

Spirit *Alive!*

AUGUST 2023 – ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

I AM WITH YOU

These past few months have been difficult with my dad being in the hospital and his eventual passing. We were fortunate as a family to be allowed to all come together in Dad's ICU room when he passed. It was crowded and there were lots of tears but there was some laughing too as we shared memories. We realized how lucky we were to all be able to be together at that moment. It was a good thing that they had him in a bigger ICU room than he had been in before because there were almost 30 of us in his room at the end. We understand how fortunate we were to be together at this time. As Dad was passing, our daughter Victoria, said 'bring the rain Grandpa'. Even though it was the beginning of June, we hadn't had rain in quite a while and a burning ban was in place. The day of the funeral, it rained a little bit in the morning. Then when we went to the cemetery, we could hear the thunder and see the sky getting darker and before we left, it started to rain. We all said 'thanks Dad'.

These reminders help us to remember that our loved one is always with us and it helps us to keep going. There have been many instances like this since he passed. Sometimes it feels like hardly a day goes by when there isn't a reminder or a way of him letting us know that he is always with us. Maybe it's because it's so new in our lives yet. I wonder if we will still see all of the little signs as reminders that he is still with us in 5 years, 10 years.... I know everyone has been touched by their own loss and has had their own personal experiences.

Jesus said, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20. Do we take the time to see the signs that Jesus is still with us? We are all so busy and sometimes it feels like there are so many negative things happening that it's sometimes easy to forget that Jesus is always with us. Do we still notice the signs that remind us of his presence or are we too wrapped up in our own lives that we miss them? Not all of his reminders are going to be as big as a sunrise, a sunset or a rainbow. Most times his reminders will be more personal to each person. We just need to take more time to appreciate the reminders that he gives us and to remember that he is always with us in the good times and the bad times. He is with us when we celebrate and when we need comforting. He is always encouraging us to keep going even when we don't think we can.

Council Member,
Melissa Pfeiler



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**Please contact the council
members for any concerns.**

Pause Ponder Pray

Making A Difference

Vesta Stoudt worked in a factory in Illinois during World War II. She inspected ammunition boxes and noticed a major flaw. The boxes at the time were sealed with paper and a pull tab, but the paper tab would get soaked and allow water into the container. This ruined the ammo, so the soldiers would dip the boxes in wax to keep everything dry. Problem was, the wax made it much harder to access the ammo, which is more than an inconvenience when fumbling with an ammo box during intense firefights could cost someone their life.

Vesta had two sons in the military, and she knew plenty of other families with enlisted soldiers too. She wanted them all to get what they needed for the fights they were in. She didn't just stay concerned, she got busy. She realized she had permission to create and innovate, so she dove into the immense task of trying to fix the problem she saw. She drew diagrams and made samples to fix the ammo boxes. When her work was complete, she prepared a presentation for her supervisors to get their support. She was convinced her invention of a sticky tape could save many lives. Unfortunately, her boss thought it was a lousy idea. Why create waterproof fabric tape? Lesson one here: Don't let your great idea wither as you wait for approval.

Vesta didn't take no for an answer when her idea wasn't well received, and she wasn't going to wait for approval from someone who didn't see her vision. She knew why she was doing what she was doing. She wanted her sons to have what they needed and refused to get knocked off course by the person who had authority over her job but not her life. She was filled with intention, and she was determined.

Vesta decided to go to the TOP. She went to the president of the United States. She sent a letter to President Roosevelt that included her idea and a sample. Then she asked for approval to manufacture what she had dreamed up so people could fight the fights they were in.

Her idea was approved for immediate production. **VESTA STOUDT'S IDEA AND WORK LED TO THE INVENTION OF DUCT TAPE!!!**

One woman refused to believe she needed permission to follow her gut and her imagination. She made some bold moves to see it through. It didn't matter to her that others couldn't understand, didn't approve, or didn't see the need for her idea. She wasn't looking for approval; she was focused on the possibilities.

Today the military still uses duct tape for all kinds of applications. One of its unofficial names, "100 mph tape" because it has been used to patch Jeep bumpers and even helicopter rotor blades. They also use it to patch worn-out boots and straps on packs. No space shot by NASA has ever left the earth without a roll or two of duct tape. You name it, and duct tape does it. As the saying goes, "If you can't fix it with duct tape, you need more duct tape."



Living your life with SOUL leads to joy and purpose. Faith might just be the duct tape you need to hold your dreams together. Everyone will face barriers, and the world is full of baubles and trinkets and naysayers and systemic pressures and injustices and misguided dreams that can take us off the path.

What possibilities do you envision for St John's or yourself? Living a life and being a church that has SOUL – serving others – uplifting lives.

Faith and determination are the “duct tape” to make our dreams a reality. We will have naysayers and critics that will try to take us off the path.

God's all-access path to life isn't a cheat code for an easy life, it's the key for a purposeful and joyful one making a difference!

Property Committee

Our property committee has been diligently working over the past few years to address areas of repair, updating, and enhancing our church grounds and facilities. We are thankful for these resolute members and for all of you who contribute to the building fund. Because of your generous gifts many long-overdue projects have been completed.

In the last few years, the rain gutters were flushed, the lawn tractor with snowblower attachment was updated, a chain link fence was installed, water softener and brick tuck pointing were accomplished. Recently the storage garage siding was replaced. Over the last several months you have read about an appeal to raise funds for updating our Parish Hall.

- Initial review was for painting the walls and ceiling as well as ceiling panel repairs and updating the lighting. These updates were projected to cost twenty-two thousand dollars. The bulletin and announcements made us aware of the estimated cost.

- As the committee took a closer look at the area and received input from the maintenance staff of the church a need to address the flooring was added. The current flooring is a labor-intensive maintenance chore, as well as broken tiles in several areas. Funding durable commercial quality flooring with consideration for the ongoing costs of cleaning and upkeep will require additional funding.

- Come Alive members are also doing a review of the sound system.

Flooring and sound system update are obviously going to be a considerable additional cost.

As good stewards of the church's funding the committee is reviewing how best to utilize the generous gifts you give for our building.

Volunteers along with the staff of Dave and Brenda have done many of the “daily repairs.” Updates of painting the classrooms, rest rooms, the library and club room kitchen.

It is visually evident we are blessed with a facility that is well maintained and cared for.

The council and the property committee continue to ask for your generous support for these projects.

St John's is blessed!!!

Upcoming Fall Dinner

It may still be summer, but it won't be long before the air starts to get cooler, the days shorter and the leaves changing color and then falling from the trees. That means it won't be long before the annual Fall Dinner is here at St. John's.

This year's dinner will be on Sunday, November 12 from 11-1:30 in our freshly redone Parish Hall. What a great way to show our latest updates to our beautiful church.

We will need volunteers to help with meal prep on Friday for a few hours, Saturday for a few more and then on Sunday we will need help in the kitchen, dining room and clean up after. We will also be needing donations for the meal itself. Please prayerfully consider when, where and how you can help out.

Then when, in the next few months, sign up sheets will be passed around in church, you will have an good idea of what you can do to help with this well attended event which has allowed us to get many needed things for our church.

Thank you in advance and may God continue to bless you all.

The Fall Dinner Committee

Cream Puffs

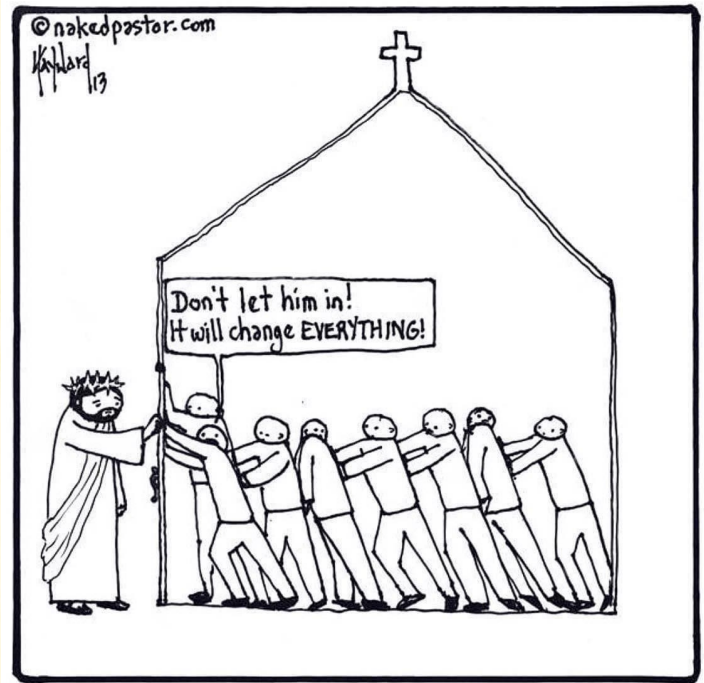
1/2 c butter 1 c flour
1 c boiling water 4 eggs

Place butter and water in saucepan. As soon as it boils, add flour all at once until well mixed. Stir until it forms a ball and leave the sides of pan. Set off to cool. Add 1 egg, beat 5 minutes another egg, beat, and so on until all the eggs are used up in batter. Drop mixture on oiled, shallow pan. Bake in hot oven first, then reduce heat. When cool fill with whipped cream. Bake about 40 minutes.

-MRS. F. OHLROGGE

Recipe is from page 47 in *Favorite Recipes: St. John's Lutheran Church, Marion, Wisconsin 1947*

This cookbook can be found in the church library and loaned through the honor system.



Clergy Coach Network. Facebook, 19th of July, 2023. <https://www.facebook.com/clergycoachingnetwork>

Thank You

A big thank you to Todd Conratt, Tom Kraeger, Ron Krueger, Nick LeNoble and Ray Mielke for residing the shed.



JUNE FINANCIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONCE APPROVED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH COUNCIL DOES NOT MEET IN JULY



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YEARS AGO...

This picture was found in our first album from the ladies aid group. This album and albums like these can be found in our church library. The picture will be upstairs in the *Great Room*.

If you recognize this house or anyone in this picture. Please contact the church office so we can include the information in next month's newsletter.



Prayers

- ◆ Andy Shulz
- ◆ Becky Van Buren
- ◆ Clarence Fenner (Peggy Hammond's dad)
- ◆ Corrine Kroening
- ◆ Dave Krueger
- ◆ David Soik
- ◆ Huston Burmeister
- ◆ John Bartelt
- ◆ Jaden Stuhr
- ◆ Judy Allen
- ◆ Karla Kroening
- ◆ Karol Freeland
- ◆ Nathan Nick
- ◆ Patty (Fournier) Beck
- ◆ Parker Wolff
- ◆ Rachel Fischer
- ◆ Scott Brandenburg
- ◆ Will Wege



Prayer for Those In Assisted Living

- ◆ Karen Aschenbrenner
- ◆ Anne Erdman
- ◆ Gloria Krieser
- ◆ Lois Miller

BAPTISM

Baptized on July 30th was Rosalie Elizabeth Matz, daughter of McGregor Matz and Hannah Krueger. The sponsors are Alyssa Krueger and Malachi Matz. Please welcome Rosalie into our church family.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION/SUNDAY SCHOOL

The restart date for Sunday School will be September 10th. Teachers are NEEDED. The goal is to form a team so each volunteer would only teach one Sunday a month. Please contact the church office to volunteer so we can continue to offer this service to the future of the church! The restart date for Confirmation will be September 13th. You may register at: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=7512f5eb-31a2-40d3-aeee-8f6736c5abcd> or there will be registration forms in the back of the sanctuary. You may leave the form in the office Dropbox. The registration form can also be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

HANDING OUT OF BIBLES

Handing out of Bibles will occur on September 10th. If your child is turning 3 years old or is going to be in 3rd grade this year, please contact the church office so we can ensure we have enough bibles for everyone. Please indicate which service you will be attending on September 10th as well. You may also sign up online at: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=413262d7-a1d2-42a7-bcf8-41c677f0456b>

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are a new member we will be recognizing you! Please keep the date of September 17th on your calendar. We will be asking for our new members to come forward during both the 8a.m. and 10:30a.m. services.

TIMBER RATTLERS FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

This event will occur on Friday, August 11th at 6:40p.m. at Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium. Join fellow church congregations and enjoy a fun night at the ballpark! Pre-Gamed Mascot kickball game. Stick around for post-game fireworks. All kids 12 and under can run the bases after the game as well. If you are interested in purchasing tickets go to: <https://bit.ly/3Nrmk3k?r=qr>.

SIMPLY GIVING

We have had several inquiries about setting up automatic withdrawal donations to the church. If you are interested in this, please visit the website at: <https://www.stjohnsmarion.org/information-forms/> and fill out the form that is linked to Online Giving. You can also give online on the homepage by clicking on the donate button or scanning the QR Code in this bulletin. If you are interested in participating please either let the church office know.



WORSHIP IN THE PARK

The Wednesday evening worship service will be held outdoors thru August 30. The service is going to be held at Veterans Park located on Mavis Road (across from Premier Community Bank). There is a shelter with picnic tables at this location. You are also welcome to bring your own seating. In case of storms, the service will be held indoors at St. John's.



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Consent Form
 Good for all events and programs of
St. John's Lutheran Church, Marion, Wis.
 For Sunday School & Youth
From September 2023-September 2024

Student Name: _____	
Age: _____ Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____	Last _____
Address: _____	Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email: _____	Phone: (____) _____
Best Way to Contact Me: <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Messenger <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____	
Address: _____	Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____
Best Way to Contact Me: <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Messenger <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____	
Address: _____	Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____
Best Way to Contact Me: <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Messenger <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Emergency Contact Name: _____	
Address: _____	Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____

1. Does your child have allergies to: food insect bites medications pollens
Please explain: _____
2. Does your child suffer from, or has ever experienced, or is being treated currently for:
 asthma diabetes epilepsy/seizure disorder heart trouble physical handicap
3. List medications currently being used: _____

 (Student's Name PRINTED)
 has my permission to attend Sunday School and/or youth activities sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church, Marion, Wis. (the "Church") during the dates set forth above. This consent form gives permission to seek whatever medical attention is deemed necessary, and releases the Church and its staff of any liability related to any injury to said child. I have legal custody of the child named above, a minor, and have given my consent for him/her/they to attend events organized by the Church. I understand that there are inherent risks involved in any ministry, and I hereby release the Church, its pastors, employees, agents, and volunteer workers from any and all liability for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of my child's involvement. In the event that he/she/they is injured and requires the attention of a doctor, I consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. I also agree to bring my child home at my own expense should he/she/they become ill or if deemed necessary by a Church staff member.
 YES NO

I give permission to include my child in any videos and/or photographs taken during the course of my child's involvement.
 YES NO

 Parent/Guardian PRINTED Name

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date Signed

SOUL OPPORTUNITIES

MAY WE APPROACH EACH DAY WITH SOUL-SERVING OTHERS UPLIFTING LIVES!

FOOD PANTRY

Food pantry needs for August are cereal and soup. Food pantry wants are shampoo and paper towel.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS


We are collecting for school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or-college-ruled paper, approximately 8"x10 ½", no loose leaf paper; 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other; pencil sharpener; blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); unsharpened #2 pencils with eraser; black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); box of 16 or 24 crayons; and 2 ½" eraser. For a complete list of supplies that is needed, please refer to your June newsletter or check out the list online at Lutheran World Relief. Any supplies that do not meet the requirements for a LWR school kit will be donated to the local school districts or Sunday School.

SCRIP CARDS

Mama's House of Hope has teamed up with St. Vincent De Paul to help ANYONE in need within the Marion/Tigerton/Wittenberg area. To help with this very worthy cause St. Vincent De Paul is doing an ongoing fundraiser. Ten percent of all SCRIP cards, to any SHELL station, that are being sold will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul. These cards are good for gas or anything in the store. Cards can be obtained from Jackie Suehring or the church office. If you would like several cards, please contact the church office, Jackie Suehring, or Pat Breitenfeldt (St. Vincent De Paul board member).

East Central Synod of Wisconsin Ministry

 **115** Congregations **59,269*** Members

 **245** Pastors & Deacons: 106 Active/139 Retired

 **29** Congregations in Transition

 **5** New beginnings for congregations & leaders

INGREDIENTS FOR TRUE SUCCESS

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—George Washington Carver

CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Services

August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th-Worship at the Veteran's Park 6p.m.

August 6th, 13th-Worship in the Sanctuary 9:30a.m.

August 20th-Worship in the Parish Hall w/ communion (Pastor Tryphine Schruba) 9:30a.m.

August 23rd-Worship at the Veteran's Park w/ communion (Pastor Jill Meyer) 6p.m.

August 27th-Worship in the Parish Hall 9:30a.m.

Quilting-Every Wednesday 12:30p.m.

Camelot Worship-Every first Wednesday of the month at 3p.m.

Yoga

Mondays-August 7th, 14th & 21st

Thursdays-August 10th & 17th

Office Closed

Thursday August 24th & 31st

Monday, September 4th

Office Hours Change to 8:30-4:30p.m.

Sunday, September 5th

Confirmation Classes

Meet with Confirmation Mentors Throughout Summer Months

Confirmation Class will resume on September 13th at 6:45p.m.

Confirmation Sunday for the 9th Graders will be October 29th at 9:30a.m. with Pastor Gary Froseth

Handing Out Bibles

September 10th at both 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

New Member Sunday

September 17th at both 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

Sunday School

Classes will resume on September 10th at 9:15a.m.

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 5th

Fall Dinner

Sunday, November 12th



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