



500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Prairie du Sac, WI

October 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

One important task of St. John's Parish Planning Council (PPC) is the work of long range planning. To that end the PPC had a retreat and invited Rev. Erik Jelinek, the Synod staff member whose portfolio includes Evangelism and Congregational Development, to join us. During that time we discussed what it means to be St. John's in this time and place. Out of that discussion came an idea of how we might assess the strengths of our congregational members and use them in new ways for the sake of the gospel.

On Sunday, Oct 15, our 8:00 and 10:30am services will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Our liturgy will follow its regular pattern but during our sermon time we will invite you into conversation using printed questions that we will ask you to discuss in pairs. Here are a few examples, "What are your hobbies and interests? What is something others say you are good at? What groups do you belong to? What is something you would like to learn to do?" These and other questions are designed to help us find out what kinds of assets (talents/abilities/skills) our members have and also might be willing to share for the sake of God's work and mission in this world.

We will start with a brief explanation of the process. You will then ask and answer one question (30 seconds for each person). The answers will be written on your page. Prior to the next question, each person on one side of the table will move down one chair,

allowing them to meet a new person and then the next question will be asked and answered. Those with mobility issues will sit on the 'non-moving side' of the tables. We will clearly identify which side is the 'non-moving side' Youth will be included in the process. Parents can decide, depending on the age of their children, if they want their child to be 'at their chair' or occupy their own chair for the question/answer process.

The PPC hopes this focused time will gather helpful information about our congregation and how we might encourage the use of our assets for the sake of God's work.

Dear brothers and sisters, I am grateful for your willingness to try new things. I look forward on Oct 15, to finding out what resources/assets our members might use for the sake of God's mission in this world.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Congregational Meeting

On Oct 1st, after the first service, we will have a congregational meeting to approve our 2018 budget, elect members to our Parish Planning Council and to elect three congregational members to serve on our Nomination Committee. Please join us for this important meeting.

Outgoing Parish Planning Council Board Members

Please join in thanking the following for their work on our Parish Planning Council (PPC); Marv Hupp (Youth), Nancy Kaufman (Stewardship), Ruth Lohr (Lay Ministry) and Gwen Ringelstetter (Evangelism). 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.

Parish Planning Council Members:

Executive Director	Ken Carlson	370-1356
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Secretary	Kathy Lovell	643-2075
Treasurer	Butch Passehl	643-3008
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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
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Mission Statement: Christ, our strength and refuge, calling us to serve

Food Pantry Sunday is October 8th. 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:

Tuna	Hamburger Helper
Peanut Butter	Canned Pasta Meals
Pudding Snacks	Instant Oatmeal

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 date is in parentheses.

John Anderson (1)
1050 Prairie Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Dean Pfaff (4)
239 Dallas Street
Sauk City, WI 53583

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

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

Lorna Rider (13)
641 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

Carol Tank (29)
641 – 7th Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Women of the Church News

Hannah Circle: Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Library

Lydia Circle: Thursday, October 12, 1:00 p.m. at Carol Mallon's, N1617 Fjord Circle, Prairie du Sac

Martha Circle: Thursday, October 5, 9:00 a.m., at Ginny Nimmow's, 216 Washington St., Sauk City

Mary/Sarah Circles: Tuesday, October 3, 1:30 p.m., at St. John's Library

Ruth Circle: Monday, October 9, 9:00 a.m. at Marian DeGiovanni's, 295 Water St., Prairie du Sac



Thirty-one women attended Circle Meetings in September, which was our first session in our study of The Apostles Creed. "We Believe in God" was led by Fay Rentmeester, Marge Erlandson, Kathy Lester and Marian DeGiovanni. In October, the study The Apostles Creed: "We Believe in Jesus Christ", will be led by Anne Klinkner, Fay Rentmeester, Marge Erlandson, Jeannine Robertson, Eunice Yanke and Carolyn Gilbertson.

We are all working hard on our various kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will have full counts on everything and a report in next month's Visitor. These kits must be packed in boxes and ready for shipment by September 30th.

Darlene Holl, Bev Clason and Ruth Dresser attended the Fall Gathering of the WELCA Baraboo Conference at St. John's Lutheran Church in Leland on Saturday, September 16, 2017. There were 35 women in attendance. Pastor Erich Hartenberger's devotion was about the story of Jonah seeking forgiveness for the people of Ninevah and then becoming angry when God did forgive the people. The main speaker of the day was Pastor Don Glanzer of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Loganville. Before becoming a pastor, he was a detective for the FBI. He told about some very difficult cases he had to deal with and how it took him several years, but was finally able to forgive the people who committed very horrible crimes. Forgiveness can be a difficult thing for all of us. The offering of the day was \$217. Half of the offering will go to "Veteran's Equine Association of LaValle". This organization helps veterans with disabilities through the help of horses. The other half of the offering will go to the Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA.

In the business portion of the meeting, it was decided that we would have just one meeting each year in the spring only...instead of both spring AND fall meetings. The next meeting will be held at Zion Lutheran Church (near Rock Springs) on April 14, 2018. Helen

Sheahan, President of South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization was present and gave us a lot of information...including reports about the Triennial convention in Minneapolis in July 2017. Videos or transcripts of presenters of that convention can be found on <http://www.welca.org/triennial-videos>.

After the meeting a very delicious lunch was served.

The report on the Biennial Synodical Convention in Verona on September 23rd will appear in the November Visitor.

There will be a combined event of OWLS and WELCA at 10:30 a.m. on November 16th. The speaker will be Denise Mateirack from Safe Harbor of Reedsburg, which is a housing shelter for women and children. Following that, we will again have our famous chili luncheon prepared by Darlene Holl. (It is delicious!!) Mark your calendar NOW and plan to attend. ALL WOMEN AND MEN are invited!

Our ThankOffering Service will be on November 12th. 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 and provides funds for World Hunger, global missions and other important programs.

Sarah Circle has been visiting Special Friends in August and September. Martha Circle will visit them in October and November.

Bible Study Leaders' meeting for November will be on Tuesday, October 31st at 9:00 a.m.

Read this month's Prayer for Peace in this Visitor on October 20th.

Women's Book Club

Our October book is Help, Thanks, Wow by Anne Lamott. We will meet on Tuesday, October 31 at 10am in the church library and 6:30pm at the Blue Spoon. A copy will be placed in the church library and there are several editions available through the public library system.

Older Wiser Livelier Seniors (OWLS)

All 55+ members and friends of St. John's are invited to gather together at 9:30am on Thursday, October 19th. Our topic will be Lutheran Theology in celebration of the Lutheran Church's 500th Anniversary!

November will be a joint gathering with the Women of the ELCA for a speaker and luncheon at 10:30am. All are welcome (men too!) Please let Pastor Sally know if you have any ideas or requests for future OWLS events or topics!

Hannah Circle

The Hannah Circle will meet on October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in St. John's library.

SPECIAL PRAYER

We invite you to pray for peace on the 20th day of each month. On October 20th, 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.

prayer for everyday for all creation



Dear St. John's Members,
Thank you for your donation of \$100 to the Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry. Every donation helps us work toward our goal of helping feed families in the Sauk Prairie School District. We are grateful for your thoughts and support.

Carol Gagnon, Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry

(Donation given from money collected from Sunday food pantry donations)

Fall Adult Education Schedule

On Wednesday evenings (beginning October 4) at 6pm we will gather to study the Gospel lesson that will be read the following

Sunday. We will meet in Room 1. All are welcome to come at 5:20 and enjoy a meal. Cost is only \$1 with a maximum of \$5 per family.

Our Sunday morning Adult Education theme for October and November will be focused on the Reformation as we celebrate our 500th Anniversary. Join us for a review of the events that led to the beginning of our church, as we learn about the music that comes from Luther and other reformers, and then as we grow in our understanding of some of the different denominations that have come from this historical movement. We look forward to learning with you!

October 15: Reformation Review

October 22, 29: Hymns of Luther

November 5, 12: Denominations

On Sunday, November 19th we will shift our topics to the Healing Power of Listening led by council member Roger Clason. *"This presentation developed as a result of me joining with others from neighboring communities as we journeyed to Mississippi in 2008 and 2009 after hurricane Katrina. A couple of years later a smaller group went to Joplin MO after the tornado there. But prior to any of those events, a group from St. John's went to Bagley WI to help Wes recover from a flood. Those experiences taught me about the kind of positive impact active listening can have on someone who may feel that God has betrayed them. Come, listen and learn how you too can develop the skills necessary to become an affective active listener."*

Stewardship Pledge Sunday

Oct 15 is 'Pledge Sunday.' On this day we ask that you return your pledge cards for God's ministry at St. John's for 2018. You can place your card in the offering plate, mail it to the office or email Linda Hines (linda@stjohnssaukprairie.org) with your pledge. If you are using Simply Giving, our automatic bank transfer program to make your contributions, we will assume that is your pledge for the year. If you are using some other avenue to electronically make your contributions, please fill out a pledge card if you so wish.



Veteran's Day Pictures

Veteran's Day is Nov 11. With this in mind we are asking that veterans bring a picture to share on Sunday, Nov 12. The pictures can be of you in uniform or not. They can be of you currently or younger. We are asking you to bring a picture so we can celebrate with you the service you give/gave to our country and as a way to let others in our congregation know who our veterans are. You can bring a picture (framed or unframed) the week prior or on that Sunday. We will have tables where you can put your picture. We also ask that you write on a 3"x5" piece of paper your name, rank and the dates and places where you served. Thanks for your service!

Wanted: Mobile Meals Delivery Volunteers!

St. John's has committed to meals delivery the weeks of October 16-20 and October 23-27. We need two volunteers every weekday. One should plan to drive his/her car on the route, and one should plan to "run" the meals to the houses. Meals are ready for pickup at the Sauk Prairie Hospital between 11:20 and 11:30 a.m. Total delivery time is usually one hour. Routing and delivery instructions are provided when you pick up the meals. This is a very rewarding volunteer experience.

If you are available to help, please add your name and phone number to the schedule on the kiosk.

Moving? Going to a College Dorm? Changing Phone Numbers?

Contact the church office (643-2439) if you or your post-high school student will be changing addresses or if you change phone numbers. We like to keep in touch with you!



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In my opinion one of the great assets St. John's has is generosity! Your pastors continue to be amazed at the response you made regarding our Water Well Project. This year our children will be collecting money through their offering to serve the needs of our children locally. So we are inviting the rest of our congregation to focus on a new opportunity to be generous globally through the Haiti Mattress Project.

Back in August we had the privilege of welcoming Mary Parry, board member for the Health Ministry for Haiti and Sponsorship Coordinator for the House of Jesus' Children Orphanage. She shared with us her calling and passion for the children in Haiti and invited us to continue to be part of their lives.

One of the greatest needs the orphanage has is mattresses. Mary explained that when she first visited the orphanage she saw many children sleeping on concrete floors. This reality broke her heart.

The PR and Social Concerns Board, in conversation with our council, decided that we would help purchase much needed mattresses. Each one costs \$50. Mary said that she needs 100 mattresses in order to replace ones that have literally fallen apart along with adding ones to meet the growing size of the orphanage.

We are asking you to help Mary meet this need. Maybe your gift combined with others will purchase a mattress. Maybe you can give enough to purchase one or more mattresses. Whatever you can give, please indicate on your gift, 'Orphanage Mattress Project.' We will continue collecting money for mattresses through May, 2018.

We are so grateful for your willingness to try new things. We are grateful for your willingness to invite strangers into our midst to share with us where the Spirit has been moving and inspiring. We are grateful for your generosity that literally gives the weary a place to rest their heads.

With incredible gratitude,

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

HELLO
my name is

INTERN

Greetings Siblings in Christ,

Wow, what a whirlwind of activity and emotions these past few weeks! Becky and I are overjoyed to share some amazing news with you all! At this point most of you have probably already heard from pastors Sally and Fred about the birth of our child, but I would like you to hear it in our own words as well. Theodore Gene Rosenstiel was born on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:36 p.m. At his birth he weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces, and measured 21 inches long. Taking after both Becky and I, he was born with a beautiful full head of hair but in his own unique fashion his hair was a brownish blond hue instead of jet black like Becky's and mine. Words truly cannot contain the beauty and wonder of the miracle of life, and we come to know this truth in a very personal way through this experience!

Our little family has returned home and is greatly enjoying this most sacred time together. Becky and I again would like to express our deepest gratitude for the time you have given us together by extending such a gracious gift in the form of my paternal leave. Getting to experience the many "firsts" in Theodore's life with my wife are truly beautiful moments which I will cherish all the days of my life. People have told us many times about how life will forever change once we become parents, and we now understand what this means. Life has become so full since the arrival of Theodore. Not that it wasn't full or complete prior to our little boy, but it is full in a completely different way now. Full of love, full of life, and full of the grace of God which we can now see in a new and different light!

We know that the faithful community of St. John's continues to hold us in your thoughts and prayers during my absence, and we thank you all for this! I have felt nothing but support and love during my time here so far, and Becky completely agrees with this statement. I have felt this love as individuals have opened their doors and their hearts to me in pastoral visits as well as in conversations around the church. As I deeply enjoy my time at home with my wife and new child, I know that doors and hearts in the loving community of St. John's await me when I return. Until this time, know that my family also holds you all in our thoughts and

prayers and I warmly think of my return to learning and growing through my pastoral internship experience!

In the meantime we welcome cards or phone calls to wish us congratulations and possibly to find times in which to come meet little Theodore! This time will continue to be full as I stated earlier, and in this fullness I know and trust that Christ's presence continues to unite us in the light and life which binds us with you all through the power of the Holy Spirit! Peace be with you all and I can't wait to see and hear about all the exciting things that have been happening at St. John's whilst I was away!

God's Peace,
Intern Derek

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

Roger Seymour
Marlene Wilson
Jim Staff
Becky and Theodore Rosenstiel

Congratulations to Intern Derek and Becky Rosenstiel on the birth of their son, Theodore Gene on September 13th.

With Sincere Sympathy

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

The many friends and family of Arletta Wachter.

Gail and Jim Raitt, Sandy Nuzback, Adda and Ryan Kirk and families on the death of Gail and Jim's son James.

Sylvia Richardson, Bobbi Von Behren, JoAnna Breunig, Mary Richardson and families on the death of husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather Claire.

Ian and Laura Collins and family on the death of Ian's mother, Audrey Collins.

Marv and Janelle Hupp and family on the death of Marv's aunt, Lillian.

We recently received monetary gifts in memory of Lani Marquardt, Rich Newman and Arletta Wachter. We are grateful when our congregation is remembered in this manner. These gifts will be used to benefit our church.

Just Married

Wedding congratulations go to the following couples who were united in marriage during September:

Jasper and Jennifer (Anderson) Bradley, married on September 23, 2017

Paul and Mary (Sprecher) Bittorf, married on September 23, 2017

Luke and Leah (Schroeder) Lengfeld, married on September 30, 2017

Happy October Birthday!

(The date is in parentheses.)

Our Youngest

Steven Udelhofen (1)	Vada Steinmetz (2)
Vivianne Herbrand (8)	Beckett Suchla (8)
Elsie Kinney (13)	Ella Herbrand (26)

Our Sunday School Students:

Boden Frosch (1)	Ayda Cook (2)
Sam Philo (2)	Kaitlynn Lins (3)
Emelia Greene (4)	Sullivan Osgood (7)
Joslyn Schultz (7)	Ava Brooks (15)
Thea Harpold (16)	Logan Buchanan (17)
Charles Frey (17)	William Osgood (17)
William Wiese (18)	Nicholas Dunnum (19)
Simon Homp (19)	Payton Kitelinger (19)
Declan Leith (19)	Riley Reich (19)
Jason King (23)	Ava Sandeman (23)
Milo Lueck (25)	Randy Trudell (25)
Stella Pacholke (27)	Jake Buckles (29)
Kellen Ryan (29)	MariElla Viola (29)
Khloe Walker (29)	

Our Youth:

Sabina Fester (1)	Janessa Riha (1)
Hailee Radel (5)	Ethan Jones (9)
Katie Breunig (10)	Ella Schad (10)
Bethany Johnson (21)	Jade Hesse (22)
Cayden Wernsing (26)	Dylan Andrews (28)
Jacob Schweitzer (29)	Zachary Suchomel (29)

College and Career-age Young People:

Keith Kraemer (1)	Leah Spurgeon (11)
Conner Sutter (14)	Lincz Frey (16)
Renee Ballweg (18)	Adam Ballweg (21)
Keisha Janisch (23)	Alison Roach (27)
Olivia Chao (29)	Michael Kindschi (29)
Jeremy Sauer (31)	

Serving in October

Ushers:

October 1

8:00 a.m.

Dale Haroldson
Claire Thiede

10:30 a.m.

Linda Meyer
Emily Cafilisch
Audrey Luetscher
Linda Meyer
Anna Ballweg
Maggie Hartman
Linda Meyer
Linda Meyer

October 8

Megan Small
Karley Blau

October 15

October 22

Karen Bader
Roger Maynard

October 29

Anna Ballweg
Michael Endres

Ethan Jones
Charlie Homp
Linda Meyer

Acolytes:

October 1

8:00 a.m.

Ashley Pape
Megan Small
Michael Endres
Molly Ballweg
Charlie Homp
Sam Beattie
Karley Blau
Karlie Harpold
Megan Small
Annika Braund

10:30 a.m.

Jay Dregney
Charlie Homp
Zach Guentherman
Jordan Chao
Jenna Pistono
Emma Kinnamon
Colden Harter
Gabe Harter
Ethan Jones
Quinn Baier

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

Readers:

October 1

8:00 a.m.

Jack Boerger
Marilyn Straub
Dale Haroldson
John Hines
Mary Halweg

10:30 a.m.

Anna Francour
Doris Lohr
Arthur Ness
Jama Graves
Becki Braund

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

Cantors:

October 1

8:00 a.m.

Karley Blau
Katie LaVigne
Congregation
Bill Burton
Senior Choir

10:30 a.m.

Deb Lohr-Foster
Melani Wheeler
Congregation
Ruellene Seymour
Senior Choir

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m.

October 1 Megan Small
October 8 Roxanne Small
October 15 Kathy Lovell
October 22 Nadine Lauer
October 29 Roxanne Small

10:30 a.m.

Anna Ballweg
Doris Lohr
Audrey Luetscher
Doris Lohr

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 a.m.

October 1 Jordan Small
October 8 Kathi Risley
October 15 Chloe Wernsing
October 22 Marv Hupp
October 29

10:30 a.m.

Jordan Small
Kathi Risley
Chloe Wernsing
Marv Hupp

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

October 1 Alice Chenoweth
October 8 Audrie Nurkala
October 15 Nadine/Bryce Lauer
October 22 Linda Hines
October 29 Kim Larson

10:30 a.m.

Deb Lohr-Foster
Jacob Schweitzer
Barb Salvesson
Deb/Gerry Westphal
Gwen Ringelstetter

Nursery Staff:

October 1 Carly Coy
Annika Braund
October 8 Zach Guentherman
Jordan Chao
October 15 Jenna Pistono
Chesney Schonenberger
October 22 Cole Douglas
Wyatt Urban
October 29 Karley Blau
Karlie Harpold

10:30 a.m.

Haylee Goetsch
Kyle Dregney
Emily Cafilisch
Briar Lohr
Briar Lohr
Sam Beattie
Ruby Sandeman
Briar Lohr
Annika Braund
Cora Dunnum

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

October 1 Ashley Pape
October 8 Brody Ballweg
October 15 Gavin Tompkin
October 22 Sam Beattie
October 29 Carley Frosch

9:00 a.m.(Serve)

Jack Boerger
Jenna Pistono
Emma Kinnamon
Gabe Harter
Carley Frosch

<u>Sunday Stewards:</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
October 1	Linda Lintl	James Newman
October 8	Roger Clason	James Newman
October 15	Ken Carlson	James Newman
October 22	Linda Lintl	Linda Lintl
October 29	Kathy Lovell	Kathy Lovell

<u>Greeters:</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Oct. 1 (Sanctuary)	Bob/Josie Fentress	Jeff/Nicole Sandberg
(Front doors)	Shirley Anding	Norma Newman
(Side doors)	Sandy Nuzback/Alex	Cathy/Herb Yanke
Oct. 8 (Sanctuary)	Jim/Betty Sauer	Deb/Gerry Westphal
(Front doors)	Jane Calenzo	Curt/Peggy Johnson
(Side doors)	Paul/Ann Kippley	Denny/Bonnie Dederich
Oct. 15 (Sanctuary)	Karlie Harpold	Ruby Sandeman
(Front doors)	Wesley Himebach	Wyatt Urban
(Side doors)	Drew Marshall	Quinn Baier
Oct. 22 (Sanctuary)	Roger/Bev Clason	Ruth/Dave Lohr
(Front doors)	Dan/Janis Baun	Lee Ann Goelz
(Side doors)	Eunice Yanke	
Oct. 29 (Sanctuary)	Gil/Kathy Danz	Aaron/Becki Braund
(Front doors)	Fay Rentmeester	Jim Merlet
(Side doors)	Gina Wyttenbach	

****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
August 27	258	\$ 6,898.75
September 3	251	\$11,632.86
September 10	341	\$ 7,017.90
September 17	273	\$ 9,639.52

St. John's Web Page

Be sure to go online and look at our web page. See the changes at stjohnssaukprairie.org. Or follow us on Facebook at St Johns Lutheran Sauk Prairie

90th plus Birthday Celebration

Join us on October 8th 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 in our gathering area and special treats to share during our fellowship hour.

♥ **THANK** *you!*

I want to thank Pastor Fred and Pastor Sally for their visits and prayers for Rich. Thanks also to Linda for always being there to answer my questions, Connie and the Messengers for the beautiful music, the ladies that made the prayer shawls, the ladies that made the desserts, and Steve Coy for all his help, not just as a funeral director, but as a friend. A very special thank you to Pastor Sally for the comforting and welcoming funeral service. I hope I am not missing anyone. God bless you all. A couple of years ago, I made a decision to join St. John's church, it was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. What a warm and welcoming group of people!

The family of Rich Newman – Norma, Mike and Nancy, Steve and Dona, Thane and Lisa, and Lynn and Michael

St. John's,

We are so fortunate to be part of the "St. John's family". Thank you Pastor Fred for visits and prayers during my recent surgeries! Also, thanks for all the cards and phone calls from friends!

Thank you!
Marlene Wilson

Sunday School News

We had a wonderful kick off to the new Sunday School year on our September 10th 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- the SPAH Backpacks. If you haven't registered your child for Sunday School yet, it is never too late! You can email me (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 24th and you would like them to, please contact me!

Important upcoming events:

- October 1st – Hayride – 12-2:30
- October 8th – SS Sings at 8:00 service
- November 26th – No Sunday School

Blessings and Thanks,
Becky Francour, Superintendent
Abby Bennett, Youth and Education Coordinator

First Communion Instruction

A First Communion class will be held on Thursday, November 2nd 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.

Kids of the Kingdom

Our musical group, Kids of the Kingdom meets again beginning October 11th at 5:00 p.m. This group is made up of children in 2nd grade through 6th grade. Connie Burton is the director. Come, sing praises, learn about music and have fun!

3 Year Old & 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

On September 24th at the 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., services we presented Bibles to our 3 year olds and third grade youth. In our baptismal liturgy we promise to place the Holy Scriptures in the hands of our candidates. The following children received Bibles:

Micah Bennett	Reese Bletsch	Corbin Colby
Maxximus Ederer	Theodore Ederer	Charles Frey
Eliana Greene	Henry Hart	Avery Jorgenson
Janie Kinney	Macelyn Krintz	Samuel Krueger
Cashton Lane	Declan Leith	Hank Lochner
Milo Lueck	Sullivan Osgood	Emily Ramirez
Andrew Ryan	Brielle Schell	Addison Schulenburg
Jarod Steinhorst	Olivia Stephan	Easton Udelhofen
Isabelle Worzalla	Eli Anderson	Evelyn Bahe
Simi Bever	Camden Brager	Tori Breunig
Melanie Brooks	Lillyan Deegan	Amber Dregney
Cannon Esser	Sara Francour	Parker Frosch
Claire Handschke	Sophia Hanson	Amara Hubbard
Ryan Jorgenson	Tyler Jorgenson	Malcolm Leith
Kaitlynn Lins	Lillyann Nurkala	Emellia Osgood
Lillian Ott	Gavin Sawyer	Ella Stephan
Jameson Tepe	Dylan Walker	Sophie Witecha

Feed My Starving Children Food Packing for World Hunger

Feed My Starving Children is hoping to pack 350,000 meals October 26th-28th at Grand Avenue School. We have a table reserved for Youth on Friday, October 27th at 1:00pm, and this counts as one of the required service projects! Parents are encouraged to help as well, since we need an adult for every 5 kids signed up. 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 and click on "Sauk Prairie Against Hunger" to sign up to pack meals.

Parish Education Staff Installation

We installed our 2017-2018 educational staff on September 17th at both our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Included in this group are our Sunday School teachers and assistants, 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, Becky Francour, Anne Klinkner, Ruellene Seymour, Abby Bennett and Pastor Sally Williams

Sunday School Teachers, Assistants and Substitutes: Sarah Hupp, Maggie Harter, Tekla Nimmow, Sara Lane, Alysia Bahe-Henitz, Liz Leith, Christina Himebauch, Jordan Small, Jack Boerger, Madison Marshall, Mariah Chao, Carrie and Rob Richard, Jonah Richard, Maren Harms, Anna Francour, Ruth Lohr, Danielle Lohr, Kim Larson, Jay Dregney, Linda Yanke, Ellen Domine, Meadow Liedtke, Laura Hutchins, Jennifer Brennan, Joanna Jones, Julia, Lilly, Ethan Jones, Kyle Dregney, Marge Erlandson, John Hines, Paige Ederer, Crystal Lautenbach, Sarah Goetsch, Paige Beattie, JoAnnah Sorg and Becky Francour

Confirmation Teachers: Pastor Fred Rilling, Marv Hupp, Intern Derek Rosenstiel, Haakon Carlson and Ally Dunnum, Laura Collins

Adult Education Leaders: Pastor Sally Williams, Eldor Fruehling, Roger Clason, Intern Derek Rosenstiel, Connie Burton, and Pastor Fred Rilling

Librarians: Penny and Samantha Johnson

Director of Music: Connie Burton

Thank you

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Fred Rilling and the St. John's congregation for officiating and participating in our son's (Addison Frederick Thomas Klaetsch) baptism. It was a wonderful first step in Addison's Christian faith. We would also like to personally thank the members of the St. John's Quilters for the gracious gift presented to Addison during his baptism. It will be put to good use as fall approaches.

Kind regards,
George and LeAnn Klaetsch

Pet Blessing Service

On Sunday, October 8, we will have our annual Pet Blessing Service outdoors after 10:30 a.m. worship. 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 and feathered ones!

You are welcome to bring your well-behaved and social pet. In the past years, we have seen a variety of pets in attendance - dogs, cats, hamsters, and even horses! If your pet doesn't enjoy being around other animals or people, or has passed away, consider bringing a favorite photo.

The following are reminders for an "uneventful" event:

- Pets must be kept 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...).

See you there! In the meantime, we invite you to share a favorite photo of your pet with us on the St. John's Facebook page!

Coats for Kids

St. John's will again partner with Concordia United Methodist Church to collect winter wear for children in need in the Sauk Prairie School District. Please keep this in mind as you clean out your closets this fall. Bring your gently-used coats, boots, hats, mittens, scarves and gloves to the back area of the coat room. We need all sizes.

2018 BUDGET

Budget Items	2017 Actual Budget	2018 Proposed Budget
Administrative Expenses		
Salaries: pastors, treasurer, secretary, intern, music director, youth director, custodian, snow removal/lawn care staff and payroll taxes	\$256,580.70	\$289,826.25
Office supplies:	\$17,000.00	\$19,500.00
Other Expenses: pensions, car allowance, health insurance and convention expenses	\$72,906.69	\$44,041.51
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$346,487.39	\$353,367.76
BOARDS		
Lay Ministry Board	\$7,670.00	\$9,070.00
Evangelism Board	\$880.00	\$880.00
Stewardship Board	\$1,860.00	\$1,600.00
PR and Social Concerns	\$8,400.00	\$7,400.00
Parish Education Board	\$19,750.00	\$18,250.00
Youth Board	\$4,900.00	\$26,700.00**
Fellowship Board	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
Properties Board	\$59,680.00	\$61,810.00
Lutheran Church Women	\$3,075.00	\$3,075.00
TOTAL OF BOARDS	\$109,815.00	\$132,185.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	\$53,725.00	\$63,325.00
LOAN/BUILDING FUND	\$5,500.00	0.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$515,527.39	\$548,877.76

**This change includes \$22,000 for the Youth Gathering taking place next summer. We have been accruing these funds since the last Youth Gathering.

If you would like to see a more detailed break-down of the budget, please ask for a copy in the church office.

Agrace Offers Orientation for Prospective Volunteers in October

Volunteering for Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care can be a very rewarding experience. In October, Agrace will offer orientation sessions for prospective volunteers interested in brightening the lives of people with serious illnesses. Volunteers are needed throughout Sauk and Columbia counties to make companionship visits to patients living in their own homes, or in nursing or assisted living facilities.

Agrace will offer volunteer orientation sessions Tuesday, October 10, from noon to 4 p.m., and Thursday, October 26, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at its Baraboo office. Before attending orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace's staff. Call (608) 327-7163 to register.

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 grocery bags and crochet 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 place them in the box marked 'bags', located in the back left corner of the coatroom. If you have any questions or would like to be more involved in this ministry, please call Doris Lohr (544-2394) for more information.

They have also started making smaller mats to be sent to Texas and Florida to help those affected by the recent hurricanes. The smaller mats are given to children in shelters for seating, nap spaces or clean spaces to play. Bring your bags in today!

(P.S. If you can crochet they have given us directions for the mats. Linda Hines knows how to make the "plarn" that is used.)