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Prairie du Sac, WI

July 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is hard to believe that soon we will be welcoming another intern. As you may have heard our first intern, Marlow Carrels has been called to serve a congregation in Westby, MT. He will also continue his military service as a chaplain. Our prayers go to him and his family as they make this move.

But before we welcome another intern, we first must say goodbye to our current intern, Halcyon Bjornstad. We have been blessed by Halcyon's presence amongst us. She has brought gifts and talents that have served St. John's and our common ministry. I have heard from many of you that she will be missed and I echo that feeling. I am a better pastor for her being here and I am grateful for her partnership in ministry. Please join me and the entire staff of St. John's as we say goodbye to Halcyon on Sunday, July 23. We will have one service that day at 9am with a reception to follow.

When we first considered becoming an intern site, I told you that in order for an intern to be fully immersed into congregational life, your pastors would need to 'pull back and make room' for the intern. This process is hard.

Now we have a new intern coming, Derek Rosenstiel. He and his wife, Becky will arrive on August 8th and we again will need

to 'pull back and make room.' 'We' includes staff, congregational members as well as our current intern. As Marlow left and made room for Michaelo, Halcyon will leave and make room for Derek.

Now you may say, "That makes sense." Yet let me tell you what this 'pulling back and making room' looks like. Halcyon will not be coming back to the Sauk Prairie area this next year. She will not call you to see how you are. She will not send you letters, texts, emails or Facebook message you to catch up on things. She will 'pull back and make room' for Derek. She will do this not because she doesn't care about the people of St. John's, rather it is *because she cares deeply* that she will 'pull back and make room.' She will do this to help us do the hard work of letting go of one intern so we can fully embrace our next intern. When Derek leaves he will have to do the same thing.

It is hard to leave behind people you have grown to love. Yet when interns leave a congregation, they are expected/required to 'pull back and make room.' They do this so a congregation, especially one that has grown to love their intern, can move on and embrace the person that will follow. They do this because they care deeply about the congregation and desire that the new person have the same opportunity they were afforded to be fully integrated into this new community of faith.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Installation of Derek Rosenstiel

On Aug 20 we will install Derek as our intern. Come and join us as we welcome Derek and Becky into our midst and celebrate this new journey we have begun.

Carl Sirotzki New Call

Rev. Carl and Jo Sirotzki are now living in Nebraska. Carl began a new call recently with the people of Thabor Lutheran Church, PO Box 215, Wausa, NE 68786.

Parish Planning Council Members:

Executive Director	Ken Carlson	370-1356
Assistant Exec Director	Jon Sandeman	643-5006
Secretary	Kathy Lovell	643-2075
Treasurer	Butch Passehl	643-3008
Evangelism Board	Gwen Ringelstetter	643-6922
Fellowship Board	Lori Hegge	592-3196
Lay Ministry Board	Ruth Lohr	225-8477
Member at Large	Linda Lintl	370-7455
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	John Schmidt	643-2171
Stewardship Board	Nancy Kaufman	963-0151
Women of ELCA	Eunice Yanke	643-8289
Youth Board	Marvin Hupp	643-0653

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Mission Statement: Christ, our strength and refuge, calling us to serve

Food Pantry Sunday is July 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:

Pork and Beans	Mac and Cheese
Peanut Butter	Saltine Crackers
Pancake Mix	Powdered Lemonade Mix

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 July. The date is in parentheses.

Yvonne Brewer (3)
101 Spruce St, #6
Sauk City, WI 53583

Mac McCluskey (9)
1230 Fairview Dr
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Erwin Musolf (26)
6702 State Hwy 47
Lake Tomahawk, WI
54539

Dorothy Enge (29)
Maplewood of Sauk Prairie
245 Sycamore St
Sauk City, WI 53583

 **THANK** you!

Thank you to my church family for all the birthday cards and happy wishes. You made my day brighter.

Sincerely, Denise Baars

Women of the Church News

ALL CIRCLES: Combined Circles Picnic Wednesday, July 19, 1:00 p.m. at Blue Spoon, Prairie du Sac



We will not be having our regular Circle meetings in July. Instead, we will have our “picnic” at the Blue Spoon. **ALL CIRCLESAND OF COURSE ALL ST. JOHN'S WOMEN.....ARE INVITED TO A BRUNCH ON JULY 19TH AT 10:00 A.M.** We plan to eat at 10:00, so please come a little bit earlier. When you come into the Blue Spoon, you should not stop at the counter to order, but just proceed directly to the River Room and the food will be all ready for us there. This event is free of charge. You should sign up for this event on the sheet that has been provided on the kiosk at church. We would like to know as close as possible how many will be attending. We are lucky that Halcyon will still be here...and she will lead a short Bible Study. She will be leaving us soon and we will certainly all miss her very much. We are also in for a special treat of entertainment provided by the talented Lohr family. **YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT! PLEASE COME AND BRING A GUEST!**

In June, 19 ladies attended Circle meetings. (Hannah Circle did not meet in June.) The study, All Anew, Ready or Not: “Say Goodbye to Nice”, was led by Marilyn Larson, Eunice Yanke, Jeannine Robertson, and Marian DeGiovanni. Most circles will not have regular meetings in August. Each Circle will “do their own thing”, such as going out to eat together. During July and August we will need to be thinking about shopping for and working on our various kits for Lutheran World Relief. This is always a big project and takes a lot of work and planning.

In September we will resume our regular Circle meetings. Our studies will be on the Apostles’ Creed in September, October and November. In December, Advent Devotional will be our study.

Lydia Circle visited Special Friends in April and May. Ruth Circle is visiting our Friends in June and July. Sarah Circle will visit during August and September. Martha Circle will visit in October and November.

Read this month’s Prayer for Peace in this Visitor on July 20.

Hannah Circle

The Hannah Circle will not meet during the summer months. Please join us again on October 3 at 6:00 p.m.

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! We gather 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 on Thursday, July 20 we will welcome Intern Halcyon to lead us in conversation about how we share our faith stories.

Women's Book Club

We will discuss A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. We will meet at 10am in the church library and 6:30pm at the Blue Spoon on Tuesday, July 25th. There are many holds on this book in the South Central Library system, so feel free to use the library copy. Intern Halcyon also has a personal copy she will lend out.

Milestone Ministry Events

This month we will celebrate Milestone Anniversaries on Sunday, July 16 at both services. We will lift up in prayer all marriages and relationships and have special recognition for those who have been married 20+ years! We hope you can join us!

SPECIAL PRAYER

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

Lord Jesus Christ,
true light of the world,
you guide all mankind to salvation.
Give us the courage, strength and grace
to build a world of justice and peace,
ready for the coming of that kingdom
where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. AMEN

Intern Halcyon's Last Sunday

Halcyon Bjornstad's last Sunday at St. John's will be July 23. *We will have one service that day at 9am.* Following that service we will have a time of fellowship and an opportunity for conversation. Please join us this day as Halcyon continues on her journey. As in the past, some congregational members have expressed a desire to make an offering in thanksgiving for the ministry of our intern. Halcyon has asked that such gifts be sent to Wartburg Seminary to help the ministry of the seminary and the ELCA as a whole.

Farewell Reception

We will bid farewell to Intern Halcyon on July 23 with a small reception following the 9:00 a.m. service. We are serving appetizers and finger foods. If you would like to bring some food to share, please sign up on the kiosk. Come to wish Halcyon well in her last year of studies at Wartburg Seminary and thank her for sharing God's Word with us through her time here at St. John's.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When I first started at St. John's (11 years ago!) you identified yourself as being a very welcoming congregation. You have proven that over and over again. But sometimes I wonder if you know something else about yourselves. You, people of St. John's, have a great gift for teaching.

This has been apparent as we've started up the internship program again. The ways that you not only welcome our interns, but also open your hearts and minds to work with, teach, and learn together is incredible.

Another area where I see your teaching shining through is with our children. I have been in awe of our young people who have been sharing in the worship leadership each week. I have watched them start out as nervous children and emerge as strong leaders among us. That is because of you.

Thank you for inviting and encouraging our children to be part of our worshipping community. Thank you for making room for mistakes and celebrating their growth.

Thank you for being teachers. Thank you for proclaiming Christ's promise of grace to our children!

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally".

Wedding Congratulations

We rejoice with Ryan Thompson and Ashley Kimball who were married June 24. Ryan is the son of Cliff and Cindy Thompson.

We also celebrate with Keith McCormick and Devin Yager who were also married June 24. Keith is the son of Noel and Gloria McCormick.

Greetings to the Community of St. John's,

I have just returned from a week wandering around the great state of Wisconsin. I got to visit so many places that you, as the congregation of St. John's, had told me about over the past several months. I had such a wonderful time traveling around this state and seeing some truly beautiful sites. My family sometimes shakes their heads at me in confusion when I say that other states are beautiful. I come from a long line of people who love the mountains and think that a sunset on a mountain is the most beautiful scene you can see. I don't disagree with the beauty of the mountains, but on vacation I got to see plenty of Wisconsin beauty. All week long I traveled around the state seeing beautiful lakes, incredible waterfalls, and exploring fantastic islands. As a result of my adventures I can most certainly say that just because Wisconsin doesn't have any mountains it is not lacking for beauty. As I explored God's creation from one end of this state to the other, one verse kept running through my head, Psalm 19:1, "The Heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." My trip around Wisconsin became a reminder for me that God is creative, imaginative, and playful. That the details that go into creating both mountains and lakes are the same details that go into planning each one of us. There is abundant beauty in God's creation. The beauty that God has formed with God's own hands includes tall beautiful mountains in Montana as well as uniquely formed islands in Wisconsin. God focuses on the tiniest details in creation that our minds can only begin to grasp. This same God formed you and cares for you. It's an amazing thing to stand under a sky full of stars and feel so small, and at the same time realize that the maker of the stars has also made you. The earth sings of God's glory, so go enjoy the world that God has created, and join creation in the song of praise to God.

Peace,
Intern Halcyon

Our Thanks to Halcyon

In the midst of writing our final evaluation for Intern Halcyon, many words were spoken that describe Halcyon; kind, thoughtful, caring, inspiring, approachable, believable, loving and we could go on and on. **We are so blessed.**

While writing the evaluation is a requirement for our intern committee it affords us the opportunity to look back from the time of Halcyon's arrival to the present time and reminds us to be thankful for the everlasting and ever-loving "imprint" Halcyon has bestowed upon our Congregation. **We are so blessed.**

Halcyon's presence in our church and our community inspires many of us to realize that being a Christian is natural, fun and attractive. Halcyon's gifts and talents have enriched our congregation. **We are so blessed.**

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you Halcyon for all you have given and shared with us. We pray that your future will be as shining as your love for your work and faith in God. **We are so blessed.**

Internship Committee – Mary Weeks, John Schmidt, Jeannine Robertson, Linda Lintl, Jerry Niesen and Nancy Passehl

Opportunity to Welcome Pastoral Intern Derek and Becky Rosenstiel to Sauk Prairie

The Internship Committee invites you to donate gift certificates/cards for Derek and Becky. If you would like to participate, please drop them off to Linda in the church office by Friday, August 4th and we will present them all together to Derek and Becky when they arrive. Any amount and any merchant is welcome! Ideas include: grocery, gas, restaurants, hardware, entertainment, recreation, Visa, MasterCard, etc! Maybe you have a favorite merchant that you would like to encourage them to try? Another idea is to donate chamber gift certificates to be used at member establishments. Also consider stores in Baraboo. Thank you for your help!

We celebrate with the following families on the birth of:

Oliver Charles to Heather and James Newman
Charlotte Elizabeth to Kali Schroeder and Ben Schreiber
Roman Duke to Lucas and Kelly Koenig
Harper Elizabeth to Adda and Ryan Kirk

We conferred the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on the following child during June.

Ryan Carter Bakken, son of Scott and Clara Bakken. His sponsors are Cece Bakken and Richard Green. His congregational sponsors are Mike and Emily Rennicke.

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
Ray Bolton
Arletta Wachter

With Sincere Sympathy

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

Heather and James Newman and family, on the death of Heather's step-father, Mike Digman.

St. John's Prayer Chain

St. John's offers a very important ministry to our church members and beyond. We have a Prayer Chain that is "staffed" by volunteers. We have both an email chain and a telephone chain. If you would like to be notified when someone is in need of prayer, call the church office to have your name added to the chain you prefer. Linda will contact you with the request and all you have to do is add that request to your daily prayers. This is a wonderful way we can all help one another.

If you have a prayer request or know of someone who does, call the church office and Linda will notify the Prayer Chain members of the name of the person in need.

Synod Assembly Experience

It was very interesting to attend the Synod Assembly meeting as I was able to gain a greater understanding of how the Synod determines how it spends the dollars it receives from our church. It is a thoughtful process and there was a fair amount of discussion about the direction our Synod should primarily direct its money. The break-out discussions regarding issues that our Synod is facing and how to address them were very interesting. I highly recommend that anyone that has the chance to attend the assembly do so.

Thank you, Jama Graves

Thanks

Thank you so much for the generous donation to Kops for Kids. Because of you and your congregation, many area children will be provided with gifts this holiday season. Your generosity did not go unnoticed.

Sauk Prairie Police Department

Money collected during our Lenten services was shared with this program.

Happy July Birthday!

Our Youngest

Claire Ryan (1)	Teddy Ederer (20)
Marryn Osgood (24)	Gabbi Argall (27)
Brigum Riha (30)	Avery Jorgenson (31)

Our Sunday School Students:

Jaret Buckles (1)	Brianna Kurt (1)
Jaelyn Sorg (2)	Ethan Anderson (4)
Briggs Ludowitz (4)	Isabelle Kolnik (6)
Madyn Ludowitz (6)	Emelynn Miller (9)
Linea Keiser (13)	Brock Esser (14)
Clark Kelter (15)	Pria Steinmetz (17)
Kennedy Colby (18)	Lillyann Nurkala (18)
Anna Bruckert (19)	Aubrey Anderson (23)
Will Sandberg (24)	Evan Louis (25)
Dylan Sawyer (25)	Amber Dregney (27)
Bailey Prellwitz (28)	Lilyan Deegan (29)
Jace Schultz (30)	Mylee Schultz (30)

Our Youth:

Jaxson Dunn (1)	Emma Kinnamon (7)
Madison Marshall (8)	Colby Elsing (12)
Jacob Guentherman (12)	Chloe Wernsing (12)
Eleri Fester (16)	Anna Francour (16)
Kaitlyn Kruchten (20)	Joshua Schweitzer (27)
Jordan Chao (28)	

College and Career-age Young People:

Paige Pistono (1)	Paige Beattie (6)
Sarah Peterson (8)	Sydney Peterson (8)
Katelyn Ederer (16)	Emmalyn Carlson (19)
Chad Keller (25)	Levi Rasque (31)

Serving in July

Ushers:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2	Brian Weeks Mary Weeks Dale Haroldson Chloe Wernsing	Alex Kinnamon Dave Kinnamon Jessa Kinnamon Emily Caflisch
July 9	Rodney Key Linda Lintl Kathy Lovell Michael Endres	Deb Westphal Gerry Westphal Audrey Luetscher Anna Ballweg
July 16	Ava Roach Lon Kaderavek	Nick Goetsch Sarah Goetsch Haylee Goetsch Anna Ballweg
July 23	9:00 only	Kristin Pape Darin Pape Ashley Pape Alice Chenoweth
July 30	Carley Frosch Butch Passehl Nancy Passehl	Anna Ballweg Wolfgang Reich Charlie Radl Linda Radl

Acolytes:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2	Alia Schlimgen Ben Levers	Colden Harter Ethan Jones
July 9	Ava Roach Brody Ballweg	Quinn Baier Anna Francour
July 16	Emma Kinnamon Jack Boerger	Karley Blau
July 23	9:00 only	Colden Harter Gabe Harter
July 30	Alia Schlimgen Jaxson Dunn	Gavin Tompkin Carley Frosch

Readers:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2	Wesley Himebauch	Malea Niesen
July 9	Mary Halweg	Tony DeGiovanni
July 16	Marilyn Herschleb	Tony DeGiovanni
July 23	9:00 only	John Hines
July 30	Roxanne Small	Dale Clason

Cantors:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2	Connie Burton	Ruellene Seymour
July 9	Melani Wheeler	Dennis Fisher
July 16	Spoken	Spoken
July 23	9:00 only Kathy and Jeff	Ochsankehl
July 30	Janis Baun	Jordan, Megan Small

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m.

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2	Jordan Chao	Claire Thiede
July 9	Marilyn Herschleb	Dede Egan
July 16	Jayne Carlson	Audrey Luetscher
July 23	9:00 only Linda Hines	
July 30	Janis Baun	Roxanne Small

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 a.m.

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2	Jordan Small	Jordan Small
July 9	Kathi Risley	Kathi Risley
July 16	Dennis Fisher	Dennis Fisher
July 23	9:00 only Donna Knickmeyer	
July 30	Megan Small	Megan Small

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

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2	Shirley Orr	Marilyn Herschleb
July 9	Ashley Pape	Kyra Manning
July 16	Jayne Carlson	Deb, Gerry Westphal
July 23	9:00 only Deb Corrao	
July 30	Linda, John Hines	Barb Salvesson

Nursery Staff:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2	Megan Small	Ben Levers
	Karley Blau	Colden Harter
July 9	Molly Ballweg	Kyra Manning
	Meadow Liedtke	Ruby Sandeman
July 16	Wyatt Urban	Emily Cafilisch
	Scott Graves	Carley Frosch
July 23	9:00 only Annika Braund, Olivia Joyce	
July 30	Karley Blau	Courtney Lautenbach
	Gavin Tompkin	Alia Schlimgen

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

	<u>7:30 a.m.</u>	<u>9:00 a.m.(Serve)</u>
July 2	Sam Beattie	Sam Beattie
July 9	Gabe Harter	Gabe Harter
July 16	Haylee Goetsch	Haylee Goetsch
July 23	Olivia Joyce	Olivia Joyce
July 30	Ben Levers	Ben Levers

<u>Sunday Stewards:</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2	Linda Lintl	Eunice Yanke
July 9	John Schmidt	Gwen Ringelstetter
July 16	Roger Clason	Eunice Yanke
July 23	9:00 only Jon Sandeman	
July 30	Kathy Lovell	Kathy Lovell

<u>Greeters:</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 2 (Sanctuary)	Dan, Janis Baun	Candace Buckles
(Front doors)	Eldor Fruehling	Kim, Kierre Fiske
(Side doors)	Karen Bader	Caroline Morrow
July 9 (Sanctuary)	Dick, Jan Dobrzynski	Bob, Dede Egan
(Front doors)	Steve, Holly Kindschi	Ruth, Dave Lohr
(Side doors)	Jackie Frosch	Curt, Peggy Johnson
July 16 (Sanctuary)	Ava Roach	Jack Boerger
(Front doors)	Carley Frosch	Scott Graves
(Side doors)	Claire Thiede	Emma Kinnamon
July 23 (Sanctuary)	Shirley Orr, Audrey Kuntsman	
9:00 only (Front doors)	Cliff, Cindy Thompson	
(Side doors)	Jeff, Nicole Sandberg family	
July 30 (Sanctuary)	Fay Rentmeester	John, Aletha Ballweg
(Front doors)	Rodney, Marsha Key	Doris Lohr
(Side doors)	Eunice Yanke	Herb, Cathy Yanke

****Feel free to add your name to the kiosk in any of the open positions. We are grateful for your help.*

Congregational totals	Attendance	Offering
May 28	227	\$ 6,892.00
June 4	294	\$ 8,687.66
June 11	262	\$ 9,032.00
June 18	269	\$11,818.55

We recently received monetary gifts in memory of Shirley Lukens. We are grateful when our congregation is remembered in this manner. These gifts will be used to benefit our church.

VBS Game Prep!

Help us prepare for Bible School! Following the 9:30 service on Sunday, July 9th, join us to learn camp games from Intern Halcyon! We will be playing Triangle Tag, and Grizzly Trout Mosquito, and many other fun games. Pizza will be provided for lunch! You do not need to be signed up for Bible School to attend, and the whole family is invited to join in the fun!

Middle and High School News

Youth Gathering Meeting

The ELCA Youth Gathering is quickly approaching! Any Youth entering grades 8-12 in the fall are invited to join us for an informational meeting on August 16th at 7pm. Please bring a parent! We will discuss costs, time commitments, transportation, and any other questions parents might have. The Youth Gathering is June 27-July 1st, 2018, and is in Houston, TX. If you are interested in attending the gathering but cannot make the meeting, please email Abby (abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org).

Mallards Game!

High School Youth (entering grades 9-12) are invited to attend a Mallards Game as a group on Thursday, July 20th! We will leave St. John's at 4:30pm. The cost is \$20 and includes the bus, an all you can eat tailgate supper, and your ticket. Please sign up by July 6th on the Youth Info board, or email Abby Bennett (abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org).

On June 25, we received the following new members to our church. Please greet them warmly when you meet them and help them to know St. John's as a welcoming and caring community.

Ainsley Apel	Shawn Osterfund
Gale Bahe	Garry Bahe
Clara Bakken	Scott Bakken
Ryan Bakken	Marcia Howard
Roger Howard	Hana Johnson
Craig Johnson	Cameron Johnson
Katie LaVigne	Leon LaVigne
Nadia LaVigne	Carol Ohlsen
Martin Ohlsen	Marty Ohlsen
Mary Risgaard	Milt Risgaard

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 June.

Janis Baun	Dan Baun
Fay Rentmeester	Darlene Holl
Kim Langer	Kris Frey
Diane Williams	Eunice Yanke
Marsha Key	Natalie Barth
Linda Theisen	Norma Newman
Dianne Effinger	Jim Effinger
Bill Wardwell	Jamie Finch

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.

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

Dear Members of St. John's,

Words cannot fully express the love and gratitude I feel as I remember these past several years with the children of St. John's.

We are so blessed to have wonderful Pastors, staff and congregation members with many different talents to share.

My heart is full of beautiful memories made over the many years I was involved with Singspiration.

Thank you, thank you for your love and support shown to me. I could not do it without you all. The cards, gifts, plant and well wishes mean more than you'll ever know.

Love, Melani Wheeler

**Thank
You!**

Thank you for your support and generous donations to My Neighbor in Need. These funds were used to purchase food and gas cards for a Neighbor in Need who recently had surgery and had no income. We appreciate your donation.

Staff of My Neighbor in Need

Money collected during our Lenten services was shared with this program.

Thanks

The Good Neighbor Clinic of Sauk Prairie wishes to extend our appreciation for the generous donation in support of our medical services. Thank you greatly for your kindness.

Good Neighbor Clinic of Sauk Prairie

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Thank you so very much for your wonderful donation to our homeless students. This donation will allow me to buy gas cards to transport students and parents, as well as special scholarships for summer school, food and other necessities. I am very thankful!

Susan Bauman-Duren, SPSP

On behalf of the Sauk Prairie School Board, I would like to thank the people of St. John's for the generous donation of \$974.13 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 12, 2017.

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

Thank you. Sincerely, Cliff Thompson, Superintendent

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Thank you

Thank you for your recent donation to Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars, Inc. in the amount of \$500.00 for the St. John's Lutheran Church Scholarship. We appreciate your continued support of our mission. Thank you again.

Andrea Mauch, Program Administrator

Thank
You

Thank you for your recent gift to The Salvation Army. As you read this your donation is working to help members of the community with food, shelter and clothing. But your generosity also offers something more—hope. Your kindness and compassion help light the way for people in the midst of crisis and despair. Your gift will reach those in our area who need it the most.

Thank you and God bless you for your kindness.

Major Steven Merritt, Divisional Commander

Money collected during our Lenten services was shared with this program.

Eye Glasses for the Lions

Did you know that St. John's 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 west 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.