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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 14, 2025

# FOURTEENTH 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). The adults are studying 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 meets at the same time. Blessings overflow when we make Bible study for our family a part of our Sunday morning routine.

Sunday School & Nursery Care: Sunday School for children grades PK3 (potty-trained)-8th grade is offered on Sunday mornings. We meet in the gym at 9:15 am then move to the 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!

<u>Chancel Flowers:</u> The flowers in the chancel today are given by Kim Wolter in remembrance of Kent & Judith Schneider's 68th wedding anniversary, celebrated on September 14.

It's a Girl! Congratulations to our third grade teacher, Mrs. Catherine Kuehl and her husband Joe! Abigail Ann Kuehl was born on Saturday, August 30. If you would like to send well wishes to the new parents, you can reach them at: Joe & Catherine Kuehl, 345 S. Creek Dr., Elkhorn, WI 53121.

New Season for Choir: The Senior Choir has begun a new season of practices on selected Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm. Next practice is September 17. All confirmed members of the congregation are welcome to join the choir!

Men's Bible Study: Gentlemen, please come, grow in faith, and enjoy the fellowship of your church brothers. Classes are held on Mondays, 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.

**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 <a href="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.</a>

New Family Ministry Team Opportunities: Do you like having fun, connecting with people, or organizing small events? We are looking to start up a FELLOWSHIP TEAM and we are looking for anyone who might be interested in helping! The opportunities are endless—service projects, fun activities, games, food, common interests, and so many more.

Not your average STEWARDSHIP TEAM...As part of the Stewardship Team, you'll help connect the needs and opportunities of our congregation with solutions. This is way more than just a financial task—this is our collective time, talents, and treasures. Examples: connecting member skills, volunteer encouragement, regular offering encouragement, possible grant writing, etc. The Lord has blessed SJB immensely and will continue to do so!

If you're interested in being a part of either team, please reach out to Tyler Petersen in person, by email (Family.Ministry@stjohnsburlington.org) or by phone (608-239-9185).

<u>Public School Catechism Class:</u> Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 16 in the church meeting room from 4:30-6:00 pm. These Catechism classes are for students in a public middle or high school who have not yet been confirmed. If you would like to enroll your child, please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors.

Help Needed to Plant Daylilies: Thank you to all who have offered to share daylilies for planting on the south side of the school! We are looking for help to plant them on September 27. Please contact Susan Musgrave at 262-210-2957 by September 26 if you can help.

<u>St. John's Women's Ministries:</u> The next meeting for the St. John's Women's Ministries group will be on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

LWMS Fall Rally & Free Will Offering: The Women's Ministries will be collecting a door offering on September 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.

Christian Family Solutions Presentation at St. John's: Join us on Tuesday, September 30 from 6:00-7:00 pm for *Shaping Responsible Behavior*, a presentation that looks at the benefits of responsible behavior shaped through tasks, discipline and service. Julie Straseske, from Christian Family Solutions, will be the presenter.

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!

**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.

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!

Shoreland Presentation: Shoreland's Youth Ministry will be hosting LIFT-ED (Living Integrated Faith Therapy), a program for parents and their teens to learn practical, timely strategies for maintaining daily wellness in spiritual, mental/emotional, physical and social areas. The presentation will be given by Christian Family Solutions counselor, Pastor Michael Helwig, on Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 pm (meal served at 6:00 pm) at Elan Events (720 58th St., Kenosha). Please email your rsvp to Pastor Laitinen (laitinenj@slhs.us).

Laudamus Chorale: The Laudamus Lutheran Chorale is back in session! They meet on Sunday evenings at Shoreland Lutheran HS from 5:30-7:00 pm beginning September 21. New singers are always welcome! The choir performs a variety of musical styles that are enjoyable and challenging. The Fall concert will be held on November 23.

Monday, September 15: Counting Team 1

Sunday, September 21: Usher Teams – D & G, Stream Team – Scott & Joel

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									
	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. 14	Peter and John Heal a Man Who Can't Walk	Heirs Together: Christian Men & Women	New Life in Christ						
Sept. 21	Peter and Cornelius	Heirs Together: Christian Men & Women	New Life in Christ						

Budget Update For Week 10 September 7, 2025										
	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget			
General Offerings	12,647	12,000	647	120,673	139,800	(19,127)	728,000			
SLHS Expansion	150			1,325						
Capital Projects	525			5,008						
Unspent Funds for Capital Projects				63,309						

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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