance and introduced. Jerry Langenecker gathered 300 slides for a showing which sure brought back memories of many of my 400 camping trips. Among the many Congratulatory Citations presented, State Legislature Representative Michalski and Senator Hutton presented a plaque sent from the State Legislature. The ceremony concluded with my remarks, the Benediction and the retiring of the colors.



L-r: State Assemblyman Tom Michalski, Don Hoeppner (brother), Terry Hoeppner, State Senator Rob Hutton

We moved into the Fellowship Hall for a lunch catered by Robert's Meats. The menu included Italian Sausage on buns, Chicken Filets, and Pork on a Stick with cake and cupcakes for dessert. The afternoon concluded with some campfire



songs and a guessing contest of how many boys (395) came through the troop and number of patches attached to the two blankets (386) on display in the Narthex.

I will miss the scouting program and working with the scouts. Hopefully they great experiences just as I did as a youth.

Thank you everyone, Happy Trails.

- Terry

## March Birthdays



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

|                     |                      |                      |                        |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Isabella Fuchs    | 11 Mark Aamot        | 14 Sue Cisz          |                        |
| 3 Jaidyn Barz       | 11 Rachel Paget      | 15 Will Otten        |                        |
| 3 Jennalyn Mallmann | 12 Jane Vento        | 15 Ruth Novak        | 22 Stephanie Dominguez |
| 4 Jackson Moran     | 12 Deb Zaeske        | 16 Don Hintze        | 22 Dennis Rebisch      |
| 5 Peg Schellin      | 12 Debbie Morgan     | 17 Pat Anderson      | 23 Judy Ertel          |
| 7 Arlyn Meier       | 12 Gregg Miller      | 17 Tony Caravella    | 25 Barb Keymar         |
| 7 Alex Fuchs        | 13 Ken Bahr          | 17 Dale Oistad       | 26 Alice Wafle         |
| 7 Scott Pavlichek   | 13 Dawn Kallin       | 20 Linda Brazin      | 27 Amy Bingenheimer    |
| 8 Ann Kopecky       | 13 Sam Nettekoven    | 21 Sharon Grunau     | 28 Mary Almasi         |
| 9 Steve Mueller     | 13 Amanda Gumm       | 21 Anthony Caravella | 28 Sue Kaiser          |
| 10 Bruce Campbell   | 13 Charlotte Yourell | 21 Ellen Schwantes   | 28 Carrie Allbaugh     |



## 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  
rickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.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](http://www.makedisciples.com).



*Without ceasing  
I remember you  
always in my  
prayers.*

Romans 1:9

## Creation Corner

### Landfill

Put a "Landfill" sign on all the garbage cans in your house this week!

Many of us automatically toss things instead of recycling them out of habit. Labeling each trash can "Landfill" will make us stop and think. **Bonus points: Put a recycling can next to each garbage can!**



## 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 March 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Monday                                                                                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                                                 | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                                                 | Friday                                                                                                                        | Saturday                                                              |
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| <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 - <a href="#">Documents and Forms</a>. Contact <a href="#">Sue Smith</a>, Administrative Assistant with questions.</p> |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                         | <b>1</b><br>8:30a Retired Men's bfast<br>5:15p Kids of the Kingdom<br>5:45p Lenten soup supper<br>6:00p AA<br>6:00p TOPS<br><b>6:30p Lenten worship</b><br>7:00p choir rehearsal                       | <b>2</b><br>6:30p AI-Anon<br>6:30p The Call group                                                                        | <b>3</b><br>6:15a virtual men's group<br>7:30p Chinese Bible Study                                                            | <b>4</b><br>8:30a men's group                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>5</b><br><b>8:30a worship*</b><br>9:30a education/fellowship<br><b>10:30a worship</b><br>4:30p 7/8 Confirmation<br>4:30p youth group   | <b>7</b><br>8:30a property team<br>10:00a staff mtg<br>6:00p quilters<br>6:30p handbell rehearsal                       | <b>8</b><br>9:30a Morning Circle<br>10:00a Purple Lily Cafe<br>5:15p Kids of the Kingdom<br>5:45p Lenten soup supper<br>6:00p AA<br>6:00p TOPS<br><b>6:30p Lenten worship</b><br>7:00p choir rehearsal | <b>9</b><br>6:30p AI-Anon<br>6:30p Faith Alive<br>6:30p The Call group                                                   | <b>10</b><br>6:15a virtual men's group<br>9:00a Book Club (offsite)<br>10:00a prayer shawl group<br>7:30p Chinese Bible Study | <b>11</b><br>8:30a men's group                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>12</b><br><b>8:30a worship*</b><br>9:30a education/fellowship<br><b>10:30a worship</b><br>4:30p 5/6 Connect Class<br>4:30p youth group | <b>14</b><br>8:30a property team<br>8:30a woman's Bible study<br>10:00a staff mtg<br>6:30p handbell rehearsal           | <b>15</b><br>12:00p Retired Men's lunch<br>5:15p Kids of the Kingdom<br>5:45p Lenten soup supper<br>6:00p AA<br>6:00p TOPS<br><b>6:30p Lenten worship</b><br>7:00p choir rehearsal                     | <b>16</b><br>4:00p Finance Team mtg<br>6:30p AI-Anon<br>6:30p 9 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation<br>6:30p The Call group | <b>17</b><br>6:15a virtual men's group<br>7:00p book club (offsite)<br>7:30p Chinese Bible Study                              | <b>18</b><br>8:30a men's group                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>19</b><br><b>8:30a worship*</b><br>9:30a education/fellowship<br><b>10:30a worship</b><br>4:30p 7/8 Confirmation<br>4:30p youth group  | <b>21</b><br>8:30a property team<br>10:00a staff mtg<br>1:00p Book Club<br>6:30p handbell rehearsal                     | <b>22</b><br>5:15p Kids of the Kingdom<br>5:45p Lenten soup supper<br>6:00p AA<br>6:00p TOPS<br><b>6:30p Lenten worship</b><br>7:00p choir rehearsal                                                   | <b>23</b><br>6:30p AI-Anon<br>6:30p Faith Alive<br>6:30p The Call group                                                  | <b>24</b><br>6:15a virtual men's group<br>7:30p Chinese Bible Study                                                           | <b>25</b><br>8:30a men's group<br>1:00p High School Fun Day (offsite) |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>26</b><br><b>8:30a worship*</b><br>9:30a education/fellowship<br><b>10:30a worship</b><br>4:30p 5/6 Connect Class<br>NO youth group    | <b>28</b><br>8:30a property team<br>9:00a Women's Bible Study (offsite)<br>10:00a staff mtg<br>6:30p handbell rehearsal | <b>29</b><br>5:45p Lenten soup supper<br>6:00p AA<br>6:00p TOPS<br><b>6:30p Lenten worship</b><br>7:00p choir rehearsal                                                                                | <b>30</b><br>6:30p AI-Anon<br>6:30p The Call group                                                                       | <b>31</b><br>6:15a virtual men's group<br>7:30p Chinese Bible Study                                                           |                                                                       |

# Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. Following are highlights from the February 20 Council meeting.

## President Report

- The 2023 budget was approved at our Annual Meeting on January 29.
- Additional highlights from the Annual Meeting included a lengthy discussion regarding the three building improvements proposed for 2023.
- The three improvements are: fixing and painting the exterior, repairing/resurfacing the circle drive, and improving the exterior signage on Barker Road.
- Currently, proposals for the three projects are being vetted to determine a cost so our capital campaign can begin.

## Financial Report

- Council agreed and approved with the Finance's Team recommendation to transfer \$1,270.90 into the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) this month.
- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of February 13 was \$112,347.31.

## Transition team

- With COVID numbers at stable levels, the Transition Team has switched to an ad hoc status.

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

### President

Brian Zach 608-279-3577

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Charlotte Yourell

Brittany Larson 262-527-2404

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## March Outreach Focus

Our outreach focus for March is the FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County. They provide food, hope, and dignity to county residents in need, and advocate to increase awareness of hunger through community partnerships. The FOOD Pantry serves Waukesha County residents who are children, elderly, working but underemployed, Individuals with disabilities or health issues, and temporarily unemployed.

### Most Commonly Needed Food Items:

- Shelf stable fruits canned in water or its own juice
- Whole grain cereals
- Ready to eat soups with meat
- Canned pasta with meat
- Shelf stable milk alternatives: such as soy or almond milk
- shelf stable proteins: tuna, chicken, ham, tofu
- 100% Fruit Juice

### Infant and Toddler Needs:

- \* Formula - especially Similac
- \* Diapers - especially size 5 & 6
- \* Pull-Ups - any size
- \* Baby wipes
- \* Pediasure
- \* NO baby food needed at this time