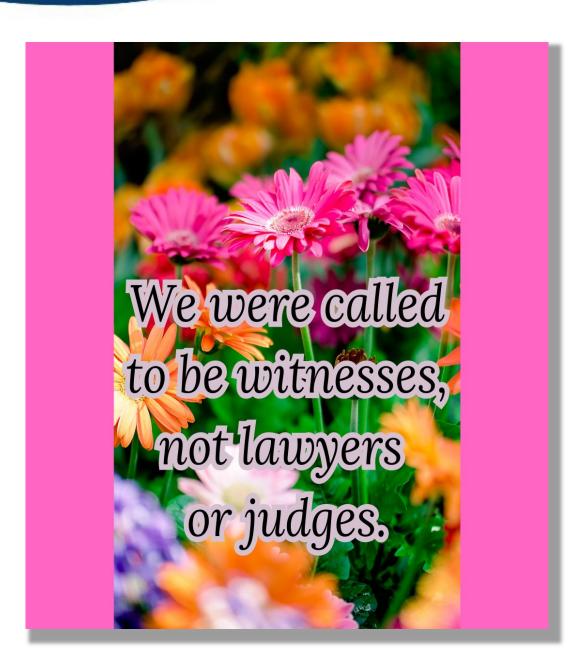


May 2023

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

May is such a lovely month. We are assured that winter has finally lost its grip, and the summer is just ahead of us. The green on the trees, in the fields, and in our lawns is such a refreshing change from the grays and browns that preceded it. May is my favorite month of the year.

Easter is my favorite season of the year. In our northern hemisphere it always corresponds to springtime and the promise of new life. Most people today see Easter as just a one day event, but we know differently. It is in this season in which we hear the incredible gospel stories of Jesus has risen and meets with his disciples. It is in the Easter season we hear the heartwarming story of Jesus meeting two travelers on the road to Emmaus, who did not recognize him at first, but who soon recognized him when they invited him into their home to eat with them. That Easter story is our story every time we share the bread and wine at communion. It is a celebration of new life given to us by the one who travels with us down our roads and paths in life.

May Christ, in this Resurrection season, bring blessings to you and all whom you love.

Pastor Bria

Annual Meeting

June 4 | 10:15 a.m. | outside, weather permitting Elect new council members, celebrate ministries, and more!

What's New?

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.

May 7, 9:00am

Pancake breakfast to celebrate our 11 confirmands.

May 7, 10:30am

Come join us as our confirmands affirm their baptism!



Children's Ministry Stewardship Focus

HOW TO PLAY

PENNY WARS

POSITIVE POINTS

EACH PENNY = +1 POINT

\$1 BILL = +100 POINTS

\$5 BILL = +500 POINTS

\$10 BILL = +1,000 POINTS

NEGATIVE POINTS

NICKEL = -5 POINTS

DIME = -10 POINTS

QUARTER = -25 POINTS

THE CLASS WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS THE WAR!

1234 ... We declare a PENNY WAR!

Help us raise money for a new sign for St. John's!

Each class will have a bucket for money. Pennies and paper money count FOR you; put those in YOUR class bucket. Silver coins count AGAINST you; put those in a DIFFERENT bucket.

CONGREGATION:

Want to get involved? Sign up in the Narthex to match a classroom's total amount raised. We will contact you with the exact amount at the end of the Penny Wars on May 21.

Want to get REALLY involved??? Sign up to match the amount the ENTIRE Sunday School raises!

Children, Youth & Families

St. John's Preschool



WHERE WE PLAY, DISCOVER, LEARN AND GROW.

Enrollment is Now OPEN for September!

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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK! MAY 8-12

Let's join together and say "Thank You" to our Preschool Teachers for a great year of Preschool!



Mrs. Wagner



Mrs. DeCoto



Mrs. Paukner



Mrs. Lange



Mrs. Rickinger

Children, Youth & Families

Sunday Morning Family Worship UPDATE

Join us Sunday Mornings at 10:30 reading, and then return before Worship. Family We've incorporated interactive components into worship with the band for a whole family worship experience. 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

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.

Sunday School Calendar

- May 7 Happy Confirmation Day! We have regular Sunday School and there is a pancake breakfast beginning at 9:00am.
- May 14 Happy Mother's Day! We have regular Sunday School.
- May 21 Last day of Sunday School! "Are You Smarter Than a Sunday Schooler?" celebration.

Sunday School

- 1. Join us on May 21 during the Sunday School hour for "Are You Smarter Than a Sunday Schooler?" during our end-of-the-year celebration.
- 2. A huge thank you to our Sunday School and Confirmation leaders and our Children, Youth, and Family Board for their commitment, leadership and dedication to our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at St. John's.



Sunday School leaders: Marie and Jordan Emmons, Linnea Logan, John and Lizzie Roth, Ariella Beyerlein, Carrie and Phil Peters, Karie Zach, Kasee Lange, and Sonja Beyerlein. Thanks to Dayne Peters for his A/V skills, Jenny Templin for stepping in to sub throughout the year, Sara Sadowski for the amazing translation help, and Barb Lange and Carole Lewis for their continued support and grace!

Children, Youth and Family Board: Linnea Logan (chair), Sonja Beyerlein, Karie Zach, and CYF staff.

Sunday Evening Education

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

7th & 8th grade Calendar

- May 7 Pancake Breakfast 8:00-11:30am
- May 20 Lutherdale Ropes Course 7:45am-5:00pm

5th & 6th grade Calendar

- May 7 Pancake Breakfast 8:00-11:30am
- May 7 Connect Class 4:30-6:00pm
- May 21 Connect Class 4:30-6:00pm

Contact Joanna with questions!

Join us for Sunday School SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM www.makedisciples.com

Make Your Summer Plans



Click or scan the OR code for more information on summer happenings at St. John's.

Children, Youth & Families

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://

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084cadaa2da0f85-lutherdale#/



HS Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time	
5/5	Confirmand Speech Night	6:30- 8:00pm	
5/7	Pancake Breakfast	9:00am- Noon	
5/7	Confirmation	10:30am service	
5/21	Yard Clean-Up	1:00- 3:00pm	
5/21	Pizza Party & Game Night	4:30- 6:00pm	

Spring Yard Clean Up

The May service project for the youth is cleaning up a yard for a member. Clean up happens:

May 21 ~ 1-3 pm

Sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C084CADAA2DA0F85spring1

SIGN UP

Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

Joanna is available by email at <u>isalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org</u> or by call or text at 262-278-8021.

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





sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Graduate Information

St. John's will honor and pray for our graduates on Sunday June 4. If there is a high school or college graduate in your house, please click the link below to submit information on the graduate.

<u>Graduate Recognition – St. John's</u> <u>Lutheran Church – Brookfield</u> (makedisciples.com)



End of Year Pizza Party and Game Night

Who: Current 8th-12th graders

Date: May 21

Time: 4:30 – 6:00pm

What: Pizza party and game night!



From the Heart Hero

The American Red Cross of Southeast Wisconsin is proud to announce that the 2023 Heroes recipient of their "From the Heart Hero" is Charlotte Yourell and Family! Charlotte organized a blood drive at St. John's in honor of her brother, Grayson, following the parade tragedy.

Charlotte and her family, along with recipients of other awards, will be honored at a gala on





Music Weekend

Milwaukee Festival Brass

"Sparke-ling Brass"

Milwaukee Festival Brass presents their spring concert at St. John's on Saturday, May 6.



Jubilate Chorale

"Sing Joyfully"

Jubilate Chorale is turning 30! Becky Whelpley, accompanist for the group, invites you to their spring concerts.

Saturday, May 6 ~ 7:30 pm Ascension Lutheran Church 1415 Dopp Street, Waukesha

Sunday, May 7 ~ 4:00 pm Dr. Martin Luther Church 325 South Main Street, Oconomowoc

For tickets:

online: www.jubilatechorale.org

or call: 262-290-5242



Music Notes

Thank You Musicians

Many thanks to all of the vocalists and instrumentalists who gave of their time and talent to bring meaning and joy to our Lent and Easter season!

If you would like to be involved in any way, it is never too late. Talk with Becky Whelpley.



Places To Go, Things To Do

St. John's Men's Softball

Our softball team plays on Monday nights at Wirth Park. Come cheer them on!

May 1 5:45

May 8 5:45 and 6:45

May 15 6:00 May 22 6:00

May 29 no games



Footsteps of Apostle Paul

There is still room and time to sign up to be part of our faith pilgrimage this summer "In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul".

From July 24 to August 3, we will visit sites in Greece, Turkey, the Mediterranean and Italy which relate to the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to see exciting and beautiful places, grow in your faith and share time with others. Please talk to Gail Rennie or Paul Bulgerin if you, or someone you know, might be interested.

Pancake Breakfast

In support of our 9th grade class being confirmed on May 7 at the 10:30am service, we are having a pancake breakfast beginning at 9:00am. If you would like to assist in the preparation and flipping of pancakes, please reach out to Stephanie Broussard.



Opportunities to Serve and Give

Care Kits for Hope Center

Reducing the risk of poverty by helping the people in Waukesha County meet basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing through partnerships services, and community collaboration.

We are collecting the following personal and/or regular size items: deodorant, body lotion, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, disposable razors, bars of soap, shampoo, or conditioner.

Hope Center Mission Statement: Thank you for your generosity. These items go a long way in providing assistance to Hope Center Clients.



Calling All VBS Camp Counselors & Volunteers!

July 31-Aua 4

Our regular VBS format is back this year, and our kiddos LOVE their middle & high school leaders!!! Volunteer for one day or all week. Hangout outside at Rec. lead Storytime, or have your own group of kids for the week! On Thursday, we will take the kids on a field trip.

All training is provided and volunteering for the week (M-F) at VBS counts for 30 hours of service for school! We will schedule a volunteer training in July.

> Sign Up Here: **VBS Volunteer Sign Up**

Pancake Breakfast

If you would like to assist in the preparation and flipping of the pancakes on May 7, please reach out to Stephanie Broussard.



Spring Clean Up of St. John's Grounds

Spring is fast approaching and we are looking for people to help with Spring Clean-up of the church property.

Bring your rakes, wheel barrows, shovels, gloves, and of course, yourselves on May 6 at 8:30 a.m. to help us spruce up the grounds!



Write to El Salvador **Students**

Letters are being collected for Education for Life Scholarship students. You do not have to sponsor a student to write a letter of encouragement.

Please have them to church no later than May 7. They can also be emailed to Linda Muth at Linda.muth@gmail.com



Donate Fabric and Sewing Notions to El Salvador

Do you have extra fabric or sewing notions at your house? They would be a welcome surprise to women in El Salvador.

Please bring any extra material or sewing items (scissors, zippers, tape measurers, etc.) to church by May 7. Items will be shared with the women of Los Héroes on Mother's Day.



More Than a New Coat of Paint

St. John's got a face lift in April, but it was more than a new coat of paint. Several areas where wood had rotted were replaced. Improvements to the building and grounds will continue throughout the year.







The Gift of Sight

Help the visually impaired around the world by donating your old prescription eyeglasses. The glasses will be donated to the Lions Club. The Lions Club will clean, repair, and classify the glasses by prescription. Then, the eyeglasses will be distributed to needy people in developing countries.



Please place your old glasses in the second drawer of the service cart in the fellowship hall.

You may also donate your old glasses to any Wal-Mart Optical Center.

May Birthdays

- 1 Gavin Campeau
- 2 Devri Zick
- 3 Judi Berglund
- 3 Michelle Sternkopf
- 5 Teri Kramer
- 8 Bob Davis
- 8 Helen Linsemeyer
- 9 Stephanie Athorp
- 9 Jordan Barnett
- 9 Dennis Mueller
- 11 Edith Belli
- 11 Terry Hoeppner
- 11 John Holmberg

- 11 Andrea Reinfeldt
- 11 Mary Sabin
- 12 Brent Keierleber
- 13 Diane Nelson
- 13 Gavin Stefanski
- 14 Greg Reinfeldt
- 15 Jarod Everts
- 15 Ariel Lipscomb
- 15 Andrea Rebisch
- 16 Donna Yourell
- 17 Billy Emmons
- 17 Arlene Katka
- 19 Kris Wasserman

- 20 Roy Osmon
- 20 Ardythe Seeber
- 21 Pat Janz
- 21 Max Kapellusch
- 21 Gerry Milz
- 21 Carol Smith
- 22 Sara Everts
- 23 Stephanie Kaiser
- 23 Eloise Lange
- 23 Joshua Seamonson
- 23 Tommy Werner
- 24 Jan Gregoire
- 24 Dylan Yourell



- 25 Gary Schettler
- 27 John Almasi
- 27 Brian Halverson
- 27 Julie Webb
- 28 Anna Petersen
- 28 Ethan Runkle
- 29 Fzra Peffer
- 30 David Balzer
- 30 Joseph Balzer
- 30 Ed Henschel
- 31 Virginia Degenhardt

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

April 17 Council meeting.

President Report

- Giving envelopes have arrived!
- The Property Team was asked to quantify their estimated value and savings for the church. the first three months of 2023. their skills have saved St. John's over \$5,000 in labor costs. Thank you, Property members, for sharing your time and talents.
- For the past two weeks Rainbow Painting Inc. has been repairing areas of damaged/rotten siding and painting the exterior. What amazing transformation! Thank you, Interiors Team, for the new color selections.
- Mark vour calendars. Sundav. June 4 will be the Annual Program Meeting.
- Starting in September we will launch our capital champaign to support the remaining 2023 enhancement projects: repairing/ resurfacing the circle drive and improving the exterior signage on Barker Road. We ask you to prayerfully consider how may support these upcoming projects.

Financial Report

- Following are highlights from the Thank you for your faithful giving! March's gracious giving has allowed St. John's to set aside \$810 in funds to be put towards deficit reduction, as the 2023 budget approved by the congregation had 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

Brian Zach, President

St. John's Council

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Keith Paukner	414-916-2618
Secretary	
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Mark Latus	262-784-1183
Charlotte Yourell	
Brittany Larson	262-527-2404
Kris Wasserman	262-424-3383

Annual Meeting

June 4 | 10:15 a.m.

Outside, weather permitting

Elect new council members, celebrate ministries, and more!



Message from the Treasurer

March's giving was 35% below budget. March expenses were 99% of budget. We've also begun proactively working to address the deficit present in the annual budget. To date, we've moved over \$8,000 to the Deficit Reduction Fund, which is a great start to closing the gap. Thanks, as always, for your faithful and generous stewardship.

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: 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

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

Core Values of St. John's:

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

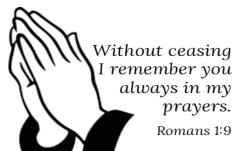
Praying for ...

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	Cheryl H
Dylan H	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.



Creation Corner

Participate in No Mow May!

No Mow May is initiative conservation sweeping the nation that encourages people to stop mowing or mow less often for the month of May to create habitat and provide resources for bees and other earlyseason pollinators. In addition, reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides! herbicides and Besides being potentially harmful to our pollinators, chemicals and weed killers are not needed for a healthy lawn.



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



Evangelize with our posts, be sure

to: LIKE COMMENT SHARE

Calendar of events for May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Food Pantry Pick Up 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p Al-Anon	2 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:30p handbell rehearsal	3 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	4 6:30p Al-Anon	5 6:15a virtual men's group 6:30p Confirmand speeches 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	6 8:30a men's group 8:30a spring clean-up 7:00p Milwaukee Festival Brass Concert
7 Confirmation 8:30a worship* 9:00a pancake breakfast 9:30a education/fellowship 10:30a worship 4:30p 5/6 Connect Class	8 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:00p CYF Board meeting 6:30p Al-Anon	9 8:30a property team 9:00a woman's Bible study 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal 6:30p Footsteps of Paul trip meeting	10 9:30a Morning Circle 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p Adult Ministry Mtg	11 4:00p Finance Team mtg 6:30p Al-Anon	12 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a book club (offsite) 10:00a prayer shawl group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	13 8:30a men's group
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SIGN UP NOW



Join us for VBS

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/

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Payment Link: Home | St. John's Lutheran Church

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Join us for Music Camp

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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Click or scan the QR code for more information on summer happenings at St. John's.

