



## A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile  
in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and  
fill me with gentle  
compassion for all  
your people.

– Author Unknown

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## Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

As you are reading this article, Cindy and I are in Turkey, following the missionary journeys of the apostle Paul. I know that many of you have taken a similar journey and have told me how meaningful it was to see the countryside and the cities that Paul visited and in which he preached the gospel message. The group with which we are traveling consists of biblical scholars, seminary students, pastors and lay people who are very knowledgeable and will share that knowledge as we travel throughout Greece and Turkey. It is the collected knowledge and insights that I will share with all of you on my return.

We all need a refresh from time to time. There are times in which the biblical passages or some of the history we know can seem too familiar, almost stale. This sometimes happened with the people of Israel, and throughout its

history God sent prophets and rabbis who brought into question and challenged the complacency of the people's understanding and practice of their faith.

Of course, Jesus himself brought to life the Scriptures and reinterpreted the Law through the divine truth of God's love and grace. The Holy Spirit descends on the people on the Day of Pentecost and opens the minds of the disciples, even to the point where the gospel is preached in the various languages of the crowd. As I said, we all need to see the Scriptures from renewed or even new perspectives which only strengthens and nourishes our faith in Christ.

I look forward to being back with you to share the insights and wisdom of our traveling companions to hopefully refresh and deepen our understanding of the Scriptures!

*Pastor Brian*

## Paving Progress

The reconstruction of the circle drive has begun! This is the biggest part of the "Pave the Way" campaign. The existing pavement was ground to use to build the foundation. Part of the sidewalk was replaced. New asphalt will be laid with parking spaces clearly visible



## What's New?

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Worship will be in the sanctuary followed by the congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will review the past program year, elect new council members, and look forward to what God calls us to do.

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Summer worship schedule begins June 9 with services at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. The first outdoor service will be June 16. Outdoor worship happens June 16-September 2 unless it is too cold, too windy, or too wet.

### BLUEGRASS WORSHIP



The bluegrass music team returns on June 9 for the 10:00 worship.



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# Children, Youth & Families

## That's a Wrap

A huge thank you to all of our St. John's Families for a terrific year!

We wrapped up our program year on Sunday, May 19 with our Super-Duper-Amazing-Extravaganza to celebrate a great year!



Contact Joanna  
with Toddler to 8th  
Grade Questions

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**SAVE  
THE  
DATES!**

# Family

## 6:30 p.m.



**July 12  
August 8**

# Nights



# Children, Youth & Families

## ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting

Date: June 23  
Time: 11:00am (right after second service)  
Location: Youth Room

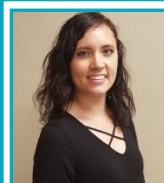


*Go out into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to what is good;  
return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak;  
help the suffering;  
honor all people;  
love and serve God,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*



## Graduate Recognition

St. John's will honor and pray for our graduates during worship on Sunday, June 2. God has great plans for them!



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

[sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org](mailto:sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org)

## Confirmation Weekend

Five of our youth affirmed their baptisms in May. Four of them with Pastor Brian Halverson on May 5 and the fifth with Pastor Frank Janzow on May 26. Congratulations to Adelyn, Chase, Lily, Madelyn, and Maelyn.



# 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 4-5<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



## 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

### Use our new filtered water fountain!

Last November, the kids at St. John's purchased our new water fountain located by the bathrooms in the Narthex! This water is cold, filtered, and tastes great! Remember to bring your reusable water bottle next time you are here for an event.

Hosting an event? Fill up a pitcher of water from the fountain for your guests instead of buying bottled water.





# Learning About Partnership in Tanzania



*The Greater Milwaukee Synod established a Global Companion Covenant with The Diocese of Meru more than 25 years ago.*

Our covenant agreement gives shape and direction to our journey as companions and partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have agreed to:

- + **Accompaniment** - We agree to walk with each other and Jesus as we develop relationships based on mutuality, vulnerability, empowerment, inclusivity, and sustainability.
- + **Prayer** - We agree to pray for each other on a regular basis, including our weekly worship services.
- + **Communication** - We agree to communicate regularly with our companions, sharing stories from the life of our congregations and ministries.
- + **Visits** - We agree to exchange visits by members and leaders of our congregations and ministries as frequently as possible.
- + **Education** - We agree to seek out information about each other's country, history, life, and ministry.
- + **Support** - We agree to inform each other about projects within our ministry plan and to invite mutual participation in our mission.



## Supporting Our Brothers & Sisters in Tanzania

**Parish to Congregation Partnerships:** Many congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod have developed relationships with parishes in Meru. Other congregations support the general ministry.

**Hunger Relief:** There is always a need and hunger relief is always a priority.

**Water Projects:** We have helped build wells and pipelines to service communities in need.

**Education:** We have helped by providing scholarships and helped supply labs with materials.

**Medical Support:** We have helped with medical supplies and medical equipment.

**Economic Development:** We assist our partners with start-up projects that can generate income.

**To Learn More Visit: [www.PartnersWithMeru.org](http://www.PartnersWithMeru.org)**

Join Us for Monthly Updates to Learn More about our Ministry!

2nd Saturdays of the Month @ 9:00 am via Zoom.

To receive announcements & updates send email to:

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# Caring for Our Neighbors / Serving the World

## June Outreach Focus: Food Pantries

Food Pantries are especially busy during the summer months when children are not receiving meals at school. There are bins in the Donation Location for year-round food donations to the Waukesha Food Pantry and the All Peoples Food Pantry. During June, we are making a special focus to feed the kids. Any help you can provide to the Food Pantries is appreciated.

### Most Commonly Needed Food Items at Waukesha Food Pantry

- Shelf stable fruits canned in water or its own Juice: especially popular - pineapple and mandarin oranges
- Whole grain cereals
- Ready to eat soups with meat
- Canned pasta with meat
- Shelf stable milk alternatives
- Such as soy or almond milk
- shelf stable proteins: tuna, chicken, ham, tofu
- 100% fruit juice

### Infant & Toddler Needs

- Formula: especially Similac®
- No Baby Foods are needed at this time
- Diapers: particularly size 5 & 6, any size Pull-Ups
- Baby wipes
- Pediasure

### Most Commonly Needed Food Items at All Peoples Food Pantry

- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Canned Pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli)
- Tuna
- Tuna Helper
- Spam
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly/Jam
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Greens (Collard, Mixed, Turnip, Mustard)



## Newborn Kit Assembly

### Contents of a Newborn Kit:



## SAVE the DATES:

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

**Fellowship Dinner:**  
Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m.  
Potluck dinner with sandwiches and beverages provided.

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

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Making Disciples  
Serving the World





# Worship

## Music Notes

As we head into our summer months to recharge I thank all of the choirs and band for leading us each week in worship. In August we will again begin our 8:30 am services with a hymn sing and will be sure to learn some new/unfamiliar hymns from the All Creation Sings Hymnal.

Looking ahead to fall, please mark your calendars - on Saturday the St. Olaf Orchestra will play an afternoon concert at St. John's. Info coming soon on how to order tickets - \$10 for adults and free for students.

Questions about  
music at  
St. John's?

Contact Becky!

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## Pastor Coverage and Worship Notes

Thank you to Pastor Frank Janzow and Pastor Paul Bulgerin for leading worship while Pastor Brian is on his continuing education trip.



## Welcome Ethan!



We welcome Ethan Sitterly to the St. John's staff as part of the custodial team! He is a high school senior that is about to graduate with a certificate for IT Systems from WCTC and a scholarship of technical excellence. He has many hobbies, such as riding motorcycles, shooting trap, and working on engines.



# Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

The following are highlights from the May 20 Council meeting.

## President Report

- Thank you to those who came out to help support the Spring Clean-up on Monday, May 6. With the amazing turnout, we were able to tidy up much of the landscaping around the church.
- Pave the Way Finance update: As of April 30, \$221,671 of the \$308,000 Pave the Way pledges have been received.
- Pave the Way Projects update: The circle drive restoration was originally set for early May, but due to weather delays Poblocki Paving now hopes to begin May 28. The circle drive restoration will take approximately 1 week to complete.
- The Interiors Team attended the Council meeting to present their vision and recommendation for the

furniture upgrades in the Narthex. After discussion and review, Council approved the furniture proposal.

- Council will continue to move forward with the Pave the Way projects only when funds are available to complete the projects. After the circle drive restoration project is complete, an update will be shared regarding the pledges collected, funds spent, projects completed, and projects remaining.
- Save the date: We will hold our Congregational Meeting on June 2 at 10:15 in Fellowship Hall.
- On a personal note: As my term as President winds down, I want to thank the St. John's Community for their support over the past four years.

## Financial Report

- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of May 5 was \$120,248.64

- The Finance Team and Council agreed to take advantage of interest rates and put \$100,000 of the Capital Improvement Fund a in short term CD.
- After closing April's books, St. John's year to date expenses were 2% below the budgeted amount. Unfortunately, giving year to date is 22% below budget. Council and the Finance Team will continue to monitor these unsustainable trends.
- 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

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:  
JUNE 17 AT 6:30 P.M.**



## June Birthdays

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

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



# Calendar of events for June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00a worship* 10:15a annual meeting	3 <i>Food Pantry Pick Up</i> 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p Al-Anon	4 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters	5 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS	6 5:00p Al-Anon 7:00p AA	7 6:15a virtual men's group 1:30p Tai Chi	8
9 8:30a worship* 10:00a worship	10 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p Al-Anon	11 8:30a property team 8:30a ladies Bible study (offsite) 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p HR Team Zoom mtg	12 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS	13 4:00p Finance Team mtg 6:30p Al-Anon 7:00p AA	14 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a prayer shawl group 1:30p Tai Chi	15
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30 8:30a worship* 10:00a worship		*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 - <a href="#">Documents and Forms</a> . Contact <a href="#">Margie</a> with questions.		



## 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

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](http://www.makedisciples.com).



Without ceasing  
I remember you  
always in my  
prayers.

Romans 1:9

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106	Rebecca Mitchell, Bookkeeper
107	Becky Whelpley, Music Director
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