

*Cooper Rennicke while in 4<sup>th</sup> grade*

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Prairie du Sac, WI

September 2022

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

By the time you read this article, several things will have happened or will be close to happening:

- A 4K class of youth from the Sauk Prairie School District will start (Sept. 1) using one of our Sunday School rooms three days a week; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- John Evans will have arrived (Aug 26), moved into the parsonage and been installed as our intern (Aug 28).

- Pastor Sally will be back in the office (Sept 7) after returning from her sabbatical.

All of this and more has happened, or will happen, soon after this newsletter comes into your possession.

And did I mention that our air conditioning system fully functional? We only need to connect the gas to make the heating system work.

Many things are in process. The above mentioned may seem more than normal (by the way, one day we should all get together and discuss what 'normal' means), but if you stopped for a moment, you might notice that lots of things are going on. They may not directly affect you, but they are occurring none-the-less. Take schools for example.

Schools are preparing to start up again. Of course, the school buildings are not doing anything. The school staff are. Teachers are prepping their rooms, getting lists of kids' names, prepping for meetings and a host of other things. Administrators are

having a different experience. They are hiring staff, working on policies, making changes in curriculum and making sure staff are in place to receive students.

Parents and students are also getting ready for schools to open. They are buying school supplies, clothing, athletic equipment and a host of other items. Schedules are being checked. Calendar conflicts are noted and excitement/fear is beginning/continuing/ebbing.

Life unfolds every day in various ways. When we focus on our own life, we have difficulty seeing how it unfolds for others. We sometimes act like everything revolves around us – but it doesn't.

I invite you to look around and ask those nearby, "How are things?" They may give you a standard non-answer. But maybe, they will take the time to share what actually is going on. They may take this moment to unload some of their burden. They may see your question as an invitation by someone who really cares about their answer.

I invite you to take the time and to ask, 'How are you doing?' Then listen. You may find out that there is a lot more going on in this world than you ever knew.

Shalom,



#### **MEETING**

#### **Congregational Meeting**

On October 16, after the first service, we will have a congregational meeting to approve our 2023 budget, elect members to our Parish Planning Council, and to elect three congregational members to serve on our Nomination Committee.

We will be voting to fill the open positions on our PPC. Our nominees are: Nancy Kaufman for Executive Director; Nancy Passehl for Assistant Executive Director; Ellen Jorgensen for PR and Social Concerns; nominee needed for Parish Education; and nominee needed for WELCA Chairperson.

Please join us for this important meeting.



### **Parish Planning Council Members:**

Executive Director	Janelle Hupp	643-0653
Assistant Exec Director	Nancy Kaufman	963-0151
Secretary	Cathy Yanke	434-4869
Treasurer	Donna Nelson	393-4660
Evangelism Board	Sheila Dittberner	370-1550
Fellowship Board	Linda Michaels	643-8286
Lay Ministry Board	Gina Varley	544-5002
Member-at-Large	Roger Seymour	588-3198
Parish Education Board	James Newman	512-7623
Properties Board	Lon Kaderavek	434-2928
PR and Social Concerns	Patty Barritt	393-5218
Stewardship Board	Anne Klinkner	393-6453
Women of ELCA	Marian DeGiovanni	643-4514
Youth Board	Megan Tarnutzer	963-0396
Youth Member-at-Large	Jonah Richard	347-0488

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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:

Cereal  
Canned Chili  
Dish Soap

Hamburger Helper  
Cornbread Mix  
Band-Aids

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 September. The day is in parentheses.

Gene Mowitz (5)  
S7499 Hwy. 23  
Loganville, WI 53949

Fay Rentmeester (5)  
930 Prairie St., Apt. 203  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Benny Stenner (10)  
415 Brigham Lane  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Almay Nelson (13)  
821 Hanksfield Place  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Mary Risgaard (17)  
507 Lake Wisconsin Drive  
Merrimac, WI 53561

Joyce Kinnamon (18)  
1008 Elm St., Apt 204  
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965


Ellen Hamlin (19)  
1050 Prairie Street  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Henry Elsing (21)  
2020 Hanksfield Place  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Jeannine Robertson (22)  
1050 Prairie Street  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Janet Anderson (22)  
1020 Monroe Street  
Sauk City, WI 53583

Dick Yanke (26)  
S9080 Meadowdale Rd.  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

	<b>Women of the Church News</b>	
	<b><u>Lydia Circle</u></b> Thursday, September 8, in St. John's Library, Carol Benson, Hostess	1:00pm
	<b><u>Martha Circle</u></b> Thursday, September 1, in St. John's Library, Ruth Dresser, Hostess	9:30am
	<b><u>Ruth Circle</u></b> Monday, September 12, in St. John's Fellowship Hall	9:00am
	<b><u>Sarah/Mary Circle</u></b> Tuesday, September 6, in St. John's Library	9:30am

We had our delightful picnic and general meeting at Junge Park on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Circles did not meet in August, but we are looking forward to our regular Circle meetings beginning again in September at the times and places listed above. The fall study will highlight "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith" by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. If you haven't attended Circle meetings before, we would love to have you join us. Being part of a Bible Study group is a wonderful way to make great friends and it is very life-enriching. We hope to see many new people coming to these meetings. Bible Study Leaders for September will be Diane Elsing, Barb Salvesson, Kathy Lester and Marian DeGiovanni.

Our Circles take turns visiting St. John's Special Friends. If you are considering joining a Circle, you should know that visiting people who are alone and enjoy having company is also a very enriching and fun thing to do. Martha Circle is visiting Special Friends in August and September. Sarah/Mary Circle will be visiting them in October and November.

There will be a WELCA South Central Synodical one-day retreat on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie. The registration forms with all the information are on the kiosk...or in the church office. Registration begins at 8:30am, program at 9:30am, ending at 3:30pm. Reservations and payment are due **postmarked by September 8<sup>th</sup>** with \$35 for all day, including lunch. You can also attend by Zoom for \$10, which is the morning program and "Connection with Jesus and Renewal Service", requiring your email. The registration sheets detail all the different options. The theme of the retreat is "Rise Up – Overcoming Life's Obstacles" with Tricia Clason and Ginger Shomberg, plus there will be 2 workshops offered in the afternoon. Please note: One of the presenters, TRICIA CLASON, is the daughter of our own Dave and Dale Clason. The plan is to carpool from our church that morning. **We will need to know by**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend this meeting.** This is always a very nice experience and we urge you to prayerfully consider attending this event. Have your registration forms and checks into the office by September 6<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to WELCA.

The Pennies for Poverty Jar will be out on the name tag table. We have chosen to give our Penny Jar money to Hope House in Baraboo. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause of helping women and children in need, we would very much appreciate it. Most of you know of the good help that Hope House provides. The Pennies Jar will be out on the table for the next few months.

Even though we haven't been meeting for a couple of months, our Circles have been very busy shopping for and working on the various Lutheran World Relief Kits. These need to be boxed up and ready for shipment by September 15<sup>th</sup>. At this point, we are still in need of towels (48" and thinner are preferred), cloth diapers, bath-size Ivory Soap bars, receiving blankets, pencil sharpeners, and 70-page notebooks.

In these turbulent times, remember to look in this Visitor to join in the Prayer for Peace on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Bible Study Leaders' Meeting for September will be August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. The Bible Study Leaders' Meeting for October will be September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

Submitted by Ruth Dresser, WELCA Secretary



### **Worship Time Change**

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, our worship service times will change to **8:00am and 10:30am** with both services being held in the sanctuary. Both services are available live via ZOOM. This will be our schedule until Memorial Day weekend.

### **Adult Education**

Our Sunday text studies will begin again on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 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.



## **RALLY DAY and 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.

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

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



## **Pastor Fred Rilling's Ordination Anniversary!**

On September 6th, Pastor Fred celebrates his 24<sup>rd</sup> ordination anniversary. We give thanks for his leadership and his ministry to St. John's and with God's people everywhere. If you would like to send him a note, his home address is: 430 - 20th St, Prairie du Sac. Or you can drop notes off at the church.

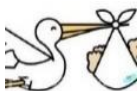
## **SPECIAL PRAYER**

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

Dear God,

We confess our need for you today. We need your healing and your grace. We need hope restored. We need to be reminded that you work on behalf of those you love, constantly, powerfully, completely. Forgive us for trying to fix our situations all on our own, for true help and healing must be found first in You. Forgive us for forgetting how much we need you, above everyone and everything else. We ask for your healing and grace to cover every broken place. Every wound. Every heartache. Thank you that you are able to do far more than we could ever imagine. We reach out to you, and know that you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory. Thank you. In Jesus' name, Amen ~ *Debbie McDaniel*





## **Congratulations**

We rejoice with Emma and Jon Neubacher on the birth of their daughter, Collins Jean on June 21. Collins joins brother Tate at home. Her grandparents are Denny and Bonnie Dederich.

We also celebrate with Brody and Jenna Stuetgen on the birth of their son, Lennon James on July 27. Lennon joins his sister Paisley at home. His grandparents are Dan and Kathy Lovell and his great-grandmother is Eldors Lovell. Lennon is the great-nephew of Kim and Duane Larson.



## **BAPTISM**

We welcome new brothers and a sister into the family of Christ through Baptism during August:

Briggs Allan Katzman, son of Matthew and Tiffany Katzman was baptized August 7. His sponsors are Stephanie Ballweg and Kyle Goodwin. His congregational sponsor is Gloria Moles.

Elsie Lee Orris, daughter of Dani and Kyle Orris was baptized on August 21. Her sponsors are Mike and Beth Treffert and her congregational sponsor is Megan Tarnutzer.

Lucas Andrew Treffert, the son of Beth and Mike Treffert was baptized on August 21. His sponsors are Dani and Kyle Orris and his congregational sponsors are Dede and Bob Egan.



## **With Sincere Sympathy**

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

The family and friends of Rita Mills.

Janice Carlson, Harold Carlson, Paige and Tim Ederer and family, Patrick and Fabian Pickarts, and Tell and Ashley Pickarts and their family on the death of husband, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, Haakon Carlson.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

## **Faithful Service to St. John's**

We continue featuring those that have been faithful to St. John's and we continue this month with Doris and Mel Lohr and Fay Rentmeester.

### **Doris and Mel Lohr**



### **Mel, Doris, Deb, Greg, Pauline, and Tom**

In 1961 Mel and I joined St. John's shortly after marriage. I was "one of those Methodist." He attended St. John's in Leland, so he won most of the compromise.

All four of our children were baptized and confirmed in this faith. Deb and Greg were married here and Deb's oldest child, Jacob, was also baptized at St. John's.

The changes we've seen over 60 yrs. is our congregation has become more joyful singers and a friendlier community and world involved ministry.

"Saved by Grace" is a Lutheran belief which stimulates us to serve. It was a privilege to coordinate music for 16 years, be a choir and Messenger participant for 35 years, serve on the church council and church women activities plus weekly worship involvement. Our church family has become an important part of our life.



### **Fay Rentmeester**

We (Bob and I) joined St. John's in 1962 moving here from Baraboo's St. Paul's Lutheran. We raised two children in Sauk Prairie. After moving from Prairie du Sac out to Pine Vista, I joined

the Lydia circle group of ELCA Women. There were so many wonderful women in that circle – Ruth Nierode, Lillian Zick, Lorraine Sawyer, Viola Grunewald, and Margaret Loiselle to name a few. I'm still in the group and we have some wonderful members still.

I took the “Bethel Series” class under Rev. Eldor Freuhling's instruction. I taught one of the first classes here at St. John's.

One of my true joys at St. John's was singing with “The Messengers” with Delores Staff's leadership. We sang at many, many funerals. Funerals are not fun, but the group of the ladies made it so.

My family is gone from the area now and I live at Pine Glen in Prairie du Sac where quite a few of St. John's congregation live. The pandemic keeps us quite isolated. But I get to church via “zoom” now with Macel Magnussen. It's a little bit harder getting around but hopefully soon I'll get back to attending Sunday services at St. John's.

If anyone else would love to share their personal connection to St. John's showing your faithfulness, please feel free to send to Linda Michaels at: [tmichaels8286@charter.net](mailto:tmichaels8286@charter.net). We love to hear the stories. Thank you.



The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at St. John's on **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** If you are able, consider signing up to donate via their website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support of our medical services! Your donation is very much appreciated!

From, The Good Neighbor Clinic of Sauk Prairie  
*St. John's was able to donate \$1,012.00 to the Clinic from a Car Wash held by our Youth during July.*



## Stock the Schools

In cooperation with the Sauk Prairie community, 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. Some of these items can be used in school and some at home. **Items needed for September are: Ramen Noodles, individual Mac & Cheese Cups and 3-inch-wide Ring Binders.** Look for the red bin in the gathering area by the church office to drop off your donations. Thank you.



## Calling all singers in grades 2 through 6!

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM (St. John's Children's choir) will begin our new season on Sept 14th from 5:00-5:45 p.m.! Our Music Director, Ruellene Seymour is looking forward to working with the children. Please share this invitation with anyone you know who might be interested in singing. If you want more information before the first rehearsal, please call Ruellene at 608-588-3198 or email [ruellene@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:ruellene@stjohnssaukprairie.org).



## Senior Choir

St. John's Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00pm. If you would like to join in the fun and fellowship while learning new songs to sing praises to God, please come and give choir a try. Rehearsals last one hour. Ruellene Seymour is the director.

# Sunday School News

## **RALLY DAY and Back-to-School Blessing**

Rally Day is September 18! Come join the excitement as we prepare for Sunday School. Register for class, meet your teacher and have fun.

There is a Back-to-School Blessing for all students and school employees during our 8:00 and 10:30am worship services on September 18 also. Join us as we pray for a safe year for all.

## **Sunday School Teachers**

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

- 1 adult helper in First Grade
- **2 teachers for Second Grade**
- Substitutes

Please speak with Pastor Fred, Superintendents Joanna Jones or Miranda Jager, or email

[sundayschool@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:sundayschool@stjohnssaukprairie.org)

Sunday School Teacher Orientation will be Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am in Room 3.

## **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 our Sunday school teachers, 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.



## **3-Year-Old & 3rd Grade Bible Presentation**

On October 2nd at the 8am & 10:30am services we will present 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. 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.

# 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 [sally@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:sally@stjohnssaukprairie.org) or 643-2439 if you're unable to attend. Our first class session will be on Wednesday, September 28th at 6pm. We are looking forward to seeing you!

## Confirmation Worship Jobs

Time to look ahead on your calendars. Here is the link for confirmation students to sign-up for worship jobs for October 2022 through January 2023! Each student should sign up for 4 jobs.

<https://signup.com/go/qcawqmM>

It works the same as in the past. However, there are 2 new positions that you may choose to sign up for: Communion Assistant and Communion Set-Up or Clean-Up. Duties for these jobs will be explained at the orientation or see the email that was sent out on August 23, 2022.

## Wednesday Night Meals

The Parish Education Council is pleased to reinstate Wednesday Night Meals under the direction of Donna Nelson. Meals are a wonderful time for our congregation to gather with our confirmation students and families.

- Meals are \$2 per person
- Wednesdays, when there is Confirmation Class
- 5:30-6:00pm
- Fellowship Hall at St. John's

Meals will be served when the Sauk County COVID-19 Community Level is at yellow or green. If the county's status changes to red, please watch for news from the Church Office. We will send information regarding the meal volunteer sign-up, via email, in September. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please email Penny Johnson ([penny@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:penny@stjohnssaukprairie.org)).

## Serving in September

**Ushers:** We are in need of adult volunteers to assist our confirmation youth with ushering

September 4	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b> Tyler Jorgenson	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b> Graysen Dunn
September 11	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b> Sophia Hanson	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b> Sophia Hanson
September 18	Graysen Dunn	Carter Kruchten
September 25	Sophia Hanson	Sophia Hanson

<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 4	Ryan Jorgenson	Simon Homp
September 11	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b> Douglas Jolicoeur Michael Jolicoeur	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b> Michael Jolicoeur Douglas Jolicoeur
September 18	Lillyann Nurkala	Lillyann Nurkala
September 25	Douglas Jolicoeur Michael Jolicoeur	Simon Homp

<b><u>Assisting Ministers:</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 4	Noelle Small	Noelle Small
September 11	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b> Donna Knickmeyer	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b> Donna Knickmeyer
September 18	Janelle Hupp	Janelle Hupp
September 25		

<b><u>Readers:</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 4	Mary Halweg	Lynn Esser
September 11	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b> Donna Knickmeyer	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b> Kathy Lovell
September 18	Evelyn/Alysia Bahe	Jama Graves
September 25	Cathy Yanke	Bob Nelson

<b><u>Cantors:</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 4	Lisa Davis	Marv/Janelle Hupp
September 11	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b> Katie LaVigne	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b> Katie LaVigne
September 18	Melani Wheeler	Melani Wheeler
September 25	Connie Burton	Connie Burton

<b><u>Coffee Servers:</u></b>	
September 4	Linda Yanke
September 11	Fellowship Board
September 18	Karen Bader and Cheri Kehl
September 25	Sheila Peak Dittberner

<b><u>Communion Assistants</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 4	Marilyn Herschleb	Deb Westphal Gerry Westphal
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 11	Jayne Carlson Cathy Yanke	Kathy Lovell
September 18	Roxanne Zick Linda Hines	Deb Westphal Gerry Westphal
September 25	Jayne Carlson Donna Knickmeyer	Dede Egan

<b><u>Sunday Stewards</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 4	Marian DeGiovanni	Marian DeGiovanni
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 11	Patty Barritt	James Newman
September 18	Janelle Hupp	Gina Varley
September 25		James Newman

<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
Sept 4 (Sanctuary)	Todd/Gina Wytttenbach	Jackie Frosch
(Front doors)	Steve/Patty Barritt	John/Ellen Mast
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
Sept 11 (Sanctuary)	Roxanne Zick	Ginny Nimmow
(Front doors)	Noelle Small	Deb/Gerry Westphal
Sept 18 (Sanctuary)	Graysen Dunn	Kaleb Chetwood
(Front doors)	Carter Kruchten	Cannon Esser
Sept 25 (Sanctuary)	Donna/Doug Nelson	Deb/Gerry Westphal
(Front doors)	Don/Vi Bohler	Steve/Cheryl Sprecher

<b><u>Technical Support</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 4	Lisa Davis Amy Nelson	Eric Kaul Roger Seymour
	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
September 11	Lisa Davis Charlie Kruchten	Liz Leith Malcolm Leith
September 18	Lisa Davis Ellen Jorgensen	Jeff Sandberg Nicole Sandberg
September 25	Lisa Davis Amy Nelson	Eric Kaul Charlie Kruchten

<b><u>Congregation Totals</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Offering</u></b>
July 24	138	\$10,815.96
July 31	135	\$ 8,593.00
August 7	143	\$ 7,745.90
August 14	147	\$ 7,932.00
August 21	187	\$23,984.00





## **Help Needed**

St. John's uses many volunteers to help with our worship services every Sunday.

We are in need of 4 ushers, 1 reader, 1 communion set-up and clean-up person, 1 communion assistant, 2 greeters, 1 assisting minister, 1 coffee server and 2 tech people for Zoom EACH service for EACH week. Some of these duties are filled by confirmation students once a month, some can be combined to be done by the same person on one Sunday morning. (Example: Reader and Usher, Reader and Communion Set-Up, Communion Assistant and Coffee Server, etc.)

As you can see, it takes a lot of people to help with worship each week. Please take time to consider how you might help out and contact the Worship Job Leader from the list below to find out how you might sign up for a Sunday that works best for you.

If you have any questions about any of these duties please contact:

Ushers – Steve Kindschi at [shkindschi@charter.net](mailto:shkindschi@charter.net)

Readers – Kathy Lovell at [lovellkat@yahoo.com](mailto:lovellkat@yahoo.com)

Communion set/clean-up – Marilyn Herschleb at 643-6181

Communion Assistant – Gina Varley at [glv1205@gmail.com](mailto:glv1205@gmail.com)

Greeting – Cheryl Sprecher at [sprechercheryl@gmail.com](mailto:sprechercheryl@gmail.com)

Assistant Minister – Pastor Sally at 643-2439

Coffee Server – Linda Michaels at

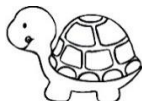
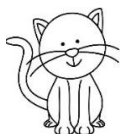
[tmichaels8286@charter.net](mailto:tmichaels8286@charter.net)

Tech Support – Roger Seymour at [rrcmor@gmail.com](mailto:rrcmor@gmail.com)

Thank you for giving of yourself to help our worship services run smoothly.

## **Confirmation Student Worship Helpers**

Please remember to check your calendars as to when you have signed up to help so that you can arrive to the church on time to get checked-in and find a robe if you need one.



## **Pet Blessing**

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

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

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



## **Coats for Kids**

St. John's will 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, snow pants, hats, mittens, scarves and gloves to the back area of the coat room. All sizes of clothing are needed.

St. John's Budget for 2023 We will be voting on the 2023 Budget at our Congregational meeting on October 16.

PROGRAM	APPROVED 2022	PROPOSED 2023	% CHANGE
Administration	\$382,765.00	\$423,163.45	10.55%
Lay Ministry	9,830.00	9,800.00	-0.31%
Evangelism	880.00	600.00	-31.82%
Stewardship	2,000.00	2,125.00	6.25%
PR & Social Concerns	3,968.00	3,250.00	-18.09%
Parish Education	14,195.00	12,793.00	-9.88%
Youth Board	27,700.00	5,700.00	-79.42%
Fellowship	3,400.00	3,000.00	-11.76%
Properties	52,229.00	52,500.00	0.52%
Lutheran Church Women	3,075.00	3,375.00	9.76%
Benevolence	58,950.00	54,450.00	-7.63%
Total	\$558,992.00	\$570,756.45	2.10%

A more itemized listing of the various board budgets is available in the church office. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

# **PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES**

**DATE: August 2, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Janelle Hupp, Gina Varley, Linda Michaels, Donna Nelson, Marian DeGiovanni, Nancy Kaufman, Megan Tarnutzer, Patty Barritt, Roger Seymour, Anne Klinkner, Sheila Dittberner,, James Newman

**ABSENT:** Sally Williams, Cathy Yanke, Fred Rilling, Jonah Richard, Lon Kadaravek

## **Call to Order/Opening Remarks:**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Janelle Hupp. Janelle asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion to approve was made by Marian and seconded by Megan. Motion carried. A devotion/prayer was then given by Megan Tarnutzer.

## **SECRETARY MINUTES:**

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

## **TREASURES REPORT:**

The committee reviewed and discussed the July 2022 Treasurers Report submitted by Donna Nelson.

Thanks to the generous support of the congregation in July, we had enough to pay all the bills and get a start on August expenses.

A motion to approve the financial report was made by James and seconded by Patty. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Evangelism:** Sheila Dittberner reported:

- New Member Pics completed and update Entry Bulletin Board.
- Send Visitor Post Cards.
- Next event Pet Blessing scheduled October 9, 2022.
- New member scheduled June 19, 2022 at 9:30 am.
- Review committee roster and responsibility confirmed.
- Budget 2023 submitted.

**Fellowship:** Linda Michaels reported:

- Continue to honor those with years at St. John's
- Planning a special coffee social time honoring the quilters
- Planning for welcome of intern John Evans
- Continuing to recruit for coffee and donuts and also funeral luncheons

**Parish Education:** James Newman reported:

Parish Ed – July 12<sup>th</sup> 2022

Penny, Joanna, Miranda, Katie, Megan, Fred and James

- General discussion
- Green Activity Bags for kids to return
- Nursery to begin being used again.
- Ruellene plans to have kids' choir start earlier in the year than Sunday school.
- Parish Ed fun day. August 14<sup>th</sup> after outdoor 2<sup>nd</sup> service.
  1. Activity Stations
    - a. Sidewalk chalk- Megan will oversee this side
    - b. Fill in letters
    - c. Free draw
    - d. Bubbles – Megan will oversee this
    - e. Scavenger hunt – Joanna and Miranda will put the scavenger hunt together
    - f. Target bean-bag toss (target drawn with chalk / masking tape)
    - g. Golf balls balanced on spoons while racing– Katie will organize materials and oversee activity.
  - Refreshments: Water / lemonade / freeze pops
  - Meet Penny Johnson our new staffer.
  - To buy - James
    - a. Sidewalk chalk
    - b. Bubbles
    - c. Freeze pops in chest freezer
    - d. Lemonade
  - Parish ed members will be available at 9:00am to do a quick setup.
  - James to announce at both services on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July.

- Wednesday meals plan to back for fall
  - a. Looking to have around 3 people to serve food. For safety.
  - b. Starting September 28.
- End of August call Terry Slotty about hayride

**Properties Report:** Lon Kaderavek reported:

- Heating/Cooling Units are now on roof, waiting for ducting.
- Shed has first coat of paint.
- Parsonage light in kitchen repaired, waiting
- For sink part.
- Should have wall in Parsonage painted soon.

**PR & Social Concerns:** Patty Barritt reported:

No July meeting.

**Stewardship Board:** Anne Klinkner reported:

- The group discussed the 2023 budget. Budgeted numbers for 2023 prior to approval are \$573,840.05 for the year.
- Work is continuing on our Procedure Manual.
- We are in the planning stages for a Fall Time and Talent and Stewardship Campaign.

**Lay Ministry:** Gina Varley reported:

No July meeting

**Women of the ELCA:** Marian DeGiovanni reported:

- No August Circles.
- Check September Visitor for September list of meeting times and places.
- Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 24. It is the 1-day Conference Retreat at Our Savior's Lutheran, Sun Prairie. Registration forms and payment need to be postmarked by September 8. See forms and workshop information on kiosk.
- Bible Study Leaders' Meeting is Tuesday, August 30 at 9am.

**Youth Committee:** Megan Tarnutzer reported:

The Youth board did not meet in July

**Member at Large:** Roger Seymour reported:  
Nothing new to report

**Youth Member at Large:** Jonah Richard reported:

- School starts September 1st. Fall sports practices are starting this month

**Executive Comments:** Janelle Hupp reported:

- Covid Community Levels have now transitioned into the red zone for Sauk County. Numbers have been in the red zone for a number of weeks in Columbia and Dane Counties. CDC guidelines recommend masking while in indoor public spaces. In keeping with our PPC decision to use the CDC recommendations to guide our decisions here at St. John's, starting Sunday 7/31/22, we reverted back to mandatory masking within our building.
- Nominating Committee will be meeting sometime during the first or second week of this month to begin the process of recruiting new PPC members. Seats that will be vacant in October 2022 are Assistant Executive Director, WELCA Chair, Parish Ed Chair and PR and Social Concerns Chair.
- I'm looking forward to welcoming our 2022-2023 intern, John Evans.
- Many thanks to Lon Kaderavek, members of our Properties Committee and other volunteers who cleaned carpets and painted on Saturday 7/30/22. Your work is much appreciated!

**Pastor Reports:** None this month

**Old Business:**

- Update on AC units. We may have AC in the sanctuary this Sunday.
- Kinder Prep update: N/A
- Outdoor Service will be at the 10:30 service on 8/14/22 sponsored by Parish Ed

**New Business:**

- Changes related to increase in Covid Community levels. We will be wearing masks indoors, with no coffee hour. We will

go back to individual communion cups in the pews and the offering plates will be placed at the back of the sanctuary.

- Class size limits for Confirmation and Sunday School Fall 2022. We will attempt to maintain 10-person class sizes. They will deal with it if they have more children.
- Wednesday meals will be off until the coffee hour is reinstated and we are in the yellow covid zone. They will have 3 volunteers serve the food.
- Nominating committee will meet this Thursday 8/4/22. They are looking for nominees for WELCA, PR and Social Concerns, Assistant Executive Director and Parish Ed.
- Needs for incoming intern, John Evans. We are collecting gift cards as a welcome gift for places in the community. Any cards can be given to Linda Hines. John is coming the third week of August.
- Budget The preliminary budget is for 2023 is a 2.3% increase over 2022.
  - a. There is an increase in the Administrative budget to account for the incoming intern and the Sunday musicians will now be under this budget.
  - b. Benevolence is down as we are supporting fewer past interns.
  - c. Youth budget is down with no Youth Gathering this year.
- There was a preliminary approval of PPC, pending Pastor Fred's review and approval.

Motion by Gina, seconded by James to approved the proposed 2023 budget. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Tuesday September 6th, at 6:30 pm. Devotions will be given by Lon Kaderavek.

Patty made a motion to adjourn our meeting and the motion was seconded by Megan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm with the Lord's Prayer lead by Janelle Hupp.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Kaufman

October 2022 Devotions Donna Nelson





## Looking Ahead

Here are a few dates and events that we have coming up at St. John's:

- September 4 – Worship Services at **8:00am and 9:30am**, also live on Zoom
- September 5 – Labor Day – Church Offices are closed
- September 6 – Parish Planning Council meets, 6:30pm
- September 7 – Pastor Sally is back in her office from sabbatical
- September 7 – Senior Choir begins rehearsals, 7:00pm
- September 11 – Worship Services at **8:00am and 10:30am**
- September 11 – Sunday School Teacher Orientation 11:45am
- September 14 – Kids of the Kingdom Choir begins 5:00pm
- September 16 – Loading of Kits and Quilts for Lutheran World Relief
- September 17 – Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Loading in Madison
- September 18 – Worship Services at 8:00am and 10:30am with Back-to-School Blessing
- September 18 – RALLY DAY with Sunday School registration at 9:15am
- September 19 – Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's
- September 19 – Parkinson's Support Group, 1:00pm
- September 20 – *Visitor* newsletter articles due in church office
- September 21 – Meal, 5:30pm cost \$2 per person
- September 21 – Confirmation Orientation, 6:00pm
- September 24 – WELCA Synod Retreat, 8:30am
- September 25 – Worship Services at 8:00am and 10:30am with Installation of Parish Education Members
- September 25 – First day of class for Sunday School, 9:15am
- September 28 – First day of Confirmation Class, 6:00pm
- September 30 – *Visitor* Assembly, 8:00am



## **Happy September Birthday!**

*The day is in parenthesis*

### **Our Youngest:**

Metta Opie (1)	Maximus Nelson (15)
Owen Robertson (29)	

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

Ira Opie (3)	Audrey Sandberg (3)
Olin Frey (4)	Malania Hitchcock (4)
Ryan Bakken (7)	Olivia Stephan (9)
Tate Neubacher (10)	Lucas Muehrer (12)
Corbin Colby (13)	Teddy Rosenstiel (13)
Callie Lohr (17)	Hayden Ballweg (23)
McKayla Peterson (24)	Caleb Anderson (27)

### **Our Youth:**

Ramona Blau (2)	Josey Thomas (5)
Masen Schmidt (8)	Evelyn Fritsch (9)
Gavin Sawyer (9)	Annika Braund (10)
Austin Urban (12)	Cannon Esser (15)
Claire Hartman (15)	Ryan Jager (16)
Brooke Braund (17)	George Colby (18)
Lauren Endres (18)	Kyra Manning (18)
Micah Boerger (19)	Ellery Apel (20)
Erelyn Apel (20)	Michael Blau (21)
Carly Coy (22)	Matthew Johnson (24)
Malea Schonenberger (28)	

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

Briar Lohr (2)	Gavin Tompkin (4)
Samantha Johnson (7)	Jack Gorsuch (11)
Ashley Pape (17)	