



NOVEMBER 2023 "REACHING OUT" NEWSLETTER

On **Wednesday, November 22nd, at 7:00PM**, we will worship together in **thanksgiving for the God who gives abundant blessings**. We will again eat PIE after the service, sharing a few minutes of fellowship before the feast of turkey the next day. We are asking that if you are able, bring a pie before worship to share with others. Volunteers are needed to help cut the pies and serve. Please contact Adriane at 715-834-9571 or sign up in the Gathering Area if you are able to help.



Thanksgiving Eve
WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
7:00 PM
PIE SOCIAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP



We send you our wishes for a very Blessed and Bountiful Thanksgiving Day!

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, the 24th.



1804 Highland Ave.

Eau Claire, WI 54701

715-834-9571

Website:

www.stjohns-ec.org

Office Hours:

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mon-Thurs.

9:00 am—1:00 pm

Fri.



Fall Worship Schedule

Sundays

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

10:15 am Adult Education
(Nov. 5, 12, 19)

Wednesdays

5:15 pm FEAST

6:00 pm Worship

6:30—7:30 pm CIA &
Confirmation

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

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HIP HOP WORSHIP

WITH AGAPE

NOVEMBER 15TH 6PM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1804 HIGHLAND AVE, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701



"Enter God's gates with thanksgiving." – Psalm 100:4

November is often coined as the month of "giving thanks".

Of course, every day should and ought to include a time of thanksgiving so that we may have the perspective we need in life, but we do tend to concentrate on the images of Thanksgiving Day during this month of harvest, turkey, cranberry, and family traditions. I can't remember the last Thanksgiving I spent with our family in Washington State. Living this far away, holidays can be tricky, even these secular holidays such as Thanksgiving Day. How wonderful it is for me that I will be able to fly just after Thanksgiving weekend to see my mother, who turned 95 this year. It's so valuable to be able to spend that precious time with her and for that, I am truly grateful for Thanksgiving this year.

Yet, often the bounty we are thankful for is not the bounty God necessarily gives. As Americans, we have a lot of bounty we call stuff. I have a lot of stuff; you have a lot of stuff...stuff, stuff, stuff. And, while we can be thankful for having the ability to obtain stuff, it seems the more stuff or bounty we have, the less we feel satisfied by it. We long to be filled with something, and that longing is something beyond our stuff, beyond our physical bounty that has been given or obtained. And given how there are so many across the world without stuff and status, we can wonder sometimes how it is that we still long to be thankful for something that can really, really dissipate the hunger we truly feel, a hunger that we can't explain why we have.

In an episode of the show M*A*S*H (Jim and I have both been fans of this show over the years. That's probably aging us!), the character Charles Emerson Winchester III comes close to his maker after almost being killed by a sniper. In that episode, he spends his whole time being obsessed about death and what death will be like. He wonders, "What is on the other side? What really happens?" So, he goes to the front lines to see what death is. As one soldier lies dying, Charles asks what the soldier sees so that he may come to know what death will be like and maybe even what life after death will be like. The answer the soldier gives is surprising when he says, "I smell bread." It was enough to change Charles perception of life and death.

"I smell bread." Bread is the symbol of thanksgiving for Christians. For, in smelling, tasting, seeing, and feeling bread, we get a foretaste of the feast that will really fill us, the feast of Jesus Christ. And, in Holy Communion, we find God's true bounty for which we can be truly thankful. How we interpret the world around us and how we find meaning starts and ends at the death and resurrection of Jesus, for he gives nothing less than himself for us. With all the stuff, with all the bounty around us, with all of our longing for something to fill us, God gives us something that will truly fill our hunger. For that, we can be truly thankful.

I invite you to come and give thanks for this meal on the Eve of Thanksgiving, November 22nd with a worship service at 7pm. Come and taste bread again. Come and hear the bells and the choir. Come and join the community of believers as we give God thanks for all the gifts of faith. Come enter into fellowship again with a piece of pie after the worship service. Let us give thanks for all the good things God has done for us through

Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Christine

Mark your Calendars for Christmas Worship.

Sunday, December 24th : 9:00 am worship, 3:00 pm Family Service, 5:00 pm Candle Light Service.

Monday, December 25th: 9:00 am Christmas Service



Remember to set your clocks back. Daylight Saving time ends November 5th!



ALL SAINTS' DAY



NOV. 2022 – NOV. 2023

Richard F. Bembnister, 87
Doris A. Christopherson, 86
Margaret L. Schemberger, 73
Eric J. Zimmerman, 45
Luann A. Woodford, 90
Lorraine S. Mastin, 84
Burt W. Tulkki, 73
Judith R. Mueller, 74
Helen I. Semisch, 90
Douglas J. Thompson, 60
Harold L. Walters, 83
*Jerry B. Finch, 84

Thomas W. Lang, 78
Duane E. Lunde, 89
Eva M. Dorn, 93
Teresa C. Stabel, 88
Gerald D. Toske, 88
Norma D. Johnson, 95
Diane M. Lang, 78
Connie R. Rieck, 77
Kaye K. Olson, 76

*Non Member



On “**All Saints Day**” we give thanks for all Christians, both living and dead. We especially give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith and who have died in the hope of resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

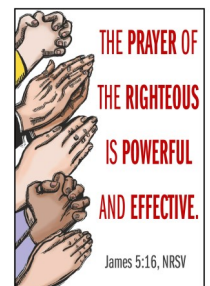
Sunday, November 5th, during our worship at 9:00 a.m., we will follow the tradition of reading the names of those from our congregation who have died since last All Saints Sunday. As each name is read a candle will be lit and a bell tolled in remembrance and thanksgiving for their life. May God bless us as we remember and claim the promises that God has made to all who believe in his son Jesus Christ.

Mark your calendars for the Blue Christmas Worship on Saturday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. This worship offers comfort and hope for anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one, broken relationship, job changes, loneliness, exclusion, pandemic trauma, or any other life/health issues. The pastoral staff and Caring Ministry invite you to come “just as you are” to the Blue Christmas Worship. If you know someone who would be comforted and refreshed by a service like this, please pass the word...or offer to accompany them to worship.



Please call the church office and let them know if you or a family member will be undergoing a planned or unplanned hospital stay. St. John’s Caring Ministry would like to know so that we can pray for and support you. We care about you.

Church office phone: 715.834.9571





On October 6, 2024, St. John's will celebrate our 150th anniversary. As part of this celebration, we will distribute a new church photo directory that day. We will work with a company to compile the directory. More information will be coming next year, including dates and times to have your picture taken.

Our photo directory committee is asking members to take current pictures of church activities/events and submit to us 2-3 pictures. Please keep in mind that we may be limited to how many pictures we can use for our activity pages.

Submitting photos: If you use a cell phone, please send using the largest file size option available on the phone. You can email the **original photo** to Sandy at dshueb-scher@charter.net.

Thank you

St. John's Photo Directory Committee,
Penny Erickson
Ruth Ann Kjelstad
Sandy Huebscher



GIVING TREE

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

Caring Ministry will once again provide Christmas gifts for children/families in need within our community and church. We will not offer food but will instead include a grocery card and a gas card.

If you would like to help by donating a gift, please see the tree in the Gathering Area between **Sunday, November 12 – Sunday, November 26**. On the tree, there will be tags for children with their age and their wants. **PLEASE** keep your gift to no more than \$40. **Gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the church by Monday, November 27th.**

If you prefer to donate money towards this Christmas Giving Project (for a gift or grocery/gas cards), please drop off/send money to the office with a notation for Caring Ministry Christmas Giving.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Kathy Englebert, 715.563.7470 or Shari Englebert, 715.577.7969.

Thank you for helping make Christmas a little brighter for those in need!

WELCA Thankoffering

In thankfulness to God for our many blessings, St. John's women will be having our annual Thankoffering on Sunday, November 19. This continues a tradition that goes back to the 1800's.

These thankofferings help support many programs and needs of today's women throughout the churchwide organization. To facilitate this donation, there is a table in the Gathering Area for you to use. (Checks can be made payable to St. John's WELCA.)

Another part of this tradition is to collect knitted or crocheted hats, mittens, and scarves. It is always great to see these creations displayed on a small tree in church that Sunday. They will be given to Lutheran Social Services to help keep someone warm in the upcoming cold days ahead.

Thank you for your support.



Financial Report as September 30, 2023

FINANCIAL SUMMARY			
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Surplus(Deficit)</u>
September			
2023	32,891	37,548	(4,657)
2022	33,343	40,796	(7,453)
Year-To-Date:			
2023	321,270	304,308	16,962
2022	317,916	375,459	(57,543)
2020-22 Average	339,923	382,803	(42,880)

Come join Schola Cantorum, including St. John's singers Mark Lundin, Lauren Lierman, Pastor Christine and Jim Boulter for their Fall concert with a celebration of a great Renaissance Composer, William Byrd. "Amica Mea: Music of William Byrd and His Friends" will commemorate 400 years since William Byrd's death. Hear his moving Mass for Four Voices and a number of sacred pieces. Also featured are music by Thomas Tallis, Byrd's teacher and business partner; Thomas Weelkes and Thomas Morley, both Byrd's students. No tickets needed; free will donations accepted on **November 18th, 7:00pm** at Christ Church Cathedral in Downtown Eau Claire.

November Special Offerings

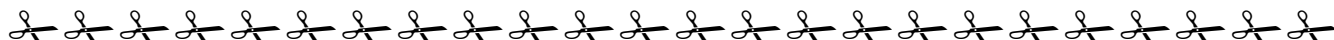
Capital Improvement Projects

Your undesignated offerings for Capital Improvements help the Property Committee tackle projects to keep the facility up to date. For example, the parking lot was sealed and the installation of windows in the large assembly and kitchen areas were completed. Your offerings may help fund building security, or technology equipment replacement. You may also designate your giving for approved projects. Your offerings matter! Thank you for your generosity!



Good Sam Fund

Our Good Samaritan Fund needs your support. This fund helps those who are in need of assistance with gas, rent and utilities. Past funding for this fund came from the Chicken Dinner and Auction. Today we are relying solely on your offerings to support this fund. Thank you for your gifts that help



Help decorate the church for Christmas!

Place your order with payment by **Sunday, November 12th**—
either drop in the offering plate or bring to the church office.



_____ **Red Poinsettia(s)** X **\$12.00** each = \$ _____
(Please print clearly)

☐ In memory of _____

☐ In honor of _____

Given By _____

Phone # _____
Offering Envelope # _____

Please pick up your plant(s) sometime after
Tuesday, Dec. 26th. **Thank you!**



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Saturday, October 7, John Price loaded all St. John's boxes, (quilt, personal care, school supplies) onto the semi in Our Redeemer parking lot. The semi is bound for Lutheran World Relief in St. Paul and kits and quilts out to the world.



CEMETERY/ CAPITAL DRIVE UPDATE - - In July, we began a capital campaign to raise funds to remove two dead ash trees in St. John's cemetery. The original estimate was \$8,500. Since that time, we went out for additional bids to see if the cost could be reduced. New bids ranged from \$4,300 to \$2,600. We accepted the low bid of \$2,600 from Timber Ridge Tree Service. The work will be completed during the winter. Donations from members totaled \$1,750; we were also awarded a grant of \$850 from the Fountain of Life Fund to meet the \$2,600 bid price.

I would like to give a heart-felt thank you to all who contributed to the capital campaign and to the Fountain of Life committee members. There are two more trees that need to be removed some time in the near so our capital drive will remain open. Continued donations will be greatly appreciated.

Donna Meier, Cemetery Manager

November Menu

NOVEMBER 1ST

Subs
Chips
Fruit
Donuts
Lemonade



NOVEMBER 8TH

Spaghetti
Garlic Bread
Fruit
Ice Cream Bars
Lemonade

NOVEMBER 15TH

Pizza
Fruit
Cookies
Lemonade

NOVEMBER 29TH

Chili,
Crackers
Fruit
Ice Cream Bars
Lemonade



***Menu subject to change**



On Tuesday November 21st, we will dine at Shanghai Bistro on Craig Rd. Reservations for 5:30 with dining at 6:00pm.

Blue CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 9th

2:00 pm

*A Service of Hope and
Comfort*



My heart is full of gratitude for all the kind words, cards, prayers, and gifts on the day of my Installation, not to mention our continued blessing of ministry in the Good News of Jesus. We are God's people together!

Peace, Pastor Christine

Special Envelope- Mission Tanzania, Imani English Medium Day & Boarding School-Karagwe Tanzania

Thank you to the dedicated, continued support of the St. John's congregation to the Imani School. The principal, Anderson Beneth Kyekaka keeps in regular contact with our ministry and gives updates on the wonderful progress the students have been making. On Sept. 13 and 14th, the 7th grade students sat for the National Exam. Principal Anderson continues to praise the contributions given by St. John's as one of main stable donation sources for the school.



St. John's contributed \$7200 in 2022 for tuition and room and board for nine full-time students.

Also, \$300 was donated for a new computer. This was a decrease from 2021, however Bishop Bagonza made a visit that year. The money that has been donated by St. John's in previous years has bought cows, chickens, pigs and rabbits for the sustainability farm yard for the students. Principal Anderson reports the school has 9 cows and daily the cows supply 80 liters of milk. Also, the school currently owns 50 chickens!

In 2022, the new library opened. St. John's congregation was very honored to learn that the library was named after our church. Principal Anderson has sent many pictures of the development of the library including the name of "St. John's Library".

St. John's should be very proud of the support we have given the Imani School over the years. Principal Anderson reported that a total of 432 students who attended Imani as a younger student, went on to attend various universities in Tanzania. This certainly helps to promote a more stable, educated portion of the population, thus aiding Tanzania in becoming one of the leaders among the African nations. Thanks again to all of you who have supported the Imani School this year and in the past years. It's very important that our congregation continue to **STRONGLY** support this Tanzanian school to pursue our worldly mission to help educate further leaders of our fellow African sisters and brothers.

Thank you to the members of our congregation who have given to the Imani School in the past. \$800 per year provides a year's tuition plus room and board for a student. Please consider continuing in this tradition by giving a donation to the school for a complete or partial tuition. For those of you who have not given in the past, prayerfully consider starting a new tradition in support of a student or contributions for books or other supplies.



Blessings, Patti Sontag, Chairperson of Community and World Ministry

YOUTH, EDUCATION & FAITH FAMILY



Mission Trip Fundraiser Update

We are underway with our fundraising for the 2024 mission trip to New Orleans, Louisiana! Our group starts off raking yards for our auction winners on November 4th. Our next fundraising opportunity comes on Sunday, December 17th with the Cookie Walk, and our trip attendees would love to see you there!



AGAPE* and Joe Davis Worship

On Wednesday, November 15th, spoken word/hip hop artists AGAPE* and Joe Davis will be at St. John's to lead worship at 6:00 PM, that will also fill the typical confirmation/CIA time. THIS IS A MANDATORY EVENT FOR ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS. 8th/9th graders, this will also be taking the place of your mentor night activity. This is a big event, with several other ELCA churches around town joining us, so we'd love to see as many people there as possible!

Confirmation Schedule

6th & 7th Grade - November 8, 29

5th — 9th Grade - November 15



ADVENT PROGRAM PREPARATION HAS STARTED!



As we draw nearer to the Advent season, our Sunday School youth are starting to work on telling a "Big, Big Story", and will be putting on a 40-minute musical advent program December 17th at 10:30 AM. If you or your child wish to participate, we ask that you attend Sunday School for the duration up to the 17th, as that is where we will be learning our music with our music director Mark and our youth ministry director Matt will be helping to direct and run scenes during these Sunday School periods. We would love to see as many kids get involved as we can!

6th/7th Grade Confirmation Begins!

Starting November 8th, our 6th and 7th grade confirmation students begin their program for the year. Confirmation class will start at 6:30 in the Promise Room. For 5th graders, CIA will be continuing at the same time in the youth room. Thank you for being awesome students for the first two months of the year!



HIGH SCHOOL POTLUCK

GET INTO THE THANKSGIVING SPIRIT EARLY! STUDENTS, GRADES 9-12, ARE INVITED TO JOIN OTHER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT ST. JOHN'S FOR A POTLUCK/FRIENDSGIVING EVENT ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH AT 6:00 PM. BRING A DISH AND COME HANG OUT FOR A FEW HOURS WITH OTHER ST. JOHN'S STUDENTS. TALK TO MATT OR STOP BY THE CYF OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO SIGN UP!

st. john's christian **PRESCHOOL**

Last month at Preschool

October preschool days were filled with fall activities!

Hunted for colorful leaves

Visited Bushel and a Peck Apple Orchard

Cooked Applesauce

Played with Pumpkins and Goards - Special thanks to Larry Krause who shared enough pumpkins and gourds for our classrooms and all the preschool families!

Paraded in Costume - Thank you to the Grandfriends at SJ Apartments and SJ Staff for sharing in the fun!



This month at Preschool

Our activities this month help us to be grateful and to give thanks to God. We continue to learn and grow together at SJCP! Some highlights include

Collecting funds and food to support Feed My People Weekend Kids' meals.

Picture Day with Sharp Photo

Pop-up Perk for all the special people that bring the children to preschool

Childrens books by Leo Lionni

Swimmy (better together)

It's Mine (living peacefully)

Pezzettino (specially made)

A Color of His Own (being ourselves)

An Extraordinary Egg (knowing each other)

Openings

We currently have openings at SJCP. We would love to welcome children to join the fun with our preschool. Please share this information with families that may be interested. We suggest getting a feel for our program by visiting the classrooms and meeting our staff. We learn a lot, have some fun, and share God's love!

For more information about St John's Christian Preschool, contact Nancy Hanson or Phyllis Meier at 715.834.9571.

Thank you!

Church Information

In Sept. & Oct. 2023
We Mourned the Death of...
Joan LaPage, 84
Carol Kruger, 79

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 October was Mike McCarty and Jean Yolit.



MONTH	WQOW	WAYY
Nov.	5, 19	5, 19
Dec.	3, 17	3, 17

St. John's Lutheran Church
"Together In God" Media Ministry
Broadcast Schedule
Sundays:
TV - WQOW (ABC Network) @ 10:30a.m.

Memorial Gift Acknowledgements

General Operations in memory of Kaye Olson by H.K. Miller.

General Operations in memory of Kaye Olson by Joanne & Larry Rezin

Community Table in memory of Toni Schlageter by Ed & Emily Severson.

TV/Radio Ministry in memory of my husband, Roger & son, Alan and in honor of my 3 great grandsons by Jan Dahl.

General Operations in memory of Kaye Olson by Sally & Charles Litka.

General Operations in memory of Kaye Olson by Lynn & James Gullicksrud.

TV/Radio in memory of Eva Dorn by Anonymous.

General Operations in memory of Kay Olson by Paul & Diane Benish.

TV/Radio in honor of Pr. Christine Emerson's Installation by Gary & Paulette Carlson.

TV/Radio in honor of Pr. Christine Emerson's Installation by Louise Alt.

General Operations in memory of Kaye Olson by Eric Nielsen.

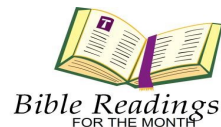
Community Table in honor of the Community Table Team by Jerry & Karen Jorgensen.

TV/Radio in honor of Pastor Christine Emerson's Installation by WELCA.

TV/Radio in memory of my husband, Bill by Cheryl Watson.

General Operations in honor of Pr. Christine Emerson's Installation by Dick & Kathy Freitag.

Thank you for these gifts.



Date	First Reading	Gospel
November 5	<i>Micah</i> 3:5-12	<i>Matthew</i> 23:1-12
November 12	<i>Amos</i> 5:18-24	<i>Matthew</i> 25:1-13
November 19	<i>Zephaniah</i> 1:7, 12-18	<i>Matthew</i> 25:14-30
November 26	<i>Ezekiel</i> 34:11-16, 20-24	<i>Matthew</i> 25:31-46

ADULT EDUCATION

Nov. 5th – Entering a Year of the Gospel of Mark –
Pastor Christine

Nov. 12th – Entering a Year of the Gospel of Mark –
Pastor Christine

Nov. 19th - Table Talks “Caretakers Coffee Clutch”



Here are some of the Adult Education offerings for this season

St. John's Lutheran Church

Part-time custodian position available for 12 hours per week. Hours are flexible; no weekends. Responsibilities include general janitorial duties, cleaning and general maintenance. Good people skills are required.

Pay is \$15.00 per hour. Full job description and application form are available at www.stjohns-ec.org. or contact Genny at 715-834-9571 or genny@stjohns-ec.org.

Children's Christmas Program

For unto us
a child is born!



“The Big Big Story”

17 December 2023

10:15 am

Small Assembly



Dear Friends, Kyle Fought has given his two weeks notice and will be leaving St. John's as our part time custodian on November 6th. If you see Kyle around during these last days, wish him well.

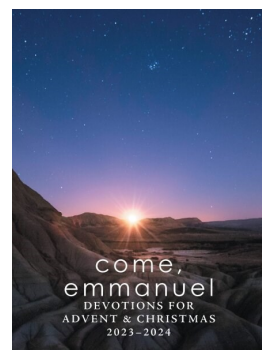




Devotions for Advent & Christmas

Please pick up a copy of the daily Advent & Christmas devotional booklets starting Sunday, November 19th.

“In *Come, Emmanuel* we join Christians around the world, past and present, in the Advent tradition of reflecting on brief prayers known as the “O Antiphons.” Christians have used the O Antiphons since the eighth century or perhaps even longer. On the first day of each set of devotions, a contemporary version of the antiphon serves as the scripture text, and a stanza from “O come, O come, Emmanuel” serves as the “To ponder” quotation. The next four days in the set include scripture texts traditionally associated with the antiphon and quotes chosen by the writers.

Emmanuel came that first Christmas. Emmanuel comes to us today. Emmanuel will come again. Rejoice and share the good news!” Augsburg Fortress



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	November 2023					4 Youth Mission Trip Raking
5 All Saints Day 9:00 am Worship with 1st Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Adult Ed. —Entering the year of the Gospel of Mark	6 5:15 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm JuBellation	7 9:30 am Staff Meeting 9:00—11:00 am WELCA Meeting 2:00 pm Sr./Home Visitation	8 9:30 am Naomi/Ruth Circle 2:45 pm Master Builders 5:15 pm FEAST 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm CIA 6:30 Confirmation: 6th & 7th 6:45 pm Choir 7:30 pm Mission Trip Mtg	9 9:30 am—2:00 pm Rostered Ministers Meeting—Luther Park 5:30 pm Youth Ministry 6:30 pm New Member Class 7:00 pm Property	10	11
12 Boy scouts Wreath Pickup 9:00 am Worship—New Member Welcome & Nametag Sunday 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Caretakers of Creation	13 4:00 pm Finance 5:15 pm Education 6:30 pm JuBellation 6:30 pm Faith Family	14 9:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Worship & Music Ministry 2:00 pm Caring Ministry 7:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting	15 9:30 am Lois Circle 2:45 pm Master Builders 5:15 pm FEAST 6:00 pm AGAPE Hip Hop Worship-Attendance required for Confirmation Students 6:45 pm Choir	16 9:00 am Volunteer @ The Community Table 10:00 am Oakwood Health Service 6:30 pm Council	17	18
19 WELCA Thankoffering 9:00 am Worship with JuBellatin 10:15 am Table Talks Caretakers of Creation 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Community & World 10:45 am Racial Justice Training @ Trinity	20 No Preschool 6:30 pm JuBellation	21 No Preschool 9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Diner's Club @ Sanghi Bistro	22 No Preschool 2:45 pm Master Builders 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship—Pie Social to Follow worship	23 Happy Thanksgiving Church office closed No Preschool 	24 Church office closed No Preschool	25
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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.

Flu, COVID and Cold season is upon us! Out of our love for each other, when you think you may be sick, please enjoy worship online or via our TV Ministry. If desired, protective masks are also available by request at St. John's.

Your Church Staff

Ministers: All the congregation

Associate Pastor: Pr. Christine Emerson

Music Director: Mark Lundin

CYF Director: Matt Svestka

Communication & Ministry Coordinator: Adriane DeMoe

Organist: Linda Ranney

Administrative Assistant: Genevieve Gorton

Bookkeeper: Jo Rauckman & Marlee Agner

Facility & Grounds Manager: David LaRose

Custodian: Kyle Fought

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

Preschool Website: www.stjohns-ec.org/grow/preschool

St. John's Website: www.stjohns-ec.org

St. John's general email: stjohns@stjohns-ec.org

CHECK US OUT ON



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

New Office Hours! Please note!

To address safety concerns for our office staff working alone in the building on Friday afternoons, our new office hours on Fridays will now be 9am – 1pm, effective October 13th. This eliminates the danger of opening the building for strangers. Open hours will vary on days of funerals and events. Please note that the office remains open Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm.

JONAH has invited the Milwaukee folk band Dead Horses to play a concert as a fundraiser for their work in social justice. The concert is Saturday November 11 at 7pm and local musician Nik Foytik will open. Concessions provided by Trinity Lutheran Youth Group, and JONAH Task Forces and event sponsors will have information booths in the lobby. \$30 online at <https://volumeonetickets.org/events/jonah-fundraiser-dead-horses-concert-11-11-2023> or \$40 at the door.

Church Council:

Jean Jirovec	President
Norb Kirk	Vice President
Penny Erickson	Secretary
Mike Kitzman	Treasurer
Mary Spryer	Caring
Patti Sontag	Community & World
Amanda Wolfe	Education
Mary Hanson	Faith Family
Ruth Lundblad	Seniors & Home Visitation
Richard Spryer	Worship & Music
Teresa Burrows	Youth
Sandy Huebscher	At-Large
Greg Johnson	At-Large