



*Malea Niesen, Grade 7*

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Prairie du Sac, WI

October 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The fall has begun; leaves are changing, temps are cooling and harvesting is in process. With that change comes new schedules.

Rally Day was Sept 11 and classes for young and old began on the 18th. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, we also installed our educational staff for the coming year. When I look at the list of those serving on our Parish Education Board, in our library, as music leaders, Sunday school, confirmation and adult education teachers, I count over fifty people engaged in education leadership. We are blessed to have such a group of committed, talented and supportive members who see education as an important ministry in our congregation.

This time of year we also will look toward a congregational meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to select new Parish Planning Committee (PPC) members, to approve our ministry spending plan for 2017 and to elect three members to our Nomination Committee. The PPC has voted to bring to the congregation a spending plan that will include seeking to be an internship site for 2017-2018. Giving that

we vote to approve this ministry on Oct 2 and that we are again accepted, it is possible that we will have another intern coming in the summer of 2017. I am thankful for the ministries that our congregation has chosen to commit ourselves to.

Part of being a congregation means we agree to support a variety of ministries, both local and beyond. This decision takes resources of time, talent and treasure. We are blessed to have so many talented, giving and generous people. As you receive our annual request to share of your time, talent and treasure, I ask that you consider how you might grow your generosity in 2017. Maybe that means making a financial commitment to start or grow your regular support of St. John's and/or other non-profit groups. Maybe that means joining a community organization or taking on leadership in those organizations. Whatever you choose, know that your support is critical to the ongoing work of so many individuals and groups.

This fall, as schedules change and life takes on a different pace, I invite you to embrace the opportunity this presents and to again look at how you are using your time, talents and treasurers. I ask that you consider your commitments in all areas of your life and see how you might continue to give of yourself for the sake of God's work in this world.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and curves, positioned below the word "Shalom,".

### **Outgoing Parish Planning Council Board Members**

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 worked 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. Each chairperson meets in addition 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.



### Parish Planning Council Members:

Executive Director	Mark Gilbertson	643-4395
Assistant Exec Director	Ken Carlson	644-9521
Secretary	Kathy Lovell	643-2075
Treasurer	Donna Nelson	643-4660
Evangelism Board	Gwen Ringelstetter	643-6922
Fellowship Board	Linda Lintl	370-7455
Lay Ministry Board	Ruth Lohr	225-8477
Member at Large	Jackie Frosch	963-7553
Member at Large-Youth	Ally Dunnum	644-0041
Parish Education Board	James Newman	512-7623
Properties Board	Roger Clason	576-0343
PR and Social Concerns	Kathi Risley	643-6892
Stewardship Board	Nancy Kaufman	963-0151
Women of ELCA	Eunice Yanke	643-8289
Youth Board	Marvin Hupp	643-0653

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# FOOD DRIVE

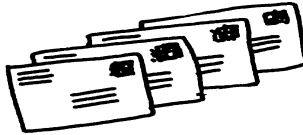


Food Pantry Sunday is October 9th. Food, paper products and cleaning supplies may be brought to the table in the gathering area. These items are distributed to many families in the Sauk Prairie community. The food pantry especially needs:

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|----------------|---------------|
| Canned fruit   | Canned juices |
| Mac and cheese | Pudding cups  |
| Shampoo        | Kleenex       |

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.

Jane Dickey (7)  
1425 Hemlock Street  
Sauk City, WI 53583

Scott Uttech (9)  
209 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Jack Foell (9)  
950 Prairie Street  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Lorna Rider (13)  
341 Willow Lane  
Hartford, WI 53027

Walter Scott (20)  
2012 Hanksfield Place  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Thresa Schulenburg (26)  
224 Spruce Street  
Sauk City, WI 53583

## Women of the Church News

Hannah Circle: Tuesday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Library, childcare provided

Lydia Circle: Thursday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Library, Diane Elsing, Hostess

Martha Circle: Thursday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. at Audrey Kunstman's, W11533 Island View Ct., Lodi

Ruth Circle: Monday, October 10, 9:00 a.m. at Marcia Thompson's, W13492 State Rd. 60, Prairie du Sac

Sarah and Mary Circles Combined Tuesday, October 4, 9:30 a.m. at The Pines Assisted Living, 1050 Prairie Street, Prairie du Sac



In September 32 women attended Circle meetings with Fay Rentmeester, Marge Erlandson, Carolyn Gilbertson and Kathy Lester leading the Bible study. The October lesson Jesus and the Evil Eye "When God Blesses the Undeserving", will be led by Pastor Sally Williams, Fay Rentmeester, Mary Weeks, Jeannine Robertson, Eunice Yanke and Loretta Landerman.

All Circles have been very busy gathering materials for Lutheran World Relief kits. A special thank you to Linda Hines who made 100 bags for the school kits. Ginny and Eddie Nimmow received approval from Thrivent to purchase \$250 worth of school supplies. What a tremendous boost! We also appreciate all of the wonderful help of the congregation for coming to the rescue in helping to fill ALL of the various kits. The deadline was September 28 for having them boxed up and ready for shipping. We thank Henry Elsing for taking them to Madison's boxcar loading for us.

Eunice Yanke, Marge Erlandson and Ruth Dresser attended the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women of the ELCA held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-West Campus in Verona on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Baraboo Conference Fall Gathering will be October 15<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Lutheran Church of Wisconsin Dells. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and goodies. There will be a presentation by a representative of Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells. The offering will be given to that organization. There will be a luncheon at 12:00 at a cost of \$7.00, and we will be free to leave after the luncheon. Please call the church office (643-2439) if you would like to attend. We will carpool.

**SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO ATTEND.** We are planning a Chili Luncheon on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. ALL ladies AND men are invited!!! The guest speaker will be Debbie Smalley from Safe Harbor of Reedsburg, a housing shelter for women and children. It will be very interesting. The OWLS (Older Wiser

Livelier Seniors) are included in this gathering....so COME AND BRING A GUEST. Chili sounds very good for this time of year and the program will definitely be very interesting. The offering will go to Safe Harbor.

Sarah Circle is visiting Special Friends in October and November.

Our ThankOffering Service will be November 13<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details in the November Visitor.

Bible Study Leaders meeting for November is Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Remember to look in this Visitor for a Prayer for Peace to be read on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 first gathering for this academic year is on Tuesday, October 4. If you like to laugh, talk, and learn more about God this is a great place for you! Nursery is provided.



## **Women's Book Club**

The book chosen for October reading is Land of Silence by Tessa Afshar. The November book is Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter by Kate Clifford Larson. A copy of each book will be in the church library.



## **Moving? Have a New Address?**

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16*

I have been back in the office for about a month now, and the above scripture passage could not be more appropriate. St. John's, your faith in the Lord and your love for God's people, and especially for me and my family, are gifts that I cannot find words to adequately express. And I have not stopped giving thanks for you and always remember you in my prayers.

Over my 10-week sabbatical, I had the opportunity to take a class and receive a Grief Support Specialist Certificate. I read a number of books on spiritual well-being and even some books just for fun unrelated to ministry! I traveled with my family. Molly met Mickey and Minnie Mouse, the highlight of her life at 3. 😊 I got to be present when she woke up in the morning and when she went to sleep at night (which might not sound like much, but meant the world to me because it doesn't always happen).

Your gift helped me to grow spiritually, professionally, and personally. I missed you though, so I'm really glad to be back serving God alongside of you. I look forward to the ways that the Spirit will work through us to serve with renewed energy and joy in the name of Jesus Christ!

Thank you. I have not and will not stop giving thanks for you.

With Gratitude,

### **Sunday School Superintendent**

It is hard to believe that we are into fall, where did the summer go? It was great to see the excitement as the students were walking to their classrooms on the first day of Sunday School. As our students memorize their required work, they can put a zoo animal in the hallway. How many animals will come to the zoo? Students will be practicing the memory work in class.

I would like to thank the teachers and assistants for their dedication in helping the children grow spiritually.

May God Bless,

Dale Clason, Sunday School Superintendent



# SPECIAL PRAYER

We invite you to pray for peace on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, please repeat the following prayer:

Let us see one another through eyes  
enlightened by understanding and compassion.  
Release us from judgment so we can receive the stories  
of our sisters and brothers with respect and attention.  
Open our hearts to the cries of a suffering world  
and the healing melodies of peace and justice for all creation.  
Empower us to be instruments of justice  
and equality everywhere.

Amen.



## 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 first gathering is **Thursday, October 20**: Grandparents & Faith. How can you share your faith with your grandchildren in a church that is constantly changing? Come and learn more!

## Faith Day Center

Faith Day Center is a community resource that helps meet the healthcare, personal care and socialization needs of the elderly, chronically ill and disabled in the Sauk County area. They provide a quality of life for adults who might otherwise not be able to be cared for at home. Their two main goals are to help individuals maintain their independence and highest functional level, and to provide families with respite and reassurance that their loved ones are in a safe and caring environment. They are located at 431 Water Street, Suite 103, Prairie du Sac. If you are interested in more information call 608-370-8488.



## **Sunday Evening Bible Study**

Join us on October 16<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Adult Education**

This year's adult education theme will be on wellness. We will gather to talk about spiritual well-being in many forms. We'll have some guest speakers on our physical health, and talk about mental health and stigma and how to respond as a church. We'll talk some about financial well-being and the connection that has to our faith. We'll also continue our conversation on racism and learn more about different religions.

October's focus is in on physical well-being. 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!

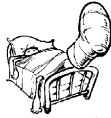
## **Weekly Wednesday Night Text Study at 6pm**

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.

**Thank  
You!**

Your recent gift of \$216.00 to the Oakwood Foundation is most appreciated. Thank you! Your gift will be used in our Pastoral Care Endowment Fund..

*(Money used from donations given in honor of Intern Marlow Carrels.)*



### 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 Mahoney  
Claire Richardson  
Tony Corrao



### **With Sincere Sympathy**

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

Amy, John, Paige and Sam Beattie on the death of Amy's father, Richard Pettibone.

Sandy Evans, Kristen and Bill Wiese and family on the loss of mother and grandmother, Lucille Pergande.

Roxann and Chris Grinde and family on the loss of Roxann's mom, Catherine "Joan" Woodward.

Ruth Dresser and family on the death of her great-nephew, Tyler Oimoen.

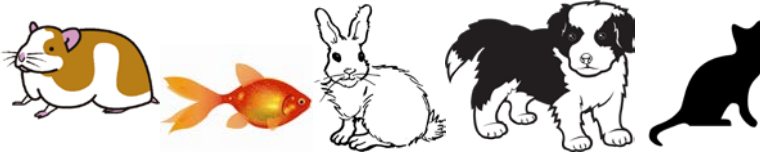
Brian and Diane Williams, and Jeff, Sally and Molly Williams on the death of brother-in-law and uncle, Jim Erickson.

Karen Ballweg, Eunice Yanke and their families on the death of nephew, Rob Davis.

Charlie and Linda Radl on the death of Charlie's mother, Jenny L. Radl.



St. John's is very grateful to receive monetary donations in memory of the following people: Gloria Beuthin and Martha Nelson. We thank the family and friends for their kind generosity.



## Pet Blessing

On **Sunday, October 9**, we will hold a Pet Blessing Service outdoors after the 10:30am service, **beginning about 11:45am**. Pets hold a special place in our hearts, and this service is one way to remind us that God loves and cares for all of God's creatures, even the furry ones! You are welcome to bring your well-behaved and social pet. If your pet doesn't enjoy being around other animals or people, or has passed away, consider bringing a favorite photo. To create a safe and stress-free environment, it is important that everyone follow these guidelines for participation in the Pet Blessing:

- *Keep pets on a short leash or kenneled at all times.*
- *Bring domestic animals only; no "exotic" pets.*
- *Pets are to stay outdoors while on church grounds.*
- *Parents must be present to assist small children with their pets. We ask that parents tend to the pet during the service.*
- *Be respectful of other pets. Since pets can be nervous in group situations, respect a pet's "space" by not crowding around them. If you wish to approach a pet, ask the owner first.*
- *Do not bring pet food or treats with you to the service.*
- *You are responsible for your pet at all times. Please have clean-up bags with you (just in case...).*

We hope to see you and your pet at this fun event! Share a favorite photo of your pet with us on the St. John's Facebook page!



## 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.

## Parish Planning Nominees

The following have been nominated to stand for election to the Parish Planning Council for the following open positions: Ken Carlson, Executive Director; Jon Sandeman, Assistant Executive Director; Butch Passehl, Treasurer; Lori Hegge, Fellowship Board Chair; James Newman, Parish Education Board Chair; John Schmidt, PR and Social Concerns Board Chair, and Linda Lintl, Member at Large. The remaining members have agreed to continue their terms or serve another term as allowed by our constitution.

### Proposed 2017 Budget

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Actual Budget</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Proposed Budget</u>
<u>Administrative:</u>		
Salaries and taxes	\$253,973.65	\$256,580.70
Office Supplies	20,000.00	17,000.00
Other Expenses	82,186.87	72,906.69
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$356,160.52</b>	<b>\$346,487.39</b>
<u>Boards:</u>		
Lay Ministry	\$6,730.00	\$7,670.00
Evangelism	680.00	880.00
Stewardship	3,800.00	1,860.00
PR and Social Concerns	6,900.00	8,400.00
Parish Education	19,550.00	19,750.00
Youth Board	4,900.00	4,900.00
Fellowship	2,400.00	3,400.00
Properties	55,000.00	59,680.00
ELCA Women	3,075.00	3,075.00
<b>Total of Boards</b>	<b>\$103,035.00</b>	<b>\$109,815.00</b>
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$55,375.00</b>	<b>\$53,725.00</b>
<b>Loan/Building Fund</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$320,910.00</b>	<b>\$315,045.00</b>

A more detailed copy of the 2017 Proposed Budget is available in the church office.



### **St. John's Web Page**

Be sure to go online and look at our web page. See the changes at [stjohnssaukprairie.org](http://stjohnssaukprairie.org)



## **Happy October Birthday!**

### **Our Youngest:**

Steven Udelhofen (1)	Sullivan Osgood (7)
Vivianne Herbrand (8)	Beckett Suchla (8)
Charles Frey (17)	Declan Leith (19)
Milo Lueck (25)	

### **Our Sunday School Students:**

Boden Frosch (1)	Janessa Riha (1)
Ayda Cook (2)	Kaitlynn Lins (3)
Emelia Greene (4)	Joslyn Schultz (7)
Ethan Jones (9)	Ava Brooks (15)
Thea Harpold (16)	Logan Buchanan (17)
William Osgood (17)	William Wiese (18)
Nicholas Dunnum (19)	Simon Homp (19)
Payton Kitelinger (19)	Riley Reich (19)
Jason King (23)	Ava Sandeman (23)
Randy Trudell (25)	Stella Pacholke (27)
Jake Buckles (29)	Kellen Ryan (29)
Zachary Sucomel (29)	MariElla Viola (29)
Khloe Walker (29)	

### **Our Youth:**

Sabina Fester (1)	Hailee Radel (5)
Katie Breunig (10)	Ella Schad (10)
Leah Spurgeon (11)	Connor Sutter (14)
Lincz Frey (16)	Bethany Johnson (21)
Jade Hesse (22)	Cayden Wernsing (26)
Dylan Andrews (28)	Michael Kindschi (29)
Jacob Schweitzer (29)	

### **College and Career-age Young People:**

Keith Kraemer (1)	David Treinen (3)
Jared Holl (9)	Renee Ballweg (18)
Adam Ballweg (21)	Cristian Flores (21)
Keisha Janisch (23)	Ali Roach (27)
Olivia Chao (29)	Jeremy Sauer (31)

## Serving in October

### Ushers:

October 2

### 8:00 a.m.

Rob Risley  
Kathi Risley  
Dale Haroldson  
Michael Endres

### 10:30 a.m.

Andy Jones  
Julia Jones  
Dan Small  
Jacob Schweitzer

October 9

Rob Risley  
Kristin Pape  
Darin Pape  
Sophie Fiske

Andy Jones  
Peggy Johnson  
Curtis Johnson  
Cora Dunnum

October 16

Rob Risley  
Kristin Pape  
Darin Pape  
Colden Harter

Andy Jones  
Peggy Johnson  
Curtis Johnson  
Briar Lohr

October 23

Rob Risley  
Kristin Pape  
Darin Pape  
Ainsley Apel

Andy Jones  
Julia Jones  
Dan Small  
Briar Lohr

October 30

Rob Risley  
Kristin Pape  
Darin Pape

Andy Jones  
Julia Jones  
Dan Small  
Alex Kinnamon

### Acolytes:

October 2

### 8:00 a.m.

Megan Small  
Zach Guentherman  
Cayden Wernsing  
Ainsley Apel

### 10:30 a.m.

Chris Kepler  
Tarren Nimmow  
Claire Thiede  
Kyle Dregney

October 9

Megan Small  
Ainsley Apel

Chris Kepler

October 16

Carley Frosch

Quinn Baier  
Chris Kepler

October 23

October 30

Ainsley Apel

Emma Kinnamon  
Chris Kepler

### Readers:

October 2

### 8:00 a.m.

Jama Graves  
Nancy Kaufman  
Crystal Lautenbach

### 10:30 a.m.

Cayden Wernsing  
Dale Clason  
Joanne Kitelinger

October 9

October 16

October 23

October 30

Linda Hines

Arthur Ness  
Dale Clason

**Cantors:**

October 2  
 October 9  
 October 16  
 October 23  
 October 30

**8:00 a.m.**

Janis Baun  
 Melani Wheeler  
 Marv, Janelle Hupp  
 Bill Burton  
 Chris Stephan

**10:30 a.m.**

Megan, Jordan Small  
 Doris Lohr  
 Jeff, Kathy Ochsankehl  
 Deb Lohr-Foster  
 Karley Blau

**Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m.**

October 2  
 October 9  
 October 16  
 October 23  
 October 30

Ava Roach  
 Kathy Lovell  
 Roxanne Small  
 Jayne Carlson  
 Roxanne Small

**10:30 a.m.**

Tarren Nimmow  
 Doris Lohr  
 Gerry Westphal  
 Ginny Nimmow

**Assisting Ministers: 8:00 a.m.**

October 2  
 October 9  
 October 16  
 October 23  
 October 30

Megan Small  
 Bob Wilson  
 Kathi Risley  
 Donna Knickmeyer  
 Jordan Small

**10:30 a.m.**

Megan Small  
 Bob Wilson  
 Kathi Risley  
 Donna Knickmeyer  
 Jordan Small

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

October 2  
 October 9  
 October 16  
 October 23  
 October 30

Marsha, Rodney Key  
 Ashley Pape  
 Alice, Joe Chenoweth  
 Jayne Carlson  
 Nadine, Bryce Lauer

**10:30 a.m.**

Deb Lohr-Foster  
 Jacob Schweitzer  
 Deb Lohr-Foster  
 Deb Westphal  
 Deb Lohr-Foster

**Nursery Staff:**

October 2  
  
 October 9  
  
 October 16  
  
 October 23  
  
 October 30

**8:00 a.m.**

Lauren Wideen  
 Ainsley Apel  
 Ashley Pape  
 Cora Dunnum  
 Lauren Wideen  
 Molly Ballweg  
 Evan Carlson  
  
 Drew Marshall  
 Quinn Baier

**10:30 a.m.**

Ruby Sandeman  
 Gavin Tompkin  
 Jordan Chao  
 Briar Lohr  
 Cole Douglas  
 Sophie Fiske  
 Leah Froehlich  
 Cole Douglas  
 Leanna Niesen  
 Malea Niesen

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

October 2  
 October 9  
 October 16  
 October 23  
 October 30

Ainsley Apel  
 Max Sailor  
 Ruby Sandeman  
 Sam Beattie  
 Colden Harter

**9:00 a.m.**

Sam Beattie  
 Linda Yanke  
 Molly Ballweg  
 Carley Frosch  
 Emma Kinnamon



<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
Oct 2 (Sanctuary)	Dustin Hanson family	Tom, Cheryl Schneller
(Front doors)	Dan, Kathy Lovell	Norma Newman
(Side doors)	Dan, Janis Baun	Ed, Ginny Nimmow
Oct 9 (Sanctuary)	Rodney, Marsha Key	Dave, Dale Clason
(Front doors)		Bob, Dede Egan
(Side doors)	Bob Nelson	Sally, Jake Degenhardt
Oct 16 (Sanctuary)	Ashley Pape	Grace Fauerbach
(Front doors)	Evan Carlson	Alex Kinnamon
(Side doors)	Quinn Baier	Emma Kinnamon
Oct 23 (Sanctuary)	Craig, Penny Johnson	Chris Stephan family
(Front doors)	Cliff, Cindy Thompson	Aletha, John Ballweg
(Side doors)	Jeannine Robertson	Tom, Cheryl Schneller
Oct 30 (Sanctuary)	Shirley Anding	Deb, Gerry Westphal
(Front doors)	Bob, Josie Fentress	Chris Stephan family
(Side doors)	Dan, Janis Baun	LeeAnn Goelz

## **Sunday School News**

We had a wonderful kick off to the new Sunday School year on our September 11th Rally Day! After getting signed up for Sunday School, kids were able to play different games to show what their offering will be supporting this year. Our goal is to be able to buy a well that will help over 500 families have access to clean water!

If you haven't registered your child for Sunday School yet, it is never too late! You can email me ([abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org)) for a Registration form, or there are extras in each Sunday School classroom.

If your 3 year old or 3rd grader did not receive a Bible on September 25th and you would like them to, please contact me!

Important upcoming events:

\* October 19– Prayer Skit – 3 year olds, 4K, and 5th grade

\* October 23 – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Singspiration sings at 10:30

church service

\* October 30th – Reformation Sunday – wear RED

\* November 6th – All Saints Day – wear WHITE

\* November 13th – Pajama Day

\* November 20th – Advent Festival

Blessings and Thanks,  
Abby Bennett  
Youth and Education Coordinator



### **Kids of the Kingdom**

Our musical group, Kids of the Kingdom meets again beginning October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This group is made up of children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Connie Burton is the director. Come, sing praises, learn about music and have fun!

## **Middle and High School News**



### **Grade 6-12 Night Corn Maze Trip**

All students grades 6-12 are invited to ride the bus to the Treinen Corn Maze on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will leave from church at 7:00 (there is no Confirmation) and return by 9:30pm (there is no school the next day). Cost is \$12 per student plus any money they want to bring to buy snacks. Please sign up on the Youth Board or email Abby Bennett to have your name added to the list – [abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org).



### **Feed My Starving Children Food Packing for World Hunger**

Feed My Starving Children is hoping to pack 350,000 meals October 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> at Grand Avenue School. **We have a table reserved for Youth on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**, and this counts as one of the required service projects! Parents are welcome to help too. Please sign up on the Youth Board, or email Abby Bennett to get your name on the list. If you can't make it that day, and still

want to pitch in, please visit [www.makingservicepersonal.org](http://www.makingservicepersonal.org) and click on "Sauk Prairie Against Hunger" to sign up to pack meals.



### 3 Year Old and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation

On September 25 we fulfilled a promise made at baptism and presented Bibles to the parents of the following 3 year-olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders: In turn, the parents presented the Bibles to their children.

Hallie Ballweg	Keira Breunig	Ryder Breunig
Ethan Desso	Dylann Fisher	Quinn Goetsch
Kenlee Hewitt	Malania Hitchcock	Nellie Kaderavek
Janie Kinney	Nadia LaVigne	Callie Lohr
Owen Louis	Briggs Ludowitz	Audrey Maestri
Lucas Muehrer	Lyle Opie	Parker Pacholke
Benjamin Patterson	Evan Ryan	Kenzie Sawyer
Pria Steinmetz	Noah Wells	Molly Williams
Ezra Bauer	Micah Boerger	Jake Buckles
Hunter Carthew	Kaleb Chetwood	Dominick Desso
Graysen Dunn	Conner Evert	Griffin Fritsch
Elleigh Harter	Simon Homp	Kylie Hutchins
Douglas Jolicoeur	Jason King	Amelia Kitelinger
Alaina Kraemer	Brynn Kruchten	Evan Louis
Cody Passehl	Ian Quayle	Declan Ryan
Jenna Shimpach	Noelle Small	Drew Thiede
Sophia Vest	Kate Wernsing	



### First Communion Instruction

A First Communion class will be held on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Parish Education Staff Installation**

We installed our 2016-17 educational staff on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Included in this group are Sunday school teachers and aides, librarians, adult education teachers, confirmation teachers and aides, Director of Music and education board members. Please join us as we rejoice in God's gifts made manifest in these individuals.

Parish Ed Board Members: James Newman, Heather Newman, Liz Fester, Dale Clason, Anne Klinkner, Ruellene Seymour, Abby Bennett and Sally Williams

Sunday School Teachers, Aides and Substitutes: Dale Clason, Melani Wheeler, Connie Burton, Liz Fester, Sarah Hupp, Maggie Harter, Tekla Nimmow, Ben Chao, Chris Stephan, Angie Updike, Alysia Bahe, Jordan Small, Tyler Hopfensperger, Jeff Yanke, Paige Beattie, Laura Hutchins, Ashley Lewis, Tarren Nimmow, Penny Johnson, Tanner Wideen, Ryan Ladd, Kali Schroeder, Ben Schreiber, Lauren Wideen, Paige Ederer, Janelle Hupp, Linda Hines, Lizzie Hupp, Dan Small, Linda Yanke, Ellen Domine, Lynn Esser, Crystal Lautenbach, Sarah Goetsch, Christina Himebauch, Megan Small, Hans Fester, Jon Sandeman, Marge Erlandson, and John Hines

Confirmation Teachers and Aides: Scott Ladd, Ally Dunnum, Roger Seymour, Marv Hupp, Fred Rilling

Adult Education: Sally Williams, John Hines, Linda Hines

Librarian: Liz Fester

Director of Music: Connie Burton



### **Baby Congratulations**

Jackson and Amanda Sailor welcome son, Isaac Carmine.  
Ashley and Kurt Riha welcome son, Brigum Anthony.

Jake and Nicole Kraus welcome son, Andrew James  
Mike and Tara Argal welcome daughter, Gabbi Kathleen



### **Notes of Thanks!**

Thank you to all of you who participated in the 2015-2016 school year activities in music. You are a blessing to St. John's!

Senior Choir members were Jan Baun, Bill Burton, Marlow Carrels, Marian and Tony DeGiovanni, Dennis Fisher, Deb Lohr-Foster, LeeAnn Goelz, Marilyn Herschleb, Bonnie Kehl, Anne Klinkner, Doris Lohr, Norma Newman, Jeff and Kathy Ochsankel, Tom Olmstead, Gwen Ringelstetter, Kathi Matthews-Risley, Roger and Ruellene Seymour, Brian and Mary Weeks, and Sally Williams.

Kids of the Kingdom members were Karley Blau, Michael Blau, Ramona Blau, Jack Boerger, Micah Boerger, Vanessa Bruenig, Anna Francour, Karlie Harpold, Thea Harpold, Katie Himebauch, Wesley Himebauch, Jordan Small (assistant), Megan Small (assistant), and Noelle Small.

Cantors, soloists, and instrumentalists were Aletha Ballweg, Jan Baun, Bill Burton, Connie Burton, Marlow Carrels, Ben Chao, Ed Chao, Jordan Chao, Mariah Chao, Olivia Chao, Dennis Fisher, Jordan Foster, Deb Lohr-Foster, Anna and Sarah Francour, Malea Niesen, Janelle and Marv Hupp, Doris Lohr, Ruth Lohr, Jeff and Kathy Ochsankel, Tom Olmstead, Katy Rilling, Alison and Ava Roach, Jordan and Megan Small, Chris Stephan, Dave Sweeney, Gina Varley, Melani Wheeler, Roger and Ruellene Seymour, Chris Stephan, Jeff Williams, Cathy and Katie Yanke.

Messengers were Jan Baun, Marian DeGiovanni, Marge Erlandson, Deb Lohr-Foster, LeeAnn Goelz, Ellen Hamlin, Marilyn Herschleb, Darlene Holl, Donna Knickmeyer, Loretta Landerman, Kathy Lester, Doris Lohr, Kathi Matthews-Risley, Pat Mecher, Norma Newman, Kathy Ochsankel, Pat Osterfund, Faye

Rentmeester, Gwen Ringelstetter, Zona Roewer, Betty Sauer, April Sawyer, Mary Weeks, Carolyn Yanke, and Eunice Yanke.



### **Come to the Castle**

On October 28 we will have the opportunity to go to Wartburg Seminary for a “Come to the Castle” event. A carpool leaves from St. John’s at 7:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to a day of learning. Email or speak with Pastor Fred about the topic of the day. The Castle is a grand place to see.



### **90<sup>th</sup> plus Birthday Celebration**

Join us on October 9<sup>th</sup> as we rejoice with our St. John’s family members who have celebrated 90 or more birthdays. We will have warm wishes cards to sign and special treats to share during the fellowship hour.

### **Pastor Appreciation Month**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Perhaps you would like to send an email, card or note to Pastor Fred Rilling and Pastor Sally Williams and their families to express your thanks for all they do here at St. John’s. We rejoice that God has placed them here and greatly thank their families for sharing their loved ones with us. Many know that this is so much more than a 9-to-5 type of job. We are grateful for Pastor Fred’s and Pastor Sally’s support, love, caring and teaching here at St. John’s.



