



Holy Week at St. John's

Palm Sunday Worship: Sunday, March 24 - 8:30a and 10:45a

Maundy Thursday Worship: Thursday, March 28 - 6:30p

Good Friday Worship: Friday, March 29 - 12:00p and 6:30p

Easter Sunday Celebration: Sunday, March 31 - 6:30a, 8:30a, and 10:45a

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

The Lenten season is once again upon us. It is a time of reflection, introspection, and repentance. We often associate Lent with a burdensome feeling, especially when Lent is in the month of March. Winter is still clinging while spring is just a glimpse.

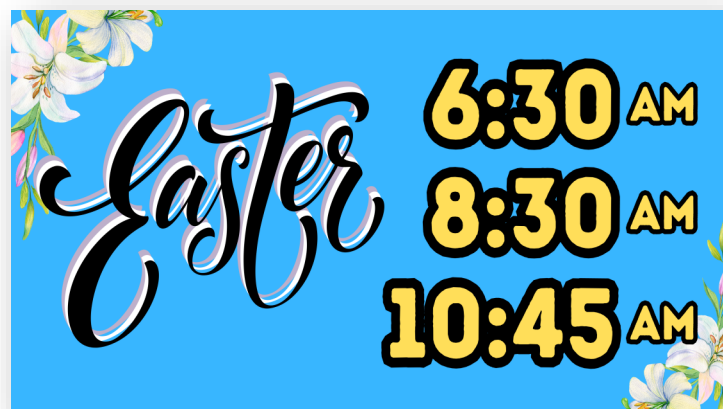
The gospel readings during Lent also point to the difficult and burdensome journey of Jesus. He understands where this journey is leading. He knows that he cannot avoid what is inevitable – his sacrifice on the cross. Although he tells his disciples of the journey they are undertaking, he knows that they cannot truly comprehend the significance of what they are doing or where they are going.

We are also on a journey in this life, and we too know where this is leading. We cannot avoid death and that thought can feel burdensome at times. Yet we are not alone in all of this. We have our community of believers with whom we travel. The burden is shared.

Most importantly we are traveling with the one who rose again from the dead and promises us the gift of life after death. As Jesus told his disciples, ²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matt. 11:28-30)

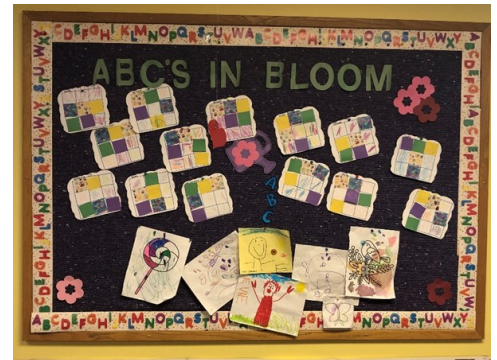
Let us continue to walk with Christ in this Lenten season, for the joy of the resurrection will be coming.

Pastor Brian



Children, Youth & Families

Kid Art in Preschool



What is Kid Art? It's a lot more than a pretty picture!

When a child paints, draws and cuts, they're practicing and learning:

- ⇒ Imagination and Creativity
- ⇒ Eye-Hand Coordination
- ⇒ Shape Recognition and Creation
- ⇒ Expression of Feelings and Ideas
- ⇒ Relationships of Space and Size
- ⇒ Concepts of Symmetry, Balance and Design



We're Now Enrolling for 2024-2025

Two Year Old Class My introduction to Preschool	Three Year Old Class I'm learning and exploring in Preschool	Four Year Old Class I'm getting ready for 4K and 5K
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Email Us at: lickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org - Call Us at: 262-786-4298
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You're Invited!
Wildlife In Need Center is coming to Preschool for Family Night!
Join Us



SAVE the DATE!
Thursday, March 7 from 6:00-7:30pm (doors open at 5:45pm)

St. John's Preschool
WHERE WE PLAY, DISCOVER, LEARN AND GROW

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St. John's Preschool provides an essential foundation to my child's educational and social development. It is a wonderful preparation for kindergarten to develop important life skills along the way. The teachers are kind and the space is welcoming and safe. You can rest assured that your child's whole self: physical, emotional, and spiritual, is cared for at St. John's Preschool.

Parent from our 4 year old class

The young and young-at-heart are invited to join our preschoolers for a night of fun and learning.

Lenny the opossum came to visit last year. Join us to see what animal friends visit us this year.



Children, Youth & Families

Sunday School at 9:45

Join us Sundays at 9:45am for Sunday School! During Lent we are learning about Jesus' ministry!

Sunday School programming is for ages 3-5th 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 Evening Ed

We are excited to offer programming for our Middle Schoolers on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00pm.

7th & 8th grade Calendar

March 10	Confirmation Class	4:30-6:00pm
March 24	Hope Center Meal	12:30-3:30pm

5th & 6th grade Calendar

March 3	Connect Class	4:30-6:00pm
March 17	Connect Class	4:30-6:00pm

Contact Joanna with questions!



Contact Joanna
with Toddler to 8th
Grade Questions

jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Save the Dates for Summer VBS

August 5-9 | 9:00-12:00



Youth Leadership Team

6th – 8th graders! Join Mrs. Beyerlein and Mrs. Zach on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:30 downstairs for food and fun!



First Communion

First Communion Service

March 10, 2024
Worship at 8:30 or 10:45am
Chat with Pastor Brian at 9:45am

New! Bread Baking with Joanna

March 2, 2024 at 3:00pm

Is your child ready to take communion? 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 March 10 with a Communion Chat with Pastor Brian at 9:45. Please RSVP to Joanna at and [fill out the form online](#).



Children, Youth & Families

HS Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
3/3	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
3/10	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
3/17	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
3/21	9th Grade Confirmation	6:30-8:00pm
3/24	Academy (attend with family)	5:00-6:00pm
3/28	Duck Pin Bowling - Sussex	2:30-5:00pm



March 24 Academy

Pr. Paul Bulgerin will be leading an Academy to talk about the Stories of Holy Week. I encourage all of our families to come together and hear more from him. **Please check page 7 for more information.**



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

sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Thirsty Duck Bowling

Date: 3/28
Time: 2:30-5:00pm
What: Come join us for Duck Pin Bowling at the Thirsty Duck in Sussex!
Cost: \$5 (scholarships available)
Signup:



Super Bowl Pizza and Subs

Thank you to all who helped make our first Super Bowl Sunday Pizza and Subs a huge success! Those who ordered food, and those who paid us to not cook for them.

We made 44 subs and 61 pizzas!! Grand totaling to a profit of \$1409!



WOW!
Total earned for youth trips is \$1409!



Children, Youth & Families

Middle School Lock-In

Students in 6-8th grade had a blast at our lock-in at the end of February. Not only was there a ton of laughter to be had, but they also worked hard to help make quilt tops and baby blankets, as well as muffins for our Sunday morning fellowship hour.



Middle School
Lock-In 2024

Making quilts.

Making muffins.

Making friends.

Making memories.

Making a difference.



Narthex Enhancement is Underway

The first phase of the Pave the Way narthex enhancement is underway!



This new "bump out" as it has been coined will serve two wonderful purposes.

First, it will expand the usher room, giving the church needed storage space.

Second, the design will create an intentional focal point for guests and members in the narthex.

The narthex also is getting a paint refresh. It has been over twenty years since some of the walls were painted!



Do you remember when the narthex area was painted a pinkish hue?

Adult Ministries

Lutheran Pilgrimage to Germany Invite

Pastors Chris Manke and Paul Bulgerin

Invite you to join them on a tour of the Footsteps of Martin Luther

Featuring

Germany, Prague and Poland

\$4,495 Per Person, Double Occupancy from Brookfield

October 13 - 24, 2024

Highlights

- Historic city of Kralow
- 3 Nights in magical Prague
- Prague City Tour
- Dresden Germany's city of Culture
- Medieval Charm of Erfurt
- Esleben - Martin Luther's birthplace
- Martin Luther's Wittenberg
- Historic Berlin
- Plus much more
- 19 Meals: 10 Breakfast, 2 Lunches & 7 Dinners
- Four Star Hotels
- Deluxe motor coach
- English speaking tour escort



This is an exclusive travel program presented by InterTravel Corporation

Join us on a remarkable journey this October 13–24, 2024 as we embark on a Lutheran pilgrimage like no other! We are thrilled to invite you to explore the iconic Martin Luther sites, where history comes alive, and faith finds its roots. This unforgettable adventure will take you through the heart of Germany, where Luther's Reformation took shape five centuries ago.

But our journey is not just about history; it's about faith, culture, and camaraderie. You'll have the opportunity to worship in historic churches, savor delicious local cuisine, and connect with fellow travelers who share your passion for faith and our rich heritage.

There are a limited number of seats left as part of this group. Reserve your spot soon.

Contact Paul Bulgerin with questions at 262-352-9050.

The Academy at St. John's

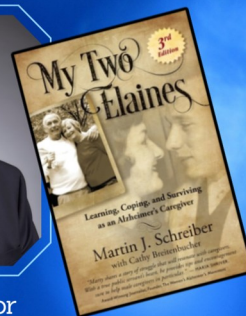
The Academy at St. John's

March 3, 2024

5:00 PM LECTURE



Former Governor
Martin Schreiber



**Learning,
Coping, and
Surviving
as an
Alzheimer's
Caregiver**

Public is
welcome
to attend
and hear
his message.



The Academy at St. John's

March 24, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Pastor Paul Bulgerin
presents on

The Story of Holy Week
as Presented in the Four Gospels

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On Sunday, March 24, at 5:00p.m., Pastor Paul Bulgerin will share and Bible study on the story of Holy Week as presented in the four gospels. He will highlight the key events during the last week of Jesus' life, how each gospel writer told the story, and presented it to get across his particular important theological points about Jesus and his saving death and resurrection.

Unable to attend an Academy? Recordings of past Academy lectures are on the St. John's website and YouTube channel. On the website, hover over the Ministries tab, click on Adults, scroll to St. John's Academy and select the wanted presentation.

Caring for Our Neighbors / Serving the World

March Outreach Focus

Hoovers Hause

aka Maelyn's
confirmation project



Hi my name is Maelyn. I am in confirmation and doing a service drive for Hoovers Hause in North Prairie. Hoovers Hause is a dog rescue. They rescue adult dogs and puppies from all over the country and find them good homes. Some of the dogs have been abandoned, some abused and others rescued from puppy mills.

Animals have always been important to me! We rescued our dog Dazzie from Hoovers Haws two years ago at ten months old. She is a Red Heeler/American pit bull terrier mix. She was abandoned and abused. She and her two sisters were found as puppies in a plastic garbage bag on the side of a highway in Texas. When we decided to begin fostering her, she was scared of us, of new surroundings, of other people and animals. Now she is the best dog! She is loving, sweet, playful and loves people and other animals. She just needed the right people to give her love and patience! She plays with our cats and at the dog park all the time! My grandma also adopted her dog, Oshee, from Hoovers Hause, at 12 weeks old, in 2020. She and her brothers and sisters were also abandoned. She is a dachshund/miniature pinscher mix and so cuddly and sweet.



I want all these sweet dogs to find a home where they can be happy and loved! Hoovers Hause is a non profit and runs only by donation. If it wasn't for the community, these dogs would not have shelter, food,

toys and wonderful people to take care of them and find them homes. Please help me and the dogs by donating any of the following items, or a monetary donation, and bringing it into church during the month of March. I would greatly appreciate it and so would our little furry friends!

Thank you!!
Maelyn

- Dog Food (Pedigree)
- Puppy pee pads
 - Detergent
 - Paper towels
- Small /Medium Dog Collars
 - Leashes
 - Dog toys
 - Poop bags

Thank You from Patrice

Thank you to St. John's for all of your prayers, meals, cards, visits, rides, etc. that came to me during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. Your care and concern helped me to recover quickly, and I appreciate all of you so very much. It is true a blessing to be part of this loving family.

Patrice Krimpelbein



Creation Corner

Join Joanna for a Plastic Free Lent!

It is not too late! This Lent, journey to walk lighter on the planet and reflect on our consumptive habits. Join us as we examine our dependence on plastics and examine alternative choices and habits. Participate through a public Facebook group or receive challenges via email weekly. Sign up at www.wcccn.org



Music Notes



Thank you to all who performed and attended the Members and Friends Recital on February 4! What a blessing to be able to hear and enjoy all of the hard work and talent of our youth, choirs and friends!



Please take the time to reflect and meditate during all of the music in this Lenten season as it draws us to self-reflection and to walk with Jesus on His path to Holy Week and Easter.



Please join us for Palm Sunday and Holy Week - but a special note:

We will be using Hal Hopson's "Tenebrae" A Service of Darkness on Good Friday at 6:30 pm. The service includes readings, choir, congregational singing and the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the fading of loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus.

Peace,
Becky Whelpley

Questions about
music at
St. John's?

Contact Becky!

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org



HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28 - 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29 - 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.



Easter Flowers

Easter is March 31. If you would like to pay tribute to a loved one by ordering a plant for the sanctuary on Easter, please use the link below. Orders taken through March 17.

[St. John's Lutheran Church: Easter Flowers 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)



Donation Location Relocations

The St. John's "Donation Location" is located inside the doors to the Fellowship Hall. Donation bins for The Women's Center, El Salvador, All Peoples, and Hope Center are located here for year-round donations.

A few donation items historically have been collected in the Women's Ministry cabinet in the Fellowship Hall. Those collections have been relocated to blue donation bins in the "Donation Location" area.

Confused? Stop in the Fellowship Hall and take a look! Currently there are bins for Lost and Found, Newborn Kits, Quilting, Eyeglasses (used)/Greeting Cards (new), Hope Center, The Women's Center (Sister House), Waukesha Food Pantry, All Peoples Food Pantry, and El Salvador.



Women's
Ministry
cart items
now go here.



Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. The following are highlights from the February 19 Council meeting.

President Report

- St. John's will have a new IT vendor effective mid-March. GO TECH IT, located in Brookfield, will take over our IT services. We look forward to working with GO TECH IT to enhance our IT needs in the ever-changing world of technology.
- Effective February, Avenue Systems became our Audio/Visual (A/V) vendor for the sanctuary equipment.
- Pave the Way updates: The reconstruction of the circle drive and the installation of the new lights (we do not own the current

lights, as they are in a rental agreement with We Energy) is scheduled for May and expected to last one week. The beginning phase of the narthex revamp is underway. This includes the construction of the "bump out", which is an intentional focal point in the narthex and serves as additional usher room storage. Currently, painting of the narthex area is underway. Thank you to all of those involved in these projects. Truly, many hands make light work.

- St. John's is looking to hire an additional part time Custodian. Interested individuals should contact the church office for details.
- Save the date: We will hold our next Congregational Meeting on June 2.

Financial Report

- On February 4, St John's held the Annual Meeting, at which time the 2024 budget was voted on and approved.
- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of February 6 was \$120,248.64

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:
MARCH 18 AT 6:30 P.M.



March Birthdays



3 Isabella Fuchs	11 Mark Aamot	14 Sue Cisz	
3 Jennalyn Mallmann	11 Rachel Paget	14 Jena Koscielniak	
4 Jackson Moran	11 Brent Schwartz	15 Ruth Novak	21 Sharon Grunau
5 Peg Schellin	12 Henry Hale	16 Friederike Haubenschild	21 Ellen Schwantes
7 Alex Fuchs	12 Gregg Miller	16 Don Hintze	22 Dennis Rebisch Jr
7 Scott Pavlichek	12 Debbie Morgan	17 Pat Anderson	23 Judy Ertel
8 Ann Kopecky	12 Jane Vento	17 Tony Caravella	26 Alice Wafle
8 Jeff Ruffatto	12 Deb Zaeske	17 Aaron Cranfill	27 Amy Bingenheimer
8 Jacob Zaeske	13 Ken Bahr	17 Dale Oistad	28 Carrie Allbaugh
9 Steve Mueller	13 Dawn Kallin	20 Linda Brazin	28 Mary Almasi
10 Bruce Campbell	13 Charlotte Yourell	21 Anthony Caravella	28 Sue Kaiser

Calendar of events for March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*worship service/event is live streamed		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 Pam with questions.			1 6:15a virtual men's group 1:30p Tai Chi 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	2 8:30a Saturday Men's Grp 3:00p Bread Baking
3 8:30a worship* 9:45a education & fellowship 10:45a worship 4:30p light meal 5:00p Academy 5:00p youth group 5:00p 5th/6th graders	4 Food Pantry Pick Up 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p Al-Anon	5 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters	6 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 5:15p KOTK 5:45p Lenten Supper 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p worship 7:00p choir rehearsal	7 1:30p Small Group Study 6:00p Preschool Family Night 6:30p Al-Anon 6:30p Indian Culture Dance	8 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a book club (offsite) 10:00a prayer shawl group 3:00p John Gugel funeral (visitation at 1:00p)	9 8:30a Saturday Men's Grp
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31 Easter 6:30a sunrise worship 8:30a worship* 10:45a worship						

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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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:

Dorothy E	Neal S
Floyd K	Steve W
Dylan H	Jerry M
Carol S	Nancy K
Linda G	Joanna 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

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- 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



St. John's

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