



Thea Harpold, Grade 3

Prairie du Sac, WI

August 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Having an intern has been a blessing to our congregation. It has allowed us to use our gifts of hospitality in welcoming students as well as using our gifts of teaching. We are a good site and thus we are a gift to the larger church.

Along with blessing us, the intern program has been a blessing to me. It has helped me think about what I do and why I do things the way I do. It has helped me to reflect on the importance of leadership and mentorship.

Over the course of my life, I have had a number of mentors. Many of them have been pastors. For instance, during my confirmation years there was Rev. Ron Otterson. Ron had the patience of Job! He had to, for as a student I asked every question about God that a young person could ask. On top of that, I was not easily placated by simple answers to probing questions. Ron walked with me during hard times in my family and was encouraging at times when it would have been simpler to just ignore me.

As I entered college, Rev. Ron Letnes entered my life. Ron was the director of Lake Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp in Slayton, MN. Ron was energetic and passionate about kids and Jesus. For four summers he pushed me to think more deeply about faith and the practice of living out my faith. Forgiveness, confession and honesty were highly valued. When I wanted to whine about difficult kids, he simply would respond, "How are you loving Jesus today?"

I continued to work in youth ministry after college with Rev. Craig Johnson for two years at Mt. Olivet in Richfield, MN. Craig helped me see how ministry was connected to our personal life and how the importance of self-awareness and good boundaries could lead to effective ministry.

I spent nine years in Rockford, IL working with Rev. Jim Roberts. He helped me see the larger breadth of understanding when it came to how people perceived God in their life. He introduced me to other traditions and peoples whose search for God led them to explore some of our past, and often forgotten, Christian spiritual disciplines. Jim introduced various perspectives on faith that I had not yet examined.

In my third year of seminary I too went on internship. I had the privilege of serving with Rev. Bruce Lowenhagen at Dekorra Lutheran in Poynette. It would take more space than I have to tell you how much I learned during those twelve months, but I can say that I began my time there wondering if I had the skills to be a pastor, and because of the love and kindness, the challenge and teaching, and the guidance of VERY patient people, I returned to Wartburg knowing that I had chosen the right path.

Following graduation from Warburg I was called to St. John's where I was privileged to first work with Rev. Don Wendt and then Rev. Sally Williams. Both blessed me and continue to bless me with their wisdom, insight and partnership.

I suspect that most of us have people in our lives that have taught us much. I am privileged to have many that I can name. I invite you to consider those in your life who have mentored you and to give thanks to God for their role in your life.

Shalom,

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St. John's Web Page

Be sure to go online and look at our web page. See the changes at stjohnssaukprairie.org.



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

The women's Lutheran World Relief congregational project for 2016 is personal care kits. We will collect metal nail clippers in June. You may place donated items in the appropriate plastic bin in the fellowship hall.



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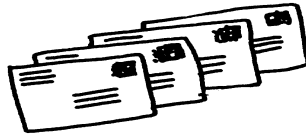


Food Pantry Sunday is August 14th. Food, paper products and cleaning supplies may be brought to the table in the gathering area. These items are distributed to many families in the Sauk Prairie community. The food pantry especially needs:

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| Peanut Butter | Crackers |
| Laundry soap | Dish soap |
| Pudding snack cups | Cookies |

Keep this list handy as you do your grocery shopping during the next few weeks.

Many parishioners find it easier to bring the items to the gathering area of the church at other times during the month. We appreciate the donations at any time.



Birthday Greetings

We hope you take a moment to send greetings to the following people who have birthdays in August. The day is in parentheses.

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| Delores Staff (7) | Rae King (9) |
| Maplewood of Sauk Prairie | The Ridges |
| 245 Sycamore St. | 215 Dale Drive |
| Sauk City, WI 53583 | Lodi, WI 53555 |

Myrtle Wyttenbach (18)
c/o Karen Rasmussen
1148 Rockdale Street
Green Bay, WI 54304

Women of the Church News



The Picnic on July 20th at the Blue Spoon was very successful, with 20 people in attendance. Everyone was very happy with the food and fellowship, and as always, we enjoyed the beautiful view of the Wisconsin River. Marge Erlandson led the Bible Study The Heart of the Matter: “Seeking God”. With the theme verse: “When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13. As she always does, Marge explained the lesson very well and we thank her so much for doing such an excellent job of teaching this for us. Larry Johnson sang for us and we also thank him very much. We agree with Eunice that he has a beautiful voice.

Circles will not have regular meetings in August. Instead, each Circle will enjoy going out to eat together or doing something of their own choice.

It is again time for us to think about putting together various kits for Lutheran World Relief. These include quilts, personal care kits, sewing kits, baby care kits and school kits. The deadline for having them all assembled and ready for shipping is September 28. For the past few years, we have asked the congregation for help in purchasing supplies for these kits...especially the school kits. The items that must go in each kit are: Four 70-sheet notebooks, blunt scissors, rulers, pencil sharpeners, five pencils, five ballpoint pens, erasers and crayons. Look for all the great back-to-school sale ads that are in the newspapers at this time of year. A box is available in the gathering area for the school kit items. Please look for it and see if we can have it overflowing soon! Martha Circle is in charge of this project. Last year we assembled 200 kits! Can we do that again?

On another page of this newsletter there is a complete list of all Lutheran World Relief kits and the supplies to make each one. You are very welcome to help us complete any of the kits.

Our Quilters always need material. If you have sheets, drapes or other large pieces of fabric, you may bring them to the church on Wednesday morning when the quilters are working...or ANY TIME at your convenience.

In September, we begin our new 3-session series “**When God’s Not Fair**”:

September: Jonah and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day

October: Jesus and the evil eye (when God blesses the undeserving)

November: Paul and the power of failure (when God chooses the unlikely)

If you are interested in joining a Circle, **NOW** would be an excellent time to start!

There will be a synod-wide women's event on September 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd West Church in Verona. The morning program is "The Cracked Pots". As we travel through life even though our age, lifestyles, and families differ, we have one common denominator, God. We are cracked vessels among God's garden of seasons—but the Potter is not finished with us yet. During this Garden Getaway, we will look at what the Bible says about different seasons of life and explore what it means to walk with God through these seasons. See your life as a garden that God created. God is the Master Gardener who has created our lives and is there with us every step of the way. Afternoon workshops include Human Trafficking, quilting and LWR, Al-Anon, LSS Refugee Resettlement, Mindfulness, and more. It promises to be a very interesting day. We may know more about who is going and who can drive in the September [Visitor](#).

Lydia Circle has been visiting Special Friends in June and July. The schedule to follow is:

Ruth Circle: August and September

Sarah Circle: October and November

Mary Circle: December and January

Martha Circle: February and March

The Bible Study Leaders' meeting for September will be August 30th at 9:00 a.m. in the church library.

Remember to look in this [Visitor](#) for a prayer for Peace to be read on August 20th.

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will meet August 11 to travel to the Norski Nook in Fitchburg in place of their regular meeting. Gather at the church at 10:45 a.m. for carpooling. Guests are welcome.



Women's Book Club

Book club will meet on Tuesday, August 30 at 10am in the church library or 6:30pm at the Blue Spoon. We will be reading "Art of Arranging Flowers" by Lynne Branard. A copy is in the church library and you can find it in the greater library system as well. If you are interested in reading ahead, the book for September 27 is "Wearing God" by Lauren F. Winner.

SPECIAL PRAYER

We invite you to pray for peace on the 20th day of each month. On August 20th, please repeat the following prayer:

Let the rain come and wash away
the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds
held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory
of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and
fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us
wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that
we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels,
beyond accents, gender or skin color.

Let the warmth and brightness
of the sun melt our selfishness.

So that we can share the joys and
feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun
be so strong that we will see all
people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain,
bring forth flowers

to surround us with beauty.

And let the mountains teach our hearts
to reach upward to heaven.

Amen.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

Starting September 18 at 6:00 p.m. we will begin another year of Adult Bible Study. We are a casual group of men and women meeting at St. John's to get to know more about the Bible. We use discussion to learn, share, laugh and support each other. We are not experts, just a group willing to search for answers and understanding together. Come and join us on the third Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

John and Linda Hines

Summer Adult Education

On Wednesdays at 6pm we continue to gather to look at the upcoming Sunday gospel lesson. We will look at the context, the literary forms, some of the Greek words and how they can be interpreted differently as well as simply looking at the text and seeing what strikes you as being interesting, challenging or confusing. The texts for August are all from Luke: Aug 3 (12: 32-40), Aug 10 (12: 49-56), Aug 17 (13: 10-17), Aug 24 14: 1, 7-14). Read the texts beforehand and come with questions.

On Thursdays at 10am we will also have an opportunity to study scripture. We will have a Bible study on Aug 11, 18 and 25. See our Sunday bulletins for more details.



In the Hospital

St. John's reports many of the names of our hospitalized and recently discharged members in the monthly newsletter. We include only those who have given us permission to print their names. You may send cards or telephone them and pray for their improved health.

Hospitalized/Recently Discharged

Tom Luetscher



With Sincere Sympathy

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

Norma Newman and family, on the death of her sister-in-law, Sandy Newman

Janet Mattson, Matthew and Harrison Klobuchar, on the death of brother and uncle, Rodney Mattson.

Stacy (Hart) and Kevin Hasheider, on the death of Stacy's mother, Jane (Hart) Royston. Those in our congregation that also grieve are sister-in-law, Helen Wenger and Jessie and Casey Ryan, special "children" to Jane.

Marvin Beuthin and family, on the death of his wife of 66 years, Gloria Beuthin.



BAPTISM

We conferred the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on two young members of our congregation this past month. Please keep them in your prayers so they may grow in faith as they grow in stature.

Otis Eugene Johnson was baptized on July 31. He is the son of Jacob and Krista (Pings) Johnson. Otis was born February 13, 2016. His sponsor is Allison Steinmetz and Keith Steinmetz is his congregational sponsor.

Ethan Avery Lohr was baptized on July 31. He is the son of Mitchell and Jennifer (Flury) Lohr and was born on May 1, 2016. Ethan's sponsors are Brandon and Danielle Lohr and his congregational sponsor is Marilyn Herschleb.

♥THANK you!

Gloria Beuthin's family would like to thank you all for your kindness and help for her funeral. The service was beautiful, the choirs and organist. Thank you to all the women and men who helped get the luncheon ready and cleaned up. A special thanks to Pastor Fred , Pastor Sally and Michaelo Abasori for being there for Gloria at home and at Maplewood. We truly appreciate everything and everyone who made this day special.

Thanks from the Beuthin family

Confirmation Class Pictures

We have been enjoying the pictures that are on the wall in the Sunday school area of our past confirmation classes. The collection was put together by Linda Hines and installed by Steve Lintl and we are thankful for their efforts. The collection is not complete as some years, especially some of the years before 1940, are missing. If you have access to a picture of one of those classes that is missing, feel free to bring it to the office. We will frame a copy of it and add it to the wall.

As part of the 125th Anniversary Celebration, we now have lists of the confirmation classes available to compare to the pictures. The lists are located in a basket on the wall near the pictures.

Since St. John's was organized in 1891 there have been over 1,200 students in our confirmation classes. We enjoy having many of those class pictures available for viewing and hope to add to our enjoyment by filling in pictures of our missing years.



Happy August Birthday!

Our Youngest:

Marli Fisher (7)

Grace Hansen (24)

Natalie Schulenburg (17)

Olivia Steinmetz (24)

Our Sunday School Students:

Ella Stephan (1)

Griffin Fritsch (3)

Cashton Suchla (9)

Olivia Elsing (11)

Melanie Brooks (12)

Quinn Goetsch (13)

Josefina Frey (18)

Logan Thiede (23)

Violet Richard (25)

Ella Yanke (27)

Olivia Thorne (30)

Sam Patterson (2)

Chesney Braund (4)

Addison Douglas (10)

Morgan Evert (11)

Emelia Osgood (12)

Brayton Bahe (14)

Chase Urban (22)

Dylan Walker (24)

Janie Kinney (26)

Oliver Harms (28)

Natalie Nurkala (31)

Our Youth:

Nicholas Fiske (11)

Anna Ballweg (15)

Layne Hall (21)

Kelsey Kreul (25)

Grant Kirner (11)

Ryan Cafilisch (19)

Ally Dunnum (24)

Leanna Niesen (31)

College and Career-age Young People:

Jacob Breunig (1)

Jordan Powell (20)

Jason Nelson (28)

Austin Powell (20)

Jacob Jones (25)



Moving? Have a New Address?

Contact the church office if you or your college student will be changing addresses. We like to keep in touch with you!

Serving in August

Ushers:

August 7

8:00 a.m.

John Hines
Linda Hines
Haakon Carlson
Kalyn Schmit

9:30 a.m.

Bob Fentress
Josie Fentress
Sheila Dittberner
Chris Kepler
Bob Fentress
Josie Fentress
Sheila Dittberner
Grace Fauerbach

August 14

John Hines
Linda Hines
Haakon Carlson
Ava Roach

Bob Fentress
Josie Fentress
Sheila Dittberner
Chris Kepler

August 21

John Hines
Linda Hines
Haakon Carlson
Kalyn Schmit

Bob Fentress
Josie Fentress
Sheila Dittberner
Chris Kepler
Bob Fentress
Josie Fentress
Sheila Dittberner
Max Sailor

August 28

John Hines
Linda Hines
Haakon Carlson

Acolytes:

August 7

8:00 a.m.

Anna Ballweg
Ruby Sandeman
Zach Guentherman
Alia Schlimgen

9:30 a.m.

Tarren Nimmow
Ella Schad
Lillian Jones
Hailee Radel
Lillian Jones
Claire Thiede
Zach Guentherman

August 14

August 21

August 28

Readers:

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28

8:00 a.m.

Dale Clason
Nancy Kaufman
Mary Halweg
Traci Schutt

9:30 a.m.

Colden Harter
Doris Lohr
Tom Schneller
Linda Yanke

Cantors:

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28

8:00 a.m.

Deb Lohr-Foster
Melani Wheeler
Jan Baun
Marv/Janelle Hupp

9:30 a.m.

Deb Lohr-Foster
Dennis Fisher
Jordan/Megan Small
Jeff/Kathy Ochsankel

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m.

August 7 Quinn Baier
August 14 Marilyn Herschleb
August 21 Anne Klinkner
August 28 Roxanne Small

9:30 a.m.

Tarren Nimmow
Dale Clason
Gerry Westphal
Dale Clason

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 a.m.

August 7 Kathi Risley
August 14 Kathi Risley
August 21 Bev Clason
August 28 Bob Wilson

9:30 a.m.

Kathi Risley
Kathi Risley
Bev Clason
Bob Wilson

Communion Set Up/Clean Up 8:00 a.m.

August 7 Deb Corrao
August 14 Norma Newman
August 21 Julie Owens
August 28 Sylvia/Claire Richardson

9:30 a.m.

Ginny Nimmow
Alia Schlimgen
Deb Westphal
Barb Salveson

Nursery Staff:

August 7 Lauren Wideen
Ainsley Apel
August 14 Molly Ballweg
Grace Fauerbach
August 21 Colden Harter
August 28 Zach Guentherman
Jordan Chao

9:30 a.m.

Drew Marshall
Emily Caflisch
Zach Guentherman
Drew Marshall
Olivia Joyce
Aimee Maasch
Sophia Fiske
Kim Fiske

Coffee Set-Up/Clean-Up: 7:30 a.m.

August 7 Gavin Tompkin
August 14 Ava Roach
August 21 Olivia Joyce
August 28 Linda Yanke

Greeters:**8:00 a.m.****9:30 a.m.**

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| Aug. 7 (Sanctuary) | Dan/Kathy Lovell | Denny/Bonnie Dederich |
| (Front doors) | Shirley Anding | Dustin Hanson family |
| (Side doors) | Dan/Janis Baun | Deb/Gerry Westphal |
| Aug. 14 (Sanctuary) | Eunice Yanke | Ed/Ginny Nimmow |
| (Front doors) | Rodney/Marsha Key | Sally/Jake Degenhardt |
| (Side doors) | Donna Knickmeyer | Bob/Dede Egan |
| Aug. 21 (Sanctuary) | Olivia Joyce | Leanna Niesen |
| (Front doors) | Cayden Wernsing | Olivia Joyce |
| (Side doors) | Sophie Fiske | Jordan Chao |
| Aug. 28 (Sanctuary) | Sylvia/Claire Richardson | Aletha/John Ballweg |
| (Front doors) | Cliff/Cindy Thompson | Tom/Cheryl Schneller |
| (Side doors) | Arletta Wachter | Chris/Jennifer Stephan |

**Milestone Ministry Celebrations****Retirements and Job Transitions Blessing!**

Did you recently retire from a job or perhaps will be retiring soon? Are you transitioning to a new job or new position? Are you looking for employment? Please join us on **Sunday, August 7th** for a special prayer and blessing as you journey into this new phase of life and all of the new adventures that come with it. We will offer the blessing at both worship services.

Back to School Blessing!

With another school year just around the corner, we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of the school year with a special Back to School Blessing! On **Sunday, September 11th** students of ALL AGES can bring a school backpack to either the 8:00 or 10:30 a.m. worship service. We also want to encourage teachers, principals, custodians, bus drivers...anyone who plays a role in our school systems...to come and be blessed as you serve children and families in your daily work.

Blessing for New Drivers!

Are you a new licensed driver? Did you get your driving permit this year? Will you be taking Driver's Ed this year? Come to worship on **Sunday, September 18** at either our 8:00 or 10:30 a.m. service and have a special blessing said for you.

HELLO
my name is

INTERN

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Brothers and Sisters,
It has been two weeks and a couple of days since I moved to Prairie du Sac. I started my internship journey on July 1st here at St John's Lutheran Church. So far one of the things I am enjoying here is your hospitality and friendship. I am happy that I am here with you to learn from you and share the love of Christ with you. I am also looking forward to getting to know you more as we walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ through my time here.

In the Gospel of Luke in chapter 10:38-42 it talks about hospitality and friendship. In the early Church hospitality and friendship were very important in their life. Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus to their home and Jesus spent some time at their house with them. Mary spent her time listening to Jesus and Martha took the responsibility for hospitality leadership in the house. But both Martha and Mary had a role to play in their friendships with Jesus.

I believe we all have a role that we contribute to Christ's Church and our community. Throughout my time here, I am hoping to be a blessing to you and to be blessed by learning from you and by your friendship.

Thank you for having me here.

In Christ

Intern Michaelo Abasori

Thank You!

Thank you to all our wonderful pie bakers! It was so delightful to present everyone with such a delicious treat on the day of Michaelo's installation. The pies were enjoyed by all! Thank you for the generous use of your talent.

St. John's Fellowship Board

Sunday School News

Sunday School Teacher Orientation

September 4th 10:30am-12:00 All Sunday School teachers are asked to be at this year's Sunday school teacher orientation after the second service on September 4th. We will be going over curriculum and the calendar, and answering any questions you may have about the upcoming year.



Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday School students age 3 – 6th grade and families, plan on joining us September 11th from 9:15-10:15 for Rally Day in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to sign-up for Sunday School, meet your teachers, take a tour of our Sunday School Hallway and have some fun! If you are unable to attend and would like to sign your child up for Sunday School please contact Abby Bennett at 643-2439 or abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org The first regular Sunday school class will be Sunday September 18th from 9:15-10:15.



3 Year Old and 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

On September 25 at the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services we will present Bibles to our 3 year olds and third grade students. In our Baptismal liturgy we promise to place the Holy Scriptures in the hands of our children. A letter will be sent home with more details in August. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Abby Bennett to be sure your child's name is on the list.

Middle and High School News

Confirmation Fall Orientation

September 14th 6:00-7:00 (dinner at 5:20)

All confirmation students and their parents should be at our first scheduled confirmation class time of the year. We will offer our typical confirmation dinner at 5:20 and begin with the orientation meeting at 6:00. Please contact Abby Bennett if you are unable to attend.

Thank
You!

On behalf of the Sauk Prairie School Board, I would like to thank the people of St. John's for the generous donation of \$1,553.84 to the Sauk Prairie School District for support of homeless students. This donation was officially and gratefully accepted at the regular meeting of the School board on June 13, 2016.

Your generosity in remembering our homeless students in your Lenten offerings is most sincerely appreciated and will assist these students in a number of ways.

Thank you.

Cliff Thompson, Superintendent

One half of St. John's Lenten offerings from 2016 were shared with Sauk Prairie Schools Homeless Project

Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Dinner & Golf Outing

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library will host a Golf Outing and Dinner to support the Ruth Culver Community Library on September 7 at the Lake Wisconsin Country Club. All proceeds will be donated to the Ruth Culver Community Library, Prairie du Sac. The funds raised by the Golf Outing, other fund raisers and donations have allowed the Friends to make significant gifts totaling over \$10,000.00 during the past year, to the Ruth Culver Community Library for materials, programming and library enhancements.

For further information, sponsorship opportunities and registration forms contact Meagan Statz at the Ruth Culver Community Library at 608.643.8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org or

stop at the library 540 Water Street, Prairie du Sac WI. The registration deadline is August 31.

Congratulations!

We offer congratulations to Ally (Frosch) and Brad Youderian on their wedding, July 23, 2016. Jackie and Dan Frosch are the proud parents of the bride. We keep Ally and Brad in our prayers as they start this new chapter in their lives.

Baby Congratulations!

We rejoice with Mandy (Culver) and Nick Warner on the birth of Mabel Leola Culver Warner. Her very happy grandparents are Lea Culver and Craig Culver.



Dear Members of St. John's,

Thank you so much for the Prayer Shawl. I really appreciate it and know I will make use of it.

Thank you, Anita Key.



Thanks to the generous and kind donations given in memory of John Morrow, Carol Pickard, Donna Sprecher, Helen King, Chuck Holl, Jean Yanke, Jim Key, Bonnie Merlet, Ashton Brunner, Ben Becker, Bill Knickmeyer and Ivan Groth we were able to purchase the following items for use by St. John's: Lenten devotional booklets, activity pads and puzzles for our little ones, die-cut cartridges, support for Health Ministries for Haiti, quilting materials, kitchen cabinet materials, game table for the youth, altar banner stand, food, tokens and flowers for our 125th anniversary celebration

and Bibles for our 3 year olds and 3rd graders. We are very grateful for those who share their gifts with St. John's.

Lutheran World Relief Parish Projects

Groups in our congregation have a number of ongoing projects for Lutheran World Relief. You may be interested in contributing to one of them. Items may be left in one of the bins in the Fellowship Hall. Our kits will be shipped on October 1 this year, so please bring your items before September 28th.



School Kit Supplies

We are asking for your help in gathering supplies for our School Kits again this year. The kits are sent to Lutheran World Relief each fall. LWR asks that we do not use items with a U.S. flag, military symbols, camouflage or religious symbols on them. Each kit needs:

- Four** 70-sheet notebooks
- One** 30 cm. ruler (or one with inches and cms.)
- One** pencil sharpener
- One** blunt scissors
- Five** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five** black or blue ballpoint pens
- One** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One** 2 ½ inch eraser

Bring items to the church office. Watch for sales and have fun shopping!



Personal care kit supplies

- One bath-size towel
- Two bath-size bars of wrapped soap
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original wrapping or sealed in a

business size envelope
One sturdy comb
One metal nail clipper



Baby care kit supplies

Two cotton/cotton-blend t-shirts
Two gowns or sleepers w/o feet
Two receiving blankets
Four cloth diapers
One hand towel, dark color
One sweater, sweatshirt, or
jacket with a hood, or include
a baby cap
Two pairs of baby socks
Two bath-size bars of gentle soap
in its original wrapping
Two diaper pins or large safety
pins

Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Consider varying the sizes of the clothing items so the layette will continue to be useful as the baby grows. Gently used, clean items may be substituted for new ones.



Fabric kit supplies

Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric, cut into pieces measuring:
2 ¼ yards of 60" wide, **OR**
3 yards of 44" wide, **OR**
4 yards of 36" wide fabric
Two spools of matching **OR**
neutral-colored general purpose
thread, 250-300 yards each

Ordinary items become extraordinary gifts when you send LWR Quilts and Kits around the world!



Drivers Needed

There are many in our congregation who need help getting to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, or even to church on Sunday. If you are looking for a way you can help someone in need and you have a car, please consider joining the St. John's Drivers list.

You can decide whether you can provide local rides only or rides to appointments outside of Sauk Prairie. There is a need for both services.

All help is appreciated. Please contact the church office at 643-2439 and let Linda know you'd like to be added to the Driver's list.



Dress for Success

St. John's has worked with many partners in the Dress for Success clothing drive and currently partners with the Southern Wisconsin Community Action Coalition.

By collecting interview-appropriate suits, dresses, skirts, pants, shirts, shoes, purses, briefcases and rainwear, and taking them to the east side of Madison, we help less fortunate women and men in our area enter the workforce. We were reminded a few years ago that not everyone interviews in a suit, so CAC needs casual clothes in good condition, also.

Please help break the cycle of poverty for the needy who can't get a good job because they don't have the clothes to look the part. If you want, you may present a list of donated items to the office staff who will give you a receipt for your tax records.



Wanted: Your old cell phone

Do you have a cell phone that is hanging around your house because you have upgraded to a new phone? Did you change plans and get a new cell phone, but still have your old one? We will collect it! St. John's has recently partnered with Phones 4 Charity to recycle those old unused phones.

Phones 4 Charity is a national program designed to remove discarded wireless phones from the country's environment while directly benefiting charitable organizations. These phones can be refurbished, reprogrammed or recycled to help benefit the community and the environment.

St. John's has chosen "Wounded Warriors" as our charity to benefit from any profit made from the cell phones that we donate. We feel this is a good cause to support, a way to help our environment and something we can all feel good about giving to. If you have old cell phones sitting in drawers or desks at home, please consider donating them here. There is a collection box just inside the entry to the cloakroom on the floor by the east wall.



Eye Glasses for the Lions

Did you know that St. John's also collects old, used eye glasses for the Lions Club? We do!

If you have out-grown your glasses, changed styles, or have found those old lost pair of glasses from behind the desk, bring them to St. John's cloakroom to the collection box just inside the entry, on the floor by the east wall.

A member of the local Lions Club will collect them and take them to be “sized” (strength identified), refurbished and given to those in need.