

St. John's Lutheran Church

1804 Highland Ave. Eau Claire WI. 54701

715-834-9571

Office Hours: M-Th 9:00am – 3:00pm; FR 9:00am-1:00pm

Website: www.stjohns-ec.org

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*.

Message from Pastor Christine

Happy Anniversary!

“...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” – Romans 12:5

Anniversaries are special. This year, my husband Jim and I celebrated 30 years of marriage. That feels like a pretty big number, so of course, we took time to celebrate that as special. This very October is the 14th anniversary of my first day at St. John's as Associate Pastor. My how time flies! Every time October rolls around, I remember the start of my call and where I have been led. No doubt you celebrate important anniversaries in your life. They are milestones, blessings of remembrances along the way. But, sometimes, they are also sad, as I see anniversaries of deaths often highlighted in people's lives as well.

So, here we are. It's a special Anniversary. It's 150 years since the people of St. John's began a journey to tell of the Good News of Jesus Christ in this place called Eau Claire. God is good! I am always so thankful for the faithfulness of such a community as this, a community longing for the love of God for all people. Thank you, thank you! A lot has happened in 150 years including the many anniversaries of the people who came to call this faith community home – their own births, baptisms, marriages, confirmations, and funerals. That means that 150 years has a greater impact than a single day celebration can ever tell. It has an impact that ripples out into families, communities, and future generations. It has the holy ripple of the Holy Spirit leading a people through many and various ways to be a Fountain of Life and River of Compassion, not only here, but in the world. But, more importantly, 150 years means that it doesn't just end there. God is always doing something new.

I wonder what it will be. Let's wonder together.

Pastor Christine



Blessing of the Animals

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND, 7PM

**Come with your furry friend for a blessing
in the downstairs Promise Room.**

Pet food donations accepted for the Chippewa Valley Cat Club!

**FIRST COMMUNION
CLASSES IN OCTOBER**

**WEDNESDAY 23RD & 30TH
6:15PM**

3rd grade and up are invited to RSVP

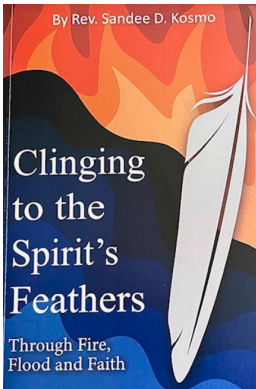
*First Communion Held
November 3rd at our 9am
worship service*



**Plans for the St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration on
Sunday, October 6, 2024**
St. John's Lutheran Church
1804 Highland Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701

This will be a name tag Sunday. Please get a name tag as you enter the Gathering Area.

- 9:00 A.M. Church Service in the Sanctuary.
- 10:15-10:45 A.M. While pictures of the Pastors are being taken in the Sanctuary, please feel free to stretch your legs, take bathroom breaks, or pick-up your photo directory in the Gathering Area.
- 10:45-11:15 A.M. Program (Slide Show) in the Sanctuary OR Kid's Games and activities in the Small Assembly.
- 11:15-11:45 A.M. Mingle, look at memorabilia, get Pastor Sandee Kosmo's book (see below), and pick-up your photo directory in the Gathering Area. Kids should pick-up their 150th Church Memento in the Gathering Area too. Confirmation Picture Display in the Basement Hallway, Kid's Games, and Luncheon check-in are also available at this time in the Small Assembly.
- 11:45-Noon If you RSVP'd for the Luncheon by August 18th, please check in at the tables in the Small Assembly. Find your line using your last initial. You'll get a sticker to place on your name tag. You **MUST** have a sticker & name tag to get your meal because it indicates your type of meal: Regular, Vegetarian, Gluten and/or Dairy Free, or Chix Tenders. If you did not RSVP, you may check to see if there are any openings.
- Noon All are seated in the Large Assembly.
The Blessing
The Luncheon buffet will begin by each table being directed by the "French Press."
If assistance is needed, please signal one of our caterers.
- After the Meal Desserts
Announcements/Acknowledgements
Closing Prayer
3:25 P.M. GO PACK GO



Pastor Sandee Kosmo's book;

**Clinging to the Spirit's Feathers
Through Fire, Flood and Faith**

This is a pastor's memoir in 150 short stories set in Wisconsin's Chippewa Valley and New Mexico's mountains and mesas.

There is a suggested donation of \$10, and it will be available in the Gathering Area.

FAQs

- The Luncheon and childcare during the service are the only items needing a reservation.
- If you RSVP'd and are now unable to attend the Luncheon, please call/text
Nance Putnam: 715-829-0457.

Any Questions?
Call Mary Spryer: 925-876-3520
OR
Nance Putnam: 715-829-0457


A collection of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, red, and brown, scattered on a light-colored wooden surface. The leaves are arranged in a decorative border on the left side of the page.

COMING IN
NOVEMBER

ADULT
CONFIRMATION
(AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM)

BEGINNING SUNDAYS
NOVEMBER 10TH - DECEMBER 8TH
AT 10:15AM
(WITH A PAUSE UNTIL FEBRUARY)

PLEASE LET PASTOR CHRISTINE
KNOW IF YOU WILL JOIN THE CLASS!

The logo for Diner's Club, featuring the text "Diner's Club" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the text is a stylized illustration of two red chairs with black seats and a small wooden table with a black pedestal. The entire logo is set against a black and white checkered background.

Diner's Club for **October** will meet on the 15th which is a **TUESDAY** at 5:30 pm at Azul Tequila. RSVP to Louise Alt 715-834-1693 or email alclk@charter.net by Monday the 14th at 2:00pm.

St. John's Recent Events

- Marriage:** Ryan Porter & Kristine Sina 8/31/24
- Baptism:** Ansel Lierman 9/29/24 (Parents Andrew & Lauren Lierman)
- Deaths:** Keith Jorgensen, 83
 Robert Vollendorf, 73
 Lois Fox, 92
 Dorothy Ganong, 94
 Judith Walters, 84

Thrivent Choice Dollars

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, 2024 to August 31, 2025, 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 member who has directed their "Choice Dollars" to St. John's Lutheran Church for September was Lois Mai.

St. John's thanks you for doing this.

Financial Summary as of August 31, 2024

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Surplus(Deficit)</u>
August			
2024	48,559	37,130	11,429
2023	26,516	33,115	(6,599)
Year-To-Date			
2024	323,987	328,415	(4,428)
2023	288,379	266,760	21,619
2021-23 Average	292,080	313,886	(21,806)

Memorials/Honorariums

TV: IMO Joel Desprez by Louis Desprez & Brenda Mulry

General Operations: IMO Aylene Bain by Carol & Gary Gehler

General Operations: IMO my husband, Roger & son, Alan. IHO great-grandsons Wyatt, Lucas & Hunter by Janet Dahl

Bell Tower Repair: IMO my wife, Beverly by Henry Odegaard

Bell Tower Repair: IMO Lois Fox by Cindy Komornick & Larry Schaefer

General Operations: IMO Robert Vollendorf by John & Judy Staszczuk

TV: IMO Joel Desprez by Gary & Suzanne Wulff

General Operations: IMO Karen Jorgensen by Gary & Suzanne Wulff

TV: IMO Joel Desprez by Michael Siker

Brick Repair: IMO Lois Fox by Larry Schaefer & Cindy Komornick

TV: IMO Karen Jorgensen by Lois Mai

General Operations: IMO Marvin & Nancy Johnson by Steve & Jackie Hansen

General Operations: IMO Dorothy Hotvedt by Marlo & Bev Orth

General Operations: IMO Robert Vollendorf by Dean & Jane Scholz

General Operations: IMO Robert Vollendorf by Family & Friends

Capital Improvements: IMO my husband, Roger & son, Alan. IHO great-grandsons Wyatt, Lucas & Hunter Hedlund by Janet Dahl

General Operations: IMO Dorothy Ganong by Curt & Dauneen Amundson

General Operations: IHO Ralph Kinderman's 96th birthday on September 18, by his wife, Margaret Kinderman

General Operations: IHO Lois Mai by Gary & Cora Klawiter

St. John's Christian Preschool

Another school year is in full swing at Preschool, it's so wonderful to welcome new and returning families to preschool. We have been getting to know each other and the routines of preschool. You may have heard the laughter of the children and the sound of footsteps as you visit the church office. The St. John's Preschool Board hosted our first Pop-Up Perks the last week of September. This is a gathering for the grown-ups to get to know each other after they drop their preschooler off at school. In the month of October, we will head to the Apple Orchard for some fall fun and apple picking. Thank you for the supplies and donations donated to preschool, we truly appreciate it.

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



St. John's Information

Church Council

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

Your Church Staff

MinistersAll the Congregation
PastorPr. Christine Emerson
Music DirectorMark Lundin
CYF Director.....Matt Svestka
Nursery Attendant.....Tyeanna Segura
Communication/ Ministry Coordinator . . OPEN
Organist.....Linda Ranney
Administrative AssistantGenevieve Gorton
Bookkeeper.....Marlee Agner
Facility & Grounds Manager ...David LaRose
CustodianTyeanna Segura
St. John's Websitewww.stjohns-ec.org
St. John's General Emailstjohns@stjohns-ec.org
St. John's Christian Preschool:
Nancy Hanson, Sarah Wergeland, Amanda Schroeder, Amanda Downing
Preschool Website:
www.stjohns-ec.org/grow/preschool

Good Shepherd, Grace, Hope, Immanuel, St. Johns, Trinity & University Lutheran Churches
present

An Afternoon of Art and Music

at
Grace Lutheran Church
202 W. Grand Ave, Eau Claire

Sunday, November 3, 2024

12:00 - 3:30pm - Art exhibit

2:00 - 3:00pm - Concert by choirs & handbells

Admission is free
Free will offering to support NW Synod of WI Lay School of Ministry



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6:15th Celebration 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Celebration 10:30 am TV Broadcast- WCOOW 11:30 am 150th Luncheon</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm Jubilation</p>	<p>8 9:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm Preschool Board 7:00 pm Step Group</p>	<p>9 3:00 pm Master Builders 6:15 pm 5th Grade Confirmation 7:00 pm CREW</p>	<p>10 9:30 am Rostered Leaders Conf. @ New Hope-Downsville 7:00 pm Property</p>	<p>11 7-9:30 pm Music that Makes Community @ Our Saviour's - Chippewa Falls</p>	<p>12 8:30-Noon Music that Makes Community @ Our Saviour's- Chippewa Falls</p>
<p>13 <i>4yr old Sneak A Peek Bibles</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Caretakers of Creation</p>	<p>14 5:15 pm Education 6:30 pm Faith Family 6:30 pm Jubilation 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor</p>	<p>15 9:30 am Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Sr. & Home Visitation 5:30 pm Endowment 5:30 pm Diner's Club @ Azul Tequila 7:00 pm Step Group</p>	<p>16 9:30 am Circle 3:00 pm Master Builders 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm 5th Grade Confirmation 6:15 pm 8th Grade Confirmation w/ Mentors 7:00 pm CREW</p>	<p>17 9:00 am Vol. @ The Community Table 9:00 Retired Pastors Mtg</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am TV Broadcast- WCOOW</p>	<p>21 10:00 am Clergy Coaching 4:00 pm Finance 6:30 pm Jubilation 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22 9:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Caring Ministry 7:00 pm Step Group</p>	<p>23 9:00 am Quilting 3:00 pm Master Builders 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm 5th Grade Confirmation 6:15 pm 1st Communion class 7:00 pm CREW</p>	<p>24 6:00 pm Council</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Last day wreath sales</p>
<p>27 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>28 6:00 pm Jubilation 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29 9:30 am Staff meeting 7:00 pm Step Group</p>	<p>30 9:00 am Quilting 3:00 pm Master Builders 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal 6:15 pm 5th gr. Confirmation 6:15 pm 1st Communion class 7:00 pm CREW</p>	<p>31</p>		