



St. John's Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

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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 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Call Received:

Dear Members of St. John's,

Greetings to you in Jesus. With this letter I am acknowledging that I received a call to serve at St. John Lutheran School in Peshtigo, WI, as the 3rd-5th grade teacher.

I now turn my heart to God in prayer and seek counsel from Christian brothers and sisters as I deliberate between the call to St. John, Peshtigo, and my call to St. John's, Burlington. I ask for your prayers and welcome any conversations you wish to have with me. I ask that you keep not only me in your prayers, but also the ministries of St. John's, Burlington and St. John, Peshtigo.

Your servant in Christ, Timothy Sonntag

Listen to Your Favorite Hymns: Do you love the hymns we sing at St. John's? Would you like to listen to our hymns outside of church? Now you can! Our Stream Team has started a Favorite Hymns playlist on our St. John's YouTube Channel with new hymns being added periodically. From the channel, simply click "playlists", then "Favorite Hymns" or use this [link](#). Enjoy!

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 remaining schedule of preachers is: 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!

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

Pioneers Anniversary Celebration: The 75th anniversary of Lutheran Pioneers will be celebrated on Sunday, October 10 here at St. John's (Train 1), the founding congregation. The afternoon will include a worship service, catered meal, and anniversary program. Pioneer guests from all over the country will attend. Mark your calendars and plan to come! The Lutheran Pioneers Board of Directors is asking members of St. John's to form a "Home Team" for the event — a group of people who love Pioneers and are willing to prepare the building, clean up after the event, gather together Train #1 archives and other memorabilia, and be onsite to assist with the celebration. If you are willing to assist on this "Home Team", please speak with Pastor Lahmann.

75th Anniversary Lutheran Pioneers International Pine Car Derby: All boys from all Pioneer trains are invited to the 2026 International Pine Car Derby on Saturday, April 11 at St. John's, Watertown. In honor of the 75th anniversary, all adults and Pioneer alumni are also invited to compete with either a new car or a car from their youth. Adults must attend the race to compete, however, current Pioneers up through 12th grade may choose to ship their cars to the race and are not required to race in person. For more information visit lutheranpioneers.org/events.

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.

Preschool Power Hour: The next session of Preschool Power Hour is Wednesday, March 18 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.

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.

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.

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 2nd 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 with any questions.

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 16 : Counting Team 3

Wednesday Lenten Service, March 18: Usher Teams I & G; Sunday, March 22: Usher Teams A & F

March 22 Stream Team—Nigel

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 15	The Egypt Exit-Exodus	Letter to the Romans	New Life in Christ
March 22	A Loving Law—Ten Commandments	Letter to the Romans	New Life in Christ

Budget Update For Week 36 March 8, 2026

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	14,760	12,600	2,160	522,127	505,500	16,627	728,000
SLHS Expansion	1,230			26,715			
Capital Projects	320			34,436			
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