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## Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

Autumn in all its colorful glory is here. The days are getting shorter, the nights longer. There is a chill in the air which prompts us to get out sweatshirts and sweaters, particularly with the colors of green and gold or red and white. The farmers' markets are winding down as the produce yields its last of the year. We anticipate the coming of two popular holidays – All Hallows Eve and Thanksgiving, and the church year is in full swing.

This year we are exploring the theme of stewardship. Often, when the word comes up, we automatically think of financial pledges and offerings – giving back to God what God has first given us. Of course, financial gifts are essential for the continued work of the church and the ministries that extend from worship to outreach. We are raising this important message throughout the fall and into next year.

We also, however, want to expand our understanding of stewardship to include more than just money. Stewardship entails the caring for all of God's gifts to us – creation/environment, the gift of community, and the talents that God has placed within us to further God's mission in the world.

This fall we will read the book Stewards of Eden written by Sandra L. Richter, the Robert H. Gundry Chair of Biblical Studies at Westmont College and a member of the Committee for Biblical Translation for the NIV. Her scholarly work in biblical studies, particularly in the Old Testament, gives a strong and fundamental Biblical basis of how and why we are called to be good stewards of God's creation.

This book is not political in that it advocates for policies that are favored by either Democrats or Republicans. Rather, it is an attempt to talk about environmental issues we all face, putting the focus on our theological understanding of our role in creation. Dr. Richter lifts up issues of which we Christians must be aware and work toward solving.

We hope that this book can lead to good discussions, and whether we agree or disagree with one another, we can better understand one another and our response as members of the community of Christ. As it is often said, "We are all in this together," and together in Christ, we give thanks to God for all of God's great gifts.

*Pastor Brian*

## Coming Soon...

### Discussion Groups

Groups will meet to discuss the book "Stewards of Eden" this fall. It is not too late to join a group! Group options include Sunday morning, Monday evening (via Zoom), Thursday afternoon, and Saturday morning. Sign up in the narthex gathering space or [on the website](#).

### October Collections

There are three collections happening at St. John's in October: winter wear, shoes, and socks.

- Winter coats, gloves, and scarves for All Peoples
- Shoes for Grant's confirmation project to benefit Soles for Jesus
- Fun socks for the Sunday school stewardship during "Socktober!"

### Directory Distribution

Distribution of the updated church directory is scheduled to begin October 20. Thanks to a generous donation, there will be no charge for the directories!

## Save the Date: Game Day is November 2

### Wisconsin vs. Iowa ... and Chili

Join us in the Youth Room to cheer as the Badgers play the Iowa Hawkeyes. Time of the game is yet to be determined. Regardless of the timing of kick-off, there will be a chili contest during the game. Dust off those recipes!



### Classic Games and Snacks

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to play classic games. Checkers. Uno. Sorry. Monopoly. Sequence. Cribbage. Possibilities are endless. Do you have favorite classic game? Bring a favorite snack to share.



# Children, Youth & Families

## For Our Preschoolers, It's All About Learning



## We've been busy these first weeks of Preschool!



## Preschool's Cozy 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.

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

## Sunday School Stewardship Focus



Contact Joanna  
with Toddler to 8th  
Grade Questions

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

## Sunday Evening Ed

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

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Calendar

- Oct. 6 - Confirmation Class 4:30-6:45 p.m.
  - The Great Food Race!
- Oct. 20 - Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00 p.m.

### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Calendar

- Oct. 13 - Connect Class 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 27 - Connect Class 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Contact Joanna with any questions!

More info can be found at <https://makedisciples.com/ministries/child-youth/middle-school/>

## Sunday School is Off to a Great Start

Sunday School is off to a great start! At St. John's, Sunday School is for ages 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

6<sup>th</sup> graders and up can participate in our Youth Leadership Team on Sunday mornings.



## First Communion

### First Communion Service and Communion Chat

November 10, 2024  
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
Communion Chat at 9:30 a.m. the same morning!

### Bread Baking with Joanna

November 9, 2024  
3:00 p.m.

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 First Communion this year on November 10 with a Communion Chat with Pastor Brian for families in between services. We will have a First Communion Bread Baking Class on November 9 at 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Joanna at [jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org](mailto:jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org) and fill out the form online.

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

## 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, John Roth, and Karie Zach, and a mini-fridge filled with goodies, this time together is sure to become your favorite part of the week!



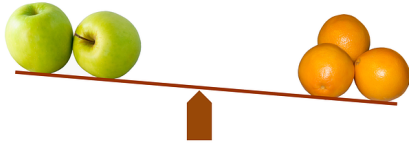
Painting the Middle School Wall!



# Children, Youth & Families

## Comparative Religions

9<sup>th</sup> graders AND anyone looking to be confirmed this year, we will begin our comparative religion studies class on October 17 from 6:30-8:00pm.



## 2025 Mission Trip

Interested in hearing about our next mission trip? July 2025 we are headed to Nashville!!

Join Stephanie Broussard in the youth room on November 10 between services to learn more!



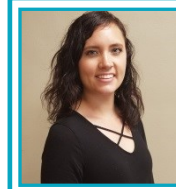
## Sunday Evening Youth Group

Youth Group begins October 6 and will be every OTHER Sunday evening from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. We start each evening with a meal before hand at 4:30 p.m.

## Young Adult Addresses

Are you a young adult or do you know one? I am looking to update all of our young adult addresses for care packages this year!

Please fill out the link here: <https://forms.gle/akLtyNUE6rEgVRmx6>



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

[sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org](mailto:sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org)  
or 262-453-9201



**Project Linus**

## Youth Led Project

New this year! Once a month, the high schoolers will put together and lead a service project for the ENTIRE congregation to participate in. This will happen between services in the youth room!

Join us October 27 to create blankets for the Waukesha chapter of Project Linus. There will be something for EVERYONE young or old to help with!

## Supporting Youth Talents

Youth ... do you have an event coming up that you would love for other St. John's youth and/or members to come and support you? Fill in the details on the attached form link.

- ~ Concerts
- ~ Sporting Events
- ~ Plays
- ~ Debates
- ~ Art Shows
- ~ Anything you would love to have our support!

<https://forms.gle/3gsifdpncYKUT9my8>



# October

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
10/6	Youth Group Begins	4:30p-6:00p
10/17	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Comparative Religions	6:30p-8:00p
10/20	Youth Group	4:30p-6:00p
10/27	HS Led Service Project Project Linus	between services
11/3	Youth Group	4:30p-6:00p
11/10	Mission Trip Meeting	between services



# Worship and Music



## KOTK

Wednesday, October 2, Kids of the Kingdom begins for PreK - 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Preschool age children begin rehearsals with the large group and then continue with a separate, age appropriate rehearsal led by Mrs. DeCoto.

We meet to rehearse songs from 5:15-6:00 p.m. with a dinner to follow.

There is no charge to be involved, we just ask families to share a few meals throughout the year.

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

For more info, contact Lisa at [lisajwc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisajwc@sbcglobal.net).

# KIDS of the KINGDOM

Questions about music at St. John's?



Contact Becky!  
[bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org](mailto:bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org)

## St. Olaf Orchestra



[The St. Olaf Orchestra](#), conducted by Chung Park, will perform at St. John's on Saturday, October 12 at 3:30 p.m. during its 2024 Fall Tour.

The St. Olaf Orchestra is a full symphony orchestra rich in international artistry and tradition and known for its enthusiastic and passionate performances. Founded in 1906, the 95-member ensemble has been heralded as one of the finest collegiate orchestras in the country and won the 2013 and 2019 American Prizes in Orchestral Performances among colleges and universities.

This year's tour will feature works by Bach, Anna Clyne, Dvořák's Symphony No. 8, student soloists, and more!

Tickets are \$10 and free for students, available at [stolaf.edu/tickets/orchestra](http://stolaf.edu/tickets/orchestra), 800-363-5487, or by scanning/clicking this QR.



St. Olaf Orchestra  
Concert at St. John's  
October 12, 2024

## Homemade Sweet Treats

The St. Olaf Orchestra is coming! It is comprised of hungry, energetic, talented college students. To make their time with us a bit sweeter, the concert hospitality team is asking for donations of homemade cookies, bars, or other desserts for the musicians to have with their meals. Additional treats will be served at a reception following the concert.

If you would like to contribute, please use this QR code to sign up. Treats should arrive to St. John's through the Circle Drive doors on Friday, October 11, 9:00a - 3:00p or on October 12 by 11:00a.

Sweet Treats for St Olaf Orchestra



## Milwaukee Festival Brass Concert November 2

The Milwaukee Festival Brass will present a concert celebrating the tradition of British-style Brass Bands at St. John's on November 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Watch for ticketing details.



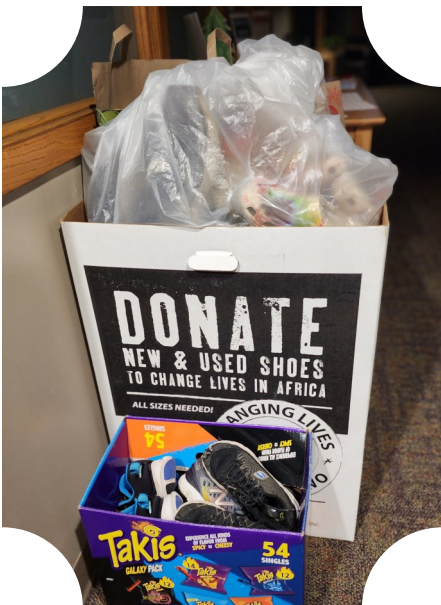
# Serving the World

## Soles for Jesus

During the month of October, Grant Gundlach is collecting new and gently used shoes for “Soles for Jesus” as part of his confirmation project. The shoes are shipped to those in need in Africa. Please place any new or gently used men’s, women’s, and children’s shoes in the collection bin at church. (No winter boots, slippers, or high heels over two inches).



Thank you for supporting Grant and Soles For Jesus! The bin is already overflowing. How many times can we fill it up?



## Quilt Sunday

The annual Quilt Sunday will be on October 6. Quilts made this year will be displayed in the worship area before being packed and sent to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis for distribution. St. John’s quilters, a small but dedicated group, meet monthly to assemble and sew together quilts. The quilts are then tied and stored until they are blessed and shipped.

The group is thankful for the many anonymous helpers who have created beautiful quilt tops that are used by the quilters. We welcome all helpers. Anyone wishing to support this ministry can also donate money that is put toward shipping costs used to send the quilts where they are needed.



## Coat Collection

It is October and time for our Winter Wear collection! Before we know it, we will be in the season of slush and snow. Help students get ready for Wisconsin’s winter by supporting the Winter Wear ministry at All Peoples Church. During October, we are accepting donations of the following:

- ◆ Winter jackets (waterproof with hoods are best) - new or gently used and cleaned
  - ◆ sizes 3T to 18 in boys, girls, and unisex
  - ◆ men’s sizes L, XL, and XXL for teen boys
- ◆ New gloves and mittens
  - ◆ size toddler through adult
- ◆ New or gently used and laundered scarves.



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# Odds and Ends

## Outreach for Hope Run/Ride/Walk

Outreach for Hope supports life-giving ministries that serve the people of low income communities in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

The Run/Ride/Walk in September has raised about \$80,000 so far. These lovely ladies represented St. John's. Thanks Linda and Barb!



## Pieper Porch

The St. John's ladies had a fabulous afternoon of fellowship at the annual Pieper Porch gathering. Looking forward to next year!



## Save the Date

**GAME DAY**  
November 2

**WISCO VS. IOWA**  
Chili Contest  
Time: TBD

**CLASSIC GAMES**  
Bring a Snack to Share  
Time: 6:00 pm

## 9th Grade Retreat

Our 9th grade confirmation students spent the last weekend in September on retreat at Lutherdale. Hear about their adventure in the next Inspire.



# 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!





# Events To Not Miss

## Fall Spruce-Up

The Property Team is asking for any volunteers to bring their tools and help with our Fall Spruce-up. It is scheduled for October 19 at 8:30 a.m., weather permitting. We will have breakfast items and refreshments available.

Suggested tools, if you have them, are pruners/trimmers, edgers, and rakes.

Thank you,  
William Stace, Building Supervisor



# Winter Farmers Market

As we focus on Stewardship of God's Creation this fall, we welcome the Winters Farmers Market back to St. John's. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 24. What wonderfully fresh items will you pick up for Thanksgiving?



# Meet Jack

## New Council Member



Hi, I am Jack Shaffer. I am currently working on my master's degree at UW - Milwaukee in Economics and also work as a graduate teaching assistant. I have been coming to St. John's since I was a baby. In fact, Pastor Paul actually baptized me way back when.

I like to spend time with my dog Ziggy, ride my bicycle, and root for the Packers.

I am excited to serve my role on the council and be more engaged with St. John's. My goal is to provide a source of support and encouragement to the church and community.



# Council Communications

The meeting was held on Monday, September 16, 2024.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Brian shared a proposal to create a special endowment fund to help with scholarships for youth events. A generous gift has been given by a family at church to begin this.

He also suggested forming a group, in the near future, to start discussing what a possible second phase of our "Pave the Way" campaign might consider doing.

**Finances:** Offerings in August were 14% below the anticipated monthly giving. We are currently about 12% under planned income for the year. Expenses are about 7% below budget. Overall, expenses are \$40,000 higher than giving income so far in 2024.

**President's Report:** The report on the meetings between the Interiors Committee and the staff and various groups was shared with council. This included initial thoughts on what might be done to improve the fellowship hall in the future.

Pastor Doug Anderson will visit with the council in October as part of a synod-wide "listening session" program to help improve communications between congregations and the synod.

**Property Committee:** The council voted to end our service with GFL, our waste disposal provider.

A proposal to upgrade the church video security system was tabled as the council wanted more specific information on the details of the proposal.

**"Pave the Way" Campaign:** About \$255,000 of the total pledged amount of \$300,000 has been given so far. The council voted to give a tithe on the total amount for some of the work done so far as a gift to the Hope Center in Waukesha. This will be in the amount of \$9,074.

**Old Business:** The council approved purchasing two tables for the Gathering Space which have been recommended by the Interiors Committee.

**New Business:** Jack Shaffer was appointed by the council to fill the vacant council position for a Youth or Young Adult member. He will be officially voted upon by the congregation at its meeting in June 2025. *(Read about Jack on page 9.)*

Paul Bulgerin  
Church Council President

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:  
OCTOBER 21 AT 6:30 P.M.



## October Birthdays

1 Jude Peters	10 Jennifer Cranfill	19 Jordan Moskopf	
1 Brian Zach	11 Ray Jarock	19 Cole Reinfeldt	
3 Jerry Waller	12 Jen Aune	19 Beverly Wargowski	
4 Jack Scanlon	12 Jeremy Beyerlein	20 Phil Peters	
5 Noah Rebisch	12 Connor Koscielniak	20 Lyla Turner	
5 Sara Sadowski	13 Kathi Hanson	22 Jackson Gatzke	29 Jerry Hanson
5 Josh Schilling	14 Caleb Erdahl	22 Eli Wagner	29 Dayne Peters
7 Jill Dahlgren	14 Bree Walker	23 Megan Bingenheimer	30 Jenny Walker
8 Tom Woodworth	15 Chris Burns	25 Carter Aune	31 Chris Anderson
9 Elizabeth Grimord	18 Navvi Broussard	26 Alex Cranfill	31 Alexis Grimord-Caravella
9 Brent Voldahl	18 Roy Pingel	27 Joanna Salinas	31 Mary Hughes
9 Karen Wicklund	19 Michelle Harms	28 Rog Lewis	31 Brian Keierleber





# Calendar of events for October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*worship service/event is live streamed		<b>1</b> 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:30p handbell rehearsal	<b>2</b> 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	<b>3</b> 6:30p AI-Anon 7:00p AA	<b>4</b> 6:15a virtual men's group 7:30p Chinese Church	<b>5</b> 8:30a Saturday Group
<b>6</b> <b>8:30a worship*</b> 9:45a education and fellowship <b>10:45a worship</b> 4:30 Youth programming	<b>7</b> <i>Food Pantry Pick Up</i> 9:45a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon	<b>8</b> 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal 6:30p HR Team Zoom mtg	<b>9</b> 9:30a Morning Circle 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	<b>10</b> 1:30p Stewards of Eden Discussion Group 6:30p AI-Anon 7:00p AA 6:00p Faith Alive	<b>11</b> 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a prayer shawl group 1:30p Tai Chi 7:30p Chinese Church	<b>12</b> 8:30a Saturday Group 3:30p St. Olaf Orchestra Concert
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### Office Hours

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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:

Marion S	Mickey F
Floyd K	Nancy K
Dylan H	Carol S
Carol M	Phyllis W
Carole L	Connor

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).

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- 106 Rebecca Mitchell, Bookkeeper
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