

November 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

December Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, November 20th.

Do you have something for the December 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

In Service to our Lord

Elders: James Cesar and Alan Pagel

**Communion Set Up,
and Greet :**

Judy Kollock and Wayne Teske

Usher:

*"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 December 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.



RECYCLING

Thank you for supporting the Staples Rewards Recycling Program! Our office supplies expenses are reduced because of your generous donations of empty ink and toner cartridges.

Look for the designated box for recycling these items in the fellowship hall under the table.



Heart Warmers

Where there is

peace

GOD is.

~ George Herbert

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

November Birthdays

*Blessings on
Your
Birthday!*



11/1 Rita Walkowicz
11/4 Jewell Schleizer
11/11 Scott Boelter
11/12 Anthony Warzynski
11/13 Gary Otto
11/14 Carl Schmidt
11/15 Douglass Footit
11/16 Bonnie Warzynski

11/18 Maisyn Schwartzman
11/19 Brady McIntee
11/20 Jaelyn Klabunde
11/20 John Roesener
11/20 Cole Warzynski
11/22 Mike Cole
11/22 Lucas Footit

11/23 Callie Bacon
11/23 Kaden Fenske
11/23 Trina Warzynski
11/26 Pat Hall
11/27 Carol Melk
11/28 Kameron Fenske
11/29 Carter Newby

*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!

November Anniversaries

11/15 Brittney and Dave Johnson

*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.*



ADVENT SEASON IS APPROACHING!

The Ladies Aid will kick off the Advent Season with a Chicken Soup and Chili Supper on Wednesday, November 29th. Serving will begin at 5:45 and wrap up at 6:45 pm.

December 6th is Italian night and December 13th will be sandwiches.

Wednesday evening church services will begin at 7:00 pm with Pastor Andrew Weden.

Join Us at
Advent Worship



We're Hiring!

CUSTODIAN:

We are looking to fill the paid position of custodian for the church. You will earn extra pay for funerals and weddings. Flexible hours. For more information send an email to the church with CUSTODIAN in the subject box or contact any council member.

CHURCH SECRETARY:

Job description: provide administrative support to Pastor and St. John's Lutheran Church as a whole. Duties include but are not limited to general clerical, management of church membership, care of items in sanctuary and project-based work. Basic reading, writing and arithmetic skills are required. Basic knowledge of computer use, proficient with Microsoft Office software and PowerChurch software. Duties require proficient typing ability. Part time with flexible hours. For a more detailed description of duties send an email to the church with SECRETARY in the subject box or contact any council member.

church email address: stjohnsalmond@gmail.com

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!



Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back to His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

Ladies Aid Tidbits :

LWML Ladies Aid **TAKE ORDER**



Lemon Pie - Apple Pie - Pumpkin Pie

ORDER DATES: November 1 thru 17.

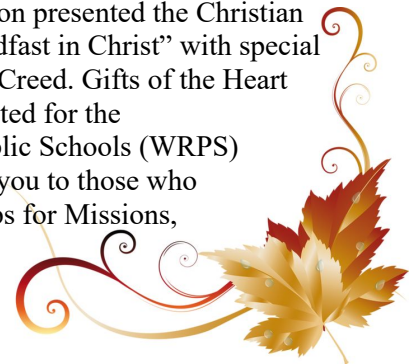
PICK UP: November 22.

Lemon, Apple (Baked or Frozen), and Pumpkin Pies are \$12 each. See order sheets at church, or call Dianne Schultz 715-366-8077, or Betty Daberkow 715-340-4176.

Thrivent Action Team Grant helped fund this project; proceeds will go to the five missions St. John's supports. We thank you for your generosity!

LWML FALL ZONE RALLY, Wisconsin Rapids on October 21st

Four Ladies Aid members attended St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church fall zone rally. Rev. Preston Paul of Almena, WI was the program speaker. His topic was the Book of Psalms – "Lord teach me to pray and learn to pray like Jesus in Psalms." Lynne Johnson presented the Christian Life bible study "Steadfast in Christ" with special focus on the Apostles Creed. Gifts of the Heart ingathering was collected for the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS) Caring Closet. Thank you to those who donated postage stamps for Missions, pop-top tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and eyeglasses for MOST Ministries.



JOSEPH HOPE FOOD PANTRY

The monthly food distribution at the New Life Church, Plainfield location, continues to be a great community need. Five LWML members helped at the October 20th distribution. The beautiful fall weather and sunshine kept everyone in a cheerful mood.

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Election of officers will take place at the November 16th meeting, along with further discussion of Mission Givings, Advent meal planning, and December Cheer Box packing.

“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:

Allan Erdman	Isabel Urban	Stan Hall	Bonnie Wellens	Jan Meyer
Gayle	Eric Martinson	Matt Weiss	Pastor Wayne and Eileen Schwanke	
Doug Curwen	Sherry Stegemeyer	Derek	Rick Hotchkiss	Joleen Hunkins
Bob Kollock	Karen Ulrich	Tony Sibble	Sam Weatherford	Pam Bertotto
Dennis Footit				

We also pray for the leadership of St. John’s as they pursue options for our future, a secretary and custodian for our church, and for the missionaries serving God’s Kingdom thru the LCMS:

Ashley Lehr in Puerto Rico



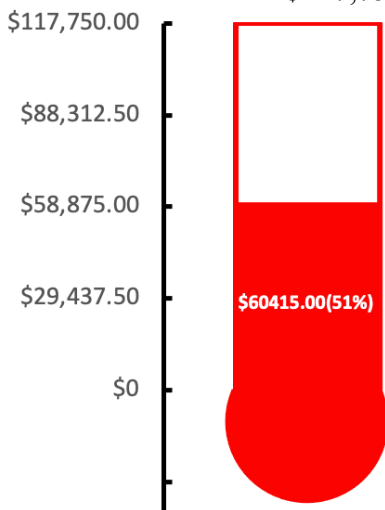
Please remember our shut-ins throughout the year with a card, note of cheer, or prayers.

<u>Verna Yonke</u>	Whispering Pines - #108 3450 Bridlewood Drive Plover, WI 54467	Dorothy Caves	Silver Lake Manor N2641 17th Lane Wautoma, WI 54982
<u>Scott Boelter</u>	1180 County Road D, Apt #5 Almond, WI 54909	<u>Isabel Urban</u>	N5480 Mount Morris Road Wild Rose, WI 54984
<u>Allan Erdman</u>	9576 County Road P Plainfield, WI 54966	<u>Bonnie Wellens</u>	10599 Big Arbor Vitae Drive Arbor Vitae, WI 54568

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 October 21st, our balance is \$60,414.65.
- 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!



GIVING THANKS

A young boy was asked to share what he was thankful for before eating Thanksgiving dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa and all of his aunts, uncles and cousins. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited...and waited...after a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, “If I thank God for the broccoli, won’t he know that I’m lying?”



November 2023

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1 Bible Study 9:00 am Confirmation Class 5:00-6:00 pm	2	3	4 Daylight Savings Starts Tomorrow!
5 Divine Communion Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Weden SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING and Fellowship following Service	6	7	8 Bible Study 9:00 am Confirmation Class 5:00-6:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Divine Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Schultz Fellowship following Service	13 Golden Needle Quilters 7:00 pm	14	15 Bible Study 9:00 am Confirmation Class 5:00-6:00 pm	16 Ladies Aid 7:00 pm	17	18
19 Divine Communion Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Weden VOTERS MEETING and Fellowship following Service	20	21	22 Take Order Pie Sale	23 THANKSGIVING DAY 	24	25
26 Divine Worship with Pastor Lamont 8:30 am Fellowship following Service Confirmation Class 9:45-10:45 am	27	28 Quilting 9:00 am	29 TRIM the TREE SERVICE 7:00 pm Join us for Supper! Chicken Soup or Chili 5:45-6:45	30 		

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Return Service Requested

