

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever
and ever. Amen.

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

We have finished another programmatic year at St. John's as we transition into the summer months. The Holy Spirit has certainly been with us! In fact, if I were to arrange the liturgical calendar, I would put the Day of Pentecost on Rally Day where we again are empowered, inspired, and equipped by the Holy Spirit to begin another programmatic year of ministry.

We should remember, however, that the Holy Spirit empowers, inspires, and equips us in all things we do and at every moment of our lives – even during times of rest, transition, and even times of pain and suffering. God never promises us a life of blissful routine or exciting adventures. God is in our life always, through the highs, the lows, and the in-between times.

At the beginning of this month, we will gather once again for our June annual meeting about which we will hear the wonderful ways God has blessed this congregation and the people we serve. We will also hear what the Holy Spirit might have in store for us moving forward. Like all things, we will discern the Spirit's work in our planning and execution of the goals we will have set, knowing that challenges and obstacles may be in our way. As I have said before, however, the Spirit empowers, inspires, and equips us in all things for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am grateful to all of you to be who God has intended you to be, both as individuals and as a community of faith. Together, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will learn from the past and plan for the future in the hope and love that God has for us today.

Pastor Brian

What's New?

Annual Meeting

June 4 | 10:15

Our annual program meeting. Following the 9:00 outdoor worship. Bring a comfy chair! (We will move inside if it is too wet, windy or cold.

Bluegrass Worship

June 11 | 10:00

We kick off summer outdoor worship with bluegrass music.

Music Camp

June 12-15 | 9:00 a.m.

It's not too late to register!

Family Fun Night

June 14 | 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss the night of fun for all ages as we celebrate summer!

Summer Sampler Bible Study Returns

Did you find our study of Moses last fall or of Paul's missionary journeys this spring rewarding?

Would you like to continue some Bible study over the summer?

If you haven't been involved in Bible study, would you like to try it out?

Consider joining us for a session or two, or all five, of our second "Summer Sampler Bible Study". There will be weekly sessions Wednesday evenings from July 12 through August 9 at 6:30 to 7:30.

Here are the topics.

- July 12 - Romans – Session 1 – Paul sums it up - Chapters 1-8
- July 19 - Romans – Session 2 – How to live the good life – Chapters 12-16
- July 26 - Galatians – It is all about faith
- August 2 - Ephesians – Put on the armor of God
- August 9 - Philippians – Rejoice in the Lord always!

Summers can be busy. Come to the sessions that fit your schedule. Everyone is welcome! No sign up needed. Contact Ralph Berglund if you would like more information, or just come!



Children, Youth & Families

St. John's Preschool



Preschool's Family Play Day was a fun and busy Last Day celebration. We rode our new bikes, planted flowers, decorated the sidewalks, made a Fireworks painted picture, and played and explored in the Outdoor Learning Center with all our friends and their families.

What a wonderful year of learning and growing at St. John's Preschool.

Our Preschoolers, their families, and our teachers are a blessing!



Children, Youth & Families

End of Year Celebration

A huge thank you to all of our St. John's Families for a terrific year! We wrapped up our program year on May 21 with "Are You Smarter Than a Sunday Schooler?" challenges to celebrate a great year!

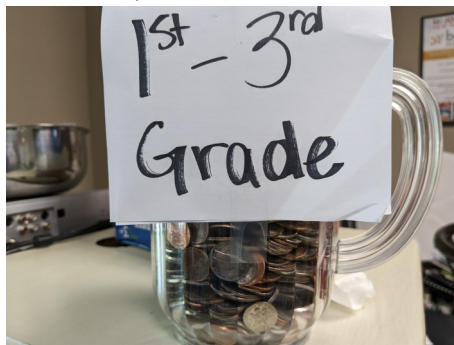


Stewardship Focus - The Penny Wars Winner Is ...

Thanks to all of you who participated in our Penny Wars for a new sign!!! **We raised a total of \$628.40.**

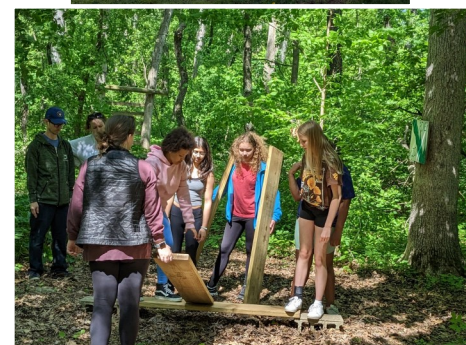
Drumroll please and the classroom winner is.....the 1st-3rd graders with over 4000 points!

Join us for Family Fun Night on June 14 for a special treat!



Ropes Course Adventure at Lutherdale!!!

On May 20, eight of our Middle Schoolers and adults spent the day at Lutherdale participating in team building activities, such as low ropes, high ropes, rock wall, and ziplining!

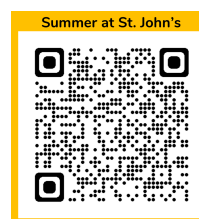


Family Worship

Sunday Morning Family Worship continues outside!

Join us Sunday Mornings OUTSIDE at 10:00 for Family Worship. We've incorporated interactive components into worship with the band for a whole family worship experience. Designed for kids, teens, parents, and grandparents.

Make Your Summer Plans



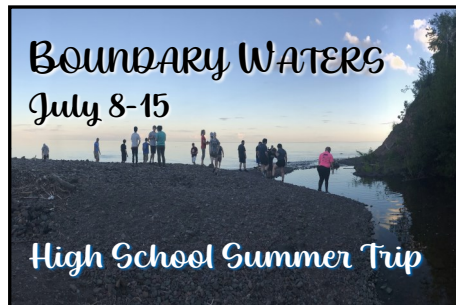
Click or scan the QR code for more information on summer happenings at St. John's.

Children, Youth & Families



Car Wash Fundraiser

Who: High School Youth
Date: June 25
Time: During both services
What: HS Youth will be having a car wash fundraiser to help support their upcoming trips. Both the Boundary Waters this summer and the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer.



Boundary Waters Meeting

Who: all participants
Date: June 25
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Where: Youth Room



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

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Graduate Information

St. John's will honor and pray for our graduates on Sunday June 4.

Father, we raise before you today those who have graduated and begin a new chapter. Surround them with your loving presence and guide them into fulfillment of your plan for their life. May they live lives that glorify and praise You in all they do and say. Strengthen them, guide them, bless them and love them. Amen.

"Dear God, as we come to the end of this year, we thank you for your faithfulness and provision. We are grateful for the lessons we have learned, the challenges we have overcome, and the blessings that you have bestowed upon us. We pray that you would guide us in the coming year and help us to continue to grow in knowledge, faith, and character. May your love and grace be with us always. In your holy name we pray, Amen."



Blessing the confirmands as they affirm their baptisms

Confirmation Weekend

Our confirmands



Children's message about baptism

Music Notes

Music Camp

We are excited to offer Music Camp once again June 12-15. Kids age 5k-6th grade will be learning about "Amazing Notes" as well explore singing, ringing and drumming.



Bye, Bye, Becky

After music camp I will be going on a family road trip for a few weeks and will be back in July.

Peace,
Becky



Thank You Musicians

Thank you to all of the wonderful musicians we have at St. John's who enhance our worship every week! You give voice to our prayers, give us a chance to reflect and meditate and bring us the highs and lows of human emotion. Thank you!

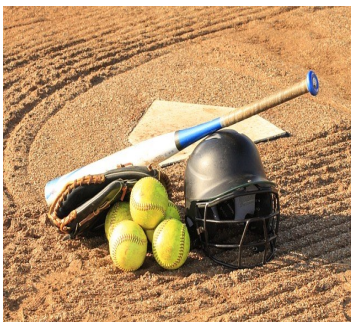


Places To Go, Things To Do

St. John's Men's Softball

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

June 5 6:00
June 12 7:00
June 19 6:00
June 26 6:00 and 7:00



hymn sing

Sundays in August
8:15 a.m.



Opportunities to Serve Others

Write a Letter to Help End Hunger

Our outreach effort for June is an **Offering of Letters** to our elected representatives in Washington DC on behalf of the hungry. This is an at-home activity. We take our guidance for these letters from an ecumenical Christian organization called Bread for the World. ([Bread.org](https://bread.org)).

This year's Offering of Letters focuses on the Farm Bill. The goal is to help craft a Farm Bill that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems. The impact of the farm bill is significant. It not only affects the agriculture and food sectors - it can play a huge role in ending food insecurity and hunger in the U.S. and save the lives of millions abroad.

To write a letter:

1. Use resource packets in the Narthex.
2. Use the information on the church website under Resources-Documents and Forms.
3. Use the QR code to send an electronic letter.



Calling All VBS Camp Counselors & Volunteers!

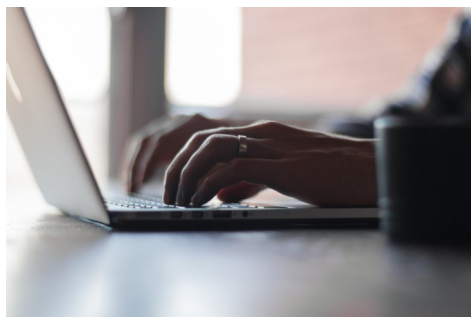
July 31-Aug 4

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](#)



All Peoples Food Pantry

As part of our June local outreach we are collecting food items to support the food pantry at All Peoples church. They have experienced a 40% increase in food requests over the last year, so the need is ever increasing. Please drop off donations at the shopping cart in St John's lobby. Requested food items include:

- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Canned Pasta (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli)
- Tuna
- Tuna Helper
- Spam
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Greens (Collard/mixed)



CELEBRATING
10
YEARS

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



September 10
2023

God's Work, Our Hands

Save the Date

**Sunday,
September 10**

Planning is happening for several options for St. John's to participate in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Watch for details throughout the summer!

Goat Yoga Bonding

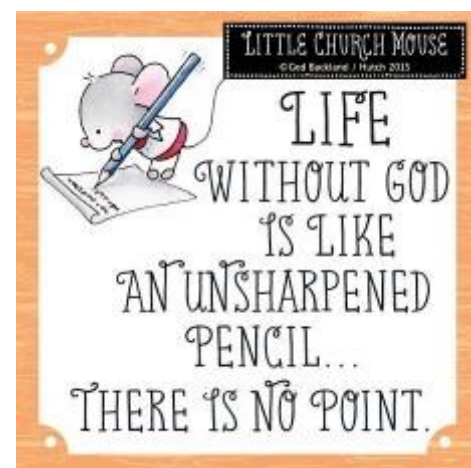
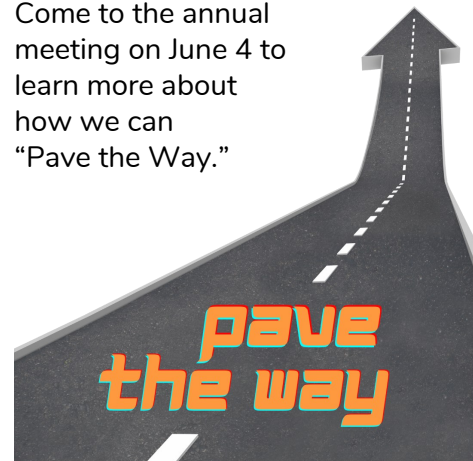
How did the handbell choir celebrate the end of the season? With goat yoga of course!!! We spent a joyful morning celebrating and stretching at [Green's Friendship Acres](#) with Heleene, who happens to be one of our Winter Market farmers!

As for the adorable goats, we tried really hard to recruit them to ring with us this fall, but there was the issue of opposable thumbs and their bathroom manners. But if YOU are potty trained, wear clothing, and are interested in ringing bells with this fun bunch, reach out to Heidi this summer!!!



Pave the Way

Come to the annual meeting on June 4 to learn more about how we can "Pave the Way."



June Birthdays

1 Claire Zuck	9 Ella Schemberger	14 Kim Rateike	21 Tom Hoffman
2 Allison Krusche-Bruck	10 Heather Campeau	15 Nolan Dominguez	22 Neal Mathes
3 Macy Kaiser	10 Brian Cranfill	15 Jeff Keough	23 Aaron Hintze
3 Doris Klitzke	10 Amy Hutchinson	15 Dale Riley	23 Chris Klink
4 Samuel Aune	10 Carter Lurvey	15 Benji Salinas	23 Andy Petersen
4 Marlene Zick	10 Kim Stephens	17 Gerri Johnson	25 Laura Gundlach
5 Marion Schreiber	12 Rhiannon Gaska	17 Chuck Klawitter	26 Smith Zahn
6 Dennis Hartman	13 Erica Burns	17 Connie Peterson	27 Denise Kirschman
7 Jon Holz	13 Juliet Gundlach	18 June Carlson	28 Joshua Petersen
7 Kate Schettler	13 James Janz	18 Tyler Schettler	28 Alexander Stephens
7 Mary Wagner	13 Sarah Mueller	18 Meredith Wafle	29 Scott Bingenheimer
8 Justin Douglas	13 Joanne Reinfeldt	19 Barry Dahlgren	29 Marie Emmons
8 Ralph Zick	14 Bill Davis	19 Liam DuChateau	29 Penny Holt
9 Kathryn Bingenheimer	14 Terrence Katka	19 Evelyn Wright	29 Sally Schoeneman
9 Keith Paukner	14 JoAnn Klein	20 Samantha Price-Bertrand	30 Beth Ann Piette

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

Following are highlights from the May 15 Council meeting.

President Report

- Mark your calendars, Sunday, June 4 will be the Annual Program Meeting. This meeting will be held outside after the conclusion of the outdoor 9:00 am service. The goal is to begin at 10:15.
- Starting in September, St. John's will launch a capital campaign to support necessary repairs and enhancement projects, which include reconstructing the circle drive and improving the exterior signage on Barker Road. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you may support these upcoming projects.
- This wonderful news is worth repeating from prior month's Council meeting. The Property Team was asked to quantify their estimated value and savings for the church. In the first three

months of 2023, their skills have saved St. John's over \$5,000 in labor costs. Thank you, Property Team members, for sharing your time and talents.

Financial Report

- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of May 2, was \$113,618.21.
- April's giving was 18% below our budgeted amount. While expenses also remain below budget, this trend is not expected to continue with upcoming expenditures.
- Thank you for your faithful giving! Your gracious gifts allow St. John's to carry out the many ministries planned for 2023.

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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Summer Worship

We gather to worship and praise our God every Sunday. During the summer, we worship at **8:30** with traditional music in the sanctuary. We will also gather at **10:00** outside in the circle drive with the Praise Band. Please bring your favorite lawn chair! This worship will move inside if it is too wet, windy or cold.

Exceptions are June 4, July 2, and September 3 when we will have one worship at 9:00.

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

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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	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.



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

Romans 1:9

Creation Corner

Reusable Water Bottles

Take a reusable water bottle with you wherever you go this week!

Last year in the US, the average person purchased 167 disposable water bottles but only 38 were recycled. Help combat plastic waste and wasted energy of producing plastic bottles and shipping them across the country by bringing a reusable water bottle with you! Good for your wallet and good for the environment!



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 June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*worship service/event is live streamed	<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>			1 5:30p AI-Anon potluck	2 6:15a virtual men's group	3
4 <i>graduate recognition</i> 9:00a worship* 10:15a annual meeting	5 Food Pantry Pick Up 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon	6 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters	7 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p Adult Ministry Mtg	8 6:30p AI-Anon	9 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a prayer shawl group	10
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Summer
at St. John's 2023

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/HDkmZaVKLNwosrmy9>

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



Music Camp 2023

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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

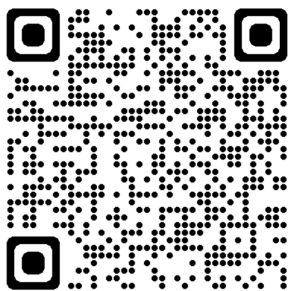
Amazing Notes
June 12-15, 2023
9:00am-11:30am
Completed 5K to 6th grade

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](#)

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

Summer at St. John's



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



Inspire

June 2023