

**For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:**

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

As I write this article, Cindy and I are at the kitchen table. Cindy is trying to figure out how to use her new office computer and is frustrated that she can't seem to get the thing configured, and she is not getting any help from the help desk. Finn, our black lab, is lying on the couch, the same couch he tries to destroy from time to time. There is a good, long rain falling outside. All seems to be well with the world, in our dry and cozy house. It is a day like this that leads to moments for me to reflect upon life a bit – a little time carved out of the daily routines. These are nice moments, in which you get a feeling of well-being. The Germans have a word for it – *gemutlichkeit*.

October is a month in which I find these moments come more often. Perhaps it is because of the changing of the season. The colors on the trees, the chill in the air, the beauty of the sunsets, and the harvests. As I get older I have more to reflect upon since I certainly have more memories and experiences than I had when I was twenty. A longer life, I suppose, means that we have more to harvest from the life we have already lived. Is this why people refer to these years as the golden years? Is it wisdom that we harvest from all of our life's experiences?

There are still so many questions that have not been answered, and perhaps we grow to accept that they will never be. This may be a part of wisdom. We are wise enough to know that at some point we must rely on faith, for we do not live for ourselves alone. We do not live to ourselves only and what we can make of the world or what the world has given us. We look back to see where the wheat has grown and where the weeds might have taken over from time to time. Yet the good and the bad make us who we are today.

Who we are today is who God has created us to be and for the purpose that God has given us. Our lives are in service to God, and all that we are and who we are, is only a small and significant part of the greater whole. We are a part of the body of Christ – created, forgiven, and redeemed through the love of God for us. The harvest is God's harvest and that is worth reflecting upon!

Well, I've got to go. The dog has woken up and is now digging at the couch.

Life is good.

Pastor Brian

What's New?

Parable Studies

You never know who will show up for worship during the six weeks of studying six of Jesus' parables.

Bible Distribution

At baptism, we promise to help families teach their children about God. One way we do that is by giving students age appropriate Bibles. Bibles will be distributed on Sunday, October 1.

Quilt Sunday

Sunday, October 8, we will bless the quilts made this past year by our wonderful quilting team.

Clean Up Day

It's Fall clean up time, Saturday, October 14 beginning at 8:30. See page 8 for details.

St. John's Academy

Do you like to take Bible study a little deeper? St. John's Academy is for you! Rev. Kristine Ruffatto has two lectures planned, for October 22 and November 12, on different aspects of Judaism. See page 3 for more details.

The First Saturday - November 4

Art Museum Tour

meet at 9:45 at the museum
tour led by Mary Tollander, docent

Sign up in the narthex by October 22
\$16 per person

Badger Watch Party

time to be determined by NCAA
hosted by Pastor Brian

Wisconsin vs. Indiana
Food will be served

Brownies and Bingo Bonanza

6:00-8:00 p.m.
A fundraiser for Pave the Way

Brownies. Bingo. Talent. Fun. Laughs.
You won't want to miss it!

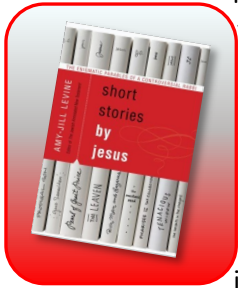
Adult Ministries

“Short Stories” Study

We dive deeper into six of Jesus’ parables beginning October 1, using “short stories by Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine.

Everyone is encouraged to do four things for this congregational study.

1. Worship each week to see the skit and hear the sermon relating to the parable.
2. Read the book.
3. Join a discussion group.
4. Pray. Pray for the discussion leaders. Pray for Pastor. Pray that you will be open to hearing and learning these parables in a new way.



St. John’s Academy

Here is what is ahead for this fall in our St. John's Academy. Be sure to mark your calendars for these two excellent lectures by the Rev. Dr. Kristine Ruffatto.

October 22: The Jewish Context of the New Testament

New understandings of first-century Judaism have re-shaped the study of the New Testament and Christian origins. Christianity arose out of the diverse world of Palestinian Judaism and had much in common with the beliefs and practice of some groups of first-century Jews.

November 13 Anti-Judaism in the New Testament and Beyond

The New Testament contains passages that portray Jews and Judaism in a very negative light. These passages have contributed to massive injustices and horrific acts of violence against Jews, to this day.

It is important to recognize that the writings of the New Testament are significantly polemical. The earliest followers of Jesus – Jews themselves – sought to justify their beliefs and practices over against those of other Jewish groups. The earliest Christians saw themselves as the true heirs of the religion of Israel.

Schedule

4:30 p.m. - light meal
5:00 p.m. - lecture



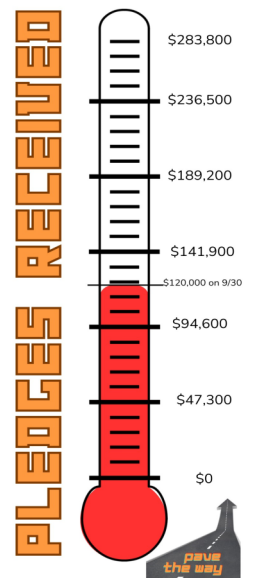
Pave the Way Campaign Launches

The Pave the Way campaign kicked-off on October 1 with a congregational meeting and picnic. The weather cooperated for a truly enjoyable afternoon with tasty food, face painting, and fun music.

Thanks to commitments from the church council, campaign committee, and early pledgers, we have over \$120,000 in pledges received. We are already over one-third of the way toward our goal. Thanks be to God!

Pledge cards not picked up at the congregational meeting were mailed on October 2. We ask that you return your pledge card to the church office by Thanksgiving which gives the church council and property committee time to plan for prudent implementation of the projects. Your pledge may also be completed on-line by going to the Pave the Way icon on the St. John’s website homepage.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss making a pledge to the campaign, please do not hesitate to contact Pr. Brian or Brian Zach. Thank you and may God bless your generosity with great joy.



Children, Youth & Families

St. John's Preschool



Preschool's Day at the Farm



We had a beautiful Fall day at Cozy Nook Farm! Our Three and Four Year Olds with their grownups met, petted and fed so many cows. Goats, too.

And what better way to end a day at the farm than to take a hay ride out to the Pumpkin Patch.

We think we have some future farmers here!



Children, Youth & Families



First Communion

October 29, 2023
8:30am & 10:30am
Class at 9:30am that morning!

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 October 29, 2023 with a Communion Chat with Pastor Brian for families in between services. Please RSVP to Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org and fill out the form online.

Link to form: <https://forms.gle/Y4MF9PDMVAXUvsGT6>



**Contact Joanna
with Toddler to 8th
Grade Questions**

jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Family Worship

Join us Sunday Mornings in October at 10:45 for Family Worship as we explore the weekly themes around Jesus's parables. We will incorporate interactive components into worship with the band for a whole family worship experience. Designed for kids, teens, parents, and grandparents.



Bible Distribution

At baptism, parents promise to put the Holy Scriptures into the hands of their children. This year, we are helping parents do this by presenting Bibles to our preschool and 3rd grade students.

Join us in praying for our students and their families on Sunday, October 1 at both services.



Sunday Evening Ed

We are excited to offer programming for our Middle Schoolers on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00pm. Each week we start with dinner!

7th & 8th grade Calendar

- Oct. 15 Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00pm
- Oct. 21 Waukesha Skateland Outing
- Oct. 29 Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00pm

5th & 6th grade Calendar

- Oct. 8 Connect Class 4:30-6:00pm
- Oct. 22 Connect Class 4:30-6:00pm



Sunday School Is Off To A Great Start

Join us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School! In October we are diving into the Parables of Jesus and raising \$ for Marlon, our scholarship student in El Salvador! 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



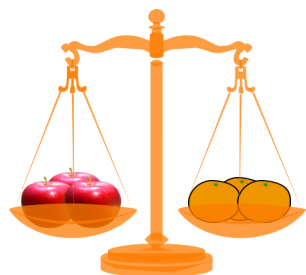
Youth Leadership Team

Middle Schoolers!!!

Be sure to come by the Paul Room on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:30 for Youth Leadership Team!

Lead by Sonja Beyerlein, Karie Zach, and a mini-fridge filled with goodies, this time together is sure to become your favorite part of the week!

Children, Youth & Families



Comparative Religions

High school and young adults, are you interested in learning more about different faith communities right here in our own backyard? Come join us on the third Thursday of each month to learn directly from someone who is a part of a different faith community than ours!

This month, we will have someone from the Jewish faith here. Feel free to come to all of the meetings, or just the ones that you are able to make or religions of interest to you.



Sunday Evening Youth Group

Youth Group begins on October 8. We meet every Sunday evening from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We will start each evening at 4:30 p.m. with a meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Group is for students in 9th to 12th grade.



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

sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Registration is Open

Financial Assistance is available

If you are interested in attending, please contact Stephanie Broussard

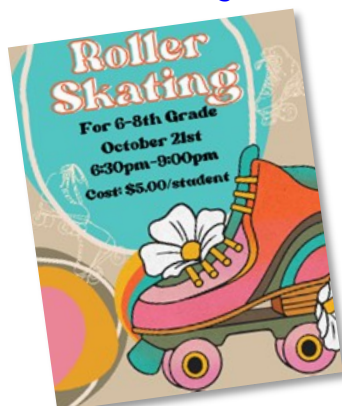
HS Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
10/1	church picnic	12:00-3:00pm
10/8	Youth Group begins	4:30-6:30p
10/15	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
10/19	9th Grade Comparative Religions	6:30-8:00pm
10/22	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
10/28	Escape Room	4:00pm
10/29	NO YOUTH GROUP	---
11/4	First Saturday - Barista	8:30-11:30am

Upcoming Middle School Events

6th -8th graders

Sign Up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084cadaa2da0f85-middle5#/>



for Roller Skating
and
to help with
Bingo & Brownies



Music Notes

Christmas Music Weekend Choir

This year we are returning to the Christmas Music Weekend format on Sunday, December 10 at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. All of St. John's Music Ministries will present music and hymns in a lessons and carols style during worship. WE NEED YOU to sing with us! If you can't commit to the whole choir season but can make a shorter commitment this is for you!

Five rehearsals on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. to learn the repertoire and Sunday, December 10.

Rehearsal dates are:

November 1, 8, 15, 29 and December 6.



St. John's Got Talent

Do you have a fun talent to share? Perhaps you can yodel, tell jokes, dance, play the kazoo, the options are unlimited!

We are looking for light hearted talent acts to perform in between bingo games on Saturday, November 4 from 6-8 p.m.

Please contact Becky Whelpley to sign up.

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Kids of the Kingdom

Wednesday, October 4 Kids of the Kingdom begins for K5 - 6th graders. We meet 5:15-6:00 p.m. with a dinner to follow.

For more info, contact Lisa at lisajwc@sbcglobal.net

We also welcome 7th-12th graders during this time to work with Becky Whelpley.

Save
the
Date

Members' Recital

Mark your calendar - we are planning a members' recital on February 4.

More details to come.

Questions about
music at
St. John's?



Contact Becky!

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Service and Social

Winter Wear is October Outreach Focus

2023 Coats and Winter Wear drive

St. John's is collecting winter wear for All Peoples Church during the month of October. Requested items include:

- New or gently used and cleaned winter jackets – sizes Infant to Adult 2XL
- New Hats, mittens, or gloves, scarfs

Most kids at APC walk and wait for buses so hoods and water-repellant jackets are best.



It is Fall Clean-up Time

Are you looking for ways to serve?

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the grounds on Saturday, October 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Tasks include weeding, invasive plant removal, seeding stump holes and general maintenance of the entire grounds. Trucks, trailers and tools are welcome.



God's Work, Our Hands

On Sunday, September 10, we participated in the ELCA "God's work. Our Hands" day. One crew prepared and served lunch at the Hope Center.

Another crew traveled to Lutherdale to cut branches and pick apples.



Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. Following are highlights from the September 18 Council meeting.

President Report

- On September 24 there was a brief informational meeting to discuss the proposed Pave the Way projects. Thank you to those who attended for your feedback and thoughtful questions.
- October 1, there will be a congregation meeting after the second service to go over the proposed Pave the Way projects and have a congregational vote to approve the projects affiliated with the Pave the Way Campaign. Following the congregational meeting there will be a picnic to gather and celebrate in fellowship.
- The Fall book study will be returning with the book, Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic

Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine.

Financial Report

- Giving for August was 3% below budget. Thankfully expenses were also below budget.
- Thank you for your faithful and gracious giving. Your commitment allows St. John's to carry out the many wonderful programs and ministries in 2023.
- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of August 5 was \$113,631.59.

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

OCTOBER 16
6:30 P.M.

Special Meeting

The council has approved a special congregational meeting to be held on
October 1, 2023
at 11:45 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the proposed plans for the Pave the Way campaign.

St. John's Council

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Brian Zach 608-279-3577

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Keith Paukner 414-916-2618

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Brittany Larson 262-527-2404

Liz Roth 847-533-4806



October Birthdays

1 Sarah Franzen

1 Jude Peters

1 Brian Zach

2 Christopher Nettekoven

3 Jerry Waller

4 Jack Scanlon

5 Noah Rebisch

5 Angie Rose-Mueller

5 Joshua Schilling

7 Jill Dahlgren

8 Sean Berthold

8 Tom Woodworth

9 Elizabeth Grimord

9 Brent Voldahl

9 Karen Wicklund

10 Jennifer Cranfill

12 Jen Aune

12 Jeremy Beyerlein

12 Connor Koscielniak

13 Kathi Hanson

14 Bree Walker

15 Chris Burns

16 Luke Nettekoven

18 Navvi Broussard

18 Roy Pingel

19 Michelle Harms

19 Jordan Moskopf

19 Beverly Wargowski

20 Phil Peters

20 Lyla Turner

22 Jackson Gatzke

22 Phyllis Nufer

22 Eli Wagner

23 Lucy Berthold

23 Megan Bingenheimer

23 Evan Linsemeyer

24 Samantha Ayer

25 Carter Aune

25 John James

26 Jeni Berthold

26 Alex Cranfill

27 Joanna Salinas

28 Rog Lewis

29 Jerry Hanson

29 Dayne Peters

30 Jenny Walker

31 Chris Anderson

31 Alexis Grimord-Caravella

31 Mary Hughes

31 Brian Keierleber

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Contact Us

Office Hours

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

Church

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email: to email a staff member, please click on the link by their photo on the website under Staff.

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
Dylan H	Jerry M
Carol S	Cheryl H
Neal S	Nancy K

To help us to stay connected, we will be sharing the list with you monthly. Prayers may be for thanksgiving, hope and/or healing. The requests may be immediate, short or long term.

Prayer requests may be submitted at the bottom of the website www.makedisciples.com.



Without ceasing
I remember you
always in my
prayers.


Romans 1:9

Creation Corner

Keep track of your produce this week and avoid throwing any away!

There is no need to toss produce just because it's reaching the end of its peak. Soft fruit can be used in smoothies; wilting vegetables can be used in soups, etc. And both wilting fruits and veggies can be turned into delicious juice!



I see you at

St. John's Preschool
WHERE WE PLAY, DISCOVER, LEARN AND GROW.
Enrollment is Now OPEN for September!
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rickinger@stjohnbrookfield.org
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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 October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Parable Study Kickoff</i> 8:30a worship* 9:40a Parable Small Group 9:45a education & fellowship 10:45a worship 11:45a congregation mtg 12:00ish picnic	2 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon	3 <i>Food Pantry Pick Up</i> 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:30p handbell rehearsal	4 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 5:15p KOTK 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	5 1:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p Indian Culture Dance	6 6:15a virtual men's group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	7 8:30a Parable Small Group
8 <i>Quilt Sunday</i> 8:30a worship* 9:40a Parable Small Group 9:45a education & fellowship 10:45a worship 4:30p youth group 4:30p 5th/6th graders	9 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon	10 8:30a property team 8:30a ladies Bible study (offsite) 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal 6:30p HR meeting (virtual)	11 9:00a women's Bible study 5:15p KOTK 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal 6:30p Adult Ministries Zoom meeting	12 1:30p Parable Small Group 4:00p Finance Team mtg 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p Indian Culture Dance	13 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a book club (offsite) 10:00a prayer shawl group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	14 8:30a Clean Up Day 8:30a Parable Small Group
15 8:30a worship* 9:40a Parable Small Group 9:45a education & fellowship 10:45a worship 4:30p youth group 4:30p 7th/8th graders	16 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 1:00p women's afternoon study group 5:00p AI-Anon potluck 6:30p council mtg	17 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 1:00p book club 6:30p handbell rehearsal	18 12:00p Retired Men's lunch 5:15p KOTK 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	19 1:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p 9th Gr. Comparative Religions 6:30p Parable Small Group	20 6:15a virtual men's group 7:00p book club (offsite) 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	21 8:30a Parable Small Group 11:00a Doyle Memorial 6:30p MS roller skating
22 8:30a worship* 9:40a Parable Small Group 9:45a education & fellowship 10:45a worship 4:30p youth group 4:30p 5th/6th graders 5:00p St. John's Academy	23 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 12:30p PEO Meeting 6:30p AI-Anon	24 8:30a property team 8:30a ladies Bible study (offsite) 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal	25 5:15p KOTK 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	26 1:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p Indian Culture Dance	27 6:15a virtual men's group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	28 8:30a Parable Small Group 4:00p HS Escape Room 7:00p Milwaukee Festival Brass Concert
29 <i>Reformation</i> 8:30a worship* 9:40a Parable Small Group 9:45a education & fellowship 10:45a worship 12:00p baptism reception 4:30p 5th/6th graders	30 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon	31 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal	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.			*worship service/event is live streamed

Milwaukee Festival Brass Concert

October 28, 2023
7:00 p.m.
\$15.00



Middle Schoolers Kicked Off the Year at Comedy Sportz



Winter Farmers Market



St. John's will host a Winter Farmers Market on November 19. Save the date to shop and support the local farmers. A breakfast made with local products also will be available.

November 19
9:00-12:00

St. John's Women at Pieper Porch

The women of St. John's spent a beautiful Sunday afternoon in fellowship at Pieper Porch. We are already looking forward to next year!



Lutherdale Retreat

Beautiful weather allowed for many fun activities for the 9th grade retreat, including taking the canoe on the lake and making tie-dye.

