



## *St. John's Lutheran Church* *May, 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**



*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!' Luke 24:1-5 NRSV*

### **My orchid is blooming!**

I have an orchid that I purchased in 2019 when I was preparing for Easter worship. At that time, the orchid had about three blooms on it and then it went dormant. Now this is not something unusual for orchids to do. It's no wonder since it is not native to our area nor does it like the midwest weather, especially in the cooler seasons.

When I moved to Green Bay in the summer of 2021, I would leave the plant out on my stoop so it could enjoy the beautiful sunshine and sometimes the humid weather. Suddenly, I saw new leaves shoot out and reach toward the sun. Eagerly, I watched and waited for new blooms to follow but no such luck. The orchid enjoyed last summer's weather but there was no new growth.

Lo and behold, in March a few buds popped up and FINALLY one new bloom! I had to take a picture! Note the backdrop of the snow that was still on the ground. I have a couple of wonderings. Why did this beautiful plant stay dormant so long and why did it finally bloom in the bleak winter with, really, no warm sun as orchids are accustomed to?

My thought is, this plant is a living thing and it sensed I was not thriving at that time in my life especially as I walked with my sister through cancer. It's been 7 months, almost to the day since she left this earth. The grief is still there, but each day is a little better. I am also stronger and happier than I have ever been. Maybe it was reminding me that time in the tomb is necessary. Maybe that bloom is a reminder that those who we lose are not gone as we sometimes feel, and that hope is a gift we all need, so badly. And I know we all have those people.

This entire month of May is Easter! Yes friends, Easter is more than just one day! The rejuvenation of the earth helps us remember that resurrection is God's intention for all of us as an ongoing part of creation. Resurrection is not just a hope for the future! New growth, new life, and springing forth can't help but show us how God can make something living out of something that appeared to be dead.

As we focus this month on caring for the Earth and being good stewards of all God has given us, I pray that we remember that we are part of that ongoing

creation and we need to care for ourselves, just as we care for each other and as I care for my orchid, even in what appears to be its "lifeless" state.

Maybe you feel like you're the one sitting out by the compost bin, not feeling much life. You are not forgotten and the good news is resurrection is for you! God will use you as you are transformed into something new. Maybe you are the one to pull someone back from the edge, filled with God's love and care.

So here is my orchid. An orchid of Resurrection (as another bud is starting to appear)! A reminder that God is with us, even when we feel like we do not have life within us or there is no life around us. We are transformed because of God's love and the Good News of Christ's Resurrection. Thanks be to God!

Peace,  
*Pastor Stacy*





## President's REPORT

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*How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me? I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people. Ps. 116:12, 17-18*

*Dear Members and Friends of St. John's,*

*Twice, once in person and once in a newsletter, the congregation has been asked to provide input on where St. John's should focus care and support, living God's Word, both locally and the greater church in this year of Ministry23. And no one responded. Perhaps that was God's way of opening a path that may not have been otherwise considered.*

*St. John's is blessed with a member, Nikky Urbaniak, who is a teacher, and she is passionate about getting books into the hands of children early in their lives. The Dolly Parton Foundation is an international entity that partners with local communities by zip code to provide free books to children ages birth through age four. The 150th Anniversary Team, supported by Council, has chosen this community outreach ministry as its service project at the local level. As an adjunct ministry of the greater church, the Anniversary Team will partner with our sister church in South Africa with a goal of providing school supplies and or education opportunities through the ELCA Outreach programs.*

*A date for the Anniversary Worship will be finalized once the Packer schedule is released this month. If anyone has an experience or pictures or artifacts and would be willing to share, please contact the church office. A history exhibit will be set up on the raised area in Fellowship Hall.*

*And remember to look for "Did you know . . ." items that will be published in the newsletters and bulletins. There will be a trivia quiz during the Anniversary dinner this fall!*

*Did you know . . . that worship was celebrated in German until July 11, 1920, when the congregation voted to hold "German services every other time" alternating with English?*

*In gratitude for God's blessings and guidance,  
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

# **St. John's Lutheran Church Quarterly Informational Meeting Minutes**

April 23, 2023

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am by council president, Betty Stevens. Betty and Pastor Stacy presented recent happenings within the church as well as some of the upcoming activities planned for 2023:

I. **LYO is looking for help in donations towards Oconto County Humane Society.** Please place any monetary donations in the little church in the narthex.

II. **St. John's will be celebrating its 150th anniversary this year!** This day event will take place in September or October (pending the Packers schedule). If you would like to help on the planning committee, see Pastor Stacy. A German meal is being planned as our church founders were of German descent. Historical "FunFacts" will be in Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters with trivia and prizes! An area of the narthex will be set up for you to view historical information/photos of our church. If you or someone you know has any information about the church, you are encouraged to share.

III. **Community service project:** Nikky Urbaniak, teacher and Sunday school leader, requested our support and was approved by council to make St. John's the "hub" to promote and distribute books monthly for our town's children, ages newborn until 5, through **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**. Participants will need to sign up their children and mailing costs will be provided by the church. The program benefits utilizing St. John's tax exempt status to help control costs to the community. The costs have no connection to the church budget.

IV. **Council approved to put \$50,000 into a 7 month, 4.7% CD.** Other money will be decided by council to be allocated towards endowment funds that will benefit the church and synod. This is money in an account that is sitting and presently earning nothing.

V. **Future Service activities** include a number of baptisms and two weddings this year and another wedding next year.

VI. **BOOYAH!!** Served next week Sunday after church service. Brotherhood is requesting vegetables cutters/ preps Saturday morning at 8:00 am.

VII. **Auction committee** had first meeting today and next meeting is Sunday, May 21st , 7:30 am. See Tracey Krumrei or Pastor Stacy if you want to help with preparing for our biggest yearly event!

VIII. **Ladies Tea Party set for Saturday, May 6h** . Sign up is in the narthex. (Request to be added).

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.

THANK YOU ALL WHO STAYED AND ATTENDED THIS INFORMATIONAL MEETING!

Blessings and submitted by,  
Shellie Virtues, Council secretary

# 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!***

*Planning is underway, but we are still in need of Team members to help plan, coordinate and make this celebration as special as our Church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex under the mailboxes if you would like to participate in this fun project!*

## ***Our next meeting***

*May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.*

***All are Welcome!***

***Please join us!***

***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!***

## ***Confirmed in Christ***

*Lila Walkowiak & Grace Wagner*

*Sunday, April 2, 2023*



## ***Baptism of Foster Jeffery Palomaki***

*Sunday, April 16, 2023*



Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome into the family of Christ and into membership at St. John's, Foster Jeffery Palomaki, son of Devin and Nelson Palomaki. His sponsor is Sadie Palomaki. We pray that God's covenant of grace will sustain and guide Foster Jeffery in his life. May God pour rich blessings upon Foster Jeffery and those who love him best.

## ***Funerals & Passings***

***Please keep the families of our Sisters-in-Christ in your prayers:***

*Karen Lee Hanson (March 29, 2023)*

*June Ann Heisler (March 31, 2023)*

*Caroline Mae Koski (April 18, 2023)*



## *Sunday School*

Classes take place following Worship each Sunday, from 10:15-11:00 in the Education Wing.



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## *Vacation Bible School*

*Registration is now open!*

Please register 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)

Volunteers may also sign-up online at: [www.myvbs.org/stjohnsLS](http://www.myvbs.org/stjohnsLS)



On Sale Now in our Narthex!

Candy bars are cash & carry.

\$2.00 each

All proceeds go to support this year's  
Vacation Bible School!

Please make checks payable to: St. John's LYO.

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## *Confirmation*

Weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.



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

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:**

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Breakfast Club Outing:**

Saturday, May 6th; 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

We will be gathering for breakfast and then volunteering at:

Oconto Humane Society

Club takes place from 8:30-11:30.

Meet at church at 8:30 a.m.

Travel to a local restaurant for breakfast.

Volunteer from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Return to church at 11:30.

**Email, text or call Miss Karie to sign up no later than April 30th to participate.**

**And this time, we want to bring donations for much needed items. So we are having a church-wide donation campaign for the Oconto Area Humane Society. Items will be collected in the church Narthex. Take a look under Ministries and Community Outreach for more information on needed items.**

**LYO Bible Study**

Sunday, May 7th

Following Worship in the LYO Room downstairs.

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

**Furniture Needed!**

Our furniture in the basement LYO Room is in need of replacement. It will be put in a dumpster at the beginning of May. If you have or know of anyone who has any living room furniture that could be donated, please let Miss Karie know! Thank you!







If you are graduating or have a graduate in your family, please let the church office know so that we may recognize this accomplishment!

You may reach us by email at [stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org](mailto:stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org) or by calling (920) 826-7785.

Please notify the church office no later than Sunday, April 30th.

Thank you!

*A link for the Graduate Information Form is below:*

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# Ministries & OUTREACH



*Our LYO had an AWESOME time volunteering at the Oconto Humane Society on March 11th for our Breakfast Club Outing. We will be heading back on May 6th to give more time to the volunteers and many animals in need and this time we would like to bring some donations with us! We will have a collection area in the Narthex. Please feel free to bring any of the donations listed below or visit the Oconto Humane Society's Amazon Wish List. See Miss Karie if you have any questions.  
Thank you!*

## SUPPLIES TO DONATE

### **MOST IN NEED:**

Non-clumping cat litter  
Purina cat/kitten Chow  
Purina Dog Chow  
Laundry Detergent / Bleach  
Postage Stamps  
13 Gallon Trash Bags  
Laminating Sheets  
Healthy Dog Treats  
Printer Ink Canon Cartridge 046

### **SOMETIMES IN NEED:**

- Dish Soap
- Dog Bones, Rawhides, Kongs
- Cat Toys and Treats
- Dryer Sheets
- Industrial Mop Heads
- Copy Paper
- Business Sized Envelopes

### **ITEMS WE DON'T ACCEPT:**

- Used Pillows
- Human medication
- Human Clothing
- Newspaper
- Human Diapers
- Ripped blankets / towels
- Dog Shampoo
- Dog Brushes
- Used Collars
- PLASTIC BAGS

## WISH LIST ITEMS

### **AMAZON & CHEWY WISH LIST**

Follow the link below to view our Amazon Wishlist. We update the list often to items we are currently in need of at the shelter. Shipping directly to the shelter is available and makes for easy peasy donating!

Amazon Wishlist

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11W3ML8LOXWNG?ref\\_\\_=wl\\_\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11W3ML8LOXWNG?ref__=wl__share)



## Oconto County Commission on Aging Meal Site

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Please join us for fellowship and a delicious meal.  
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 & 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. ***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.

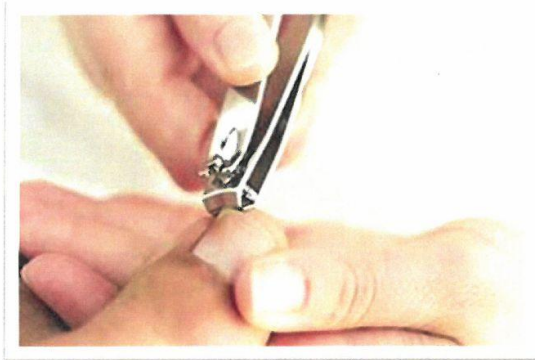
Join us for fellowship, fun and a hot meal- and meet Dawn, the meal site manager!

May

Oconto County Commission on Aging, Inc. Menu 2023

Menus are Subject to Change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Mozzarella topped Goulash Peas, Fruit Graham Crackers Garlic Bread	2 Haawaiian Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Corn Tropical Fruit	3 Pollock Wings Tarter Sauce Garden Rice, Broccoli Apple Sauce Cornbread	4 Chicken Strips Baked Beans Mixed Veggies Diced Fruit	5 Pasta Day
6 Soup Sandwich Pie Crackers Cooks Choice	9 Taco Tuesday	10 Meatloaf Stewed Tomatoes Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Lemon Bar	11 Ham Scalloped Potatoes Casserole Peas Fresh Fruit Bar	12 Brat on Bun Potatoe Salad Pork'n Beans Fruit
15 Pork Cutlet Baked Potatoes Sour Cream Glazed Carrots Applesauce	16 Beef Pasties Corn Cheesecake Cookie	17 Lemon Pepper Chicken Sweet Potatoes Beets Mandarin Oranges	18 Polish Sausage Sauerkraut German Potatoe Salad Fresh Fuit	19 Cooks Choice
22 Spaghetti and Meatballs Brocoli Fruit Cookie Garlic Bread	23 Pork Roast & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Brownie	24 Chili Ground Meat Sandwich Strawberry Shortcake	25 Chicken Hot Dish Mixed Veggies Fruit Bar	26 Cheeseburger Chips Cole Slaw Pie Pickles
29 Closed Memorial Day	30 BBQ Chicken Breast Baked Beans Mac/Cheese Pudding	31 Cook's Choice	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  
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 first clinic will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>***

*Appointments are required and may be made by calling the Oconto County Commission on Aging Office directly at (920) 834-7707 or contacting Karie in the St. John's Church Office at (920) 826-7785.*

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

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

## 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!**

*This year our Synod Assembly Service Project is assisting and supporting Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. Synod Assembly donations may be dropped off in the church office. Our 2023 Synod Assembly delegates will bring them to Synod Assembly on May 20th. Please see Pr. Stacy, Nancy Valentine or Karie Peters if you have any questions.*

## Synod Assembly 2023

Service Project | Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

### GIFTS IN KIND

#### Postage

Forever stamps and postage of any kind

#### Reams of Paper

8.5 X 11 for general printing needs

#### 500 Piece Puzzles

Helps residents build community

#### Coffee Supplies

Regular and decaf coffee pods (for a Keurig)

#### Paper Products

Single use utensils, napkins, cups, plates of various sizes

#### Potting Soil

Bags of potting soil for planting flowers

#### Paper Towel

#### Toilet Paper

# Donations

### ONLINE AUCTION DONATION ITEMS

#### Restaurant Gift Cards, Packer or Sporting Event Tickets, Theater Tickets, Timeshares, etc...

Each year in autumn, an online auction raises funds for the ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes.

### GIFT CARDS

#### Menards, Steins, Home Depot, or Gas Cards

Used for purchasing items like salt for the sidewalks, fuel for lawn mowers and snow blowers, purchasing bedding plants, etc.

### SPONSORSHIPS

	\$200 X 1 <b>Tree</b>	\$25 <b>Flat of Perennials</b>	
\$50 x 6 <b>Shrubs</b>	\$30 /yd X 15 <b>Yard of Mulch</b>	\$250 <b>Sponsor a Luncheon</b>	

*Donations can be directed to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin to sponsor needed items or for a general donation*

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Teach an Art Class

#### Serve a Luncheon

#### Small Music Ensembles

Singalong, piano concert, caroling, etc.

#### Professional Photography

Assist with photographing apartments, events, online auction items.

#### Work Days

Several planned work days are being led by *Rebuilding Together* and groups of various ages, skills and sizes are needed for property projects - See Reverse

# Ways to Serve



# Work Days

June 6 | 9am - 4 pm

## Repair of Garage

15 synod volunteers needed to scrape garage, caulk and tuck point damaged areas. FVLH staff and Property Committee will be on site to support this project.

June 10 | 9am - 4 pm

## Painting of Garage

20 synod volunteers to paint garage

## Painting of Apartment Balconies

20 synod volunteers to paint balcony walls (groups of 2 or 3 to work as a team)

## Other Projects

10 synod volunteers to build planters and benches for patios and grounds



**Register to Serve**  
[www.ecsw.org/2023-synod-assembly](http://www.ecsw.org/2023-synod-assembly)  
or scan the QR code



**Linwood Community, a ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes**, is a non-profit ministry that is dedicated to providing independent living for those who are 62 or older. We are a loving Christian community with a caring staff whose mission is to nurture the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of tenants and their families. We work with each tenant to help them remain living in their own apartment as long as they are safe.

We provide a ministry of hope and help, aiming to end the isolation and invisibility that prevents moderate income elderly in the Fox Cities from accessing the support they need to live with independent dignity in the community. Visit <https://fvlhomes.org> to learn more!

# *In Our Church*

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**Echoes of Faith**, our men's singing group, was first organized in 2003 for guys interested in "barbershop type" religious and gospel music, with some fun secular songs thrown in.

Echoes of Faith will have their first practice of the summer season on **May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:20 am** with plans to sing for the Mother's Day service on May 14<sup>th</sup>, rehearsal beforehand. Please contact Janet Francies at 920-455-0169 with any questions. Remember to use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Homemade  
Maple Syrup

## **For Sale in our Narthex!**

Bring home a delicious bottle of Homemade Maple Syrup from the Krumrei's Sugar Shack to enjoy with your breakfast!

***All proceeds go to support the Youth Programs of St. Johns!***



## **Brown Bag Bible Study**

**Meets Thursdays in the Conference Room**

**beginning at 11:00 a.m.**

***Stay for lunch afterward!***

***(Please let Pastor Stacy know if you would like to attend.)***

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

May 7  
July 9  
August 6

September 17  
October 15  
November 19



*Welcome Ladies of St. John's*

*Please join us for a fun-filled morning~  
Invite the women/children of your life as well!*

Planting the seeds of love... to a Tea!  
Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lots of plans and preparations have been made, but we need to know the number of attendees to have everything ready for our special morning together.  
Please RSVP to Sindi Anschutz: 920.606.7811 (text as well)  
Planting the seeds of love and nourishing YOU!



*Yoga Classes are returning  
to St. John's!*

Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

More information coming soon.

## IRS Book Club

(Indigenous Readers of the Swamp)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

*New Members are welcome at any time.*

*Please join us!*



**Monday, May 15th at 6:30 PM**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church Narthex**

*We will be discussing the book, Murder in the Park by Jeanne M. Dams .*

***Introducing spirited female sleuth Elizabeth Fairchild in the first of the brilliant new Oak Park village mystery series, set in 1920s Illinois.***

*June, 1925.* Having been widowed in the First World War, Elizabeth Fairchild lives a quiet life at the home of her wealthy parents in genteel Oak Park village, Illinois.

Although she does her best to avoid emotional entanglements, determined never to be hurt again, Elizabeth forms a close friendship with gentle Mr. Anthony, who owns the local antiques store.

But tragedy strikes when Mr. Anthony is found stabbed to death in the alley behind his shop. Why would anyone murder a mild-mannered antiques dealer who simply loved beautiful things? A robbery gone wrong? A gangland execution? Or could it have something to do with the mysterious customer who bought a gold pocket watch from Mr. Anthony on the day he died?

When one of her father's oldest friends is accused of the crime, Elizabeth determines to expose the real killer. But her investigations soon attract unwelcome attention. With gangsters moving into the neighborhood from nearby Chicago, Oak Park is no longer the safe haven it once was. Could Elizabeth be seriously out of her depth?

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

**Have you seen the new display in the Portico?**

**Be sure to check it out!**

**We will be sharing calendars and event information there to keep everyone updated on what's happening in our church.**

# 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.



**Reminder: We are only able to accept aluminum beer or soda cans for our aluminum recycling collection outside. No other cans of any kind, plastic or other recyclables in the collection area by the shed, please. Thank you!**

## 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!



## ***New Keys!***

**A very special "Thank You" to our Building & Grounds Team for taking on the task of re-keying our church building.**



**If you currently have a key, please see Pastor Stacy or Karie Peters to turn it in and receive a new one.**

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site	3 <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b>	4 <b>11:00am</b> Brown Bag & Bible Study  <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site  <b>5:30pm</b> 150th Anniversary Celebration Team	5 <b>Cinco de Mayo</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	6 <b>8:30am</b> LYO Breakfast Club  <b>9:00am</b> Ladies' Tea  <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
7 <b>9am</b> Worship Service <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship Hour Sunday School LYO Bible Study WELCA Meeting	8	9 <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site  <b>6:30pm</b> Council Mtg	10 <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b>	11 <b>11:00am</b> Brown Bag & Bible Study  <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site	12 <b>Office Closed</b>	13 <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
14 <b>Mother's Day</b>  <b>9am</b> Worship Service <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship Hour Sunday School	15 <b>5:30pm</b> Worship Team Meeting  <b>6:30pm</b> IRS Book Club	16 <b>OCCOA Foot Clinic</b>  <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site	17 <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b>	18 <b>11:00am</b> Brown Bag & Bible Study <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site	19 <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>Articles for Newsletter Due</b>	20 <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
21 <b>Baccalaureate Sunday</b>  <b>7:30am</b> Auction & Car Show Team Meeting  <b>9am</b> Worship Service <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship Sunday School	22 <b>6:00pm</b> Yoga	23 <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site  <b>5:30 pm</b> Y&E Team Meeting	24 <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b>	25 <b>11:00am</b> Brown Bag & Bible Study <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site	26 <b>Office Closed</b>	27 <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
28 <b>9am</b> Worship Service <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship Hour Sunday School!	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	30 <b>11:30am</b> OCCA Meal Site	31			

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## MAY

- 05/01 Brian Chapman, Dylan Heier  
05/03 Eunice Redlin, Kayla Virtues  
05/04 Carter Erdmann  
05/05 Melanie Dunks  
05/06 Daniel Bonitz  
05/09 Janet Francies  
05/10 Janet Heider, Sarah Smith,  
Wyatt Snider, Deklan Wijas  
05/12 Cheryl Lambert  
05/13 Carol Brehmer  
05/14 Travis Falkowski, Tyffany Stevens  
05/16 Renee Possley  
05/20 Michelle Warren  
05/24 Sharon Schultz  
05/26 Payton Eder  
05/27 Jerry Cooper, Nancy Valentine,  
George Zahorik  
05/28 Bethany Rutten-Kempees,  
Julia Warren  
05/29 Lynn Miller, Bob Slaby  
05/31 Amy LeVeille

# 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  Marilee Kazik  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 April 2023 Service Group!*



## Faithful Servants for May

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

	<b>Sunday May 7</b>	<b>Sunday May 14</b>	<b>Sunday May 21</b>	<b>Sunday May 28</b>	<b>Sunday June 4</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jack Falkowski	Payton & Easton Eder	Rayce Kissinger	Madi Bloom	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Doug & Jenn Cassel	<b>Two Needed</b>	<b>Two Needed</b>	<b>Two Needed</b>	Doug & Jenn Cassel
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Shellie Virtues	Chris Naze	Helen Malueg	Ginny Burkart	Lorna Koch
<b>Greeters</b>	Tim & Karie Peters Grace Wagner	Tracey & Pamela Krumrei	Kim Dunks Melanie Dunks	Barb Dorn <b>One Needed</b>	Tim & Karie Peters Grace Wagner
<b>Reader</b>	Pamela Krumrei	Madi Bloom	Dan Freis	JMarie Freis	Bev Possley
<b>Scrip Volunteers</b>	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen
<b>Ushers</b>	Andy Dorn John Warren	Pat & Shellie Virtues  Tracey & Pamela Krumrei	Jerry & Michelle Cooper	John Warren Lorna Koch	Dave Zimmerman  Steve & Angie Larsen
<b>Technology Team</b>	<b>Two Needed</b>	<b>Two Needed</b>	<b>Two Needed</b>	<b>Two Needed</b>	<b>Two Needed</b>
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Nancy Valentine	Lee Hoeft	Eunice Redlin	Chris Naze	John Warren
<b>Money Counters</b>	Kelly Stellmacher* Julie Eichman	Dan Freis* Betty Stevens	Barb Dorn* Rob & Nancy Gleffe	Barb Dorn* Dave & Ginny Burkart	Doug & Jenn* Cassel Michelle Marchand

**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**



## *Recipes from Fellowship*

### **Cranberry Nut Cinnamon Chex Mix**

1 box Chex cereal  
1 cup walnuts  
1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/4 cup frozen orange juice concentrate  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries

In a large microwave safe bowl, mix cereal and walnuts.

In a 2 cup microwavable cup or bowl, microwave brown sugar, orange juice and veg oil for 1 minute, stir and microwave for 30 seconds. Microwave 30 seconds again and stir.

Pour over cereal mixture stirring until evenly coated.

Microwave for 2 minutes, stir, microwave for 2 more minutes, stir, and microwave 1 minute. Spread in wax paper or foil to cook and store in a covered container.

### **Country Apple Dessert**

1 package yellow cake mix  
1/3 cup butter, softened  
1 egg  
20 oz can apple pie filling  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1 cup mixed nuts  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 cup sour cream  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a large bowl, combine cake mix, butter and 1 egg on low speed until crumbly.

Press into ungreased 13x9 pan

Spread pie filling over above.

Combine brown sugar, nuts and cinnamon. Sprinkle over the apple layer.

In a small bowl, blend sour cream, egg and vanilla. Pour over and spread on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes or until the topping is golden.

Serve warm or cold. Refrigerate leftovers.

*From: Barb King*

# 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.

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**Please be sure to send your June Lighthouse submissions to the church office no later than May 21st!**

*God Bless!*