



Kyra Manning, Grade 6

Prairie du Sac, WI

November 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you know by now, our new intern, Halcyon (pronounced Hal-see-in) Bjornstad has arrived. She is excited and ready to engage in the life of this congregation. Here are some things she said in her intern application...

She grew up in the Northwest in Missoula, Montana. She loves spending time in the mountains and has two sisters, one who is 'three years older and one who is four minutes younger.' She spent a lot of time at Lutheran Bible camps, including as both a youth and a staff member, spending seven summers at camp in a variety of positions and at a variety of camps. She said it was at camp she started to feel the call to ordained ministry. She attended Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD from 2005-2009 and was involved in Campus Ministry as well as Resident's Life as an RA. She received a BA degree in Physical Education with a minor in Health and an endorsement in Coaching. After graduation she spent one year teaching Elementary PE in Montana and a year teaching high school PE on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in Mission, SD. She also spent a season as a retreat host at a Bible Camp in South

Dakota. The year before seminary she was a Resident Hall Director at Midland University in Nebraska.

I am grateful for Nancy Passehl's leadership as the Intern Committee Chair and for the committee members (Mary Weeks, Linda Lintl, Jerry Niesen, John Schmidt, Jeannine Robertson and Kathi Risley) as they work with Halcyon during her time at St. John's.

Please welcome Halcyon and join us as we install her on October 30th. I also ask that you continue to pray for all the interns and their sites, especially for Halcyon's previous site as they grieve her leaving

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.The words "Thank You" written in a large, elegant, cursive script.

Thank You

Please join in thanking the following for their work on our Parish Planning Council (PPC); Mark Gilbertson (Executive Director), Ken Carlson (Assistant Executive Director), Donna Nelson (Treasurer), Linda Lintl (Fellowship), Susan Heide (Education), Kathi Risley (PR and Social Concerns), and Jackie Frosch (Member at Large). These individuals have served for at least two years and some as long as six years; as members of the PPC in service to this congregation. This group, along with the members who remain, have oversight as to the operation of our congregation. They meet once a month as a council and each chairperson meets an additional once a month with their committee. There is also an Executive board made up of the Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Treasurer, Secretary and Lead Pastor. This group meets as needed to oversee staffing and related issues. We are blessed to have so many individuals willing to dedicate their time and energy to

help lead our congregation.



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

The women's Lutheran World Relief congregational project for 2016 is personal care kits. We will collect bath-size Ivory soap bars during the month of October. You may place donated items in the appropriate plastic bin in the fellowship hall.



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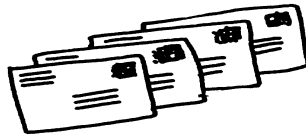


Food Pantry Sunday is November 13th. Food, paper products and cleaning supplies may be brought to the table in the gathering area. These items are distributed to many families in the Sauk Prairie community. The food pantry especially needs:

Thanksgiving trimmings	
Cranberries	Stuffing mix
Canned gravy	Instant potatoes
Pie filling	Napkins

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 October. The day is in parentheses.

Evelyn Gorsuch (6)
1606 Lori Court
Sauk City, WI 53583

Shirley Uttech (9)
209 – 12th Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Jim Staff (19)
415 Spruce Street
Sauk City, WI 53583

LaVera Page (21)
245 Sycamore Street
Sauk City, WI 53583

Paul Patterson
703 Phillips Street
Sauk City, WI 53583

Matthew 25:34-40

Women of the Church News

Hannah Circle: Tuesday, November 1, 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Library, childcare provided

Lydia Circle: (Will not meet, but will attend General Meeting, November 17)

Martha Circle: Thursday, November 3, 9:00 a.m. at Ruth Dresser's, 1011 Eagle View Ct., Prairie du Sac

Ruth Circle: Monday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. at the Blue Spoon restaurant, Prairie du Sac

Sarah and Mary Circles Combined Tuesday, November 1, 1:30 p.m. at St. John's Library, 100 Oak Street, Prairie du Sac



In October, 37 ladies attended Circle meetings with Bible Studies led by Anne Klinkner, Fay Rentmeester, Mary Weeks, Jeannine Robertson, Eunice Yanke and Loretta Landerman. The November lesson When God Chooses the Unlikely, "Paul and the Power of Failure", will be led by Anne Klinkner, Marge Erlandson, Carolyn Gilbertson, Jeannine Robertson and Eunice Yanke.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to filling the various kits for Lutheran World Relief. We had reported before that Linda Hines made 100 school kit bags, it turned out to be 121...plus we purchased 100 ready-made bags...making a total of 221 school kits. We had a report that St. John's in Prairie du Sac completed the most quilts of all the churches in our Synod with 474 quilts going to Lutheran World Relief this year! (The next church sent 349.) Congratulations to all the amazing sewing ladies! There were also 103 personal care kits, 26 sewing kits and 14 baby care kits sent. All of these items are sure to give comfort and joy to a lot of people. We also give thanks to Henry Elsing, Roger Maynard and John Hines for loading the tremendous number of boxes and transporting them into Madison. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Eunice Yanke, Marge Erlandson and Ruth Dresser attended the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women of the ELCA event held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-West Campus in Verona on Saturday, September 24th. The morning program was given by two women who had been through a lot together...cancer, death of a spouse, and serious surgeries...and they made up a Bible Study emphasizing how God walks with us during the different seasons of life with a lot of Bible references on how He is there with us every step of the way. There was also a lot of emphasis on how these two women supported each other and how we can do the same with the people in our lives. It was very interesting and informative. In the afternoon there were various workshops we could attend. Eunice

attended “Mindfulness for Lutherans” and “Refugee Resettlement”, while Marge and Ruth attended a Yoga class and a class on preventing “Human Trafficking”.

Audrey Kunstman and Ruth Dresser attended the Baraboo Conference Fall Gathering on October 15th at Bethany Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Dells. Registration began at 8:30 with coffee and refreshments. Carissa Peterson, Director of Camp and Respite Service, Easter Seals, Camp Wabeek, was the main speaker and she gave us a lot of good information about the camp, which was started in 1938 and has been serving people with disabilities, both physical and cognitive, ever since. Before we adjourned for lunch, the Wisconsin Dells Bethany ladies entertained us with an original skit: “God’s Beauty Plan for Our Lives” which was about how God looks at what is in our hearts, rather than outward appearances. It was a good “Bible Study” in itself...but also FUNNY. After that, a very delicious meal was served. There were 34 ladies in attendance and the offering was \$628. Half of that amount was given to Camp Wabeek. The other half goes to the Synod office.

GOOD HOMEMADE CHILI!.....UMM-M UMM-M GOOD..... THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17th at 12:00! ALL LADIES AND MEN ARE INVITED!!! You don’t have to bring anything except yourself and a guest or two! The speaker of the day will be Debbie Smalley from Safe Harbor of Reedsburg, a housing shelter for women and children. The offering will go to Safe Harbor, which you’re sure to agree, after hearing about it, is a very worthwhile cause. The OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Seniors) are included in this gathering. **Mark your calendar now!** There is a list of needed items for Safe Harbor posted on the kiosk , if you would care to contribute.

Our ThankOffering Service will be November 13th. This is a special opportunity to honor God by making a donation thanking HIM for all He has done for us. Put your contribution in an envelope marked THANKOFFERING and put it in the basket by the name tag table. The offering goes to the National Women of the ELCA Organization and provides funds for World Hunger, global missions and other important programs.

Sarah Circle is visiting Special Friends during October and November. Mary Circle visits during December and January, Martha Circle visits during February and March.

The Bible Study Leaders’ Meeting for December is November 29 at 9:00 a.m.

KEEP IN MIND: The Tenth Triennial gathering in Minneapolis, July 13-16, 2017. There will be a bus leaving from Wisconsin Dells.

Recommendations for Christmas Cheer: Hope House and Sauk Prairie Homeless Program to be discussed in December.

SPECIAL PRAYER

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

We interrupt this war for doctors to heal,
teachers to teach, and students to learn.

We interrupt this war to marvel at sunsets,
listen to music, and to laugh.

We interrupt this war for poets to rhyme, sculptors to
chisel, and writers to paint pictures with words.

We interrupt this war to plant tomatoes, mow
the grass, and to smell the roses.

We interrupt this war to feed the hungry, build
new schools, and to stamp out ignorance.

We interrupt this war to clean up the air, save
the whales and to find a cure for cancer.

We interrupt this war to rebuild New Orleans,
tickle babies and for world peace.

We interrupt this war for PTA meetings, band
concerts, and high school graduations.

We interrupt this war for Girl Scout Cookies,
church bake sales, and the Special Olympics.

We interrupt this war for Disneyland, the
World Series, and the Super Bowl.

We interrupt this war for Halloween candy,
Thanksgiving Turkey, and 4th of July fireworks.

We interrupt this war for Hanukkah,
Christmas and Kwanza.

We interrupt this war to bring sons,
daughters, sisters and brothers home.

We interrupt this war to hear a message from
Our Sponsor: THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

we interrupt this war - cappy hall rearick - 2001

Hannah Circle

Women of the church who are not already members of another circle are welcome to join us for a bible study and fellowship the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm in Room 1. The next gathering will be November 1st at 6:00 p.m. If you like to laugh, talk,

and learn more about God this is a great place for you! Nursery is provided. Anne Klinkner is the contact for Hannah Circle.



Women's Book Club

November's book is Land of Silence by Tessa Afshar. All women of the church are invited to gather on Tuesday, November 29 at 10am in the church library or 6:30pm at the Blue Spoon.

December's book is Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter by Kate Clifford Larson. Both books will be available in the church library as well as the public library system.

Adult Education

November's adult education will shift focus to mental health. The schedule is as follows:

November 6: Mental Health Overview

November 13: QPR Training (See announcement below)

November 20: Creating a Wellness Advent Calendar

November 27: No class – Thanksgiving Weekend

There is always room for another around the table, so please join us in Room 1 in between services at 9:15. We're always done in time for parents/grandparents to pick up their kids from Sunday School!

QPR Training – Suicide Prevention

Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) is a program designed to give people tools to respond to someone who may be considering suicide. With the rise of death by suicide in our county, it is important that people have the resources they need to help someone get help. Jody Bruni, a Sauk County Public Health Nurse, will lead us in this training on Sunday, November 13th at 9:15am in Room 1. There is only room for 25 people, so you must register to attend. **Please sign up on the kiosk in the gathering area.**

Weekly Wednesday Night Text Study at 6pm

What is "Text Study" anyway? It sounds kind of intimidating...or maybe even boring. Text study is simply reading a scripture passage and talking about what jumps out at us, talking

about the historical context, and figuring out how it applies to our life together today. We hope you might join us! You don't have to attend every week to be part of this group. A meal is offered at 5:20pm for \$1 per person.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I just returned from a class reunion and continuing education event at my alma mater Wartburg Seminary. While there we listened to one of our Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) professors share with us a different reading of the story of Ishmael and Isaac. I learned something new.

First, let me tell you what I used to think. I used to think that Isaac was the favored, can't-do-anything-wrong, good guy. And Ishmael. Well, he was second class and pushed out of God's blessing.

WRONG!

Listen to this...*And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation.* Genesis 17:20.

That's a blessing, folks, if I've ever heard one! I will make him into a great nation. The lowly. The despised. Lifted up and included in God's favored ones. Wow. I often forget how big God is.

It makes me wonder how many times I've pushed people down or dismissed them as second class. How about you? Have you ever felt that way? Unfortunately we're all guilty to some degree, and if not personally, then surely systemically.

I've had the privilege of working with some of our members on ways of addressing issues of racism, and how to grow in our understanding and embracing our diversity as God's people. Want to join us? Do you have a heart for justice and reconciliation? Do you see the brokenness in our culture and want to do something about it? Please join us in these conversations, join us in prayer, and join us in action. If you want to learn more about this group (we're just starting out!), you can ask me, Kathi Risley, Ruellene Seymour, or Roger Seymour.

There is always room at the table both literally and figuratively.

Peace,



Opportunity/pledge Cards

A reminder that we are hoping to record your financial commitment for 2017. Letters were sent out last month with a card inside. Please fill out the card and return it in the next couple weeks. If you have not pledged in the past, consider doing so now. Consider also using electronic giving. This helps even out our income which helps us as we pay our bills and look forward.

Also, please consider the areas in which your time and talents lie. Perhaps you enjoy reading aloud, helping prepare a meal, serving communion on Sunday mornings or ushering for services. If so, please sign up on our kiosk or speak with a pastor or council member to find out where we can best use your talents.



Older Wiser Livelier Seniors (OWLS)

Are you in your 50s or beyond and would enjoy gathering with other adults to listen to speakers, attend events and have game days? Then this group is for you! Beginning in October, please join Pastor Sally on the third Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall. We will begin with coffee and fellowship at 9:30am and then

have our program or activity for the day, usually ending around 10:30 or 11. You are welcome to bring treats to share.

The next gathering is **Thursday, November 17th at noon** (note different time). Our program will be a Chili Luncheon and a speaker from Safe Harbor. All men and women of all ages are welcome!

We will gather again at our normal time, **9:30am on Thursday, December 15th**.



Sunday Evening Bible Study

Join us on November 20th at 6:00 p.m. for an hour 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



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

Marlene Wilson
Tom Luetscher



With Sincere Sympathy

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

Richard and Judy Brager, Jodie Brager, Stacy and Jim Witecha and their families on the death of Alvin Brager, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.



St. John's is very grateful to receive monetary donations in memory of Gerald Halverson this month. We thank the family and friends for their kind generosity.



Coats for Kids

St. John's continues to partner with Concordia United Methodist Church to collect winter wear for needy children in our school district. Please keep this in mind as you clean out closets this fall and bring your gently-used coats, boots, hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves to the cloak room. We need all sizes. The deadline for collection is November 11.



Plastic Bags Needed

Have you heard of the "Sauk Prairie Quilter and Sewing Friends?" A member of our congregation found out they are helping the United Methodist Church in Reedsburg take plastic bags (grocery style) and weave them into protective mats for members of our regional community who are homeless. These are given to people to protect them from dirt, insects, moisture and the cold as they sleep outside. Some of them have been given to Bethel Lutheran in Madison, a church that houses members of the community that are homeless. Some have gone to other homeless ministries such as Porchlight. Do you have bags at home looking to be repurposed? This sounds like a great use for them. Please bring your bags to church and drop them off in the coatroom. Place them

in the box marked 'bags.' If you have any questions or would like to be more involved in this ministry, please call Doris Lohr (544-2394) for more information.



St. John's Web Page

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



Happy November Birthday!

Our Youngest:

Clara Duren (1)	Kohen Chetwood (3)
Eralyn Greene (5)	Kendall Koenig (20)
Madelyn Bischoff (22)	Andrew Ryan (26)

Our Sunday School Students:

Andrew Thiede (1)	Gage Helgerson (2)
Carly Jorgenson (2)	Emma Gilchrist (4)
Cody Passehl (6)	Nadya Khodakivska (7)
Myla Steinmetz (8)	Kyler Viola (11)
Conner Evert (12)	Kaleb Chetwood (14)
Bridget Tepe (14)	Ryan Jorgenson (18)
Tyler Jorgenson (18)	Caden Argall (19)
Evelyn Cook (22)	Kenzie Sawyer (23)
Camden Brager (24)	Karlie Harpold (30)

Our Youth:

Quinn Baier (2)
Melina Lohr (2)
Brendan Holl (11)
Evan Carlson (15)
Shane Hesse (17)
Sarah Hupp (21)
Megan Small (22)

Lilianna Decorah (2)
Jeff Yanke (9)
Ruby Sandeman (11)
August Begalske (17)
Ainsley Apel (21)
Elijah Mack (21)
Taylor Tompkin (24)

College and Career-age Young People:

Lindsey Sauer (14)

Madison Olson (30)

Serving in November

Ushers:

November 6

8:00 a.m.

Joyce Kinnamon
Michael Endres

10:30 a.m.

Jon Caflisch
Kathy Caflisch
Jon Sandeman
Quinn Baier

November 13

Joyce Kinnamon
Rob Risley

Jon Caflisch
Kathy Caflisch
Jon Sandeman

November 20

Chris Kepler
Joyce Kinnamon
Leanna Niesen

Colden Harter
Jon Caflisch
Kathy Caflisch
Emily Caflisch

November 27

Joyce Kinnamon
Kalyn Schmit

Jon Caflisch
Kathy Caflisch
Malea Niesen

Acolytes:

November 6

8:00 a.m.

Ava Roach
Zach Guentherman
Leanna Niesen
Malea Niesen
Lauren Wideen
Aimee Maasch

10:30 a.m.

Emily Caflisch
Alia Schlimgen
Ella Schad
Grace Fauerbach
Cora Dunnum
Kyle Dregney
Alia Schlimgen
Jordan Chao

Readers:

November 6
 November 13
 November 20
 November 27

8:00 a.m.

Cayden Wernsing
 John Hines
 Mary Halweg
 Jordan Small

10:30 a.m.

Jordan Chao
 Renee Pierce
 Okla Yanke
 Arthur Ness

Cantors:

November 6
 November 13
 November 20
 November 27

8:00 a.m.

Senior Choir
 Kids of the Kingdom
 Bill Burton
 Bill Burton

10:30 a.m.

Senior Choir
 Jordan, Megan Small
 Cathy, Katie Yanke
 Connie Burton

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m.

November 6
 November 13
 November 20
 November 27

Cayden Wernsing
 Linda Hines
 Roxanne Small
 Roxanne Small

10:30 a.m.

Emily Cafilisch
 Donna Knickmeyer
 Gerry Westphal

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 a.m.

November 6
 November 13
 November 20
 November 27

Donna Knickmeyer
 Kathi Risley
 Jordan Small
 Marv Hupp

10:30 a.m.

Donna Knickmeyer
 Kathi Risley
 Jordan Small
 Marv Hupp

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

November 6

 November 13
 November 20
 November 27

Linda Meyer
 Patty Passehl
 Max Sailor
 Bryce, Nadine Lauer
 Rich, Jane Calenzo

10:30 a.m.

Kim Larson

 Leah Froehlich
 Sue Ann Schwanke
 Deb, Gerry Westphal

Nursery Staff:

November 6

 November 13

 November 20

 November 27

8:00 a.m.

Lauren Wideen
 Ainsley Apel
 Ella Schad
 Grace Fauerbach
 Alia Schlimgen
 Malea Niesen
 Evan Carlson
 Aimee Maasch

10:30 a.m.

Zach Guentherman
 Jacob Schweitzer
 Leah Froehlich
 Claire Thiede
 Alia Schlimgen
 Ella Schad
 Leah Froehlich
 Leanna Niesen

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

November 6	Ruby Sandeman
November 13	Ruby Sandeman
November 20	Kinnamon family
November 27	Linda Yanke

9:00 a.m.(Serve)

Ava Roach
Gavin Tompkin
Linda Yanke
Linda Yanke

Stormy Weather Approaching

How will you know if St. John's is closed for worship services and Sunday School? You can call the church office; the answering machine message will state the times of service or the news that the church is closed. You can also look at our facebook page. We will send you an email if we have your address. If you have any doubt about road conditions and your ability to maneuver, don't risk a fall or an accident. Please stay home.

Greeters:

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Nov 6 (Sanctuary)	Jeannine Robertson	Lee Ann Goelz
(Front doors)	Shirley Anding	Tom/Gina Varley
(Side doors)	Steve/Holly Kindschi	Ed/Ginny Nimmow
Nov 13 (Sanctuary)	Fay Rentmeester	Dave Clason
(Front doors)	Cliff/Cindy Thompson	Denny/Bonnie Dederich
(Side doors)	Monte/Lynette Wick	Wolfgang/Diane Reich
Nov 20 (Sanctuary)	Emma Kinnamon	Claire Thiede
(Front doors)	Alex Kinnamon	Ella Schad
(Side doors)	Sophie Fiske	Evan Carlson
Nov 27 (Sanctuary)	Arletta Wachter	Audrey Kuntsman
(Front doors)	Roger Maynard	John/Ellen Mast
(Side doors)	Bob/Josie Fentress	David/Lois Kaul



First Communion Instruction

A First Communion class will be held on Thursday, November 3rd from 6-7pm. If you would like to explore the possibilities of first communion for your children, no matter what their age, please sign up by calling the church office. Taking the class does not obligate anyone to begin communing nor is it a requirement

for communion. The class is simply a time to explore what this gift of God might mean for you. A second class will be offered in the spring.



Mobile Meals Volunteers

We thank the following volunteers from St. John’s for their help and support of the Mobile Meals program here in Sauk Prairie. They delivered meals in October.

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| Norma Newman | Linda Theisen |
| Bob Fentress | Josie Fentress |
| Eunice Yanke | Marsha Key |
| Dan Baun | Janis Baun |
| Rich Frey | Kris Frey |
| Dianne Effinger | Jim Effinger |
| Fay Rentmeester | Darlene Holl |

Sunday School News

Calendar Notes

- November 20th – Advent Festival during the Sunday School hour
- November 27th – No Sunday School
- December 25th– No Sunday School
- January 1st – No Sunday School

Sunday School	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
October 2	107	\$64.00
October 9	94	\$55.80
October 16	62	\$24.00
October 23	85	\$15.00



The Advent Festival is coming!!!

What is it? The Advent Festival is a celebration to help prepare us for the coming of Jesus with crafts and games.

When is it? It is November 20th, during the Sunday School hour.

Where is it? The activities will be in the Fellowship Hall and the Sunday School classrooms.

Who is it for? This celebration is for all Sunday School children and their families. We cannot stress enough the importance of parent involvement on this day. Teachers will be busy with crafts and activities, so they will not be with their students. Please come and supervise your child(ren) at the Advent Festival. Please contact Abby (abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org) with any questions.

Advent Festival Help!

Are you a crafty person who would like to help with the Advent Festival? We are looking for 5-10 adults who can help with prep-work (cutting out, sorting, organizing), and/or helping in a booth the day of the Festival, November 20th. Please contact Abby (abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org) or call the church office if you want to get involved!

Middle and High School News

Calendar Notes for Confirmation/Youth

Nov. 9th – Fun Night 7-8pm (Four Square and Cookies)

Nov. 23rd – No Confirmation

Dec. 4th – Caring Tree Shopping - noon



Caring Tree Shopping

Mark your calendars! The Caring Tree shopping trip is scheduled for Sunday December 4th following the 10:30 worship service. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the youth bulletin board mid-November. Remember that we are always looking for drivers! Contact Abby Bennett or Marv Hupp with questions.

Volunteer Opportunity for Agrace

Volunteering for Agrace Hospice and Palliative Care can be a very rewarding experience in a person's life. In November, Agrace will offer volunteer orientation for those interested in making a difference in the lives of people with advanced illnesses.

Agrace's next volunteer orientation sessions will be held Thursday, November 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday, November 23, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 1670 South Boulevard, Baraboo. Before attending orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace's Volunteer Services staff to identify the volunteer's skills and interests. Call (608) 327-7163 to begin the pre-orientation process.

Thanks

Friends at St. John's,

Thank you SO much for the use of your space on Saturday, Oct. 8! We had an amazing class and were able to serve lots of people through your space! Thank you for opening it up for us.

We appreciate your continued support of 6:8 and our Learning for Life class.

Sarah Ramthun



Baby Congratulations

Alison and Keith Steinmetz welcomed daughter, Vada Jo, October 2, 2016.

Andy and Kendra Hines welcomed son, Alton Bradley, October 10, 2016.

Wendy and Jon Kinney welcomed daughter, Elsie Marie, October 13, 2016.

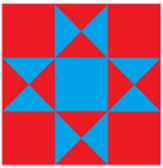


We conferred the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on the following children during October.

Ellen Rae Krueger, daughter of Richard and Jill Krueger. Her sponsors are Cristy Cornelius, Mike Wernsing and Tim Cornelius. Her congregational sponsor is Kristin Ryan.

Lauren James Schulenburg, daughter of James and Ashley Schulenburg. Her sponsors are Dan Schulenburg and Pam Schulenburg. Her congregational sponsor is Kim Larson.

Brigum Anthony Riha, son of Kurt and Ashley Riha. His sponsors are Tony Hellenbrand, Vicky Gordon and Cheryl Carlson. His congregational sponsor is Kelly Breunig.



Lutheran World Relief

St. John's was able to send 14 Baby Care kits, 26 Sewing kits, 103 Personal Care kits, 221 School kits and 474 Quilts to LWR on October 1! We thank all who donated materials, tied quilts, filled bags, and weighed boxes. We also thank Henry Elsing, Roger Maynard and John Hines for loading the trailer to get our kits to Madison.



Giving By Text

You can now make a contribution to St. John's Lutheran Church with a quick text message!

Simply send a text to **608-709-0944** with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. (Example: \$25.) If this is your first time giving to St. John's by text, within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give and it will process automatically.

The default setting for giving is our General Fund. If you wish to contribute to the Building Fund or Benevolence Fund, add the name of the fund after your giving amount. For example:

“\$25 Building” or “\$25 Benevolence”.

Fees for texting are:

\$.50 one time set up fee per account

\$.38 per transaction cost

Credit card expense of 2.65% charge per transaction for most credit cards OR 3.5% charge if card is American Express.



Library News: Come Check-out a New Book!

We have received several new books in the church library. Here is a small sample:

Non-Fiction: [A Witness](#) by Renee Splichal Larson

“She points us to the place that brought meaning when everything seemed lost: the foot of the cross.” – Paul E. Hoffman

Fiction: [Three Bags Full](#) by Leonie Swann

A flock of sheep in a small town in Ireland become detectives to find the killer of their shepherd. Clever! An International Best Seller

[Cairo Code](#) by Glenn Meade

1943 – Nazi’s plot to assassinate U.S. President Roosevelt. An absorbing thriller. Based on a real attempt.



H.E.L.P.—Red Sled Project

Help **E**xcite **L**ittle **P**eople will be collecting gently, used toys and items for teens this holiday season. The program is based out of the First United Church of Christ, Sauk City, but has become a community-wide project. All items donated are distributed to children/teens that are in need in the Sauk Prairie area. Donations may be brought to the Washington Avenue entrance of First United and placed in the little red sled, or brought here to St. John’s and placed in one of the decorated boxes found in the Sunday School

hallway or the west entrance hall. (A volunteer will then transport them to First United.) The collection will run through Dec. 12.



Sauk Prairie Area Caring Tree

St. John's continues to be part of the Caring Tree community effort to reach out to those in need during the Christmas season. Members may pick a tag from the Caring Tree set up in the gathering area. Most tags have ideas for hoped-for gifts for a particular child identified only by a number, age, sex, and size. You may purchase this gift and return it unwrapped with the tag attached and leave it under the tree.

Other tags ask for books or more general "stocking stuffer" items appropriate for children, teens, or adults.

The Caring Tree also accepts financial gifts to allow volunteer shoppers to purchase gifts. Watch for the marked envelopes on the tree. The deadline for returning gifts to St. John's is Friday, December 9. The families will receive the gifts on Saturday, December 17.

