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SEPTEMBER 2024 "REACHING OUT" NEWSLETTER

**Adult Education begins again
 September 8th at 10:15AM!**



**Come Join Pastor Christine and guests
 as we ponder how to "Hope and Act
 with Creation" together!**

**Adult Education in September
 Sundays 10:15am**

**September 8th: Michelle Mattner Pride Guest - Feed My People
 and Lutheran World Relief 50th Anniversary**

**September 15th - Creation Walk around the St. John's property
 with our Sunday School Friends and Caretaker's Team**

**September 22nd - John Skoug & Kurt Moder Guests from Peace
 Lutheran in Pigeon Falls on their solar panel project and
 bridging differences together**

**September 29th - Book Study on "The Kingdom, the Power
 and the Glory" (rescheduled from summer)**

During the Season of Creation in September Altar Flowers will be fresh from the Farmer's Market provided by a family who attends St. John's Christian Pre-school.



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Save - The - Date
 5th Grade Bible
 Presentation
 Sunday, September 8th
 9:00 a.m.
 RSVP to Matt
 (715) 834-9571
Matt@stjohns-ec.org

September Special Envelope

Capital Improvement Projects

Helps to repair and upgrade our facility (such as remodeling, replacing windows, roof repair). Projects that are expensive.

Fountain of Life. River of Compassion



"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." – Martin Luther

Adult Faith Formation Class is coming soon in November (Affirmation of Baptism)! - Something that I have always wanted to try is an Adult "confirmation" class; that is, faith formation (yes, the formation we do for middle school aged kids, but for adults). We have people from all walks of life, some who have affirmed their baptism at St. John's years ago, some from other denominations, and some have never experienced that milestone. We also have people who are relatively new to the faith. Technically, we do affirm our baptism regularly, but to go through a **time of study** before doing so has some real intentionality behind it. My plan is to offer TWO tracks for those who would like to be a part of this year's Adult Education in a new way.

First Track: This is for people who simply want to come to these classes as they choose and can, participating as they would like to, since most of the classes will occur during the usual Adult Education time. And, since it will be during the usual Adult Education time, I don't want to deny anyone wanting to attend.

Second Track: This track is for people who choose to commit to the extra time of digging deeply into some theology, readings, and continued study outside of class time. Those who commit to the second track would affirm their baptism in the season of Easter similarly to how our young people do. It will include some reflection and a few books to buy for study.

Why now? 2020 was a "blip" in time (I'm sure you can guess why). Despite best efforts, parents and kids were not feeling the confirmation vibes in 2020. They were desperately trying to do school via zoom at home and living through a pandemic. 2020 was HARD for everyone. That means we had no students commit to the confirmation track until 2021 came around. Therefore, this spring, there will be no Confirmation Day at St. John's for the usual 9th graders. Some of those kids chose to begin in 2021 instead. Therefore, it gives an opportunity to consider a similar formation for adults including understanding Martin Luther, Lutheran theology, Christian faith formation and practices, along with opening the Bible. I can't wait!

When we begin: November 10th at 10:15 AM during the Adult Education hour.

Registration is required for those who want to commit to track 2. You can find the registration page in this newsletter.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me. Blessings, Pastor Christine

Nursery News

We have a new Nursery Attendant! Tyeanna Segura will attend to our youngest members in the nursery starting on September 8th. The nursery is available every Sunday from 8:30 – 10:30, am September 8th – May.

You probably are familiar with Tyeanna, as she is also our Facility Custodian during the week days.

Tyeanna has three young children and all the experience to interact with our young children in a warm and safe environment, and encourage their involvement in fun activities.

Please welcome Tyeanna, also known to us as Tye, as our Sunday Nursery Attendant!





St. John's Lutheran Church
Adult Faith Formation (Affirmation of Baptism)
Registration Form 2024-25

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Student Information (for Pastor Christine's records)

Name:

Address, City, State, Zip:

Home Email:

Cell:

Please write below your REASONS and your hopes for diving into Faith Formation Classes this year:

There may be some materials to buy during this class, such as a few books, journals and some handouts (TBD).

Pastor Christine will attempt to keep any costs low or enable shared materials.

Please indicate to Pastor Christine if you are requesting financial help for this from St. John's.

Yes. No.

Commitment to your faith journey: I pledge my commitment to my Christian growth in faith through by:

- praying for my faith journey, our church ministry leaders, and all the people of God.
- supporting my faith journey with commitment to as many class sessions as I can attend.
- encouraging myself to participate in the ministry of the Christ's church while I attend to this formation.
- making spiritual growth through the church and my family a *top priority*.
- making myself *responsible and accountable* for my own study and faith development.
- modeling Christian faith through my daily life and my regular participation in the Body of Christ.
- discussing faith concerns and questions with the pastor and with others in the class, trusting that it is a safe place to do so.

Signature: _____

Thank you for the many cherished memories and support during my time on staff at St. John's. St. John's is so very special to my family; the most special moment was leaving St. John's after Rowan's Preschool Christmas program to welcome Aveline earthside. Thank you for all the blessings as we set out on our next chapter.

Adriane DeMoe

Thank you



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024
7:00 - 9:30PM

Community SING!

PLUS A
SATURDAY
MORNING
WORKSHOP

COME
ONE,
COME
ALL!

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN,
1300 MANSFIELD ST.
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI**

Info: <https://bit.ly/mmc-Oct11sing>



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**HALF-DAY
COMMUNITY
SINGING
WORKSHOP**

**Saturday
October 12
8:30 am-12 noon**

**Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
Chippewa Falls, WI**

Explore the riches of paperless singing and experience leadership practices and songs that build and strengthen community!

LWR Quilts & Kits - 2024

DROP Off

Collection bins are in the Gathering Area by the Welcome Center!

Please bring donations by Sunday, September 20th.

Shopping List for PERSONAL CARE KITS

- One light-weight bath-size towel between 20"x40" & 52"x27" (dark color recommended)
- Two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers

Shopping List for SCHOOL KIT

- Four 70-sheet notebooks
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 30-centimeter ruler with inches on the other side
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors
- Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One 2 1/2 in. eraser



The final push to our 150th Celebration is here.

If you have any time to give to the committee, it's greatly appreciated.

We'll be setting up October 1st through the 5th
(Tuesday through Saturday)

If there is interest, there will be evening set up slots available as well.

We'll take down on Monday, October 7th,
but may start take down Sunday the 6th after the program if people are available.

There will be something for EVERYONE:

Clean Jobs & Dirty Jobs

Sitting Jobs & Standing Jobs

One-person Jobs & Group Jobs

Washing Jobs & Dusting Jobs

Lifting Jobs & Setting Jobs

Ironing Jobs & Jobs Using Dollies

Sorting Jobs & Counting Jobs

Floor Jobs & Ladder Jobs

Hanging Jobs & Reaching Jobs

Short Jobs & Long Jobs

Fun Jobs & Boring Jobs

Setting Up Jobs & Taking Down Jobs

There are also some jobs to be done in September, well ahead of our October 6th date.

Call or email Mary Spryer with your availability and she'll set you up.

925-876-3520 OR maryspryer@gmail.com

Thanks in Advance,

~ The 150th Committee ~

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Grace and peace to all of you! This year the two St. John's women's circles will merge into one group. Our meetings will be on the **third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 in the small assembly**. This fall we will be discussing the Bible study from Gather magazine titled "Receiving Grace: A Study of Ephesians" by Rev. Heidi Haverkamp. God offers us lives of love and wholeness. We will learn what the book of Ephesians teaches us about how to live a more grace-filled life. Copies of the Bible study will be available. We hope to see you on **Wednesday, September 18 at 9:30**. Coffee will be available.



Diner's Club for September will meet on the 17th which is a TUESDAY at 5:30 pm at Lake Hallie Golf Course. Reminder to call church to RSVP by Monday the 16th at 1:00pm.

You are invited to the installation of

Bishop Martin Halom

September

15

3:00PM



Hope Lutheran Church
2226 Eddy Lane
Eau Claire, WI. 54703

All are welcome to attend!
Reception to follow on site.

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest and process for the installation. *(Please be vested and ready for a group photo and instructions by 2:30)*

The color of the day is red.

All attendees please RSVP.

Children, Youth & Family

Welcome Back To Sunday School!

Come join us for Sunday School in the 2024-25 school year! All youth from 3-year-olds up to 4th grade can join us at the church from 10:15-11:15 on Sundays starting September 8th for music, crafts, and stories from the Bible so they can learn and grow with each other AND with God! Follow the QR code to online registration!



First Wednesday Fun!!

NEW THIS YEAR to Wednesday nights: First Wednesdays at St. John's! Starting September 4th, we will be hosting pizza and an activity for Elementary School ages and their families. Starting at 5:15pm with pizza and then a fun faith activity from 5:45-6:15pm. Come join us for the new and exciting First Wednesdays!

Confirmation Schedule Changes

For those entering or continuing the confirmation program, the Wednesday schedule will be changing this year. Here is the schedule

6:15-7:15 Confirmation Education
 7:00-8:00 CREW (previously CIA)
 From 7:00-7:15 there will be a brief period for all youth to come together for worship/announcements about happenings at the church



WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 PM
 FOR CONFIRMATION & HIGH-SCHOOL-AGED YOUTH

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP, GAMES,
 AND FAITH FORMATION IN THE
 YOUTH ROOM!

STARTS SEPTEMBER 11TH

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Incoming 5th-9th graders should follow this QR code and register for the upcoming year of confirmation registration! There will also be registration opportunity at Confirmation Orientation at 6:15, Wednesday, September 4th.



2025 High School Trip Registration

Our 2025 High School trip will be a Spirit-based adventure trip to Buena Vista, Colorado! This trip is for youth going into 8th-12th grade this year, and will be June 22nd-28th, 2025. We would LOVE to see as many people as we can, so whether you're an active youth, participate on and off, or just REALLY like travelling and the outdoors, come join us! Commitment with \$150 registration payment is needed by September 11th.



2025 Trip Fundraiser – A&W



Come to the Altoona A&W on Monday, September 30th from 4:00-8:00 PM and help support our 2025 trip group! A portion of all the money made in that time will be given to the group, so come stop in by yourself or as a family for dinner, dessert, even if you just want to come through the drive-thru window, anything helps!

st. john's christian PRESCHOOL

WE HAVE OPENINGS!

We are excited to begin a new school year at St John's. It is not too late to check out what SJCP is all about. We currently have openings in our MWF class and would love to share preschool days with your child, grandchild, friend or neighbor!

Call 715.834.9571 or email nancy@stjohns-ec.org for more information.

Lutheran Mideast Development Update

St. John's has supported the Lutheran Mideast Development (LMD) mission program for many years. We regularly contribute to LMD through the Endowment Fund, the Benevolence budget, and special offerings from WELCA.

LMD primarily helps Kurdish girls in Turkey to complete their education and acquire marketable skills. The girls are famous for their beautiful hand-woven rugs. LMD has now expanded their mission to include Syrian refugee families.

The following is paraphrased from the most recent LMD newsletter:

"The work we've done in Turkey is a beacon of hope in the darkness of the Islamic State, al-Qaeda, and militias of the Muslim Brotherhood. In the midst of this ongoing crisis, we assist families to escape the pull of conflict and offer their children support and education".

Much more information about Lutheran Mideast Development is available on their website: lutheran-mideast.org.

Community and World Ministry



Meet the Teachers!

Nancy Hanson

I grew up in White Bear Lake MN and am the fourth of five girls! I am very close to my family. My husband Dave and I will be celebrating 40 years of marriage in September. We have four adult children, a goldendoodle named Sal and a few grand dogs and a grand kitty. This is my 24th year working at Preschool, this school year I will be the full time Director/Teacher. I will be teaching 5 days a week and doing director duties in the afternoon. In my spare time I like to travel, read, do jigsaw puzzles, and spend time with my family. I'm very excited to be starting another year with the preschoolers and their families.



Sarah Wergeland-Teacher

I am so happy to be back teaching preschool at St. John's again this year! This will be my 3rd year teaching the Tuesday/Thursday class. I'm looking forward to meeting my preschoolers and their families and spending time discovering, playing, creating, learning and sharing God's love and light.

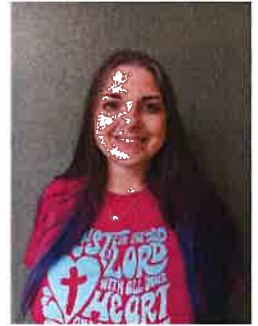


I keep our busy household running, or shall I say I try to keep up with my boys and their adventures and activities by running them around! I have 4 boys: Samuel-16, William-13, Aaron-11 and Owen-8 (almost!). I have been married to Kevin, my husband, for 23 years! This year I will also be working as a part time physical education teacher at Crestview Academy, the school where my 3 youngest attend. In my free time I love running (and in the winter, Nordic skiing) and taking part in races. This summer I completed my first half ironman triathlon in the 90 degree heat! I also love baking, playing board games, and watching my boys take part in their sporting activities.

I feel honored to be a part of the community at St. John's. I pray that these children have a positive experience as they embark on their journey of learning and growing, making friends and discovering more about themselves and the world.

Amanda Schroeder-Teacher

Hi, I am an outgoing mother of two girls Peyton age 14 and Riley age 6. I love to play, sing, and be silly. I have an educational background in child development and really enjoy being around children. I've been a preschool teacher for over 20 years. I love to draw and paint and just about anything art related. My Family and I recently moved here in July from Arizona you can usually find me in my art room at home, classroom, or at the ice rink cheering on my girls with my Husband Jeremy. We also have a cat named Onyx and a betta fish named Bubbles. I really like colorful things, unicorns and butterflies. My goal is for everyone to feel safe and welcomed in my classroom, so that they can learn how to be great little students with a love for learning while having fun and being silly. I am so excited to be a part of St. John's Christian Preschool



Amanda Downing-Assistant Teacher

I couldn't be more excited to be working with the preschoolers at St. John's this year. My husband and I moved to Eau Claire 10 years ago to help start a church and since have had two boys, 8 and 6, and started our own business. In my free time I love gardening, reading, cooking, and adventuring with my family. My boys attended St. John's as preschoolers and know this year will hold just as many special memories for our new preschoolers as it did for our family.



Classroom Supplies:

If you would be able and would like to provide some back to school supplies for SJCP, please feel free to drop off anything from the list needed items below. We appreciate these donations as they keep our supply and tuition amounts affordable for families. Thank you!!

Playdoh, Paper Towels, Lysol/Chlorox type Wipes, Liquid Handsoap, Graham Crackers, Old Dutch Pretzels, Gold Fish Crackers

st. john's christian
PRESCHOOL

Learn a lot. Have some fun. Share God's love!

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 August was Jacklyn Hansen and Gary & Cora Klawiter.

St. John's thanks you for doing this.

❖ Memorial Gift Acknowledgements ❖

TV: IHO Elaine Krause. From Eric Nielsen
 Operations: IMO Harper Bain. From Eric Nielsen

Thank you for these gifts.



**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
Sept.	1, 15, 29
October	6, 20



Bible Readings
 FOR THE MONTH

Date	First Reading	Gospel
September 1	<i>Deuteronomy</i> 4:1-2, 6-9	<i>Mark</i> 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 8	<i>Isaiah</i> 35:4-7a	<i>Mark</i> 7:24-37
September 15	<i>Isaiah</i> 50:4-9a	<i>Mark</i> 8:27-38
September 22	<i>Jeremiah</i> 11:18-20	<i>Mark</i> 9:30-37
September 29	<i>Numbers</i> 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	<i>Mark</i> 9:38-50


St. John's

Cemetery News!

Flowers have to be removed from gravesites by October 1st





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Season of Creation 8:15 am Choir 9:00 am worship with Rev. Curt Rohland 10:30 am TV Broadcast—WQOW	2 Church Office Closed 	3 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Step Group	4 9:00 am Quilting 3:00 pm Master Builders 5:15 pm Pizza Meal 5:45 pm Faith Activity 6:15 pm Confirmation Orientation 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 9:00 am Women Rostered Leaders Coffee 1:30 pm St. John's Apt Services 6:30 Youth Ministry	6	7
8 Scout Sunday Nursery Starts 9:00 am Worship—5th Grade Bible Milestone 10:15 am Adult Education 10:15 am 1st Day of Sunday School 11:30 am Caretaker of Creation	9 5:15 pm Education Ministry 6:30 pm Faith Family Ministry 6:30 JuBellation	10 9:00 am Preschool Come and See 9:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Worship & Music 6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting 7:00 pm Step Group	11 9:00 am Preschool Come & See 3:00 pm Master Builders 6:15 pm 5th Grade Confirmation 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm CREW	12 First Day of T Th Preschool 9:30 am Rostered Leaders Conference @ Grace Lutheran 7:00 pm Property	13 First Day of Preschool MWF	14
15 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Adult Education 10:30 am TV Broadcast—WQOW 3:00 pm Bishop Halom's Installation @ Hope Lutheran 6:30 pm Youth Trip Meeting	16 4:00 pm Finance 6:00 pm Benevolence 6:30 pm JuBellation	17 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Diner's Club @ Lake Hallie Golf Course 7:00 pm Step Group	18 9:30 am Circle 3:00 pm Master Builders 6:15 pm 5th Grade Confirmation 6:15 pm 8th Grade Confirmation w/ Mentors 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm CREW	19 9:00 am Vol. @ The Community Table 6:00 pm Council Meeting	20 Last Day to Drop off LWR Items	21
22 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Adult Education	23 6:30 pm JuBellation	24 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Step Group	25 9:00 am Quilting 3:00 pm Master Builders 6:15 pm 5th Grade Confirmation 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm CREW	26 10:00 am Oakwood Health Services	27 6:00 pm NW SWO Conference @ Spirit Lutheran	28 8:00 am NW SWO Conference @ Spirit Lutheran
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Church Council:

Jean Jirovec	President
Dramus Peuse	Vice President
Penny Erickson	Secretary
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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



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.



Need a ride to worship at St. John's? Please contact the church office at 715-834-9571.

Your Church Staff

Ministers: All the congregation

Pastor: Pr. Christine Emerson

Music Director: Mark Lundin

CYF Director: Matt Svestka

Nursery Attendant: Tyeanna Segura

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, Sarah Wergeland, Amanda

Schroeder, Amanda Downing

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