

September 2024 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear St. John's Friends and Family,

Let me start by thanking you for adjusting to one Sunday Service at 9am these past two months! Most of you have tried it! Many of you have indicated you'd like to see us continue that this fall! Worship Team, Council, and Education Team have discussed the pros and cons of one Sunday service, and believe that the 'pros' outweigh the 'cons', so we'd like to offer you this schedule this fall (starting September 15) ***One Sunday Service at 9am, with Sunday School from 9:30-10:15; plus our usual Saturday at 5pm service!***

One thing we hope this does is encourage young families (those presently here and those looking for a church!) to bring their kids to Sunday worship; help them experience the first 30 minutes of worship; and then we'll dismiss the students to Sunday School after the *children's time* of the service.

Another thing we hope this does is give us a wider sense of 'community', as you will see more people in one place at the same time! (And stronger singing along with that!)

A 'downside' to this is that you readers, ushers, communion assistants, techies, and greeters will have less to do. So you will not be scheduled-in as often, but we still need you! And we appreciate the important volunteering that you do!

What we hope this does *not* do is discourage anyone from Sunday worship-either because 9am is less convenient, or too early, or too late. So, *thank you in advance for helping make the most of this schedule change. Your presence matters! Your opinions matter! And we know there is no 'perfect' Sunday morning schedule! Facebook Live will continue at 9am!*

I also want to challenge you and encourage you *to invite someone to worship (and to Sunday School, and to Confirmation Class with 7th and 8th graders, and to Grief Support Group, and to Youth Group etc.)* The Jackson area continues to grow! You likely know someone who does not have a church 'home' who would appreciate an invitation! We at St. John's and as part of the ELCA have a wide welcome to offer-in terms of worship, fellowship, learning, and serving!

-Pastor Paul

What's Happening at St. John's

September 8 is a big day with 10am Worship and Picnic, with our missionaries in Tanzania, Dr. Steve & Bethany Friberg as special guests! We'll have brats, burgers, hot dogs, beverages. You bring a side, a salad, or a dessert. We'll raffle gift baskets and have time for kids' games, cornhole, bingo for all ages and the like. *If you can help with set-up, serving, clean-up, or games, please let Nancy know at the office!*

Update! The Picnic raffle is back by popular demand! Get creative because we still need lots more baskets and items to raffle! Please drop off raffle donations in the gathering space by 11:00am Saturday, September 7th.

We also have a Red Cross Blood Drive Friday September 6 from 2-6pm! Here's the information to register online as a donor: RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code Jackson, or call 1-800-733-2767. *And we can use some homemade cookies, bars, snacks for donors, plus a couple of people to run the registration table that day. Talk to Leanne Ports! lpbelieve85@icloud.com.*

“Show You Care with Underwear” Bring new undies for kids and adults! Jackson School kids will benefit, as will the homeless folks served by “Mr. Bob’s Under the Bridge” ministries.

Confirmation Orientation for 7th-8th graders and parents is Sept. 11 at 7pm! We have a nice group of students and guides, and look forward to getting the year off to a good start! *Families: Can you think of a friend/neighbor of yours who might want to try out our class? Invite them! Believe it or not, someone will be glad you did!*

Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday the 3rd, and Monday the 16th at 6:30. (Adjusting to that 1st Tuesday this month, since the 1st Monday is Labor Day!)

As the ELCA, our wider church creates "Social Statements" on a variety of important societal and moral issues. Currently, we have a 'working draft' of a new Social Statement on "Civic Life and Faith", as in: *how might congregations and members and synods engage with the political and social issues of today, and do so faithfully?* We're invited to read and provide feedback on this very comprehensive undertaking, and we'll offer two sessions in September, one on Sunday morning the 22nd at 10:10am, and one on a weeknight, to introduce you to it and share thoughts. The 'draft' can be found online. Just Google "ELCA Social Statement on Civic Life". There's a condensed version and the full document that you can read!

Monday Study at 9am meets outdoors, weather-permitting, or in the Upper Room. Try it out!

Weekend serving opportunities will change with the change to one 9:00 service on Sundays and the addition of servers on Saturdays at 5:00pm beginning in October. Please watch for a sheet in the gathering space to sign up to to serve and indicate your Saturday 5:00 or Sunday 9:00 service preference. New helpers are always welcome.

All serving volunteers - please check the schedule below and note that previous serving schedules and positions may have changed. *Also note, to make sure no is passed by, some volunteers that signed up on original Sunday servers lists are included in September’s schedule. Please contact Nancy in the office if not available as scheduled.*

Those Who Serve September 2024						
		Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
Readers	9:00	Joel Wolf	Brennan Family	Laura Hahn	Amy Reid	Paul Stahl
Communion Assistants	9:00	Laura Bartelt	Brennan Family	Laura Hahn	Staci Bohling	Robin Kutzora
		Peter Uhlig	Brennan Family	Jim Hahn	Eileen Mack	Pete Kutzora
Ushers	9:00	Skip Bartelt	George Liberatore	Joel Heidtke	Bukovics	Keith Heidtke
		Judy Henrichs	Joe Liberatore	Tim Kiernan	Bukovics	Staci Benz
Greeters	9:00	Nancy Kinter	Brennan Family	Darlene Wanta	Bohlings	Pam Stahl
Power Point	9:00	Wendy Wolf	Scott DeChant	Wendy Heidtke	Ed/Sam	Sharon Kiernan

Year to Date as of July 2024

+YTD General Fund
 Receipts: \$ 118,035
 Expenses: \$ 128,118

+YTD Building & Grounds Fund:
 Receipts: \$ 14,578 Expenses: \$ 1588

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:
 Receipts: \$ 5025 Goal for 2024 \$8,000

+ YTD ELCA Benevolence:
 Receipts: \$ 23,606 Goal for 2024 18,000

+YTD Good Samaritan
 Receipts \$ 9037 Goal for 2024 \$ 8,000

Happy September Birthdays!

Sept 1	Logan Cook
Sept 2	Judy Durr
Sept 3	Steve Henrichs Elizabeth Kison
Sept 4	Kaycee Binversie Jack Stern
Sept 5	Paul Mittermaier
Sept 6	Blake Benson Ashlyn Muller Angela Pickart
Sept 7	Bruce Beuscher Beth DeChant Terry Legate Jennifer Olafsson Amy Reid
Sept 8	Lisa Brennan Butch Callum Rick Guslick Chris Guslick Geraldine Michalski
Sept 9	Mark Dalton
Sept 10	Bentley Duck Debbie Gramza
Sept 12	Addison Barkow David McFadden
Sept 13	Jakob Fraley Joe Liberatore Jack Lippold
Sept 14	Tracey Corlett
Sept 15	Emmaline Guslick
Sept 16	Baz Becker Terry Christopherson Lydia Hauser Ayla Johnson
Sept 17	Del Worden
Sept 18	Parker Schaus
Sept 19	Brittany Stockhausen Jeff Warren
Sept 20	Scott Reid
Sept 21	Barb Jonas Ann Radloff
Sept 22	Kaylee Brice Joel Heidtke Maryrose Leist
Sept 24	Scott Anders Warren Scheunemann
Sept 25	Connie Dhein
Sept 26	Garry Basing Paisleigh Inhof
Sept 27	Jackie Dhein
Sept 28	Peter Jackson
Sept 29	Jessica Frank

More September Birthdays!

Sept 29	Karen Kraemer Lindsey Stern
Sept 30	Barbara Hillyer Bonnie Puestow

Congratulations on these September Anniversaries

September 2	Lucas & Nicole Lemberger	7 years
September 3	Jim & Amy Meyers	30 years
September 5	Britton & Katie Schott	9 years
September 8	Matt & Rebecca Hauser	6 years
September 10	Shad & Kristy Young	19 years
September 11	Mike & Keri Krause	31 years
September 13	Rick & Gale Loehrl	44 years
September 14	Mike & Jenny Starzman	28 years
September 15	Eric & Jennifer Olafsson	23 years
September 16	Niles & Jenny George	1 year
	Roger & Donna Lamberg	63 years
	George & Dianne Liberatore	52 years
September 17	Ken & Karen Keel	64 years
	Paul & Katie Ziemer	8 years
September 20	Rich & Cindy Uhlig	16 years
	Del & Sue Worden	16 years
September 24	Scott & Pam Adams	41 years
	Charlie & Kristin Jones	8 years
September 27	Daniel & Eileen Mack	27 years
September 29	Kyle & Jennifer Binversie	12 years
	Aaron & Tracy Weninger	12 years
September 30	Scott & Beth DeChant	29 years
	Roy & Mary Glocke	52 years



In Remembrance
+ *Mary Lynn Prost* +
August 11, 2024





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

Getting to Know You:

Jason, Heather, and Cody Boesch

The link between faith and families has been chief to St. John's generational longevity, and Heather, Jason, and Cody Boesch are living proof. Two generations prior, Heather's grandparents Helmuth and Delores Groth, who helped raise Heather due to her mother's struggles with mental health, laid the foundation for Heather's own family by bringing her to St. John's, where she was baptized in 1974. Twenty years later, Jason and Heather were married, and in 1995 they welcomed baby Cody, who was baptized and confirmed at St. John's. Teddy, their 7-year-old Cavapoo, rounds out the family.

In their daily life, the members of the Boesch family work hard. This past March, Jason celebrated his 35th anniversary as a metal fabricator for the Jor-Mac Company in Lomira. Cody is a grad of University Technical Institute in Illinois for diesel mechanics and works at Morrie's Honda in West Bend. And Heather works with people. She's been in law enforcement for 22 years and currently holds the position of Communication Division Manager at the Ozaukee Co. Sheriff's Office. She's on the committee for Crisis Intervention Training and Crisis Intervention Partners, where she tells her personal story about mental illness. Heather is a member of the Sheriff's Office Peer Support/Critical Incident Debrief Team, where they work with anyone involved in a traumatic event, and she's also a negotiator with the Ozaukee Co. Special Response Team. Outside the department, she enjoys being a community member of the mentorship program at Port Washington High School, helping students bridge the gap.

And if you work hard, you have to play hard – which they all do! Their place up north in Townsend provides access to a seasonal playground for snowmobiling (when there's snow!), UTV/Razor rides, kayaking, and taking long walks in the Northwoods and in WI state parks. Heather also loves to bake, which she learned from her grandmother, and has even passed along that skill – and some recipes – to the young ladies in the mentorship program during a Christmas cookie baking outing in our church kitchen! Her own annual custom of baking Christmas cookies holds a special place in Heather's heart as Christmas Eve was her grandparents' favorite holiday, with having everyone together. The family continues their Christmas traditions annually, and with the generations growing ever longer, they just take up more pews in church!

Fun Facts:

- Heather used to work for her *uncle* Randy Groth (whose family also attends STJ's), so you can say what you want about nepo babies because she's not one.
- Jason was "a typical boy," and his mom tried to get his energy out by having him play sports for fun; soccer, for one, kept him running and occupied so trouble didn't find him.
- Bone-appétit: Cody has a love for grilling and is known for his mouth-watering steaks, so come hungry!

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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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Sunday 8 & 9:45 am With Holy Communion

Facebook Live at 9:45 am on Sunday



