

# September 2023 Newsletter



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

1165 County Road D, Almond WI 54909

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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 October Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, September 25th.**

#### **Do you have something for the October 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**

**Elders:** James Cesar and Alan Pagel

**Communion:**

**Greeter:**

**Ushers:**

*"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 October 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**

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."  
Isaiah 30:21 (NIV)

#### **ITEMS NEEDED!**

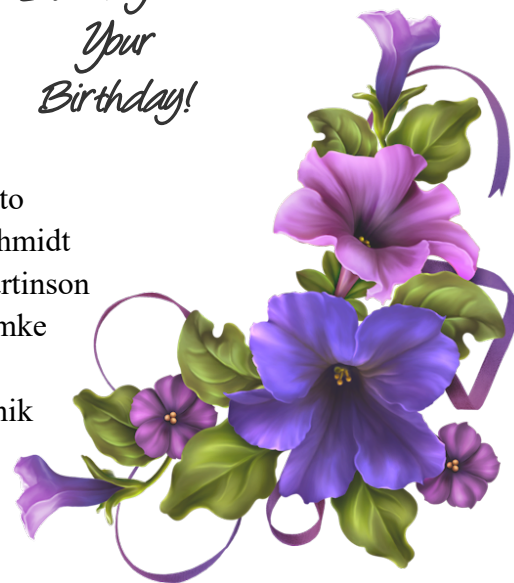
Joseph Hope Pantry needs toiletries for men and women. Toiletries may be placed in the food box in the narthex and will be taken to the Plainfield site as the box becomes full. Joseph Hope serves many needy families in the Almond/Plainfield/Hancock/Bancroft area.



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

## September Birthdays

*Blessings on  
Your  
Birthday!*



9/1 Autumn Schulke	9/10 Samara Hennes	9/26 Greg Otto
9/3 Marcey Lehman	9/11 Jason Hennes	9/27 Jami Schmidt
9/4 Arthur Pagel	9/11 Laura Klabunde	9/28 Erin Martinson
9/4 Carmen Pagel	9/12 Michael Feltz	9/29 Erin Lemke
9/4 Jim Warzynski	9/15 Reed Warner	9/29 Raegan Omernik
9/5 Hailey Anderson	9/17 AJ Ellie	
9/6 Ronald Beggs	9/19 Brandon Warzynski	
9/6 Terri Horacek	9/20 Pam Meddaugh	
9/7 Kathryn Sanderfoot	9/22 Diane Fabich	

*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!*

## September Anniversaries

9/12 Terri & Anthony Warzynski	9/17 Pam & Dale Meddaugh	9/20 Robyn & Jeremy Potts
9/14 Heather & Wes Schulke	9/18 Barbara & Dennis Footit	9/28 Kayla & Ethan Warzynski
9/16 Susan & Kevin Lemke	9/18 Pat & Rich Hutkowski	

*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 Sept. 3	<b>2 John 6</b>	This is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.
Week of Sept. 10	<b>2 Samuel 7:22</b>	You are great, O lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
Week of Sept. 17	<b>1 Samuel 12:24</b>	Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.
Week of Sept. 24	<b>The Memory Verse Challenge has concluded!</b>	

I hope you enjoyed reading the verses whether you memorized them or not.



## NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING

Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration and morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Devotions will be led by Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, president of the North Wisconsin District. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, executive director of Synod's Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) and speaker emeritus for The Lutheran Hour, will share the message "Defending our Religious Liberty as People of Faith." The cost is \$30 which includes morning refreshments, program and lunch. Registration deadline is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. An offering will be collected at the event to support the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the NWD homepage at [www.nwdlcms.org](http://www.nwdlcms.org) under "Events and Info."

## CEMETERY CLEAN UP!

The summer sun, wind and rain take a toll on all of the beautiful flowers at the cemetery. It's time to clean it up and prepare for fall and winter. Please pick up anything that you placed on graves that you want to save prior to October 15. We will dispose of any flowers that are left. Fall and Winter arrangements may be placed after October 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

## LOOKING FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

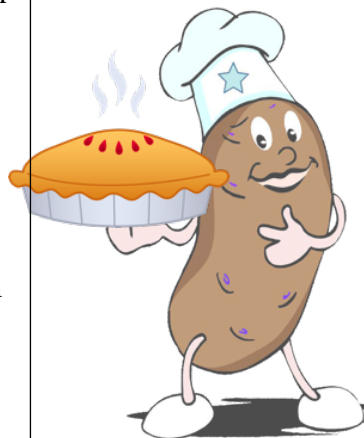
The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) is ideal for income eligible people 55+ who enjoy children, have some extra time, want activity to keep young, and could use a tax-free stipend and mileage reimbursement each month. Under the direction of a teacher, each foster grandparent spends 7.5 hours or more per week in an area school assisting children, one-on-one and in small groups with developmental and learning tasks such as reading, language, math and social skills. On-going training is provided, and

no previous classroom experience is needed.

For more information, contact the FGP Coordinator at the Aging & Disability Resource Center. (715) 346-1401



## Ladies Aid Tidbits :



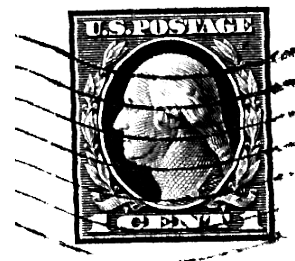
### TATER TOOT

Sincere gratitude is extended to each and every person who helped make the Tater Toot pie and bake sale a success. Over \$2,000 was raised, which will be distributed to our designated missions.

Many thanks to the Wagon Wheel for their generous donation of the cherry and blueberry pie fillings.

### THE LWML NEEDS YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS!

Cut them at least 1/4-inch away from the perforation and drop them off at church. There is a box in the fellowship hall for them.



The LWML sells the stamps and applies the proceeds to their mission projects.

### SPREAD THE WORD!

**VOCATIO: Retreat** set for October 22-24. Know a college student or second-career adult interested in full-time ministry serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain.? Tell them about **Vocatio: Retreat**. This is a distinctively Lutheran retreat that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer and the opportunity to learn more from some of the brightest theologians in the church. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend the three-day retreat. Registration is free and includes lodging and meals. To register, visit [www.csl.edu/vocation-retreat](http://www.csl.edu/vocation-retreat) or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary."

“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:*

Bob Edmonds	Allan Erdman	Stan Hall	Jan Meyer	Matt Weiss
Eric Martinson	Ida Frizzell	Lisa	Isabel Urban	Bonnie Wellens
Doug Curwen	Gayle			

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

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

**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

**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.



## Putting the “Ha” in Hallelujah!

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid rainbow in the sky.

“Doesn’t it look like an artist painted this rainbow?” his mother exclaimed. “I bet God painted this just for you!”

“Yes,” replied Philip, “God did it, and he did it left-handed.”

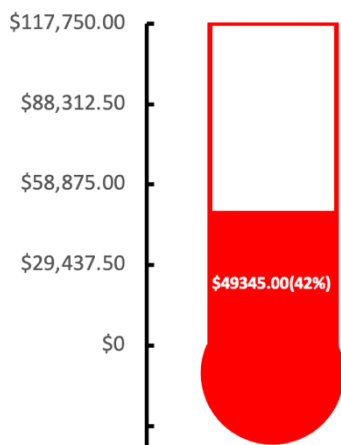
Confused, his mother asked him, “What makes you say God did this with his left hand?”

“Well,” said Philip, “we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God’s right hand.”



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

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



- As of August 20th, our balance is \$49,344.92.
- 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.



## September 2023

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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3 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Lueck  Fellowship following Service	4	5	6 Bible Study 9:00 a.m.	7	8	9
10 Divine Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Weden  Fellowship following Service	11 Golden Needle Quilters 6:00 p.m.	12	13 Parents Confirmation Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16 Golden Needle Quilters 9:00 – 3:00
17 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Weden  Fellowship following Service	18	19 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	20 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21 Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23
24 Divine Worship with Pastor Steven Vaudt 8:30 am  <b>Confirmation Class</b> and Fellowship following Service	25	26 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	27	28	29	30

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Return Service Requested

