

# October 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 November Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, October 23rd.**

#### **Do you have something for the November 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 Set Up,**

**Greet and Usher:**

Irene and James Cesar

*"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 November 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.



### **THE VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN!**

We now support Peace Lutheran Campus Center ministries. This was voted on at the September Council meeting to replace Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School, which closed its doors in July. Congregation contributions are submitted quarterly to support our five missions.



### **Heart Warmers**

**TO LIVE  
A LIFE  
OF** *faith*

... is to live always in God's comforting presence, at peace in the home of his love.

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

## October Birthdays

|       |                   |       |                 |       |                 |
|-------|-------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| 10/1  | Brianna Haga      | 10/17 | Drew Painter    | 10/26 | Carrie Omernik  |
| 10/4  | Nicholas Footit   | 10/18 | Emmitt Stiles   | 10/27 | Ryan Warzynski  |
| 10/9  | Debra Getzloff    | 10/21 | Andrew Bradley  | 10/29 | David Beyer     |
| 10/9  | Tyler Huntington  | 10/21 | James Johnson   | 10/29 | Dennis Footit   |
| 10/9  | Elizabeth Painter | 10/23 | Lacey Warzynski | 10/3  | Cassandra Pleet |
| 10/10 | Alex Hennes       |       |                 |       |                 |

Blessings on  
Your  
Birthday!



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!

## October Anniversaries

|       |                          |       |                          |
|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 10/1  | Rita and David Walkowicz | 10/16 | Carol and Robert Melk    |
| 10/3  | Diane and Mark Roeske    | 10/20 | Jade and Jeff Heise      |
| 10/11 | Karen and Charles Ulrich | 10/31 | Susan and Eric Martinson |
| 10/16 | Carol and Kevin Fenske   |       |                          |

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.

## TRUNK OR TREAT!

Would you like to be a part of our second Trunk or Treat community outreach program? Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> is the date set for the Village of Almond to host Trick-or-Treating from 5:00-7:00 pm. Members of St. John's are invited to join in the fun by decorating your car/trunk to hand out treats to the trick-or-treaters from the church driveway. All we ask is you refrain from using "demonic" decorations. Come early enough to set up and open your trunk by 4:45!

The Ladies Aid will provide snacks and drinks to those who participate in the Trunk or Treat event. Stop in for fellowship and a treat afterwards, or just to warm up!



**THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER** congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers. **FOR TEACHERS** we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church. **FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS** who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them **"THANK YOU!"** for all they do! Visit [resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve](http://resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve) to learn more.



## It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)

## Ladies Aid Tidbits :

### LCMS MISSIONARY RETIRES

Please keep Cynthia Wrucke in your prayers as she ended her missionary service with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod effective September 30. We wish her well in her retirement.

### CAMP LUTHER FALL RETREAT

Three ladies attended the 74<sup>th</sup> LWML NWD Fall Retreat in September. "Adoption" was the overall theme and the bible study focused on Jesus and Joseph. We have all been adopted into God's family through Christ's atoning work that has been delivered to us through baptism. Activities included fleece tie blankets for servant event, string art crafts, mite walk, singing, Bible trivia, fellowship, various games, and campfires. Gifts of the Heart were collected for Camp Luther.

### LWML Ladies Aid *TAKE ORDER*



Lemon Pie - Apple Pie - Pumpkin Pie

*Our ovens have been fixed!*

Mark your calendars for the Fall Take Order Pie Sale on November 22. Order dates to be announced for lemon, apple and pumpkin pies. \$12.00 each.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

Ladies Aid will provide snacks and drinks to those who participate in the Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 27. Stop in for fellowship and a treat afterwards, or just to warm up!



“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  | Lisa                | Isabel Urban | Bonnie Wellens    | Doug Curwen    |
| Eileen Schwanke | Pastor Dan Hinrichs | Gayle        | Sherry Stegemeyer | Joleen Hunkins |
| Rick Hotchkiss  | Bob Kollock         |              |                   |                |

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



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

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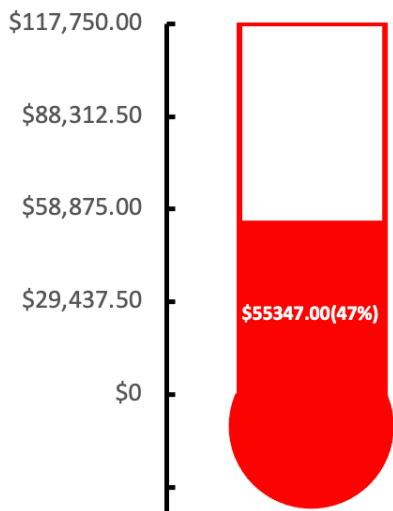
**Bonnie Wellens** 10599 Big Arbor Vitae Drive  
 Arbor Vitae, WI 54568

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**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 September 203rd, our balance is \$55,3436.77.
- 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!

There was a rich man who was quite distressed over the prospect of not being able to take his riches with him when he died.

So, before he died, he loaded his briefcase with two gold bars from his private vault and left instructions to have the case locked with the key, handcuffed it to his wrist and the key placed into his grave clothes. His family carried out his orders correctly, to the letter.

When he appeared at the pearly gates, he had the briefcase with him, key in hand. St. Peter asked, “What do you have in your suitcase?”


Very proudly, the man unlocked the case, opened it and displayed his two gold bars.

St. Peter said, “Isn’t that special! You brought pavement.”



## October 2023

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

|   |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| <p>1<br/><b>Divine Communion Worship</b><br/>8:30 am with Pastor Gary Schultz</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p> | 2   | 3  | <p>4<br/>Bible Study<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation Class<br/>5:00-6:00 pm</p>                                     | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| <p>8<br/>Divine Worship<br/>8:30 am with Pastor Lueck</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>                         | <p>9<br/>Golden Needle Quilters<br/>7:00 pm</p> | 10   | <p>11<br/>Bible Study<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation Class<br/>5:00-6:00 pm</p>                                    | 12                                       | 13   | 14   |
| <p>15<br/><b>Divine Communion Worship</b><br/>8:30 am with Pastor Weden</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>       | 16  | <p>17<br/>NWD Adult Gathering in Weston<br/>(see Sept. newsletter for details)</p> | <p>18<br/>Bible Study<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation Class<br/>5:00-6:00 pm</p> <p>Council Meeting<br/>7:00 pm</p> | <p>19<br/>Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 pm</p> | 20   | <p>21<br/>LWML Fall Rally at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Wis. Rapids</p> |
| <p>22<br/>Divine Worship<br/>8:30 am with Pastor Weden</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>                        | 23  | <p>24<br/>Quilting<br/>9:00 am</p>   | <p>25<br/>Bible Study<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation Class<br/>5:00-6:00 pm</p>                                    | 26                                       | <p>27<br/>TRUNK OR TREAT!<br/>5:00-7:00 pm</p>  | 28   |
| <p>29<br/>Divine Worship<br/>8:30 am</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p>  | 30  | <p>31<br/>Quilting<br/>9:00 am</p>   |   |  |  |  |

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Return Service Requested

