



St. John's Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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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 26, 2025

REFORMATION DAY

Call Received:

Dear Members & Families of St. John's Lutheran Church & School,

I am writing to inform you that I have received a divine call from Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers, WI to serve as a teacher in the Science department to teach Physical Science and Earth & Space. I would ask that you keep my family and me in your prayers as we deliberate on this call as well as the ministry that I have been called to at St. John's.

Over the next few weeks, I would greatly appreciate your thoughts, input, and prayers about where I may best use my gifts and abilities to serve and glorify our Lord. Deliberating on a call is a humbling experience, and I am confident that God will use this to further carry out the work of his kingdom.

Your Servant in Christ, Gabe Malliet

Sunday Morning Schedule: After the special presentation on 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.

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!

Guest Preacher and Presentation: 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.

Forward in Christ Subscription: 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.

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.

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?

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.

Staff Updates: Welcomes and Goodbyes! We extend our deepest gratitude to our wonderful 3rd grade substitute teachers, Mrs. Wiedoff and Mrs. Georgson. We are incredibly thankful for your dedication and the excellent care you provided to our students. You will be missed! We are also thrilled to welcome back Mrs. Kuehl from maternity leave on Monday, October 27. We are so excited to have her return to the 3rd grade classroom. Mrs. Weber has decided to depart from her role as our bookkeeper. We want to sincerely thank her for her years of dedicated service to St. John's, recognizing her time not only managing financials and the WI School Choice Program, but also her work as our school secretary. Please join us in wishing her well as she begins this new chapter.

Daylight Saving Ends: Daylight Savings ends next Sunday, November 2. Make sure to “fall back” by turning your clocks back one hour.

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 Outreach Ministry Chairman, Will Meinke at outreach@stjohnsburlington.org.

WELS 175th Anniversary Flyer: Check out your church mailbox for a special WELS 175th Anniversary flyer regarding an anniversary offering to give thanks for the blessings of our history and to support the goals set for our future!

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.

No School: There will be no school on Thursday, October 30 and Friday, October 31 due to a Teacher’s Conference.

Meditations: 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.

Veteran’s Day Luncheon: St. John’s School will host a Veteran’s Day Luncheon in the gym on Tuesday, November 11 from 11:30-12:15 pm. Please RSVP using [this form](#) by Friday, October 31 if you plan on attending. Hope to see you there, and thank you, veterans, for your service!

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).

Monday, October 27: Counting Team 3
Sunday, November 2: Usher Teams—E & G, Stream Team—Tom & Dan
November Altar Guild: Laurie Jensen (763-3471) & Sue Scriver (939-5461)
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. 26	Lydia is Baptized	WELS History-Rev. Paul Prange	New Life in Christ
Nov. 2		COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP	

Budget Update For Week 16 October 19, 2025

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	11,239	13,625	(2,386)	192,222	216,675	(24,453)	728,000
SLHS Expansion	50			1,925			
Capital Projects	550			9,628			
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