



## ***St. John's Lutheran Church July/August, 2024***

***Location: 1253 County Road J, Little Suamico, WI***

***Mailing Address:  
PO Box 55, Little Suamico, WI 54141***

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**Janet Francies, Jan LaSota, JP Peterson**

Keyboardists

**Office Hours---**

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

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



**Gather Grow Go**



## Allegiance and Independence



As a Pastor, I am called to preach and teach God's word so when patriotic holidays roll around, I sometimes struggle with singing patriotic songs and having flags in our sanctuary because our allegiance is to God. The struggle is that I am a patriotic member of this earthly kingdom as well, having had family members who served, friends who have served and died for our freedoms, and I was also a military wife. I struggle because our theology affirms "*we are to Love God with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind.*" First Commandment: *We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.* In *Luther's Small Catechism*, we are not even offered a "What does this mean?" explanation as the other 9 commandments offer. This is sure and true!

While we do not do this, did you know that there are Pastors who refuse to allow flags in the sanctuary or who will not sing "patriotic" songs in worship? The Bible does not say we cannot do these things in worship, but it also does not say we shouldn't mud wrestle in the sanctuary. Which leads me to a reminder of why we come to worship. We gather to confess and receive and hear God's forgiveness, hear God's word, call upon God in prayer and praise (in word and song) and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of the communion of saints.

Each year it would behoove of us to reread the Declaration of Independence to be reminded of why our forefathers gathered and what those early patriots were able to accomplish in the idea of freedom for all. As we watch wars rage on across the seas, where atrocities are happening to innocent people, medical crises, and starvation, we need to be reminded of the freedoms that have been taken away from those people.

These patriotic holidays are an opportunity to realign our priorities. I feel like when we celebrate Lent and Advent, we talk a lot about remembering who our strength is, who is our path, who gives us direction in life, and who we are to always turn to, so I am taking this secular holiday to do that again. Founders of the United States pledged their lives, fortunes and their sacred honor, what would we pledge? And probably the toughest question is: Would we make that same kind of sacrifice for God? We pledge our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, but do we first and foremost pledge allegiance to the God who gave his only Son so that we may have life eternal? It is fine to pray for the country and the military. It is essential to remember that our primary loyalty must be to the kingdom of God.

Independence Day also affords us the opportunity to reflect on our individual chains and the chains we put upon one another, knowingly or unknowingly. What is keeping us and our neighbors from the freedom we have been given in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ? Because our God first loved us, we have a freedom like no other. We are free to be the people of God and free to love our neighbors as ourselves and essentially, if you really think about it, that is why we celebrate Independence Day.

I pray you always remember that you are free every day because you are a beloved child of God who will not forget you nor will God forsake you. I pray you have a safe and wonderful summer with family and friends and remind you that we have so many wonderful things happening at St. John's and an exciting fall to look forward to as well.

I look forward to seeing your Flat Jesus Adventures, too.  
#flatjesussjlc24

In Christ – Pr. Stacy

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The following titles are listed under National Songs in our hymnal's topical index, page 1186:

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies: For Our Country* (a prayer that may be applied to any nation, written by a 20th-century Japanese author)

*The Battle Hymn of the Republic* (Inspired by an abolitionist song, and composed as a response to slavery during the Civil War, it is sung today in celebration and anticipation of Christ's return and final victory.)

To these some may wish to add: *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (A song of hope and faith with images derived from the experiences of African-Americans in the USA, many consider this their "national anthem.")



## President's REPORT

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Greetings!

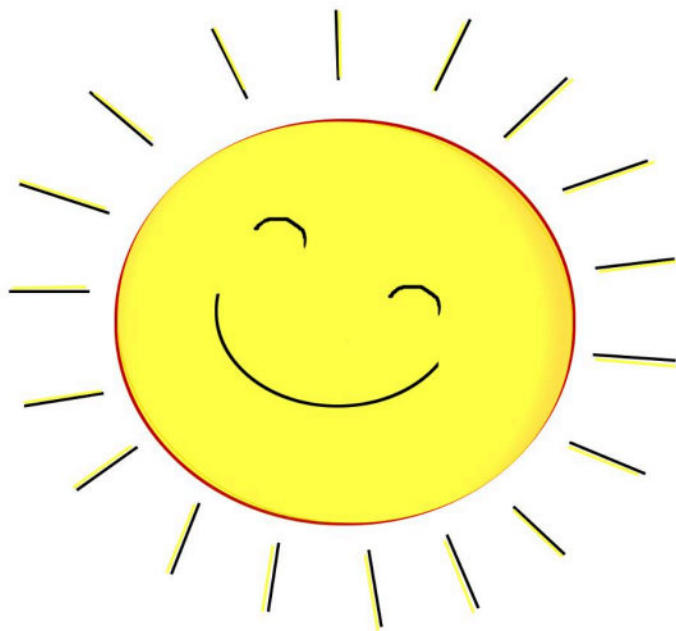
As we embark on the first of our bimonthly newsletters, I share my thanks for your willingness to “go with the flow” in adopting this change. While there are no other impending changes on the horizon, we must continue to look forward and be open to doing things differently than we have in the past.

Over the next several months, using ELCA resources as a guide, we will be working on building a policy and procedure manual for St. John's. In addition to personnel policies, the manual will include policies on things like building use, finances, memorial funds, etc. If anyone has questions, information to share, or an interest in collaborating on the project, please let me or Pastor Stacy know.

Now for the fun stuff! Be sure to mark your calendars for the many events we have coming up including a golf outing, VBS, outdoor worship services, the church picnic, the auction, etc. And please, prayerfully consider where and how you can make yourself available to help with any (or all) of these events.

Have a wonderful summer!

Best,  
*Sara Beth Holman*





Income & Worship Attendance Summary

May, 2024

	Actual Current Month	Budget Current Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual vs Budget
Total Offerings	\$8,951.75	\$12,350.00	\$57,754.27	\$61,750.00	(\$3,995.73)
Total Revenue	\$10,155.75	\$12,350.00	\$69,421.55	\$61,750.00	\$7,671.55
Total Expenses	\$15,879.84	\$16,742.28	\$86,346.59	\$88,007.37	(\$1,660.78)
Profit/Loss Net Cash Increase/(Decrease)	(\$5,724.09)	(\$4,392.28)	(\$16,925.04)	(\$26,257.37)	\$9,332.33
Average Weekly Attendance for May (In-person attendance only)				90	

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



**2024 Council Information:**

Sara Beth Holman- President, Stewardship Liaison  
 Tracey Krumrei- Vice President  
 Shellie Virtues- Secretary  
 Barb Dorn-Financial Secretary, Technology Team Liaison  
 Pastor Stacy Malzhan

Curt Anschutz- Building & Grounds Liaison  
 Michelle Marchand- Outreach Team Liaison  
 Amy Spaude  
 Betty Stevens- Outreach Team  
 Rob Urbaniak- Youth & Education Team Liaison

**Building & Grounds Meeting Schedule Change:**

Building & Grounds will now meet the first Sunday of each month following Worship.



# Youth & Education

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!!!**

VBS 2024~  
**SCUBA!**

7/15/24~7/19/24  
8:00 am - Noon

Register Here→



## dive into adventure!

Join us for this year's SCUBtacular VBS!  
Monday July 15th - Friday July 19, 2024  
8:00 a.m. to Noon

St. John's Lutheran Church  
1253 County Road J  
Little Suamico  
(920) 826-7785  
Email: [stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org](mailto:stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org)

Register Here:  
<https://www.myvbs.org/stjohnsLS/>







# **faith forward**

**families passing faith on**

*Curious as to who has the most influence in your children and grandchildren's lives for Faith Formation?*

*Wondering how you can share your faith with your children and/or grands?*

*Not sure HOW to do faith formation outside of church?*

*Here's How:*

*Faith Forward!*

In late April, I was blessed with the amazing opportunity to travel to Grand View University in Des Moines, IA to begin participation in Faith Forward- a fabulous new way of "doing" faith outside of our church walls. Proud to have been selected as one of the first 20 students in this program (only 20 are selected annually after applying and interviewing with program directors), I went in with incredible energy and enthusiasm. After all, the program is designed to bring innovative ideas for Family Ministry to small rural congregations! My three days there began my training on how to bring this ministry to St. John's and I left SO excited to share EVERYTHING that I had learned... It was hard to wait to introduce our congregation to this program! But I still had a little more learning to do after being together as a group in Des Moines. Finally, it's time!

*Our church growth depends on Family Ministry growth-*

*and to have fresh, new and time-appropriate ideas is a BLESSING!*

Over the next few weeks, I will be sending emails to further introduce Faith Forward and what the program is about and offers to EVERYONE in our church family. I will also be setting up activity tables in the Fellowship Hall with fun things to explore, adding activities to the Sermon on the Steps and VBS, and including items in the weekly bulletins and email blasts.

*Our children and grandchildren's primary faith influencers are YOU- parents, grandparents, congregation family and family friends. Did you know that? It's not Pastor Stacy or me (although we would like to think it is 😊)- It's YOU.*

While I introduce the program to our congregation over the next few months, I am also in need of parents and grandparents who would be interested in being part of this journey with me by trying some activities at home right now! Being a part of Faith Forward means that we are also helping the program to evolve and become better and better. We need the opinions and feedback of our church families to do this. I will give you EVERYTHING you need! Activities are SIMPLE, not time-consuming, and FUN. As we explore Faith Forward together, I will be participating in several upcoming Zoom Meetings with the Faith Forward Team and Participants to share, explore, create and innovate! I need YOUR help to make this opportunity the VERY best it can be for St. John's. **Please let me know** if you are interested in being part of this fantastic opportunity! As a program requirement, *I need to have a minimum of 5-8 grandparents and 5-8 parents join me on this journey.* Your participation requires only a brief introduction to the program and your honest feedback. *Your gains will be PRICELESS time spent with your children and grandchildren and passing your faith on to the ones you love.* ❤️

In closing, be sure to watch for more information on all of the really great resources that are available to our church as a result of our participation in Faith Forward! In fact... Here's the first surprise: **Take a look at this incredible website that was created specifically for St. John's Lutheran Church in Little Suamico, WI! Whoop Whoop!** 🎉🎉 Simply scan the QR code below!



**Parents Are the #1 Influence on Children's & Teen's Faith**

**More than...**

- School Teachers • Coaches • Youth Ministry Workers
- Children's Ministry Workers • Counselors • Pastors
- Friends • Sunday School Teachers • Mentors

**Parents Are Extremely Influential!**



*It takes a congregation to raise a child of faith*

Ephesians 2:19

*Family*  
is  
**EVERYTHING**




**Grandparents & Great-Grandparents**

You Can Have a Powerfully Important Influence on the Faith of Your Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

**Psalm 71:17-18**



**Blessings!**  
*Karie Peters*



*The LYO will once again be selling Pulled Pork Nachos at Harvest Fest!  
Come get them before they sell out!*



OCONTO CHAMBER  
**Harvest**  
**FEST**

PRODUCE ARTS & CRAFTS MUSIC

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024  
MAIN STREET IN OCONTO  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

A variety of crafters, seasonal produce, food and beverage, kids activities, music, and much more will fill the downtown area in Oconto.

[WWW.OCONTOAREACHAMBER.COM](http://WWW.OCONTOAREACHAMBER.COM)

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# Ministries & OUTREACH



*Mark Your Calendars*

## Echoes of Faith Men's Choir

*Rehearsals will begin in September!*

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

8:00 a.m.

*1st & 3rd Mondays*

*Chimes Choir*

*5:30 p.m.*

Performances during Worship the 2nd Sunday of each month

*All men are welcome to join!*

*Praise Team*

*6:30 p.m.*

## Raffle Ticket Sales

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Raffle Tickets for the 30th Annual Classic Car & Tractor Show with Auction will be available beginning May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex!

Buy your lucky tickets or pick up a pack or two to sell before our big day!

Tickets are \$20 each.

**400 tickets available, up to \$4000 in cash prizes!**

*30th Annual Auction with  
Classic Car & Tractor Show  
Saturday, September 7th!*



The Oconto County Commission on Aging Meal Sites returned to St. John's on  
Tuesday, June 25, 2024!

**THESE MEALS ARE NOT INCOME DEPENDENT!!!**

Meals are served weekly at 12:00 noon, with the exception of July 16th due to VBS.



**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 \$6.00 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.

Join us for fellowship, fun and a hot meal- and meet Angela, the meal site manager!

# JULY 2024

## Oconto County Commission On Aging

Commission on Aging Office: 920-834-7707  
 Oconto Kitchen: 920-834-7709  
 Oconto Falls Central Kitchen: 920-846-3475  
 Gillett: 920-855-2066  
 Mountain: 920-834-7707  
 Suring: 920-590-0878

Menus are subject to change.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 Cream of Broccoli Soup Ham & Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Fruit	2 Chicken Breast in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Beets Cake with Strawberries	3 St. Louis Ribs, Scalloped Potatoes Peas, Fruit Brownies Chicken Salad Sandwich, Sweet/Sour Slaw, Chocolate Pudding, Apple Slices	4 <b>CLOSED FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY HOLIDAY</b>	5
8 COOK'S CHOICE	9 Chicken Chop Suey Brown Rice Oriental Veggies Pineapple Fortune Cookie	10 Meatloaf Green Beans Loaded Mashed Potatoes Fruit	11 Meat Lasagna Romaine Lettuce Salad Fruit Cookie	12 SALAD DAY! Tuna Salad Fruit Salad Pickled Beets Fresh Fruit
15 Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Sliced Carrots Tropical Fruit Muffin	16 Salisbury Steaks/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Cream Corn Applesauce	17 Turkey/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	18 Beef Stew Biscuit Stewed Tomatoes Cookie Fruit	19 Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Potato Salad Pickles Fresh Fruit
22 COOK'S CHOICE	23 Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Peas & Onions Cranberries Cookie	24 Ham Sweet Potatoes Creamed Spinach Cake with Cherries	25 Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Coleslaw Fresh Fruit	26 Sub Sandwiches: Ham, Turkey, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Chips Fruit
29 COOK'S CHOICE	30 Polish Sausage Red Potatoes Carrots Mixed Fruit Vanilla Wafers	31 Spaghetti & Meatballs Romaine Salad with Diced Tomatoes and Cheese Whole Wheat Breadsticks Tropical Fruit		





***Oconto County Commission on Aging  
Foot Care Clinics***

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

*Clinics will take place in the Fellowship Hall (located on the South Side of the building) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every other month, beginning at 8:00 a.m., and continue based on clinic use and community need.*

***The next clinic will be held on Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
(one week later due to VBS)***

*Appointments are required and may be made by contacting Karie in the St. John's Church Office at (920) 826-7785.*

*Anyone age 60 or older wanting foot care (including nail trimming and evaluation of foot health) is eligible.*

*The suggested donation for foot care is \$20.*

# Synod Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 6, 2024  
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 6, on your calendar for the 2024 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 again 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. Be generous!*

*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 29.* 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).



## 2024 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 29, 2024!!**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 29, 2024!!**

Please complete registration form and mail  
with check payable to:

Sue Schultz  
1020 Symphony Boulevard  
Neenah, WI 54956



# 30th Annual Auction with Classic Car & Tractor Show



## St. John's Lutheran Church

1253 County J, Little Suamico

### Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>



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



Come on out for more information about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library! You can sign up or ask questions at our booth.

**Advanced Sale Ticket Raffle- 400 tickets available, up to \$4000 in cash prizes!**

**Free Children's Activities**

**Free Children's Raffle**

**Wine Raffle**

**Bucket Raffle**

**Live & Silent Auction**

**Vendor Area**

**Rummage Sale**

**Food Concessions**

**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)

**1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies awarded in ALL classes  
Plus Special Awards**

## 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 - 1:45 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\*\*\***



**Ecumenical  
Partnership  
for Housing**

10% of all event proceeds will be donated to Ecumenical Partnership for Housing.  
Visit <https://ephgb.org> for more information on this wonderful local organization.

Open to ALL AGES and ALL Fitness Levels!



# GENTLE FITNESS EXERCISE CLASS

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1253 COUNTY ROAD J • LITTLE SUAMICO

**New Session Begins September 9th!**

***Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.***

NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

6 Classes for \$25

***Classes taught 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!



## IRS Book Club

(Indigenous Readers of the Swamp)

**EVERYONE is WELCOME!**

*New Members are welcome at any time.*

*Please join us!*



**Monday, July 15th at 6:00 p.m.**

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

We will be discussing the book, A Hidden Affair by Pam Jenoff,  
New York Times **Bestselling Author** of The Diplomat's Wife

**PAST WARS, PAST LIVES, PAST LOVES . . . CAN WE EVER REALLY LET THEM GO . . . AND SHOULD WE?**

Ten years ago, U.S. State Department intelligence officer Jordan Weiss's life was turned upside down when she was told her college boyfriend, Jared, drowned in the River Cam. In a shocking discovery, though, she realizes that things weren't as they seemed and that she had been lied to and betrayed by those closest to her. Reeling from the shock - and the knowledge that Jared is still alive - Jordan resigns her State Department post and sets off in search of answers. Traveling to Jared's last known whereabouts on the French Riviera, she encounters Nicole, a mysterious woman who flees after refusing to disclose what she knows about Jared.

Following Nicole across Europe, Jordan soon discovers that she is not alone in her pursuit - Aaron, a handsome and enigmatic Israeli, is chasing Nicole for his own cryptic reasons. Though distrustful of each other, Jordan and Aaron join forces on a journey that takes them half a world away, and only steps ahead of grave peril.

As Jordan draws closer to finding the answers that have eluded her for a decade, larger questions remain: Can she reconcile her attraction to Aaron with her unresolved feelings for Jared, the only man she ever loved? Will the truth be too devastating to handle or finally set her free?

Will she have a chance at happiness at last? Thrilling, romantic, and impossible to put down, *A Hidden Affair* gives us a brave and relentless heroine who never gives up on her search for the truth.

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



## Outdoor Worship Service

Join us for special Outdoor Worship Services on

- July 7<sup>th</sup> \*
- August 4<sup>th</sup>\* ~ See Special Announcement for details
- September 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Worship in the Park at 10:00 a.m.  
See Special Announcement for details
- September 8<sup>th</sup>\* ~ Worship Under the Tent with Blessing of the Pets

***Please don't forget to bring your lawn chair!***

*\*Worship will be moved inside if there is inclement weather. All Worship Assistants, please prepare for outside needs.*



# Outdoor worship & Church Picnic

Sunday, August 4th

9:00 a.m.

with special musical guest  
Thurmont Ridge!



Pot-luck Picnic Lunch with  
music & activities to follow.

**ALL ARE INVITED!**

Bring a lawn chair &  
Your favorite dish to pass!



Offerings will be donated to Ecumenical Partnership for Housing.  
Visit <https://ephgb.org> for more information on this wonderful local organization





***Ecumenical Worship  
in the Park***

***Sunday, September 1st***

***10:00 a.m.***

***Little Suamico Park***

***~Bring a lawn chair~***

**Congregational Golf Outing**  
**July 7, 2024**  
**12:00 Tee Time**

9 holes: \$25 with cart  
18 holes: \$42 with cart

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.  
Contact Tracey Krumrei with any questions.



Patriot Golf Club  
Abrams, WI  
2954 Sandalwood Road,  
Abrams, WI 54101



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Abrams, WI  
2954 Sandalwood Road,  
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**St. John's will be collecting school supplies for the  
Oconto County School Supply Drive  
until August 25th.**

The Oconto County School Supply Drive was started in January 2020. The program is a 501c(3) Non-Profit organization that serves Oconto County students and families that need financial support. Once registered, students will receive a backpack filled with the school supplies they need for a successful school year. Supplies are distributed based on availability, and in the order registrations are received.

This year, they will be giving school supplies to over 300 students in Oconto County!! This program continues to grow and is a great program for families in need within our communities.

Please bring items to church with you through the month of August. Items needed are: full-size backpacks, glue sticks, Ticonderoga pencils, scissors, washable markers, rulers, 24-Pack crayons, highlighters, 12-pack colored pencils, pens, and Expo dry-erase markers. There will be a drop-off box in the Narthex, or feel free to place donations in the Office.

The organization would love support from the communities they serve!

Financial donations to the OCSSD may also be made via their website below - [www.ocontocountyschoolsupplydrive.org](http://www.ocontocountyschoolsupplydrive.org).



**Most Needed Items this Year:**

Ticonderoga Pencils  
Glue Sticks

Expo Markers  
Backpacks



# Highlights from Spring Events

## Shawano Conference

Saturday, May 11 St. John's Lutheran Church—Little Suamico

I was happy to travel to St. John's in Little Suamico for the Shawano Conference Women's Spring Event on May 11, 2024. The ladies of St. John prepared a beautiful tea party setting for all to enjoy. Surrounded by flowers, beautiful china cups and plates, and intricate quilted ornaments, everyone enjoyed a respite from our busy world.

The theme was **Tea with Neighbors Near and Far**. Pastor Stacy Malzhan led worship giving a heart-felt meditation about putting love into action. Tie quilts were made to be a blessing to area nursing home residents. Deb Martin showed pictures and spoke about her trip with others from our synod to Israel, Palestine and Jordan. Deb is passionate about Middle East affairs and gave us good information regarding the plight of the Palestinians.

The offering was received for ELCA World Hunger.

The need for a Shawano Conference Representative to the Synod ELCA Board was filled by Claudette Tipton. Thank you to the Holy Spirit for moving Claudette to volunteer! There has been a vacancy for several years.

It was a wonderful way to spend the morning.

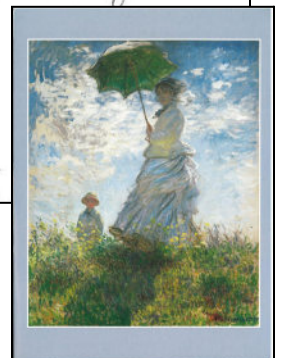
Submitted by Lois Hilger



Dear Friends,  
Thank you so very much for hosting the Spring event at St. John's. This Monet painting on the front of this card captures for me the feeling that you accomplished for the women that attended. The tables were beautifully decorated. You all paid so close attention to every detail. Thank you especially to Sindi, Angie, Pamela, & Shellee for planning the day. The food was all so good! Thank you for leading the worship Pastor Stacy. The fact that you all pulled together to make this happen is remarkable. The Holy Spirit was active nudging Claudette Tipton to join the WELCA board. Since she was the only participant from Bethel in Oconto Falls, I'm hoping your group can help her plan the Spring event in 2025. I'm hoping your group can attend the fall retreat at Amago Dei Sept. 14, 2024. Registration will be coming out soon! I really was blessed by coming to the Spring event! Thank you!

Love,

Lois Hilger



# WELCA Fall Retreat at Imago Dei Camp September 14, 2024

**“Fearfully & Wonderfully Made” Psalm 139:14**



Featuring:

## **Gaye Lindfors**

Speaker and Author

With a unique blend of faith, encouragement, humor, and stories, Gaye invites women to experience a faith that is refreshed and a joy that is contagious!

Learn more about her work at  
[GayeLindfors.com](http://GayeLindfors.com)

### Also share:

- ❖ **Worship Service**  
With Pastor Kristina Jensen  
and Dr. Kartika Putri, musician
- ❖ **Crafts and Fellowship**
- ❖ **In-Kind Offering to  
“Handbags for Hope”**
- ❖ **Silent Auction**

### Event Date and Time:

Saturday, September 14  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Location:

Imago Dei Village  
W8160 Cloverleaf Lake Road  
Clintonville, WI 54929

**Please register by  
Monday, August 26, 2024**



East Central Synod of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA**



## Registration Form: WELCA Fall Retreat 2024

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**Mail your \$45 check and this form to:**

WELCA - ECSW  
c/o Carol Grom, Treasurer  
2124 Mahogany Court  
DePere, WI 54115

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference (Circle One):**

Appleton    Green Bay    Oshkosh    Shawano    Tomorrow River    Wisconsin River Valley

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

- A \$45 check for breakfast, lunch, and programming is enclosed. (Scholarships are available! Email [carolgrom@aol.com](mailto:carolgrom@aol.com) for information.)
- Check here if you are a first-time attendee of a WELCA Fall Retreat.





# July 2024


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:30am Meal Site	3	4 Office Closed 	5 Office Closed	6 6pm AA Meeting
7 8:00am, EOF Rehearsal 9:00am OUTDOOR Worship Service 10:15am Building & Grounds Meeting Fellowship Hour 12:00pm, Golf Outing	8 5:30pm Worship Team Meeting	9 11:30am Meal Site 6:30pm Council	10	11	12 Office Closed	13 6pm AA Meeting
14 8:00am, EOF Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service w/EOF 10:15am Fellowship WELCA Meeting	15 6:00pm, IRS Book Club	16	17	18	19 Wedding Rehearsal	20 Virtues/Barfknecht Wedding 6pm AA Meeting
<b>Vacation Bible School - SCUBA! - 8:00 a.m. - Noon</b>						
21 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship	22	23 11:30am Meal Site 5:30pm Y&E Team	24	25	26 Office Closed	27 6pm AA Meeting
28 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship	29	30 11:30am Meal Site	31			

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## July

- 07/01 Nikky Urbaniak  
07/03 Judith Kleczka  
07/06 Kathie Surges, Wyatt Heier  
07/07 William Hoeft, Diana Sefcik,  
Andrew Larsen, Alec Krejcarek,  
Ayden Mittelstaedt,  
Pastor Stacy Malzhan  
07/09 Keith Kolstad, Reid Haid  
07/10 Mathew Kutska  
07/11 Jaelyn Dequaine  
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, Talia Dequaine  
07/24 Correna Krejcarek  
07/26 Kim Dunks, Caitlyn Krejcarek  
07/29 Douglas Cassel, Cole Krumrei  
07/31 Shari Seidl

# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Office Closed	3 6pm AA Meeting
4 8:00am, EOF Rehearsal 9:00am OUTDOOR Worship Service with Thurmont Ridge 10:15am Church Potluck Picnic  11:00am, Building & Grounds Mtg 12:00pm, Golf Outing	5	6 8:30am, Synod Golf Outing 11:30am Meal Site	7 Office Closed	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed	10 6pm AA Meeting
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## August

- 08/01 Doris Fleck, Steph Hakkila  
08/02 Nancy Nelson  
08/03 Alana Eder, Jenny Yakes  
08/06 Jayden Amdt, Scott Russell  
08/07 Ann Urbaniak  
08/08 Leona Hoeft, Bruce Russell, Janet Wiegman  
08/10 Rebecca Deau, Mary Warren  
08/11 Angie Larsen, Erin Willis  
08/12 Samuel Cooper, Kelly Heier  
08/13 Tracey Krumrei, Charlotte Techmeier  
08/15 Micah Chapman, Lauren Luedke, Dayze Mahr,  
Emma Valenzuela  
08/17 Ginny Burkart, Zachary Lambert  
08/18 Jennifer Stewart  
08/19 Pamela Cahoon-Draus, Peyton Yedica  
08/23 Westin Grun, Myles Snider  
08/24 Brenda Bloom  
08/25 Morgan Haid, Landin Grun  
08/27 Ed Nelson, Brady Stellmacher, Amelia Coyier  
08/28 Timothy Snider, Alyssa Warren,  
08/29 Mark Seiltz, Amy Spaude

# Service in the Church

## **January**

**Roger & Eunice Redlin**

Jessy & Jacqueline Haid  
Jim & Joni Holtz  
Bill & Kay Kissinger  
Keith & Karen Kolstad  
Bruce & Jan LaSota

Megan Raymaker  
Sam & Brenda Walkowiak  
Keith Werner  
Janet Wiegman

Eric & Mary Ellen Hansen  
Lorna Koch  
Michelle Marchand  
Nancy Moes

## **February**

**Nancy Valentine**

Bev & Dennis Possley  
Renee Possley  
George Zahorik

## **March**

**John & Mary Warren**

Ashley Bloom  
Len & Diana Brickett  
Doug & Jenn Cassel  
Scott & Tammy Kissinger

Dennis & Peg Mueller  
Paul & Terri Poradek  
Erin Willis

Mike & Beth Babik  
Paul Delzer  
Tim & Julie Eichman  
Darrin & Alyssa Evans

## **April**

**Curt & Sindi Anschutz**

Vic & Sandy Heitzkey  
Mark & Joanne Risso  
Shari Seidl  
Rick & Nikki Yedica

## **May**

**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

Jerry & Sara Arndt  
Tina Bergh  
Darrell & Carol Brehmer  
Dan & JMarie Freis  
Arlene Giese  
Pam Giese

## **June**

**Pam & Tracey Krumrei**

Ralph & Judith Kleczka  
Fran Koski  
Desiree Kozlovsky  
Lisa Rosenberg  
Rick Rosenberg

## **July**

**Tim & Brenda Bloom**

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Brian & Natasha Chapman  
Nick & Kim Dunks  
Jan Francies  
Janet Heider  
Bill & Kelly Heier

Bruce & Betsy Russell  
Kevin & Wendy Smith  
Kathie Surges  
The Urbaniak Family  
Larry & Lynne Wirtz  
Jenny Yakes

## **August**

**Tim & Karen Heimerl**

Clayton & Brenda Kutska  
Robert & Melissa Luedtke  
Riley & Chuck McDermid  
Chris Naze

Ken & Susy Pagel  
Chad & Kelly Stellmacher  
Greg & Tammy Yager  
Ken Yost

## **September**

**Duayne & Pat Rosenberg**

Pat Bastian  
Travis & Renee Falkowski  
Stephanie Hakkila  
Jim & Brooke Hilbert

Todd & Sara Beth Holman  
Steve & Angie Larsen  
Larry Schmidtke  
Dave Zimmerman

## **October**

**Dave & Ginny Burkart**

Joe & Lauri Cahoon-Draus  
Bill Foster  
Rob & Nancy Gleffe  
Michael & Kim Mahr

Susan Mittelstaedt  
Bob & Linda Slaby

## **November**

**Pat & Shellie Virtues**

Peggy Bennett  
Dennis & Dawn Brouillard  
John & Dawn Demyeny  
Doris Fleck

Sharon Schultz  
Betty Stevens  
Brian & Anne Virtues

## **December**

**Jerry & Michelle Cooper**

Andy & Barb Dorn  
Robin Schmit Dorn  
Roger & Cheryl Lambert  
Tom & Chris Lemke  
Tim & Karie Peters

Tyler Sager  
Diana Sefcik  
Mark & Barbara Seiltz  
Beth Wentz

## Faithful Servants for July

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

	Sunday July 7	Sunday July 14	Sunday July 21	Sunday July 28
<b>Acolyte</b>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<i>Four Needed</i>	<i>Four Needed</i>	Nancy Gleffe <i>Three Needed</i>	Ginny Burkart <i>Three Needed</i>
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Helen Malueg	<i>Needed</i>	Nancy Gleffe	Ginny Burkart
<b>Greeters</b>	John Warren <i>One Needed</i>	<i>Two Needed</i>	Dunks Family	<i>Two Needed</i>
<b>Reader</b>	Amy Spaude	Scott Spaude	Rob Urbaniak	<i>Needed</i>
<b>Scrip Volunteers</b>	Steve & Angie Larsen  Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen  Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen  Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen  Susan Mittelstaedt
<b>Ushers</b>	Tracey & Pamela Krumrei  Pat & Shellie Virtues	Jerry & Michelle Cooper Family	John Warren  Lorna Koch	Steve & Angie Larsen  Dave Zimmerman
<b>Technology Team</b>	Easton Eder	Nikky Urbaniak	<i>Needed</i>	Barb Dorn
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Chris Naze	John Warren	Nancy Valentine	<i>Needed</i>
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Dan* & JMarie Freis  John Warren	Kelly Stellmacher*  John Warren	Doug & Jenn* Cassel  Betty Stevens*	Barb Dorn*  Rob & Nancy Gleffe



## Faithful Servants for August

**Worship Assistants are Needed for August Services.**

**Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.**

	<b>Sunday August 4</b>	<b>Sunday August 11</b>	<b>Sunday August 18</b>	<b>Sunday August 25</b>	<b>Sunday Sept. 1 Labor Day Wkend</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<i>Four Needed</i>	Shellie Virtues <i>Three Needed</i>	Chris Naze <i>Three Needed</i>	<i>Four Needed</i>	<i>Four Needed</i>
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Lorna Koch	Shellie Virtues	Chris Naze	Helen Malueg	<i>Needed</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	Walkowiak Family	John Warren <i>One Needed</i>	Dunks Family	<i>Two Needed</i>	John Warren <i>One Needed</i>
<b>Reader</b>	Lauri Cahoon-Draus	Kelly Stellmacher	Nancy Valentine	Duayne Rosenberg	Betty Stevens
<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
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<b>Technology Team</b>	Eli Marchand	Nikky Urbaniak	Sara Beth Holman	<i>Needed</i>	Curt Anschutz
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Eunice Redlin	Chris Naze	John Warren	Nancy Valentine	<i>Needed</i>
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Barb Dorn*  Dave & Ginny Burkart	Dan* & JMarie Freis  John Warren	Kelly Stellmacher*  John Warren	Barb Dorn*  Rob & Nancy Gleffe	Barb Dorn*  Dave & Ginny Burkart

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

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



## Update Your Information

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.



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



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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 September/October Lighthouse submissions to the church office no later than August 22<sup>nd</sup>. God Bless!**