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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

August 24, 2025

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: Please make plans for your family to study God's Word between the Sunday services (9:20-10:15) beginning September 7. The adults will study *Heirs Together*: Christian Men and Women Serving Together in God's World. This class will reinforce the unity and equality men and women share together in Christ, while also seeking to understand the many Bible passages that outline different and specific roles for men and women. We will seek to grow in our understanding of this challenging and often misunderstood teaching of Scripture and apply it to our lives. Teens are invited to the adult class. Sunday School for PK-8th grade begins the same Sunday (registration forms are in the narthex). Blessings overflow when we make Bible study for our family a part of our Sunday morning routine.

<u>Wedding:</u> On Saturday, August 23, Gavin Ellerbrock & Jalyn Wood were united in Christian marriage. May our Lord bless this holy union.

Labor Day Weekend: On Monday, September 1, Labor Day, there will not be an evening service. There will be an evening service on Tuesday, September 2. Starting on Sunday, September 7, regular worship services will be on Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. The Monday evening services will still be at 6:30 pm.

New Season for Choir: The Senior Choir will begin their practices on Wednesday, September 3 from 7:00-8:00 pm. All confirmed members of the congregation are welcome to join the choir!

Lutheran Armada: If you have a kayak, canoe, or other paddle craft, please join fellow St. John's members and friends on Labor Day, Monday, September 1 at 8:00 am as the Lutheran Armada launches from Fairfield Beach (Cedar Dr. & Lake Hills Dr., Burlington) for a morning paddle on Browns Lake, weather permitting. RSVP to Kim Edgington (262-492-8988).

Men's Bible Study Resumes: Gentlemen, please come, grow in faith, and enjoy the fellowship of your church brothers. Classes will begin again on Monday, Sept. 8 from 5:30—6:25 pm in the church meeting room.

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 the Apostle Paul from Max Lucado's book *Ten Men of the Bible*.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class: The Wednesday Morning Bible Class is studying the Old Testament book of Ezekiel. This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a Bible study 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.

Preschool Power Hour: Begins New Session! The first session of Preschool Power Hour is Wednesday, September 10 at 9:30 am in the church's meeting room. This is a fun-packed program designed for parents and children ages 18 months—4 years old. You'll enjoy a Bible lesson, music time and gym fun with other parents and tots. The cost is \$15 per family for the semester. Register in person or online at stjohnsburlington.org.

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. We currently have a family needing meals. Please use the <a href="mailto:link">link</a> for more information. Contact Meal Coordinator, Amber Johnson at 260-414-5392 or amberjohnson.marie@gmail.com with any questions.

SJB Teen Group: We are hoping to start up our Teen Group again! At this time we are considering meeting once a month throughout the upcoming school year. In order to gauge interest and get some additional ideas for it, we are asking all our St. John's Teens to please complete this survey. This is open to all students in 8-12 grade this school year. If you have questions, please speak to Pastor Rodrigue or Family Ministry Chairman, Tyler Petersen.

**SIB Active Military and College Students:** Are you or a family member currently serving away from home as a member of the military or currently attending college away from home? If so, we as a church family want to make sure we stay connected by regularly contacting encouraging all our members who are living away from home. In order to successfully do this, we need your help! Please fill out the appropriate information form (paper copies in the church entryway, but can also be made available online if needed). Return forms to the church office when completed. If you have question, please speak with Pastor Rodrigue. Thank you!

Sunday School & Nursery Care: Sunday School begins on September 7 for children grades PK3 (potty-trained)-8th grade. Students meet in the gym at 9:15 am then move to their classrooms; after class they are picked up in the gym at 10:15 am. Nursery care for ages 0-3 is available when Sunday School is taught. Let's make this a great year of growing in God's Word as families take part in worship services, Bible studies, Sunday School and nursery care! To register, please use this form (also located in the narthex).

<u>Daylilies Needed:</u> Do you have any daylilies that you are planning to divide or no longer want? We are looking to plant daylilies on the south side of St. John's school on September 27. If you have any to share, please contact Susan Musgrave at 262-210 -2957 by September 21.

Labor Day at Camp Oakridge: The Labor Day Campout at Camp Oakridge will be August 29 - September 1. All Camp Oakridge affiliated congregations are invited. Saturday, August 30 will feature a pig roast at 5:00 pm followed by a church service at 6:00 pm. No RSVP required. Come for the weekend or just come for a day!

Jesus Cares: Thursday, September 11 will be the first meeting time this season for the Jesus Cares Ministry, our outreach ministry for members of our church & community with developmental disabilities. They meet on the second and/or fourth Thursdays of the month, from 6:00—7:00 pm in the meeting room.

Message From WELS President: The synod convention, held in July at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN, made some important decisions. It adopted a new long-range strategic plan, setting the direction and focus of the synod for the next ten years. It adopted the ministry financial plan, which details how the synod will fund its various ministries. And it changed the way that elections for synod officers (president, vice presidents, and secretary) will be held in the future. Instead of the delegates current practice of nominating individuals for those offices at the synod convention, delegates will make those nominations several months prior to the convention. Once the ballot is established (based on the number of nominations), the ballot will be posted, giving delegates an opportunity to learn more about the nominees.

This convention also elected three new synod officers. Rev. Joel Voss of Resurrection, Centerville, OH, (who had been serving as the second vice president since 2009), was elected to a four-year term as the first vice president. Rev. John Bortulin of St. John, Mukwonago, WI, was elected to a two-year term as second vice president. Rev. Tyler Peil of Prince of Peace, Taylorsville, UT, was elected to a four-year term as recording secretary. Ending their time of service were Rev. James Huebner (first vice president) and Rev. Robert Pasbrig (recording secretary). We thank God for their faithful service and pray for God's blessings on those who were newly elected.

Serving with you in Christ, WELS President Mark Schroeder

Monday, August 25: Counting Team 2 Sunday, August 31—Usher Teams A & G Stream Team—Scott

# August Altar Guild: Terri Edmundson (767-7409) & Cathy Borchardt (758-3546)

Please call one of the women 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.

| Budget Update For Week 7 August 17, 2025 |                  |                  |                        |               |               |                            |                  |
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|  | Weekly<br>Actual | Weekly<br>Budget | Surplus<br>(Shortfall) | YTD<br>Actual | YTD<br>Budget | YTD Surplus<br>(Shortfall) | Annual<br>Budget |
| General<br>Offerings                     | 11,207           | 13,740           | (2,533)                | 84,656        | 100,320       | (15,664)                   | 715,000          |
| SLHS Expansion                           | 250              |                  |                        | 575           |               |                            |                  |
| Capital Projects                         | 960              |                  |                        | 3,720         |               |                            |                  |
| Unspent Funds for<br>Capital Projects    |                  |                  |                        | 64,309        |               |                            |                  |

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at our website
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mobile app
Vanco Mobile.

#### **How to Contact Your Staff**

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### 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