



St. John's Lutheran Church ***January, 2023***

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Call for an appointment with Pastor Stacy.

Gather Grow Go



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The New Life in Christ

Paul writes to the Romans in Chapter 12:

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Another year has passed us of challenges and many joys. I continue to revel in the growth we are making, slow but good, and the relationships we are developing! It is well of us to keep grounded in scripture that directs our daily lives as Paul did writing to the Christian church in Rome. As you may or may not recall, the Roman culture believed in gods, not the God we know, so the Christian church was always in contradiction with the society of Rome.

Paul was usually in opposition to the communities he was in and spent much time in jail because of his preaching. But even in the worst of times, in jail, Paul clung to the Christ he knew was the way, the truth and the life. Even in the most difficult times, we too can cling to Christ who makes all things new. See, Jesus knew we were going to need him even when he ascended to heaven and sent us the Holy Spirit.

We are often in contradiction with our current society because of our faith in the one who was unseen to us but became seen in the Christ child. Sometimes our faith needs a reset just like we try to do in our personal lives with the resolutions we often make, but often don't keep. I think that is the beauty of the New Year. Starting the new year we can be transformed in and by our faith by living into scripture that holds us fast to the promises of God.

Paul was always practical in his writings to the different Christian communities but he also knew there would be some non-believers in their midst. I think Paul was always smart to greet his people and remind them of the one who knows us and whom we are called to serve. The communities Paul wrote to were all in different stages of their faith. Some were struggling to stay true in faith and some just needed gentle reminders of how they needed to ground themselves, much like our own communities.

I pray, in this new year, your hearts will be open to the Spirit and what we are being called to as a community of faith. I pray you remember the *New Life* we have been given in baptism and the work we are called to in response to the great love we have been given to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior. I pray you make a resolution to prayerfully consider where your time, talents, and gifts could be used in service to God's earthly kingdom as we continue to share the good news of Jesus in the world.

Thank you for the blessings you give me all year long and I pray God bless you in the New Year and always.

Pr. Stacy



President's REPORT

Dear Members and Friends of St. John's,

Here we are, welcoming a new year. The old one is finished and what a year it has been for St. John's! We've had several very successful events to raise funds for our ministries. Confirmation, Sunday School and the Youth Group are up and running. Worship attendance is trending upward, the Service Groups are back, the Oconto County Commission on Aging has reopened the meal site, and the Teams that keep the church working are reforming and getting stronger. We had our first annual Ecumenical Worship sponsored by the Churches on J, and so much more. There have been frustrations, and set-backs, and sorrows, and a whole lotta joy!

This year, 2023, is the 150 th Anniversary of St. John's founding. For some reason, God has chosen to keep a Lutheran church in Little Suamico. Saints that have gone before us saw His vision in 1873 and have been true to it. And that vision has been passed to us and is alive today. The hard work and generous sharing of blessings by the members and friends of St. John's has once again renewed us. Thank you, everyone, for your faithfulness and labors, and for making Renew22 a reality.

Much has been done, but there is still much on God's to do list. Last year, a friend shared the following for 2022. It is equally befitting for 2023 and gives us wonderful guidelines for facing the challenges ahead:

Flight 2023 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2023. We are prepared to take off into the new year.

Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride and resentment should be turned off at this time.

Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination – Greatness!

Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS. Stay Blessed!
And Welcome 2023.

Betty Stevens



NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

St. John's Lutheran church Council Meeting
November 8, 2022

Agenda

Members present: Betty Steven, Tracey Krumrei, Steve Larsen, SaraBeth Holman, Curt Anschulz, Bruce Russell, Michelle Marchand, Shellie Virtues
Excused: Pr. Stacy, Rob Gleffe

Call to Order: 7:10 pm (late start due to choir practice at 6 pm)

Opening Devotions: Bruce

Thank you to . . . Betty for leading our congregation and covering the last Sunday service!

Secretary report from October: motion to accept as written by SaraBeth, Tracey second, approved unanimously

Treasure Report: motion to accept as written by Curt, second by Bruce, approved unanimously

Pastor's Report: none

Review of Constitution- Bylaws not following the constitution. Betty explained certain contradictions and will be addressed at annual meeting for possible voting

Team Reports:

Building and Grounds – lights changed in narthex and one in sanctuary, ceiling tiles replaced, ceiling lights cleaned Saturday cleanup. (Proposal of LED sign presented. Tabled)

Meanwhile, Curt will replace/add lights out on the sign.

Thermostat check: to come yet next week

Youth & Education-SS teachers more have signed up, still need more

Confirmation students meal this week with Katie/Betty

Evangelism/Outreach – food pantry, Oconto County Commission on Aging meals started this week.

Tech: SaraBeth volunteered!

Worship: update with music Jan Lasota to play selected services. Will contact UMC regarding collection for Veterans or UMC choice and support. Notify congregation that Thanksgiving Eve Tuesday service will be held at UMC

Stewardship – pledges? mailed w/ time and talents? discussion of preparation styles for giving for next 2024 budget.

Executive – 2023 Budget review

Job description review – K. Peters, office manager, music director

Motion to accept employment of Karie by Steve, second by Michelle, unanimously approved

Adjournment: Move to adjourn at 8:25 by SaraBeth, second by Steve, approved by council

Reflection: Curt

Prayerfully submitted,

Shellie Virtues

***Are you interested in a leadership role at St. John's? We have Council Positions open for Next Year!
Please see any member of the Nominating Committee with questions or for more information:
John Warren, Nancy Valentine or Pastor Stacy***

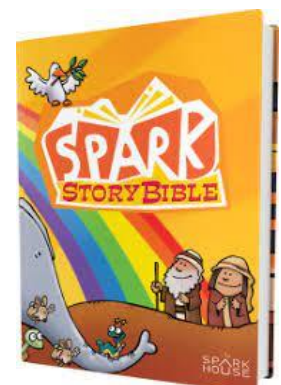


Sunday School



Our Sunday School Program continues to grow and thrive but we are still in need of volunteers to help lead! Classes are pre-planned and very easy to teach. We are using the Spark Lectionary Sunday School Curriculum, so our children are learning more about the same topics Pastor Stacy is discussing in her sermons each week! Classes take place following Worship each Sunday, from 10:15-11:00 in the Education Wing and is open to children age Pre-school to 5th grade. Snacks provided!

Please see Alana Eder, Betty Stevens, Pastor Stacy or Karie Peters if you are interested in helping to lead our children in their Growing Faith. No weekly commitments- help when you are available! Our children will be blessed for all time given.





The LYO is back!

Breakfast Club is back!

Super fun Bible Studies, lock-ins, special events, youth gatherings & events ARE BACK!

Here's what's coming up:

Confirmation Class/LYO Meetings~

(6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 18th

Wednesday, February 1st

Wednesday, February 15th

Wednesday, February 22nd- Ash Wednesday Worship Service (attendance required)

Meals will be provided. (Confirmation families- please call or text Miss Karie to coordinate a simple supper for our Youth as they Learn and Grow in Faith with Pastor Stacy!)

New Sermon Notes Forms!

There are new Sermon Notes Forms in the hall across from Pastor Stacy's office. Be sure to grab one before Worship!

Breakfast Club Outing!

Saturday, January 28th; 8:00 a.m. - Noon

We will be gathering for breakfast and then volunteering at either St. Vincent De Paul or Kingdom Come Food Pantry. Club takes place from 8-noon. We will also have a late Secret Santa gift exchange! If you would like to exchange gifts, please bring along a gender neutral gift valued around \$10 to randomly share at breakfast! Email, text or call Miss Karie to sign up no later than January 15th to participate. Looking forward to the fun!

Movie Night!

Pizza & Movies at Church Coming Soon! Date & Movie Theme TBD!

Right now, we are looking at Friday February 3 or Friday February 10 as possible dates. Movie themes suggested so far: Disney, Star Wars, Puppy Themed Movies, Musicals & Adam Sandler. We will be discussing this in more detail at Confirmation on January 18th. Bring your ideas!





Please join us for a fun evening of Fellowship, Dinner & an awesome Show!

**Bent
Grass**

A Nite of FOLK - BLUE GRASS
with Guitar, Dobro, Stand-Up Bass,
Mandolin & Banjo



Fri. Jan. 27th

cupojoy.com



At: CupOJoy

525 N. Taylor - Green Bay

Show: 7:30pm
doors: 6:45pm

We will be gathering for a
delicious dinner at

1951 West
1951 Bond St., Green Bay
at 5:00 p.m.

then heading next door to

Cup O Joy Live Christian Music Venue
at 6:30 for a great show from Bent Grass!

Group Tickets are only \$6 each!

Please be sure to RSVP to Karie Peters
NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15th
if you would like to join us!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex,
Or feel free to email, call or text Karie.

More events coming soon!

Ministries & OUTREACH

Oconto County Commission on Aging Meal Site & Foot Care Clinic



Do you like to go out to eat but can't afford it these days? We have a solution!

The Oconto County Commission on Aging has reopened their meal site at St. John's Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a hot meal with old friends and meet new friends. If you wish, play a zippy game of cribbage, work on a jigsaw puzzle or enjoy a quiet conversation.

The hall is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., with the meal served at Noon. The suggested donation is \$4.00 per meal. Meals are available to anyone age 60 or older. If your spouse is younger, the meal is available to them also. Residents of northern Brown County may also utilize the site if Little Suamico is closer to them than a site in Brown County. Use the south parking lot and come in through the barrier-free entry.

There is a January Menu on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Meal information is also included in the weekly church emails and bulletins.

Join us for fellowship, fun and a hot meal- and meet Dawn, the meal site manager.

Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling 920-834-7707.

The Commission will also once again be offering **foot care clinics**.

Anyone, aged 60 or older, wanting foot care can be scheduled by calling St. John's office at 920-826-7785, leaving your name and phone number. Karie will forward the information to Dawn, our site manager. Dawn will contact each person on the list to arrange a date and time for your appointment. The suggested donation for foot care is \$20.00. The appointment includes nail trimming and evaluation of foot health.



Kingdom Come Food Pantry

Helping Hands, Helping Others

Pray for Kingdom Come Food Pantry and Kingdom Come Resale Shop. The Board of Directors, Managers, Volunteers, and Clients, appreciate your prayers.

Make a financial donation so the programs of Kingdom Come may continue to help others. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at Kingdom Come, 520 N. Locust St., Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Or, you can make a secure online donation through PayPal using a credit card or your PayPal account.

Shop with others in mind and give donations of groceries, personal care and household items or clothing. Leave your donations with any supporting churches or bring them to the pantry site on Tuesdays from 9am-6pm. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call. (920) 604-2729

Donate your time and talents. On Mondays we need workers to repackage items, stock shelves, and do other various onsite tasks. On Tuesdays help is needed to assist with registration, stock shelves, walk with clients as they shop, as well as other assorted jobs. If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry or Resale Shop, please contact us by phone, mail, or email to ask questions or let us know you are coming to assist.

Organize a food or personal needs drive with your group or workplace.

What to shop for/donate:

Non-Perishable Foods

Canned Meats	Juice
Canned Fruits	Pasta
Canned Vegetables	Cereal
Boxed Dinners	Tuna
Baked Beans	Eggs
Canned Pasta	Soup/Stew
Peanut Butter	Sugar
Pancake Mixes	Sauerkraut
Cake Mixes	Baking Mixes
Pudding Mix	Jell-O Mixes

Personal Care Items

Body Wash	Bar Soap
Shaving Cream	Razors
Shampoo/Conditioner	Diapers
Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Deodorant	Feminine Products

Household Items

Toilet Tissue	Facial Tissue
Paper Towels	Toilet Brush
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Napkins
Dish Detergent	All-Purpose Cleaners

Clothing

Winter coats- new or gently used & clean (especially men and women's size XXL & larger)
Winter hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for children and adults
Athletic shoes with non-marking outsoles (for Physical Education Classes for school age youth)

There is a shopping cart in the Narthex to collect items as well as a list of items to take along when you go shopping. Thanks to everyone who has donated so far!

Mark Your Calendars



**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on
Sunday, January 29th
Following Worship.**

All members should prayerfully consider attending as we will be discussing important matters of the church for 2023 and beyond. We will also be voting in new Council Members and reviewing our Annual Report. Please contact Pastor Stacy or any Council Member if you have any questions.



We are reactivating our Youth & Education Committee. This very important ministry will help to choose various Faith Education resources and participate in discussions, decision making, and advising regarding Sunday School, the LYO, Family Ministry, and Sacrament Events such as First Communion and Confirmation. If you would like to participate, please contact Karie Peters, acting Chair, in the church office via phone or email: (920) 826-7785; stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org. We will meet the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Time may be adjusted based on committee member preferences.)



Brown Bag Bible Study Coming in January!
(This has been delayed due to the Advent & Christmas Season.)
Dates and Times to be determined.



January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 9am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Hour	2 Office Closed 6pm Buildings & Grounds	3 11:30am OCCA Meal Site	4 6pm Oconto Electric Co-op District 4 Meeting	5 11:30am OCCA Meal Site	6 Office Closed	7 6pm AA Meeting
8 9am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Hour Sunday School	9 5:30pm Worship Team	10 11:30am OCCA Meal Site 6:30pm Council Mtg	11	12 11:30am OCCA Meal Site	13 Office Closed	14 6pm AA Meeting
15 9am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Hour Sunday School	16 M.L.K. Day 6:30pm IRS Book Club	17 11:30am OCCA Meal Site	18 6:30 pm Confirmation Class	19 11:30am OCCA Meal Site <i>Articles for Newsletter Due</i>	20 Office Closed	21 6pm AA Meeting
22 9am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Hour Sunday School	23	24 11:30am OCCA Meal Site	25	26 11:30am OCCA Meal Site	27 Office Closed	28 8am LYO Breakfast Club 6pm AA Meeting
29 9am Worship Service 10:00am Annual Congregational Meeting	30	31 11:30am OCCA Meal Site				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY

- Jan. 1 Karson Pecor
- Jan. 2 RaeAnnah Kissinger, Sadie Grygiel
- Jan. 4 Jim Hilbert, Jake Sager
- Jan. 5 June Heisler
- Jan. 6 Virgil Christopherson
- Jan. 8 Dawn Demeny, Easton Eder
- Jan. 9 Lisa Rosenberg
- Jan. 10 Pamela Krumrei, Sawyer Vorpahl
- Jan. 11 Hanna Krejcarek, Rob Urbaniak
- Jan. 13 Tammy Kissinger, Landon Mittelstaedt
- Jan. 15 Kaydence Harper
- Jan. 16 Sara Arndt
- Jan. 17 Darell Brehmer, Kristen Douglass
- Jan. 18 Ken Pagel, Cory Dorn, Sara Kurowski
- Jan. 19 Mike LeVeille
- Jan. 20 Caden Pflugradt, Adalyn Westrich
- Jan. 21 Riley McDermid
- Jan. 22 Robert Luedke
- Jan. 24 Samuel Pagel, Ken Yost
- Jan. 25 Michelle Marchand, Melissa Nelson
- Jan. 26 Michael Bloom
- Jan. 28 Collin Marchand

Service in the Church

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP SERVICE GROUPS

<p>January Nancy Valentine Eric & Mary Ellen Hansen June Heisler Lorna Koch Michelle Marchand Nancy Moes Bev & Dennis Possley Renee Possley George Zahorik</p>	<p>February John & Mary Warren Ashley Bloom Len & Diana Brickett Doug & Jenn Casel Scott & Tammy Kissinger Rebecca Konkel Dennis & Peg Mueller Paul & Terri Poradek Terri Virtues</p>
<p>March Curt & Sindi Anschutz Mike & Beth Babik Paul Delzer Tim & Julie Eichman Vic & Sandy Heitzkey Lorna Koch Mark & Joanne Risso Shari Seidl Rick & Nikki Yedica</p>	<p>April Doug & Helen Malueg Donn & Marie Behling Dan & Kelly Deau Jake & Nicole Dembroski Shaun & Alana Eder Brett & Holly King Tom & Barbara King Todd & Roxanne Kissinger Scott & Amy Spaude</p>
<p>May Pam & Tracey Krumrei Jerry & Sara Arndt Darrell & Carol Brehmer Dan & JMarie Freis Arlene Giese Pam Giese Tom & Joan Hujet Ralph & Judith Kleczka Fran & Caroline Koski Lisa Rosenberg Rick Rosenberg</p>	<p>June Bill & Lee Hoeft Tim & Brenda Bloom Brian & Natasha Chapman Nick & Kim Dunks Jan Francies Janet Heider Bruce & Betsy Russell Kevin & Wendy Smith Jerry & Kathie Surges</p>
<p>July Roger & Eunice Redlin Ryan & Melissa Hogan Jim & Joni Holtz Marilee Kazik Bill & Kay Kissinger Bruce & Jan LaSota Megan Raymaker Sam & Brenda Walkowiak Janet Wiegman</p>	<p>August Tim & Karen Heimerl Clayton & Brenda Kutska Robert & Melissa Luedtke Riley & Chuck McDermid Darrell & Chris Naze Ken & Susy Pagel Chad & Kelly Stellmacher Greg & Tammy Yager Ken Yost</p>
<p>September Duayne & Pat Rosenberg Pat Bastian Travis & Renee Falkowski Jim & Brooke Hilbert Todd & Sara Beth Holman Steve & Angie Larsen Larry Schmidtke Dave Zimmerman</p>	<p>October Dave & Ginny Burkart Joe & Lauri Cahoon-Draus Bill Foster Rob & Nancy Gleffe Bill & Kelly Heier Michael & Kim Mahr Susan Mittelstaedt Bob & Linda Slaby</p>
<p>November Jerry & Michelle Cooper Andy & Barb Dorn Robin Schmit Dorn Eric & Sandy Kurowski Roger & Cheryl Lambert Tom & Chris Lemke Tim & Karie Peters Tyler Sager Diana Sefcik Mike & Barbara Seiltz Beth Wentz</p>	<p>December Pat & Shellie Virtues Peggy Bennett John & Dawn Demeny Doris Fleck Earl & Shirley Habeck Julie Kroupa Sharon Schultz Betty Stevens Brian & Anne Virtues Francis & Miranda Westrich</p>

Thank you to our December 2022 Service Group!

Faithful Servants for January

Worship Assistants are Needed for January Services.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

	Sunday Jan. 1	Sunday Jan. 8	Sunday Jan. 15	Sunday Jan. 22	Sunday Jan. 29
Acolytes	None Scheduled	Kaydence Harper	Lila Walkowiak	Jack Falkowski	Grace Wagner
Communion Assistants	No Communion	Bev Possley <i>One Needed</i>	Bev Possley <i>One Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>
Communion Steward	No Communion	Lorna Koch	Shellie Virtues	Chris Naze	Helen Malueg
Greeters	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	Tim & Karie Peters
Reader	Nancy Valentine	Kim Dunks	Sindi Anschutz	Pamela Krumrei	Lili Bloom
Scrip Volunteers	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen
Ushers	Jerry & Michelle Cooper	John Warren Lorna Koch	Dave Zimmerman Steve & Angie Larsen	Andy Dorn John Warren	Tracey & Pamela Krumrei Pat & Shellie Virtues
Technology Team	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>
Welcome Center	Chris Naze	John Warren	Nancy Valentine	Lee Hoeft	Eunice Redlin

**Worship Assistant Schedules for 2023 have been mailed!
Please let Karie Peters know if you would like to join any Worship Assistant rotations for upcoming services.**

We would also like to start a rotation for our Greeters. Please let Karie know if you may be interested in this ministry.

From the Church Office

Lighthouse Newsletter

As you can see, we have adjusted the Lighthouse format from the previous printed version. If you have any feedback, please email the office or leave a note on Karie's desk. We welcome all comments & suggestions!

Please also be mindful of the newsletter deadlines so we can be sure to get all information out to our Congregation in a timely manner. Our next deadline for February newsletter submissions is January 19th.

Thank you for your patience as we find the best procedures for this update!



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. Don't worry, if you do not have an email address- we will still send you the Lighthouse via mail to make sure you receive it each month. Just make sure to let the office know to keep you on the mailing list. Thank you!



Do you have a key to the church? If you do, please send a message to the church office to provide the number on your key so records can be checked and updated.

Thank you to all who have reached out so far!

If you no longer have a need for the key, please return it to the church office.

We appreciate your assistance helping update the records.

Committee Chairpersons-

All 2022 Committee Reports for the Annual Report are due to Karie no later than Sunday, January 8th.

Thank you!



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.



Giving made
even EASIER!

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



**Please be sure to send your February Lighthouse submissions to the church office
no later than January 19th!**

God Bless!