



Celebrating 50 years of Quilting at St. John's

Prairie du Sac, WI

August 2022

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The fall is fast approaching. It seems like school just ended and yet here we are looking at plans for our program shift that happens every September.

Good news – we are moving forward planning on ‘normal’ programming for our 2022-23 education cycle. I must say, I am grateful that our current covid numbers make this planning a possibility.

It seems like it has been some time since we were able to consider making anything that looks like our ‘normal’ plans. The Fall of 2020 found us learning how to be ‘virtual’ and ‘at home’ with our education programing. September of 2021 found us beginning hybrid programing, being in the building but with restricted size groups and making use of our larger spaces for confirmation. 2022 is looking good!

With the shift into the fall schedule, we plan to reinstate our Wednesday Meals. We are grateful that Donna Nelson will again head up this important ministry. To make this happen we will need more adult help than in the past. Look for opportunities to help!

Penny Johnson has begun her work as our newest staff member. As Youth Director, Penny will focus her time on confirmation programing and high school ministry. Penny is a

blessing to our staff. You can learn more about Penny by reading her August Visitor article.

Speaking of new staff, John Evans will be joining us later in August. John is our 7th intern and is currently finishing his summer Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course in Atlanta. John has also written a Visitor article for August.

We also welcome new Sunday School Superintendents Joanna Jones and Miranda Jager. We are grateful for them sharing their time and talent to lead our Christian education program for our 3-yr old through 6th grade youth.

If these last years have taught us anything, we should have learned that things change (and sometimes those changes are good!)

- We have new staff and the new ideas they bring
- We are 'Zooming' and learning that community has fewer walls
- We grew our understanding about our sacraments and how they can bless us in new ways and in new places
- We became more nimble and flexible, changing as needed
- We grew our compassion for one another, reaching out more to remind each other we are not alone

Let us continue to grow our capacities and let them shine God's light on the entire world.

Shalom,



Worship Time Change

Beginning Sunday, **September 11** (the Sunday after Labor Day), we will transition to **8:00am and 10:30am worship services with the ZOOM option available at both services**

We will also celebrate Pastor Sally's return from sabbatical on that day.

Mark your calendars!



Installation of Intern John Evans

On August 28 we will install John Evans as our intern. Come and join us as we welcome him into our midst and celebrate this new journey we have begun. A reception in John's honor will be held between worship services at 9:00am.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Christ,
our strength
and refuge,
calling us
to serve



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

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|-------------|-------------------|
| Baked Beans | Ketchup |
| Tuna | Mayo |
| Crackers | Microwave Popcorn |
| Cookies | Granola Bars |

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



Birthday Greetings

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

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| Jackie Howery (2)
200 Webster Ave. Apt. 16
Sauk City, WI 53583 | Susan Scherer (11)
1527 Broadway
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578 |
| Don Bohler (17)
N750 Golf Road #3
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578 | Velda Weeks (19)
950 Prairie Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578 |
| Ruth Dresser (22)
1110 Eagle View Court
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578 | Betty Sauer (22)
N750 Golf Road #66
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578 |
| Paul Bringle (23)
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Sauk City, WI 53583 | Sandra Frey (24)
125 Sycamore St., Apt. 1C
Sauk City, WI 53583 |
| Gloria Moles (31)
1605 Locust Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578 | |

Lydia Circle

For their August activity, Lydia Circle will be going to the Imperial Gardens on Thursday, August 18. Meet at the church at 11:00am so that we can carpool. Please give Darlene Holl a call at 643-8413 if you are interested in going, so that she can arrange rides for everyone.

Women of the Church News (WELCA)

Submitted by Marian DeGiovanni

Circles will meet for different activities this month.

Regular Bible Study begins again in September.



Thirty-two ladies enjoyed a warm, breezy picnic brunch at Junge Park on June 30th. We were so glad to finally gather together as combined circles and hear speaker Intern Samuel Christianson share his faith journey (and story of his tattoo) and then lead us in an interactive time with a unique approach to making decisions, one's own or helping others in the process.

We will resume our regular Circle meetings in September, so look in the Visitor for times and places. There will be a Bible Study Leader's meeting on Tuesday, August 30th at 9:00AM. This fall study will highlight "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith" by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. Remember to check out the Summer Gather Bible Study series—"Crafted in Christ: A Summer of Rest and Renewal"-- on their website gathermagazine.org and click on Bible Study.

Martha Circle will be visiting Special Friends in August and September. WELCA Board will meet at 9:30AM on Tuesday August 23rd.

Also mark your calendar for the WELCA South Central one-day retreat on Saturday, September 24 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie. Registration begins at 8:30AM, program at 9:30AM, ending at 3:30PM. Reservations and payment are due postmarked by Sept. 8 and \$35 all day includes lunch with options to choose, plus half day options or \$10 via Zoom which is the morning program and Connection with Jesus and Renewal Service requiring your email. The theme is "Rise Up—Overcoming Life's Obstacles" with Tricia Clason and Ginger Shomberg, plus there will be 2 workshops offered in the afternoon with options for choosing among a variety of topics. The registration sheet details these options. Registration forms and more details on the workshops are available on the kiosk or in the office. The plan is to car-pool from church that morning.

Our Pennies for Poverty jar will be out on the name tag table if you would like to donate to the worthy cause of helping women and children as part of the WELCA's Synodical program.

Thank you for your continued support of collecting items for all the LWR (Lutheran World Relief) kits!

In these turbulent times remember to look in the Visitor to join in the Prayer for Peace on August 20th.

Thank
You!

Dear St. John's members,

I would like to express great appreciation for all the cards and notes of congratulations on my 69th anniversary of ordination. Thank you all for making my days brighter.

Rev. Eldor Fruehling

Thank You 

Dear people of St. John's,

I wanted to let you know how thankful I am for all of your notes, cards, words of encouragement and prayers during these last few months of my mother's illness and ultimately, death. I felt surrounded by your kindness and caring during this difficult time. Thank-you so much.

Ruellene (and Roger) Seymour

Thank you

Thank you to my special St. John's church family –
Grandma Gloria Moles

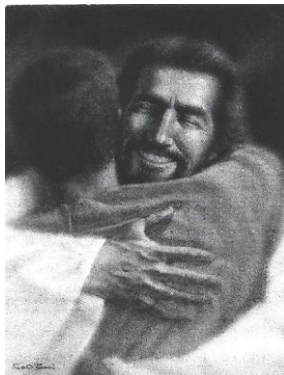
“First Moments in Heaven”

“Home”

Someday it will happen.

You and I will find ourselves face-to-face with our Savior.

And in that embrace may each of us be grateful for being greeted with the words “Well done good and faithful servant” as our Parker was. Joel and Jackie and the entire Kruse family want to thank you for your prayers, concerns and thoughtfulness for Parker.



HELLO
my name is

INTERN

Dear Saint John's Lutheran Church,

Prepare to meet your new Intern, John!

John Christian Evans was born on December 11th, 1993, in Houma, Louisiana. He also grew up in Texas, North Carolina, and Georgia, with the city of Atlanta ultimately becoming his hometown and base. He is a 2016 graduate of Berry College in Mt. Berry, GA, with a BA in Political Science and Religion, and is a current student at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA, where he is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. Originally, John grew up in the Southern Baptist Church, but left as a young person for various reasons. He returned to the Christian faith during his undergrad studies, spending time in the Episcopal Church. Following graduation and adventures across the American southwest, John found his home in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America when he became a confirmed Lutheran on Holy Saturday of 2018, after deep engagement and study of Lutheran theology and leadership.

Prior to becoming a candidate for the ministry of Word & Sacrament, John gained a variety of work experiences in his twenties, including working as a Wilderness Ranger for the USDA stationed in the Pecos Wilderness of New Mexico, Pool Management and Maintenance in the city of Atlanta, and an Outdoor Gear and Apparel Shop Manager in Atlanta. He has also served as a counselor, chaplain, ministry associate, lifeguard, waterfront director, and director of worship at a variety of outdoor ministry sites in New Mexico, North Carolina, Georgia, and Minnesota. Most recently, he has been serving as a Chaplain for the Trinity House Ministries at Big Bethel A.M.E. Church in the heart of downtown Atlanta, Georgia; a men's shelter and drug rehabilitation program.

When he is not working for the sake of the Gospel, John feels most at home in the outdoors, particularly when he is fishing, backpacking, kayaking, hunting, longboarding, and camping. He is also passionate about music, playing the guitar, bass, percussion, and singing; as well as having an ever-growing vinyl LP collection, and attending concerts and festivals. He is a lover and connoisseur of all things pop-culture, with a particular fondness for the cinema and powerful storytelling, and finding the truth of the gospel in films and franchises such as Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, and Batman.

He cheers loudly and proudly for the Atlanta Braves, the University of Georgia Bulldogs, and his favorite basketball player: Giannis Antetokounmpo. He is thrilled and excited to be serving as Intern at Saint John's, and is looking forward to getting to know the people of the congregation and the surrounding community.



Stock the Schools

St. John's is collecting items to be given to Sauk Prairie students in need. Each month we will have different items to collect that will help our local students. Items for August are: **rice, tortillas, tab dividers for binders, calculators and ear buds from the dollar store.** Look for the red bin in the gathering area by the church office to drop off your donations. Thank you.



Back-to-School Blessing

We will have a Back-to-School blessing at the 8am and 10:30am worship services (in the building and on Zoom) on Sunday, September 18th. All students and school employees will be prayed for as we begin a new year.

Parish Education Staff Installation

We will install our 2022-2023 educational staff on Sunday, September 25th at both our 8:00 and 10:30 services. Included in this group are our Sunday School teachers and aides, librarians, adult education teachers, confirmation teachers, director of music and education board members. Please join us as we rejoice in God's gifts made manifest in these individuals.

SPECIAL PRAYER

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

Lord, I know You are the author of peace, love and goodness. Yet we see so much hatred, chaos and instability around us. God, I just pray for peace and unity in our nation, in my state and in my town/village/city. Please temper minds and reach hearts; please reach people in their deepest need and help them to feel the profound peace only You can offer. Lord, we need revival and peace. Please shower our land with it. In Jesus' name, Amen.



BAPTISM

We welcomed a new brother into the family of Christ following his baptism during the month of July.

Bennett Mason Robertson, son of Jordan and Alecia (Deedon) Robertson was baptized July 3, 2022. Bennett's sponsors are Grant and Danita Robertson and his congregational sponsors are Sam and Bianca Paque.

Welcome!

Adult Education

Our Sunday text studies will begin again on Sunday, September 25th at 9:15am in the church library. All are welcome as we read the upcoming scripture lessons and learn more about the bible together. Contact Pastor Sally with any questions.

Welcome to St. John's

After a year of reflection and reorganization, the Intern Committee is busy preparing for our new Intern, John Evans, to join us in August! As we have done in the past, we are asking for help from the congregation to fill a Welcome Basket to help John feel at home during his yearlong stay with us. We are seeking gift cards. The gift cards should be from area businesses in Sauk Prairie and surrounding communities and can be from gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Please bring your gift cards to Linda in the church office by Sunday, August 14, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Annie Kippley at paulnannie@charter.net. Thank you!

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. John's Quilters

St. John's has had many volunteers making quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief since beginning in 1972. They would use whatever material was donated – sheets, aprons, old shirts, dresses, etc. Our quilting group now prefers no clothing, but sheets and large pieces of fabric are always welcome. More volunteers are also always welcome!

You are invited to join us for a “quilting morning coffee break”, serving typical treats that the quilters serve, between our two worship services on Sunday, August 21st.

Come and enjoy our treats, visit with people, see the quilts, and see the process. Our time to thank our quilters and socialize.

Our Quilters

“Christ our strength and refuge, Calling us to serve...”

I called each of the ladies that work on our quilts, and I asked them a few questions. Here are some of their comments:

How long have you been quilting at St. John's or quilting in general?

- From the eleven people I called there has been over one hundred years of quilting

What is your favorite thing about doing this ministry for St. John's?

- Fellowship
- Meeting the needs of the world
- Socializing
- Getting together and servicing our synod
- Such an enlightening experience
- Being with others and hearing their stories
- Knowing our quilts travel the world where they are needed
- Things that normally would be thrown away become beautiful items
- We even have coffee time – “After all, we are Lutheran.”

What would you say to encourage others to join?

- It is fun; it is a nice time.
- I do not sew but I can do most of the jobs.
- Great way to spend your time.
- You do not need any sewing or quilting ability.
- Come for a great fellowship.
- Come and give it a try, even if not every week.
- It is the best time spent rather than sitting and watching TV.

Here is my favorite one: I know I could call any one of these people if I needed help and they would be there for me.

Report by Linda Michaels, Fellowship Board Chair

Faithful Service with St. John's



Rodney Key – 61 years

I would first like to say what an honor it is to be asked to write a few words regarding my upbringing and many years as a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

I was born at Boscobel Memorial Hospital in October 1953. I was the eldest of three children born to James and Anita Key. We lived in the unincorporated Grant County town of Millville near the Wisconsin River. I was baptized on January 6, 1954 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prairie du Chien, by Reverend W. K. Bodamer.

In 1961, we moved to Prairie du Sac so my father could take a job with the Department of Transportation. We rented an upstairs apartment on 5th St. from Ray Schoephoester. We lived only a block from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church located on 4th St. and Washington St. Reverend Eldor Fruehling was our minister. We attended church almost every Sunday and I went to Sunday School in the church basement and parsonage, which was located next door. Our new (current) church was built in 1966 and I was a member of the confirmation class of 1968. I graduated from Sauk-Prairie High School in 1971 and had also been selected to be an AFS student to Germany during that same summer. In 1975, I married Marsha Barber with Reverend Fruehling performing the ceremony. In 1977, he also baptized our first daughter Stephanie. Our second daughter Stacy was baptized by Pastor C.J. Gess in 1982. Reverend Fruehling also performed the wedding ceremony for Stephanie and Tom Barth in 2001. They have four children, live in Pewaukee and attend Galilee Lutheran Church where Pastor Jay Ford presided. He has recently retired. Our other daughter Stacy and her husband Josh Soboleski have three daughters and live near us.

I have worked for Piggly Wiggly, MSA in Baraboo, and WisDOT. I have a Civil Tech degree from MATC and am a licensed surveyor. In the mid 1990's, I actually performed and recorded a boundary survey of our current church property. I retired from WisDOT in 2018.

Regarding activities, Marsha and I have enjoyed many travels, especially with my AFS brother and his wife from Germany. I also enjoy watching the Packers, Badgers and Brewers, but I would say now that I enjoy watching our grandkids sporting events and family get togethers most of all. Thanks to God, our family has been truly blessed!



Janis Klaetsch – 63 years

I was born in Baraboo and I lived in Merrimac until I was in the 4th grade and then we moved to Sauk. I was confirmed at St. John's and was married on June 8, 1968 which was the hottest and driest day of the year.

I have been blessed with two children, Dawn and George. Both Dawn and George were baptized at St. John's. I have been further blessed with 4 grandchildren who I love spending time with.

I am a cancer survivor and while I was sick the very first person who sent me a card was Mrs. Durland Hanke. I love playing bingo and I always try to remember people on their birthdays by sending a card.



Denise Baars – 66 years

I was born at the hospital in Baraboo because the one in Sauk Prairie was not built yet but we lived in Sauk at the time. I grew up on a farm.

I was baptized at St. John's and have been a member since then. I love how the people at St. John's make you feel so welcome.

I enjoy doing word search games and adult coloring books.



Eunice (Ken) Yanke – 67 years

I am writing a short story of my days at St. John's for 67 years.

I was married on February 22, 1955, at what is now known as St. John's Lutheran Church in Prairie du Sac by Pastor Behrens. I became a member two weeks after being married with very fine instruction as I am a member to this day. I became active at the Ladies meetings by the invitation of my mother-in-law, Louise Yanke. I have held many offices and was active in every part of the church, including being on the church council, chair of the Ladies group and circles for many years. I know I have had to drop off of a few groups due to health reasons. As of now, I still take care of counting the money from circles. Things have changed a bit and working with current church Ladies groups it is easier and much more flexible to take care of.

My family started with four children and 8 grandchildren plus 3 step-grandchildren and now we have a family of 37 including 14 great grandchildren from the ages of 3 weeks to 17 years old. It has been a very interesting lifestyle. I am still living in the farmhouse. I hope to continue to take part in many of the church functions even though I am using a walker. I certainly enjoy every part of St. John's and, of course, like I tell everyone: I don't talk but enjoy people! I have many relatives at church from both sides of my family including the Breunigs, Freys, Nodens, and Blums. I am hoping to enjoy many more years as I will be 90 on my next birthday.

With love, Eunice

We sincerely thank these long-time members for sharing some of their history with us and we are truly grateful for their service to St. John's.

Serving in August

Ushers

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28

8:00 a.m.

George Colby

Parker Frosch

Graysen Dunn

Cannon Esser

9:30 a.m.

Ryan Jorgenson

Tyler Jorgenson

Parker Frosch

Kylie Hutchins

Tyler Jorgenson

Ryan Jorgenson

Acolytes

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28

8:00 a.m.

Dylan Walker

Dylan Walker

Micah Boerger

Micah Boerger

9:30 a.m.

Jason King

Sean Jager

Simon Homp

Ezra Bauer

Assisting Ministers

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28

Both Services

Noelle Small

Connie Burton

Donna Knickmeyer

Readers

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28

8:00 a.m.

Marilyn Herschleb

John Hines

Donna Knickmeyer

Evelyn Bahe

Alysia Bahe-Herritz

9:30 a.m.

Okla Yanke

Doris Lohr

Marian DeGiovanni

Carol Benson

Cantors

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28

8:00 a.m.

Connie Burton

Megan Tarnutzer

Jeff and Kathy Ochansankehl

Becky Weittenhiller

9:30 a.m.

Connie Burton

Doris Lohr

Becky Weittenhiller

Communion Assistants 8:00 a.m.

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28

Roxanne Zick

Marilyn Herschleb

Cathy Yanke

Linda Hines

Donna Knickmeyer

Cathy Yanke

Jayne Carlson

Roxanne Zick

9:30 a.m.

Deb Westphal

Gerry Westphal

Ginny Nimmow

Dede Egan

Doris Lohr

Crystal Lautenbach

Deb Westphal

Gerry Westphal

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

August 7 Dorothy Halverson
 August 14
 August 21
 August 28 Jayne Carlson

9:30 a.m.

Deb/Gerry Westphal

Coffee Set-Up/Clean-Up

August 7 Patty Barritt
 August 14 Linda Michaels
 August 21 Donna Nelson – Quilting Celebration
 August 28 Fellowship Board – Intern Reception

Sunday Stewards

August 7 Patty Barritt
 August 14 Cathy Yanke
 August 21 Cathy Yanke
 August 28 Sheila Dittberner

9:30 a.m.

Gina Varley
 Linda Michaels
 Janelle Hupp
 Janelle Hupp

Greeters

Aug. 7 (Sanctuary) Todd/Gina Wyttenbach
 (Front doors) Roxanne Zick family
 Aug. 14 (Sanctuary) Don/Vi Bohler
 (Front doors) Cathy Yanke
 Aug. 21 (Sanctuary) Graysen Dunn
 (Front doors) Ian Quayle
 Aug. 28 (Sanctuary) John/Linda Hines
 (Front doors) Don/Vi Bohler

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

Steve/Cheryl Sprecher
 Tom/Gina Varley
 outdoor service
 outdoor service
 Parker Frosch
 Micah Boerger
 Bob/Josie Fentress
 Tom/Gina Varley

Technical Support

August 7 Lisa Davis
 Liz Leith
 August 14 Ellen Jorgensen
 Lisa Davis
 August 21 Lisa Davis
 Charlie Kruchten
 August 28 Ellen Jorgensen
 Amy Nelson

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

Eric Kaul
 Charlie Kruchten
 Nicole Sandberg
 Jeff Sandberg
 Liz Leith
 Malcolm Leith
 Nicole Sandberg
 Jeff Sandberg

Congregation Totals Attendance

June 26 161
 July 3 150
 July 10 169
 July 17 155

Offering

\$ 5,473.00
 \$11,003.39
 \$ 8,292.65
 \$10,946.00

Sunday School News

Rally Day

Rally Day is September 18th! In between services we will have Rally Day activities and registration for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year at 9:15-10:30am.

The first day of Sunday School classes will be Sunday, September 25th at 9:15am.

Sunday School Teachers

We are looking forward to our Sunday School year, but we cannot do it without your help! Please consider if you would be willing to join the teaching team. Our goal is to have two teachers per classroom to share the responsibilities and give a little freedom in your weekend schedules. Please contact James Newman at jamesolivernewman@gmail.com or Pastor Fred at fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org or 608-643-2439. We are happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have. We would like to have our teacher training on Sunday, September 11th at 11:45am. Classes begin Sunday, September 25th. Thank you for prayerfully considering teaching our children about Jesus!

We are in need of a few more teachers for next fall's Sunday School session. We need:

- 1 aide for 3-year-olds
- 1 adult co-leader once a month in Pre-K
- 1 adult helper in First Grade
- 2 teachers for Second Grade
- Substitutes



3-Year-Old and 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

On October 2nd at the 8am & 10:30 services we will present Bibles to our 3-year-old and third grade youth. In our Baptismal liturgy we promise to place the Holy Scriptures in the hands of our candidates. A letter was sent with more details in August. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Pastor Sally to be sure your child's name is put on the list.

ANNOUNCEMENT

From our new Youth Director

Greetings St. John's Family,

I am Penny Johnson, and I'm serving as the new Youth Director for St. John's congregation. In this position, I'll be coordinating the existing confirmation ministry (7-9th grade) and developing a high school ministry (9-12th grade).

I grew-up in Sauk Prairie and spent my early adulthood living in Milwaukee and Waukesha. During my early career, I also spent a few years living north of Fond du Lac, before moving back to this area.

I have been a member of St. John's since 2002, and this is the church where I married my husband, Craig Johnson. We have two teenage children, Samantha and Matthew, who were both confirmed at St. John's. When our children were young, I helped teach Sunday School. Several years ago, I enjoyed serving as a member of the WELCA committee. For the last few years, I helped in the library at St. John's.

I am a fulltime faculty member at Madison Area Technical College, where I teach in the transfer program. I love my work because it gives me the opportunity to support others as they grow their skills and reach their full potential. As Youth Director, I will strive to support students and young adults in a nurturing environment so that they can achieve their very best, and contribute to our wonderful St. John's family.

Middle and High School News

Confirmation Orientation

Parents and students mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 21st at 6pm for our confirmation orientation. We will go through the details of the program this year and share information on our new curriculum. Please contact Pastor Sally at 643-2439 or sally@stjohnssaukprairie.org if you're unable to attend. The first classes will be on Wednesday, September 28th at 6pm. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Please help us complete kits before September 15th.



School Kit Supplies

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

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

**pencil sharpeners and blunt scissors are especially needed



Personal care kit supplies

- One bath-size towel (not longer than 48" and thinner please)
- Two bath-size bars of wrapped soap
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original wrapping
or sealed in a business size envelope
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clipper

***bath towels and soap are especially needed



Baby care kit supplies

- Two cotton/cotton-blend t-shirts
- Two gowns or sleepers without feet
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers
- One hand towel
- One sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket with a hood, (or include a baby cap)
- Two pairs of baby socks
- Two bath-size bars of Ivory soap
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

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

***cloth diapers are especially needed**



Fabric kit supplies

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

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

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES

July 5, 2022

Present: Janelle Hupp, Donna Nelson, Cathy Yanke, Fred Rilling, Lon Kaderavek, James Newman, Megan Tarnutzer, Roger Seymour, Gina Varley, Marian DeGiovanni, Patty Barritt, Anne Klinkner, Linda Michaels, Jonah Richard

Absent: Sally Williams (sabbatical), Nancy Kaufman, Sheila Dittberner

Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Janelle Hupp. Janelle asked for approval of the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Lon and seconded by Donna. Motion carried. A devotion/prayer was then given by Patty.

Secretary Minutes:

The July minutes were submitted online by Cathy Yanke. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lon and seconded by Gina. Motion carried.

Treasurer report:

The committee reviewed and discussed the June 2022 Treasurer Report submitted by Donna Nelson.

- We paid for the roof that the new units will sit on. Total cost was \$32,121.80 of which \$11K was paid in May and the remainder in June.
- \$40K was moved from savings to checking. \$20K was from the roof/furnace fund for same and \$20K was needed to pay remaining expenses for the month.
- Year-to-date (YTD), the budgeted expenses have exceeded the YTD income for budgeted expenses by \$43K, but we usually make up some of the difference with some of our larger donations coming at the end of the calendar year.

A motion to approve the financial report was made by Marian and seconded by Megan. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelism: Sheila Dittberner reported:

- Evangelism had no meeting so no report. Next meeting is 7/10/22.

Fellowship: Linda Michaels reported:

- Had cookies for the new members
- I think we need to be looking at how we can have a better “reception” for these new members to show them how happy we are that they joined. I am open for suggestions.

o A few suggestions from the meeting included holding it between services, one welcome reception per year in the winter.

- Honored our quilters in this month’s Visitor
- Will be interviewing some of the quilters to gather why they like doing the quilts
- Continuing to gather information about our “Faithful Followers”
- Will be preparing to welcome the new intern

Lay Ministry: Gina Varley reported:

- Lay Ministry did not meet in June

Parish Education: James Newman reported:

- Parish Ed did not meet in June

Properties: Lon Kaderavek reported:

- Second roof top unit is not done yet.
- One unit is on roof, waiting for ducting to be built and installed.
- Will be cleaning carpeting in fellowship hall July 30th and will be looking for help. Sign up will be on bulletin board.
- Will be painting storage shed this summer.
- Will be cleaning stone work on east side of church this summer.
- Board has decided to do upgrades in class rooms this next year, probably new white boards, small bulletin boards in hall, some cleaning and painting.

PR & Social Concerns: Patty Barritt reported:

- Philip from “Just Bakery” will speak during services on July 10th.
- “Just Bakery” cookies, lemonade & coffee will be served between services as well as additional bakery available for purchase
- A table featuring SERRV /Free Trade items (coffee, tea, almonds, chocolate etc.) and information about these organizations will be set up.
- We hope to introduce St. John’s folks to the idea of placing a lawn sign in their yard to welcome anyone to “worship with us.”

Stewardship Board:

Anne Klinkner reported:

- Most of the budgets are in. I will need the remaining budgets by 7/8/2023. I show Evangelism as outstanding right now.

Women of ELCA: Marian DeGiovanni reported:

- 32 women gathered on Thursday June 30 for picnic brunch at Junge Park and enjoyed Intern Samuel Christianson from Common Ground, Lodi. Share his faith journey and lead us in an interactive reflection on Decisions, both our own and helping others form theirs. It was a warm, windy morning & so good to finally be back as a larger combined WELCA group!
- Be on the lookout for bargains for the Lutheran World Relief kits which will be assembled in August for shipment. List of needed items is in Fellowship Hall by the bins
- With our summer break, please check out the summer Gather Bible studies online at gathermagazine.org and click on Bible Study.

Youth Committee: Megan Tarnutzer reported:

- Youth board did not meet in June. We are planning events for August and this fall

Member at Large: Roger Seymour reported:

- No report

Youth member at Large: Jonah Richard reported:

- The group returned from the Mission trip with 6:8 to Joplin, MO. The trip was a great time. Most of the work we did involved demolition at a mother and children retreat called Water Gardens. The first story of the building was completely renovated and full of guests so they wanted to renovate the second story to hold more people. Our demolition/salvaging ended up saving Water Gardens a couple thousand dollars. I would recommend it to anyone looking to help people in need and also have a lot of fun.
- Thank you St. John's and any members who donated toward the trip. It wouldn't have been possible without you.

Executive Comments – Director:

- Covid transmission rates are still in the yellow zone for Sauk, Dane, and Columbia Counties so we can continue with our current mask optional policy.
- The PPC Executive Committee met with Pastor Fred on 6/27/22 to finalize the Administrative Budget.
- I'm excited to have Penny Johnson on board as our new Youth Director. She brings incredible skill and energy to that role, and we are fortunate to welcome her as one of our St. John's Staff.
- I've reached out to Jon Sandeman, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, with a request to bring that committee together to begin the process of recommending candidates for upcoming open seats on the PPC Committee. Open seats include Assistant Executive

Director and Chairpersons for the WELCA, Parish Ed, and PR and Social Concerns Committees. The members currently serving in these roles will complete their terms in October 2022.

· I received an email from Maren Anderson Boerger, Co-Chair of the Internship Committee, related to upcoming open positions on that committee. Maren, Nancy Passehl (Co-Chair) and Annie Kippley will all complete their terms when the incoming intern departs in July 2023. We will need to give thoughtful consideration for people to fill these seats. I continue to be grateful for the leadership of Maren, Nancy, Annie, and the other committee members, Cliff Thompson, Cindy Thompson, John Mast, and Ellen Mast. This group works extremely hard to ensure that St. John's remains an enriching environment for Wartburg Interns.

Pastor/Intern Reports

Fred's Report:

· On Sunday, 7/3/2022, we had a HS Youth Car Wash (last minute kind of thing). It was from 8-11am. All funds will be given to Good Neighbor Clinic.

· Met with PPC Exec Committee on June 27 and finalize the administrative section for the 2023 Budget.

· We have interviewed and chosen Penny Johnson to be our next Youth Director. Penny's start date is still to be determined.

· Samuel (intern currently living in our parsonage) will be out of the parsonage by the July 15 (date changed from June 30). We are grateful to have been able to help Common Ground Church (formally First Lutheran in Lodi) with housing their intern. Our intern committee is working on the transition for our intern (John Evans) who will be arriving mid-late Aug.

· The first outdoor service this summer had to be held inside due to weather. I am hoping our next one scheduled for July 10 will be outdoors. Thanks to Fellowship Board for hosting our June event. PR and Social Concerns is hosting in July. Parish Ed will host our Aug 14th event.

· I continue to be grateful for the support you have given the staff.

· We look forward to the ordination of Leah Holloway-Nilsen (Aug 5), Stephan Nilsen (July 16) and Kathi Matthews Risley (July 10). Please see the posted invitations on our Kiosk.

· It has been my privilege to baptize several infants/young people in June and coming up in July and Aug.

· A shout out to our great tech group that keeps Zoom working.

Sally's Report: On sabbatical

Old Business:

- Administrative 2023 Budget—was approved by the PPC Executive Committee and turned it in to Anne
- Kinderprep update—Jon Lehman said that they need 12 students signed up to move forward. So far have 9.
- AC unit is scheduled to arrive 7/6 and hope to have it installed in the next month. Need to schedule the crane to place it and the workers to connect and install.
- Youth Director—Penny Johnson has accepted our offer.

New Business:

- Internship Committee Recruitment. See Exec Director's report for upcoming retirements from the committee. Their term will end when the incoming intern leaves in 2023. Consider members to recruit to be on the committee. St John's does not need to commit to the next intern until Jan 2023.
- Parking Lot (items for future discussion)
- Class size limits for Confirmation and Sunday School Fall 2022. Do we still need them?
- Resume Wednesday night meals?
- Meeting of Nominating Committee

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 2, at 6:30 pm. Devotion will be given by Megan. Lon made a motion to adjourn our meeting, and the motion was seconded by James. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. with The Lord's Prayer lead by Janelle.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Yanke.

Thank You!

Dear Community Partners at St. John's,

Thank you for your generous contribution to Just Bakery. What a blessing this gift is! It will help change lives. Because of you our students have the opportunity to earn college credits, become certified in food service, and go on to have family-supporting careers.

Gratefully, Kathy Eckenrod, Director
(*\$2,435.00 was donated to Just Bakery as a result of our 2022 Lenten and Ash Wednesday offering.*)



Happy August Birthday!

The day is in parenthesis

Our Youngest:

Rayne Kruchten (4)
Elsie Orris (11)
Cameron Ayers (16)

Eldin Nelson (9)
Rhett Kruchten (14)

Our Sunday School Students:

Ellen Krueger (1)
Natalia Kelley (4)
Hana Smith (8)
Quinn Goetsch (13)
Brayton Bahe (14)
Laila Steinmetz (17)
Grace Hanson (24)
Andrew Kraus (25)
Janie Kinney (26)
Olivia Thorne (30)

Chesney Braund (4)
Marli Fisher (7)
Cashton Suchla (9)
Odessa Wolfe (13)
Natalie Schulenburg (17)
Elliot Herbrand (18)
Olivia Steinmetz (24)
Violet Richard (25)
Rosemary Nolden (27)
Natalie Nurkala (31)

Our Youth:

Ella Stephan (1)
Addison Douglas (10)
Josie Frey (18)
Dylan Walker (24)

Griffin Fritsch (3)
Morgan Evert (11)
Chase Urban (22)

College and Career-age Young People:

Anna Ballweg (15)

Leanna Niesen (31)