

# August 2022 Newsletter

## Pastor's Message:

Dear Friends in Christ,

"What's new?" people will ask. Sometimes we have an answer. Sometimes, it's "Same old, same old". Sometimes we like new things: a new outfit, a new TV, a new job! And sometimes we prefer old, familiar things: an old friend, an old pair of jeans, an old recipe. Sometimes we long for new faces and new voices in politics. Sometimes we prefer the old. Life and faith always create a bit of tension between old and new, between the familiar and the unknown, between the past and the future. We always need a mix of old and new!

One of the last promises in the Bible (Revelation 21:5) has God declaring: "*See, I am making all things new!*" This is after we learn that "death is no more" and that "mourning, crying, and pain" are no more; and that God has come to dwell with God's people!

We're celebrating St. John's 160th anniversary this year! Some of the good old ways of worshipping and doing ministry and being church together have served well. Others-not so much! God keeps blessing us with new people, with new life, with new beginnings. That's where our hope for the church (and for the nation and world) lies! God is good at doing new things. God has practice doing new things! And then it's on us to try to see what God is up to, so we can play our part in the new future God is creating!

As a congregation, we're always trying to find that mix between old and new. One ongoing challenge for every church is how to help the next generation have a living and growing faith in Christ Jesus; and a living and growing relationship with the church of Christ.

*So what new ideas do we have for reaching and teaching (and learning from) young people?*

*We've found we can offer online worship-which has its benefits and limitations. How can we be more of a 'hybrid' church, that can gather and grow together in different ways?*

*How can we serve in and connect with our community in new ways? 160 years ago, a church was often at the center of community life. Not so much anymore! How can church be a sanctuary for the weary in these days? And a source of life and hope for people?*

*And 160 years ago, people weren't too worried about God's good creation. But these days, the pressure on the planet, and on natural resources, and on persons and all living things is so much greater. How can we as church help renew God's creation? Are we ready for a community garden? Could we envision a solar project here? How can we be the Church of Stewards that we are committed to be?*

Questions are usually easier than answers. But going into our 161st year, let's be pondering, asking, and discussing and imagining *what kinds of new things God might be trying to do among us and through us!* It is promising to hear and believe: "Behold, I am making all things new!"

-Pastor Paul

A couple of Wednesday night offers in August:

**August 17**-Cookout/Campfire, especially to welcome you newer folks! Let's enjoy widening our circle of friends and acquaintances!

**August 24**-Car Care 101 Night! Want to learn some basic car care and maintenance? Want to learn to change your oil and filter? Want us to look at an item of concern on your vehicle? (Hoping you car collectors will bring one of your old cars over too! Hoping you teen drivers will want to learn about your vehicle too!)

Thank you for your regular offerings and to those who have signed up for electronic giving.

**June 2022 - Year to Date**

**+YTD General Fund**

Receipts: \$ 101,468  
Expenses: \$ 100,054

**+YTD Building Fund:**

Receipts: \$ 47,036 Expenses: \$ 49,688

**+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:**

\$ 5,523 Goal for 2022: \$6,000

**+YTD ELCA Benevolence:**

\$ 7,523 Goal for 2022: \$15,000

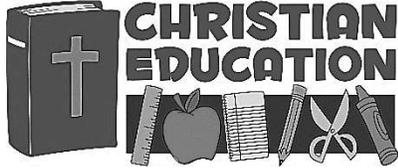
**Building Loan Balance:**

\$ 0 (Thanks to God & to All of You!)

(Gifts are still appreciated for ongoing upkeep & repairs)

**We are a Learning Church**

Our Education Team is looking forward to Sunday School happening in person starting September 18! Will you pray and consider being a teacher? (This need not be an every-Sunday-job!) And, dads and teens are needed on our staff too! We are still looking for a Christian Education Coordinator as well. Talk to Pastor if you might be interested.



**St. John's Veteran's Group**

Our next St. John's Vet's Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August, 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at St. John's Church. We encourage both St. John's members and friends to attend our meetings.

**Outdoor Movie Night at Church –Monday, August 14**

Join us in the parking lot for a kid friendly outdoor movie night! Bring your snacks, beverages, lawn chairs & blankets! We'll show the movie at dusk!

**Family Promise – St. John's Host Week – August 15-21**

St. John's will provide meals for families the week of August 15-21. We're looking for simple meals for our host week (ideas will be provided). If you can't provide a meal we can always use breakfast grab and go items. Please call Wendy at church 677-3176 or email [officestjohnsjackson@gmail.com](mailto:officestjohnsjackson@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping or need a list of grab and go items.

Family Promise "Fresh Start" has been a great success! A reminder that if you're going on vacation & staying in hotels/motels that we are collecting those little "complimentary" bottles of shampoo, conditioner, mouth wash, etc. to donate to Family Promise. You'll find a basket by the food cabinet for those items. Thanks for helping out our friends in need at Family Promise.

**Church Picnic**

The church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We'll have one service at 9:45 followed by lunch, games, fun & fellowship. The picnic this year is at the Jackson Park shelter #1. Bring a dish to pass if you're able. We need your help running games, setup/cleanup, and kitchen help. Sign-ups are located in the Gathering Space.

We are going to have another basket raffle. We're looking for gift baskets of all sorts – Gardening, movie, kid's games, baby, wine/cheese, etc. Bring your baskets to the park that morning and look for Laura Bartelt, Pam Stahl, or Wendy Wolf. One half of all proceeds will be given to the Good Samaritan fund and one half to our missionaries. If you have any questions talk to Wendy Wolf.

## Getting to Know You!

Each month we'll feature a St. John's member so we can get to know each other better.

### Getting to Know You: **Tim & Sharon Kiernan**

“When Irish eyes are smiling sure they'll steal your heart away” – but that doesn't mean a little luck can't hurt. Turned out that “luck” was a setup, and Tim and Sharon Kiernan got married two years later on St. Patrick's Day 1989.

Tim, in the final years of his plumbing apprenticeship, and his hunting buddy Pete owned a duplex on the north side of MKE, where they lived on one side and rented the other to a couple with three young children. Several miles away Sharon was attending UWM, working on her degree in elementary education. To help pay the bills, she nannied and cleaned house for a woman in Shorewood. “Luck” 1: Sharon's neighbor was friends with Tim's tenant family, who “just so happened” to need a sitter for the kids, and she suggested the opportunity to Sharon. “Luck” 2: Sharon “just so happened” to be available. After the kids were tucked into bed, Tim popped over to offer Sharon a beer (which she declined), and the two landlords kept her company until the parents arrived home delighted to see the plan worked and there was potential.

Tim and Sharon are parents to Meghan, 30, who works as an LPC in the mental health field and Molly, 26, who works as a NICU nurse. Jack, the Kiernan's 6-1/2-year-old high-energy golden retriever, does not work in the health care field, but instead loves hunting and snacking on graham crackers.

After a 40-year plumbing career as journeyman and master plumber working in the commercial and residential sectors, as well as for MPS, Tim is now enjoying his third year of retirement by hunting, fishing, gardening, landscaping, planting trees, chopping trees, building duck houses and bridges, and making maple syrup. Sharon is beginning her 33rd year in elementary ed and is proud to have published her master's research, which was cited as recently as 2021.

Sharon and Tim love camping, biking, the big-three WI sports teams, exploring new places and ideas, spending time with friends and family, and smiling every chance they get. 😊

#### Fun Facts:

- Born in Green Bay and later moving to Brookfield in 3rd grade, Tim is the oldest of four Irish boys; Sharon, from Cudahy, is the second oldest of five kids
- Nature called and Sharon answered: At 18, she lived and worked in Yosemite National Park for a six-month college “gap semester”
- “Once an Eagle, always an Eagle”: Tim proudly carries that BSA Eagle Scout honor to this day
- Bringing new meaning to having a balanced life, in high school Sharon rode a unicycle to a friend's house for more than a mile without falling off



## Called to Serve

### **Readers**

#### **(8:00 Service)**

8/7 Lee Ann Runnells  
8/14 Laura Bartelt  
8/21 Joel Heidtke  
8/28 Amy Reid

#### **(9:45 Service)**

8/7 Reuben Heidtke  
8/14 Sam Eisenhauer  
8/21 Meghan DeChant  
8/28 Sharon Boldt

### **Ushers**

#### **(8:00 Service)**

8/7 Joel Wolf  
8/14 Skip Bartelt  
8/21 Joel Heidtke  
8/28 Staci Bohling

#### **(9:45 Service)**

8/7 Keith Heidtke  
8/14 Jim Kurtz  
8/21 Kelly/Will Strnad  
8/28 Duane Plath



## August Anniversaries!

August 1 Steve & Brittany Stockhausen – 7 years  
August 4 Don & Erma Meyerpeter – 60 years  
August 6 Ray & Viola Fischer – 67 years  
August 12 Joel & Wendy Heidtke – 33 years  
Kevin & Mary Bukovic – 27 years  
Travis & Stefanie Prost – 5 years  
August 17 Lucas & Katie Nelsen – 4 years  
August 18 Austin & Kara Prost – 4 years  
August 19 Scott & Mary Moschea – 44 years  
August 21 Steve & Judy Henrichs – 40 years  
August 22 Don & Cindy Driebel – 35 years  
August 24 Alan & Char Schweiger – 10 years  
August 26 Joel & Wendy Wolf – 33 years  
August 27 Ryan & Kimberly Byrne – 17 years  
August 28 Garry & Shelly Basing – 46 years  
Don & Dawn Artz – 29 years  
Greg & Amy Hennings Canard – 22 years  
August 31 Scott & Jenny Trick – 9 years

## August Birthdays

August 1 Amber Singer  
August 2 Keith Heidtke  
August 3 Kevin Gierach  
Bristol Prost  
August 5 Marlene Blank  
Heather Boesch  
Austin Garbade  
Carl Krueger  
Diane Thomas  
August 6 Joann Berholtz  
Michelle Jones  
August 7 Marcia Earl  
August 8 Liam Anders  
Dale Reisinger  
August 9 Reuben Heidtke  
August 10 Sue Kielisch  
August 11 Greg Holt  
August 12 Emily Kraus  
August 14 Kathy Hauser  
August 15 Gabe Lauterbach  
August 16 Gary Hainer  
Kevin Reidy  
August 17 Kären Keel  
Erma Meyerpeter  
Scott Novotny  
August 20 Lucas Frank  
William Haddorff  
Charlie Haddorff  
August 22 Dawson Young  
Nicole Lemberger  
August 23 Dawn Artz  
Sylvia Fields  
Dominic Reidy  
Wendy Wolf  
August 25 Rod Legate  
August 26 William Goodman  
August 27 Kenna Lisko  
August 28 John Chowhan  
Sandy Turbin  
August 29 Vernon Prost  
Tanner Toll  
August 30 Henry Ayers  
Bill Berholtz  
Angel Bialk  
Rose Hamlin  
Keri Kraus  
August 31 Sharon Counard  
Dorene Rudd

If we missed your special day please let us know.

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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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