

October 2023 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Church:

Often our daily devotional reading from our "Christ in Our Home" booklet is very thoughtful and helpful. One page this week struck me, so I'm sharing it here. It reminds us of what it means to be "Church Together", and why we want to invite others into this community of saints and sinners!

The blessing of unity

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

One of the greatest blessings of being part of a faith community is the relationships we establish over the years. We worship together, grieve together, and support one another through the challenges of life. Through all the ups and downs and differences, we show the world how people of differing views and personalities can live and function as a community that has a warm and welcoming heart.

We are at our best when we strive to love one another unconditionally, share each other's stories, go the distance with one another, and help each other stand when we feel we cannot do so alone. Together, we have learned we need one another, and because of the bond of the faith community, we are never alone. We are blessed by the presence of both Christ in our midst and the Christ we can see in each other.

It is this Christ-presence that teaches us how to live together in grace. - Pastor Paul

Your love, O God, unites us all. Help us embrace this truth as we live with our differences. Amen.

Aaron Reid is in Marine's Basic Training for a few more weeks. Let's send him letters of greeting and encouragement! (No care packages allowed...just notes.)

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Fall Clean-up Day is Saturday morning Oct. 14! Come and pitch-in as we give some extra TLC to our buildings and grounds! We'll have jobs for most ages!

Middle-School Retreat at Crossways Camps, Nov. 3-5! This is a great way for your student to try out Crossways (and for our summer campers to reconnect with some friends they made!) A registration email has been sent to most of you. If you did not get it, let us know! And, register soon! This retreat will fill up quickly!

August 2023 - Year to Date

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 149,580

Expenses: \$ 141,471

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

+YTD Building & Grounds Fund:

Receipts: \$ 27,984 Expenses: \$ 26,046

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 6,691 Goal for 2023: \$6,000

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 13,157 Goal for 2023: \$15,000

+YTD Good Samaritan (Needs some help!)

\$ 6,773 Goal for 2023: \$8000

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet again on October 12 at 1:00. Anyone is welcome to join the group. Personal Care Kit items are still being collected. See the display in the Gathering Space for what is needed. The deadline to donate items is Sunday October 15th. For their next project Ruth Circle will be collecting warm hats, mittens and gloves for the Winter Warmth Tree.

Ushers Meeting

Current and prospective ushers are asked to attend one of two meetings scheduled for October 8th between the services, or October 22nd after the 9:45 service. Contact George Liberatore for more information.

Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 21 - 6:00-7:30pm



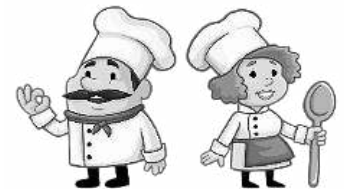
Let's start the night with a simple dinner with lots of spooky people, continue to fun games, and finish with some trunk or treat. We have several children that have food allergies, (peanut, egg, gluten). Please consider this when selecting candy to hand out of your trunk. Thank you!

1. Wear a costume – adults come in costume too!
 2. Bring a dish to pass
 3. Plan to decorate a trunk
 4. Plan on having a ton of fun!!!
- (It's ok to wear your costume to 5pm worship!)

Italian Dinner

La deliziosa cucina italiana! Delicious Italian Cuisine!

You don't want to miss the Italian dinner on Saturday, November 11th. Join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship, music, wine and delicious Italian food! There are a limited number of seats. Watch for tickets to go on sale soon! Thank you to the couple's bible study group for putting on this great event!



Bob's Under the Bridge

Mr. Bob's needs men's winter coats in all sizes, either new or in good condition. Coats or other donations may be left in the bin at the top of the stairs.

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: The Hein Family

active (adjective)

1 : characterized by action rather than by contemplation or speculation ...

6 : requiring vigorous action or exertion ...

See HEIN family

Fourteen definitions of "active" (Merriam-Webster) aren't enough to describe the level the Hein family is at. Sports, events, celebrations, working, learning, planning, worshipping, traveling, and even just spectating are major players in the lives of Jon and Amy, and their kids Mason (10), Aiden (6), and Paisley (4).

Summer finds Mason in select baseball, and autumn in tackle football and Fall Ball baseball. Like father, like son, Mason and Jon love sports, plus Jon is also into hunting. Aiden is following in his older brother's footsteps and will make his select baseball debut next summer and now is in flag football; outside of sports, his passion is cars and planes. Continuing the movement theme, Paisley played T-ball and recently started dance lessons, which may come in handy for a little girl who fancies Disney princesses. Amy enjoys finding fun local events to take the kids to in their "downtime," and further away the whole family loves to take trips to Wisconsin Dells and Florida. Sans kids, Jon and Amy try their luck at bingo at Potawatomi, or put their noggins together for trivia at Park Avenue Pizza.

Amy grew up in New Berlin with one older brother, and Jon grew up in Sussex as the older sibling of a brother and sister. The two met at Paulie's Pub in 2005, where they just so happened to be with their respective friend groups, and they married in June 2008. The couple has associate degrees from WCTC – Jon's in criminal justice, and Amy's in administrative professional as well as a bachelor's in business admin from Ottawa U. Amy has been working at WCTC for 18 years, currently as administrative assistant for Enrollment Services, and Jon is a production supervisor at WestRock and has also been there 18 years (lots in common, these two!). The family's house is in Hartford, but with all the action in their lives their home is wherever they are together!

Fun Facts:

- It's a sign! Jon and Amy were born in the same year just nine days apart.
- Here come the brides: The Hein's share the same wedding anniversary day with Amy's parents (June 21).
- The big kids (Mom and Dad) and the littles are into Easter egg hunts BIG-time and attend as many as they can. Cheered on by Amy and Jon, the kids love the thrill of the seek ... and find!



Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

10/1 Joel Wolf
10/8 Dave Williams
10/15 Brennan Family
10/22 Dee Johnson
10/29 Katie Schott

(9:45 Service)

10/1 Sarah Murray
10/8 Reuben Heidtke
10/15 Jackie Gauger
10/22 Laura Hahn
10/29 Mary Jost

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

10/1 Irv Brandt
Joel Wolf
10/8 Joel Heidtke
10/15 Skip Bartelt
Scott Novotny
10/22 Staci Bohling
Staci Benz
10/29 Mary Bukovic
Kevin Bukovic

(9:45 Service)

10/1 Keith Heidtke
10/8 Judy Henrichs
10/15 George Liberatore
Joe Liberatore
10/22 Kelly Strnad
Will Strnad
10/29 Duane Plath

Communion Assistants

(8:00 Service)

10/1 Pete Kutzora
Joel Wolf
10/8 Darleen Wanta
Jenny Brandt
10/15 Brennan Family
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10/22 Dee Johnson
Eileen Mack
10/29 Laura Bartelt
Mary Bukovic

(9:45 Service)

10/1 Sarah Murray
Duane Plath
10/8 Scott DeChant
Jamie Reidy
10/15 Darleen Wanta
George Liberatore
10/22 Laura Hahn
Jim Hahn
10/29 Duane Plath
Amanda Reinemann



October Anniversaries!

October 1 Tyler & Kristen Apel - 5 years
October 3 Matt & Sarah Schaus - 14 years
October 5 Jason & Angela Pickart - 21 years
James & Sharon Ziemer - 38 years
October 17 Bob & Michelle Jones - 36 years
October 20 Brian & Lisa Kasubaski - 33 years
October 22 Paul & Pam Stahl - 40 years
October 26 Jeffrey & Laurie Matthews - 32 years


If we missed your special day please let us know.

October Birthdays

Oct. 1 Sue Worden
Liam Mickie
Tyler Apel
Oct. 3 Maryann Stoecker
Oct. 4 Kristen Apel
Anna Reisinger
Oct. 7 Kim Guslick
Oct. 8 Steve Devoe
Jon Gust
Megan Olafsson
Oct. 10 Jack Frank
Oct. 11 Benjamin Hollister
Oct. 12 Hope Groth
Oct. 13 Erin Anders
Ryan Kutzora
Reagan Nelsen
Oct. 14 Christine Miller
Terry Stoecker
Oct. 15 Emily Blank
Melanie Gierach
Tracey Jackson
Renee Liberatore
Oct. 16 Lily Inchaurregui
Colleen Wagner
Oct. 18 Kristen Mickie
Jacob Williams
Oct. 19 Tim Kiernan
Oct. 21 Truman Ayers
Aiden Brice
Oct. 23 Pam Dhein
Cindy Driebel
Oct. 24 Kayla Brennan
Mary Bukovic
Oct. 25 Kimberly Byrne
Oct. 26 Tom Toll
Oct. 28 Samantha Dyson
Oct. 29 Randy Adametz
Sharon Kiernan

happy
Birthday

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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



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