

OUR FATHER,
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not
into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory,
For ever and ever,
Amen.

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Update on What Happens After Pastor Brian Retires

by Paul Bulgerin

We will see some important changes at St. John's following Pastor Brian Halverson's retirement on May 25.

As council president, I have made arrangements for supply pastors who will lead our worship services from June 1 through July 6. Pastors Karen Natterstad, Frank Janzow, Chris Manke and Brent Halverson will be with us during those weeks. We hope to have our interim pastor in place by mid-July. There is usually a period of about a month and a half between

when a pastor leaves, or retires, and when the interim pastor arrives.

We extend our thanks to Pastor Carol Wasmiller who has agreed to be our "on-call" pastor in case of any emergencies or hospital visits needed during this time before the interim pastor arrives.

Pastor Kristin Nielsen, assistant to the bishop, will work with us on all that is about to happen. We are working to set a date for her to meet with the congregation on a

Sunday morning in June to inform us about the process we are beginning. She has said she will meet with the church council in June to discuss calling an interim pastor.

We will have more information on this whole process to share with you at the June 1 annual meeting. I am available if you have any questions about what is to come at St. John's.

When a Pastor Leaves a Congregation

It is important for all of us to know what happens when a pastor leaves a congregation, whether by taking a new call or, as in the case of Pastor Brian, when a pastor retires.

Our ELCA has clear guidelines on these things. They may seem a bit strict to some, but these guidelines are for the best for both the congregation and the pastor who leaves.

Pastor Brian is leaving St. John's. He will no longer be a member of our congregation but will find a new church home. It is best to make such a clear break as this.

This is what I did when I retired from Grace Lutheran in Grafton in 2021. It was hard for Karen and me to leave our church home of nearly twenty years, but such a clean break is necessary for the congregation, the new interim pastor and later, the pastor who is called to serve.

This means that Pastor Brian is not allowed to perform any pastoral duties for members of St. John's. This includes baptisms, hospital visits, weddings and funerals. Please do not ask him to consider doing any of these things for you as "a personal favor".

He won't be involved in any of the decisions that are made at St. John's following his retirement.

Should you run into him out in public, please feel free to chat with him but don't bring up any congregational matters with him. He is not to get involved in any of them and probably doesn't want to get involved.

Let him enjoy his retirement.

If you have questions about any of these matters, please feel free to talk with me.

Paul Bulgerin
Church Council President

Faith Questions From Our Youth

Our youth are listening, watching, and growing in their faith. Here is a sample of their deep, insightful questions. Are you able to answer these questions? What questions do you have?

Does God have a wife or a family? Is it better to be baptized as a baby or an adult? Are animals spiritual? How does the Bible line up with science? Was there a tortoise on the ark because they are amphibians? Why does God punish people in the Bible? Once one dies, is there ever a chance to feel again? Is every story in the Bible true? Is it okay to not believe everything? Is Christianity the only right religion?

Children, Youth & Families

Preschool

What a wonderful year of Learning and Growing at St. John's Preschool
Our Preschoolers, their families and our teachers are a blessing



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Join Us for the 4th of July Parade

Join us at 8:30 a.m. on July 4 at St. John's in the circle drive to cheer on the community participating in the 4th of July parade. We'll pass out St. John's info and popsicles to parade goers! Following the parade there is a Town of Brookfield 4th of July celebration in Marx Park. Sign up by June 29!

We need a **minimum of 8 people** to make this happen. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAA2DA0F85-57092269-4thofjuly>



Build VBS: Faith in Action

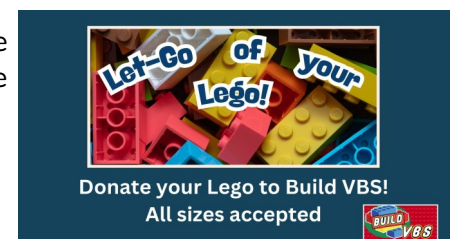
- Who:** Kids ages 4-5th grade (finishing)
Ages 6th grade and up are encouraged to join us as leaders!
- What:** Kids will learn to BUILD their lives on the Solid Rock of Jesus! Each day the Bible lesson will connect Legos and STEM as we explore putting our faith into action as we build a Giant Lego Man!
- Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church, 20275 Davidson Rd, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045
- When:** August 4-7, 2025 from 9:00am-12:00pm.
Join us for closing Family Fun Night at 6:30 on August 7.
- How:** Register online [HERE](#) or click or scan the QR code below.
If you are registering more than one child, please complete a registration form for each child. Registration deadline is July 20 or when classes are full. (Preschool classes are full!)
- Costs:** \$40 per child (\$120 family maximum) for VBS Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, including snacks and projects.



Let-Go of Your Lego!

Do you have Legos hanging out in your basement you don't know what to do with? Kids grown? Running out of space? Donate them to Build VBS and know they will be loved by a new generation of kids! All sizes of Lego and Duplo accepted. Cool Lego Model Builds accepted, too! Lego donations will NOT be returned.

Donate to the blue bin in the donation center.



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 May 18 with our Super-Duper-Amazing-Extravaganza to celebrate a great year!



VBS Volunteers 6th Grade and Older

Calling all Camp Counselors & Volunteers

VBS is August 4-7. Join us for the week of VBS and help create an amazing experience for all of our elementary school friends. This year's theme is Build VBS and is Lego themed! It's sure to be a super fun week. Sign up to help with preschoolers, at a station, be a camp counselor, and more! [Sign Up Here](#)

Volunteer Training Lock In

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

on July 26-27



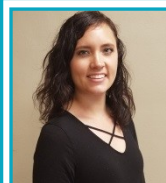
Family Fun Night

Join us for our Family Fun Night Tailgate Party in June! Bring your favorite snacks, people, and tailgate games and meet us in the south end of St. John's parking lot!



Contact Joanna
with Toddler to 8th
Grade Questions

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high school and
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at St. John's

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Children, Youth & Families

Confirmation



GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU CONTINUE
ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY.

May 4, 2025

Nashville Mission Trip

Mini Golf

Hey, Nashville travelers! Let's kick off the fun with a little friendly competition before the big trip. Join us for **mini golf on Thursday, June 13!**

We'll **meet at church at 6:00 PM** and head out from there. It's a great chance to hang out, get to know each other better, and start building those Nashville memories early!

Meeting

Calling all Nashville trip participants (and parents)! We'll be having an informational meeting on Sunday, June 22 right after second service in the Youth Room.

We'll go over final trip details, what to pack, expectations, and answer any last-minute questions. Please make it a priority to attend—we want everyone to feel ready and excited for the adventure ahead!

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
June 1	Graduate Recognition	9:00a service
June 13	Mini Golf	6:00p-8:00p
June 21	Service and Lunch	8:30a
June 22	Nashville Meeting	After 10:00a service

What is a Prayer Partner?

This summer, a group of our high school youth will be heading to Nashville for a transformative week of service, connection, and growth in faith. As they prepare to embark on this journey, we are inviting *you*—our church community—to be a part of the experience by becoming a **Prayer Partner**.

Each Prayer Partner will receive a special **Prayer Packet** before the trip begins. Inside, you'll find:



A **profile** of one of our amazing youth participants, complete with a photo and a bit about who they are, what they're looking forward to, and how you can pray for them specifically.



A **daily itinerary** that breaks down where the group will be and what they'll be doing each day—from service projects to group worship to fun outings.



A **daily prayer** for all, offering a window into their hearts and hopes for each step of the journey.

*Do you feel called to connect with our youth through prayer?
Let Stephanie know by June 29!*

Serve at Green Power Garden

Saturday Service & Lunch!

Spend your **Saturday, June 21** giving back and connecting with others! We'll come together for a meaningful **service project** at the Green Power Garden at the Hope Center.

8:30 a.m.—**meet** at church

9:00-11:30 a.m.—**work** at Green Power Garden

11:30 a.m.—**group lunch** to relax, reflect, and enjoy each other's company.

It's a great opportunity to make a difference and have some fun along the way. All are welcome!

Sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAA2DA0F85-57111205-service>



Children, Youth & Families

High School Lock In

Mark your calendars for an epic night you won't want to miss! Our High School Lock-In is happening August 16-17 at church!

It'll be a full night of games, snacks, late-night laughs, and time to grow in faith and friendship. Invite your friends and get ready for an unforgettable night!

More details and sign-up info coming soon!

Loaves & Fishes

Our next opportunity to serve the hungry is Sunday, June 15! There are two shifts available either prepare the meal or to serve and clean up the meal.



Sign up online to reserve your spot!

Sunday, June 15 (Father's Day!)

12:30-2:30 cook and set up
2:00-3:30 serve and clean up

Contact Dawn Williams with questions.



Thank You from ELCA



St. John's was recognized in May as "One of the ELCA's Most Generous Congregations". Thank you for making a difference with your generosity!

June Outreach

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

All donations are appreciated but lists of the commonly needed items are available by the shopping cart in the gathering space.



Cereal Thank You

The Sunday School collected boxes of cereals for the Food Pantries as part of their offering and stewardship in March. Our delivery driver had this to say:

"A huge thank you from All Peoples for all the boxes of cereal for their food pantry. Brian Bolling (the Food Dude) indicated that they never stay on the shelves for long. Brian also indicated that while all donations are greatly appreciated, the smaller size boxes (~ 8x12) are preferred over the 'family size'. Thank you!"



Creation Corner

Visit a local farmers' market

Do you love summer farmers markets? Did you know you can find one every day of the week in Waukesha County?! It's true! Eat locally sourced food year-round while supporting your local economy. Visit the link below to explore all the different farmers markets in Waukesha County!



<https://lakecountryfamilyfun.com/local-farmers-markets/>

June Birthdays

- 1 Claire Zuck
- 2 Allison Krusche-Bruck
- 3 Macy Kaiser
- 3 Doris Klitzke
- 4 Samuel Aune
- 4 Marlene Zick
- 5 Marion Schreiber
- 5 Olivia Sukowatey
- 6 Dennis Hartman
- 7 Mikayla Martin
- 7 Kate Schettler
- 7 Mary Wagner
- 8 Justin Douglas
- 8 Ralph Zick
- 9 Kathryn Bingenheimer
- 9 Keith Paukner
- 10 Heather Campeau
- 10 Brian Cranfill
- 10 Amy Hutchinson
- 10 Carter Lurvey
- 13 Erica Burns
- 13 Juliet Gundlach
- 13 James Janz
- 14 Bill Davis
- 14 Terrence Katka
- 14 JoAnn Klein
- 14 Kim Rateike
- 15 Nolan Dominguez



- 15 Jeff Keough
- 15 Dale Riley
- 15 Benji Salinas
- 17 Gerri Johnson
- 17 Chuck Klawitter
- 17 Abby Senior
- 18 June Carlson
- 18 Tyler Schettler
- 18 Meredith Wafle
- 19 Barry Dahlgren
- 19 Liam DuChateau
- 19 Evie Wright
- 20 Samantha Price-Bertrand
- 21 Tom Hoffman
- 22 Neal Mathes
- 23 Aaron Hintze
- 23 Chris Klink
- 23 Andy Petersen
- 23 Willy Wright
- 25 Laura Gundlach
- 27 Denise Kirschman
- 28 Josh Petersen
- 29 Scott Bingenheimer
- 29 Marie Emmons
- 29 Penny Holt
- 29 Sally Schoeneman
- 30 Maddie Vanden Heuvel

Worship and Music

St. John's Handbells Get a "Day at the Spa"

Recently our handbells (not the musicians) took a trip to Malmark Bellcraftsmen in Plumsteadville, PA for a "spa day." Just like your car or home, handbells require regular maintenance and care. While we perform regular cleaning, polishing and minor adjustments at church, every 7-10 years, it is recommended that the original manufacturer – Malmark – inspect the handbells.

The ultimate in handbell maintenance and care is to have your handbells refurbished by the same skilled craftsmen who produced those handbells for you. Their knowledge, skill and experience are your assurance of having your handbells placed in like-new condition and ready for many more years of dependable performance.

Handbells are cast of pure bronze in the approximate proportions of 80% copper and 20% tin.

In the hands of the Malmark craftspeople, raw bronze is transformed into fine musical instruments of beauty and purity of tone. In the hands of ringers, that beauty is released to ring out glorious music for the inspiration of mankind.

The refurbishing process ensures that the handbell set looks and sounds. This process includes:

- Case Refurbishing: inspection, repair, clean and polish the cases and new protective foam inserts.
- Audio/Visual Evaluation: handbells are rung by technicians noting changes in tonal quality, overtones, vibrato or pitch requiring special attention. A visual inspection notes scratches, nicks, cracks, staining and etching.
- Handles: inspected for missing hardware and cracks then disassembled, cleaned, polished, broken parts repaired or replaced, then reassembled.
- Clappers: each bell is evaluated for extraneous noise prior to being taken apart for cleaning, repair replacement, polishing and reassembled and adjusted for the best possible sound.
- Castings: machine buffed inside and out with caution as to not detune the casting. The handbells are then reassembled, restraining springs are adjusted to proper resistance and the handbells revoiced, assuring changes have improved and not compromised tonal pitch, quality and matching of the full set of handbells.

The Handbell Choir is excited to unpack and ring our "like-new" handbells sometime this summer.



Concert Opportunity

Mark your calendars now to join us at St. John's for the Summer Handbell Camp Closing Concert on **Thursday, July 31 at 7:00 pm.** More than 30 musicians ringing 3+ sets of handbells will share their musical passion with all who attend.

Travel to Tanzania

We are thrilled to share we are in the early planning stage for an extraordinary journey to Tanzania in 2026!

This unique trip will be an incredible opportunity to engage with our partners in Akeri and Nguruma and experience Tanzania's vibrant culture and beautiful landscapes.

Trip Highlights:

Engage with Local Students:

Come be a witness to how you are changing children's lives through your support of the school. Spend four days interacting with teachers and students, learning about their lives, and forming meaningful connections.

Explore Diocese Ministries: Meet the district Bishop, visit Diocese ministries, such as the Goat Project, the Hospital and Orphanage, and the Coffee Project, gaining insight into their impactful work.

Cultural Immersion: Enjoy seven nights at the lush and private Arusha Serena Lodge, with two nights spent in the welcoming home of one of our partners.

Safari: Enhance your adventure with a safari to witness Tanzania's stunning wildlife and breathtaking scenery. We will spend time at Ndutu Safari Lodge and Tarangire Safari Lodge.



Trip Costs:

Prices fluctuate and depend on how many people we have in our group.

\$1200-\$1700 (approx.) per person airfare

\$4200-\$4600 (approx.) per person for park entrance fees, meals, ground transportation, accommodations, and medical insurance.

STAY TUNED for an informational session to be held in early September.

Have questions? Contact Deborah Petersen at debbierah71@gmail.com or 262-951-8893.



The Property Times

By Bill Stace

A MONTHLY INSIGHT
BEHIND-THE-SCENES AT ST. JOHN'S

*Spring has sprung,
The grass is riz;
I wonder where
The flowers is?*

They are coming soon!

Our Spring Spruce-Up was very successful. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help.

We even have some new members ... the Bunny Family! They are safe and sound in a nice quiet place.

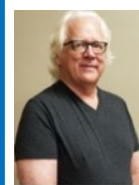


The Property Team

Our Volunteer Team of non-professional and professional members brings their knowledge and skills to keep things running smoothly and make St. John's a pleasant place to worship.

More Eyes Needed

We need more eyes! If you see anything that you feel Property should address, feel free to contact me ... or better yet ... join our property team!



**Questions about
property at
St. John's?**

Contact Bill!

wstace@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Council Communications

The meeting was held on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Outdoor Signage Update: Brian Zach reported that the Town of Brookfield is updating its policy on allowing electronic outdoor signs for institutions, such as churches. The next town meeting on this will be on Tuesday, June 24. This new policy gives us more optimism that our request to erect an electronic sign on church property might be allowed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Brian shared a few thoughts as he wraps up his six and a half years of ministry at St. John's and prepares for his retirement.

Finances: Giving continues to be strong through the first four months of the year, with giving 19% ahead of budget.

The council did reaffirm its decision to move \$17,000, which has been given in 2025, to a reserve for the 2026 budget. This is because we have several families who give their entire offerings on an every-other-year basis. This means that the offerings given earlier this year are

for both 2025 and 2026. Putting half of this amount in reserve is a smart move as we plan for our 2026 budget.

The council reviewed the policy for who is allowed to write checks on behalf of the congregation as part of our good practices policy.

After reviewing the offerings for the first four months of the year, the Finance Committee recommends that we use \$6,000 of our budget surplus, year-to-date, to restore some of the funds cut to youth ministry, music ministry and our benevolences in the 2025 budget. This is being done in response to the "challenge budget" passed at the February 2 annual meeting.

President's Report: Paul Bulgerin will serve as St. John's voting member at the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assemble on May 30-31.

We have lined up supply pastors for all worship services from June 1 through July 6.

The council approved the recommendations from the Endowment Committee.

Property Committee: We are waiting on a second repair estimate for the roof leak in the Gathering Space.

Our spring clean-up day on May 5 was a big success with lots of volunteers.

Nominating Committee: We have a full slate of candidates for the church council and the Endowment Committee to present to the congregation for approval at the June 1 annual meeting.

New Business: The council approved a request from the Waukesha Choral Union to hold a concert and fund-raising event at St. John's on December 20, 2025.

Giving Thanks: The council closed its meeting by giving thanks to those whose terms are ending; Keith Paukner, Jim Morgan and Carrie Peters. We also thanked Pastor Brian for his ministry at St. John's and wished him well on his retirement journey.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
JUNE 16 AT 6:30 P.M.

Happy Retirement, Pastor Brian



Calendar of events for June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a worship* 10:15a annual meeting	2 9:45a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 4:00p Columbarium mtg 6:30p Al-Anon	3 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 5:30p dance class 6:00p quilters	4 8:30a retired men's b-fast 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS	5 5:30p Al-Anon 7:00p AA	6 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:15a virtual men's group	7
8 8:30a worship* 10:00a worship outside	9 <i>Food Pantry Pick Up</i> 10:00a staff mtg 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p Al-Anon	10 8:30a property team 5:30p dance class 6:30p HR Team Zoom mtg 6:30p handbell rehearsal	11 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS	12 4:30p Finance Team mtg 6:30p Al-Anon 7:00p AA	13 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a prayer shawl group 1:30p Tai Chi	14
15 8:30a worship* 10:00a worship outside 12:30p Loaves & Fishes	16 10:00a staff mtg 11:30a Hope Center meal 5:00p Al-Anon 6:30p council meeting	17 8:30a property team 1:00p book club 5:30p dance class 6:30p handbell rehearsal	18 12:00p Retired Men's lunch 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS	19 6:30p Al-Anon 7:00p AA	20 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:15a virtual men's group 1:30p Tai Chi	21 9:30a Women of Faith book club
22 8:30a worship* 10:00a worship outside	23 9:45a yoga 10:00a staff mtg 11:30a Hope Center meal 1:00p Women's Study Grp 6:30p Al-Anon	24 8:30a property team 5:30p dance class	25 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS	26 6:30p Al-Anon 7:00p AA	27 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:15a virtual men's group 1:30p Tai Chi 6:30p Family Fun Night	28
29 8:30a worship* 10:00a worship outside	30 9:45a yoga 10:00a staff mtg 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p Al-Anon	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 Heidi with questions.		We will host "Serve Boldly" youth mission groups at the church throughout the month of June.	*worship service/event is live streamed	Coming in July: Jul 4—parade Jul 6—El Salvador group leaves Jul 12—Youth Mission Trip leaves Jul 28+—handbell camp

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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:

Marion S	Connor
Carol M	Julia
Dylan H	Mark A

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.

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The 2025-2026 council will be elected at the June 1 congregational meeting.



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