

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.

April 9



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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

He is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

These are the words that we proclaim on Easter morning and during the Easter season. They express the heart of our faith and the center of our worship. Without these words and the truth they reveal, our gathering on Sundays would be meaningless. With these words we profess our trust in God whose power is so great that God has destroyed death itself.

The German theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg wrote in his Systematic Theology that all of time converges on the Resurrection – the past, present and future meet in the risen Christ. It is the was, here, and the not yet of which Jesus spoke, referring, of course, to God's realm.

The good news of this reality is that we are no longer bound by sin; rather we are free to love our neighbors as ourselves, to turn the other cheek, and even to love our enemies; meaning that we can see the world and each other with compassion and not resentment or fear. We can look within ourselves and our human institutions and systems and see where we are flawed, knowing that God is full of grace and mercy. We can then live full of grace – to live gracefully and peacefully, despite what may challenge us or make us fearful.

Can we live perfectly in the resurrection? Of course not. Rest assured, however, that Christ died and was raised from the dead not as a reward for how good we are; rather, Christ was raised from the dead for our sake, knowing that we could not receive God's grace by our own merit.

He is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Brian

What's New?

Holy Week

- April 2 Palm Sunday
8:30a and 10:30 a
- April 6 Maundy Thursday
6:30p
- April 7 Good Friday
12:00p and 6:30p

Easter - April 9

He is risen!

- 6:00a sunrise worship in the columbarium
- 8:30a celebration worship with music led by organ and brass
- 10:30a celebration worship with music led by Praise Band

Bluegrass Worship



April 30
10:30 a.m.



Partnership Celebrations

Tanzania

April 23

Join us to celebrate our Tanzania partnership. We will hear from the delegation members who traveled there in March.

Did you know we actually are partners with TWO churches in Tanzania? Akeri and Nguruma.

Learn more about it!



El Salvador

April 30

Join us to celebrate our 25 years of partnership with El Salvador. Tim and Linda Muth will review some history and share future plans.

Did you know there will be TWO opportunities to travel to our partner church in El Salvador?

Learn more about it!

Children, Youth & Families

St. John's Preschool Family Night with Wildlife in Need starring Jewel & Antoinette the Turtles!



Family Night March 2 was great. Miss Ellen, the teacher from Wildlife in Need, brought three Animal Ambassadors that we met and learned about each one of them. We had a large crowd of Preschoolers and Sunday Schoolers with their families and St. John's members and guests.

The stars of the night were Jewel the Ornate Box Turtle & Antoinette the Western Painted Turtle. Both Jewel and Antoinette were happy to come out of their travel containers and greet us all. Our third Ambassador, Lenny the Opossum, wasn't willing to come out of his carrier, even to eat his dinner of fruit and veggies with cat & dog food! He stayed inside and so we just took turns peeking inside. It was only Lenny's second time being an Ambassador, so we understood!



Questions About Preschool?

Contact Laura:
262-786-4298 or

Irlickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Children, Youth & Families

Sunday Morning Family Worship

Join us Sunday Mornings at 10:30 for Family Worship. We've incorporated interactive components into worship with the band for a whole family worship experience. **Beginning this week at the 10:30 service** and continuing each week through May, we are offering an optional activity for kids in the Narthex during the sermon.

If your family would like, kids will come out after the children's sermon, participate in a project or

activity about the scripture reading, and then return before communion. We have several new families and many young families, and this should help ease the transition to kids fully participating in worship. Parents are welcome to stay in worship during this time and hear the message.

***Note** If your kids come out for the activity, they will need to stay out with us until it is time to go back to avoid interrupting the sermon.*

First Communion

April 2 or 16, 2023

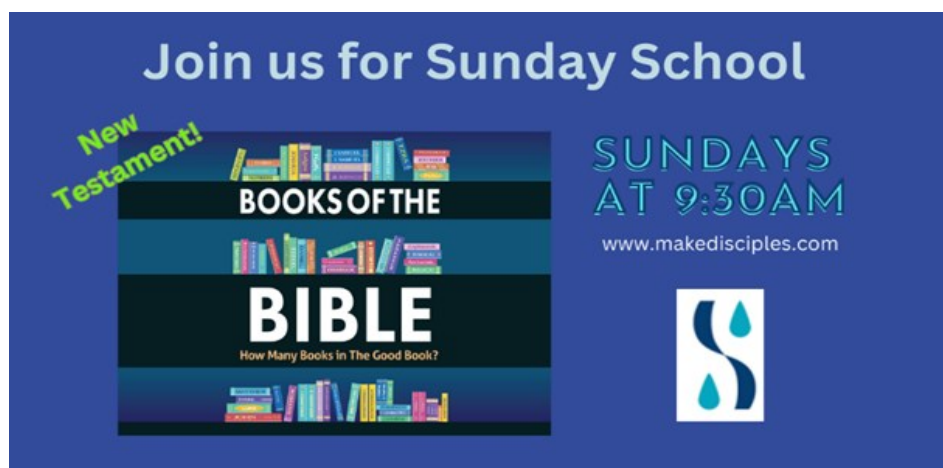
Worship at 8:30am or 10:30am

Class at 9:30am each week

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 and on April 16. A Communion Chat with Pastor Brian will be in between services both weeks.

Please RSVP to Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org and fill out the form online.

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



Sunday School

Join us Sundays at 9:30am for Sunday School! We are back learning the Books of the Bible – this time the New Testament!!!

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

Sunday School Calendar

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|----------|---|
| April 2 | No Regular Sunday School. Watch Spark Easter Movie in the Youth Room at 9:30! |
| April 9 | Easter! No Sunday School |
| April 16 | Regular Sunday School resumes |

Sunday Evening Education

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

7th & 8th grade Calendar

- April 2 - Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00pm
- April 16 - Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00pm
- April 29 - Synod-wide El Salvador event, time TBD
- April 30 - Last Sunday night confirmation class 4:30-6:00pm

5th & 6th grade Calendar

- April 9 - No Connect Class
 - April 23 - Connect Class 4:30-6:00pm
 - April 29 - Synod-wide El Salvador event, time TBD
- Contact Joanna with questions!

Children, Youth & Families

8th Grade Parent Meeting

Are you the parent/guardian of a current 8th grade student?

Come 15 minutes early to pick up your student and join Stephanie Broussard on Sunday, April 30 at 5:45pm to talk about what their 9th grade and final year of confirmation is going to look like!

Sign up for Adventure at Lutherdale!

7th & 8th graders – Join us on May 20 as we spend the day at Lutherdale exploring their high and low ropes, climbing the rock wall, and zip lining!

Cost: \$20/student. Friends are welcome! Sign up here:

[https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084cadaa2da0f85-lutherdale#/)

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Lutherdale Adventure Ropes



7TH & 8TH GRADERS

May 20, 2023
7:45am - 5:00pm

Cost: \$20/participant
Friends welcome!

Sign Up by May 8!



Big Putts Mini Golf

Due to the snow storm, the high school youth group had to reschedule our outing at Big Putts Indoor Mini Golf!

Where: Big Putts Mini Golf

Date: Sunday, April 2

Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Sign Up: [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAA2DA0F85-high5)

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Confirmation Students Serve Loaves and Fishes

A huge THANK YOU to a great group of Confirmation students who served the Loaves and Fishes meal at the Hope Center on March 5!

Confirmation Weekend

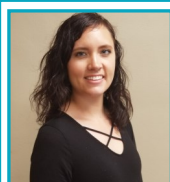
Friday, May 5, 6:30pm

9th grade students will present their independent service project reports from this past year, along with lots of yummy treats to celebrate them.

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!



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

sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

HS Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
4/2	Big Putts Golf	2:00-5:00pm
4/9	Easter - No Youth Group	---
4/16	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
4/20	9th grade confirmation	6:30-7:30pm
4/23	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
4/30	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
4/30	8th Grade Parent Meeting	5:45pm

May 7, 9:00am

Pancake breakfast to celebrate our 11 confirmands.

May 7, 10:30am

Come join us as our confirmands affirm their baptism!



Amazing Grace Turns 250

An Historical Look

The beloved hymn “Amazing Grace” turns 250 years old this year. This is one of the most popular and well loved hymns.

This is a hymn that has served as a first stuttering utterance of faith, as last words at death’s door, and as a joyful benediction over festival revelers.

But why this hymn? There are others on the theme of grace and other hymns that express deep theological truths, but “Amazing Grace” stands head and shoulders above any of them.

It would be impossible to say definitively why this hymn occupies this special space after 250 years, but I think it’s because it speaks to so many situations. First, the hymn unifies people. The truths of the words resonate across boundaries of time and culture. And second, the hymn allows the singer to tell their own story. “Amazing Grace” has stood the test of time because you and I can both find language that articulates our experience of life and faith.

The story of the hymn is as surprising as the story of its writer, Anglican evangelical clergyman and reformed slave trader John Newton.

Newton's mother died in his infancy, he later joined his father at sea, and he eventually became a slave trader. This profession was abhorrent even to

many who had no ethical qualms about enslavement itself, and Newton was apparently so morally repugnant in this context that even his colleagues were appalled. He was eventually marooned in West Africa.

“I was in effect, though without the name, a Captive and a Slave myself,” Newton later wrote, “and was depressed to the lowest degree of human wretchedness.”

He was rescued from West Africa and headed home. On the voyage, his thoughts turned to his mother’s faith during a violent storm. In the coming years, he embraced evangelical Christianity and was eventually appointed minister in Olney, Buckinghamshire. It was here that his friendship with William Cowper blossomed, and the pair began writing the hymns that would later become the *Olney Hymnal*.

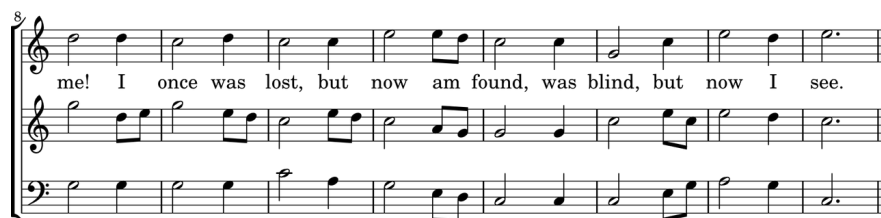
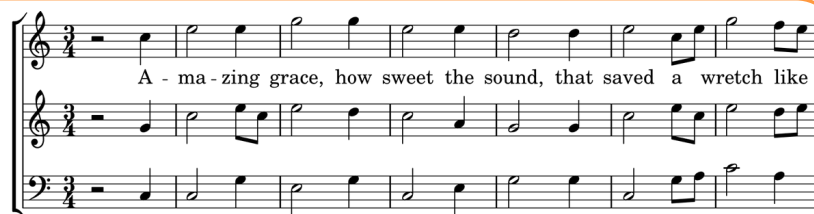
Newton’s practice was to write hymns to be sung following his sermons. When he preached on 1 Chronicles 17:16 –17 in January 1773, he introduced his congregation to the hymn “Faith’s

Review and Expectation” (which was only later retitled “Amazing Grace”). The hymn gave voice to King David’s thankfulness at God’s grace in the covenant promise of a kingdom that would endure through all generations.

When Newton published the hymn, it enjoyed only modest reception. It was not published widely in its first few decades.

Another issue was that in the early years, it was sung to at least 20 different tunes. It was only in 1835 that William Walker paired the text to tune of “New Britain,” which is now the tune inextricably linked to the words. The hymn struggled to catch on in England but it was used extensively in America. It received regular use at revivals and camp meetings of the early 19th century.

In America, the hymn lost its association with 1 Chronicles and became instead a statement of personal testimony—a hymn about being born again. At the same time, it became attached, rather unexpectedly, to American abolitionism. Harriet Beecher Stowe included it in her novel *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*.



**The historical information is taken from *We've Sung 'Amazing Grace' for 250 Years. We've Only Just Begun*.

Daniel Johnson is a PhD researcher at the University of Leicester, writing the work of Isaac Watts. He is also head of academic development at the Nexus Institute for Creative Arts.

Food Ministries

Freezer Meals Available

A friendly reminder that ready-to-go meals are available in the freezer. The meals may be taken to anyone in need of a meal.

Thank you to our middle schoolers for keeping the freezer stocked!



"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food"

Matthew 25:34-35a

Confirmation Pancakes

In support of our 9th grade class being confirmed on May 7, we will be having a pancake breakfast at 9:00am. Join us!

If you would like to assist in the preparation and flipping of pancakes, please reach out to Stephanie Broussard.



Ministry Invitations

St. John's Quilting

St. John's has a group of dedicated quilters who work each month creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). For more than 75 years, LWR has provided quilts for those in need around the world. How many??? 28 MILLION! You read that right. These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict.

In 2022, LWR quilts went to 17 countries: Angola, Armenia, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Georgia, Guatemala, Haiti, Jordan, Lebanon, Mali, Niger, Peru, Poland, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Ukraine.

How You Can Help

There are two ways you can help:

- 1) Pick up a Quilt-to-go packet in the Narthex. There is enough fabric in there to make a simple quilt top 62" X 84". Sew at your own pace, at home, and return your completed top to church. Nothing fancy required.
- 2) Or if you prefer to work with super-cool people at St. John's, we normally meet the first Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm. No experience required! Some of the things we do are: straight sewing, finished ironing, turning of quilts, and laying/pinning the quilt top/inside/bottom. (For April, we are meeting April 11).

Questions? Please contact Klaudia Hollander or Jennifer Cranfill.

St. John's Men's Softball

It's softball time again! Or at least time to start thinking about it ... over a pizza and barley pop. 😊 We play on Monday nights at Wirth Park starting in May and will have a couple of practices in April to shake off the rust. If interested in joining our team for some fun and fellowship, please call Brian Harms at 414-651-2120.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd Friday at 10:00 a.m.

These shawls are freely given and are a gift of love. It is our prayer that those who receive a prayer shawl will feel the Lord is with them.

Beginners and seasoned veterans of knitting and crocheting are welcome to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Direct questions to Linda Nelson: lindaln7776@yahoo.com.



April Outreach Focus

Supplies for Newborn Kits

Goal for 2023

Newborn Kits is St. John's missionary focus for April. Our 2023 goal is 600 kits. Assembly of the kits is planned for July 25.

Thanks to the many donations already given, we have a great start already! Towels and wash cloths were purchased during Black Friday sales last November. We need about \$3000.00 in cash donations to cover the cost of the towels, wash cloths, diapers, diaper pins, etc.

Needed Items to Reach Our Goal

- monetary donations (about \$3000.00)
- 535 receiving blankets
- 137 onesies (preemie, newborn, or 0-3 month sizes)
- 176 baby hats
- 579 Ivory bar soap (bath size)
- 600 twist ties (used to attached labels to each kit)
- USED pillow cases (optional - please do not buy new ones, but we can use any you no longer need)

Why Newborn Kits Matter

Once we assemble the kits, we deliver them to Global Health Ministries in MN. They then ship the kits to various developing nations in Africa, Asia, & Central America. Newborn Kits are gifts that help a new mom celebrate, clothe, and care for her new baby. 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 ministry is only successful due to your generous donations! In the past 24 years, St. John's has donated a total of 12,442 Newborn Kits!

*Let's continue to help
one baby at a time!*



Want to Travel?

Footsteps of Apostle Paul

Information Meeting on April 3

We are having a meeting for anyone interested in joining us on our faith pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul" in July. Our trip will take us to Greece, the ancient city of Ephesus, islands in the Mediterranean Sea and to Rome. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, at St. John's in the youth room. This is for information purposes only. If you want more information, but can't make the meeting in person, you can attend via ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6816660108?pwd=WjRwcm8xOGRML2Q3elp4NXhjdkpqdz09>

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Paul Bulgerin at bulgerin@sbcglobal.net.

El Salvador

August Celebration

It is our 25th year of partnership with El Salvador and we need to celebrate! We are planning a trip to join the celebration for either August 1-8 or August 2-9.

"Young" Adults to El Salvador

When Pastor Brian visited El Salvador in November, the idea of a big January 2024 finale to the silver year was discussed with the congregation in Los Héroes. Promoted as a "Young Adult" trip, interested folks of any age are invited.

Contact the office for trip application forms.

Synod Happenings

Synod Assembly Volunteers Needed

Our 2023 Synod Assembly runs from 2:00 pm Friday, June 3 (note earlier starting time) through 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 4, at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee.

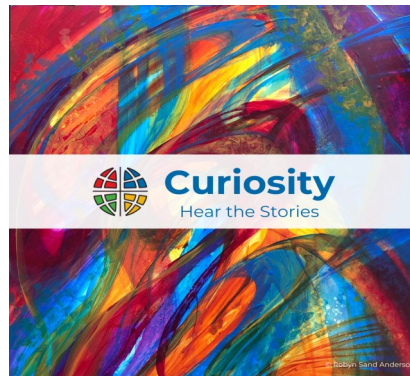
We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with Registration at this event. Registration volunteers work from our registration area (standing or sitting) to quickly and efficiently check in registrants as they arrive at the ICC. They check attendees in, give them their badge and lanyard, and answer general questions about the assembly and the facility.

Our biggest need is for volunteers at these times:

- Approximately 1:00 - 5:30 pm on Friday.
- 7:30 am Saturday through about 10:00 am.

The Italian Community Center is a wonderful facility, with plenty of free and safe parking. In addition to meeting hundreds of wonderful visitors from all around our synod, volunteers will have the rare opportunity to work with the award-seeking registration guru from our staff, Phil "sign-in here" Smith.

Interested? Have more questions? Contact Phil Smith at phil@gmselca.org or call him at 414.671.1212. Thank you for your consideration.



Deconstructing Racism

"Deconstructing Racism" is an introductory training facilitated by Rev. Marilyn Miller and Joyce Caldwell, PhD that is grounded in stories of participants, the Bible, and history. Through reflection on those stories, participants examine the construction and meaning of racism and the part we all play in upholding and maintaining the system. We will begin to identify steps and opportunities to grow in both understanding and action.

Registration Fee: \$75 includes materials and lunch.

Questions? Contact one of our event facilitators:

- Rev. Marilyn Miller: marilyn.millerm3@att.net, 414-617-4907
- Joyce Caldwell, PhD: jacaldwell@wi.rr.com, 414-333-3756

Registration Deadline is 11:59 pm on Sunday, April 16.

Register at: [Deconstructing Racism \(Introductory Training\) - Greater Milwaukee Synod ELCA](#)

Adult Ed

Sunday Morning Forums

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Adult Forums April 23 and 30. You will have the opportunity to hear about our partnership in Tanzania and in El Salvador. See pictures. Ask questions. Have fun!

Sundays, April 23 and 30
9:30 a.m.

St. John's Academy

The Adult Ministry team invites you to the next St. John's Academy to take a deeper dive into our partner church in El Salvador. We will go deeper into the political, social, and economical aspects of life in Los Héroes.

Sunday, April 30
4:30 supper with the youth
5:00 Academy in the sanctuary



Property Update

Exterior Painting

We are pleased to announce that the St. John's property team has finalized plans for the repair and painting of the entire exterior of the building. The project will start as soon as weather permits and, once started, should be completed in 10-14 days.

William Stace
Building Supervisor



Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

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

President Report

- What a great feeling to see the return of one of the many things that make St. John's an amazing congregation: food, faith, and fellowship. Thank you to all of those who have been a part of the weekly Lenten Soup Suppers.
- Giving envelopes have arrived!
- Proposals continue to come in for the three 2023 projects: fixing and painting the exterior, repairing/resurfacing the circle drive, and improving the exterior signage on Barker Road.

Financial Report

- Thank you for your faithful giving! February's gracious giving has allowed St. John's to set aside \$7,291 in funds to be

put towards deficit reduction, as the 2023 budget approved by the congregation had an approximate \$37,000 deficit.

- Point of reference: To determine the amount of funds which can be set aside, The Finance Team and Council review the daily cash on hand calculation and value. If there is more than 45 days cash on hand, funds beyond the 45 days cash on hand, is then eligible for discussion, recommendation, and approval. This same "45 days cash on hand" calculation is used to approve money to be added to the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF).
- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of March 15 was \$113,618.21.

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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Annual Reports May 1 Deadline

Annual Reports capture the history of St. John's. Our next annual report will be shared at the meeting on June 4. **All leaders of a ministry, team, or small group** are asked to submit a short report by May 1. The report should contain highlights of the past year, when you meet, and any goals/dreams you have for the coming year. Reports should be emailed to Pam Klink at pklink@stjohnsbrookfield.org.

Message From Our Treasurer

Did you know?

Credit card giving through Vanco incurs a 2.9% fee. Switching to a bank account for Vanco payments and/or choosing to help offset the processing fee during checkout can both make a difference.

You can access and manage your Vanco giving on our website or via the Vanco Mobile app.

Great news!

February's giving was 41% higher than budgeted. Expenses were right at 100% of the budgeted amount. A huge thank you to everyone who gives generously to the mission and ministry of St. John's. Your financial gifts are appreciated!

Giving Envelopes

They Are Finally Here!

The giving envelopes have finally arrived. They should be available for pick up by Wednesday, April 5.



Giving Has Never Been Easier

Offering is an act of worship – giving back to God in response to blessings, grace, and love received. In this modern era, there are multiple methods available to give. However you choose to give, God will use your gifts to bless others through the ministries at St. John's. If you have any questions about giving to St. John's, please either contact the office or Carrie, St. John's Treasurer.

Thank you for your continued generosity that allows our ministries to be a blessing to others.

1 CLICK

Click "Ways to Give" on our website (makedisciples.com). You may choose a one-time gift or establish a recurring gift.



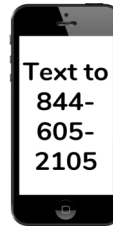
2 SCAN

Scan the QR code with your cell phone to be directed to our online giving page.



3 TEXT

Text-to-give. Text the amount you wish to give to 844-605-2105. You will receive a registration link and will be prompted to complete the registration. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give and it will process automatically.



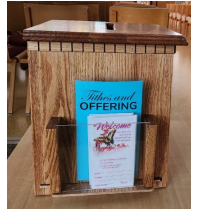
4 APP

Download the Vanco Mobile app on your phone. Search for "St. John's Lutheran Church" and scroll to find us.



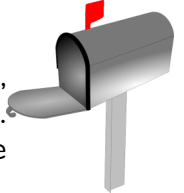
5 WORSHIP

Offerings during worship may be given in the offering plate or wooden offering box at the sanctuary entrance. Cash or checks payable to St. John's may be put in loose or in the provided envelopes.



6 MAIL

Offerings of cash, checks, stocks, etc. may be mailed to the church office.



*Every good and perfect gift is from above.
James 1:17*

April Birthdays



2 Cindi Wright-Kau	6 Meara Holmberg	12 Daniel Hoem	
3 Dominic Gaska	6 Sarah Klemm	13 Kristina Harms	
3 Alyssa Mallmann	6 Elizabeth Roth	14 Geraldine Knee	
3 Steph Moran	7 Evan Roth	16 Nancy Hartman	24 Dawson Cvikel
3 Anna Potratz	7 Rich Smith	17 Jacob Vetta	24 Phil Lange
3 Phyllis Whitehead	8 Evan Zach	19 Gage Lurvey	24 LoAnn Petermann
4 Brian Harms	9 Mark Sabin	20 Brittany Larson	25 Jacob Balzer
4 Kathy Sattler	9 Zayda Stephens	20 Kara Pirlot	25 Sue Keith
4 George Vogt	9 Phyllis Ten Pas	21 Mary Balzer	25 Joe Schaefer
5 Grant Gundlach	10 Tessa Olderman	21 Steph Broussard	27 Colleen Anderson
5 Linda Nelson	10 Virginia Walsh	22 Pam Klink	27 Haley Larson
5 Carol Schulz	11 Jim Allard	22 Andrew Sommer	28 Dawn Williams
5 Jeff Weyer	11 Taylor Aune	22 Karen Sommer	28 Ashley Wimmer
6 Ralph Berglund	11 Ryan Cornelius	23 Dick Granholm	29 John Stahl
6 Rick Elfers	11 Nate Schettler	23 John Gugel	29 Jonah Wagner

Contact Us

Office Hours

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

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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
Linda N	Nancy K
Carol S	Neal S

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

Free Energy Savings

Order a **FREE** energy savings kit from Focus on Energy!

Did you know that most Wisconsin residents can order a **free** Focus on Energy kit every 12 months? These kits include things like LED light bulbs, smart power strips, water saving showerheads, and more!

<https://focusonenergymarketplace.com/free/>



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

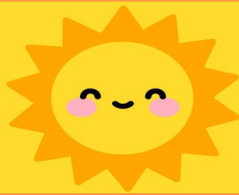


**Attention
Facebook Users**

Evangelize with our posts, be sure to: **LIKE
COMMENT
SHARE**

Calendar of events for April 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:30a worship* 9:30a education/fellowship 10:30a worship 1:00p Luth. Retreat Assc. 2:00p youth group 4:30p 7/8 Confirmation	3 Food Pantry Pick Up 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p Footsteps of Paul trip info meeting	4 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal	5 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	6 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p Faith Alive 6:30p worship 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	7 <i>Good Friday</i> 6:15a virtual men's group 12:00p worship 6:30p worship 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	1 <div>8</div>							
9 <i>Easter</i> 6:00a Easter worship 8:30a Easter worship* 10:30a Easter worship	10 <i>office closed</i> 10:00a yoga 11:30a PEO Women's Grp 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon	11 8:30a property team 9:00a woman's Bible study (offsite) 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:30p handbell rehearsal	12 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS	13 4:00p Finance Team mtg 6:30p AI-Anon	14 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a Book Club (offsite) 10:00a prayer shawl group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	15 8:30a men's group							
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23 Tanzania Partnership 8:30a worship* 9:30a education/fellowship 10:30a worship 4:30p 5/6 Connect Class 4:30p youth group	24 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p Adult Ministry Mtg	25 8:30a property team 9:00a Women's Bible Study (offsite) 10:00a staff mtg 5:00p Mueller vow renewal 6:30p handbell rehearsal	26 6:00p AA 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	27 6:30p AI-Anon	28 6:15a virtual men's group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	29 8:30a men's group 4:00p Indian music recital							
30 El Salvador Partnership 8:30a worship* 9:30a education/fellowship 10:30a worship 1:00p "Reducing Waste" 4:30p 7/8 Confirmation 4:30p youth group 5:00p St. John's Academy 5:45p 8 th grade parent mtg			*worship service/event is live streamed		<div>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.</div>								



Summer

at St. John's 2023

BOUNDARY WATERS

July 8-15

High School Summer Trip

SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 14, 2023

August 3, 2023



SEEDS OF CHANGE VBS

July 31 – August 4, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Church, Brookfield

Join us for VBS



Music Camp 2023

AMAZING NOTES

June 12-June 15

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

for kids completing 5K - 6th

St. John's Lutheran Church

Join us for Music Camp

Seeds of Change VBS

July 31-August 4, 2023

9:00am-12:00pm

Ages 4 (by the start of VBS) – completing 5th grade

Join us as we discover how making small earth minded decisions in our daily lives helps care for and preserve God's creation. We will spend one day exploring at Retzer Nature Center! Learn more at <https://makedisciples.com/ministries/child-youth/vacation-bible-school/>

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/HDkmZaVKLNwosrmy9>

Payment Link: [Home | St. John's Lutheran Church \(myvanco.com\)](#)

Amazing Notes

June 12-15, 2023

9:00am-11:30am

Completed 5K to 6th grade

This summer, participants will make Amazing Notes as we explore our God-given gifts. We will experience drum circles, singing, and hand bells, as well as learn about different musical styles and themes. We will play games, eat snacks, and of course make music!

Registration Link: [FILL OUT FORM](#)

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