

# August 2017

## Pastors Message

To the Saints of St. Johns:

Our Ministry Planning Team has identified "Faith Formation for All Ages" as one of our focal points for the next several years. *How do we form faith?* We do that in some of the usual ways, with Christian Education and Confirmation and Youth Group. *And, no surprise: Each of those only happens with the help of leaders who teach and mentor and care and dare to grow with our young people!* Can you answer the call to teach or team-teach Sunday School this fall? Could you be a Confirmation Guide on Wednesday evenings? Would you step up and be part of our Youth Ministry Team?

*The other piece of this "Faith Formation" is the all ages part! We do want to help shape and form our young people. But us grown-ups are being shaped and formed too, and our usefulness to Christ and to the world depends on us growing in prayer, growing in our love for God's Word, growing in worship, and in service. *We'll need some new ideas and efforts to get all of us on board for this Faith Formation journey. What can you picture yourself participating in? Leading? Learning? Doing?**

One great option in our Greater Milwaukee Synod is the *Diakonia* program (Greek word for 'service'). This is a 2-year training for lay persons, with five 5-session classes each year on things like Old/New Testament basics, Church History, Christian Ethics, Proclaiming the Word, Visitation/Caring Ministries. You can Google *Diakonia* and that will direct you to the website. You can also talk with Darlene Wanta-a graduate of the program, or myself-since I teach in the program!

Grace and peace in these days of summer! -Pastor Paul#

**Sunday School** (8:30-9:20) starts Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. The Education team wants **YOU** to consider teaching Sunday school for the 2017-2018 school year! It is a great way to participate in your church and to show our kids how to give back. No teaching experience needed! Talk to Staci Bohling if you're interested! [stacibohling@gmail.com](mailto:stacibohling@gmail.com)

**Confirmation Class** starts Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor is also looking for adult and high school guides' to lead small groups in class.



## Upcoming Events

Summer Day Camp – August 9

Campfire Worship – August 16

Summer Fun Night – August 21

## Updates

### +YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 93,540

Expenses: \$ 98,792

### +YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 60,730

Expenses: \$ 60,947

### +YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 8,355 ; Goal for 2017: \$15,000;

### +YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 4,098 ; Goal for 2017: \$6,000.

### +YTD Average Attendance:

181/week; 2016:197/week

*Summer is when attendance and offerings are down. Thank you for making sure your offerings are here, even when you can't be!*

## Campfire Worship

Wednesday, August 16 is our next campfire worship. Join us at 7:30 for a 30 minute camp-style worship, rain or shine! Bring a friend!

## Lunch Bunch

Join our Lunch Bunch one weekday per month for a video or speaker, some fellowship time and a simple lunch. Our next lunch bunch day is August 24<sup>th</sup> with a program at 11:00 and lunch at noon. Bring a guest!

## New Prison Ministry in our Greater Milwaukee Synod

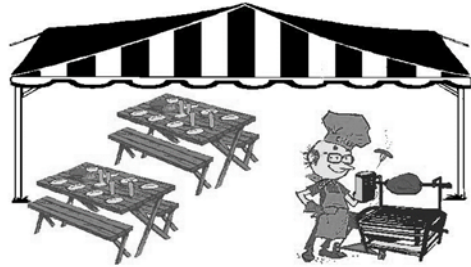
"Breaking the Chains" Ministry is holding Bible studies and Worship at the Felmers Chaney Correction Facility in Milwaukee. (This is the last stop for many local prisoners who are finishing their sentences and re-entering the community.) This ministry needs sponsors who can give a one-time or monthly gift of support. While we as a congregation are reviewing how to support our various partners in ministry, can any of you step up to help?

## Join Us for Some Summer Fun!

**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-8:30 pm** we'll have a Summer Fun and BBQ Night at Ackerman's Grove County Park. (4875 County Hwy Z, West Bend)

Grills will be provided for you to grill your dinner.

Bring your swimsuits for swimming and kayaking, nets and buckets for some frog catching, and a friend for a fun-filled night of fellowship! Everyone is welcome!



## Noisy Offerings

Noisy offerings for July through September will be shared with Ulong'a Parish in Tanzania. Ulong'a Parish is our sister parish in the Meru Diocese. It's located on the western slopes of Mt. Meru and consists mostly of small subsistence farmers who grow coffee, corn, and beans. We'll have items to purchase on the bulletin board as well as Mt. Meru coffee to purchase.



## Church Packer Tailgating Event & Sunday School Rally Day

This year we have decided to combine our picnic and Sunday school Rally Day on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The 10<sup>th</sup> is the first regular season game for the Packers so this year we will have a Packer Tailgating Event. We will get together **Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm to start planning**. Call or email Wendy Wolf if you are interested (677-3176) or [officestjohns@nconnect.net](mailto:officestjohns@nconnect.net).

## God's Work, Our Hands

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the day to get involved in this year's God's Work, Our Hands day of service. "God's work. Our hands." Is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. "God's work. Our hands." day of service provides us a chance to serve our neighbors in new ways and with new partners. It also provides an opportunity to gain new insights, to be renewed in faith and to gain fresh strength for serving in all our daily callings. See the enclosed brochure for more information on how to volunteer! *Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. 1 Peter 4:10*

## 20% to Our Goal of 300 LWR Care Kits!

We are about 20% to our Lutheran World Relief personal care kits goal! Thank you to everyone who has donated so far! Ruth Circle would like to meet the goal of 300 care kits by October. This is a great time to use your Kohl's cash and rewards to buy towels or check out the \$2.50 towels at Walmart! Ruth Circle will also take cash donations and they'll do all the shopping! Kits contain bar soap, nail clipper, and sturdy comb all wrapped in a bath towel. You can bring all items or just one item. Project Promise Personal Care Kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap.





## Back to School Fair – School Supplies Drive

We will be collecting school supplies for children in Washington County that don't have the means to purchase supplies. Through community partners initiative, (Family Promise, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, United Way and Salvation Army) we will help over 750 children go back to school with supplies! Items needed: colored pencils, folders, glue, large boxes of Kleenex, pencils, pens (black & blue), pink pearl erasers, rulers, and zip lock bags (any size). Place your supplies in the bus bin near the food pantry!

## Giving Options

St. John's wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

**Give+ Mobile** – A simple, convenient, secure way to donate from your mobile phone! Download the "GivePlus Church" app to create your account! Directions are located in the Gathering Space.

**Automatic Withdrawal** – Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Authorization forms can be picked up in the church office.

**St. John's Website** – Visit our website [www.stjohnsjackson.net](http://www.stjohnsjackson.net) and click on donate at the top of the main page. You can donate through Paypal or with a credit or debit card.

**Automatic Check from your Bank** – Visit your bank and setup up an automatic check from your bank to St. John's each month.

## West Bend Germanfest

St. John's has been invited to become part of West Bend Germanfest, now under the direction of Habitat for Humanity of Washington and Dodge Counties. Their goal is to raise enough money during this weekend in August to build an entire Habitat home. Germanfest will be held Thursday, August 24 – Sunday, August 27. It will include award winning polka and other bands, delectable German desserts, root beer floats, souvenirs, a Sheepsheads tournament and Kinderzone area for children.



Volunteers are needed to: setup and take down, serve food and beverages, sell souvenirs & raffle tickets. We can sign up to work together or individual volunteers are also needed. All the signups are online at <http://westbendgermanfest.com>. Let's team up for this great community event!

## Plant Caretaker Wanted!

We have been blessed by the care that Viola and Ray Fischer have given to our plants for over 20 years. Thank you for your time and for sharing your green thumb! We are looking for someone to take over caring for all our plants inside church. Please talk to Pastor or Wendy Wolf if you're interested!

## Called to Serve

### Readers

#### (8:00 Service)

8/6 George Liberatore  
8/13 Kassidy Bohling  
8/20 Pete Kutzora  
8/27 Sherri Schwefel

#### (9:45 Service)

8/6 Pam Adams  
8/13 Jim Meyers  
8/20 Lindsey Stern  
8/27 Susan Heidtke

### Ushers

#### (8:00 Service)

8/6 Megan Olafsson, Joel Heidtke

#### (9:45 Service)

8/6 Scott Adams, Keith Heidtke

8/13 Scott Novotny, Irv Brandt  
8/20 Kassidy Bohling, Ben Brandt  
8/27 George Liberatore, Luke Muller

8/13 Dick Uhlig, Jim Kurtz  
8/20 Gus Blank, Judy Henrichs  
8/27 Karen & Peter Uhlig

### Communion Assistants

#### (8:00 Service)

8/6 Laura Bartelt, Mary Bukovic  
8/20 Amanda Reinemann, Jackson Liberatore

#### (9:45 Service)

8/6 Gary & Kathy Zirtzlaff  
8/20 Holden Blank, Lindsey Stern

### Greeters

#### (8:00 Service)

8/6 Joel & Wendy Wolf  
8/13 Skip & Laura Bartelt  
8/20 Darleen & Gerald Wanta  
8/27 Bob & Sandy Bernau

#### (9:45 Service)

8/6 Joel & Wendy Wolf  
8/13 Skip & Laura Bartelt  
8/20 Gale Loehrl, Linda Susnik  
8/27 Gary & Sue Kielisch



## August Anniversaries

Aug 4 Don & Erma Meyerpeter – 55 years  
Aug 6 Ray & Viola Fischer – 62 years  
Aug 9 Jason & Janelle Lisko – 10 years  
Aug 12 Joel & Wendy Heidtke – 28 years  
Kevin & Mary Bukovic – 22 years  
Aug 19 Eric & Justine Goodman – 6 years  
Aug 20 Jim & Joann Kurtz – 51 years  
John & Patti Repinski - 18 years  
Aug 21 Steve & Judy Henrichs – 35 years  
Aug 22 Don & Cindy Driebel - 30 years  
Aug 24 Alan & Charlotte Schweiger – 5 years  
Aug 26 Joel & Wendy Wolf – 28 years  
Aug 27 Ryan & Kimberly Byrne – 12 years  
Aug 28 Garry & Shelly Basing – 41 years  
Jim & Sherri Schwefel - 24 years  
Don & Dawn Artz – 24 years  
Greg & Amy Canard – 17 years  
Aug 31 Scott & Jenny Trick – 4 years

If we missed your special day please let us know.

## August Birthdays!

Aug 2 Keith Heidtke  
Aug 3 Kevin Gierach  
Linda Plath  
Aug 5 Marlene Blank  
Heather Boesch  
Betty Boldt  
Amber Cefalu  
Austin Garbade  
Diane Thomas  
Aug 6 Joann Berholtz  
Michelle Jones  
Aug 7 Grant Lehn  
Hannah Mozdzen  
Ava Schaus  
Aug 8 Liam Anders  
Aug 9 Reuben Heidtke  
Aug 10 Michael Canard  
Sue Kielisch  
Aug 12 Wyatt Goodman  
Emily Kraus  
Aug 14 Ken Jacobs  
Aug 15 Gabe Lauterbach  
Austin Prost  
Aug 17 Kären Keel  
Erma Meyerpeter  
Scott Novotny  
Aug 20 Lucas Frank  
William Haddorff  
Charlie Haddorff  
Debbie Orth  
Aug 21 Clarice Basing  
Aug 22 Dawson Young  
Aug 23 Dawn Artz  
Sylvia Fields  
Wendy Wolf  
Aug 25 Rod Legate  
Aug 26 William Goodman  
Aug 27 Kenna Lisko  
Aug 28 John Chowhan  
Aug 29 Vernon Prost  
Aug 30 Henry Ayers  
Bill Berholtz  
Keri Kraus  
Aug 31 Sharon Counard



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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Office hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm  
Worship Services: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:45 am  
Sunday School 8:30 am - 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Children's Church 10:00  
Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> weekends each month.

