



Reaching Out

St. John's Newsletter

Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 9-3
Friday 9-1

1804 Highland Ave.
Eau Claire, WI
54701

"Together In God" Broadcast Schedule

WQOW Broadcast @ 10:30 AM

February - 2nd, 16th
March - 2nd, 16th, 30th

ABC Network, Channel 18,
Cable 9, HD 618

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St. John's Endowment Fund Committee *Vision Ministry Fund By-Law Change Request*

The St. John's Endowment Fund (SJEF) by-laws specify the two ways to distribute funds from the endowment fund.

1. Annual distribution for outreach ministry based on 5% of the year-end fund balance.
2. Distributions from the Vision Ministry Fund.

With endorsement from the finance committee and approved by the church council, the SJEF committee recommends deletion of all references to a Vision Ministry Fund and a Vision Ministry Fund Committee in the SJEF by-laws.

For the record, the Vision Ministry Fund and Vision Ministry Fund Committee do not yet exist. The annual 5% yearly distribution for outreach ministry will continue in perpetuity.

Annual Meeting:
February 23rd @ 10:15 AM
Sanctuary

References to a Vision Ministry Fund in the by-laws are as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the distribution from all unrestricted gifts and bequests to the Endowment Fund shall be transferred periodically and used for outreach ministries. After being vested for a term of 33 and 1/3 years certain, each principal gift not designated in perpetuity by its giver shall be rolled-over and be placed in the Vision Ministry Fund (C.1-3), where its entire remainder is used.

a) On the 33 1/3 anniversary of the unrestricted or planned gift or bequest, 100% of the then remaining principal shall be rolled over and placed into the Vision Ministry Fund, a separate fund of St. John's Lutheran Church, subject to paragraph B.1.d.

d) No distribution from the asset balance shall be made to the Vision Ministry Fund that reduces the S.J.E.F. total asset balance below the sum of 10% of the annual operating budget of the congregation.

C. PLAN FOR "ROLL-OVER TO THE VISION MINISTRY FUND

C.1 At the end of a period certain, that being 33 1/3 years from the date of receipt, the remainder of each single gift principal (asset) portion of the non-designated or planned gift or bequest will be rolled-over from the St. John's Endowment fund to the St. John's Vision Ministry Fund according to B.1 a-d.

C.2 These assets will then be expended by the church council in consultation with the Vision Ministry Fund Committee.

C.3 The purpose for the transfer of these assets from the S.J.E.F. to the Vision Ministry Fund is that these funds will be used for building new ministries. These funds are not intended to be used for current operating expenses.

These items will be discussed at the upcoming Annual Meeting on February 23rd at 10:15 AM

Caring Ministry

Chippewa Valley Technical College Student Food Pantry

Some students are impacted by rising costs and face food insecurity every day. During February, Caring Ministry will collect items for the CVTC Food Pantry.

Since starting the CVTC Food Pantry in 2015, they have expanded the pantry to include the Eau Claire West campus. During 2022 to 2023 they served 610 students and distributed 5600 pounds of food and non-food items.

The food pantry is available for all current full and part-time CVTC students experiencing food insecurity while pursuing their degree.

There will be a box in the Gathering Area for the donated items. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make a check payable to St. John's and write CVTC Food Pantry on the envelope. You can also go online at onrealm.org/stjohnsec/-/form/give/now (choose "Other Donations" in the Fund drop-down list) and make a donation noting it's for CVTC Food Pantry.

For more information, contact Sandy at 715-834-1172 or dshuebscher@charter.net

Thank You
Sandy Huebscher
Caring Ministry



Here is a list of items needed:

- Oil
- Variety Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta Variety
- Deodorant – Men's and Women's
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Beans (Chili, Pinto & Black)
- Granola Bars
- Canned Veggies
- Canned fruit (Applesauce, Peaches & Pears)
- Dried Fruit (Raisins, Craisins, Apricots & Prunes)
- Rice – 1 or 2 lb. bags
- Nuts
- Whole-Grain Cereals

Have you seen our new online giving program, Realm?

We're excited about the new things happening at St. John's through our online community. You can securely give from our church website and via text message. You can even create an account to set up recurring donations and use our free Realm app!

If you have not received your personal invite link, please contact the church office. We'll then email you so you can get started today.



Monthly Readings



February 2

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 2:22-40

February 9

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Luke 5:1-11

February 16

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Luke 6:17-26

February 23

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Luke 6:27-38

Diner's Club

February 18th, 11:45



Olive Garden

RSVP to Louise Alt by Feb. 17th at
Noon

715-834-1693 or altlk@charter.net

Special Offerings This Month

Television Ministry - February

This donation contributes to
Community outreach through our
Public Worship Service Broadcasts

Living Lutheran Returns!

Subscriptions for the 2025 run of Living
Lutheran are now available! This quarterly
magazine will cost \$17.

Please bring your payment to Genny in the
office by January 31st.

Adult Faith Formation:

Keep an eye out for announcements regarding
book delivery for February's book club!

CVASING community choir invites you all to
watch the 15th Annual benefit performance
for Feed My People entitled "All Nature Sings".
Join the celebration, Sunday, March 2, at 2:00
and 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church!

Trivia Corner

What is the shortest book in the bible?

Answer on Page 7



2024 contribution statements are
available in the gathering area. If you have
an email on file with Realm, please check
your emails. If you have any questions,
contact Genny in the office.

Please pick yours up today!



JONAH | Upcoming Events



EC Coalition Winter Party February 1 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The EC Coalition's Annual Winter Party will be on February 1, from 1:00-3:00pm in the Riverview Room of the Eau Claire public library.

There will be plenty of food, music, and guests, so go check it out!

February Book Club February 18 @ 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

The first book in JONAH's 2025 Book Club is *Becoming Kin* by Patty Krawec. The book club will meet in Dotter's Books, 307 South Barstow in Eau Claire.

[Register online](https://jonahjustice.org/event/february-book-club/) at
<https://jonahjustice.org/event/february-book-club/>

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 members who have directed their "Choice Dollars" to St. John's Lutheran Church for January was Mary Haukeness-Mack, Cindy Komornick and Mike McCarty.



St. John's thanks you for doing this.

Memorials and Honorariums

General Operations: IMO my parents, Arnie & Arleen Prissel by Karen Quinn

General Operations: IMO Mary & Katie by Byron Boettcher & Family Matt & Laurie

General Operations: IMO Bob Munden by Ralph & Margaret Kinderman

Television Ministry: IHO Pastor Christine & Jim Boulter by Gary & Cora Klawiter

Preschool: IMO my husband, Roger, & son, Alan. IHO my 3 great grandsons, Wyatt,

Lucas & Hunter Hedlund by Janet Dahl

You are invited to.....

the Shrove Tuesday Event!!

Preschool Open House

Sunday February 16th 2-4PM

SJCP is hosting an open house this month. This is a great opportunity for interested parents and families to visit our classrooms, meet our teachers and learn about our preschool program.

We are also happy to arrange tours at other times.

If you know a family that may be interested, please encourage them – or even bring them with you to visit SJCP!



This is a fundraising tradition that includes festive fun for everyone!! This pre-lent event helps raise money for the ongoing ministry of St. John's Christian Preschool.

Thank you!

Registration for the 2025-26 School Year

SJCP Registration begins this month!

We invite you to visit our classrooms, meet our teachers, and request information to learn about the preschool experience. Class sizes are limited and are filled on a first come first serve basis. We encourage families to register early. We learn a lot, have some fun, and share God's love!

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!

February 3rd - 9:00AM: Priority Registration
(St. John's Members and Previously Enrolled Families)

February 10th – 9:00AM: Open Registration

For more information or to enroll please contact SJCP Director Nancy Hanson:
(715)-834-9571
nancy@stjohns-ec.org

Registration forms also available online at
<https://stjohns-ec.org/grow/preschool>

Shrove Tuesday is...

1. called "Fat Tuesday" or "Mardi Gras".
2. a traditional time for feasting and fun before the church season of Lent begins the next day on Ash Wednesday.
3. March 4th, 2025

St. John's Christian Preschool...

1. is a ministry that relies on fundraising.
2. hosts an annual fundraiser on Shrove Tuesday.
3. invites everyone to participate!

Festivities 4:30-6:30PM at St. John's include...

1. Pancake Supper (served until 6 PM)
2. Carnival Games and Cake Walk
3. Silent Auction

If you have questions, please contact any of the preschool teachers or a preschool board member. Thank you!

We can do more together! Can you help??

Please let us know if you can help in one of the following ways. We really appreciate it!

- Make and bring a baked good for the cake walk
- Donate an item or gift card for the silent auction
- Lead a carnival game.

Email nancy@stjohns-ec.org or call 715.834.9571.

Thank you!

Youth & Education Ministry

Education Ministry

Confirmation

6th & 7th Grade Confirmation and 8th Grade Confirmation will be meeting:
February 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th
@ 6:15pm

Lenten Services start March 5th!

Looking Ahead

March 30th - Brown Bag for Kids weekend meals

April 13th - Kids sing during worship

May 13th - Preschool & Kindergarten Lord's Prayer

Adult helper sign-up sheets for class are outside the music room!

Hope to see you at Sunday School!

February 2nd, 9th, & 16th

No Sunday School Feb. 23. Coloring sheets and videos will be provided by youth helpers for children of parents who will be attending the Annual meeting on this date.

Youth Ministry

CREW News

First Wednesday is February 5th at 5:15!

Pizza and Help Faith Family Ministry

Value Card Drive

SUPPORT THE 2025 YOUTH COLORADO ADVENTURE TRIP!

Cards are still available for purchase!
Only \$10

Contact the office and we will set one aside for pickup.



CALL IN TO THE OFFICE: 715-834-9571

OR EMAIL: BECKYJOCATER@GMAIL.COM

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Luther Park Bible Camp 2025

June 9-August 8th

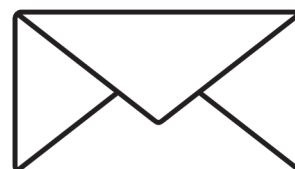
For Ages: Completed K-5th, Middle School, Highschool, and Family

For more information, check out lutherpark.org or scan the QR code below!



The Wall of Giving February 1- February 28

- 1 Decide the monetary amount you would like to donate toward the Youth Adventure Trip in Buena Vista, Colorado.
- 2 Find the envelope whose number corresponds with the monetary amount you choose. You can pick one, or several, so long as they add up to your donation amount!
- 3 Place your donation in the envelope in exchange for the note inside. Checks can be made out to St. John's with "Wall of Giving" as the memo.
- 4 Give the envelope to an usher or place it in the church office.
- 5 If you would like, include your name for your Annual Giving Statement. Each youth and chaperone attending needs to raise \$1300, so your support is greatly appreciated!



Church Council

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

Your Church Staff

Ministers: All the Congregation
Pastor: Pr. Christine Emerson
Music Director: Mark Lundin
CYF Director: OPEN
Nursery Attendant: Tyeanna Segura
Communications Coordinator: Lydia Elko
Organist: Linda Ranney
Administrative Assistant: Genny Gorton
Bookkeeper: Marlee Agner
Facility & Grounds Manager: David LaRose
Custodian: Tyeanna Segura
St. John's Christian Preschool:
Nancy Hanson, Sarah Wergeland,
Amanda Schroeder, Amanda Downing,
Bria Lindstrom

Trivia Corner

Answer: 3 John. It's only 219 words in the original Greek!



Thank you to all who continue to provide treats for our coffee hour! They are always so yummy and appreciated!

Annual Meeting Details

Sunday, February 23rd
10:15 AM in the Sanctuary

-Constitutional Changes as proposed by the Endowment Fund

-Approval of 2025 Operating & Capital Budget

Elections for:

Council

Executive Committee

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Ministry Chairs

Youth

Faith Family

Senior & Home Visitation

Worship & Music

Benevolence

Endowment Fund Committee

Fountain of Life Committee

Nominating Committee

Voting Members for Synod Assembly

February 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|--|--------|----------|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Jan 31 | 1 |
| <p>9:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:15 AM Sunday School</p> | <p>Preschool Registration Begins</p> <p>6:30 PM JuBellation</p> | <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Stewardship</p> <p>7:00 PM STEP Group</p> | <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>5:15 PM First Wednesdays</p> <p>5:45 PM Choir</p> <p>6:15 PM 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>6:15 PM 8th Grade Confirmation</p> | <p>1:30 PM St. John's Apartment Service</p> <p>6:30 PM Youth</p> | 7 | 8 |
| <p>9:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Caretakers of Creation</p> | <p>Open Preschool Registration</p> <p>5:15 PM Education</p> <p>6:30 PM JuBellation</p> | <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:00 PM Worship and Music</p> <p>2:00 PM Senior Home Visitation</p> <p>6:15 PM Faith Family</p> <p>6:30 PM Preschool Board</p> <p>7:00 PM STEP Group</p> | <p>12:00 PM Chippewa Valley VIP</p> <p>5:45 PM Choir</p> <p>6:15 PM 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>6:15 PM 8th Grade Confirmation</p> | <p>9:30 AM Rostered Leaders @ Christ Lutheran in Menomonee</p> <p>7:00 PM Property</p> | 14 | 15 |
| <p>9:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>2:00 PM Preschool Open House</p> | <p>1:00 PM Bible Study @ The Classics</p> <p>4:00 PM Finance</p> <p>6:30 PM JuBellation</p> | <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Diner's Club @ Olive Garden</p> <p>7:00 PM STEP Group</p> | <p>9:30 AM Women's Circle Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Interfaith Green Team</p> <p>5:45 PM Choir</p> <p>6:15 PM 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>6:15 PM 8th Grade Confirmation</p> | <p>9:00 AM Volunteer @ Community Table</p> <p>6:00 PM Council</p> | 21 | 22 |
| <p>9:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:15 AM Annual Meeting</p> | <p>6:30 PM JuBellation</p> | <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM STEP Group</p> | <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>5:45 PM Choir</p> <p>6:15 PM 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>6:15 PM 8th Grade Confirmation</p> | <p>No Preschool</p> | 28 | Mar 1 |