



# 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 8, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **Call Received:**

*Dear Members of St. John's, Burlington,*

*On Tuesday, March 3rd, your leadership issued me a divine call to serve your children, families, and congregation. The call entails 5th-grade homeroom, science, and possible other opportunities for the school. As I learn more about your ministry over the next couple of days/weeks, I graciously ask for your thoughts and prayers as I begin deliberating this call and the call I currently serve here at Neenah Lutheran.*

*Your brother in Christ, Tyler Tesch*

### **Call Received:**

*Dear Member of St. John's Lutheran Church,*

*Earlier this week, the voters of your congregation, through the work of the Holy Spirit, extended a divine call to me to serve as your sixth grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. I am humbled by this opportunity and excited to learn more about St. John's and its ministry. In the coming weeks, as my family and I prayerfully consider how I may best serve in His kingdom, I will be praying for you, the members of St. John's, and I humbly request your prayers as well. I trust our good and gracious God to guide and bless this decision as He continues to fulfill His promise to work out all things for the good of His people.*

*In His Service, Samantha O'Connell*

### **Call Returned:**

*Dear Members of St. John's,*

*Over the last few weeks I enjoyed the many conversations I had from the staff and members at St. John's. It was great to hear how your ministry is going and the work that God is doing there in Burlington. God has blessed you with an increase of students over the last few years and the ability to start having one teacher for each grade. This deliberation was also a good time for me to review what my strengths and weakness are. It was also good to think where is there a greater need in God's kingdom?*

*After prayerful consideration I want to inform you that I'm returning your call to be the 5th grade teacher. Even though I can see the benefits of your school, the Holy Spirit has led me to see that there is a greater need right now at Trinity in Jenera. This was not an easy decision to make but do know that God knows exactly who will be your next 5th grade teacher. I will be keeping your school and church in my prayers as you call someone for 5th grade. I will rejoice with you when that person comes to your school.*

*Your brother in Christ, Sam Evans*

**March 8—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.

**Spring Break Office Hours:** The church and school offices will be open limited hours during spring break, March 9-13. Regular hours will resume Monday, March 16.

### **Winter Voters' Meeting Summary:**

The Winter Voters' Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 3. 20 voting members and four guests attended. Reports from the Ministry and Board team leaders were reviewed and questions answered. The voters renewed the one-year provisional calls from Beth Malliet (2nd Grade) and Catherine Kuehl (3rd Grade). Dan Borchardt accepted the appointment to be the Finance Ministry Team Leader through the end of the 2025-26 fiscal year and the voters ratified it by ballot. A Finance Ministry Team has been assembled and are working with the Boards and Ministry Teams to prepare a budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Two additional teacher calls were also discussed and balloted. Mr. Tyler Tesch was extended a permanent call to teach 5th Grade and Mrs. Samantha O'Connell was extended a one-year provisional call to teach 6th Grade. Subsequent to the meeting, Beth Malliet and Catherine Kuehl accepted their one-year provisional calls to teach 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade respectively.

### **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 Kuschel from First, Elkhorn (March 11); Retired Pastor Frey from First, Lake Geneva (March 18); and Pastor Bartelt from First, Lake Geneva (March 25).

### **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!

### **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.

### **Jesus Cares:**

Thursday, March 12 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.

### **WELS Annual Report:**

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

**Prayer Vigil & Volunteers Needed:** In recognition of Christ's suffering and agony in the garden of Gethsemane, St. John's will be open for prayer and meditation for all its members and the public for 16 hours of prayer from 8pm beginning Maundy Thursday until noon on Good Friday. Someone will be at the church throughout this time to assist you. A suggested list of topics for prayer will be available. Come whenever you want and stay as long as you like. Prayer can be done individually or quietly in a small group. On each hour, the bell will toll and a reading will follow. Come use this time to spend with your Lord.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as sextons during the Prayer Vigil. Responsibilities include reading a prepared passage, prayer, psalm and hymn; watching over the sanctuary during your time; answering questions; and supplying prepared materials for worshippers. Please use the signup sheet in the church narthex. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Lahmann.

**LAST WEEK—Nominations Requested:** Please consider whom you wish to represent you in these various leadership positions and submit names of individuals you would suggest on the nomination form that was put in your church mailbox. The Elder Board will contact the nominees to determine their willingness to serve and will report back to the congregation. The actual election will be held at the Spring Voters' Assembly meeting in May or June.

**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.

**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 meeting room.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Monday, March 9 : Counting Team 2**

**Wednesday Lenten Service, March 11: Usher Teams I & F; Sunday, March 15: Usher Teams E & H**

**March 15 Stream Team—Joel**

**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 8		COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP	
March 15	The Egypt Exit-Exodus	Letter to the Romans	New Life in Christ

### Budget Update For Week 35 March 1, 2026

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	13,268	12,600	668	507,467	492,900	14,567	728,000
SLHS Expansion	435			25,485			
Capital Projects	625			34,116			
Unspent Funds for Capital Projects				122,250			

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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