

# May 2023 Newsletter



## ***St. John's Lutheran Church***

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### ***Our Mission***

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

**Deadline for the June Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, May 22nd.**

#### **Do you have something for the June 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)



With joyful hearts, we invite you to attend the Rite of Confirmation and reception of Lacie Bradley, Tucker Stiles, and Emmitt Stiles into the LCMS. Please celebrate their journey on Sunday, May 28, 8:30 am worship service at Saint John's. Pastor Dave Ficken officiating.

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

**Elders:** James Cesar and Alan Pagel

**Communion:** Betty Daberkow

**Greeter:** Pat Hutkowski

**Ushers:** Betty Daberkow

*"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 June 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.



### **Heart Warmers**

Just a tiny seed of faith, watered with love, wisdom and hard work, grows into a majestic tree of blessings.



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

*Blessings on Your Birthday.*

## May Birthdays

5/01 Sandy Feltz	5/14 Scott Petrick	5/25 Wayne Schulist
5/2 Joan Rohde	5/17 Jonathan Rohde	5/26 Mackenzie Brandl
5/4 Alan Pagel	5/18 Randy Ellie	5/27 Mickie Pagel
5/4 Charles Ulrich	5/23 Amy Eppinger	5/30 Riley Stiles
5/9 Lisa Footit		



*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!*

## May Anniversaries

5/3 Debra and Bing Getzloff	5/28 Joan and Ronald Kenowski
5/9 Brenda and Craig Newby	5/29 Trina and Jim Warzynski
5/18 Cindy and Bill Brandl	5/30 Sandy and Michael Feltz

*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 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 May 7	<b>John 17:17</b>	Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
Week of May 14	<b>Romans 12:12</b>	Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Week of May 21	<b>Philippians 1:6</b>	I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
Week of May 28	<b>John 1:12</b>	To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces remembers our nation's military veterans, service personnel, chaplains, and families.

**ARMED FORCES DAY** is Saturday, May 20, 2023.

Give thanks to God in honoring the men and women who faithfully answered the call to serve in our nation's military.



Thank you to all who donated to LCMS North Wisconsin District Disaster Response Sunday collection during the month of April. Your financial support to this mercy ministry not only



helps with the response to devastations of disaster but provides training and

networking for the volunteers who serve our district. God Bless You!

### UNITED WAY'S COMMUNITY DIAPER DRIVE

Enables access to children's diapers and other necessities for low-income families in Portage County. Diapers of all sizes, wipes (preferably non-scented), diaper rash cream, formula (shelf-stable only), and monetary donations. To see when and where collection sites will be and where distribution sites are, visit their website below.



Collections begin May 14 and end June 18.

**New this year** - Sponsor a Diaper Bag and 2023 Community Baby Shower.

[www.unitedwaypoco.org/community-diaper-drive](http://www.unitedwaypoco.org/community-diaper-drive)

### CELEBRATORY PRAYERS FOR OUR GRADUATES...

Do you have a young adult graduating from High School, College or Technical College? We would love to recognize their future goals and accomplishments in the June newsletter. Drop an email to St. John's at [stjohnsalmond@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsalmond@gmail.com)



## 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 July and October.

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

# Ladies Aid Tidbits :

### GIVE THANKS!

The midweek Lenten meals and Easter breakfast were enjoyed by many. We would like to express gratitude to all who participated in *any* capacity to make these meals a success. \$1026 was raised for LWML Local Evangelism fund. Thrivent Action Team also provided seed money. In the future, *no meals* will be served if school is cancelled due to inclement weather.



### EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to the Altar Committee for organizing the Easter lilies and spring flowers to purchase in celebration of Jesus' resurrection.



### RECYCLED CARDS

Please browse through our assortment of Mother's Day, Graduation and Confirmation cards. A free-will donation for all recycled cards are accepted.

### FUNERAL LUNCHEON

Ladies Aid served 96 people on Saturday, April 1 for the Potts funeral. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

### LWML SPRING ZONE RALLY



Three members from St. John's LWML attended the rally held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stevens Point on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speakers were from Ethiopian Community Development Center (ECDC) and Wycliffe Bible Translators. Lynne Johnson led the Christian Life Bible Study on Holy Communion. Communion was administered by Pastor Josh Baumann following. 46 LWML members attended; 51 total.

### NEW VICE PRESIDENT

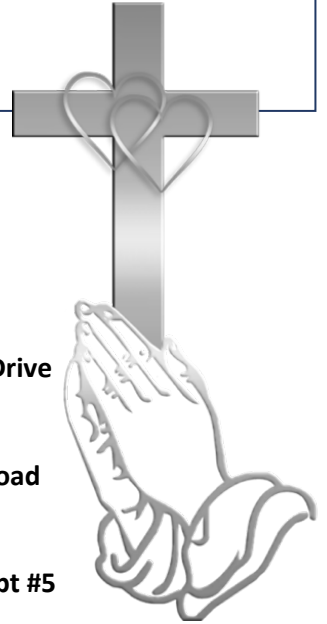
Patti Wohlfeil has filled the vacant LWML society Vice President position to complete the term.

“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	Bob & Jane Edmonds	Allan Erdman	Stan Hall
Kathy Schulist	Amy Shaw	Riley Stiles	Lisa	Isabel Urban
Bonnie Wellens				

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** 10599 Big Arbor Vitae Drive  
 Arbor Vitae, WI 54568

**Isabel Urban** N5480 Mount Morris Road  
 Wild Rose, WI 54984

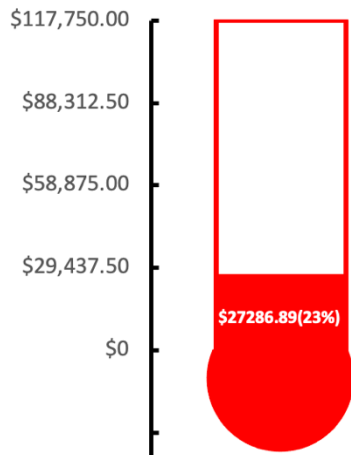
**Mae Bertotto** Bethany Nursing Home  
 1226 Berlin Street, Rm 218  
 Waupaca, WI 54481

**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 715-966-3995 or mike-bonnie@hotmail.com.

Thank you to all who continue to support St. John’s!

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



- As of April 23rd, our balance is \$27,286.89.
- Our givings need to average \$2,264.32 per week.
- This budget was projected to include the cost of a full-time pastor as well as operational expenses.

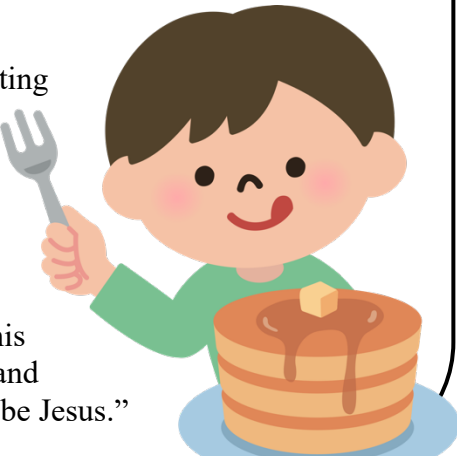


## Putting the “Ha” in Hallelujah!

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, five-year old Kevin and three-year old Ryan. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

“If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.’”

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus.”



## May 2023

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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<p>7 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Weden</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>	<p>8 Golden Needle Quilters 7:00 pm</p>					<p>13 Golden Needle Quilters Workshop 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm</p>
<p>14 Divine Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Lueck</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>				<p>18 Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 pm</p>		
<p>21 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Lueck</p> <p><b>Voter's Meeting</b> and Fellowship following Service</p>		<p>23 Quilting 9:00 am</p>				
<p>28 <b>Confirmation Sunday Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Ficken</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day</p>	<p>30 Quilting 9:00 am</p>				

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