

# March 2023 Newsletter

## *St. John's Lutheran Church*

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<http://www.stjohnsalmond.com>



### *Our Mission*

*To celebrate the Gospel in Word and Sacrament which challenges us to cultivate ourselves and our community for Christ.*

**Deadline for the April Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, March 20th.**

#### **Do you have something for the April edition of the Newsletter?**

If so, there is a box located on the bookcase by the church office door. Simply place your announcement in the file folder labeled "Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements" or send an email to the church with NEWSLETTER in the subject box. [stjohnsalmond@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsalmond@gmail.com)



### *Pastor Dave Ficken*

from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Plover is our Circuit Counselor. If you need pastoral guidance while we await a new pastor to come to St. John's, please feel free to contact him.

715-498-0093 or email  
[pastor@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:pastor@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com)

### **In Service to our Lord**

**Elder Led Services:** James Cesar

**Communion Set-up:** Diane Fabich

**Greeter:** Patricia Footit

**Ushers:** Dave Marr  
Cauy Huntington

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
1 Peter 4: 10*

**Please consider volunteering for any of the above positions for the April services by contacting Betty Daberkow (715) 335-4176. Thank you!**

### **Altar Flowers**

If you have flowers to donate or wish to purchase flowers for the altar, please notify Dianne Schultz by phone (715) 366-8077 or drop a note in the church mailbox located in the fellowship hall.



### **NEW PRAYER TEAM LEADER**

Bonnie Warzynski is our new Prayer Team Leader taking Over for Cathlene Clark.

Thank you for volunteering your time to do this very important task for our church. If you have a request for the prayer chain team please email Bonnie [mike-bonnie@hotmail.com](mailto:mike-bonnie@hotmail.com) or call her at 715-966-3995.



### **Heart Warmers**

God's angels are messengers, giving us comfort and assurance of God's presence in any shadowy valley through which we may walk.

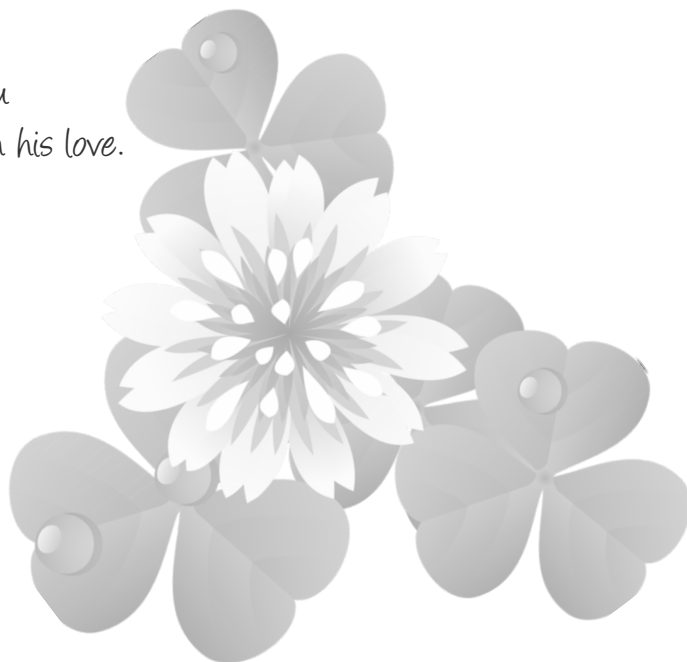


On your birthday, remember that you were wonderfully made by God and rejoice in his love.

Blessings on Your Birthday.

## March Birthdays

3/1 Carol Ellie	3/19 Aaron Schulist
3/3 Carston Roby	3/19 Bonnie Wellens
3/5 Merrick Meddaugh	3/21 Mazie Bradley
3/8 Cindy Brandl	3/22 Nicole Huntington
3/8 April Stiles	3/24 Jonathan Pleet
3/10 Dorothy Caves	3/29 Jeremy Potts
3/18 Dianne Schultz	3/30 Jed Cayce



Your love and devotion to God are the reason why you are so blessed in life.  
Keep inspiring others, stay devoted and happy together.  
Happy Anniversary!

## March Anniversaries

3/26 Denise and Chris Anderson
3/26 Patti and Randy Wohlfeil
3/31 SuAnn Pagel-Rast and Gary Rast

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed or is printed wrong please let us know. Put a note in the folder labeled, "Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements" outside the Church office.

## Memory Verse Challenge

The church confesses to Christ, "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

The church is encouraged to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." (Col. 3:16).

Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word.

Week of March 5, 2023,	<b>1 Peter 2:24</b>	He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
Week of March 12, 2023,	<b>1 John 2:2</b>	He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
Week of March 19, 2023,	<b>Romans 10:9-10</b>	Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
Week of March 26, 2023,	<b>Ephesians 1:7</b>	In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.



# Newsletter Changes

In an effort to reduce postage and copy paper costs, we are no longer going to mail out the newsletter unless we hear from you.

If you still want the newsletter to be mailed to you via USPS contact Mickie or Alan Pagel at 715-366-2001 or send an email to the church [stjohnsalmond@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsalmond@gmail.com)

The newsletter will also be offered as an email delivered to your inbox. Just make sure we know this is what you want and provide us with your email address. If this is the case, it would be best to email the church, so we get the correct address. If we do not hear from you for either of the above options, we will have hard copies available for you to pick up at the church. It will also be posted on the church website [www.stjohnsalmond.com](http://www.stjohnsalmond.com)

Please respond as soon as possible. These changes will take effect for the May Newsletter.



## Communion

Communion Services will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month as well as the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in April, July and October.

See the calendar in the monthly newsletters for specific dates (subject to change due to pastor availability).

## Ladies Aid Tidbits :

**WE WISH CATHLENE CLARK** good luck as she moves on to the next chapter in her life. Cathlene has “served the Lord with gladness” for many years. She has been a prominent figure at St. John’s; and has shared her Christian faith and knowledge with many. We will miss you, Cathlene!

**THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** will continue as scheduled, 1:00 pm at the church, until the current session is completed.

### POSITION CHANGES:

Lynne Johnson is now serving as President of LWML Ladies Aid,

Diane Fabich is chairman of Recycled Cards and will also be assisting Dianne Schultz with the Altar committee.



Lenten meals are being served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm prior to the Wednesday evening services. The main entrees are listed on the calendar in the back of this newsletter. A free-will offering will be taken with the proceeds going to defray the cost of the meals. Excess offerings will go to the local evangelism fund of the Aid. Anyone interested in helping out with the meals can sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall. Even the smallest things are appreciated! We will be blessed with Pastor Weden leading our worship after the meals beginning at 7:00 pm. There will also be fellowship following the 8:30 am Easter Sunday service so be sure to save the dates.

## Money Matters

### St. John’s 2022 Totals

#### Financial support received from:

Amazon Smile	\$88.76
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$891.00

#### Financial commitments fulfilled to:

North Wisconsin District/LCMS	\$600
Ashley Lehr LCMS Missionary Partnership	\$1200

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Mission Offering envelope contributions are evenly distributed between the 5 missions we support, unless specifically designated. In 2022, our congregation donated a total of \$4,303.47. Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School (Mosinee), AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) (Watertown), North WI District/LCMS, and St. John’s Local Evangelism each received approximately \$864. Camp Luther (Three Lakes) received \$889. Letters of appreciation and gratitude from these missions are posted on the narthex bulletin board each quarter. A sincere thank you to those who generously fund our missions, participated in the AmazonSmile program, and direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to our church.

*God bless you all!*

## thrivent CHOICE DOLLARS

### START 2023 ON A GENEROUS NOTE!

If you haven’t already done so, you can still direct 2022 Choice Dollars to the causes that matter most to you\* In fact, there are more than 45,000 organizations in our Thrivent Choice catalog from which to choose, including churches. Don’t miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy. [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call **800-THRIVENT** and say “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt.

\*2022 Choice Dollars expire on March 31,2023.

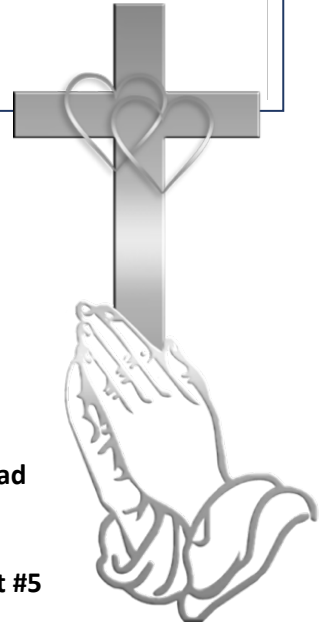


“Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”  
 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:30-31 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, we come to you in praise and prayer for courage, grace, faith, and healing within your will for:

Brian Bertotto	Mae Bertotto	Allan Erdman	Bob & Jane Edmonds	Lisa
Pat Hall	Shawn	Kathy Schulist	Jason Martin	Amy Shaw
Isabel Urban	Bernie Falk			

We also pray for the leadership of St. John’s as they pursue options for our future,  
 a secretary for our church, and  
 for the missionaries serving God’s Kingdom thru the LCMS:  
 Ashley Lehr in Puerto Rico - - - Cindy Zirbel Wrucke in the Czech Republic



**Please remember our shut-ins throughout the year  
 with a card, note of cheer, or prayers.**

Verna Yonke 3450 Bridlewood Drive  
 Whispering Pines - #108  
 Plover, WI 54467

Allan Erdman 9576 County Road P  
 Plainfield, WI 54966

Harland Newby 3380 Bridlewood Drive  
 Whispering Pines - #10  
 Plover, WI. 54467

Bonnie Wellens 1627 Oak Street  
 Almond, WI 54909

Isabel Urban N5480 Mount Morris Road  
 Wild Rose, WI 54984

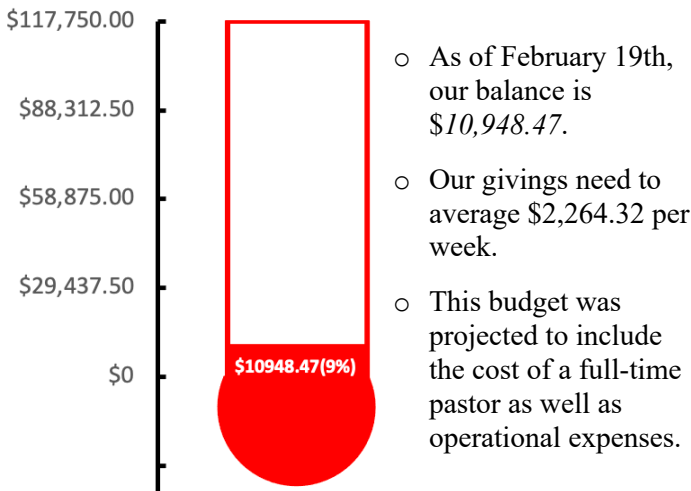
Mae Bertotto Bethany Nursing Home  
 1226 Berlin Street, Rm 218  
 Waupaca, WI 54481

Scott Boelter 1180 County Road D, Apt #5  
 Almond, WI 54909

**FOR PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a request for the prayer chain team please e-mail Bonnie Warzynski or call her. She may be reached at 715-967-3995 or mike-bonnie@hotmail.com.

The church budget goal for 2022 was \$92,274.00. We have fulfilled 75% of that budget with contributions totaling \$68,787.72. Thank you to all who continue to support St. John’s!

**THE NEW BUDGET NUMBER FOR 2023 IS  
 \$117,750.00**



**Putting the “Ha” in Hallelujah!**

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree, and the pastor greets the family.

“Pastor,” Johnny says, “I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust.”

“That’s right, Johnny, I did,” he says.

“And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust.”

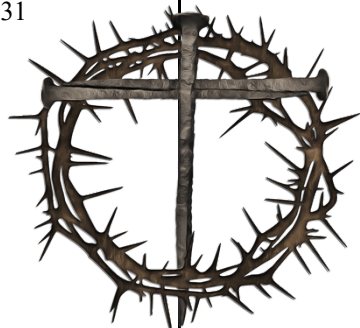
“Yes, I’m glad you were listening,” the pastor replies. “Why do you ask?”

“Well, you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, ’cause there’s someone either comin’ or goin’!”



## March 2023

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

			<p>1 Bible Study 1:00 pm</p> <p>Lasagna Supper Serving 5:30-6:30 pm</p> <p>Service 7:00 pm Pastor Weden</p>			
<p>5 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Weden</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>	6	7	<p>8 HCE 8:00-3:00</p> <p>Bible Study 1:00 pm</p> <p>Sloppy Joes Serving 5:30-6:30 pm</p> <p>Service 7:00 pm Pastor Weden</p>	9	10	<p>11 SPRING AHEAD DAYLIGHT SAVINGS! Don't forget to adjust your clocks before you go to bed tonight!</p>
<p>12 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Weden</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>	<p>13 Golden Needle Quilters 6:30 p.m.</p>	14	<p>15 Bible Study 1:00 pm</p> <p>Pulled Pork and Chicken Sandwiches Serving 5:30-6:30 pm</p> <p>Service 7:00 pm Pastor Weden</p>	<p>16 Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	17	18
<p>19 Divine Worship 8:30 am</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>	20	<p>21 Quilting 9:00 am</p>	<p>22 Bible Study 1:00 pm</p> <p>Build Your Own Nachos Supper Serving 5:30-6:30 pm</p> <p>Service 7:00 pm</p>	23	24	25
<p>26 Divine Worship 8:30 am with President Lueck</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>	27	<p>28 Quilting 9:00 am</p>	<p>29 Bible Study 1:00 pm</p> <p>Church Hotdish Serving 5:30-6:30 pm</p> <p>Service 7:00 pm Pastor Weden</p>	30	<p>31</p> 	



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WORLDWIDE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
DIVINE SERVICE 9:00  
YOUR BISHOP RECHREIN