

July 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 August Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, July 24th.

Do you have something for the August 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



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

KING VETERANS HOME COLLECTION

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King is a long term and rehabilitative care facility caring for veterans and their dependents. The North Wisconsin District supports a full-time LCMS chaplain who helps provide for the spiritual welfare of these veterans and their families. Your giving ensures that we can continue to fund this unique and valuable ministry.

St. John's will be collecting through July 4th. Only NEW items and monetary donations will be accepted. There are "wish lists" available on the table in the Fellowship hall. Thank you for your kindness and generosity! – Stewardship Committee



In Service to our Lord

Elders: James Cesar and Alan Pagel

Communion: Judy Kollock
Wayne Teske

Greeter: Judy Kollock

Ushers: Dianne and Ed Schultz

*"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 August 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

Mistakes are valuable.

They show us the correct path to take next time.



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

Blessings on Your Birthday.

July Birthdays



7/1 Susan Martinson	7/7 Patti Wohlfeil	7/21 Brian Scheel
7/2 Kylie Bradley	7/8 Jacinda Cole	7/23 Bryon Klabunde
7/3 Eric Beggs	7/8 Hans Schmid	7/25 Bob Rohde
7/3 David Marr	7/11 Kevin Lemke	7/26 Audra Hennes
7/4 Kinley Schulke	7/13 Peggy Otto	7/27 Kendall Richtmyre
7/5 Tallie Stiles	7/15 Carson Schmidt	7/28 Jon Pagel, Jr.
7/6 Rodger Erdman	7/19 Jonathan Evertsen	7/31 Joe Wellens
7/6 Barbara Roesener		

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!

July Anniversaries



7/5 Mary and Daniel Erlandson	7/16 Marilyn and Eric Beggs
7/12 Emily and Erich Gerding	7/19 Jami and Carl Schmidt
7/15 Krista and Andrew Bradley	7/31 Pat and Stanley Hall

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 July 2	Colossians 4:2	Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
Week of July 9	Isaiah 40:8	The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
Week of July 16	John 5:39	You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.
Week of July 23	Hebrews 1:1-2	Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.
Week of July 30	1 John 4:18	There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts our fear.

CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Front Row: Tallie Stiles, Krista Bradley, Lacie Bradley, Carol Fenske, Kaden Fenske, Nicole Huntington, Jovie and April Stiles. Back Row: Thomas and Jonathan Evertson, Alan Pagel, Kameron and Kevin Fenske, Jason Stiles, Tyler Huntington, Irene and Jim Cesar.

The confirmation prep students and parents had a great family fun even on May 31st to celebrate our break for summer. The students picked a menu of walking tacos and ice cream. After our bellies were full, we played a tough game of kickball—adults vs. the kids.



I want to thank all the students, families and elders that participated in the prep classes and our family event. In our classes this year we really focused on becoming familiar with the Bible. How to use it, the different books of the Bible, the different genres. As I told the students, all the answers we need can be found in the Bible, we just need to read it. We also spent a fair amount of time discussing the significance of the church, why we recite a liturgy, the sacraments and why we do them, the significance of the candles, etc. As special as the building (St. John's church) is, I want the students to understand that God's church is a gathering of believers. Wherever we go in God's name, we are the church.
Nicole Huntington, Confirmation Prep Instructor



CEMETERY NOTES

The badgers that were digging holes have left the property! Now I can fill and seed the damaged areas.

Special Note: If you or anyone wants to plant and/or trim shrubs around a gravestone, please contact myself or Mickie at 715-366-2001. Leave a message if no answer. We have had plantings in undesignated areas and shrubs being trimmed with the branches disposed of in the wrong areas. I then have to load it, clean up the mess and move it. Please call us – thank you.

In this dry weather we are not mowing as often, and the grass may look a bit taller than usual in some areas.

Alan Pagel, Cemeterian

Ladies Aid Tidbits :



1 Cor. 1:18-25

LCMS National Convention

July 29 – August 3, 2023

Milwaukee – Wisconsin Center

The 68th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will be held at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee on July 29 – August 3. The theme is “We Preach Christ Crucified.” Learn more about important elections, the triennial offering, overtures submitted to floor committees and more, all at <https://www.lcms.org/conventions/national>.



TATER TOOT!

The ladies of St. John's have been busy making pies for the Tater Toot. All the help has been greatly appreciated!

Sign-up sheets will be coming out soon for pie stand set-up/take down,

and time slots to work the Tater Toot sale. All kinds of jobs are available: serving/slicing pie, taking orders and packaging them, keeping table stocked, scooping ice cream, and clean-up. Stop by if you can during Tater Toot!

Customers arrive early looking forward to our baked goods, in addition to the pies, and sweet rolls. The “early birds” enjoy a cup of coffee and a sweet treat. Please mark price if you donate any items for our bake sale table. Thank you!

QUILTING

45 quilts were taken to Orphan Grain Train WI Branch in Westfield. The quilts will be distributed to locations of need.



FUNERAL ASSIST - The Ladies Aid assisted with recent funerals. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Jim Alverson and Harland Newby.

LWML Birthday Party - 10 members attended the annual LWML Birthday Party that was held at Grazies Italian Grill in Stevens Point, in lieu of monthly meeting. The scripture verse theme was “A friend loves at all times” -Proverbs 17:17. Cathlene Clark was also recognized for her past role as Ladies Aid President and years of friendship.



“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:

Mae Bertotto	Bob Edmonds	Allan Erdman	Stan Hall	Jan Meyer
Kathy Schulist	Amy Shaw	Riley Stiles	Lisa	Isabel Urban
Bonnie Wellens	Judy Fenske			

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

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

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

Bonnie Wellens 10599 Big Arbor Vitae Drive
 Arbor Vitae, WI 54568

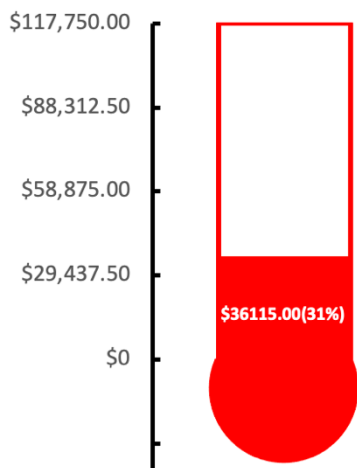
Allan Erdman 9576 County Road P
 Plainfield, WI 54966

Isabel Urban N5480 Mount Morris Road
 Wild Rose, WI 54984

FOR PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the prayer chain team please e-mail or call Bonnie Warzynski. 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 June 18th, our balance is \$36,115.15.
- 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!

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.

“Where would you like to sit?” he asked politely.

“The front row please,” she answered.

“You really don’t want to do that,” the usher said, “The pastor is really boring.”

“Do you happen to know who I am?” the woman inquired.

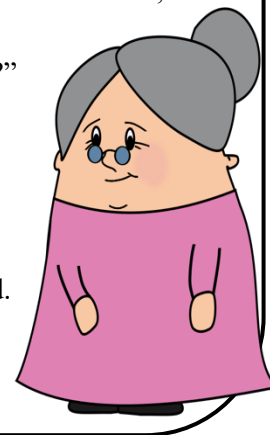
“No,” he said.

“I’m the pastor’s mother,” she replied indignantly.

“Do you know who I am?” he asked.

“No,” she said.

“Good,” he answered.



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 Divine Worship Service 8:30 am Fellowship following Service	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Divine Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Weden Fellowship following Service	10 Golden Needle Quilt Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15
16 Divine Communion Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Weden Fellowship following Service	17	18 NO QUILTING THIS MONTH!	19 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20 Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23 Divine Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Lueck Fellowship following Service	24	2 <u>5</u>	26	27	28 TATER TOOT	30 TATER TOOT PIE AND BAKE SALE!
30 Divine Communion Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Schwanke Fellowship following Service	31					

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