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St. John's Lutheran Church exists to Build Up the Body of Christ so that we might know Christ and make Him known.

THE GUIDE

Weekly Announcements and News from St. John's for

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Baby Shower Thank You:

Dear members of St. John's,

Thank you so very much. Your incredible kindness and generosity have blown us away. The Baby Shower between services on Mother's Day was so nice. It was wonderful talking with so many of you and getting to spend a little time together celebrating as we look ahead to soon welcoming this beautiful blessing from God. Your incredible support has made us much more ready for that time. If we accidentally missed getting a personal note to you, please forgive us and know that we are so thankful to you for everything! God bless you all, now and always!

Pastor, Emily, and Baby Rodrigue

Sunday School Thank You: What an incredible year we had in Sunday School! Hopefully your child(ren) participated and grew in their faith this year, along with 30-40 other children every week! It's such a blessing for our children to learn so much about God's amazing love for them! That doesn't just magically happen though. A lot of time, effort, and preparation goes into making our Sunday School so successful. Our grateful thanks to Valerie Petersen, Ellen Kraft, Angie Schubkegel, Jackie Wohnrade, Susan Musgrave, Amber Johnson, Sandy Callies, Kelsey Shoemaker, Caitlin Kroening, and everyone else who made it all possible. We greatly appreciate your service to our congregation this year!

<u>Spring Voters' Meeting:</u> The Spring Voters' Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30pm. All members of the church are encouraged to attend. This meeting's agenda will include spring elections and budget proposal.

SPICE Summer Rummage Sale: Bring your rummage donations to school for the annual summer rummage sale, which will take place Thursday-Saturday, June 5-7. New and gently used items can be dropped off on the gym stage. Items accepted include clothing of all sizes, footwear, jewelry, household goods, books and audio/visual. This year, small furniture will be accepted ONLY the week of the sale, starting Sunday, June 1 (no couches, bed frames, mattresses or headboards). Help is needed before the event (sort/price) and during the sale. Contact Stephanie Grimoldby (847-476-9933 / stephanie.lehman3@gmail.com) with any questions.

Stowell Anniversary Celebration: Please join Bob & Dorothy Stowell in celebration of their 75 years of marriage at an open house and light reception in the church meeting room on Sunday, June 22 at 10:30am, following the second service.

Women's Ministries Collection: The Women's Ministries are collecting prescription pill bottles to be sent to the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM) during June. These are used for everything from dispensing medications to suntan lotion. Bottles must be clean, unmarked and labels removed (no aspirin or ibuprofen type bottles). Please place bottles in the basked in the narthex

Summer Services and Fellowship Time: Starting on Sunday, May 25, summer worship services will be on Sundays at 8:00am and 9:30am (instead of 8:00am and 10:30am). The Monday evening services will still be at 6:30pm. Between the services we hope to again enjoy fellowship time with one another. There is a signup sheet on the tables in the narthex for members to host this Summer Fellowship time by bringing in breakfast snacks and drinks for others to share.

<u>Calendar:</u> The June birthday and anniversary calendar is available on the back table.

<u>Lawn Mower Fund Update:</u> Thank you to all who have donated towards the new lawn mower fund. We have reached our goal and will now be able to purchase one this summer!

<u>Men's Bible Study:</u> The Men's Bible Study will take a break from their studies during the summer. Watch future Guides for the return to class after Labor Day.

Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 2:00—3:00 pm in the church meeting room. They are studying Lazarus from Max Lucado's book *Ten Men of the Bible*. Babysitting is available beginning June 2. Moms with school age kids, this is a great Bible time with uplifting fellowship. Please come!

<u>Wednesday Morning Bible Class:</u> The Wednesday Morning Bible Class is studying the Gospel of Luke. Please come and study the words and works of Jesus as recorded by Luke with your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ. We meet Wednesdays, 9:45-11:00am, in the church meeting room or in a school classroom.

Summer Office Hours: The church and school office will be open by appointment only this summer beginning May 27. Email will be the best way to communicate. Voicemails will be checked as often as possible.

Church Office (office@stjohnsburlington.org)

School Office (school@stjohnsburlington.org)

<u>Lost & Found:</u> The church has a lost and found box on the shelf above the coat rack. If you have been missing an item, please check this box. At the end of May, any unclaimed items will be donated to Love, Inc.

<u>Church Council Meeting Summary:</u> The Council met on May 15 to review and discuss Leader, Board and Ministry Team reports and to set the budget for 2025-2026. The School Board indicated they will be offering Extended Care for Preschool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The Elder Board reported that they are still looking for candidates to fill council positions for Outreach Ministry and Finance Ministry. It was reported that we have received sufficient donated funds to purchase a new mower for the church. The first budgets submitted to and compiled by the Finance Ministry Team Leader, Brian Pesick, resulted in a deficit of approximately \$113K. The deficit was reduced to near zero by reductions in spending by the Property and School Boards and Church council Personnel; and by an increase in general offerings for 2025/2026 and anticipated carryover funds from the 2024/2025 fiscal year. The next council meeting will be June 19, 2025.

Third Grade Substitute Teacher Opportunity: Mrs. Catherine Kuehl, our third grade teacher, will be on maternity leave during the first quarter of the upcoming 2025-2026 school year (August 20-October 22). If you are interested, qualified, and available to assist with this paid teaching position during those weeks, please (262-763-2377; contact Mr. Schubkegel you principal@stjohnsburlington.org). Thank for considering this opportunity to support our students and staff here at St. John's Lutheran School.

<u>WELS Night at the Brewers:</u> Join other WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 11 to watch the Brewers take on the Nationals. To purchase discounted tickets, visit <u>brewers.com/wels</u>.

International Host Family Needed: Shoreland Lutheran High School is in need of a host family for a ninth grade girl named Judy (Yueqing) from Chendu, China. If you are willing to host, please contact the International Student Program Coordinator, Julie Uher (262-859-2595; uherj@slhs.us).

SLHS Teacher Opening: Shoreland Lutheran High School is seeking a full-time Science instructor to teach Physical Science and Earth & Space classes for the 2025-26 school year. The position includes multiple sections of each class during the school day. Applicants should be a WELS member, and a background in education with a concentration in science is preferred. Please submit your resume to Principal Mike Koestler (koestlerm@slhs.us).

Shoreland "President's Pen": Check out the latest monthly newsletter from Shoreland Lutheran High School. Copies can be found on the table in the church entryway or you can view the electronic version here.

Online Giving at St. John's: We offer online giving through our website at stjohnsburlington.org (top banner—"Online Giving") and mobile giving with the free app "Vanco Mobile." You can easily make one time donations or set up recurring donations. You can use this in conjunction with your offering envelopes or you can choose to switch to all online giving. Online giving is available to all members, as well as any of our St. John's guests. As a convenience, St. John's does accept credit cards, however, please note that the church does incur a fee for the credit card option. To avoid the fees, you may choose to use a debit card.

St. John's Meal Drive Team: Consider being a part of the meal drive team at St. John's Church & School! We provide meals to those recovering from illness or injury, families welcoming a new baby, or those who need some extra help during a difficult season of life. This team will receive email blasts with an online sign-up when someone is in need of a meal. Contact Meal Coordinator, Amber Johnson at 260-414-5392 or amberjohnson.marie@gmail.com.

Christ Lutheran Car / Craft Show: You're invited to Christ Lutheran, Big Bend (S89W22970 Maple Ave) Car & Craft Show on Saturday, May 31 from 10:00 am −2:00 pm. Enjoy amazing cars, food vendors, local crafters and fun activities for the kids!

Tuesday, May 27: Counting Team 1

Usher Team for Sunday, June 1—Teams C & F; Stream Team—Tom & Dan

June Altar Guild: Kim Friedel (763-2510)

Budget Update For Week 46 May 20, 2025

Please call one of the women listed if you will be placing a plant in the church in memory of a loved one or to honor an event. Please contact the church office if you would like the event listed in the Guide. Due to floral allergies, we would ask that you either choose a plant or artificial flowers to put in church.

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	9,872	15,200	(5,328)	605,883	623,000	(17,117)	715,000
SLHS Expansion	0			16,483			
Capital Projects	280			67,840			
Unspent Funds for				64,309			

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Capital Projects

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School Office / 262-763-2377 / school@stjohnsburlington.org

Worship Schedule

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Mondays at 6:30 pm
Summer: Sundays at 8:00 and 9:30 am
Mondays at 6:30 pm
Live Streaming on YouTube (SJB Videos)
every Sunday at 8:00 am