

March 2025 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Church:

One of the great 'treasures' of the whole Church is the songs of faith that were handed down to us (and the new ones being written today!). They help teach and reinforce what it is we believe. They help encourage and inspire. They can help us Biblically and theologically (though some songs-new and old-aren't the best examples of 'sound' theology!).

A song on my heart and mind today seems especially good for these stormy times we're living in. The world of nature has been marked by many destructive storms of late. The realm of politics in Washington, and globally-is "stormy" to put it mildly. And then there are the personal 'storms' of life we face, with physical health or mental health, in relationships, with changes and challenges, and with loss.

Here's the saying of Jesus that inspired the hymn I have in mind: *"Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock."* -Matthew 7:24

And here's the song that's reminding and encouraging me this week:

*My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand!*

*When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand!*

What is keeping you 'centered' in these times we're living in? How does being part of the body of Christ, and this family of faith help us navigate stormy times together? Keep 'singing' and serving! And with the season of Lent starting on March 5, with Ash Wednesday, we have an extra opportunity to draw nearer to Christ, who is not just our hope, but our reason for being!

Grace and peace,

-Pastor Paul

Council Highlights: Greetings fellow members of St. John's,

This past month the council held our organizational meeting to elect officers and share hopes for the year. Per our constitution we have term limits on serving as members and officers. Scott Dechant has reached his term limit for serving as a council member and we'd like to offer our thanks for his efforts and especially for his contributions to the Education Committee. Scott Kinter has reached his term limit on serving as our President and we'd like to extend our thanks for his capable leadership of the council.

Newly elected officers include myself, Katie Schott, as President, Scott Kinter as Vice President, and Kassi Wolf as Secretary. Jason Pickart will continue serving as Treasurer and Joel Heidtke will continue serving as Financial Secretary.

On behalf of the council, we thank you for your trust, invite you to share concerns and ideas with us, and we look forward to serving you and our community this year.

-Katie Schott



Ash Wednesday is March 5! Let's gather for worship at 11am and 6:30pm. Our theme for this 40 day journey of faith is *"A Man of Sorrows, and Acquainted With Grief"* (from Isaiah 53). We'll explore the sorrows of Jesus, the sorrows of the world, our own sorrows, and how Jesus takes them onto himself and transforms them! Lent lunches (11:45) and light suppers (6:00) will start on the 12th, and we'd love to have hosts, cooks, and participants! Invite a friend!

The Church Chili and Game Night was a big success, with about 40 enjoying good chili, good fellowship and lots of games for all ages. Watch for the next upcoming event!

We need a few new Techies to do video for Facebook at Sunday and Lenten Services. Schedules are flexible and we'll train you. Contact the office if interested.

The Outreach Team is sponsoring a Jackson Community Blood Drive on Friday, March 14th from 12:30 to 5:30. Donors will receive a \$10 emailed gift card. Register at RedCrossBlood.org using the sponsor code **Jackson**. Walk-ins are also welcome.



The next Outreach Team meeting will be on Monday March 3rd at 10:00am.

Our new Fun and Fellowship group will meet on Wednesday March 19th at 10:15am. Everyone is welcome, so bring your ideas and help plan future all-church events.

A Small Group (for younger women) will start gathering for study and fellowship on Thursday at 7pm. Talk to Racheal Ziegelbauer who will host! **First Communion Class** begins for 4th graders. *Friends, neighbors, relatives are welcome in either of these groups!*

Quilters continue meeting 2 times each month to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. "If you can tie a shoe, you can tie a quilt!" Join in at 10:00 on Monday March 3rd and 17th

Camp Registration is open for Crossways Camping Ministries! Young students can try a 'short week' at camp (2 night stay), older students can attend for a full week. Confirmation students will attend the week of July 6-11 (and we'll email you parents exact signup details!) We have folks going to Family Camp June 27-30. And, it would be great to have a 'work crew' up at camp for a day or a weekend this spring. www.crosswayscamps.org. Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor for more info!

Year to Date as of January 2025

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 20,800

Expenses: \$ 20,383

+YTD Building & Grounds Fund:

Receipts: \$ 2775 Expenses: \$ 330

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

Receipts: \$ 2040 Goal for 2025 \$8,000

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

Receipts: \$ 4432 Goal for 2025 \$ 18,000

+YTD Good Samaritan

Receipts \$ 230 Goal for 2025 \$8,000



Each Month we highlight a church member at St. John's so that we can all get to know each other better.

Getting to Know You: Sarah Stoecker

If you've ever interacted with Sarah Stoecker, you know her "winning" personality. But she's also in the running for Longest Distance Commuter to church. As of last May, Sarah and partner Dan moved south—to Greenfield that is. They love being Southsiders and have started a restaurant bucket list among the many things to explore in the area.

Professionally, Sarah is a high school Spanish teacher. She spent 16 years in the classroom and this past July transitioned into a role with Junior Achievement (JA), with which she serves as a coach of sorts through an innovative instructional model called 3DE, traveling between Bay View High School and Milwaukee Marshall High School in MPS. In a nutshell, JA brings the business world into the classroom across curriculum. Sarah loves the hard but valuable work she does, and considers herself a change agent (unofficial title).

Moving on, in Sarah's free time, she enjoys cycling with Dan and has returned to her racing roots a bit as Dan is a fan; they enjoy watching and attending sport bike, IndyCar, late model, and Formula 1 events. Sarah's brother and dad were NASCAR fans while she was growing up, so she knew a little bit prior to meeting Dan. And now it's fun for her to be the student for once!

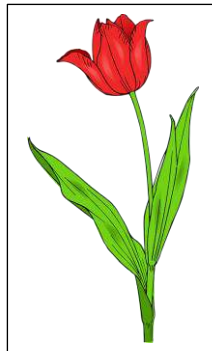
Sarah and Dan also enjoy traveling both domestically and internationally. They're excited for their upcoming trip to Mexico to get some sunshine on their shoulders. In her spare-time, Sarah reads, hits the gym, goes for walks, and hangs out with family and friends. Over the years, her mantra has become "Quieter, slower, simpler"—though by all of the aforementioned, you'd never know it!

Fun Facts:

- ¡Es un 10 de 10! Tops on Sarah's and Dan's list of eateries is Ann's Italian Restaurant in Hales Corners. If you've never been, taste what they're raving about.
- Nearly a decade ago, Sarah's brother, Jason, and his wife, Jamie, brought Sarah and their parents, Terry and Maryann, to St. John's. So, you could say the Stoecker family joined the congregation as kind of a package deal!
- It's all about the kids: Some of Sarah's favorite memories include spending time with the church's teens at Luther Bible Camp for Peer Ministry training. And although the then-youth are now "grown and flown," she's still in touch with some of them!

March Anniversaries - Congratulations!

March 6 Bill & Joann Berholtz 32 years
 March 7 Mark & Susan Brodesser 33 years
 March 11 John & Annette Szep 36 years
 March 24 Terry & Maryann Stoecker 46 years



March Serving Team

		March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Reader	9:00	Laura Hahn	Renee Liberatore	Lee Ann Runnells	Jim Gries	Laura Bartelt
Communion Assistants	9:00	Sarah Stoecker	George Liberatore	Brennan Family	Jim Hahn	Eileen Mack
		Wolf's	Peter Uhlig	Brennan Family	Laura Hahn	Scott DeChant
Ushers	9:00	Bukovics	Joe Liberatore	Scott Novotny	Joel Heidtke	Tim Kiernan
		Bukovics	Jayce Liberatore	Keith Heidtke	Paul Stahl	Skip Bartelt
Greeters	9:00	Nancy Kinter	Mason Hein	Brennan Family	Pam Stahl	DeChant Family
Power Point	9:00	Scott DeChant	Wendy Wolf	Ed/Sam	Wendy Heidtke	Sharon Kiernan
Facebook	9:00	Scott Kinter & Wed 5	Ed/Sam & Wed 12	Scott Kinter & Wed 19	TBD & Wed 26th	Ed/Sam & Wed Apr 2

April Serving Team

		April 6	April 13	Easter April 20	April 27	May 4
Reader	9:00	Kim Guslick	Reuben Heidtke	TBD	Laura Hahn	Amy Reid
Communion Assistants	9:00	Steve Kusch	Dianne Liberatore		Jim Hahn	Jenny Brandt
		Darlene Wanta	George Liberatore		Will Strnad	Brennan Family
Ushers	9:00	Kelly Strnad	Staci Benz		Bukovics	Irv Brandt
		Will Strnad	Judy Henrichs		Bukovics	Tim Kiernan
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March Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

March	1	Ed Eisenhower
	1	Micayla Meyeurs
	1	Sawyer Stern
March	2	Don Christianson
	2	Janet Hansen
	2	Amanda Reinemann
	2	Max Weninger
March	3	Amanda Novotny
March	4	Ed Dahly
March	5	Angela Bins
March	6	Danielle Friess
	6	Declan Goodman
	6	Finnegan Goodman
	6	Marin Siegert
	6	Adyson Warren
	6	Joel Wolf
March	7	Correen Oestreich
March	8	Mollie Eisenhower
	8	Emmeline Eisenhower
	8	Jennifer Mack
March	10	Todd Reinemann
March	11	Ryker Siegert
March	12	Barbara Liebl
	12	Britton Schott
March	13	Annette Szep
March	14	Ron Hauser
March	16	Jennifer Binversie
	16	Cody Boesch
	16	Kerry Cefalu
	16	Mara Prost
	16	James Ziemer
March	17	Staci Bohling
March	18	Bill Rudd
March	20	Shelly Basing
	20	Susan Brodesser
	20	Scott Moschea
	20	Gerald Puestow
	20	Jason Stoecker
March	21	Cindy Breest
	21	Helen Kleeman
March	22	Holden Blank
	22	Madden Olson
March	23	Charlotte Schwieger
March	25	Pam Adams
	25	Sandy Lippold
	25	Katie Schott
March	26	Traci Brice
March	27	Scott Bins
	27	Lisa Dyson
	27	John Szep
March	28	Ryan Byrne
	28	Alyssa Inchaurregui
	28	Dawn Seltrect
March	29	Sierra Hollister
	29	James Matenaer
March	31	Quinn Ferguson

May God's
blessings
 spring forth
 in your *life.*



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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 9:00 am with Holy Communion

Facebook Live at 9:00 am on Sunday



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