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I am thankful for ...

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Pastor Ponders

Transitions. When I think of November, I always think of transitions.

We are transitioning from autumn and its beautiful colors to winter and the cover of whiteness. From the chill in the air to sometimes bone-crunching cold. From the gradual fading of the day to the darkness of the winter solstice. From the harvest of the fields to the emptiness of fallow land.

In these transitions we give thanks to God. For each season plays a vital role in God's good creation. Each season brings its own importance to the whole.

Transitions can be difficult. We tend to lose something, usually at first, and we gain something, usually later. We know the painful loss immediately, and it also means we have to adjust to a new reality.

The disciples lost their friend, mentor, and savior as they watched him die on Good Friday, and they certainly had to adjust to

by Pastor Brian Halverson

a new reality in the Easter Sunday resurrection! But they also had to adjust to Christ's second leaving on the day of the Ascension.

God did not leave them, however. The Holy Spirit came to them giving them hope, strength, and wisdom to continue the mission of Christ and to proclaim the goodness and sovereignty of God in God's creating world. In this new reality, they grew in faith and strength, not in spite of the challenges, hardships and sacrifices, but because of them. They turned their pain into blessing, as they served others in their pain.

Transitions. We have many of them, as the old passes away and new begins. In them all, God is there, showing us the way forward, giving us strength along the way, and growing us to be the people God intends us to be.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Bria



Coming Soon...

Gratitude Gathering

There will be a Gratitude Gathering on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27, after the 6:30 p.m. worship service. Pie will be the tasty treat. Please sign up to bring a pie to be shared with those who gather to offer thanks, share fellowship, and enjoy pie.



Stewardship

Be sure to watch for our annual stewardship letter and appeal that will be mailed soon with the quarterly giving statements. Please prayerfully consider an increase in your pledge for the upcoming year, as again we are dedicated to our mission and ministries of our church.

We will receive pledges through the mail, of course, and we will receive them during our worship services on Sunday, November 24 – Pledge Sunday.

Thank you for being faithful stewards and for your continued financial support to our church!



Children, Youth & Families

For Our Preschoolers, It's All About Learning



What a wonderful Preschool learning adventure we had with Firefighters for our annual Fire Safety Visit. We looked and watched, listened and learned





Upcoming Middle School Events

Two Opportunities - Game Night & Winter Farmer's Market!

Join us November 2 to play games and watch the Badger game!

Then, come back on November 23 and 24 and help with the Winter Farmer's Market.

(Volunteering at these events counts for school service hours.)





St. John's Lutheran Church

Children, Youth & Families

No Sunday School on December 1. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday Evening Ed

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

7th & 8th grade Calendar

- Nov. 2 Game Night 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 3 Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 17 Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00p.m.
- Nov. 24 Winter Market and Meal Serving Event 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

5th & 6th grade Calendar

- Nov. 2 Game Night 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Connect Class 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 24 Winter Market and Meal Serving Event 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Nov. 24 Connect Class 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Reminder No Sunday evening classes in December. We invite you to attend the 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening Advent services instead. A light meal will be served at 5:45 p.m.

Contact Joanna with questions!

Parents – Come to the Academy on November 17 to watch Common Ground! Light dinner at 4:30 p.m. Movie from 5:00-6:45 p.m.



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 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 Joanna at to jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org and fill out the form online.

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



Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

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Youth Leadership Team

Our Sunday morning Youth Leadership Team is having a blast!

The Youth Leadership Team is for kids in grades 6-8 and is led by Sonja Beyerlein, John Roth and Karie Zach. Drop in as your schedule allows!

Sunday School is Off to a Great Start

Join us Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School! In November we are continuing our dive into the creativity and generosity of God and collecting new toys, books, and gifts for the Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County! 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.





St. John's Lutheran Church

Children, Youth & Families

Comparative Religions

Last month we had an amazing conversation with Shahzad Hussain about the Islam faith. The evening started out with a very informative presentation from Shahzad, and then opened up to having a fabulous conversation where our youth were able to ask the questions they had to better understand.

This month we welcome Michael Taibleson to teach us about Judaism.

2025 Mission Trip



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

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

Confirmation at Lutherdale



These confirmands kicked off their final year of confirmation with team building exercises at Lutherdale; growing their relationships with each other as they grow their faith.



HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
11/3	Youth Group	4:30p-6:00p
11/10	Mission Trip Meeting	between services
11/17	HS Led Service Project	between services
11/17	Youth Group	4:30p-6:00p
11/21	9 th Grade Confirmation Comparative Religions	6:30p-8:00p

Youth Led Projects

Thank you to all who joined us last month for our first congregation wide service project! It was a blast and we were able to make ten blankets of different sizes for Project Linus!





In November we will be making small pouches to hold the Days For Girls kits that will be sent to El Salvador!



Worship and Music

St. Olaf Orchestra

Thank you to all who helped welcome the St. Olaf Orchestra on October 12! The planning team of Linnea Logan and Mark and Karen Aamot, all the folks helping with welcoming, set up, cookies and so much more was awesome! And a huge thank you to all who attended!

A note from Terra Widdifield, concert manager:

When Connor and I visited in advance, I expected a few people at the church to greet us. Instead, I think it was nearly a group of 10 waiting to welcome us, show us around the church, and just let us know how important our visit was to them. When I was in the choir and orchestra in the 1990s, church concerts were the norm. That isn't the case now, so this chance to show the orchies a warm and enthusiastic church welcome like the one you gave us was lovely. And, a perfect way to start the tour.



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. Ticket information at <u>www.mfbrass.org</u>.



Advent Worship

St. John's will be offering three Wednesday evening sung prayer services this Advent season 6:30-7:00 p.m. on December 4, 11 and 18. There will be a simple meal preceding each service at 5:45 p.m. The setting "Joyous Light" by Ray Makeever is a contemporary setting of an ancient pattern of prayer, offered up in thanksgiving as daylight gives way to night.

5:45 p.m. light meal 6:30 p.m. Joyous Light worship



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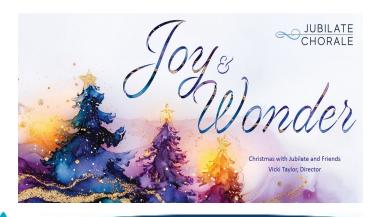
Jubilate Chorale Concert

The Jubilate Chorale under the direction on Vicki Taylor and accompanist Becky Whelpley will present "Joy and Wonder" A Christmas Concert with the Chorale and friends.

Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's.

Tickets can be purchased on the <u>Jubilate Chorale</u> website or at the door via cash, check, or Venmo.

- Adults \$15
- Seniors \$12
- Students \$7
- Children 10 and under free



Stewardship of God's Creation

Fall Spruce Up

The Fall Spruce-up went exceedingly well on October 19 with a great turnout, good food, and perfect weather. The Property Team would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make it possible, including:

Jerry Hanson, Dave and Alice Beyer, Ken Bahr, Brian, Eli, Ethan and Evan Zach, John, Elizabeth, Issac, Evan and Jacob Roth, Keith and Sandy Paukner, Jim Morgan, Andrea, Bennett and AJ Warp, Joe Schaeffer, Diane Nelson, Phil Lange, Mark Latus, Dick Gennerman, Terry Hoeppner, Brian Cranfill, and William Stace.

Common Ground Movie Viewing is November 17

4:30 p.m. Light Soup and Sandwich Supper5:00 p.m. Movie Viewing of Common Ground

COMMON GROUND is the sweeping and uplifting story of the pioneers of the "Regenerative Movement" who are forgoing the toxic seeds and sprays pushed by Big Ag in order to produce tremendous quantities of nutritionally dense food while bringing our entire ecosystem back to life.

This award winning documentary features Laura Dern, Jason Momoa, Rosario Dawson, Woody Harrelson, Donald Glover and Ian Somerhalder along with industry changing ranchers, farmers, educators, scientists, and activists.

Register Here https://www.signupgenius.com/



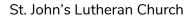
Creation Corner - Buy Local



As you prep for the upcoming holidays, support your local producers!

When we shop at small businesses and markets, we directly support our neighbors. Other benefits include:

- Adds to the tax base.
- Local business owners are more invested in the community. (sponsorships, donations, environmentally responsible, etc)
- Added transparency and responsibility.
- Our neighbors and friends earn a living wage.



Stewardship of God's Creation

Winter Farmers Market

Sunday, November 24 9:00am-12:00pm St. John's Fellowship Hall

Join us on November 24 as we host the Food, Faith and Farming Network's Winter Farmers Market. Stock up on Thanksgiving ingredients and pick up some Christmas presents as you shop directly from local farmers. Enjoy Brunch at the market or take home a delicious brunch made with local foods. The market is free to enter and products available for purchase include eggs, mushrooms, wool products, meat, veggies, soaps, salsa, oats and granola, breads and bakery, cider, apples and more!

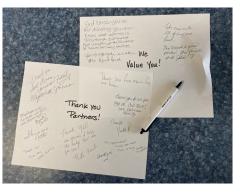


Purchase Brunch tickets in the Narthex between services and consider taking a meal to a home bound neighbor or friend!

Serving at All Peoples

On October 2, a small but mighty group from St. John's went to All Peoples to work in the garden. Keith and Sandy Paukner, Karen Aamot, Gail Rennie and Cindy Halverson had a very good day caring for God's Creation.

These are thank you messages written by those who utilize All Peoples food pantry and garden table.



Grief Support Group

St. John's is starting a Grief Support Group for our members who are in need of support and conversation regarding the loss of a loved one. We will meet for six weeks from November 12 to December 17. If you have lost a spouse, child, parent, or other person for whom you are grieving, please consider joining our group. Pastor Brian and



Patrice Krimpelbein will be leading this group. Please note that we are not grief counselors, we are here to talk, provide support and, hopefully, help you understand grief.

Please indicate your interest by adding your name to the sign-up genius, accessible from our website. <u>Click or scan</u>

the QR code to sign up.



Call Pastor Brian (262-786-6887) or Patrice Krimpelbein (262-389-0014) with questions.

Hunger Appeal Update

Our theme this year is on the stewardship of God's creation. In September we highlighted our ministry of caring for the hungry with a focus on ELCA World Hunger. The Sunday School challenged the congregation and you did not disappoint.

The year-to-date total giving to ELCA World Hunger is almost \$10,000! Some of that total includes regular monthly donations but most is from the September appeal. Through your generosity we were able to buy several cows with the rest going where it is most needed!

Serving the World

Women's Center Thank You

"On behalf of The Women's Center and those we serve, thank you for your donation of new bedding, diapers, hygiene products, and disposable cups and dishes.

Because of support like this, we are able to help all who come to our doors in search of resources, assistance, and support while working through their challenges and trauma. Our work would not be possible without donors like you.

Your kindness allows us to continue our mission of creating a community where everyone we serve feels safe, supported, and empowered. Without your support, these services would cease to exist. Thank you."

We specifically focus on donations to The Women's Center in February and December. However, donations may be placed in the blue cart in the Donation Location throughout the year. This thank you was received in response to a recent donation delivery.

Dispensary Progress

The Mini-Clinic/Dispensary in Los Héroes was outfitted with desks, two exam beds, a rolling cart, a secure storage cabinet, an IV stand and a refrigerator! The church has set up a coordination team (all volunteers) to handle networking with medical professionals, scheduling, fund management, and cleaning. Things are on track for an inspection, dedication ceremony and grand opening in January!

Here's a little video tour of the space: <u>https://youtu.be/uLY5taD-pFY?si=QU7dbXrppyuWwVvz</u>

November Outreach: Los Héroes Health Ministries

In November, we have an opportunity for congregation members to donate items to support Los Héroes Health Ministries. These ministries include caring for people's basic health needs, health education programs and screenings, and the Days for Girls Washable Menstruation kit project. As in the past, families in Los Héroes will receive some small first aid items to keep in their homes.

Los Héroes Mission of Healing Donation List 2024

- Boxes of 1" (all the same size) adhesive bandages
- Boxes of L or XL adhesive bandages (2" x 4")
- Boxes of individually wrapped alcohol wipes
- Packages/Boxes of gauze sponges (4" x 4")
- Boxes of disposable exam gloves (size S, M)
- Boxes of masks (children & adult, surgical or KN95)
- Children's chewable vitamins (not gummies)
- Adult Multi-Vitamins (not gummies)
- Girls/Women's cotton underpants (Girl sizes M, L; Women sizes S, M, L) (not white)
- 12" or 13" cotton washcloths (darker colors)
- New, cotton flannel (dark, bright patterns, pre-washed)
- New 100% cotton fabrics (bright patterns)
- PUL fabric (white, solid color, or patterned)

We can also accept donations of some additional medical supplies and equipment. To find out if what you have is needed or can be transported to El Salvador, contact Linda Muth at <u>linda.muth@gmail.com</u>.

Please do NOT donate open packages or medications.

Thank you.



Council Communications

Here are the main talking points 4. There was discussion on giving from the October Council meeting. and attendance of the 25 thru

- 1. Special guest, Pastor Doug Anderson, attended from the synod. It was a listening session, promoted by our Bishop, to get a feel on how our congregation was doing.
- 2. From "Pave the Way" A tithe check will be presented to the Hope Center as the circle drive repaving has been completed and paid.
- 3. From the Financial report -Giving in September was above budget after being below thru the summer months. However, we are still 11% below budget YTD.

 There was discussion on giving and attendance of the 25 thru 34-year-old group and how to address it thru Outreach and Evangelism.

Keith Paukner Council Vice-president

> NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 18 AT 6:30 P.M.



All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is a day when Christians commemorate those they have lost as well as the Christians who have lived before them and have testified to their Christian faith. In the Lutheran Church, All Saints' Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of November.

When we honor the faithfully departed, even more so we honor the God who has trampled death. God is the focus of every All Saints' Day celebration, and the lives of the departed are lenses through which we can see God's love in action.

This year we remember and honor these saints:

- Cheryl Hintze Jane Babcock John James Dorothy Eisenberg Al Schmidt
- John Gugel Neal Schulz Jerry Mahoney John Haun

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 John Roth
- 1 Sandra Wicklund
- 1 Colton Wright
- 2 LeNay Anderson
- 2 Jordan Emmons
- 2 Jordan Larson
- 2 Sandy Paukner
- 2 Linda Shaffer
- 2 Luan Unger
- 3 Joseph Gatzke
- 4 Chase Mahoney
- 4 Debbie Wimmer
- 4 Kim Zick
- 5 Connie Braun

November Birthdays

- 6 Brian Resop
- 7 Hailey Harwood
- 7 Nancy Kraus
- 7 Ethan Zach
- 8 James LaHann
- 9 Angela Turner
- 9 Kurt Zaeske
- 10 Cheryl Poth
- 11 Brynn Fuerstenberg
- 13 Timmy Emmons
- 14 Josh Belli
- 14 Vivian Yourell
- 16 Ben Allbaugh
- 16 Vicki Fuerstenberg

- 16 Dan Hintze
- 16 Jerry Olson
- 18 Barbara James
- 18 John Rickinger
- 19 Cheryl Woodworth
- 20 Alice Beyer
- 20 Chris Elfers
- 21 Maddie Beug-Hoffman
- 21 Heather Cheslock
- 21 Gwen Templin
- 22 Ann Marie Haas
- 22 Cooper Templin
- 22 Curtis Templin
- 23 Sherry Henschel

- 23 Jim Koscielniak
- 24 Skye Bertrand-Zweig
- 24 Mickey Gipp
- 24 Liam Turner
- 25 Paul Cornelius
- 26 Jeff Baeten
- 26 Kathy Davis
- 27 Lisa Belli-Fuchs
- 28 Gregg Everts
- 28 Sarah Gillette
- 28 Klaudia Hollander
- 28 Bonnie Suhaysik
- 29 Joshua Balzer
- 29 Mick Scanlon

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 3 All Saints 8:30a worship* 9:45a education and fellowship 10:45a worship 4:30p Youth programming 	 4 Food Pantry Pick Up 9:45a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p Al-Anon 	5 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal	G 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	7 1:30p Stewards of Eden Discussion Group 6:30p Al-Anon 7:00p AA 6:00p Faith Alive	8 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a prayer shawl group 1:30p Tai Chi 7:30p Chinese Church	9 8:30a Saturday Group 9:00a Creation Care Network 3:00p First Communion bread baking
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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 God welcomes because 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 SMickey FFloyd KNancy KDylan HPhyllis WCarol MJuliaCarole LConnor

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 <u>www.makedisciples.com</u>.

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