

September 2022 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear St. John's Friends and Family,

Our Monday morning study group is taking a quick look at the little book of Ecclesiastes, part of the "Wisdom" writings of the Old Testament. The best known part of that book is the poem: *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to reap; a time for love and a time for hate..."*

After a busy and somewhat chaotic summer for people and for the world, I pray that September may offer a *time for all the essential things in your life*. Time to get kids off to a good start at school. Time to launch your young adult off to college or beyond. Time to catch your breath! Time to get that doctor's appointment you've been waiting for-or putting off! Time to 'get your bearings' again-whether that be a little change of pace, or making time for worship or small group discussions. Time to find some better balance between work and family and play. Time to give thanks-that God is good and that God provides! Maybe some time to serve, and time to reach out?

As Church this month, we're going to make time for baptisms, a wedding, and at least one funeral. We look forward to parents and students making time for Sunday School and Confirmation classes. We're excited that Choir and Band and Bell-Choir will make time for special music. And, we're gonna make time to celebrate!

The most famous sound bite from the little book of Ecclesiastes is *"Eat, drink, be merry!"* (I'm conveniently ignoring the 2nd half of that verse!) But this opportunity is before us especially on September 11, when we are celebrating 160 Years of Ministry; my 40th Ordination Anniversary; and 'Mortgage Burning' (for having payed off our building loan)! Can I get an "Alleluia???"

So please plan on gathering at Jackson Park (across from the school), on Sunday the 11th for 10:00 worship, a great picnic, and just a real good time to enjoy being church! We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to! It's a day to look back to what God has done among us, and to what God can still do with us as a congregation that shares the love and welcome and Good News of Jesus Christ! *(The day will be even better if you will invite friends, relatives, and neighbors!)*

As one my favorite mentors and entertainers, Red Green used to say, "We're all in this together!" (And we say:) Thanks be to God!

Pastor Paul

Church Picnic

The church picnic, 160th Anniversary, and Pastor's 40th Ordination Anniversary is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th. We'll have one service at 10:00 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 and your own beverage.



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

July 2022 - Year to Date

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 129,592

Expenses: \$ 116,555

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 50,735 Expenses: \$ 50,164

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 8,729 Goal for 2022: \$15,000

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 6,243 Goal for 2022: \$6,000

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 at 9am with a pancake breakfast! Will you pray and consider being a teacher? **Confirmation Classes for 7th & 8th graders** starts on Wednesday Sept. 7 at 7:15 pm. Parents are asked to attend! Also, think about a friend or neighbor in 7th or 8th grade who might like to try out this group! We've gained some wonderful students over the years because of a simple invitation!

St. John's Veteran's Group

Our next St. John's Vet's Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 9:00am at St. John's Church. We encourage both St. John's members and friends to attend!

Family Promise – Thank you!

Thank you to those who provided meals and other food for the 5 Family Promise families. They were so very grateful! It means so much to have a home cooked warm meal! If you missed this month and wanted to help, we are hosting again in October & December. Watch for more details to come!

Outreach for Hope 2022 Family Ride Run Walk

Join us on Saturday, September 24 for the Outreach for Hope 2022 Ride Run Walk, and help raise money for grants to central city congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod!

Our St. John's riders will join other ELCA friends from neighboring churches at Grace Lutheran/Grafton (715 6th Ave.) for a ride on the InterUrban bike trail to Port Washington and back. We need riders, people who will pledge gifts, and you can always volunteer to help the ride organizers-with water stops, traffic crossings, and so forth. This is for all ages! Last year, we had 10 of us and the large group was probably 70 people! Robin & Pete Kutzora, and Dan & Dee Johnson head this up!

Here is the link to register: <https://www.classy.org/event/15th-annual-ofh-family-ride-run-walk/e410700>

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: **Bob and Leah Herr**

Planes, automobiles, and golf carts ... any mode of transportation will do for Bob and Leah Herr. Thanks to childhoods filled with family excursions, they both have a passion for travel, seeking out leisurely activities and eateries, especially restaurants, breweries, and wineries. Extended weekend trips take them all over the country, and while they're not necessarily "city people" they ♥NYC. In the coming years, they hope to put some stamps in their passports and satisfy the international part of their wanderlust.



Both Bob and Leah grew up in the middle swath of Wisconsin: Bob in Fond du Lac and Leah in Wausau. They met in 2015 through a mutual friend, married in November 2017, and built their house in Twin Creeks in 2018 – lots of biggie life events in a short time! "Baby" Gus, their 6-year-old lab, rounds out their immediate family, but extended family lives in Fond du Lac, Cedarburg, and Germantown – close enough to enjoy spending time with, not to mention those local on Leah's side all attend St. John's too.

Bob earned a bachelor's in accounting and risk management & insurance from UW-Madison, and is currently at Clarios in Glendale (formerly Johnson Controls Power Solutions) as the customer quality and warranty manager for the U.S./Canada region. As employees go, he has longevity, with 16 years at the company. Also a "people person," Leah has her master's in school counseling and is currently pursuing a doctorate in higher education leadership. Her early career was as a high school counselor in Ripon, but the age range of her student load has since increased to 18-plus in her roles as assistant director of graduate counseling and an assistant professor of education at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon.

Travel aside, free time finds Bob working on home improvements, DIY projects, and golfing, while Leah is along for the ride in the golf cart and enjoys reading. If you happen to be traveling and do a double take on some doppelgangers, it really might be Bob and Leah, so take a chance and say, "Small world!"

Fun Facts:

- Bob has been to 46 out of 50 states; it's not a contest, but Leah has just a little catching up to do.
- Leah is a "horse whisperer" of sorts and has dreamed of owning one of those gentle giants. She was on the equestrian team in college and advised the equestrian team at Ripon High School.
- Just call him "Bob": "Herr" (pronounced "hair") means "mister" in German, so referring to him as "Mr. Herr" is redundant.
- Despite being a seasoned traveler, Leah prefers to be an early bird at the airport; Bob likes to tempt fate and arrive as close as possible to flight time.

Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

9/4 Brennan Family
9/11 one service at 9:45
9/18 Paul Stahl
9/25 Kim Guslick

(9:45 Service)

9/4 Reuben Heidtke
9/11 Dave Williams
9/18 Susan Heidtke
9/25 Jackie Gauger

Ushers

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9/18 Paul Stahl
9/25 Mary Bukovic

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9/11 Dave Williams
9/18 George Liberatore
9/25 Duane Plath



September Anniversaries!

Sept. 2 Lucas & Nicole Lemberger – 5 years
Sept. 3 Jim & Amy Meyers – 28 years
Sept. 5 Britton & Katie Schott – 7 years
Sept. 8 Matt & Rebecca Hauser – 4 years
Sept. 10 Shad & Kristy Young – 17 years
Sept. 11 Dennis & Carol Heider – 57 years
Mike & Keri Kraus – 29 years
Sept. 13 Rick & Gale Loehrl – 42 years
Mike & Jenny Starzman – 26 years
Sept. 15 Roger & Donna Lamberg – 61 years
Eric & Jennifer Olafsson – 21 years
Sept. 16 George & Dianne Liberatore – 50 years
Sept. 17 Ken & Kären Keel – 62 years
Paul & Katie Ziemer – 6 years
Sept. 20 Hank & Eileen Dieringer – 64 years
Rich & Cindy Uhlig – 14 years
Del & Sue Worden – 14 years
Sept. 24 Scott & Pam Adams – 39 years
Charlie & Kristin Jones – 6 years
Sept. 27 Dan & Eileen Mack – 25 years
Sept. 29 Aaron & Tracy Weninger – 10 years
Kyle & Jennifer Binversie – 10 years
Sept. 30 Roy & Mary Glocke – 50 years
Scott & Beth DeChant – 27 years

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Sept. 1 Chace Stockhausen
Sept. 2 Judy Durr
Sept. 3 Steve Henrichs
Elizabeth Kison
Sept. 4 Kaycee Binversie
Becky Ziemer
Jack Stern

September Birthdays

Sept. 5 Paul Mittermaier
Sept. 6 Ron Jonas
Ashlyn Muller
Angela Pickart
Sept. 7 Bruce Beuscher
Beth Dechant
Terry Legate
Jennifer Olafsson
Amy Reid
Sept. 8 Lisa Brennan
Butch Callum
Eileen Dieringer
Chris Guslick
Rick Guslick
Geraldine Michalski
Sept. 9 Mark Dalton
Alaina Staller
Sept. 10 Debbie Gramza
Sept. 12 David McFadden
Sept. 13 Joe Liberatore
Jack Lippold
Sept. 14 Tracey Corlett
Sept. 15 Emmaline Guslick
Sept. 16 Terry Christopherson
Lydia Hauser
Sept. 17 Del Worden
Sept. 19 Brittany Stockhausen
Jeff Warren
Max Elliott
Sept. 20 Scott Reid
Sept. 21 Barb Jonas
Ann Radloff
Sept. 22 Joel Heidtke
Ed Holcomb
Maryrose Leist
Sept. 24 Scott Anders
Warren Scheunemann
Sept. 25 Larry Hillyer
Sept. 26 Garry Basing
Sept. 27 Jackie Dhein
Duane Plath
Sept. 28 Peter Jackson
Sept. 29 Jessica Frank
Karen Kraemer
Lindsey Stern
Arleen Ziemer
Sept. 30 Barbara Hillyer
Bonnie Puestow

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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**Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 8 & 9:45 am
with Holy Communion. Facebook Live at 9:45 am on Sunday**

