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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

October 19, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

<u>Member Death:</u> St. John's member, Judith Condrad, went home to heaven on October 11. Her funeral will be at Daniels Family Funeral Home, Burlington on October 21 at 1:00 pm with visitation beginning at 11:00 am.

Sunday Morning Schedule: After the special presentations on Utah mission work (October 19, Pastor Heiderich) and WELS history (October 26 and November 9, Pastor Prange), and the Coffee Hour Fellowship time on November 2, our Sunday Morning Bible Class will resume on November 16. In honor of the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, Pastor Rodrigue will teach *The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed* until Christmas break.

<u>Sunday School & Nursery Care:</u> 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!

Guest Preachers and Presentations: On October 19 & 20, we will celebrate a Mission Festival at St. John's. Pastor Dan Heiderich from Good News Lutheran Church in Lehi, Utah will be our guest preacher and presenter, speaking about mission work in Utah. His Sunday Morning Bible Class presentation on October 19 is called "Reaching Out to Those Who Don't Know How to Reach Back." On October 26 & 27, we will celebrate not only the Lutheran Reformation, but also the 175th anniversary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guest preacher will be former member of St. John's, Pastor Paul Prange. He will teach a two-part Bible class on the History of WELS between the Sunday services on October 26 and November 9. We will enjoy Coffee Hour Fellowship Time between the services on November 2.

Heirs Together Class, Continued: On October 12 we wrapped up the Heirs Together Bible class on the doctrine of man and woman. Audio recordings were made for five of the six classes (all but the first one). If you are interested in having those audio files to listen to on your own, please contact Pastor Lahmann. The class on October 12 concluded with specific examples of applications of the headship principle, but the discussion was cut short. If anyone wants to continue that discussion in a casual setting, Pastor Lahmann will host a round-table Q&A session on Sunday, November 2 between the services, during the Coffee Hour Fellowship Time, beginning at around 9:30 am.

<u>Fall Voters' Meeting:</u> The Fall Voters' Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 pm.

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: We meet on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 pm in the church meeting room to read *In God's Orchard, Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-filled Life,* a study of Galatians 5:22-23, written especially for women. Each lesson emphasizes the truth that roots sunk deeply into God's Word will yield a harvest. Won't you join?

<u>Forward in Christ Subscription:</u> The Forward in Christ Magazine Subscription renewal envelopes are in your offering envelope boxes. If you would like to renew your subscription for 2026 or would like to begin a new subscription please use the envelope provided by the end of November.

<u>Thank You!</u>: Thank you to all who donated empty pill bottles for the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM). They will be packaged to be sent to Africa with the help of a Thrivent charitable gift card covering the shipping costs.

Women's Ministries Collection: For the month of November, Women's Ministries will again be collecting Christmas wish list items to assemble 75 gift boxes for the Lighthouse Youth Center. This is a WELS supported ministry serving ages 10-18 youths in inner city Milwaukee. This ministry operates an after school program during the academic year and has extended hours for summer programs. You can pick up a flyer in the church entryway with a list of suggested items to donate. Cash donations can be placed in the box located by the display or given to Karen Bird or Regena Bilitz.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month: Northwestern Publishing House (nph.net) makes it easy to show our appreciation to our pastors during October. Gift cards or other items are a great way to give back to our pastors this fall. Other ways to show support could include gift cards for local stores and restaurants, food or meals, gifting of services such as lawn care, notes or personal conversations of support and encouragement. Our pastors will welcome the support we show for their ministry!

Trunk or Treat at St. John's: The 10th annual Trunk or Treat event will be Friday, October 31 from 5:00-6:30 pm. We will be parking cars around 4:30 pm. We would love to see you at this outreach event and would appreciate your help in making it a success. We would like decorated vehicles (interactive and unique is encouraged, but not mandatory) and people to pass out candy and treats. If you would like to help with donations of candy, water and other non-food treats, please use this link to sign up. Please bring donations to the meeting room (marked for Trunk or Treat) by October 27. If you have questions about our outreach ministry, please contact Ministry Chairman, Will Meinke outreach@stjohnsburlington.org.

Eat Out Night at Super Tacos Moy: Eat Out Night at Super Tacos Moy (140 W. Chestnut St., Burlington) will be Thursday, October 23 from 11:00 am—8:00 pm. Super Tacos Moy will donate 15% of sales to St. John's Lutheran School when you present the coupon with your order. Coupons can be found in the church entryway.

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.

<u>Jesus Cares:</u> Thursday, October 23 will be the next meeting time 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.

Preschool Power Hour: The next session of Preschool Power Hour is Wednesday, October 22 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.

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers Meeting: All boys & girls in 2nd -8th grade are invited to join Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers. The next meeting will be October 21 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Both groups meet in church for a group devotion before their meetings.

<u>Meditations:</u> The newest edition of the Meditations (November-February) is now available on the brick ledge in the church entryway. A suggested donation of \$3.00 can be placed in the drop box by the Meditations.

Band and Orchestra Concert at Shoreland: Shoreland Lutheran High School and our Junior Pacer Music Program will present their concert on Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in the gym. Come hear the Concert Band, Chamber Orchestra, Junior Pacer Orchestra, and Junior Pacer Band present a mix of music from both high school and grade school participants.

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. Families with teens should have received an email this week from Pastor Rodrigue with this survey. If not, copies are available in the church entryway. 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.

<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>.

Shoreland Veteran's Day Ceremony: Shoreland will again be hosting its annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11 at 2:15 pm in the school gymnasium. This year's guest speaker will be SLHS parent and retired Navy Veteran, Jeremy Krusemark. Please RSVP to Amber Wasurick (wasuricka@slhs.us; 262-859-2595).

Shoreland Open House: Whether you're just starting to explore high school options or are ready to take the next step, there's no better way to get to know us than to visit in person! At Shoreland's Open House on Wednesday, November 12 from 5:00-7:00 pm, you can meet the teachers and coaches, tour the campus, learn about academics, fine arts, athletics and student life and discover why Shoreland is ranked the #1 private high school in Kenosha County. Register here.

Women's Bible Study at Trinity, Caledonia: Trinity Lutheran Church (7900 Nicholson Rd., Caledonia) will be hosting *The Ms. Soulcialite Event* on Saturday, November 15 beginning at 9:00 am. The day begins with a meet and greet with a free coffee bar, a song and study worship service and free lunch, crafts, games and door prizes. No rsvp necessary.

Monday, October 20: Counting Team 2

Sunday, October 26: Usher Teams – D & F, Stream Team – Nigel

October Altar Guild: Katie Patterson (989-8432), Karen Bird (492-7321) & Chris Voss (492-2817)

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)						
Oct. 19	The Jerusalem Council	Reaching Out to Those Who Don't Know How to Reach Back-Rev. Dan Heiderich	New Life in Christ						
Oct. 26	Lydia is Baptized	WELS History-Rev. Paul Prange	New Life in Christ						

Budget Update For Week 15 October 12, 2025										
	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget			
General Offerings	12,788	13,625	(837)	180,983	203,050	(22,067)	728,000			
SLHS Expansion	50			1,875						
Capital Projects	380			9,078						
Unspent Funds for Capital Projects				64,309						

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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