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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

September 7, 2025

THIRTEENTH 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.

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).

New Season for Choir: The Senior Choir has begun a new season of practices on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm. All confirmed members of the congregation are welcome to join the choir!

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, September 8 from 5:30—6:25 pm in the church meeting room.

<u>Women's Bible Study:</u> 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.

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.

Preschool Power Hour: The next 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.

<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.

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.

Rides Needed: There is a confirmed WELS member who is now attending Shepherds College in Union Grove. This student hopes to attend our 10:30 am worship services but needs a ride from the college to our church and back. If you are interested in helping this student, even occasionally, please speak with one of our pastors.

LWMS Fall Rally & Free Will Offering: The Women's Ministries will be collecting a door offering on September 7/8 & 14/15 for the Central Africa Medical Mission which is the focus for their upcoming Lutheran Women's Mission Society Fall Rally. Gary Evans, the stateside field director for CAMM, will be the speaker. The Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 4 at Peace Lutheran, Wilmot, WI.

<u>Shoreland "President's Pen":</u> 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 <u>electronic version here</u>.

SJB 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 and 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!

Midwest Regional Archery Camp: Registration is now open for this year's Lutheran Pioneer Archery Camp held at Pine Ridge Campground, Waldo, WI for all youth in 3rd-8th grade on September 26-28. You do not need to belong to the LP/LGP program to participate. Detailed information, costs and registration can all be found by visiting this link. Registration deadline is Sunday, September 14.

Old and New Services: Perhaps you have noticed that we are reintroducing to our worship a few of the services from our old, red hymnal (Christian Worship 1993). This fall our choir is also planning to introduce a new musical setting from the new, blue hymnal suite (Christian Worship 2021) called Setting 5. With these service settings, both old and new, we seek to glorify our Savior in worship!

Maintenance Reporting: The St. John's Property Board will utilize this system for reporting property / maintenance needs: when a need arises, St. John's members are asked to please fill out a maintenance form found on the small clipboard on the narthex tables; then place the form in the Property Board mailbox, located above the member mailboxes. Thank you!

Message From WELS President: This is the time of year when schools begin a new year. Parents have been shopping for school supplies and clothes, kids are saying goodbye to summer vacation, teachers are ready to put their summer preparation to work in the classroom.

This should be a time when all members of our WELS pause to reflect on the amazing blessings of our Lutheran schools. Our synod operates one of the largest private school systems in the country, operating 340 early childhood ministries, 276 elementary schools, and 30 area Lutheran high schools. In addition, we are blessed to have two synodical prep schools that prepare students for a

lifetime of service in the church, a college of ministry, a seminary, and a Lutheran college that prepares laypeople for Christian vocations. These schools serve nearly 48,000 students.

Our schools are a blessing because of what happens in them. They offer many of the things that public schools offer, but they also provide something that public schools can't: daily instruction in the truths of God's Word and classes that are taught from a biblical and Lutheran perspective. Our Lutheran schools certainly do not replace the vital and primary role that parents play in bringing up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord, but they do offer our children years in which the foundation laid in the home is built upon and supplemented. In our schools children grow in their faith and learn to know their Savior better.

WELS schools are also a blessing because of what they do for the students who eventually graduate from them. They produce young adults who are ready to enter a world in which they will live as children of God, serving him, serving others, and begin the salt and light that God intends them to be.

With WELS school enrollments experiencing significant growth over the past few years, we are facing the challenge of a shortage of qualified teachers. That situation is being addressed by a special task force, or "think tank," comprised of representatives from the WELS Commission on Lutheran Schools, Martin Luther College, area Lutheran high schools, elementary schools, and members of the Conference of Presidents. We ask for God's blessings on their work.

Serving with you in Christ, WELS President Mark Schroeder

Monday, September 8: Counting Team 4

Sunday, September 14: Usher Teams – C & F, Stream Team – Robert

September Altar Guild: Marsha Dauffenbach (763-2545) & Regena Bilitz (492-6230)

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.

| St. John's Sunday School & Bible Studies | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Sunday School (Starts in the gym then moves to the classrooms) | Adult Bible Class (Led by Pastor Lahmann in the Meeting Room) | Membership Class (Led by Pastor Rodrigue in the School STEM Room) | | | | | | |
| Sept. 7 | Jesus Appears in Galilee | Heirs Together: Christian Men & Women | New Life in Christ | | | | | | |
| Sept. 14 | Peter and John Heal a Man Who Can't Walk | Heirs Together: Christian Men & Women | New Life in Christ | | | | | | |

| Budget Update For Week 9 August 31, 2025 | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Weekly Actual | Weekly Budget | Surplus (Shortfall) | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | YTD Surplus (Shortfall) | Annual Budget | | |
| General Offerings | 12,489 | 13,740 | (1,251) | 108,025 | 127,800 | (19,775) | 715,000 | | |
| SLHS Expansion | 600 | | | 1,175 | | | | | |
| Capital Projects | 395 | | | 4,483 | | | | | |
| Unspent Funds for Capital Projects | | | | 64,309 | | | | | |

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"Online Giving"
at our website
or try the free
mobile app
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How to Contact Your Staff

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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

Worship Schedule

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am Mondays at 6:30 pm