

St. John's December Parish Visitor

December 2025

Newsletter Article for December Pastor Cutler

"The King is Coming"

Matthew 25:19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them."

I Timothy 6:13b-15 "I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time - God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords."

II Timothy 1:6 "I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you thorugh the laying on of my hands."

Advent is a season looking with hope for the coming King. The reality is this: the King is going to come, whether we want Him to come or not. We don't have an option. As Christians, we look with expectation for the coming King.

Our faithful King has given us everlasting life, through His suffering and death upon the cross. When the King comes, He will give to us the kingdom because of His grace. And yet, He will also ask for an accounting of all of His gifts while we lived here on this earth. The King will return for an accounting.

Now, this may really make us uneasy, because in our rebellious state, we want to be a people who are not accountable, or we want to pick and choose what we want to be accountable for. We tend to forget that we are not the ones who give out the gifts. The King does that. And He knows the gifts that He has given to us individually. There is no fooling God.

And yet, we do have a choice on whether we want to exercise a gift or not. I cannot exercise the gift or gifts that God has given to you. I can only be responsible for the gifts that God has given to me as an individual. As a preacher of the Word, I can only remind you to "fan into flame the gift that God has given to you." I can only remind you of the coming King, and that there will be an accounting.

The freedom of the individual Christian is to use the gifts that the King has given in whatever way that they feel that the King would want it to be used, to the King's glory and to the furthering of His kingdom. And yet, the facts of the King giving out the gift as well as His sure and certain return remain.

Christmas is a time of gifts and presents. The greatest gift that we could receive is God's only Son, Jesus Christ. We want to spread that gift to the ends of the earth. May God use us as His instruments in making disciples of all nations, until the King comes back in all His glory.

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In October we had our South Wisconsin District Fall Conference. Our theme was Christian Education; and our speakers demonstrated how good Christian education is encouraged throughout our books, including Luther's Works, the Smalcald Articles, and the Apology (defense) of the Augsburg Confession. The speakers were Rev. Ben Ball and CTSFW (Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne) President Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss.

Rev. Ball began with how all pastors are called as ones apt to teach. Then he reminded us of the Great Commission from Matt. 28 in which Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and *teaching* them all that He has commanded us. He spoke on how Jesus knew His vocations and lived them each out; and He, as Mark 6 reminds us, had compassion in His teaching. Rev. Ball continued with how fathers and mothers have been called to teach their children in the fear of the Lord (as we also see children encouraged in Proverbs and other Scriptures to pay heed to their parents' instruction). He pointed again to the dynamic of parents (or other authorities) and children (those under their authority)—that children and those under authority honor their authorities, but also that authorities not provoke those under their care to anger as both authority figure and subordinate are under God's authority.

Next Rev. Ball led on how to teach. He said that since the church is devoted to the apostolic teaching, so, too, then, should our schools be. All Christians should be willing to teach about Jesus. But, if you will be sharing more than just "Come and see," James 3 tells you that you need to know what you have to say. In order to know what you are saying means being in the Word in a regular basis, not only at home, but in worship and Bible Study. Yet we also have a great freedom in teaching God's Word which no one else has. Because we have God's Word in its full truth and purity, we can teach and speak it with certainty and without doubting because we know that it is God's Word that we are receiving (as opposed to other denominations which add to or take away from God's Word, and tell their members "We'll tell you what you need to know...").

All this can be done only through solid Christian education. Luther wrote to the princes of his time to spend their money for good order in society, and so to support their schools. Parents are also to be invested in the education of their children because it is a matter not only of their children's temporal welfare but also their eternal. Luther wrote that not just boys should receive proper education but also girls, that each may live out their God-given vocations in God pleasing ways. Luther encouraged parents directly, writing that God has not given them children to bring them up as they please, but for His purposes and service. In that sense, then, sending children to school and funding those schools are services rendered to God by parents as part of their vocations.

Luther wrote that next to preaching, teaching is the most important task. This is because as parents send their children to school, they can be brought up to be pastors. Yet Luther also wrote on the good that it is that children also be taught well so that they may be jurists (work in government and other service vocations). For all these reasons our ancestors coming to the New World from Europe so valued schools that they decided that every place they would plant a church, they would also plant a school. There was such a strong push for this that, believe it or not, in 1872, there were more schools being planted than even churches.

But in order for schools to make pastors and God-fearing men and women for society, parents must be involved in the school systems. They should be on the boards. If there are immoral teachers in parochial or public schools, they should vote to have them removed. After all, do we really want immoral people teaching our children? Or do we want them to be brought up to be God-fearing and pious? It is not the duty of the state to make souls pious or to save them; that is the duty of the Church, and one way it is brought about is through parents living out their vocations.

In business sections, District President Meader revealed his intention to focus on mission in our district congregations. He wants us to recognize that families are mixed, but that that is a blessing. In our district, 10% of congregations are calling for sole or senior pastors, and almost that same amount Synod-wide. We also need more LERT training. With the flooding in Milwaukee this fall, very few went in to assist. Not all LERT training is for those who run chainsaws. We want to be able to serve in any emergency, so we need more church members trained to help in those times of emergency.

CTSFW President Rev. Bruss talked about how there was order when God created. This order refers not only to gravity, but also to outward discipline, honorable conduct, good behavior, customs, and usages (e.g. languages). The way that we human beings orient to this order is through reason and learning. Our reason does not save us, but it is how we learn to live life as ones who have been redeemed. He also spoke briefly on updates to CTSFW that he wants to accomplish including that the campus buildings are no longer run-down but modern and inviting; that the faculty are topnotch; and that they bring in only top-notch men to be pastors, in order to encourage men to strive in their education.

May God bless us as we strive to Reach, Teach, and Share the Gospel in coordination with our brothers and sisters district-wide, Synod-wide, and world-wide—it's all about Jesus! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Your brother and under-Shepherd in Christ, Pastor Frazee

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

As we step into this season of thanksgiving, our hearts naturally turn toward the many blessings God has poured into our lives—our

families, our school, our ministry, and the daily mercies we often take for granted.

Scripture reminds us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). Gratitude is not just a polite feeling; it is a posture of the heart that acknowledges God as the giver of every good gift. But as thankful Christians, we are also called to respond to God's goodness with faithful action—using what He has entrusted to us for His glory.

God calls us to be stewards, not owners, of all that we have. Our time, energy, finances, and abilities are resources the Lord has placed in our care with purpose. In 1 Peter 4:10 we are reminded, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." Being thankful means recognizing that everything we manage ultimately belongs to God—and choosing to use it in ways that bless others and advance His kingdom. When we serve, give, teach, encourage, or sacrifice, we are living out gratitude in action.

Yet, in seasons of uncertainty or busyness, we may be tempted to pull back, hold tightly, or "save" our resources out of fear, anxiety, or convenience. But God invites us into a deeper trust. Jesus teaches us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). True thanksgiving moves us away from scarcity thinking and toward radical generosity—because we know that our security is found not in what we keep, but in the One who provides. When we give joyfully and sacrificially, we mirror the heart of Christ, who gave everything for us. His ultimate sacrifice on the cross demonstrates the fullest expression of generosity and love.

As we move through this season of gratitude, may we honor God not only with words of thanks but with lives that overflow in service. Our school, church, and childcare (SJLM) thrive when each of us—students, families, congregation members, and staff—uses our gifts to build up the body of Christ. Colossians 3:17 encourages us: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." May our thankfulness lead us to bold stewardship, radical generosity, and daily opportunities to glorify the God who has given us everything.

Douglas Mageski, Principal-SJLS

Dates: November 26-28: No School

November 30: HELP NEEDED! Looking for a trailer or two (and lots of helpers) from 5:30-7 pm (or when done) picking up the stage pieces for the Christmas program and bringing them to school. Husbands, what a great thing to do to waste time as the ladies meet for the "Advent by Candlelight" event. *Meet in front of school.

December 5: Dress Rehearsal for grades 4K-4 Christmas program (8:30 am at school gym)

December 6: 4K-4 Christmas program (3:00 pm at school gym)

December 7: Childcare and Youth Center Dedication (12-2 pm)/Streetlife Communities service project (2:30-4 pm at the Youth Center).

December 12: Dress Rehearsal for grades 5-8 Christmas program (8:30 am at church)

December 13: Grades 5-8 Christmas program (5:30 pm at church)



Childcare/Youth Center ~ Adopt a bill Opportunities

On the easel in the Narthex are 'adopt a bill' opportunities for the Childcare/Youth Center. Items have been ordered from Ray's TV & Appliance. If you choose to 'adopt', please pull the tag and bring to the church office with payment, to be credited to your offering statement.

Ground Breaking took place on Sunday, October 6th, 2024

CHILD CARE / YOUTH BUILDING





INVESTING IN CHILDREN

Investing In Children Campaign.

Totaled pledged \$1,863,000.28 171 units!

[This total does not include memorials. Pledged only!]

Amounts received as of November 11, 2025

Total Received ~ \$1,534,206.11 Total from Pledges - \$1,454,915.27 Memorials ~ \$66,773.00;

Misc. (2024 & 2025 Rummage Sale, Round up,

Dime Dump, TSB interest) \$12,517.84

DEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE for the new Childcare/Youth Center will be December 7, 2025; At 12:00pm there will be a brief dedication ceremony and an open house till 2:00pm

Childcare/Youth Center November 2025 Report

This final progress report signifies that the Childcare/Youth Center project is now 99.7% complete. The facility successfully passed its final inspection on November 14, 2025, and has been officially approved for occupancy. Only a handful of minor tasks remain outstanding; these will be addressed and completed in the upcoming weeks. An Open House and building dedication have been scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2025. This event will provide an opportunity for the members of our congregation, people from the community and surrounding area to tour the new facility. The successful completion of this project is the result of the unwavering commitment and collaboration of every member of the Building Committee. Their dedication and support have been critical to achieving the project's goals. Several of those individuals need to be recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the project's success:

- Perry Muche: Volunteered thousands of hours assisting Dave Boelter of Benter Building with a wide variety of tasks each week, from the project's
 inception through its completion.
- Bob Schroeder: Also volunteered thousands of hours constructing benches, coat hangers, and storage units; staining and varnishing them; installing all cabinetry in individual rooms and the kitchen; finishing window trim; and performing numerous additional tasks throughout the project.
- Encore (Bruce Muche): Served as the electrical contractor and contributed additional volunteer hours to site cleanup and other project needs.
- Bill Muche and Family: Provided both manpower and equipment, offered storage, cleared and improved the railroad right-of-way, and completed a major portion of the landscaping work at no charge.
- Carl Benter used his vast construction expertise to design a building concept that would serve current childcare needs and allow for future expansion of our day school. He also introduced us to Tom Mickeljohn.
- Tom Mickeljohn, our architect whose design and construction knowledge was invaluable throughout the project

Throughout the course of construction, the project encountered several challenges that impacted both the timeline and the overall budget. There were numerous issues with suppliers, including not providing the correct materials or quantities, delivering incorrect parts, experiencing shipment delays, and at times failing to arrive as scheduled. These complications contributed to increased costs and required additional time and effort to resolve.

As previously outlined in earlier progress reports, the project faced significant rises in material costs. Additionally, unexpected site conditions—specifically, areas of soft soil in three separate locations—necessitated removal and replacement, further adding to expenses. The requirement by the State of Wisconsin to construct an emergency exit ramp also increased costs.

I want to acknowledge the many people who volunteered to assist the committee, Kristy Zahn-Roecker and Doug Majeski in different ways during this project. Kindra Muche, Terese Schroeder, Robert Haessly, Andy Toellner, Steve Muche, Wendall Muche, Troy Muche, Jeff Feucht, Sandy Feucht, Dave Toellner, Josh Toellner, Darren Feucht, Lee Zimmer, Jodi Zimmer, Kennedy Zimmer, Mike Baerwald, Ben Roskopf, Melissa Travis, Deborah Hainer, Chelsey Mageski, Gene & Nanette Gassner, Elijah Majeski, Kenzie Thrun, Ivory Schraufnagel, Aubree Majeski, Genevieve Roskopf, Landyn Schraufnagel, Rylee Hooper, Gracelyn McClyman Apologies, if I missed someone.

There are a couple of items that will be finished next year, a second coat of blacktop and shrubbery along the west wall. We were considering a mural, however because our site plan called for greenery the mayor insisted we plant bushes or he would not approve our Occupancy permit. This project has been truly rewarding, and throughout the past year, I have had the distinct pleasure of collaborating with some of the most exceptional individuals in the world. St. John's is truly blessed to have so many talented and dedicated individuals. What a great team! We didn't do this alone; we opened and closed every meeting asking Our Lord to watch over us and guide us throughout the process and he did just that!

Building Committee Chair, Ken Oechsner

St. John's Open Funds:

St. John's Church
(Activity Fund)
St. John's School *Specified
St. John's School *Specified
St. John's School Scholarship
Adopt a bill

LCMS High School

Building Maintainance Fund

Living Trust Fund Altar Guild

Childcare / Youth Ministry Center Fund!
Please utilize the Childcare/Youth
Envelopes in your box of envelopes.
Circle if it is a memorial, pledge, or a
donation and your offering number,
name and amount given. *memorials – include the
name of deceased on envelope bottom.

If you have changed your address or have gone from a land line to a cell phone please let the church office know by either calling the church office at 387-3568, filling out the back of the communion card OR mailing a note to help keep our records up to date.

Parents—if your child is no longer living with you, please let the church office know so that updates to our computer system are kept up to date.

Please include in your phone / or some place that you are able to find the following numbers in case of an emergency:

St. John's Church: 920-387-3568 Pastor Mark Cutler 406-212-7374

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Pastor Joshua Frazee 920-583-0030 pastorjoshfrazee@gmail.com

BINGO FUN

Tues, December 16 4:00pm-4:45pm Fellowship Hall

ALL WELCOME to attend.

ELECTRONIC GIVING (ACH) ~ ACH is a great way to automate your regular weekly offering.

Electronic giving offers individual congregation members convenience and affords much needed offering consistency for our congregation. Please contact the church office for more information OR to sign up. Contributions can be taken out the first of the month or the fifteenth or BOTH.

No offering envelopes to remember! St. John's Ministry benefits tremendously from continued support, while you are away on vacation, or unable to attend worship. *Reminder ANY Changes to the ACH, must go through the church office for computing.

Everyone!

I wanted to let you all know that I will be serving as our Church Choir conductor for this upcoming church year. I am going few new songs this year and we will have some online materials to help us with this. I hope you can join us!

Our rehearsal schedule times are built around my availability with teaching and other other community groups. So please put the dates on your calendar as soon as possible!

If you are unable to attend rehearsals but still want to make sure to sing with us on our scheduled days, I am going to have a Google Drive that will have PDFs of the sheet music, as well as some accompaniment tracks that will help you work on the song. It will be labeled with the correct vocal part so you can listen to just that part as well.

Our first day to meet will be on Wednesday Nov. 5th at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions email stjohnsmayvillechurchchoir@gmail.com.

Kathy will help gather questions and help information go out as well.

Thanks everyone! John Dobbratz

For Christmas

12/3 and 12/17Practice - after advent service 7:15?, 12/25 9 a.m. Service (sing for Christmas Day)

For Ash Wednesday

2/4 Practice and 2/11 Practice - after Lent service 7:15? 2/18 6:30 p.m. service (sing for Ash Wednesday service) For Passion Week/Easter

3/18 Practice - after Lent Service

4/1 Practice - 7 p.m.



Informational 'periodical' email ~ to be informed on events and activities and / or important information, please make sure the church office has your email address; if you want to receive school updates please also add that to an email to barb.haessly@stjohnsmayville.com or write it on the back of a communion card.

This is extremely helpful for 'closings', 'voter's meeting reminders', and other 'need to get out quick' information.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION? We are always looking for your picture, cell phone, land line, marital status, address, email, etc. to keep us current. For changes or updates please email Barb in the office at Barb.Haessly@stjohnsmayville.com, or write the information on the back of a communion card and give to the usher.

St. John's Worship Opportunities

Saturday Spiritual Worship Service / Sunday "Traditional" Worship WORSHIP HOURS ~

Saturday Praise & Worship Service at 5:30pm

Sunday Worship Service at Traditional Worship 8:15am Contemporary 10:30am

Monday Evening Worship at 5:30

><> Bible Believers 9:30 (Fellowship Hal) - <><

<>< Sunday Bible Class will be each Sunday from 8:00am-8:45am ><>

><> BOLDED SERVICE WILL OFFER HOLY COMMUNION <><

Mon. December 1 5:30pm Monday Evening Communion Service

Wed. December 3 1:00 & 6:30pm Advent Service

Sat. December 6 3:00pm Grades K-4gr. Christmas Program (Gym)

5:30pm Praise & Worship Communion

8:15am Traditional Communion Worship Service Sun. December 7

10:30am Contemporary Communion Worship

Mon. December 8 5:30pm Monday Evening Communion Service

Wed. December 10 1:00 & 6:30pm Advent Service

Sat. December 13 5:30pm Grades 5-8 Christmas Program (Church)

Sun. December 14 8:15am Confirmation Comm. Worship Service

10:30am Contemporary Communion Worship

5:30pm Monday Evening Communion Mon. December 15

1:00 & 6:30pm Advent Service Wed. December 17

Sat. December 20 5:30pm Praise & Worship Communion

Sun. December 21 8:15am Traditional Communion Worship Service

10:30am Bible Believers Christmas Program

3:00pm Christmas Eve Communion Worship Wed. December 24

5:00pm Family/Children Christmas Eve (Gym)

7:00 pm Christmas Eve. Communion Worship

11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Comm. Service

Thurs. December 25 9:00am Christmas Day Comm. Worship

5:30pm NO Praise & Worship Communion Sat. December 27

Sun. December 28 ONLY 8:15am Traditional Comm. Worship Service

NO 10:30am Contemporary Communion Worship

Mon. December 29 NO 5:30pm Monday Evening Commuion

4:30pm New Year's Eve Communion Worship Wed. December 31

Saturday at 5:30pm; Sundays [8:15 & 10:30]; Mondays at 5:30pm

Our WORSHIP SERVICE is available on YouTube $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$

The address is

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Or https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsEvLuthernChurch

PRAIRIE RIDGE CHAPEL December 1 PRAIRIE RIDGE COMMUNION December 15



Sunday ~

9:30am--Bible Believers (Sunday School Program, at school) & Adult Bible Believer Class (Sept-May)

9:30am-Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) "The Gospel of John" (Pastor Frazee)

9:30am- Pastor Cutler's "Men at Work" 6:00pm-The Chosen series 1 (Fellowshp Hall) will reintroduce in January

Mondays ~ 7:30am "Encouraging Others..."" in the choir room, led by Pastor Behnke

9:30-11-30am, The Chosen Season 4; Cutler's home for more information 406-212-7375 (Joann Cutler)

Tuesdays ~ 6:00pm WWW The WORD, Women and wine Ladies Bible Class (May to Sept.) 6:30pm "Judges" starting Tuesday, Sept. 9 at

St. John's Browns Corners with Pastor Behnke

Wednesdays ~

6:00am- PAP [Power at Prayer] (Fellowship Hall) 10:00am-"Bible Class" "JAMES" (Fellowship Hall)

JOYFUL JOURNEY ~

(Journey One Year for U Lord) Is a DAILY Bible reading, that gives you an Old Testament, New Testament, Psalm and Proverb reading.

The 'One Year Bible' is available in the church office for only \$15; or "the One Year Chronological Bible" is also available for the low cost of \$15. Call a friend and take that daily walk together. Your JOYFUL Journey will begin in Genesis and continue all the way through the Bible. OR Daily Bible Readings can be picked up in the church office or in the Narthex for you to read cover to cover with only a few chapters at a time...

"Every Day" ~ One Year Bible / Chronological One Year Bible

St. John's Membership 823

ONLINE SERVICES— Our site is: "StJohnsLutheranMayvilleWI" YouTube page on which to upload our services They will now be under Posts in St John's Facebook page. Here are the links for our new YouTube page and the Posts page of our Facebook page

(https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsEvLutheranChurch, scroll down and on the right side—look for the dates at the end of the titles).

We are looking for an Administrator to oversee this through the help and guidance of Pastor Frazee, if you are willing to assist with this please contact the church office / Pastor Frazee

St. John's website is www.stjohnsmayville.com Visit the website to see current school and church activities and events. Parish Visitor Newsletters, Events Calendars, SCRIP forms... [if you prefer a printed version of the Parish Visitor, limited copies available in church office and the Narthex1



LWML "Women in Missions"

Who Are We - The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) with a membership of over 250,000 is the official women's organization of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The LWML focuses on **affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ** to enable her to be in **ministry** among the people of the world. For over 60 years the organization

has been encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in **active mission ministries and to financially support global missions**.

St. John's is part of the **South Wisconsin District**. The District is divided into groups called Zones, with about 6 churches each. Each church has a society organization that is affiliated with the LWML. We participate in Spring and Fall Rallies and host on a rotation basis with the other churches in our Zone. The District hosts the Fall Retreat, Young Women's Retreat and SWD Convention.

WEB PAGE: (www.swd-lwml.org).

FOR MORE LWML INFORMATION check out the purple bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

**NOTE: November MEETING NIGHT – WEDNESDAY NOV. 12 at 6:30pm –



Challenge

Fill aMITE BOX

You are encouraged to continue to 'fill a Mite box' all year through. The Mites collected from each of the LWML groups are used for many missions throughout the year.



Don't forget to grab a MITE BOX... find that spare, lost or extra change to help others through the MITE BOX Missions.

We would also "WELCOME" any new members to the LWML Dorcas Ladies. We meet on the 2nd Thursday

of each month at 6:00 pm from September thru May.

After a devotion, we discuss ongoing LWML activities in the area, as well as District and National Events.

Please attend a meeting to see what the LWML Ladies are all about.

Thank you to all who donated for the school kits...131 kits were assembled. 59 quilts were sent to LWR [Lutheran World Relief]

Special thanks to all who supported the Boxed card display! Congratulations to Helen Yogerst, who won the drawing for a free box of cards.

Special thank to all who supported St. John's Chili Dinner It was another successful year! Thank you dessert makers, preparers, purchasers, clean up, and all those inbetween...(18 Nescoes sold)

Recipients Mayville Food Pantry, Ken & Elaine Brockhaus (house fire), Childcare & Youth Center, Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County

LWML MEETING NIGHT ~ the 2nd THURSDAYS of the month at 6:00pm! (all women invited to attend)

BOXED Greeting Cards ~ Sympathy, Birthdays, Anniversary, Wedding, Confirmation, Easter, Graduation, Thinking of You, ...\$5.00 in the church office. Buy 10 cards from either rack in office or fellowship hall and get 2 FREE...

RADA CUTLERY ~ available for purchase, (located in the Fellowship Hall) Made in the USA! Great gift ideas, for Showers, Birthdays, Christmas, EVERY DAY use! *Available through the Church Office or the Dorcas Society. (Sportsmen knives are also available!) GREAT ANYTIME GIFTS, including Shower gifts, Bingo prizes...

We encourage you to fill a Mite box whenever possible!

Birthday Blessings / Anniversary Celebrations

Birthdays are special days. Whether you are celebrating a milestone birthday or a regular good ole' birthday, each of us have been blessed with this special day, the day our Heavenly Father blessed your parents with YOU!

Why not honor your birthday age, with a gift to the church?

What an awesome statement of your faith, by thanking God through St. John's with a monetary gift.

These moments of celebration, are just that....
CELEBRATION of each person that God has shared with us.

MEET YOUR ELDERS ~ On the wall of the elevator we have pictures of our current Elders. You can now match a name with a face. If you have concerns or questions, we encourage you to reach out to an elder. Gentlemen ~ Is the Lord calling you to help in the Elder ministry? Please contact one of the Pastors, or one of

the elders for more

information.



Childcare / Youth Ministry Center Fund! Please consider this in giving memorials or 'thanksgiving' gifting. Reminder in your offering envelope box are 'Investing In Children' envelopes; please feel free to use them when donating to the Childcare/Youth Center. Please circle whether it is a Pledge, Offering or in Memoriam, include your offering number, name and amount. Running out of those special envelopes? We have many more in the office, please ask for some.

PLEDGE OFFERING MEMORIAM

Scrip Specials Now In-Stock!

Movies



Limited Quantities - For A Limited Time
Or Place Your Order For Larger Quantities

Fandango \$25 (Beaver Dam/West Bend, etc.)
Marcus Theatres \$25 (Sun Prairie/Oshkosh/Menomonee Falls, etc.)

Coffee/Food

Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 \$25 Dunkin' Donuts \$10 Hardees \$10, Cousins \$10 Open Door Coffee House \$10,\$20 Starbucks \$10, \$25 Taco Bell \$5,\$10

Shopping

Fleet Farm \$10,\$25,\$50 Home Depot \$25 Old Navy/Gap \$25 TJ Maxx/Marshalls \$25 Target \$10, \$25, \$100 Walmart \$10, \$25, \$100



PLUS our regular inventory items!

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Amazon
Applebee's
Arby's
Bath & Body
BP Gas
Cabela's
Culvers
Dairy Queen
Dominos
Festival
Five Below



Olive Garden Panera Papa Murphy's Piggly Wiggly Pizza Hut Pizza Ranch Ross Dress For Less Pick n Save Shell Staples Starbucks Subway Texas Roadhouse Walgreens

Beauty

Ulta Beauty \$25



Visa Pre-Paid \$25/\$50



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- It's Easy—Using gift cards to pay for everyday expenses is the easiest way to earn rebates to SUPPORT CHURCH / DEFRAY TUITION.
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- It's Flexible—With on-site purchases, eGift cards and a mobile app available, it can happen virtually anywhere, anytime.



10% of rebates are kept in the scrip account to run the program.

January 2025 ~ Tuition \$778.23 St. John's \$702.70 February 2025 ~ Tuition \$742.93 St. John's \$727.56 Tuition \$616.40 March 2025 ~ St. John's \$519.10 April 2025 ~ Tuition \$1,303.91 St. John's \$934.11 Tuiiton \$1,092.71 St. John's \$778.62 May 2025 ~ June 2025 ~ Tuition \$1,071.25 St. John's \$838.18 July 2025 ~ Tuition \$981.97 St. John's \$785.50 August 2025 ~ Tuition \$920.10 St. John's \$ 1,266.72 September 2025 ~ Tuition \$1,082.78 St. John's \$902.91 October 2025 ~ Tuition \$766.91 St. John's \$929.07



















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How does it work? You buy gift cards...

You get the full value — no extra charge for cash or check orders.

Buy gift cards and eGift cards from hundreds of popular brands and local businesses.

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A percentage of every gift card purchase goes back to you in the form of a rebate automatically.

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Rebates go toward.

The rebates are distributed to participating families as decided on their scrip agreement form:

- towards next year's SCHOOL TUITION
- as a **DONATION** to the church/school
- as a CASH REBATE to you

(Any combination of these options is available. All are encouraged to support St. John's mission of Reaching, Teaching, & Sharing the Gospel with a donation to the church/school.)



- Shop for and purchase gift cards anywhere, anytime. Pay with connected checking account (29¢), debit card (1%)/credit card (3%).
 - **Instantly access** your eGift cards & scan them at checkout while shopping, directly from your account Wallet.
 - Add funds to reloadable gift cards anytime. Every time you add funds, you get a rebate!

Purchase Physical Gift Cards

- In the Church office M-Th 7 a.m. 4 p.m. & some Friday mornings. Cash/Check accepted.
- Send an order and payment to school with your child. These are returned on Thursdays.
- Order non-stock items online, in app or in office by Thursday afternoon and they will be shipped to our program with our weekly order with a usual Tuesday arrival.

Get Started Today!

- Fill out an Agreement Form It tells us how to distribute your rebate. Pick up at church or school.
- Join the Program Come into the church office to purchase scrip and/or sign up at RaiseRight.com/Enroll with a secure account.

For more information including the enrollment code, contact our program coordinator: Kathy Dobbratz

MomD1964@gmail.com - 920-382-2816

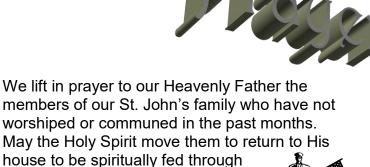
CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS:

Ken & Sandi Oechsner, Michelle Eedy Week 1

Alanna Weigand, Jamie Jacobs Week 2

OUR Homebound:

LaVern Gubin, Marie Pusateri, Karen Rediske





Giving, Loving & Living

His Word and Body and Blood.

Are you or a loved one facing a difficult time: an illness, a death, loss of a job, or some other challenge in your life that is overwhelming?

Please call the church office at 387-3568 and make an appointment with Pastor Cutler or Pastor Frazee for them to offer encouragement, help with guidance and share in prayer.

Timothy Behnke (Army), Andrew Behnke (Coast Guard),

Jessica Sullivan (Air Force National Guard),

Anthony Blum, (Marines bootcamp) Ayden Juech (Marines bootcamp) and others who are in any branch of service.

We thank God for these men and women who willingly serve our Country.



We pray for strength and healing for those undergoing medical testing, procedures, treatments, those hospitalized, those recovering, and those with on-going health conditions

We welcome into our church family through the waters of Holy Baptism:

Those called HOME
We remember in our prayers the family and friends

OUR MEMBERS LIVING IN OR RECOVERING AT NURSING OR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES:

Clearview – [198 County D F, Juneau] ~ Karen Liebenow,

Hope Assisted Living – [475 Grove St., Lomira] ~ Phyllis Ewert (201), Elinor Zahn (105), Jerry Barker (126)
Gloria Rassmann (104), Barb Maas (122)

Prairie Ridge, [1175 Breckenridge St. Mayville] ~ Joyce Wucherer (25), Phyllis Mueller (6), Margareta Toepfer (17),

New Perspective – [2130 Continental Dr. West Bend] Betty Christian (139)

Dale Rindfleisch - [mailings for Dale c/o David Rindfleisch N53W35240 Lighthouse Ln. Oconomowoc, WI 53066]

TO VISIT DALE - Riverside Lodge 420 N Main. St. #122 Dousman WI 53118

Patriot Place – 609 Broadway St. #40, Berlin, WI 54923 ~ Eunice Okon [mailings should go to W4318 Chappa Rd. Berlin WI]

<u>Adelaide Place</u> – 478 W. Arndt St, Fond du lac, WI 54935 #204 ~ **Jeanine Streblow** [<u>mailings</u> should go to c/o Deb Liegl, PO Box 368 Brownsville WI, 53006

Prairie Ridge Chapel Service December 1 10:00am Prairie Ridge Communion Service December 15 10:00am

St. John's Membership 823 Communicant Members 708

St. John's MONTHLY Food Mission Focus for the MAYVILLE FOOD PANTRY

<u>December</u> ~ 'Baby, it's cold outside!" Baby Products, food, diapers, wipes, formula, cereals...

Please note <u>ALL food items</u> are needed and appreciated through-out the year, the focus for the 'monthly' specialties are to aid the Mayville Food Pantry in helping to stock their shelves for those in need.

ALL DONATIONS are appreciated through-out the year.

Ladies ~ Feminine Hygiene Products are appreciated.

Another help to the FOOD PANTRY: Hats, Mittens, Scarves, Gloves, Socks also collected.

HERE ARE VERY IMPORTANT "OTHER" ITEMS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTY, so please keep these also in mind:

MILK & BUTTER (there are lots of donations of Mac & Cheese, but milk and butter are also needed).

BOXED MILK (lots of donations of cereals, boxed milk is a treasure)

CANNED FOODS, should be popped topped or donate can openers for the other canned items.

OIL is a luxury SPICES, SALT & PEPPER are a real gift TEA BAGS & COFFEE are caring gifts TUNA & CRACKERS is a great lunch

SUGAR & FLOUR are treats

Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without GROUND BEEF.

SANDWICH BREAD, (they get a lot of peanut butter & jelly but need something to put it on) EGGS are a commodity!

BUTTER and MARGERINE

CAKE MIX & FROSTING makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.

DISHWASHING DETERGENT is very expensive and always appreciated

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS are a luxury

STOVE TOP STOVING is always a favorite.

CASH makes it possible for the Food Bank to buy what's missing and buy in bulk.





Shoes for Belize

St. John's collects shoes: and a 'shoe' box is located in the Fellowship Hall.

We appreciate your donations, please only drop off gently used / clean shoes sandals and footware.







KEEP COLLECTING!

We take shoes all year long, located in Fellowship Hall!

"YouCan" make a difference! Please consider donating new or gently used pairs of shoes for Belize. The shoes will be distributed at schools and in villages in Belize by a mission team from this area who is partnering with local leaders there. Belize is a small.

developing country in Central America where shoes are very expensive and often a challenge to get. Any sturdy casual footwear appropriate for a tropical climate is accepted and would be greatly appreciated. Tennis shoes and flip-flops for males (Toddler 12 – Men's Size 9) and females (Toddler 10 - Women's Size 7) are especially needed. As you're considering your donation, please understand it costs almost \$3 per pair to ship. Shoes should be in good enough condition to make that investment worthwhile. If possible, please rubber band or tie shoelaces together. New, never been worn socks, and/or monetary donations to help cover shipping expenses are also welcome and encouraged for this effort. Please email info@youcanmissions.org for more information. Be a part of this mission and spread the word!

Daily BIBLE READING

september

16. Ezekiel 34-36 1. Jerem. 40-42 17. Ezekiel 37-39 2. Jerem. 43-46 18. Ezekiel 40-42 3. Jerem. 47-49 19. Ezekiel 43-45 4. Jerem. 50-52 5. Lamentations 20. Ezekiel 46-48 6. Ezekiel 1-3 21. Daniel 1-3 7. Ezekiel 4-7 22. Daniel 4-6 8. Ezekiel 8-11 23. Daniel 7-9 24. Daniel 10-12 9. Ezekiel 12-14 10. Ezekiel 15-18 25. Hosea 1-4 26. Hosea 5-7 11. Ezekiel 19-21 12. Ezekiel 22-24 27. Hosea 8-10 13. Ezekiel 25-27 28. Hosea 11-14 14. Ezekiel 28-30 29. Joel 15. Ezekiel 31-33 30. Amos 1-3

october

17. Matthew 12-15 1. Amos 4-6 18. Matthew 16-19 2. Amos 7-9 3. Obadiah + Jonah 19. Matthew 20-22 20. Matthew 23-25 4. Micah 1-4 5. Micah 5-7 21. Matthew 26-28 6. Nahum 22. Mark 1-3 7. Habakkuk 23. Mark 4-6 8. Zephaniah 24. Mark 7-10 9. Haggai 25. Mark 11-13 10. Zacha. 1-5 26. Mark 14-16 11. Zacha. 6-10 27. Luke 1-3 12. Zacha. 11-14 28. Luke 4-6 13. Malachi 29. Luke 7-9 14. Matthew 1-4 30. Luke 10-13 15. Matthew 5-7 31. Luke 11-17 16. Matthew 8-11

november

1. Luke 18-21 16. Acts 23-25 2. Luke 22-24 17. Acts 26-28 3. John 1-3 18. Romans 1-4 4. John 4-6 19. Romans 5-8 5. John 7-10 20. Romans 9-11 6. John 11-13 21. Romans 12-16 22. 1 Corin. 1-4 7. John 14-17 23. 1 Corin. 5-8 8. John 18-21 24. 1 Corin. 9-12 9. Acts 1-2 10. Acts 3-5 25. 1 Corin. 13-16 26. 2 Corin. 1-3 11. Acts 6-9 12. Acts 10-12 27. 2 Corin. 4-6 13. Acts 13-14 28. 2 Corin. 7-9 29. 2 Corin. 10-13 14. Acts 15-18 15. Acts 19-22 30. 2 Corin.14-16

december

1. Galatians 1-3 17. James 4-5 2. Galatians 4-6 18. 1 Peter 1-3 3. Ephesians 1-3 19. 1 Peter 4-5 4. Ephesians 4-6 20. 2 Peter 5. Philippians 21. 1 John 1-3 6. Colossians 22. 1 John 4-5 7. 1 Thessalonians 23. 2 John 8. 2 Thessalonians 24. 3. John 9. 1 Timothy 1-3 25. Jude 10. 1 Timothy 4-6 26. Revel. 1-4 11. 2 Timothy 27. Revel. 5-8 12. Titus + Phile. 28. Revel. 9-11 13. Hebrews 1-4 29. Revel. 12-15 14. Hebrews 5-8 30. Revel. 16-19 15. Hebrews 9-13 31. Revel. 20-22 16. James 1-3

St. John's Adopt a Bill Program ~ OVER \$ 237,035.04



(since Nov. 2004) What IS St. John's Adopt a bill program? And how does it work? In the Narthex on the wall, we have our 'Adopt-a-bill' Program with the graphics of Noah's ark, and helping "St. John's 'keep 'a'float". On the wall are miscellaneous bills that can be 'adopted' by those who would like to help out with some of our bills not necessarily covered by our 'ministry financial plan'. Most (if not all) of the bills to be 'adopted' are less than \$100. There are 'adopt-a-bill' envelopes to put your name, envelope number and selected bill and payment into. [bills 'adopted' will then be credited to your offering statement under 'adopt-abill]. Checks should be made out to St. John's Church [not to the recipient on the bill]; cash is also welcomed.

Our 'adopt-a-bill' program was started in 2004 and since then we have over \$237,000.00 of donations credited to miscellaneous bills.

January 2025 ~ \$391.70 March 2025 ~ \$1,145.31 May 2025 ~ \$693.33 July ~ \$556.89

September ~ \$1,101.30

February 2025 ~ \$1,960.90 April 2025 ~ \$651.11 June 2025 ~ \$566.84 August 2025 ~ \$341.54 October 2025 ~ \$621.07

FAMILIES with school aged children ~ Please make sure the church office has YOUR CHILD'S information, including SCHOOL, GRADE ETC...

This helps up keep current with ministry activities such as 3rd Grade Bibles, Confirmation Classes etc...

Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 10

*meet at the church at 3:45pm (or go directly to Prairie Ridge), Mayville by 4:00pm All Welcome to share in song and bring joy to the residents [for more information please contact Marie Feucht at 920-960-4347



"HERE WE COME R-CRROLING!"

2025 Offering Envelopes will be available in December NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED!

Please pick up ALL that pertain to your family. IF you have not been issued offering would like to receive some, contact the church office:

Please THROW OUT your 2025 envelopes in January ... envelope numbers may change from year to year. Offerings will be credited to the number on the envelope. INCLUDED in your 2026 Offering Envelopes green bordered envelope that includes an *Investing in Children line for memorials and donations. IF YOU USE THIS ENVELOPE AS A PLEDGE ENVELOPE PLEASE CLEARLY MARK PLEDGE on it, contact the office for extra envelopes from last year.

MERRY BASKET delivery ~

Baskets will be delivered on TUESDAY December 17th.

We need your support for our Merry Basket Project! The preparing, packaging, and delivery of the Merry Baskets is a long time Christmas tradition at St. John's School! All students are involved in the preparation of items to be packaged into the Merry Baskets for the 7th and 8th grades to deliver.

This special gift to seasoned members of our church family can't happen without you! Please help us gather supplies to make this project possible. Delivery lists are being finalized and tallied, cookie dough ordered, and we are currently asking for donations to fill the baskets. Items needed include boxes of cereal (Rice, Wheat, or Corn Chex, and Cheerios), pretzels, garlic chips, mini bread sticks, nuts, butter, Lawry's seasoning salt, Worcestershire sauce and garlic salt. Any of these items would be much appreciated and can be dropped off at the church or school office NOW!

Donations of fruit (apples, oranges, bananas, grapefruit...), fruit cups, applesauce cups and hard candy can be brought in on Monday-Thursday, (or to church office by Dec 10). We will gladly accept any monetary donations to offset any costs or for supplies that we need to pick up. DELIVERY DATE Tuesday December 16th! Items needed for trail mix include nuts, dried fruit, raisins, banana chips, M&M's, granola, sunflower seeds, small pretzels. Any of these items would be much appreciated and can be dropped off at the church or school office! Donations of fruit (apples, oranges, bananas, grapefruit...), fruit cups, applesauce cups and hard candy can be brought in by December 13th. Thank you to those who have already donated, we appreciate you! We will gladly accept any monetary donations to offset any costs or for supplies that we need to pick up. Baskets will be delivered on Tuesday, December

16th!

ENVELOPES WILL BE READY TO PICK UP the first week or so in December ... Located in the Fellowship Hall. ACH participant's, you still have offering envelopes! Please use them for memorials and for special occasions.

Reminder to order your poinsettia plant in honor / memory of a loved one. Order deadline is December 4. Price is \$12.00 per plant - (Ordered from DutchTouchCall the church office 387-3568 or sign up on sheets / inserts.)

Orderd plants can be picked up following the Christmas Day 9:00am worship service. (Reminder the church office is not open Dec. 26)

Community Giving Tree

November 6-Dec 4

St John's has once again been given the opportunity to help those in the community who are less fortunate. In November a tree will be placed in the church office with the age of a child/adult, boy/girl, man/woman, and some wanted items they



have requested for Christmas. If you are interested in making someone's Christmas a little brighter by purchasing some gifts, we ask that you check out the Community Giving Tree, select a card (or more) and purchase all or some of the suggested items. Please bring the unwrapped gifts back to the church office, in bags or boxes with the tags SECURELY attached to the unwrapped gifts. Packages may be dropped off at St. Mary's School or Church or returned HERE. Your gifts will be taken to St. Mary's. ALL gifts must be dropped off no later than, (Tentative) Thursday, Dec. 4 *Donations of Wrapping paper, Gift Bags & Boxes are appreciated. No time to shop? Purchase Piggly Wiggly Scrip cards. They will be distributed to families involved.

Give the Gift of Giving!

Friday, DECEMBER 5 - 6:00pm

JOIN US FOR OUR 26th ANNUAL COOKIE

EXCHANGE.... Bring 4 Dozen of one kind of your favorite cookie and get a 4 dozen VARIETY in return. All cookies must be in the church kitchen by 6:00pm!

"It's a WONDERFUL LIFE" Main Street Mayville

Mayville Christmas Parade Sat. Dec. 6 at 5:00pm Down Town, Mayville.



The Christmas Bus will be traveling through the Mayville community on December 7th, after the Christmas parade, viewing the beautiful lights on the houses. It will take off from the Northeast corner of the Limestone Museum (Intersection of North Main street and Buchannan St.) This is a totally free ride and will start at 6:00 p.m. You do need to sign up by calling 920-387-3568 and ask for Barb or by emailing to barb.haessly@stjohnsmayille.com.

Please reserve your space by Thursday, December 4th, by 4:00 p.m. Drop-ins will be allowed to ride, only if there is room.

This will be approximately a thirty minute ride. If there is a great demand, we will have a later ride(s). Thanks to the Mayville School District, and St. John's Lutheran Church for sponsoring the ride. Christmas music and light refreshments may be served. Pastor Mark Cutler will be driving. Merry Christmas!

Advent Midweek Services: "When Peace Comes Down to Earth" Wed. December 3 1:00 & 6:30pm "Look There's the Star" (Matthew 2:1.2, 9.11)

"Look, There's the Star" (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11)

Wed. December 10 1:00 & 6:30pm
Peace to All, Near and Far (Ephesians 2:12–18)

WED. DECEMBER 17 1:00 & 6:30PM

OUR PEACE RESTS ON HIM ALONE (ISAIAH 9:6)

christmas eve

Christmas Eve Communion
Worship Service
3:00pm and 7:00pm

"Grace Has Appeared"
Titus 2:11

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Children/Family & Christmas Eve Service (School Gym) 5:00pm [No Communion]

Candlelight Vigil Communion
Service Christmas Eve
December 24
11:00pm
"The Word Became Flesh" John 1:14

Dec. 28 Sunday Morning Communion Worship 8:15am ONLY



New Year's Eve December 31 Communion Service 4:30pm

December 21,
10:30am Communion Service
Bible Believers
"Beautiful Bells of
Bethlehem"



St. John's School lower grades 'Uncertain Poor Shepherds"

Presented on Saturday, December 6 at 3:00pm in the School Gym

St. John's School upper grades 'Do You Hear What I Hear?"
Presented on Sat., December 13 at 5:30pm in church



Christmas Day Festival of Lessons & Carols Communion Worship December 25th, 9:00am



December Memory Verse:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." ~ Philippians 4:4



Phone: 920-387-3568 Fax: 920-387-2852 www.stjohnsmayville.com

"Reaching, Teaching, and Sharing the Gospel"



Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:00am-4:00pm;

FRIDAY 7:00-11:00 am

[to avoid any inconvenience and to better serve you call ahead 387-3568

[If you need assistance, after posted hours please call 387-3568 so arrangements can be made]

Open till Noon on Dec. 24

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be CLOSED on

Dec. 25 and 26

NO SCRIP will be available on Fridays