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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

The day of Pentecost, May 19, is a Sunday in which we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is depicted in the book of Acts as a great wind that blew through the community, leaping like flames, and causing people to speak in various languages. It is a day in which traditionally we wear red in worship, the color that represents fire or passion.

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus promised us that he would send an Advocate to empower the disciples to continue the work began by Jesus. In fact, a former professor of mine once said that the Book of Acts really should be called the Acts of the Holy Spirit, since it was the Holy Spirit that inspired the disciples to evangelize throughout the near East.

What is the Holy Spirit's function? Let us hear from Martin Luther:

"The Holy Ghost has two offices. First, He is a Spirit of grace, that makes God gracious unto us, and receives us as His acceptable children, for Christ's sake. Secondly, He is a Spirit of prayer, that prays for us, and for the whole

world, to the end that all evil may be turned from us, and that all good may happen to us. The Spirit of grace teaches people; the Spirit of prayer prays . . . For we must first hear the Word, and then afterwards the Holy Ghost works in our hearts; He works in the hearts of whom He will, and how He will, but never without the Word."

Luther always centered his theology and teachings in the Word of God. He centered his whole being in the Word. It is the Word of God that inspires, strengthens, and renews us for the tasks at hand – for the glory of God. This is why we are here – to give glory to God in all that we do. We can only do this by the gift of the Holy Spirit, who blows where and when God wills it to go. We can see the effects of the Spirit each and every day, always keeping vigilant to its direction and power.

As people, baptized in the Spirit, let us walk confidently in the grace of God made known to us by the Holy Spirit!

Pastor Brian

What's New?

May 5

9:00 pancake breakfast
10:45 worship with confirmation

May 19

Pentecost - Wear red to worship!

End-of-year extravaganza

May 26

9:00 one worship - inside

June 2

9:00 one worship - outside
10:15 congregational meeting

June 9

Summer schedule begins:
8:30 inside worship
10:00 outside worship

August 5-9

VBS - register now! See page 6 for details.

On the Horizon

Watch for information about adult ministry opportunities this summer.



Children's message about Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls

Do you have a friend, family member or neighbor who could use some comfort? Our prayer shawl ministry is here for you. We offer these to any and all who are in need.

Our members make our shawls and pray as we make them.

They are located in the lobby in a cabinet next to the elevator, against the south wall. There are gift bags available on the bottom shelf. We ask that you take a moment to sign our book so we may pray for the recipient.

Children, Youth & Families

St. John's Preschool is Proud to be a Playing to Learn Preschool.

What is Playing to Learn? Throughout the morning it will be teacher-led learning, independent play and group play. These ways to learn complement a child's brain and body development and provide the foundation to academic success.

What we all say is that if learning looks like playing and fun in Preschool, learning is happening in all the best ways!



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK! MAY 6-10

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

Learning is Fun in Any Language

Pastor Santiago spent a morning playing, learning, and singing with the 4-year-old class. Time included deep discussion of rocks and pinecones and singing a silly song in Spanish.



Rock On with our
littlest learners



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Children, Youth & Families

Sunday School Celebration and Thanks

Join us **May 19** during the Sunday School hour for our Super-Duper-End-Of-The-Year-Extravaganza!

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, Jenny Templin, Michelle Werner, John Roth, Carrie and Phil Peters, Karie Zach, and Sonja Beyerlein. Thanks to Dayne Peters for his A/V skills, and Sara Sadowski and Andrea Rebisch for leading our Stewardship drives!

Children, Youth and Family Board: Linnea Logan, Sonja Beyerlein, Karie Zach, Curtis Templin, and CYF staff.



**Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions**
jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Sunday Evening Education

We are wrapping up our Sunday evening programming! Thanks for a wonderful year!

5th & 6th grade has wrapped up for the year!

7th & 8th grade Calendar

May 5 Last 7th and 8th grade Confirmation class of the year!

Contact Joanna with questions!

Other Middle School Events



6-8th graders! Sign up to work the Pancake Breakfast on May 5 in honor of 9th grade Confirmation!

[Sign Up Here](#)

Sunday School Calendar

May 5 – Happy Confirmation Day! We have regular Sunday School and there is a pancake breakfast beginning at 9:00am.

May 12 – Happy Mother's Day!

There is NO Sunday School this day.

May 19 – Last day of Sunday School! Join us for our Super-Duper-End-Of-The-Year-Extravaganza!

Thank You, Pr. Santiago

Thank you, Pr. Santiago, for spending time with our students! We are Better Together!!!

Sunday School children presenting Pr. Santiago with an art project for the preschool in El Salvador and with \$410 that they raised to purchase calculators for the students!



Children, Youth & Families

HS Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
5/3	Confirmation Evening	6:30-8:00pm
5/5	Pancake Breakfast	9:00-11:00am
5/5	Confirmation	10:45am
5/5	8th Grade Parent Meeting	5:45-6:00pm

Pancake Breakfast

May 5

9:00 a.m. breakfast
10:45 a.m. confirmation worship



Graduate Information

St. John's will honor and pray for our graduates on Sunday June 2. If there is a high school or college graduate in your house, please click the link below to submit information on the graduate.

<https://makedisciples.com/graduate-recognition/>



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

sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Confirmation Weekend

Friday, May 3 - 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.

Sunday, May 5 - 9:00am

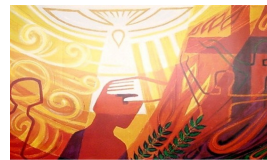
Pancake breakfast to celebrate our 5 confirmands

Sunday, May 5 - 10:45am

Come join us as our 5 confirmands affirm their baptism!



8th Grade Parent Meeting



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

Painting Pots and Playing Games with Pastors

Pastor Santiago had so much fun painting flower pots with our Middle and High School Youth. The flowers will go with our visitation team as they visit St. John's members.

Later, the kids taught Pr. Brian and Pr. Santiago to play Sardines!



Children, Youth & Families

Save the Dates for Summer VBS

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

Join us this summer for Summer Games VBS: Champions in Training! Kids ages 4-5th grade will compete in our own Summer Games and learn what it really takes to be a champion using the Fruits of the Spirit as a guide.

VBS runs August 5-9 from 9:00am-12:00pm. The early bird cost is \$30/child for the week (\$100 family maximum) if registered before June 10.

Registration deadline is July 31 or when classes are full. You may use the links or the QR code.



[Register Here](#)

[Pay Here](#)

The graphic features the text "summer Games" in a bold, black, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the letters "V", "B", and "S" are each inside a colored circle (blue, black, and red respectively), arranged to resemble the Olympic rings. The "V" circle is blue, the "B" circle is black, and the "S" circle is red. Below the "V" and "B" circles, the text "August 5-9" is written in black. Below the "B" and "S" circles, the text "9:00-12:00" is written in black. At the bottom, the text "CHAMPIONS IN TRAINING" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the graphic is an illustration of a hand holding a lit torch. To the right is a gold medal. At the bottom left of the graphic is the website "makedisciples.com". At the bottom right is the logo for St. John's Lutheran ELCA, Brookfield, Wisconsin, which consists of a stylized blue and white logo and the text "St. John's LUTHERAN ELCA Brookfield, Wisconsin".

Calling All Camp Counselors and Volunteers!

Our VBS theme is Olympics, which means lots of wacky games, 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! 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 Lock In training in July.

Sign Up Here: [Volunteer](#)

Creation Corner

Have you ever thought about Solar? Several members of our congregation have solar at their homes!

Joanna is the solar educator for the 2024 Grow Solar Jefferson + Waukesha program and is educating residents all over the county during May and June. Check out the Grow Solar website for the schedule. Plus, you can sign up for a free home solar assessment to see what solar would look like for you! <https://www.growsolar.org/jefferson-waukesha/>

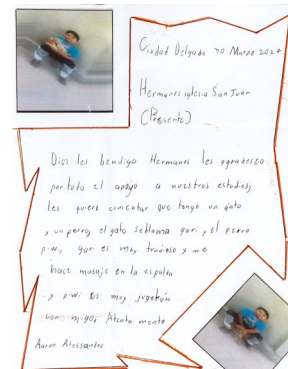
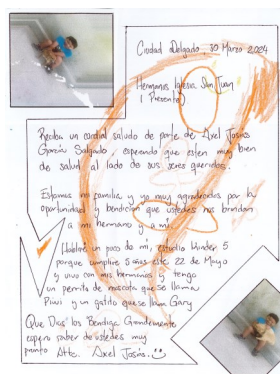


Celebrating Partnership in El Salvador

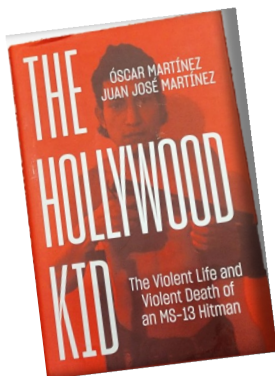
Scholarship Students Send Salutations

The Education For Life scholarship program in El Salvador aids families in the Los Héroes community by sponsoring students. Some people are paired directly with students. Some people give to the general scholarship fund. Two young brothers are the beneficiaries of those general scholarships. They recently wrote letters of thanks to the congregation. The letters are on display in the Fellowship Hall as part of the El Salvador display.

Questions about Education for Life scholarships? Please contact Mary Beth Gubbins.



Read "The Hollywood Kid"



The latest addition to the St. John's library is "The Hollywood Kid" The Violent Life and Violent Death of an MS-13 Hitman". It is the compelling story of the life and death of a Salvadoran gangster. "The Hollywood Kid" brings a brutal world to life, illustrating the geopolitical forces propelling a country toward ever more vicious extremes. It is a helpful memoir for understanding the circumstances and the reality of violence.

Fun Fact:

St. John's Has A Library

Books in the St. John's library are available to check out, read, and return. There are a variety of books from kid's books, to devotionals, to group studies. Check it out!

Staffing

Custodial Job Opportunity

St. John's is hiring a part-time custodian. The Custodian oversees the cleaning and general maintenance of the building. This role is part time, requiring approximate 15 to 20 hours per week. Must be available weekends and work a flexible schedule.

Please contact Building Supervisor William Stace at 262-786-6887 x103 with questions.

[Link to job description](#)

Recognitions

Maelyn Says Thanks

Maelyn is so grateful for the generous donations to Hoover House for her confirmation project. Thank you for making a difference!



Golden Hammer Award

The St. John's property team presented Mr. Ken Bahr with the "Golden Hammer Award" for his commitment and inspiration to the betterment of St John's. Thank you Sir!



Caring for Our Neighbors / Serving the World

May Outreach Focus: Care Kits for Hope Center

Hope Center Mission Statement: Reducing the risk of poverty by helping the people in Waukesha County meet basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing through services, partnerships 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.

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



Spring Yard Refresh Preparing for New Growth



Spring Yard Refresh (Clean Up Day)


Monday, May 6 – 4:30 to sunset.

All are encouraged to come help prepare the yard for new growth – come when you can, leave when you must; even 30 minutes makes a difference. No experience necessary. There are jobs for all ages and abilities!

Food will be served: dogs, brats, and all the fixin's. **Please RSVP online (or by clicking the dog below) to ensure enough food!**



Contents of a Newborn Kit:



SAVE the DATES:

Room Set Up for Newborn Kits:
Monday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Possible Fellowship Dinner:
Tuesday, July 23
(Need a group/person to plan this)

Assembly of the Newborn Kits:
Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m.

“Special Needs” Help Needed

Do you have an interest in “Special Needs” caregiving? A St. John’s family is looking for a special someone to be a parttime companion/ caregiver for their adult daughter who has Cerebral Palsy. She is in a wheelchair and needs a lot of help to enjoy her world. She is sweet, smart, and very cooperative. On the job training provided.

Some of your duties might include reading, going for walks, arts and crafts, music, mails, etc. Hours are flexible and pay is good. If you’d like a meaningful summer job, this could be it! Contact information available from the office.

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Music Notes

Thank You Musicians

Thank you to all musicians who enhanced our Lent and Easter worship!



Kids of the Kingdom

A BIG thank you to the KOTK (Kids of the Kingdom) - their last Sunday was April 28). Thank you to director Lisa Weiss-Cornelius and new this year, preschool director Lana DeCoto. We had a need for 3 and 4 year olds to join and Ms. DeCoto organized a different curriculum just for them.



Did you know that KOTK meets every Wednesday 5:15-6pm and shares a meal at 6 pm? We invite you to join us next year!



Jubilate Chorale

The Jubilate Chorale will present a concert "One Voice" featuring the chorale, chamber orchestra and Brookfield East Choirs singing Dan Forrest's large work Jubilate Deo and other pieces. Becky Whelpley is the accompanist for the Chorale.

Saturday, May 4, 7:30 pm
at St. Luke's Lutheran Church
300 Carroll St. Waukesha

Sunday, May 5, 3:00pm
at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
12700 W Howard Ave., New Berlin

Tickets available at the door.

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

The following are highlights from the April 15 Council meeting.

President Report

- Pave the Way Finance update: More than \$200,000 of the \$300,000 Pave the Way pledges have been received.
- Pave the Way Projects update: The circle drive restoration is set for early May and will take approximately one week to complete. We will continue to move forward with the Pave the Way projects only when funds are available to complete the remaining projects. After the circle drive restoration project, an update will be shared regarding the pledges collected, funds spent, projects completed, and projects remaining.

- Quarterly Giving Statements will be mailed out in April. Please know these statements may look a little different, as they are now produced by our new accounting software PowerChurch.
- Save the date: We will hold our Congregational Meeting on June 2.

Financial Report

- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of March 7 was \$120,248.64
- Thank you for your generosity and faithful giving which allows us to support the many ministry goals for 2024.

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



Annual Meeting
June 2, 2024
10:15 a.m.

outside - weather permitting

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
MAY 20 AT 6:30 P.M.



May Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1	Gavin Campeau	11	Andrea Reinfeldt	20	Ardythe Seeber	25	Gary Schettler
2	Devri Zick	12	Brent Keierleber	21	Pat Janz	26	Sean Stahl
3	Judi Berglund	13	Diane Nelson	21	Max Kapellusch	27	John Almasi
3	Michelle Sternkopf	13	Gavin Stefanski	21	Gerry Milz	27	Brian Halverson
8	Bob Davis	15	Jarod Everts	21	Carol Smith	27	Kristy Olson-Schubert
8	Helen Linsemeyer	15	Andrea Rebisch	22	Sara Everts	27	Julie Webb
9	Stephanie Athorp	16	Donna Yourell	23	Stephanie Kaiser	28	Anna Petersen
9	Jordan Barnett	17	Billy Emmons	23	Eloise Lange	29	Ezra Peffer
9	Dennis Mueller	17	Arlene Katka	23	Joshua Seamonson	30	David Balzer
11	Edith Belli	18	James Larson	23	Tommy Werner	30	Joseph Balzer
11	Terry Hoepfner	19	Kris Wasserman	24	Jan Gregoire	30	Ed Henschel
11	John Holmberg	20	Roy Osmon	24	Dylan Yourell	31	Virginia Degenhardt

Calendar of events for May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*worship service/event is live streamed</p>			<p>1 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal</p>	<p>2 6:30p AI-Anon 7:00p AA</p>	<p>3 6:15a virtual men's group 1:30p Tai Chi 7:30p Chinese Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>
<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 Margie with questions.</p>						
<p>5 8:30a worship* 9:00a pancake breakfast 9:45a education & fellowship 10:45a worship 4:30p 7th/8th graders</p>	<p>6 <i>Food Pantry Pick Up</i> 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 4:30p Spring Spruce Up 6:30p AI-Anon</p>	<p>7 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:30p handbell rehearsal</p>	<p>8 9:30a women's Bible study 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS</p>	<p>9 4:00p Finance Team mtg 6:30p AI-Anon 7:00p AA</p>	<p>10 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a book club (offsite) 10:00a prayer shawl group 1:30p Tai Chi 7:30p Chinese Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 8:30a worship* 10:45a worship</p>	<p>13 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon</p>	<p>14 8:30a property team 8:30a ladies Bible study (offsite) 10:00a staff mtg 1:00p book club 6:30p HR Team Zoom mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal</p>	<p>15 12:00p Retired Men's lunch 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS</p>	<p>16 6:30p AI-Anon 7:00p AA</p>	<p>17 6:15a virtual men's group 1:30p Tai Chi 7:00p Book Club 7:30p Chinese Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Pentecost 8:30a worship* 9:45a End of Year Extravaganza 10:45a worship</p>	<p>20 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 1:00p women's study grp 6:30p council meeting 6:30p AI-Anon</p>	<p>21 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg</p>	<p>22 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS</p>	<p>23 6:30p AI-Anon 7:00p AA</p>	<p>24 6:15a virtual men's group 1:30p Tai Chi 7:30p Chinese Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>
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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	Jerry M
Floyd K	Nancy K
Dylan H	Carol S
Carol M	Phyllis W
Rick and Linda Elfers	

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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- 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



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