St. John's Lutheran Church February, 2025

Location: 1253 County Road J, Little Suamico, WI

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Office Phone: 920-826-7785 Website: <u>www.stjohnlittlesuamico.org</u> Email: stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org

Pastor Stacy Malzhan Emergency Contact# 906-202-4415 (text ok)

Karie Peters Office Manager, Director of Family & Youth Ministry

> Janet Francies & Jan LaSota Keyboardists

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call for an appointment with Pastor Stacy.



Gather Grow Go

Annual Congregational Meeting Notification



Please join us as we review the 2024 Annual Report, vote on several open positions within the church and discuss important matters for 2025 and beyond.

We MUST have a quorum to complete voting. ALL active congregation members are encouraged to attend. In-person attendance is preferred; however, if you are traveling or otherwise not able to attend in-person, please feel free to email the church office NO LATER THAN TODAY at stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org for a Zoom link to join the meeting remotely. You may also email Sara Beth Holman at sara.b.holman@gmail.com

Thank you!

AVAILABLE FOR YOUR REVIEW PRIOR TO THE MEETING Digital copies of the annual report were emailed January 17, 2025. If you missed the email, follow this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KQPgLnCH2avFMwQ38yTXkQf0W8GWpfzM/view?usp=sharing

Printed copies are available in the Narthex.

The 2024 Annual Report may also be found on our *website* at: <u>https://stjohnslittlesuamico.org/</u>



Income & Worship Attendance Summary

December, 2024

	Actual Current Month	Budget Current Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual vs Budget
Total Offerings	\$16,958.49	\$12,350.00	\$144,546.56	\$148,200.00	(\$3,653.44)
Total Revenue	\$21,020.72	\$12,350.00	\$184,164.01	\$148,200.00	\$35,964.01
Total Expenses	\$20,350.54	\$18,852.75	\$208,641.70	\$215,554.20	(\$6,912.50)
Profit/Loss Net Cash Increase/(Decrease)	\$1,907.01	(\$6,502.75)	(\$8,815.91)	(\$67,354.20)	\$58,538.29
Average Weekly Attendance for December (In-person attendance only)				80	

Please feel free to contact the church office for a complete financial report.



2025 Council Information: Sara Beth Holman- President, Stewardship Liaison Tracey Krumrei- Vice President Barb Dorn-Financial Secretary, Technology Team Liaison Curt Anschutz- Building & Grounds Liaison Pastor Stacy Malzhan

Michelle Marchand- Outreach Team Liaison Amy Spaude Betty Stevens- Outreach Team Rob Urbaniak- Youth & Education Team Liaison New Member Voted in 2/2/25



Worship Schedule



Wednesday, March 5, 2025 6:30 p.m.



Midweek Lenten Worship Services with Simple Supper Worship Details to Come!

> Simple Supper Held in the Fellowship Hall 5:45 pm Worship Service Held in the Sanctuary 6:30 pm

> > Wednesday, March 12 Wednesday, March 19 Wednesday, March 26 Wednesday, April 2 Wednesday, April 9

Youth & Education



Faith Finders! (Sunday School)

Sunday School takes place following Worship until 11:00 am every Sunday. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to attend! Children are always welcome to bring a friend as well!

	Holy Moly! Class	Connect Class	
Date	Pre-k through 3rd Grade	4th & 5th Grade	
2/2/2025	Annual Congregational Me	eting	
2/9/2025	David & Goliath	Regular Class	
2/16/2025	Solomon	Regular Class	
2/23/2025	The Boy Teacher	Regular Class	

Sunday School Registration Forms: <u>https://forms.gle/qpCVuLgxfAFkUGnp8</u>

Please see Miss Karie if you have any questions.



~The LYO is open to all Teens grades 6 through 12~

2/2/2025	Annual Congregational Meeting		
2/9/2025	Club 9 Online		
2/16/2025	LYO Bible Study, 10:15-11:00		
2/21-2/23/2025	Synod Youth Gathering		
2/23/2025	Class, 10:15 a.m11:45 a.m.		
3/9/2025	Club 9 Online		
3/12/2025 Lent Worship with Dinner			
3/15/2025	LYO Breakfast Club		
3/16/2025 LYO Bible Study, 10:15-11:00			
3/19/2025 Lent Worship with Dinner			
3/26/2025 Lent Worship with Dinner			

LYO Bible Study



Sunday, February 16th

Following Worship in the Conference Room next to Pastor's Office.

Club 9: Club 9 Online- Sunday, February 9th

Club 9 InPerson- February 23rd



A Bace to Bate More in My Life Talk with your family about the three things from the list below that you want more of in your life. Ask them to also talk about what more they want. There are no right or wrong answers.
I Want More in My Life.
Laughter Joy Gratitude
Travel Peace Money
Community Sleep Adventure
□ Strength □ Love □ Confidence
🗅 Friends 🗅 Fun
Family Moments
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FREE WORKSHOPS!

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Join us for free, online interactive workshops to help equip and encourage you in handing down your faith to your children, grandchildren, and youth in your congregation.



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The Chosen Series Dinner Study

St. John's Lutheran Church 1253 County Road J • Little Suamico

Taking place the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

Enjoy a soup dinner and fellowship while we dive into a study of the popular Christian series *The Chosen.*

Contact Sindi Anschutz, Pastor Stacy or the Church Office with any questions.

(920) 826-7785 • stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org

IRS Book Club

(Indigenous Readers of the Swamp)

EVERYONE is welcome!

New Members are welcome at any time.

Please join us!





Monday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church Narthex

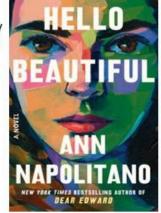
We will be discussing the book, <u>Hello Beautiful</u> by Ann Napolitano and January's book, <u>And Then There Were None</u> by Agatha Christie.

From the New York Times bestselling author of Dear Edward comes a poignant and engrossing family story that asks: Can love make a broken person whole?

"Hello Beautiful is exactly that: beautiful, perceptive, wistful. It's a story of family and friendship, of how the people we are bound to can also set us free. I loved it."— Miranda Cowley Heller, author of The Paper Palace

William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him—so when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him. With Julia comes her family, as she and her three sisters are inseparable: Sylvie, the family's dreamer, is happiest with her nose in a book; Cecelia is a free-spirited artist; and Emeline patiently takes care of them all.

If you have any questions about book club, please ask Jo Ann Risso.





Brown Bag Bible Study

Meets Weekly on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.

Please bring your lunch and join us for an engaging Bible Study.

All are Welcome!

Resumes in February



ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED

St. John's of Little Suamico Blood Drive

1253 County Rd J

Monday, March 3, 2025 Noon—5:00 p.m. Contact Shellie Virtues for assistance with registering



American Red Cross



Snow Removal Volunteers are Needed!

Please contact the church office or see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Echoes of Faith Men's Choir

Rehearsals will take place the 1st & 2nd Sunday of each month at

8:00 a.m.

Performances during Worship the 2nd Sunday of each month

All men are welcome to join!

Thank you!

Open to ALL AGES and ALL Fitness Levels!







GENTLE FITNESS EXERCISE CLASS

1253 COUNTY ROAD J • LITTLE SUAMICO

New Session Begins February 4th!

NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED 10 Classes for \$25

Classes tanght by Donna of Inspire Fitness



COME TRY THIS CLASS OUT! NO PRESSURE! MOVE AT YOUR OWN PACE! A FRIENDLY, RELAXED ENVIRONMENT!

> REGAIN STAMINA REGAIN STRENGTH REGAIN MOBILITY REGAIN YOUR LIFE

Register by calling St. John's at (920) 826-7785.

Class Size is limited. Not sure about signing up? Stop by and check it out first!

Call or email the office to register!

Thank you!

Exercise classes offered at St. John's in Little Suamico

I in 4 people over the age of 65 fall each year. A fall can cause injury that restricts activity and may hinder the return to prior level of activity. Staying in our own home is the priority as we enter advanced age. However, for this to happen we must be capable and able to accomplish a variety of daily tasks safely. This class will teach you how to stay strong and independent by performing simple balance and strengthening exercises. The class requires a sign up of 4 people. There will be 10 sessions for a cost of \$25. The class will meet each Tuesday from 10-50 to 11:20 beginning February 4th.

This exercise class is for those who find it difficult to fit exercise into their busy lifestyle. They may have found themselves steadily gaining weight, have lost strength and endurance and do not feel comfortable in a gym setting. Exercises will focus on improving strength, endurance, agility and balance. The class requires a sign up of 8 people. There will be 10 sessions at a cost of \$25. The class will meet each Tuesday from 10:00 to 10:45 beginning February 4⁸.

My name is Donna Zunker, and I will be the instructor for these classes. I am certified through the International Sports and Science Association as a Senior Exercise Specialist and am also certified in Corrective Exercise

through ISSA. I am currently seeking certification In Training the Older Adult. As we age the aches and pains catch up with us and we find ourselves sitting more and generally becoming inactive. At 73 years old I found that is the worst thing to do. Our joints and bones require consistent movement and exercise. Join a class and learn simple ways to maintain your independence and feel better.



As many of you know, I am on the Oconto Blue Devils Trap Team and have been for 2 years. I have placed 2^{nd} in our conference in the female division for the past 2 years (or 4 seasons).

We have a fall and spring season. Our high school team has grown to over 20 youth this past season! Kids that are in \mathcal{F}^{th} and \mathcal{B}^{th} grades that have an interest in trap shooting are encouraged to join the team to sharpen their skills before moving onto the high school team.

The Oconto Blue Devils Trap Team has had the opportunity to compete: in the spring at the Crivitz Invitational Trap Shoot, in the fall at the Blue Devil Invitational Trap Shoot, in June at the State Trap Shooting Tournament in Wisconsin Rapids and in July at the USA High School Clay Target League National Championship in Lansing, MI.

The Trap Team was looking for donations/sponsorships to help in purchasing a team canopy and an enclosed trailer used to move the needed equipment and supplies to the competitions listed above and many local events.

Thru the huge generosity of our friends and family at St. John's Church, the Brotherhood and WELCA have donated \$250 each!

There will be a "St. John's Lutheran" decal with name and logo applied to the trailer.

If you would like to further support our team, we will be having a raffle/fundraiser on March 1 at Bottoms Up Bar on Cty SS. This is our main fundraiser to be able to offer this sport at minimal to no cost for all participants.

Thank you very much for supporting me and the Oconto Blue Devils Trap Team! Melanie Dunks





With the Funky Craft Junkie!

Saturday, March 8th

10:00 a.m.

Ready for a little escape? Join us for a relaxing morning! Create a unique project for yourself or for someone special!

St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 1253 Co. Rd. J • Little Suamico

> All materials are provided Several Projects to choose from Refreshments included Class Fee: \$30 Open to Everyone!

Register by calling St. John's Lutheran Church at (920) 326-7735

You will need to let us know your project choice when you register. Choose from these fun projects!



In our Community







Get away as a family and enjoy all that camp has to offer this time of year! Our energetic staff will lead programming to engage all ages. Our time of worship and

faith building will spark wonder and conversation and our camp activities will make you memories as a family. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome at camp!

Feb 28-Mar 2, 2025 www.CrosswaysCamps.org



SUPPORT GROUP

We are here to help

DO YOU CARE FOR A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER W/DEMENTIA OR MEMORY CONCERNS?

A place where caregivers can share their journey, in a safe, supportive environment and find out they are not alone.

Keshena: 4th Mon./month @ 1-2pm at the FACE Center-Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek
 Shawano: 4th Wed./month @ 1-2pm at The Daily Drip ~215 Main Street
 Oconto Falls: 1st Mon./month @ 10-11am at the Oconto Falls ADRC
 Lakewood: 1st Wed./month @ 2-3pm at Lakes Country Public Library
 Virtual: 4th Mon./month @ 3-4pm 1-929-205-6099 Zoom Meeting ID: 821 5813 7137 Passcode: 532212
 FOR MORE INFORMATION
 1-855-492-2372

Ask for Ericka Johanna@adu Ericka@adrcw

Program

1-855-492-2372 Ask for Ericka or Johanna Johanna@adrcwolfriver.org Ericka@adrcwolfriver.org

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Register at wisconsincaregiver.org





– Oconto Area – Memory Café

Welcome to the Memory Café!



Join us to create a fun winter craft, watch a video and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa or flavored coffee!

The café provides a fun, comfortable environment where people with earlystage memory loss, along with their companion or caregiver, can relax, engage and enjoy the company of others who are on the same journey.

There is no cost to attend.

	Date:	Wednesday February 18th, 2024
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Time: 1:00-2:30 PM Location: The Bellin Health -Bond Center 1201Park Avenue, Oconto, WI 54153

> RSVPs required on or before February 14th, 2024: Please call Ericka at 855-492-2372 to reserve your spot!





The Empowered Caregiver Education Series

No one should have to face Caregiving Alone The Empowered Caregiver Education series will help you navigate the challenges of caring for someone with dementia. Register by calling 715-526-4708.

- Monday, Monday Feb. 17th 1:00pm-2:30pm 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease.
- Disease. <u>Thursday, Feb. 27th 2pm-3:30pm</u> <u>Understanding Alzheimer's and</u>
- Dementia . Monday, March 3rd 1:00pm- 2:30pm Building Foundations of Caregiving:
- Building Foundations of Caregiving:
 <u>Thursday, March 13th 9:00am 10:30am</u> Supporting Independence:
- Supporting Independence: Monday, March 17th 1pm- 2:30pm Communicating Effectively
- Communicating Effectively Thursday, March 27th 2:00pm- 3:30pm Responding to Dementia Related
- Responding to Dementia Related Behavior
- Monday, March 31st 1:00pm-2:30pm.
 Exploring Care and Support Services

OUR VISION: A world without Alzheimer's disease.

All classes will take place at the ADRC of the Wolf River Region, Oconto Falls office: 229 Van Buren St. Oconto Falls

alzheimer's 💦 association

800.272.3900 | alz.org*



For questions, contact Johanna Brandenburg 715-526-4708







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6pm AA Meeting
2 8:00am, EOF Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Annual Congregational Meeting 11:00am, Building & Grounds Mtg	3	4 10:00am , Gentle Fitness Level 2 10:50am , Senior Fitness	5 11:15am, Brown Bag Bible Study	6	7 Office Closed Crafting Group in the Fellowship Hall	8 Crafting Group in the Fellowship Hall 6pm AA Meeting
9 8:00am, EOF Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service w/EOF 10:15am Fellowship Faith Finders! WELCA Meeting Club 9 Online	10 5:30pm Worship Team Meeting	11 10:00am, Gentle Fitness Level 2 10:50am, Senior Fitness 6:30pm Council	12 11:15am, Brown Bag Bible Study	13	14 Valentine's Day Office Closed	15 9am-2pm Council Retreat Fellowship Hall 6pm AA Meeting
16 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Faith Finders! LYO Bible Study 1:00pm-3:00pm Annual Shawano Conference Meeting Zion Lutheran Church Shawano	17 Presidents' Day 6:00pm, IRS Book Club 6:15pm, The Chosen Series Dinner Study	18 10:00am , Gentle Fitness Level 2 10:50am , Senior Fitness	19 11:15am , Brown Bag Bible Study	20 Articles for Newsletter Due	21 Office Closed	22 6pm AA Meeting
23 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Faith Finders! Club 9 Class	24	25 10:00am , Gentle Fitness Level 2 10:50am , Senior Fitness	26 11:15am, Brown Bag Bible Study 5:30pm , Y&E Team	27	28 Office Closed	

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FEBRUARY

Feb. 2	Douglas Mittelstaedt
Feb. 4	Donn Behling
Feb. 6	Violet Mahr
Feb. 9	Diana Brickett
Feb. 11	Roger Lambert
Feb. 13	Charles McDermid
	Mia LaCourt
Feb. 15	Wesley Millan
Feb. 17	Brenda Kutska
Feb. 20	Pat Virtues
Feb. 21	Anne Virtues
	Brett Dequaine
Feb. 22	Foster Palomaki
Feb. 24	Arlene Giese
	Annora Harper
Feb. 25	Blaze Virtues
Feb. 26	Emma Walkowiak
Feb. 27	Jacob Cooper
	Jesse Cooper
	Liam Schmit
Feb. 28	Tim Bloom, Sr.

Monthly Fellowship Groups- 2025

Jane Nancy V		<i>February</i> John & Mary Warren		
Eric & Mary Ellen Hansen Lorna Koch Michelle Marchand Nancy Moes		Ashley Bloom Len & Diana Brickett Doug & Jenn Cassel Scott & Tammy Kissinger	Fran Miller Dennis & Peg Mueller Paul & Terri Poradek Erin Willis	
Maı Curt & Sind		<i>April</i> Doug & Helen Malueg		
Mike & Beth Babik Paul Delzer Tim & Julie Eichman Darrin & Alyssa Evans Vic & Sandy Heitzkey	Mark & Joanne Risso Shari Seidl Cheri Stage Rick & Nikki Yedica	Donn & Marie Behling Dan & Kelly Deau Jake & Nicole Dembroski Shaun & Alana Eder	Brett & Holly King Tom & Barbara King Todd & Roxanne Kissinger Scott & Amy Spaude	
Ma Pam & Trac		Ju Tim & Brei		
Jerry & Sara Arndt Pam Giese Tina Bergh Ralph & Judith Kleczka Darrell & Carol Brehmer Desiree Kozlovsky Dan & JMarie Freis Lisa Rosenberg Arlene Giese Rick Rosenberg		Brian & Natasha Chapman Nick & Kim Dunks Jan Francies Janet Heider	Bruce & Betsy Russell Kevin & Wendy Smith Larry & Lynne Wirtz	
J ມ Tim & Kare		<i>August</i> Duayne & Pat Rosenberg		
Clayton & Brenda Kutska Robert & Melissa Luedtke Riley & Chuck McDermid	Chad & Kelly Stellmacher Greg & Tammy Yager Ken Yost	Pat Bastian Travis & Renee Falkowski Stephanie Hakkila Brooke Hilbert	Todd & Sara Beth Holman Steve & Angie Larsen Dave Zimmerman	
September Dave & Ginny Burkart		October Pat & Shellie Virtues		
Joe & Lauri Cahoon-Draus Bill Foster Rob & Nancy Gleffe Wendy Hertwig Bill & Kelly Heier	Michael & Kim Mahr Susan Mittelstaedt Bob & Linda Slaby Kathie Surges	Peggy Bennett Dennis & Dawn Brouillard John & Dawn Demeny Doris Fleck	Sharon Schultz Betty Stevens Brian & Anne Virtues	
<i>November</i> Jerry & Michelle Cooper		December Roger & Eunice Redlin		
Andy & Barb Dorn Robin Schmit Dorn Roger & Cheryl Lambert Tim & Karie Peters	Diana Sefcik Mark & Barbara Seiltz Doug & Tess Smith Beth Wentz	Jessy & Jacqueline Haid Jim & Joni Holtz Bill & Kay Kissinger Keith & Karen Kolstad Bruce & Jan LaSota	Megan Raymaker Sam & Brenda Walkowiak Keith Werner Janet Wiegman	

Faithful Servants for February Worship Assistants are Needed for February Services. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.						
	SundaySundaySundaySundayFeb. 2Feb. 9Feb. 16Feb. 23					
Acolyte	John & Aubrey Schuh	Needed	Needed	Needed		
Communion Assistants	Ginny Burkart Bev Possley <i>Two Needed</i>	Bev Possley <i>Three Needed</i>	Shellie Virtues <i>Three Needed</i>	Four Needed		
Communion Steward	Ginny Burkart	Lorna Koch	Shellie Virtues	Helen Malueg		
Greeters	Pat Rosenberg Nancy Valentine	Nick & Kim Dunks	Two Needed	Two Needed		
Reader	Nancy Valentine	Kim Dunks	Sara Beth Holman	Desiree Kozlovsky		
Scrip Volunteers	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt		
Ushers	Tracey & Pamela Krumrei Pat & Shellie Virtues	Jerry & Michelle Cooper Family	John Warren Lorna Koch	Steve & Angie Larsen Dave Zimmerman		
Technology Team	Nikky Urbaniak	Curt Anschutz	Eder Family	Needed		
Welcome Center	Beth Wentz	Eunice Redlin	Needed	Nancy Valentine		
Offering Counters	Barb Dorn* Rob & Nancy Gleffe	Barb Dorn* Dave & Ginny Burkart	Kelly Stellmacher* Julie Eichman	Doug & Jenn* Cassel Betty Stevens		

Please let Karie Peters know if you would like to join any Worship Assistant rotations for upcoming services.

From the Church Office

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Are you missing out on important news from St. John's simply because we don't have your email address? At St. John's, we send out one brief weekly email message called **"This Week at St. John's"** to keep you informed of all the important activities here at church. Occasionally we send a weather-related cancellation or an urgent request for help, but we DO NOT send jokes, chain letters, advertisements or forwarded messages. We don't give out your email to anyone outside of church. You won't end up on any random mailing lists as a result of subscribing.

So... please send us an email so we can add your name to our list!

Send it to: stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org.

Remember, you can be taken off our list at *any* time if you change your mind.



Now that the Lighthouse is sent online, make sure to update your email with the church so you don't miss any of the important information going out to members.

Please either write your information on one of the green cards located in the pews or send an email to the church office.



Giving made even EASIER!

Simply scan the St. John's QR Code and complete your mobile donation in minutes!





All Announcements are Due to the Office NO LATER THAN THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT DATE.



There are PRAYER CARDS in the Narthex beneath the nametags and in the pews. If you have a special prayer request, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate or place it in the office mailbox. Your prayer will be added to the Prayer List and will remain there for 3 weeks. If you wish to have the person's name continue to be listed, you must notify the church office in writing on a prayer card or by email. Be sure to let us know when someone may be removed from the prayer list as well. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Please be sure to send your February Lighthouse submissions to the church office no later than February 20th. God Bless!