

ST. JOHN'S "REACHING OUT" NEWSLETTER

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9:00 am - 3:00 pm Mon-Thurs.
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Fri.

MARCH 2024

Holy Week at St. John's March 24th - March 31st

Sunday of the Passion 9:00am - (YouTube)

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm - (YouTube)

Good Friday 12:00 pm & Sunset Worship 7:31pm (YouTube)

Easter Vigil at the Bonfire 7:31pm Outdoors at St. John's

Resurrection Sunday Worship 9:00 am - (YouTube)

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Easter Vigil at the Fire

Join us for a Family Friendly Outdoor
Easter Bonfire Worship Service!



Saturday, March 30th
7:31 pm - sunset

Join us for our annual
Easter Vigil at sunset on
the 30th of March. If you
love to hear the ancient
stories from scripture, enjoy
the sunset and encounter
Easter in a different way,
this service is for you!
Stories, Sunset, and
S'mores, too! Oh, and
Christ is risen!

Space for Grace Prayer Room – You are Welcome Here



“Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties” – C.S. Lewis

Resting with God in prayer, contemplation, and awareness is not easy in such a fast paced, busy world as ours. It can be difficult especially during times of difficulty to listen to God and to hear how God is present for us. Being uncomfortable with our thoughts and feelings, we can sometimes shove it down and not sit with what is

there. But we do have some space for reflection and quietness available to you at St. John's. Our prayer room is a perfect quiet spot to rest with God in prayer. And it is a space created for you and any time the building is open, you are welcome there.



Have you ever visited our lovely prayer room on the third floor? There's more than comfortable blankets, pillows and bolsters to enhance your prayer life. The first are the prayer books and contemplative coloring books located there along with an explanation on the how to do Centering Prayer. The second are wonderful finger labyrinths, which Lois Mai made specifically for your prayer life.

What is a Labyrinth? A Labyrinth is **not** a maze; a maze has blind dead ends that are used to confuse and trick the mind. A labyrinth is a spiral course having a single, winding unobstructed path from the outside to the center that is used to calm and relax. It is useful for concentrating while in contemplative prayer.

What is a Finger Labyrinth? A finger labyrinth is similar to a full sized labyrinth you would walk except it is on a much smaller and more portable scale. The user traces the path to the center using your finger rather than with their feet. There are many different kinds of labyrinths differing in size and complexity.

How to do a Finger Labyrinth Meditation:

1. Take deep breaths to begin to relax and focus on the entrance to the labyrinth.
2. Place your pointer finger from your non-dominate hand on the entrance of the labyrinth. If you find this too awkward at first, use your dominate hand. However, over time, keep trying your non-dominate hand. This helps keep the mind focused on meditation due to the challenge it presents.
3. Slowly trace the pattern of the labyrinth with your finger allowing your mind to clear from extra thought and focus solely on following the path of the labyrinth.
4. “Walk” to the center of the labyrinth and rest momentarily, taking deep breaths observing how you are feeling and listening to God.
5. Retrace your path out of the labyrinth.

Sit back, breathe deeply and relax. Observe how you are feeling again and listen to God. *Note: The same steps apply for a Walking Labyrinth, except you slowly walk the path.*

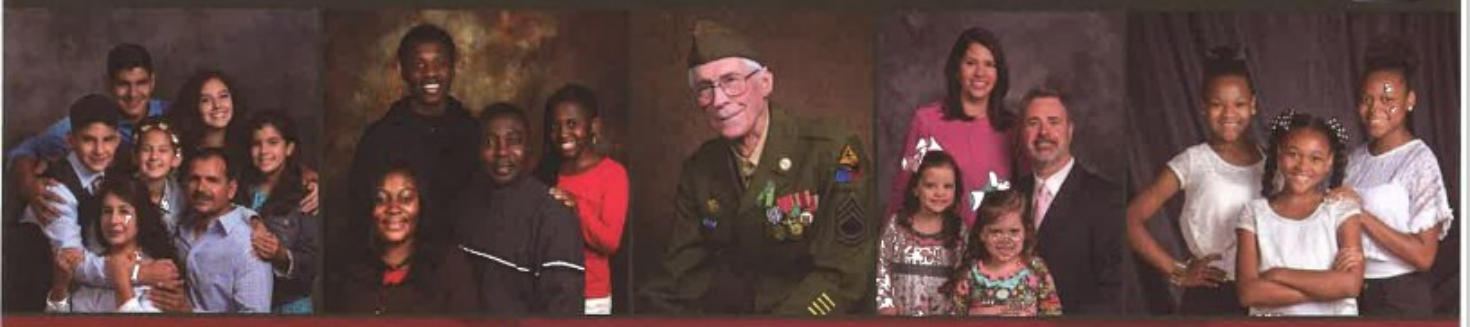
And, if you'd rather just walk a Labyrinth, we will have our physical walkable Labyrinth out and available for walking during Holy Week in the Promise Room as we usually do. I hope you will find time for a Space for Grace this holy season. The prayer room is available during office hours, Sunday mornings, and Wednesday evenings. Peace to you this Lent.

Pastor Christine

Our church is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm®. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers. This will also make updates to our church's online giving portal. Our updated program offers more ways for you to support the church. While this will allow new ways to give, it will require that payment methods be registered with our new merchant, Realm. These changes will take place during the month of April. Stay tuned for more upcoming communication.



Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Schedule Your Photo Appointment Online! Photo Dates Wednesday - Saturday, April 10 - 13

We need **YOU** to make our directory complete! Please help by having your picture taken!

Plus, you receive a free directory & a free 8 x 10 portrait just for being photographed.

There is no obligation or pressure to purchase.

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code to the right. →

Or go to www.ucdir.com & click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login."

Then, enter **wi323** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field.

Online scheduling is not available on these Sundays, Mar. 17, 24 & 31, so we can have paper sign-ups at church.

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to get the best date and time for you.



2021 Dear Family Letter

Easter 2024 A Message from Bishop Laurie

AN INCOMPLETE SENTENCE Mark 16:8

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

The gospel of Mark begins with this verse, Mark 1:1, *The beginning of the good news^[a] of Jesus Christ*. Then it ends with an incomplete sentence. Mark's Easter Story ends with an incomplete sentence. What was the editor thinking? Where are the punctuation police when you need them?

Look at it for yourself. Mark 16:8 in Greek

καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου, εἶχεν γὰρ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις· καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπαν, ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ



See, it ends with the word “gar” which can be translated “for or because.” Why did the writer of Mark end the gospel with the word “because?” Word-for-word the last part of the verse reads *to none nothing they spoke they were afraid because*

So just to be clear, the purpose of the gospel of Mark is to tell the good news of Jesus Christ and then it ends with an empty tomb and the only witnesses to it run away in fear saying nothing to anyone because...

It should be noted there is no punctuation in the original Greek and we can of course rearrange the English words and make a sentence, but still the incompleteness of the Greek sentence, abrupt ending and the incompleteness of story itself are telling.

Matthew, Luke and John end their Easter story with Jesus appearing to the disciples after the resurrection. These gospels end with proof of the resurrection that others see with their own eyes and some even touch Jesus. Mark has no proof of the resurrection. He doesn't even finish his last sentence.

Mark 1 was intended to be just **the beginning** of the story of the good news of Jesus. It can't be completely recorded with paper and pen because it is still being written in the lives of the believers today. Friends, the story of Easter didn't end with the frightened women. If it did we wouldn't be here today. Some of Mark's Easter story will be written by your life, my life, our witness to the empty tomb and the transforming power of God love in our life. The rest of the story will be written by those who come after us and whose lives bear witness to God's power to transform death to life. We are proof of the resurrection. Our lives transformed by the power of God's love and forgiveness are proof that Jesus rose from the dead. We are writing new verses and chapters for Mark's gospel, so that the next generation will come to know and love Jesus and all generations will experience God's grace.

Rev Laurie Sh. Johnson

Mark 16 *When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid*

McCoy and Fistler, Pulpit Fiction Podcast #540, Easter 2023

Mark has two alternative endings (Mark 16:9-20) which many biblical scholars believe were added at a much later date by those who couldn't tolerate ending with an incomplete sentence!

³ Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay

HOLY LAMENT

A Worship Series for Lent at
Wednesday Worship 6pm

Soup Supper 5:15pm
Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th



Walk the Labyrinth during Holy Week

Take a deep
breath and try
all over again

Palm Sunday- Easter in the Promise Room
Whenever the church building is open

Wednesday Soup Suppers



March 6th

Chicken Vegetable
Hamburger Soup
African Quinoa

March 13th

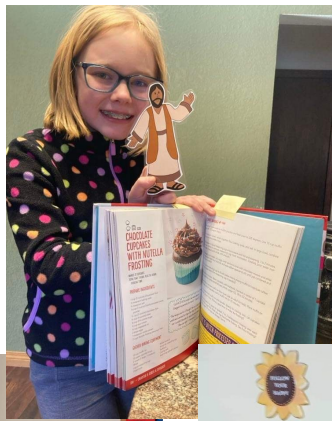
Chicken and Chickpea
Corn Chowder
Colorful Vegetable

March 20th

Chicken and Corn
Mac & Cheese
Lentil



Flat Jesus is making a comeback during LENT! During a children's time in February Pastor Christine introduced the idea of bringing Jesus with you everywhere and to carry Flat Jesus with you during the time of Lent! Where else will Flat Jesus winds up this Lent?



Greenings! from the Caretakers of Creation committee,

'How You Can Save the World in Your Own Yard?' Here are ten things you can do as suggested by Douglas Tallamy in his book titled [Nature's Best Hope](#). We'll be studying this book together for adult education in April – sign up to get a copy!

Shrink the Lawn: Can you find an area to plant some native plants and do less mowing? For a variety of garden design layouts for your yard, check out [Wild Ones native garden designs](#).

Get Rid of Invaders: Do you have invasive plants such as Honeysuckle, Oriental Bittersweet, Buckthorn, or Garlic Mustard? Find out [at the WI DNR](#) website and remove them.

Select the Best Plants: Goldenrod, Asters, Violets, Evening Primrose, or obedient plants are good native species. Oaks are a great tree for insects.

Not Just One or Two: If you have some native plants or trees, plant more! Learn about some options at [Prairie Moon Nursery](#).

What the Bees Need: Bees can be picky eaters. Provide more food by planting some Goldenrod, Willows, or Asters. Learn about pollinator-friendly plants at the [UW Madison horticulture website](#).

Ask the Neighbors: If you have plants the bees and butterflies love, share them with your neighbors to plant in their yards.

Not Just Plants: Help out the little creatures by doing some of these things: cover your window wells, replace outside lights with yellow bulbs, raise your mower, have a water feature in your yard, and provide bee hotels.

A Soft Place to Land: Instead of mowing grass under your trees, leave a circle of mulch, leaves, or ground cover.

Do Not Spray or Fertilize: Pesticides and herbicides kill plants, insects, and arachnids. Create soils rich in organic matter and look into organic products.

Spread the Word: For more information, check out Douglas Tallamy's [Home Grown National Park](#) website.

Adult Education During Earth Month

April 7th: Book Discussion
"Nature's Best Hope"

April 14th: Book Discussion
"Nature's Best Hope"

April 21st: Movie Viewing and
Discussion of "Common Ground"
(Bring a sack lunch with you)

*The earth is God's and everything in it.
Psalm 24:1*



Come join the Caretakers for Creation team and Pastor Christine for an adult education on Earth Month in April! We will read the book, "Nature's Best Hope" by Douglas Tallamy and have discussions together about the faithful response just in our own yards. We also will view the movie "Common Ground" together. Bring a sack lunch that day as that is an extended class. Sign up for the book if you'd like to order a copy through Dotters. Otherwise, the library has many copies.

Youth, Education and Faith Family Ministries

Brown Bag Sunday

Sunday School-aged youths are invited to join us in March/April as we prepare for Brown Bag Sunday on April 21st, a fundraiser during worship where the days offering goes to Locust Lane Elementary School, and their Weekend Kids Meals program. The youth will also be singing in worship that day, so we'd love to have as many voices as possible!



Youth Group (CIA) Wants YOU!

St. John's youth group is going strong! Confirmation students can join Matt and their fellow confirmation students on Wednesdays in the youth room after worship for an hour of games and devotional time.

Summer Stretch Sign-Up is Open

For youth that will be entering 6th-9th grade next school year, the signups for 2024 Summer Stretch are *live!* You can get a sign-up sheet from Matt's office and be on the lookout for an upcoming electronic version. Summer Stretch dates are June 19th and 26th, and July 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st.



Mission Trip Fundraisers

Wall of Giving

Up in the Gathering Area, see our Wall of Giving. Grab an envelope, put a money amount equal to that number in it, and bring it back to the office! This wall will be up for a few weeks.

Mission Trip Fundraisers Continued

A&W Fundraiser Night

Come support the St. John's Mission trip group on Tuesday, March 19th! From 4-8 PM, stop by the A&W at 2870 Woodman Dr, Altoona, WI 54720 and grab some dinner or a root beer float to support our group! We will be helping and bringing the food out to you, and we will keep 20% of the money made that night! This is a new opportunity, and we would love to see you there! (Insert art of root beer mug/burger/ etc.)



Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, March 24th @ 10:00 AM- Join us on Palm Sunday in the small assembly room after worship for a classic brunch of eggs, sausage, and fruit along with a New Orleans sugary staple – beignets!

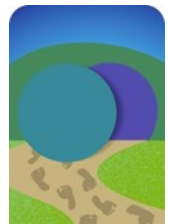
Preschool Days

Play is happening! Did you know that research confirms that self-initiated play nurtures a child's overall development?



A typical preschool day at St Johns includes the time, space and opportunity for creative play which fosters the skills of abstract and symbolic thinking, decision making, problem solving and goal setting. It also helps to develop complex language, emotional awareness, identity and self-image, self-control, and stress management. Play builds social skills like patience, cooperation and conflict resolution, as well as the formation of a moral or ethical code to know right from wrong. **So, we play!** (and love and learn too!)

Easter: We will be actively sharing the Easter story in our classes. Our art, play, literature and games help us remember Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Garden Prayer, Good Friday, and of course... **The Empty Tomb!!**



Now Enrolling for 2024-25

It is time to register for the 2024-25 school year! We are excited for a new year as we welcome new and returning families to SJCP.

Classes are filling quickly! If you have any questions about our program, curriculum, or openings for the fall please contact Phyllis or Nancy soon. Also, did you know that most families know about SJCP because a friend or family member referred them? Thank you for sharing us with other families!

Contact: Nancy@stjohns-ec.org
Phyllis@stjohns-ec.org
 715.834.9571

Thank you!

Shrove Tuesday Thank You!

Thank you so much for making the Shrove Tuesday event a great success!

Thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen/dining room, baked treats and donated silent auction items. We are grateful for the many congregation members and preschool families who came to eat and play.

About \$2300 was raised in support of SJCP's ministry.

Church News



St. John's 150 Years of Heritage & History 70 Years Ago-March 1954

In 1951, when the church's location was on Dewey Street, a fund drive was launched and a building committee was created. In 1952, seven lots were purchased on East Hill and in 1953, a new parsonage was acquired at 1719 Laurel Avenue. The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the New St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, took place seventy years ago, on Sunday, March 28, 1954.

A little over 13 months later, on Sunday, May 1, 1955, the new (present) church located on Highland Avenue and Chapin Street was dedicated. The cost with furnishings and equipment was \$375,000. Edgar A. Stubenrauch A.I.A. of Sheboygan, WI, designed the neo-Gothic style church and the first portion of the education wing and the general contractor was the Hoeppner-Bartlett Co.

As a congregation, they agreed to each contribute an additional 50¢ per week (\$5.75 in 2024 dollars) to pay off the church building debt. Because of this commitment, the \$150,000 mortgage was repaid after only 7 years.

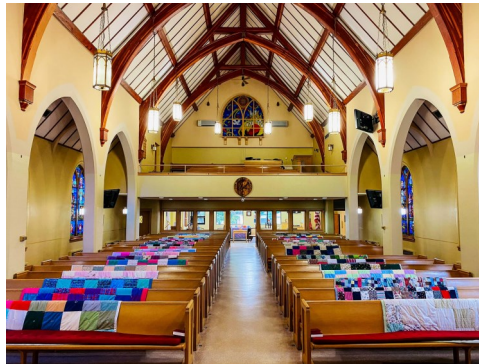
Pictured during the 1954 ground breaking ceremony (Left to right): Peter Bischoff, Egon Weiss, Russell Holten, Donald Brimmer, and the Rev. Roy B. Schmeichel.



National Quilting Day is March 16, 2024. Lutheran World Relief has distributed nearly 28 million quilts over 75 years around the world. A huge thank you to our members and friends who worked on quilts at church and home, completing 199 quilts in 2023.



Come and join the Diners Club on **Tuesday March 19th** we will dine at Olive Garden. Reservation for 11:30, dining by noon. Please call church office to RSVP by Monday March 18th at 1:00pm.



Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday, March 10th



Thank you to all who generously donated to the Sock and Underwear Drive in January.

Total donations:

Work gloves—63 pairs

Socks—133 pairs

Briefs—85 pairs

Longies—15 pairs

Knit Tops—9

Sweatshirts & Jackets—5

Women's leggings—6

Hats—1

Sign-up for Altar Flowers. Spots are available for March, April, and May. Call the church office at 715-834-9571 to sign-up.



Church Information

We Celebrated the Baptism of ...

Willia Corrine Erpenbach
Russell Drake Gadbois

We Mourned the Death of...

Jean Schumacher, 86

v Memorial Gift Acknowledgements v

Good Samaritan in memory of Jean Schumacher from Scott Olsen.

General Operations in memory of Genny's dad, John Buxton from Gary & Cora Klawiter.

TV Ministry in memory of Jean Schumacher by Gary & Bev Nyseth.

General Operations in memory of Don Hanson by Rob & Phyllis Meier.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

allows eligible Thrivent Financial members to direct Thrivent Financial's charitable dollars to St. John's Lutheran Church. To be a benefit member with Thrivent Financial, you must own one of the following Thrivent products: life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance or annuities, and based on your premium and cash value, your *Thrivent Choice* dollars will be calculated. Letters or emails are sent **annually** to these members indicating the amount of charitable dollars available to them. If you believe that you qualify and have not received a letter, please contact your Thrivent Financial representative.



For the period September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024, St. John's is designating the *Thrivent Choice* contributions to our general operations fund to help support our ministries, programs and maintain our day to day operations.

When you are contacted by Thrivent Financial, please prayerfully consider directing these charitable dollars to St. John's.

The Thrivent Financial members who have directed their "Choice Dollars" to St. John's Lutheran Church for January and February were Rozie Bejin, Jacklyn Hansen, Mike McCarty, Mary Gerth, Mary Haukeness-Mack, Gary & Cora Klawiter, Lois Mai, Karen Stuber.

St. John's thanks you for doing this.



St. John's Lutheran Church

"Together In God" Media Ministry Broadcast Schedule

Sundays:

TV - WQOW (ABC Network) @ 10:30a.m.
Channel 18
Cable 9
HD 618

MONTH	WQOW
March	3, 17, 31
April	7, 21



Bible Readings
FOR THE MONTH

Date	First Reading	Gospel
March 3	<i>Exodus</i> 20:1-17	<i>John</i> 2:13-22
March 10	<i>Numbers</i> 21:4-9	<i>John</i> 3:14-21
March 17	<i>Jeremiah</i> 31:31-34	<i>John</i> 12:20-33
March 24	<i>Mark</i> 11:1-11	<i>Mark</i> 15:1-47
March 31	<i>Isaiah</i> 25:6-9	<i>Mark</i> 16:1-8

March Special Envelope

The Special Offering for March is **Capital Improvements**. Your gifts will help to pay for approved projects such as technology equipment, annual assessment, regular maintenance of office and property equipment, and other repairs as needed. Your donations will give the Property Committee the ability to proceed with these projects in a timely manner. Thank you for your generous offerings!

Community News

The Mastersingers will conclude their 2023-2024 season presenting Choral Images: Out of the Depths, I Cry on Sunday, March 10. The 3:00 concert will be held at First Congregational Church, 310 Broadway Street in Eau Claire. As we live through a time of pain and loss - as a nation, as the church, as a larger community, and as individuals - the music of this concert focuses on claiming the power and presence of God to bring us through darkness to renewed light. The concert will include a commissioned work by Heidi Joosten as well as a new work from Emmeline Liske, a senior student at UW-EC, among a long list of powerful pieces. Tickets are \$25, and student tickets are available for \$10. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.themastersingers.net>, and at the door. Eric Nielsen can also get you tickets and answer questions you may have - revnielsen@yahoo.com

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HSHS VIGIL

The Spiritual Power of Humans Gathered Together

The JONAH Religious Leaders invite you to gather in a space of lament over the closing of local HSHS hospitals and the uncertainty surrounding the situation so that our grief may move towards hope.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 @ 6:00-7:00PM
L.E. PHILLIPS MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
3RD FLOOR, RIVERVIEW ROOM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO GATHER IN INTERFAITH PRAYER AND AN OPEN SHARING SPACE WITH PEER LISTENING SUPPORT.
MUSIC BY THE THRESHOLD SINGERS.



Annual CVASing Concert
Sunday, March 3, 2024
2:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m.
Cost \$10.00*

"TOGETHER WE SING"

At Trinity Lutheran Church
1314 East Lexington Blvd, Eau Claire, WI 54701

This community event features singers from the Chippewa Valley as they join together to support the Feed My People food bank in E.C.

Do you like meeting people or just plain volunteering??

The office is in need of a volunteer for Thursdays 9-1 p.m. Some of the volunteer duties include but are not limited to: answering the phone, greeting visitors, preparing copies, addressing and stuffing envelopes, and various office duties that arise. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Genny at 715-834-9571 or genny@stjohns-ec.org.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Adult Ed—Psalms	4 No Preschool 6:30 pm Jubellation	5 9:30 am Staff Meeting	6 9:00 am Quilting 3:00 pm Master Builders 5:15 pm FEAST 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation with Mentors 6:30 pm CIA 6:45 pm Choir	7 9:00 am Rostered Leader Meeting 1:30 pm St. John's Apt Service 1:00 pm VBS Meeting 5:30 Youth Ministry	8	9
10 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Ed—Psalms 11:30 am Caretakers of Creation	11 5:15 pm Stewardship 5:15 pm Education 6:30 pm Faith Family	12 9:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm Preschool Board	13 9:30 am Naomi/Ruth Circle 3:00 pm Master Builders 5:15 pm FEAST 6:00 pm Lent Worship 6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation with Mentors 6:30 pm CIA 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Mission Trip Meeting	14 9:30 am –12:00 pm Rostered Leaders Conf. 2:00 pm Senior & Home Visitation 7:00 pm Property	15	16
17 "Camp Sunday" 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	18 4:00 pm Finance 6:30 pm Jubellation	19 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Diner's Club @ Olive Garden 4:00-8:00 pm A & W Fast Food Fundraising Youth Event	20 *70th Anniversary of Ground Breaking of St. John's 9:30 am Lois Circle 3:00 pm Master Builders 5:15 pm FEAST 6:00 pm Lent Worship 6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation with Mentors 6:30 pm CIA 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	21 9:00 am Volunteer @ The Community Table 6:00 pm Council	22	23
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31 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Worship						



**St. John's Lutheran Church is a people
formed in the waters of Christian
baptism to be a *fountain of life* for all who
gather here, overflowing into a
river of compassion for the world.**

Church Council:

Jean Jirovec	President
Dramus Peuse	Vice President
Penny Erickson	Secretary
Mike Kitzman	Treasurer
Mary Spryer	Caring
Louise Alt	Community & World
Stacy Kelly	Education
Open	Faith Family
Ruth Lundblad	Seniors & Home Visitation
Richard Spryer	Worship & Music
Open	Youth
Teresa Burrows	At-Large
Greg Johnson	At-Large

Worship Schedule

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Education

Wednesdays

5:15 p.m. FEAST

6:00 p.m. Worship

6:30-7:30 p.m. 5th-8th Grade CIA & Confirmation

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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Website: www.stjohns-ec.org

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Mon-
Thurs.
9:00—1:00 pm Fri.

Your Church Staff

Ministers: All the congregation

Pastor: Pr. Christine Emerson

Music Director: Mark Lundin

CYF Director: Matt Svestka

Nursery Attendant: Paige Burrows

Communication & Ministry Coordinator: Adriane
DeMoe

Organist: Linda Ranney

Administrative Assistant: Genevieve Gorton

Bookkeeper: Jo Rauckman & Marlee Agner

Facility & Grounds Manager: David LaRose

Custodian: Tyeanna Segura

St. John's Christian Preschool: Nancy Hanson,
Phyllis Meier, Jenna Mayer, Sarah Wergeland, Jess
Mattson

Preschool Website: [www.stjohns-ec.org/grow/
preschool](http://www.stjohns-ec.org/grow/preschool)

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