



# 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*

**March 1, 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **Call Returned:**

*Dear Member of St. John's,*

*I would first like to express my thanks for the confidence you placed in me by extending the call to teach 6th grade next year.*

*This particular call was especially humbling and very different from any other I have received in the past because this call was to serve full-time at the church and school where I grew up and where I call home.*

*After much prayerful deliberation of where I can best serve God and His people, I have been led to return the call and continue my service at St. John's, Mukwonago.*

*I am confident that our good and gracious God will provide the exact right person at the exact right time to serve His people at St. John's.*

*My prayers for the work being done at St. John's will continue and I know that God will continue to bless that work as we strive to do all to His glory.*

*In His service, Vicki Jensen*

**Wednesdays in Lent:** The prophet Zechariah records several profound and specific prophecies regarding Jesus' Holy Week activity, including his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal, and his suffering and death, culminating in his cry from the cross, "It is finished!" This year's midweek Lenten series, "It Is Finished: The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah," explores those prophecies and connects them to their Holy Week fulfillment. Join us for worship these Wednesdays in Lent at 3:30pm or 6:30pm as we see our Kingly Priest (Zech 6) sold (Zech 11), pierced (Zech 12), and struck for us, his scattered sheep (Zech 13). The schedule of preachers is: Pastor Lahmann (Feb 25); Pastor Rodrigue (March 4); Pastor Kuschel from First, Elkhorn (March 11); Retired Pastor Frey from First, Lake Geneva (March 18); and Pastor Bartelt from First, Lake Geneva (March 25).

**New Sunday Bible Study:** Please join us in Sunday Morning Bible Study for the jam-packed second half of Paul's Letter to the Romans! Last spring, we studied the first half in a class titled "Recipients of Righteousness." This spring, we get to finish the thought: "Saved by God's Triumphant Grace." Throughout this entire letter, we see over and over that all God's people are "recipients of righteousness saved by God's triumphant grace." We look forward to exploring together why this is such wonderful news for us all—see you there!

**Coffee Hour & Fellowship Time:** This year we will enjoy a few Sundays of Coffee Hour and fellowship time between the services (9:15-10:15 am). It is good for God's people, adults and children, to spend time together in fellowship. So as you make plans to attend Bible class, please also come to the potluck-style Coffee Hours. Bring morning snacks or drinks to share, and enjoy the company of your fellow Christians during the Bible Class hour. Schedules are posted at church. **Our next Coffee Hour will be Sunday, March 8.**

**WELS Annual Report:** Copies of the WELS Annual Report are available on the kiosk in the narthex.

**Winter Voters' Meeting:** This year's Winter Voters' Meeting will be held at church on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 pm. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. All the Council reports and agenda items will be addressed at this meeting. A packet of reports with the meeting agenda will be available in the narthex in advance of the meeting. Please make plans to attend the meeting.

**Nominations Requested:** Nomination forms have been placed into each household's church mailbox for congregational and Church Council offices. Please consider whom you wish to represent you in these various leadership positions and submit names of individuals you would suggest. The Elder Board will contact the nominees to determine their willingness to serve and will report back to the congregation. Each household will have the opportunity to express a preference for a candidate for each office. The actual election will be held at the Spring Voters' Assembly meeting in May or June. Prayerfully consider who can help lead and serve our congregation in the future.

**Finance Ministry Nominations:** In addition to the positions listed on the nomination form, please also submit names for the position of Finance Ministry Team Leader. That position is currently vacant, and the Council hopes to elect a candidate to finish the term, which ends in June 2027. Simply write your nominations for this position on the back of the nomination form and return them by the due date of March 16.

**Leadership Conference Follow-up:** In January, several members of St. John's attended the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership on behalf of the congregation. That team put together a full report, and copies of that report are available to all members on the tables in the narthex. At the end of the report is a summary page listing specific recommendations for enhancing our congregation's ministry. Please read through the report and consider how you can participate in furthering the Gospel here at St. John's.

**Lenten Meals:** We hope you'll join us at our upcoming Wednesday evening Lenten services at 3:30 & 6:30 pm. We know these times make mealtime tricky, so we would like to offer meals onsite between the services beginning at 4:30 pm. **We still need two hosts for our meal offerings for March 11 and March 18.** If you are interested in hosting a meal, please reach out to Tyler Petersen at [familyministry@stjohnsburlington.org](mailto:familyministry@stjohnsburlington.org).

**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. **Please note there will be no class on Wednesday, March 4.**

**Grandparents Day:** Grandparents Day will be Friday, March 6. Join your grandchild(ren) for chapel at 8:00 am, enjoy light refreshments and a presentation after, then visit your student's classroom for a fun "escape room" challenge and finish the day with lunch and recess with the kids. Please call the school office to RSVP.

**Door Offering & LWMS Spring Rally:** The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally will be hosted here at St. John's on Saturday, March 14. Registration begins at 8:30 am; devotion begins at 9:00 am. Guest speaker will be Pastor Bramdeo Ramgolam, formerly from Trinity Lutheran, St. Lucia and now at Lord and Savior, Crystal Lake, IL.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Class:** We are currently studying Romans and invite you to join us. We meet Wednesdays, 9:45-11:00 am, in the church meeting room or in the school STEM room. Please reach out to Pastor Lahmann with any questions.

**Men's Bible Study:** Gentlemen, please come, grow in faith, and enjoy the fellowship of your church brothers. Classes are held Monday evenings from 5:30–6:25 pm in the church meeting room.

**2026-2027 School Enrollment:** Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year at St. John's is now open. If you know of any prospects who might be interested in our school, they can visit this [link](#) for more information.

**Preschool Power Hour:** The next session of Preschool Power Hour is Wednesday, March 4 at 9:30 am in the church 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](#).

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Easter Egg Hunt, for children age two through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, will be held outdoors on Saturday, April 4 at 10 am here at St. John's. **Donations of individually wrapped candy, fruit snacks, small toys, and small stuffed animals or monetary donations are appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the collection box in the church meeting room or the church office until Thursday, April 2.** Contact Sam Meinke [smeinke@stjohnsburlington.org](mailto:smeinke@stjohnsburlington.org) with any questions.

**Food Pantry:** Is your grocery cart holding less than you would like? Zion Lutheran Church in Bristol wants to help. They open their food pantry to the public on the third Saturday of every month from 10:00am-noon.

**SPICE Rummage Sale:** Itching to do a bit of spring cleaning? Go ahead and purge, but hold onto those boxes and bins for just a bit longer. SPICE will host its fifth annual rummage sale June 3-6 in the school gym. Starting in May, donations can be dropped off on the gym stage. Volunteers will be needed for the event.

**Registration for Shoreland Lutheran High School:** Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. If you are interested in your child attending Shoreland, please visit [slhs.us](#) (admissions tab) for an application.

**Shoreland Dinner Auction:** Tickets are now available for sale for this year's fundraiser dinner auction held on Saturday, April 11. The dinner will feature a Kentucky Derby theme and will also celebrate the induction of three new members into the SLHS Hall of Fame. Visit [slhs.us/derbyday](#) to secure your spot.

**Monday, March 2 : Counting Team 1**

**Wednesday Lenten Service, March 4: Usher Teams I & H; Sunday, March 8: Usher Teams D & G**

**March 8 Stream Team—Chris & Robert**

**March 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 Rodrigue in the Meeting Room)	Membership Class (Led by Pastor Lahmann in the School STEM Room)
March 1	Fiery Directions-Moses	Letter to the Romans	New Life in Christ
March 8		<b>COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP</b>	

### Budget Update For Week 34 February 22, 2026

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	10,389	13,500	(3,111)	494,199	480,300	13,899	728,000
SLHS Expansion	135			25,050			
Capital Projects	370			33,491			
Unspent Funds for Capital Projects				121,625			

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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