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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

November 2, 2025 All Saints Day

Call Received:

Dear members, friends, and school families of St. John's,

The Lord Jesus calls ministers to serve him and his people. He does this through congregations or schools seeking a minister to serve them. This happened to me this past week. St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Nebraska called me to serve them as one of their pastors. I ask for your input as I consider whether to transition ministry service to Plymouth or to remain serving you here in Burlington. The proclamation of the Gospel is what matters most. I pray for wisdom from the Lord to understand where he would use me to proclaim his Gospel

Humbled and blessed, Pastor Kirk Lahmann

<u>Sunday Morning Schedule:</u> We will enjoy 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!

<u>Special Presentation:</u> Our guest presenter will be former member of St. John's, Pastor Paul Prange. He will teach the second of a two-part Bible class on the History of WELS between the Sunday services on November 9. We will enjoy Coffee Hour Fellowship Time between the services on November 2.

<u>WELS 175th Anniversary Flyer:</u> 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!

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.

Preschool Power Hour: The next session of Preschool Power Hour is Wednesday, November 5 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.

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.

WELSSA Teams: St. John's is beginning its WELSSA (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation) self-study process, which helps our school evaluate our ministry and strive for continuous improvement in all areas of education and faith development. We are looking for people who are willing to serve on a WELSSA team to help review and analyze specific standards such as curriculum, communication, facilities, and school mission. Your input and perspective is valuable as we reflect on what we do well and where we can grow. If you are interested in serving on a team or learning more about the process, please contact the principal or visit this link.

<u>Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers Meeting:</u> All boys & girls in 2nd-8th grade are invited to join Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers. The next meeting will be November 4 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Both groups meet in church for a group devotion before their meetings.

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?

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.

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!

Tour of Germany: You are invited to join retired pastor Eugene Kock, who will be hosting a 12 day tour of Germany April 20-May 1, 2026. The tour will focus on sites of the Reformation and will include visits to Wittenberg, Worms, Wartburg, Eisleben and Erfurt. Other non-religious sites are also included, along with an optional three day extension to Munich, Oberammergau, and Neushwanstin Castle. For more information contact Eugene Kock (pastorkock@yahoo.com)

Shoreland Veteran's Day Ceremony: Shoreland will host 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).

Employment Opportunity at St. Paul's, East Troy: St. Paul's Lutheran School in East Troy is looking for a school secretary beginning with the 2026-27 school year with paid training available now through the end of this school year. Please contact Principal Ken White (262-441-1582) if interested.

Monday, November 3: Counting Team 4

Sunday, November 9: Usher Teams—A & H, Stream Team—Chris & Robert 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)						
Nov. 2			COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP							
Nov. 9	Paul Preaches in Athens		WELS History-Rev. Paul Prange	New Life in Christ						

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