



## *St. John's Lutheran Church* *July, 2023*

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**Office Hours---**

**Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Call for an appointment with Pastor Stacy.**



**Gather Grow Go**





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Dear Friends in Christ-

Do you feel like life is flying by? I mean, as I write this, it is the summer solstice, the longest day of daylight and beginning of summer. It feels like we have been in the throes of summer for a month already. I know when we have these longer daylight hours it seems like we put more time into our families and projects. We lose track of time because of the daylight and when it feels like 8pm, it's already 10pm.

I wonder what it was like for Jesus as he drew together with the crowds. Did it give him more time to be with others sharing the word of his Father? Reminding everyone as the summer went on to share their abundance and not store up in their barns, because it *is true*, you can't take it with you. That is our call too, as the summer moves on.

The work of the church doesn't stop because we are in the summer months. When I was working in my contextual education, Christ the King Lutheran Church, I was working with the children, youth and families, and I was so excited when confirmation was done because I thought I had room to breathe, and even in my first call as one season of the church would end, so a reprieve would come to me as well. Well, that's not true at all for anyone in ministry and that includes our entire congregation.

We are apostles no matter where we go, what we do, or what time of the year. When we are out camping, swimming, going to family reunions, or attending weddings, they are all opportunities to share what it means to have Jesus in our lives. Yes, sometimes we don't have to say a word for anyone to know we are disciples but we are afforded so many opportunities, even within our communities to learn what the needs are, especially now that everyone is out and about again.

So when you are at your summer events, remember, as a beloved child of God, you are called to share the good news and be vigilant in asking the questions of what the need is in our community. Intentionally attend the ball games of our youth or find out what they are involved in. And just a reminder, if you know of someone who is struggling or needs a prayer, please let me know as I am happy to make a connection and visit but also, do not be afraid to reach out to me directly as well. We are here to support one another in the fun times and the not so fun times.

Don't forget about opportunities to attend Wildfire Worship, Wednesday June 28th, July 26th, August 30th and September 20th. We'll have activities for kids those nights too. Be safe in all that you do this summer.

In Christ,  
*Pr. Stacy*



## President's REPORT

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*Dear Members and Friends,*

*We often receive questions about St. John's stained-glass windows. In this 150th year of our existence, we researched the history of them and here it is:*

*The earliest picture we have of the little white church is 1900 and there was no stained glass seen. In 1931, a Confirmation picture taken outside the church shows stained glass, but the time they were installed remains unknown. When the "new" church, now our Fellowship Hall, was built, salvageable portions of those original windows were repaired by Royce Polfus and used on either side of the entrance doors and on the west wall.*

*The first stained-glass window in our present church, installed over the sliding glass doors, was given by the Cassel Family in memory of their beautiful child, Daniel, who left this world too soon. Within a few years, the other windows followed.*

*Because our church is named for St. John, the artist who designed our windows (including the first window) drew her inspiration from the Gospel of John. Each of the 3-paned windows represent a part of the Triune God. If you stand in the sanctuary facing the windows, the left one is the Son, or Christ, window, the middle is the Holy Spirit window, and the Father, or God, window is on the right. The images over the emergency exit doors are simply extensions of the adjoining window.*

*The Christ window is the interpretation of several verses from John, including 1:9 "The true light was coming into the world" and 8:12 "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life." The window shows the light of Christ emerging from the darkness. (This is the only window whose drawing was modified. In the initial sketch, the light of Christ looked like a giant spider so it was redrawn.) If you look at our very first stained glass window above the sanctuary sliding doors, you will see a blue circle about Christ's head and shoulders. The circle motif is repeated in the Christ window and is the only one of the three which contains many true circular patterns.*

*The center window, the Holy Spirit window, is based on John 1:32 "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove" and, in chapter 16, Jesus speaks of the coming of the Spirit. If you look in the upper right-hand corner of the center window, there is the image of a dove, the Holy Spirit. In the water of the Spirit window are two fishes above and below a loaf of bread, a reminder of the miracle of Feeding the Five Thousand in chapter 6.*

*The intensely colored and powerful window on the right is the God window, the Creator, interpreted from John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word . . . and the Word was God. What has come into being was life and the life was the light that shines in the darkness . . . and the darkness does not overcome it."*

*Interpretations of the Gospel of John also connect the 3 windows. Beginning in the Christ window, "the living water" starts its flow moving across the Spirit window into the God window, 4:14 "a spring of water, gushing to eternal life," and 7:38 "out of the believers' heart shall flow rivers of living water," and, in chapters 1 and 3, the waters of Holy Baptism.*

*A vine originates in the Christ window, growing larger as it moves across into the God window, from 15:1 "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower" and from the same chapter, v. 5 "I am the vine and you are the branches." It is a reminder of our journey toward God, our growth in faith. The vines' course toward God passing through the waters of the Spirit window is an interpretation of 3:5 "no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."*

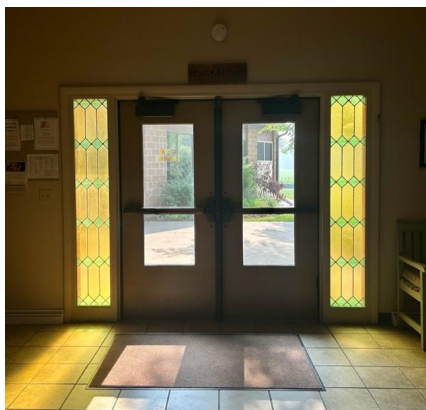
*The yellow stained-glass, "the light of life," seen predominantly in the God and Christ windows (5:26 "For just as the Father has life. . .so he has granted the Son also to have life"), is also seen in the Holy Spirit, the dove (6:63 "It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is useless").*

*An interpretation of the Gospel of John could be lent to our very first stained-glass window. It is comforting and reassuring to see Christ watching over not only the children in the window, but His children in the sanctuary, and beyond. Ch.10:14 ". . .I know my own and my own know me". A Good Shepherd, if you will. We tend to associate this concept with Ps. 23, but John 10:1-18 tells of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.*

*The vine and water starting at the Christ window, both of which Gather, Grow and Go, are a reminder of our mission statement.*

*The 150th Anniversary Team hopes this background explanation is helpful. The Team echoes the words of Pastor Zamzow, pastor at the time of the windows dedication: May the contemplation of these beautiful windows aid our meditation upon the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord.*

*In Christ,  
Betty Stevens*



**2023 Council Information:**

Betty Stevens- President  
Tracey Krumrei- Vice President  
Shellie Virtues- Secretary  
Steve Larsen- Treasurer  
Pastor Stacy Malzhan

Curt Anschutz- Building & Grounds Liaison  
Barb Dorn- Technology Team Liaison  
Sara Beth Holman- Stewardship Team Liaison  
Michelle Marchand- Outreach Team Liaison  
Rob Urbaniak- Youth & Education Team Liaison

# Church Events & Updates


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***This year we are very excited to be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church!***

***Please be sure to take a look at our website as we are sharing some pictures, history, fun facts and other great things about St. John's under the 150th Anniversary Tab!***

***If you take any pictures during Worship or at other Church Events, please be sure to email them to the office at: [stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org](mailto:stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org) or text them to Pastor Stacy or Karie Peters so we may add them to our Church History for an updated collection!***

 <p><b>Save the Date</b></p>	<p><b>St. John's Lutheran Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!</b></p> <p>Join us to celebrate our church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>We will have a very special Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon.</p> <p>Please be sure to RSVP using the QR code to the left or contact Karie in the church office.</p> <p><b><i>Gather • Grow • Go</i></b></p>
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# 150th Celebration Temple Task Series

*In celebration of our special anniversary year, we will be enjoying several Temple Tasks given during our Worship Services. Join us for these wonderful sharings of our Church's history as we celebrate St. John's!*

*~ June 25th ~*

*"The History of our Stained Glass Windows," presented by Betty Stevens*

*~ July 9th ~*

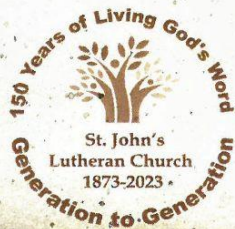
*"Stories of St. John's," presented by Betty Stevens*

*~ July 30th ~*

*"Interview with Arlene Matuszewski," presented by Pastor Stacy*

*~ August 6th ~*

*"More Stories of St. John's," presented by Betty Stevens*





# MAKE A "JOYFUL NOISE!"

Bring Your Change to Make a Change!  
In celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will be having  
weekly collections to support 3 wonderful causes.



Now thru July 9<sup>th</sup>  
Collecting for the American Legion Post 523



July 16<sup>th</sup> thru August 27<sup>th</sup>  
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library  
"You can never put enough books into the  
hands of enough children." Dolly



Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>  
ELCA Good Gifts are a creative,  
meaningful way to support the  
ministries of the ELCA.





***Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is officially in Little Suamico!***

***The Imagination Library is a program that was started by Ms. Parton to provide books for children. Each month, DPIL mails a free book to every registered child in an eligible area from their birth until their 5th birthday. With the support of the St. John's community, the 54141 zip code is now a part of the program! While the Dollywood Foundation covers a majority of the expenses, it currently costs the local affiliate \$2.26 per child each month. The July and August noisy offering will help to offset these costs.***

***If you have any questions about registering a child or donations, contact Nikky Urbaniak at [dpil54141@gmail.com](mailto:dpil54141@gmail.com) or (920) 393-7834.***

***Thank you for helping children in our area learn to read!***





# 28th Annual Auction with Classic Car & Tractor Show



## St. John's Lutheran Church

1253 County J, Little Suamico

**Saturday, September 9th**

*Live Music!*  
*Acme Pickers*  
*9:30 am - Noon*



**Advanced Sale Ticket Raffle- 500 tickets available, up to \$5000 in cash prizes!**

**Free Children's Activities**

**Bucket Raffle**

**Rummage Sale**

**Free Children's Raffle**

**Live & Silent Auction**

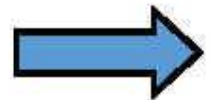
**Food Concessions**

**Wine Raffle**

**Vendor Area**

**Bake Sale**

**Detailed Event Schedule and  
Award Categories on Back**



*For more information:*

*Car Show- Contact Rob at 920-362-9575*

*Other Events- Contact the church office at 920-826-7785*

**Registration fees: Cars- \$10, Tractors- \$10**

# CLASSES

A	Antique to 1949	I	Corvettes (All)
B	Stock 1950-1959	J	Modified 1950-1965
C	Stock 1960-1969	K	Modified 1966-1979
D	Stock 1970-1979	L	Modified 1980-present
E	Stock 1980-1990	M	Trucks Stock (All)
F	Stock 1991-present	N	Trucks Modified (All)
G	Street Rods (All)	O	Special Interest
H	Convertibles (All)	P	Tractors (All)

**Special Awards: Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Engine & Pastor's Pick  
1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies awarded in ALL classes**

## Schedule of Events

**Car & Tractor Registration/Set up.....7:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Food Stand.....9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Car & Tractor Show.....9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Musical Performance.....9:30 am - Noon**  
**Bucket Raffles.....10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Silent Auction.....10:00 am - 1:30 pm**  
**Live Auction.....12:30 pm - 2:00 pm**  
**Car Show Door Prizes.....2:15 pm**  
**Cash Raffle Announcement.....2:30 pm**  
**Trophies/Awards-Car & Tractor Show.....2:45 pm**

**\*\*\*Times may be subject to change at the discretion of the committee\*\*\***



**“God’s work. Our hands.”**

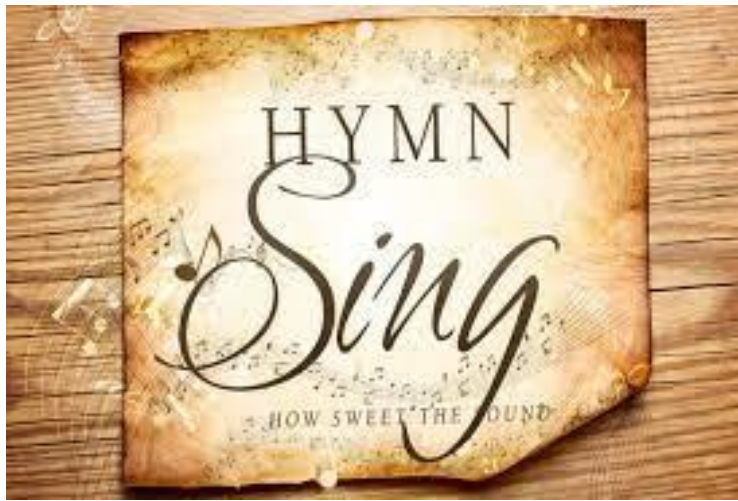


Join us for a day of service!

*This year marks the 10th anniversary of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an extension of the work you do every day to make your community a better place.*

*Be sure to watch upcoming newsletters for our congregation’s participation date and details for our Service Project!*





*Join us for this special Worship Addition~  
Bring a list of your favorite hymns to request!*

*Sunday July 30th  
Sunday August 27th*



*Outdoor Casual Worship with Music  
Bring a Lawn Chair!*

*Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
June 28th  
July 26th  
August 30th  
September 20th*

## Weddings

**Congratulations to  
Mr. & Mrs. Austin and Ashly Franke**

*Who exchanged wedding vows on  
Saturday June 17, 2023*

*May God richly bless this union which He has made.*

## Family Additions



**Quintyn Robert Schmit**

*June 13, 2023*

*11:10 a.m.*

*7 lbs, 4 oz*

*20 inches long*

**Son of**

**Chris & Robin Schmit**

**Grandson of**

**Andy & Barb Dorn**



**Margo Mae Anschutz**

*May 26, 2023*

*6 lbs, 13 oz*

*20 inches long*

**Daughter of**

**Mikal & Tess Anschutz**

**Granddaughter of**

**Curt & Sindi Anschutz**

**WELCOME BABY**

**Congratulations and Many Blessings from your  
St. John's Family!**



*Do you have a special occasion coming up? A special day to celebrate? A loved one to honor? Adorning our altar with beautiful flowers is a wonderful way to recognize and celebrate. Please feel free to bring fresh cut flowers from your garden, a bouquet from the Farmer's Market or a local store (we have vases available at church for you to use) or let us know and we will order for you.*

*Please sign up on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex.*



# Youth & Education

## **VBS Registration Is Open!!**

Register at: <http://www.myvbs.org/stjohnsLS>

To volunteer, please also visit the above website or contact Karie. We are in need of group leaders, workshop leaders, workshop assistants and more!

**VBS is open to ALL children at no cost to families!**



Imagination Station



All-Star Games



Sing & Play Blast Off



KidVid™ Cinema



Sing & Play Blast Off

## ***Vacation Bible School***

***July 17-21, 2023***

***8 a.m. - Noon***

***Registration is open!***

***The Fun will be***

***OUT OF THIS WORLD!!!***

***Please register online at:***



***[www.myvbs.org/stjohnsLS](http://www.myvbs.org/stjohnsLS)***

***Volunteers may also sign-up online at:***

***[www.myvbs.org/stjohnsLS](http://www.myvbs.org/stjohnsLS)***

***Or complete the paper form and return to the church office:***

***[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VOtCRFY6d09xNFiRTOe\\_n3fYR3QtLX8E/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VOtCRFY6d09xNFiRTOe_n3fYR3QtLX8E/view?usp=sharing)***



**Lutheran Youth  
Organization**

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

**Here's what's coming up:**

***Breakfast Club Outing:***

*Saturday, July 29th; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

*We will be gathering for breakfast and then volunteering at:*

*Oconto Humane Society*

*Club takes place from 8:30-12:30.*

*Meet at church at 8:30 a.m.*

*Travel to a local restaurant for breakfast.*

*Volunteer from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

*Return to church at 12:30 p.m.*

***Email, text or call Miss Karie to sign up no later than July 21st to participate.***

***LYO Bible Study***

*Sunday, July 30th*

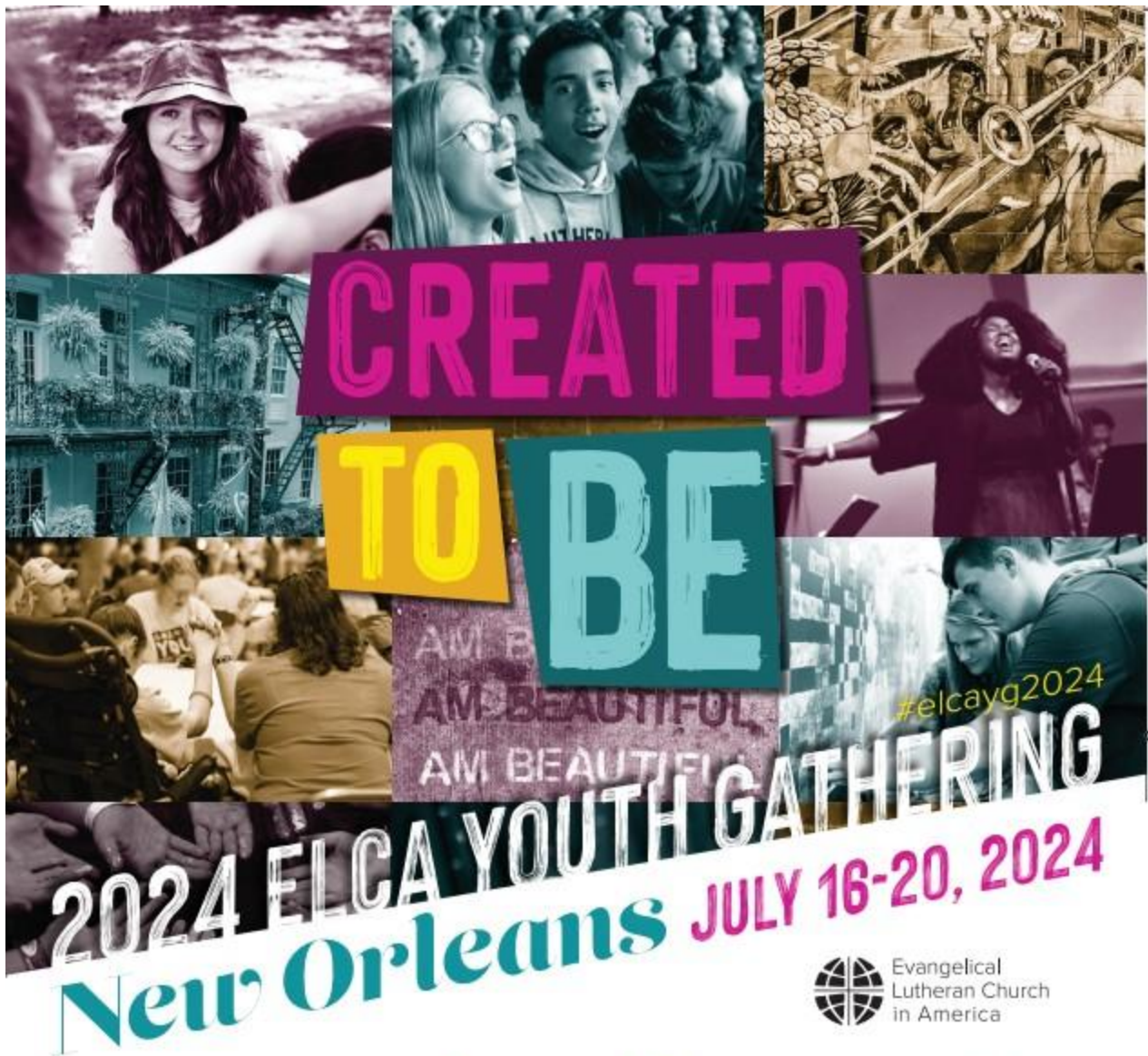
*Following Worship in the LYO Room downstairs.*

*We will also be discussing LYO Room redecorating ideas and a future lock-in!!!*

***ELCA Youth Gathering***

***Who's Ready for NEW ORLEANS???????***





## MYLE

Multicultural Youth Leadership Event of the ELCA

JULY 13-16, 2024

## the tAble

An ELCA Gathering of Youth with Disabilities

JULY 13-16, 2024

## Young Adult Gathering

A new ELCA Gathering for Young Adults

JULY 16-20, 2024

 [fb.com/youthgathering](https://fb.com/youthgathering)

    [@elcagathering](https://@elcagathering)

 [elca.org/gathering](https://elca.org/gathering)

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### Want to know more?

What it's like to be there: <https://youtu.be/epc6mWLvBbA>

A deep dive into what the Gathering is all about:

<https://youtu.be/OhGnj2hVoPU>



**We enjoyed a cold and windy but FUN Family Ministry Miniature Golf Outing at The Ruins on Sunday June 11! Here are some pictures from our adventures. Please watch your emails for future Family Ministry Outing Announcements!**



**Here we go! Kim and Melanie Dunks, Rob, Ann & Nikky Urbaniak at the first hole.**



**Betty Stevens and her friends on the final hole!**



**Never too cold for ice cream!**



**Or a little silliness 😊**



# 2023 Synod Golf Tournament

*An invitation for All Pastors, Deacons, Church Leaders and Members of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. If you know people who'd enjoy playing this course, invite them; perhaps set up your own church foursome.*

*This year we will support our neighbors suffering here in the United States from the devastation caused by natural disasters. We are seeking your monetary donations of cash or checks made payable to "Lutheran World Relief". Please mark Tuesday, August 8, on your calendar for the 2023 Synod Golf Outing at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola. We'll have a fun-filled day with 18-hole event prizes plus additional prizes and giveaways.*

## Synod Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola  
Shot-Gun Start at 8:30 a.m.



To: All Pastors, Deacons, Church Leaders and Members of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin  
(If you know people who'd enjoy playing this course, invite them; perhaps set up your own church foursome.)  
From: Dennis Ellisen, Event Coordinator

Please mark Tuesday, August 8, on your calendar for the 2023 Synod Golf Outing at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola. We'll have a fun-filled day with 18-hole event prizes plus additional prizes and giveaways. *Don't miss it!*

*This year we will support our neighbors suffering here in the United States from the devastation caused by natural disasters. We are seeking your monetary donations of cash or checks made payable to "Lutheran World Relief". I will make sure all of the donations go to this worthy cause.*

In peace,  
Dennis

### Important Stuff

**Cost:** \$60.00 includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Make checks payable to Sue Schultz.  
**Due Date:** *Please register by July 23.* The golf course needs a final count on that date.  
**Format:** 18-Hole Team Scramble  
**Times:** 8:00 a.m. check-in; instructions at 8:15 a.m.; tee times at 8:30 a.m. (shot-gun start)  
**Course:** Glacier Wood Golf Club, 604 Water Street, Iola  
Located about a half mile north of Highway 161 on Water Street off Highway J.  
**Weather:** If it rains, please call the course: 715-445-3831.  
I will let you know the make-up date if needed ASAP.  
**Questions:** If you have any questions about the event, please call me at 920-419-5581 or email me at [revcat09@gmail.com](mailto:revcat09@gmail.com).



## 2023 SYNOD GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to golf with: \_\_\_\_\_  
We will do our \_\_\_\_\_  
best to match up \_\_\_\_\_  
all golfers. \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION DUE JULY 23, 2023!!

Please complete registration form and mail  
with check payable to:

Sue Schultz  
1020 Symphony Boulevard  
Neenah, WI 54956

Download the pdf form to register:

[https://mcusercontent.com/1d1aae40b71a3eede72d2cd81/files/9796a7ef-0703-04a6-fd3c-95cf5d452a7a/Synod\\_Golf\\_Outng\\_Flyer\\_2023\\_1\\_.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/1d1aae40b71a3eede72d2cd81/files/9796a7ef-0703-04a6-fd3c-95cf5d452a7a/Synod_Golf_Outng_Flyer_2023_1_.pdf)



## Oconto County Commission on Aging Meal Site

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
1253 County Road J  
Little Suamico, WI**

Please join us for fellowship and a delicious meal.  
Tuesdays  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Meal at Noon.

Meals are available to everyone 60 and older.  
If your spouse is younger, the meal is also available to them.

***Reservations and appointments can be made by calling the church  
office at (920) 826-7785.***

***Dine in or order Meals to Go.***

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 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., with the meal served at Noon. The suggested donation is \$4.00 per meal. ***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.

July

# Oconto County Commission on Aging, Inc. Menu 2023

**Menus are Subject to Change**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Closed for Independence Day	4 Closed for Holiday	5 Ham and Scalloped Potato Casserole Green Beans Fruit Cookie	6 <b>Sub Day</b> Ham, Turkey, Pickle, Lettuce Mayo, and Tomato Macaroni Salad Chips Fruit	7 Meatballs/Gravy over Noodles Mixed Vegetables Fruit Graham Crackers
10 Turkey with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas and Cranberries Donut	11 Chili Egg Salad Crackers Pie	12 Tuna Noodle Casserole Glazed Carrots Dinner Rolls Frosted Cake	13 Chicken Cordon Bleu Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Winter Blend Veggies Fruit	14 Cheeseburger on Bun Chips Coleslaw Fresh Fruit Cookie
17 Chicken Nuggets Mac and Cheese Corn Pudding Dipping Sauce	18 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Broccoli Fruit Breadstick	19 Sweet Potatoes Ham and Scalloped Green Bean Casserole Brownie	20 Roast Pork Rice Pilaf with Gravy Mixed Veggies Mandarin Oranges	21 Fish Sandwich German Potato Salad Baked Beans Fresh Fruit
24 Egg Bake Sausage Hot Apples Muffin	25 Oven Steak with Onion&Mushroom Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Cookie	26 Pizza Day	27 Cabbage Rolls Beets Potatoes Pumpkin Bread	28 Cream of Potato Soup Sandwich Crackers Pie
31 Salad Day Yogurt			Office - 920-834-7707 Oconto Kitchen - 920-834-7709 Central Kitchen - 920-846-3475 Suring - 920-842-4113 Mountain - 920-629-0507 Little Suamico - 920-826-7785	

## Oconto County Commission on Aging Senior Stock Box Program



As part of the Hunger Task Force and Commodity Supplemental Food Program, St. John's is proud to partner with OCCOA in this important ministry. A Stock Box is a free box of healthy food for people age 60+ who have a monthly income of \$1,473 or less per month (\$1,984 for a two-person household).

All Stock Boxes include cereal, milk, canned veggies and fruits, pasta or rice, protein, fruit juice, canned meats and 2 pounds of fresh Wisconsin cheese and are available to pick up here at St. John's.

Please contact Pastor Stacy or Karie Peters if you would like more information.



# 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 repack 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

**Please Note: Food items may be used by Kingdom Come for up to 1 year past the "Best By" date.**

**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!**



# In Our Church



Upcoming Meeting Dates (Meetings take place after Worship Service in the Sunday School Wing.)

July 9  
August 6  
September 17

October 15  
November 19

*All women of the church are welcome to attend! Our meetings are filled with discussion and decision making about how WELCA may best support our church, the local community and the greater community and world. Please join us!*

## IRS Book Club

(Indigenous Readers of the Swamp)

**EVERYONE is WELCOME!**

*New Members are welcome at any time.  
Please join us!*



**Monday, July 17th at 6:30 p.m.**

**St. John's Lutheran Church Narthex**

*We will be discussing the book, Rainwater by Sandra Brown .*

The year is 1934. With the country in the stranglehold of drought and economic depression, Ella Barron runs her Texas boardinghouse with an efficiency that ensures her life will be kept in balance. Between chores of cooking and cleaning for her residents, she cares for her ten-year-old son, Solly, a sweet but challenging child whose misunderstood behavior finds Ella on the receiving end of pity, derision, and suspicion.

When David Rainwater arrives at the house looking for lodging, he comes recommended by a trusted friend as "a man of impeccable character." But Ella senses that admitting Mr. Rainwater will bring about unsettling changes.

However, times are hard, and in order to make ends meet, Ella's house must remain one hundred percent occupied. So Mr. Rainwater moves into her house...and impacts her life in ways Ella could never have foreseen.

The changes are echoed by the turbulence beyond the house walls. Friends and neighbors who've thus far maintained a tenuous grip on their meager livelihoods now face foreclosure and financial ruin. In an effort to save their families from homelessness and hunger, farmers and cattlemen are forced to make choices that come with heartrending consequences.

The climate of desperation creates a fertile atmosphere for racial tensions and social unrest. Conrad Ellis -- privileged and spoiled and Ella's nemesis since childhood -- steps into this arena of teeming hostility to exact his vengeance and demonstrate the extent of his blind hatred and unlimited cruelty. He and his gang of hoodlums come to embody the rule of law, and no one in Gilead, Texas, is safe. Particularly Ella and Solly.

In this hotbed of uncertainty, Ella finds Mr. Rainwater a calming presence. She is moved by the kindness he shows other boarders, Solly...and Ella herself. Slowly, she begins to rely on his soft-spokenness, his restraint, and the steely resolve of his convictions.

And on the hottest, most violent night of the summer, those principles will be put to the ultimate test. From acclaimed bestselling author Sandra Brown comes a powerfully moving novel celebrating the largess and foresight of a great bygone generation. It tells a story that bears witness to a bittersweet truth: that love is worth whatever price one must pay for it.

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

# FARMER'S MARKET

Our WELCA Bazaar this Fall will once again include a Farmer's Market! We are asking all congregation members whom have a garden to please consider planting an extra row of fruits or veggies to donate to our St. John's Farmer's Market.

Thank you!



*It's that time of year again!*

Our church will once again be working at the Throwbacks Bloody Mary Bar at Lambeau Field.

Our fundraising efforts generated over \$16,000 during the last Packer Season!

Please see Andy Dorn to learn how YOU can help this year!

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

We are working toward getting a group of people together whom we may call upon to help with funeral luncheons. We are in need of people to assist with ordering food, setting up tables, presenting the food and cleaning up after the luncheons. We would like to have 6-8 people helping for each event; therefore, our goal is to have at least 10-12 people signed up in a volunteer group, thus covering for those not able to help on any given date.

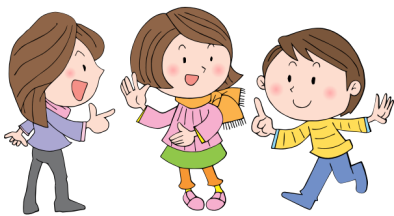
If you are interested and willing to donate some time for this opportunity, please call Chris Naze at (920) 883-8175, with your name and phone number.



While children are **ALWAYS** welcome in our sanctuary during worship, we know that sometimes parents prefer to have their children in a nursery or playroom while they attend. Parents also sometimes prefer to listen with their children from another area of church during service.

In the past, we have offered a staffed nursery as an option to our families, and we would like to offer this once again. If you would be interested in participating in this wonderful ministry on a rotating basis, please let Karie in the church office know. Attached is also a link for where you may sign up. We would like to have a group of volunteers numerous enough to allow for a 4–6-week rotation. Our goal is to begin this ministry as soon as possible.  
Thank you!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Lwq9G8JKCyaSZMbxV97ApUqYe\\_WZeHjvEKwWgfWmTxU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Lwq9G8JKCyaSZMbxV97ApUqYe_WZeHjvEKwWgfWmTxU/edit?usp=sharing)



## *Weekly Play Group*

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Returning to St. John's July 27th!**

Please let the office know if you or someone you know is interested in participating!



# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
2 <b>9am</b> Worship Service <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship Hour	3 <b>Office Closed</b>	4 <b>Independence Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	5	6	7 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Pastor Stacy's Birthday!</b> 	8 <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
9 <b>9am</b> Worship Service Temple Talk- Betty S. <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship Hour WELCA Meeting	10 <b>6:30pm</b> B&G Team Meeting	11 <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site <b>6:30pm</b> Council Mtg	12	13	14 <b>Office Closed</b>	15 <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
16 <b>9am</b> Worship Service <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship Hour	17 <b>8:00 - Noon</b> Stellar VBS! <b>5:30pm</b> Worship Team Meeting <b>6:30pm</b> IRS Book Club	18 <b>8:00 - Noon</b> Stellar VBS! <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site	19 <b>8:00 - Noon</b> Stellar VBS! OCCOA Foot Clinic	20 <b>8:00 - Noon</b> Stellar VBS! <b>Articles for Newsletter Due</b>	21 <b>8:00 - Noon</b> Stellar VBS!	22 <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
23 <b>9am</b> <b>OUTDOOR</b> Worship Service <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship Hour	24	25 <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site <b>5:30 pm</b> Y&E Team	26 <b>6:30pm</b> Wildfire Worship	27	28 <b>Office Closed</b>	29 <b>8:30am</b> LYO Breakfast Club <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
30 <b>9am</b> Worship Service Temple Talk- Pr. Stacy Hymn Sing! <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship Hour LYO Bible Study						

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## July

- 07/01 Nikky Urbaniak  
07/03 Judith Kleczka, Keerstin Pecor  
07/06 Kathie Surges, Wyatt Heier  
07/07 William Hoefft, Diana Sefcik,  
Andrew Larsen, Alec Krejcarek,  
Ayden Mittelstaedt,  
Pastor Stacy Malzhan  
07/09 Keith Kolstad  
07/10 Mathew Kutska  
07/12 Helen Malueg, Holly Virtues  
07/13 Zachary Steber  
07/14 Ellie Sager  
07/17 Deanna Cahoon-Draus  
07/18 Barbara Dorn, Lila Walkowiak  
07/20 Wendy Smith  
07/21 David Zimmerman  
07/22 Timothy Heimerl, Chad Stellmacher,  
Michael LeVeille  
07/23 Shane Lietz  
07/24 Correna Krejcarek  
07/26 Kim Dunks, Caitlyn Krejcarek  
07/29 Douglas Cassel, Cole Krumrei  
07/31 Shirley Habeck, Shari Seidl

# Service in the Church

## MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP SERVICE GROUPS

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

**Thank you to our June 2023 Service Group!**

## Faithful Servants for July

**Worship Assistants are Needed for July Services.**  
**Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.**

	<b>Sunday July 2</b>	<b>Sunday July 9</b>	<b>Sunday July 16</b>	<b>Sunday July 23</b>	<b>Sunday July 30</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	JMarie Freis <i>One Needed</i>	Bev Possley <i>One Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Ginny Burkart	Lorna Koch	Shellie Virtues	Chris Naze	Helen Malueg
<b>Greeters</b>	Tim & Karie Peters Grace Wagner	Nick & Kim Dunks	Tim & Karie Peters Grace Wagner	Barb Dorn <i>One Needed</i>	John Warren <i>One Needed</i>
<b>Reader</b>	Nikky Urbaniak	Lauri Cahoon-Draus	Kelly Stellmacher	Nancy Valentine	Duayne Rosenberg
<b>Scrip Volunteers</b>	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt
<b>Ushers</b>	John Warren  Lorna Koch	Dave Zimmerman  Steve & Angie Larsen	Andy Dorn  John Warren	Tracey & Pamela Krumei  Pat & Shellie Virtues	Jerry & Michelle Cooper Family
<b>Technology Team</b>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Chris Naze	John Warren	Nancy Valentine	Lee Hoeft	Eunice Redlin
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Doug & Jenn* Cassel Michelle Marchand	Kelly Stellmacher* Julie Eichman	Barb Dorn* Rob & Nancy Gleffe	Barb Dorn* Dave & Ginny Burkart	Dan* & JMarie Freis John Warren

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

- **Greeters**
- **Nursery Coverage during Worship**
- **Communion Assistants**

# From the Church Office

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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. 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](mailto:stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org).

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

A graphic with a dark blue background and a smartphone showing a mobile giving interface. The text "Mobile Giving" is at the top, and "Fast Simple Secure" is written vertically on the left.

Giving made even EASIER!

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

A square QR code with a small icon in the top-left corner.

**Please be sure to send your August Lighthouse submissions to the church office no later than July 20th!**

*God Bless!*