

## St. John's November Parish Visitor

November 2024

November, Pastor Cutler's Newsletter Article

"Giving Thanks in All Circumstances"

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (I Thessalonians 5:18)

I want to thank you all for your generous thoughts, prayers, and gifts during the month of October. It was a great blessing and greatly appreciated. It is nice to feel appreciated.

November is a time of thanksgiving. It is good to set aside time to truly think about all of the blessings that God has showered down upon us. He has richly blessed us as a people in so many ways. I like to think of those blessings in a Trinitarian way. He has blessed us as creator, in the giving of all the physical blessings that we have. He has blessed us as redeemer, in the giving up His very life on the cross in order to earn for us forgiveness, life, and salvation. He has blessed us as sanctifier, in the giving of us faith, and making us His own dear children. These Trinitarian blessings are in front of us constantly. Do we see them?

So often it is easier to see what we don't have, rather than what we do have. When we look out at the world, it is easy to see someone else that has a whole lot more than we do. When we look at our own sinfulness, Satan tries to deceive us in saying that our sin is too big for Jesus to forgive. When we look at our status as His children, we always wish we had more faith. Because of our covetous look, we get envious, rather than thank God for what we do have.

Some of us are truly traveling through terrible circumstances. Some of us may be at the bottom of the barrel when it comes to life. Our scripture passage says even at those times we are to give thanks. When times are good, we are to give thanks. When times are bad, we are to give thanks. We are to give thanks in all circumstances.

Yes, I need to be more thankful, because God commands me to be that way. Yet, when God wants us to be more thankful, it is for our own good. Thanksgiving changes our perspective. Instead of looking at our circumstances, and choosing to be thankful based on them, our eyes are focused on God. When our eyes are focused on the greatest giver of all time, then we can't help but be thankful.

Thanksgiving flows out of a grateful heart. It is a response in seeing the cup half full, rather than half empty. Thanksgiving changes our perspective and life. Whatever the circumstance we might be in, there is always something to be thankful for.

So, bring your petitions of thanksgivings to church for our Thanksgiving worship services, and share them with the people of God gathered for that service. Bring an offering of the overabundance of God's blessing in your life in either a monetary gift or a gift of food, to be dedicated to the Lord at the beginning of the service. Let us give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endureth forever.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving, not only on November 28<sup>th</sup>, but on every day of your life.

Giving Thanks Continually, Pastor Mark Cutler

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As we wrap up this Church Year we return to our study of the Eighth Commandment from Luther's Explanation in the Large Catechism as found in the Book of Concord (BoC).

"Every report, then, that cannot be adequately proved is false witness. Therefore, no one should publicly assert as truth what is not publicly substantiated. In short, what is secret should be left secret, or at any rate be reproved in secret, as we shall hear. Therefore, if you encounter someone with a worthless tongue who gossips and slanders someone else, rebuke such people straight to their faces and make them blush with shame. Then those who otherwise would bring some poor person into disgrace, from which one could scarcely clear one's self, will hold their tongue. For honor and good name are easily taken away but not easily restored (BoC, p.422)."

Luther gives us many questions to contemplate. Are we false witnesses? Do we speak everything we hear, whether from reliable sources (i.e. the individual him or herself) or not? Do we speak without first considering if or how what we say may affect our neighbor's reputation?

On the other hand, are we being our neighbors' keepers? Or do we let them persist in gossiping—idly or maliciously? If we are accused of some sin or another, do we want others speaking about us in such ways?

"So you see that we are absolutely forbidden to speak evil of our neighbor. Exception is made, however, of civil magistrates, preachers, and fathers and mothers in order that we may interpret this commandment in such a way that evil does not go unpunished. We have seen that the Fifth Commandment forbids us to injure anyone physically, and yet an exception is made of the hangman. By virtue of his office he does not do his neighbor good but only harm and evil, yet he does not sin against God's commandment because God of his own accord instituted that office, and, as he warns in the First Commandment, he has reserved to himself the right of punishment. Likewise, although no one personally has the right to judge and condemn anyone, yet if they are commanded to do so and fail to do it, they sin as much as those who take the law into their own hands apart from any office. In that case necessity requires one to report evil, to prefer charges, to give evidence, to examine witnesses, and to testify. It is no different than when a physician, in order to cure a patient, is sometimes compelled to examine and touch the patient's private parts. Just so, the authorities, fathers and mothers, and even brothers and sisters and other good friends are under a mutual obligation to reprove evil wherever it is necessary and helpful (BoC, pp.422-423)."

In other words, we are called to live within our vocations (our callings) as workers, coworkers, friends, neighbors, relatives, and family members. Not all of these allow for judging, but they all allow for being our brothers' and sisters' keepers. To be keepers does not mean judging the soul of our brother or sister—that he or she is for certain going to hell—but it means judging his or her actions by what God's Word has to say about them. If he or she is living in sin—be it cohabitation, homosexuality, gossiping, etc.—then you and I are to warn them with the Scriptures, just as we (should) want them to warn us if we get wrapped up in one sin or another. God tells us in the book of Proverbs that it is only the fool that gets angry (and remains angry) by a warning of being in sin; the righteous person gladly receives the warning, as she or he does not want to offend God or give the wrong impression to her or his neighbors.

That is true for everyone; but as Luther points out, some vocations require these things. Judges, juries, witnesses, fathers, mothers, guardians, older brothers or sisters all are vocationally required to uphold God's Word—both Gospel and Law—for the benefit of those they serve.

Recently we heard in the readings from Hebrews that we should "exhort one another every day (3:13)." This means we should be encouraging attendance at church and rebuking and reproofing each other every day. After all, those are some of the very purposes for which God's Word is given. "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:17)." Using God's Word to teach and to reproof is how we exhort one another every day. It is also how we show God's love, even though the rest of the world may accuse us of being unloving. But we know love; God is love, and His will is love, just as we find it in His commandments.

As we finish out this Church Year and enter the next in God's grace and love, let us share that love and grace with each other, and with everyone we meet, as we live out His will for us in what we do and in what we say because we were freely justified and forgiven our sins for Jesus' sake. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Your brother and under-Shepherd in Christ, Pastor Frazee

HAPPY NEW (CHURCH) YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!!!



In the midst of life's busyness, it's easy to overlook the small, meaningful moments that God places before us each day. We rush from one task to another, always striving for the next accomplishment, but in doing so, we often miss out on what truly matters—time with those we love and time with God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13 tells us, "That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God." The simple joys in life are a gift from God, moments of grace that we are meant to cherish. Whether it's a quiet conversation over coffee, a walk in the park with a loved one, or laughter shared around the dinner table, these small moments are filled with God's presence.

As life gets busy, it's important to pause and reflect on what truly matters. Make time to enjoy life's simple pleasures with the people you care about, and most importantly, make time for God. It's in those quiet moments of prayer, reflection, and connection with others that we find true fulfillment and joy. Enjoy the brisk cool air with the beautiful seasons we enjoy. Embrace the amazing growth and opportunities before us in our ministry. Relish in the relationships you have and foster new ways to reach those who need us most.

Let us not be so caught up in the busyness of life that we forget to cherish the blessings we already have. God is present in every moment, big or small, and when we slow down to appreciate these gifts, we grow closer to Him and to the ones we love.

In Christ Alone,

Douglas Mageski-Principal

**2025-2026 School Year Enrollment Opens February 1:** If you are interested or know of a family looking for a school home for the 2025-2026 school year, please contact the office at 920-387-4310. We participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, the Special Needs Scholarship Program, and have

scholarship opportunities available.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- ~October 25 is the end of Q1
- ~October 30-31 are P/T Conferences (early dismiss both days 11:30)
- ~November 3-5 are SWD Conferences for teachers (no school)
- ~November 6 BLOOD DRIVE, school gym 1-6:00pm
- ~November 14 is picture retake day.
- ~November 19 Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Packing Party
- ~November 20 6th grade Chapel message / Hunter's Worship Service 6:30pm
- ~No School Nov. 27-29 Thanksgiving Break





Ground Breaking took place on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 noon!

#### CHILD CARE / YOUTH BUILDING



#### http://stjohnsmayville.com/youthministries/

Youth group is looking for volunteers and group leaders for St. John's Youth group in the next school year. Youth groups meet every other Sunday evenings and would assist in leading the youth in Bible studies and group activities during the events. We are also looking for youth retreat leaders/chaperones for upcoming events, which are; 7th-8th Grade Winter Xtreme Retreat at Camp Timber-lee (January 10-12), and a lock in (March/April). If anyone is able/willing to assist, please contact Doug Mageski at doug.mageski@stjohnsmayvill e.com

Through our Investing in Children Capital Campaign we have reached our first goal
\$1,550,826.00
through 145+ units!
Thank you for your continued support.



## St. John's Open Funds:

St. John's Church St. John's School (Activity Fund) St. John's School \*Specified

St. John's School Scholarship LWML (formerly

Dorcas) Adopt a bill

LCMS High School Building
Maintainance Fund Living Trust Fund

Altar Guild

#### Childcare / Youth

### **Ministry Center Fund!**

Please utilize the Childcare/Youth Envelopes in your box of envelopes. Circle if it is a memorial, pledge, or a donation and your offering number, name and amount given. \*memorials – include the name of deceased on envelope bottom.

# October CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday Nov. 25 at 6:30pm





Set your clocks back ONE hour, Nov. 3...

Thanksgiving Worship: Wed. November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Thurs. November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

The Thanksgiving Offering will be directed to the Ft. Wayne & St. Louis Seminary Food Banks

Food donations will go to the Mayville Food Pantry



Round up for a Cause Special thanks to ALL who supported our Childcare/Youth Center from the Round Up for a Cause at Mayville's Piggly Wiggly





St. John's Blood Drive November 6 1:00-6:00pm St. John's School Gym

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/finddrive

"Some to Be" Sundays: weekends which will highlight a particular group(s)/Board(s) every month. The Month of November we recognize the Board of Trustees.

These weekends are a chance for each Board and group at St. John's to say who they are, what they do, and how to join. (They're called "Some **to** Be" Sundays based on 1 Corinthians 12, where we hear that God the Holy Spirit apportions each of us with gifts and abilities that we may be the hands, feet, and other parts of the Body of Christ.)



## St. John's Worship Opportunities

## Saturday Spiritual Worship Service / Sunday "Traditional" Worship WORSHIP HOURS ~

Saturday Praise & Worship Service at 5:30pm Sunday Worship Service at Traditional Worship 8:15am Contemporary 10:30am

Monday Evening Worship at 5:30

><> Bible Believers 9:30 (Fellowship Hal) - [continues in Sept] <>< <>< Sunday Bible Class will be each Sunday from 8:00am-8:45am ><>

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Sat. Nov. 9 Sun. Nov. 10 Mon. Nov. 11	5:30pm Praise & Worship Communion 8:15am Traditional Communion Worship Service 10:30am Contemporary Communion Worship 5:30pm Monday Evening Communion Service
Sat. Nov. 16 Sun. Nov. 17 Mon. Nov. 18	5:30pm Praise & Worship Communion 7th Grade Chapel Message 8:15am Traditional Communion Worship Service 10:30am Contemporary Communion Worship 5:30pm Monday Evening Communion Service
Wed. Nov. 20	6:30pm Hunter's Comm. Worship Service / 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Chapel message
Sat. Nov. 23 Sun. Nov. 24	5:30pm Praise & Worship Communion 8:15am Traditional Communion Worship Service 10:30am Contemporary Communion Worship



Sunday ~

9:30am--Bible Believers (Sunday School Program, at school) & Adult Bible Believer Class starts Sept. 8

9:30am-Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) "The Gospel of John"

9:30am- Pastor Cutler's "Men at Work"

Tuesday ~

9:30am-Ladies "Scripture Seekers".

Wednesday ~

6:00am- POP [Power of Prayer] (Fellowship Hal)I 10:00am-"Bible Class" "JAMES"

(Fellowship Hall)

#### **JOYFUL JOURNEY** ~

(Journey One Year for U Lord) Is a DAILY Bible reading, that gives you an Old Testament, New Testament, Psalm and Proverb reading.

The 'One Year Bible' is available in the church office for only \$15; or "the One Year Chronological Bible" is also available for the low cost of \$15.

Call a friend and take that daily walk together. Your JOYFUL Journey will begin in Genesis and continue all the way through the Bible.

OR Daily Bible Readings can be picked up in the church office or in the Narthex for you to read cover to cover with only a few chapters at a time...

**"Every Day"** ~ One Year Bible / Chronological One Year Bible

PRAIRIE RIDGE CHAPEL November 11
PRAIRIE RIDGE COMMUNION November 25

Saturday at 5:30pm; Sundays [8:15 & 10:30]; Mondays at 5:30pm

5:30pm Monday Evening Communion Service

6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Comm. Worship

9:00pm Thanksgiving Day Comm. Worship

5:30pm Praise & Worship Communion

Our WORSHIP SERVICE is available on YouTube  $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ 

The address is

Mon. Nov. 25 Wed. Nov. 27

Thurs. Nov. 28

Sat. Nov. 30

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Or https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsEvLuthernChurch

ONLINE SERVICES— Our new site is: "StJohnsLutheranMayvilleWI" YouTube page on which to upload our services They will now be under Posts in St John's Facebook page. Here are the links for our new YouTube page and the Posts page of our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsEvLutheranChurch, scroll down and on the right side—look for the dates at the end of the titles). We are looking for an Administrator to oversee this through the help and guidance of Pastor Frazee, if you are willing to assist with this please contact the church office / Pastor Frazee

St. John's website is <a href="www.stjohnsmayville.com">www.stjohnsmayville.com</a> Visit the website to see current school and church activities and events. Parish Visitor Newsletters, Events Calendars, SCRIP forms... [if you prefer a printed version of the Parish Visitor, limited copies available in church office and the Narthex]



## LWML "Women in Missions"

**Who Are We** - The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) with a membership of over 250,000 is the official women's organization of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The LWML focuses on **affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ** to enable her to be in **ministry** among the people of the world. For over 60 years the organization

has been encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to financially support global missions.

St. John's is part of the **South Wisconsin District**. The District is divided into groups called Zones, with about 6 churches each. Each church has a society organization that is affiliated with the LWML. We participate in Spring and Fall Rallies and host on a rotation basis with the other churches in our Zone. The District hosts the Fall Retreat, Young Women's Retreat and SWD Convention.

WEB PAGE: (www.swd-lwml.org).

FOR MORE LWML INFORMATION check out the purple bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

MEETING NIGHT - 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY of each Month! -



## Challenge

# Fill aMITE BOX

You are encouraged to continue to 'fill a Mite box' all year through. The Mites collected from each of the LWML groups are used for many missions throughout the year.



## Don't forget to grab a MITE BOX... find that spare, lost or extra change to help others through the MITE BOX Missions.

We would also "WELCOME" any new members to the LWML Dorcas Ladies. We meet on the 2nd Thursday

of each month at 6:00 pm from September thru May.

After a devotion, we discuss ongoing LWML activities in the area, as well as District and National Events.

Please attend a meeting to see what the LWML Ladies are all about.



St. John's Chili Dinner ~ November 10 10:00-12:30 (Carry Out ONLY!) (Fellowship hall)

TICKETS are available through the LWML ladies or St. John's Church Office.

Quart ~\$15.00, ½ Gallon~\$25.00, 1 Gallon ~\$40.00 (includes cheese & dessert!)

For chili pick-up ENTER at the Fellowship Hallway outer door ONLY; EXIT only out the office complex hallway, either door

LWML MEETING NIGHT ~ the 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAYS of the month at 6:00pm! (all women invited to attend)

**150 school kits** were assembled for Lutheran World Relief! Special thanks to all who donated the various supplies to complete the kits, and to those who assembled and packaged the.

RADA CUTLERY ~ available for purchase, (located in the Fellowship Hall) Made in the USA! Great gift ideas, for Showers, Birthdays, Christmas, EVERY DAY use! \*Available through the Church Office or the Dorcas Society. (Sportsmen knives are also available!) GREAT ANYTIME GIFTS, including Shower gifts, Bingo prizes...



## Birthday Blessings / Anniversary Celebrations

Birthdays are special days. Whether you are celebrating a milestone birthday or a regular good ole' birthday, each of us have been blessed with this special day, the day our Heavenly Father blessed your parents with YOU Why not honor your birthday age, with a gift to the church?

What an awesome statement of your faith, by thanking God through St. John's with a monetary gift.

These moments of celebration, are just that....

CELEBRATION of each person that God has shared with us.



MEET YOUR ELDERS ~
On the wall of the elevator
we have pictures
of our current Elders.
You can now match a name
with a face.
If you have concerns
or questions,
we encourage you to
reach out to an elder.

Gentlemen ~
Is the Lord calling you to help in the Elder ministry?
Please contact one of the Pastors, or one of the elders for more information.
Elders Needed!

Bingo Fun continues in Fall – November 19

At 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall – All WELCOME!

A food pantry item is appreciated. Come for fun,

fellowship & prizes!

Please include in your phone / or some place that you are able to find the following numbers in case of an emergency:

St. John's Church: 920-387-3568
Pastor Mark Cutler 406-212-7374
pastor.cutler@stjohnsmayville.com

Pastor Joshua Frazee 920-583-0030 pastorjoshfrazee@gmail.com

If you have changed your address or have gone from a land line to a



cell phone please let the church office know by either calling the church office at 387-3568, filling out the back of the communion card OR mailing a note to help keep our records up to date.

Parents—if your child is no longer living with you, please let the church office know so that updates to our computer system is kept up to date.



Advent by Candlelight ~ December 1st, 2024 St. John's Fellowship Hall 6:00-7:30pm Ladies join us for a Christmas service filled with candlelight, music, fellowship and food. Celebrate the start of the Christmas season. Sign up to decorate a table or just join us for appetizers, salads and desserts. Please contact Joann Cutler at (406) 212-7375 for

more information, to reserve a table or seats by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## WHERE MIGHT YOU BE ABLE TO HELP?

St. John's Quilters are looking for someone to cut squares for the quilts...(this project can be done in the convenience of your own home!) Contact the office 920-387-3568 for more info.

Our Ushering Teams are in need of members, contact the church office to be placed on one of the teams needing help. (920-387-3568].

St. John's Altar Guild is looking for a few members to be added to some of the teams... (this is a rotating basis, so approximately every 9 months the team you are added to will assist with preparing the communion ware for worship)... contact Bev Christian 920-517-5004

St. John's LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) or formerly known and still known as Dorcas is looking for faith based – mission minded women, also helpers for funerals...contact the church office for more information.

We continue to look for volunteers to assist with video taping and power point, contact Pastor Frazee in the church office.

YOU are a valuable member of our church family, and YOU are needed...just contact us, we will find the right place for YOU!

Meals on Wheels and AbleLight (Bethesda) are also looking for volunteers... YOU, Your time and servant's heart are blessing to many...

## ALL Saint's WEEKEND November 2, 3 & 4 This year St. John's will remember our

'faithfully departed' on the date of 'All Saint's Day, on the weekend of Nov. 2-4

Patricia Zuelsdorf ~ November 5, 2023 Bonnie Kamrath ~ November 11, 2023 Gladys Miller ~ February 25, 2024 Jacqueline Schiess ~ March 4, 2024 Wilbert Puls ~ June 13, 2024 Ronald Schroeder ~ July 30, 2024 Mark Young ~ September 1, 2024

June Margelofsky ~ November 14, 2023 Chester Margelofsky ~ February 15, 2024 Sally Toellner ~ February 29, 2024 Florence Raabe ~ May 6, 2024 Marvin Franke ~June 20, 2024 Nobert Dornfeldt ~ August 8, 2024 Shari Zergiebel ~ September 17, 2024



## Wed. November 27—Contemporary Communion Service 6:30pm Thurs. November 28—Traditional Thanksgiving Communion Worship 9:00am



For our Thanksgiving Services, we will be collecting a food offering along with our monetary response to God's goodness. We will do this at the beginning of our services, both on Wednesday night as well as on Thursday morning. We will get up out of our pews and bring it forward during the singing of our opening songs or hymns. This food offering will go towards feeding the hungry that come to need food from our community food pantry

Food donations can be brought to the church to be delivered to the Mayville Food Pantry.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE DIRECTED TO Food Co-op's at Ft. Wayne Theological Seminary and St. Louis, MO

# St. John's Hunter's Worship Communion Service / 6<sup>th</sup> Grade chapel message November 20th at 6:30pm.

Before you head into the woods, before you are caught up with the thrill of the hunt...spend some one-on-one time with your Lord and Savior in worship and as He invites you to share His body and blood, in Holy Communion.



Giving Him the praise and thanks He deserves for giving you the opportunity to share in the outdoors that He created. Blaze orange, or camo clothing appreciated.



Reminder to order your poinsettia plant in honor / memory of a loved one. Order deadline is November 25.

Price is \$11.00 per plant - (Ordered from DutchTouch)

Call the church office 387-3568 or sign up on sheets / inserts.



## 'PLEDGE' WEEKEND-November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>

In the Narthex, you will find a pledge card to be filled out and handed in on pledge Weekend, Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. During the service on that weekend, you will have an opportunity to bring up your pledge card and dedicate your offering to the Lord.

The pledge card is for your planning as a family and as an individual.

It will not be used for the purpose of congregational

budgeting. Giving planned first fruits gift toward the work of the Lord in this place is what the pledge care is really all about.

Give it prayerful consideration as we prepare for this special weekend. (sample)

God's Servant in Action - A Loving Response		
In response to God's love working in my life in many a	nd various ways,	but chiefly through the
sacrificial death of Jesus upon the cross,		
I will  attend worship regularly and commune often.  attend a group Bible study.  read my Bible in private devotions.		
lead my family in devotions.	Commitm	nent Sunday
give to the work of the Lord here at St. John's L	utheran Church to	be used for meeting
ministry challenges as well as mission activity with	% of my (our	e) income.
This would mean that I would give a weekly plea	lge of \$	each Sunday or a
monthly pledge of \$		
Since we do not know exactly what blessings or challer year, this pledge may change as we respond appropriate	_	ore for us in a given
	Name (Plea	ase print)
Date		

But the righteous gives and does not hold back.

Proverbs 21:26b

SCRIP Fest Giveaway Nov. 4-Dec. 8 added 'in stock', plus expanded \$10 gift card options.

Fadango \$25 Marcus Theaters \$25 Ulta Beauty \$25 Home Depot \$25 Buffalo Wild Wings \$10, \$25 Taco Bell \$5, \$10 Hardees \$10 Old Navy/Gap \$25 Dunkin Donuts \$10 Cousins \$10 (*NEW*) Tractor Supply \$25 VISA Pre-paid \$25/\$50 Jug's Hitching Post \$25 The 'Meating' Place / Mayville Golf Club \$25, \$50 Ross (dress for less) \$25 Marshall's/TJ Maxx \$25 AND MORE!

### 10 WINNERS will be chosen for Scrip Prizes! Each \$500+ order placed will be

entered for an EXTRA ENTRY into our giveaway! Scrip winners will be randomly chosen from qualifiers by coordinator and awarded pre-selected \$25-\$100 Scrip Packages at end of promotion!

FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP! Available in the church office, on the RaiseRight App or contact Kathy! Help raise an extra \$7,500 this season! SUPPORT THE CHURCH, THE SCHOOL, YOUR TUITION... All rebates will be applied according to your current scrip agreement. TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SHOP AND GIFT WITH SCRIP THIS CHRISTMAS and ALL YEAR!

St. John's **SCRIP** program is alive and doing well.

Please make sure you are utilizing SCRIP for your everyday shopping needs, including for groceries, prescriptions, gasoline for your vehicle has improvement projects, clothing, fast food, etc...

#### **USE SCRIP FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS!**

Support St. John's Church (a tax deduction), support your student with aution credit or receive cash back. Inquire in the church office for more information, or call Kathy Dobbratz 920-382-2816. Our scrip program is operated by volunteers to support the mission of St. John's Church, School and Childcare and we encourage all purchasers to designate a portion of their rebates to church as a donation.

YOU decide how your rebates are distributed: *church donation, school tuition or cash back.* [This is found on our *PINK* SCRIP 'rebate' sheet; once you have filled out the pink sheet it will be directed to your wishes until you update it, (with the exception that if helping a school family with tuition, and they are no longer in our school, have moved etc...)]. Changes to your scrip rebate sheet is for future purchases, we do not apply changes to previous purchases.

Currently we have over 40 in-stock retailers for your convenience, gas, clothing, pharmaceutical needs, building projects, grocery stores, fast food, from hobbies to 'hubbies' (Fleet Farm, Cabella's, Menard's etc). You can even plan your vacation needs through Scrip! Great for budgets, for gift giving, for EVERY DAY NEEDS!

Several options are available for your needs online at <a href="www.RaiseRight.com">www.RaiseRight.com</a> or with a free APP for your phone or tablets called RaiseRight. LOG IN with your current ShopWithScrip account username and password. Or SIGN UP at <a href="www.RaiseRight.com">www.RaiseRight.com</a>. Contact the office or Kathy Dobbratz for our enrollment code. SHOP E-cards and reload brands you can use right from your phone and pay through the app.

- 1. You can order online or in the app and pay with your bank account (.15 per order) or credit card (2.6%). Call/email/text Kathy for support 920-382-2816 jackdobbratz@sbcglobal.net.
- 2. There are a lot of e-cards and reload options available. If you order a Raise Right Kwik Trip Card these are reloadable.
- 3. You can also place an order for physical scrip in this way to reduce check handling by the office or our scrip workers. Give us a day or two to fill your online physical scrip card order. We will call/text/email you to let you know your order is ready and arrange

Families can direct their rebates toward the general fund at church as a donation, the tuition of a specific family, cash back or a combination of these. Want more information? Contact the church or school offices or Kathy Dobbratz to see how you can become involved in this gift card fundraising program.

FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP! Available in the church office, on the RaiseRight App or contact Kathy! Help raise an extra \$7,500 this season! SUPPORT THE CHURCH, THE SCHOOL, YOUR TUITION... All rebates will be applied according to your current scrip agreement. TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SHOP AND GIFT WITH SCRIP THIS CHRISTMAS and ALL YEAR!

#### **SCRIP REBATES 2024~**

\*January 2024-Tuition Reimbursement is \$773.22 St. John's - \$724.85

\*February 2024-Tuition Reimbursement is \$848.59 St. John's - \$575.41

\*March 2024-Tuition Reimbursement is \$863.27 St. John's - \$863.49

\*April 2024-Tuition Reimbursement is \$896.77 St. John's – 881.17

\*May 2024-Tuition Reimbursement is \$649.25

St. John's ~ \$724.67

\*June 2024-Tuition Reimbursement is \$861.68

St. John's ~ \$845.79

\*July 2024-Tuition Reimbursement is \$836.07 St. John's ~ \$783.27

\*August 2024-Tuition Reimbursement is \$1009.81 St. John's ~\$838.11

\*September 2024 – Tuiton Reimbursement is \$1066.89 St. John's ~ \$767.54

SCRIP PURCHASERS – did you know that 'St. John's' Reimbursement really adds up?

Do you realize that we truly appreciate ALL THOSE FAMILIES that continue to utilize the SCRIP PROGRAM especially after their child is out of St. John's School because this is an ON-GOING fundraiser to benefit the church, and for those who use it for their child's or to help another student's tuition?

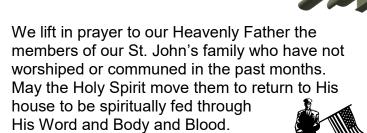
Haven't tried SCRIP yet? It is very simple... do you go to Piggly Wiggly, Walmart, Meiers, Roundy's Pick n' Save, Target? Do you get gas at BP, Kwik Trip, Shell; do you have Home Improvement projects or generally need tools or products? We have Menards, Fleet Farm, Mayville ACE Hardware? Do you occasionally dine out or need a quick drive thru? We have McDonalds, Arby's, Hardees, Culvers, Taco Bell, Applebees, Jugs? Are you a regular AMAZON shopper?

WE HAVE SO MANY SCRIP options (too many to list) for you to use in your everyday life. Stop in the church office; we can explain it to you...

\*taking a vacation to Disney? We can help with that too! Special ordered Scrip can be in by the next week - simply fill out sheet/pay for it/ order will be in the next week! You fill out the order sheet with what you need, write a check or cash, we give you the cards you ordered and you use the cards like you would cash/check in the stores.

#### **OUR Homebound:**

LaVern Gubin, Darlene Franke, Marie Pusateri,





and all those who are serving our country in the military: Timothy Behnke (Army), Andrew Behnke(Coast Guard),

Jessica Sullivan (Air Force National Guard) and others who are in any branch of service. We thank God for these men and women who willingly serve our Country.

#### Giving, Loving & Living

Are you or a loved one facing a difficult time: an illness, a death, loss of a job, or some other challenge in your life that is overwhelming?

WE Pray Please call the church office at 387-3568 and make an appointment with Pastor Cutler or Pastor Frazee for them to offer encouragement, help with guidance and share in prayer.

We pray for strength and healing for those undergoing medical testing, procedures, treatments, those hospitalized, those recovering, and those with on-going health conditions

We welcome into our church family through the waters of Holy Baptism:

October 19 ~ Maeve Gettelman



Those called HOME We remember in our prayers the family and friends of

#### OUR MEMBERS LIVING IN OR RECOVERING AT NURSING OR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES:

Clearview – [198 County D F, Juneau] ~ Karen Liebenow, Sig Semrau (A109) Crossroads Fond du lac- [115 E. Arndt St. Fond du lac WI 54935] ~ Jeanette Gruenewaldt (221) Hope Assisted Living – [475 Grove St., Lomira] ~ Phyllis Ewert (201), Elinor Zahn (105), Jerry Barker (112) Prairie Ridge, [1175 Breckenridge St. Mayville] ~ Joyce Wucherer (25), Phyllis Mueller (6), Betty Christian (37), Margareta Toepfer (17),

MAILINGS for Dale Rindfleisch - [Dale c/o David Rindfleisch N53W35240 Lighthouse Ln. Oconomowoc, WI 53066] TO VISIT DALE – Riverside Lodge 420 N Main. St. #122 Dousman WI 53118

Patriot Place – 609 Broadway St. #40, Berlin, WI 54923 ~ Eunice Okon [mailings should go to W4318 Chappa Rd. Berlin WI]

Prairie Ridge Chapel Service Nov. 11 10:00am Prairie Ridge Communion Service Nov. 25 10:00am

> St. John's Membership 829 **Communicant Members 715**

#### St. John's MONTHLY Food Mission Focus for the MAYVILLE FOOD PANTRY

## <u>November</u> ~ SMILE, 'YOU' look marvelous! *Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Floss, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner...*

December ~ 'Baby, it's cold outside!" Baby Products, food, diapers, wipes, formula, cereals...

Please note <u>ALL food items</u> are needed and appreciated through-out the year, the focus for the 'monthly' specialties are to aid the Mayville Food Pantry in helping to stock their shelves for those in need.

ALL DONATIONS are appreciated through-out the year.

Ladies ~ Feminine Hygiene Products are appreciated.

Another help to the FOOD PANTRY: Hats, Mittens, Scarves, Gloves, Socks also collected.

#### HERE ARE VERY IMPORTANT "OTHER" ITEMS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTY, so please keep these also in mind:

MILK & BUTTER (there are lots of donations of Mac & Cheese, but milk and butter are also needed).

BOXED MILK (lots of donations of cereals, boxed milk is a treasure)

CANNED FOODS, should be popped topped or donate can openers for the other canned items.

OIL is a luxury SPICES, SALT & PEPPER are a real gift TEA BAGS & COFFEE are caring gifts

SUGAR & FLOUR are treats

TUNA & CRACKERS is a great lunch

Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without GROUND BEEF.

SANDWICH BREAD, (they get a lot of peanut butter & jelly but need something to put it on)

BUTTER and MARGERINE EGGS are a commodity!

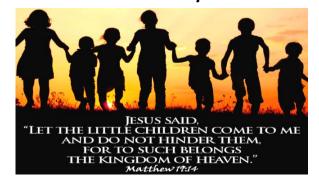
CAKE MIX & FROSTING makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.

DISHWASHING DETERGENT is very expensive and always appreciated

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS are a luxury STOVE TOP STOVING is always a favorite.

CASH makes it possible for the Food Bank to buy what's missing and buy in bulk.

Childcare / Youth Ministry Center Fund! Please consider this in giving memorials or 'thanksgiving' gifting. Reminder in your offering envelope box are 'Investing In Children' envelopes; please feel free to use them when donating to the Childcare/Youth Center. Please circle whether it is a Pledge, Offering or in Memoriam, include your offering number, name and amount. Running out of those special envelopes? We have many more in the office, please ask for some.





ELECTRONIC GIVING (ACH) ~ ACH is a great way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers individual congregation members convenience and affords much needed offering consistency for our congregation. Please contact the church office for more information OR to sign up. Contributions can be taken out the first of the month or the fifteenth or BOTH.

No offering envelopes to remember! St. John's Ministry benefits tremendously from continued support, while you are away on vacation, or unable to attend worship. \*Reminder ANY Changes to the ACH, must go through the church office for computing.

#### **Shoes for Belize**



St. John's collects shoes: and a 'shoe' box is located in the Fellowship Hall.

We appreciate your donations, please only drop off gently used / clean shoes sandals and footware.







Dear St. Johns Families, I am writing to inform you that we are looking to add a few people to the school board. We believe that fresh perspectives and diverse experiences will help us better serve the school and its community. If you or someone you know is interested in contributing to the growth and development of St. Johns School, we encourage you to nominate yourself or nominate qualified individuals who are passionate about education and the well-being of our students. As a member of the school community, your input and participation are highly valued. We believe that a collaborative effort will lead to positive change and continued success for our students and staff. If you are interested or know someone who would be a great addition to the board, please submit your nominations to Zach Wenninger

at <a href="mailto:schoolboard@stjohnsmayville.com">schoolboard@stjohnsmayville.com</a> Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to St. Johns School. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students. Sincerely, Zach Wenninger, School Board Chairman

Informational 'periodical' email ~ to be informed on events and activities and / or important information, please make sure the church office has your email address; if you want to receive school updates please also add that to an email to

barb.haessly@stjohnsmayville.com or write it on the back of a communion card.

This is extremely helpful for 'closings', 'voter's meeting reminders', and other 'need to get out quick' information.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION? We are always looking for your picture, cell phone, land line, marital status, address, email, etc. to keep us current. For changes or updates please email Barb in the office at <a href="mailto:Barb.Haessly@stjohnsmayville.com">Barb.Haessly@stjohnsmayville.com</a>, or write the information on the back of a communion card and give to the usher.

"YouCan" make a difference! Please consider donating new or gently used pairs of shoes for Belize.

The shoes will be distributed at schools and in villages in Belize by a mission team from this area who is partnering with local leaders there. Belize is a small.

developing country in Central America where shoes are very expensive and often a challenge to get. Any sturdy casual footwear appropriate for a tropical climate is accepted and would be greatly appreciated. Tennis shoes and flip-flops for males (Toddler 12 - Men's Size 9) and females (Toddler 10 - Women's Size 7) are especially needed. As you're considering your donation, please understand it costs almost \$3 per pair to ship. Shoes should be in good enough condition to make that investment worthwhile. If possible, please rubber band or tie shoelaces together. New, never been worn socks, and/or monetary donations to help cover shipping expenses are also welcome and encouraged for this effort. Please email info@youcanmissions.org for more information. Be a part of this mission and spread the word!

#### Through the Bible in a Year – Chronological Order

October 1 ~ Esther 4-7 2 ~ Esther 8-10 3 ~ Ezra 1-4 4 ~ Haggai 1-2, Zechariah 1-2 5 ~ Zechariah 3-6 6 ~ Zechariah 7-10 7 ~ Zechariah 11-14 8 ~ Ezra 5-7 9 ~ Ezra 8-10 10 ~ Nehemiah 1-3 11 ~ Nehemiah 4-6 12 ~ Nehemiah 7-9 13 ~ Nehemiah 10-13 14 ~ Malachi 1-4 15 ~ Matthew 1-4 16 ~ Matthew 5-7 17 ~ Matthew 8-11 18 ~ Matthew 12-15 19 ~ Matthew 16-19 20 ~ Matthew 20-22 21 ~ Matthew 23-25 22 ~ Matthew 26-28 23 ~ Mark 1-3 24 ~ Mark 4-6 25 ~ Mark 7-10 26 ~ Mark 11-13 27 ~ Mark 14-16 28 ~ Luke 1-3 29 ~ Luke 4-6 30 ~ Luke 7-9 31 ~ Luke 10-13

November 1 ~ Luke 14-17 2 ~ Luke 18-21 3 ~ Luke 22-24 4 ~ John 1-3 5 ~ John 4-6 6 ~ John 7-10 7 ~ John 11-13 8 ~ John 14-17 9 ~ John 18-21 10 ~ Acts 1-2 11 ~ Acts 3-5 12 ~ Acts 6-9 13 ~ Acts 10-12 14 ~ Acts 13-14 15 ~ James 1-2 16 ~ James 3-5 17 ~ Galatians 1-3 18 ~ Galatians 4-6 19 ~ Acts 15-18:11 20 ~ 1 Thessalonians 1-5 21 ~ 2 Thessalonians 1-3, Acts 18:12-19:10 22 ~ 1 Corinthians 1-4 23 ~ 1 Corinthians 5-8 24 ~ 1 Corinthians 9-12

December 1 ~ Romans 5-8 2 ~ Romans 9-11 3 ~ Romans 12-16 4 ~ Acts 20:3-22 5 ~ Acts 23-25 6 ~ Acts 26-28 7 ~ Ephesians 1-3 8 ~ Ephesians 4-6 9 ~ Philippians 1-4 10 ~ Colossians 1-4 11 ~ Hebrews 1-4 12 ~ Hebrews 5-7 13 ~ Hebrews 8-10 14 ~ Hebrews 11-13 15 ~ Philemon, 1 Peter 1-2 16 ~ 1 Peter 3-5 17 ~ 2 Peter 1-3 18 ~ 1 Timothy 1-3 19 ~ 1 Timothy 4-6 20 ~ Titus 1-3 21 ~ 2 Timothy 1-4 22 ~ 1 John 1-2 23 ~ 1 John 3-5 24 ~ 2 John, 3 John, Jude 25 ~ Revelation 1-3 26 ~ Revelation 4-6 27 ~ Revelation 7-9 28 ~ Revelation 10-12 29 ~ Revelation 13-15 30 ~ Revelation 16-18 31 ~ Revelation 19-22

This is LONG overdue...

I want to personally
thank' Pat Moehr for her
many years (14?) of helping
me out in the church office... I
knew the church office was in good hands
when I took vacation or wasn't feeling well.

25 ~ 1 Corinthians 13-16

27 ~ 2 Corinthians 4-6

28 ~ 2 Corinthians 7-9

29 ~ 2 Corinthians 10-13

30 ~ Acts 20:2, Romans 1-4

26 ~ Acts 19:11-20:1, 2 Corinthians 1-3

I have been blessed with many outstanding 'office elves', beginning with Mura Toellner, and through Pat (and Ron!), Marge Finke, Sharon Wendorf, Joyce Wucherer and Phyllis Mueller, Sharon Schmidt, Sandie Oehmen, and continuing with Aimee Streblow, Kathy Dobbratz, Carl Wendorf, Ken Toellner and Joe Butler (and IF I missed someone, please forgive me, you all are extremely important, [but my memory isn't what it used to be in the 24+ years here]). THANK YOU ALSO TO THE MANY 'BEHIND THE SCENES' Volunteers throughout the years. Your servant's heart, time and dedication is truly appreciated and St. John's is blessed through YOU. \*Still looking for someone to 'show the ropes' so to speak when I am out and Pat is not available...if you are interested and have some computer knowledge, can answer a phone, sell Scrip, ... please

## St. John's Adopt a Bill Program ~ OVER \$ 227,435.08



Adopt a bill to date (since Nov. 2004) What IS St. John's Adopt a bill program? And how does it work? In the Narthex on the wall, we have our 'Adopt-a-bill' Program with the graphics of Noah's ark, and helping "St. John's 'keep a'float". On the wall are miscellaneous bills that can be 'adopted' by those who would like to help out with some of our bills not necessarily covered by our 'ministry financial plan'. Most (if not all) of the bills to be 'adopted' are less than \$100. There are 'adopt-a-bill' envelopes to put your name, envelope number and selected bill and payment into. [bills 'adopted' will then be credited to your offering statement under 'adopt-a-bill]. Checks should be made out to St. John's Church [not to the recipient on the bill]; cash is also welcomed.

Our 'adopt-a-bill' program was started in 2004 and since then we have over \$227,000.00 of donations credited to miscellaneous bills.

January 2024 ~ \$393.15 February 2024 ~ \$1.170.79 March 2024 ~\$429.95

 January 2024 ~ \$393.15
 February 2024 ~ \$1,170.79
 March 2024 ~ \$429.95

 April 2024 ~ \$238.06
 May 2024 ~ \$532.24
 June 2024 ~ \$231.11

 July 2024 ~ \$408.68
 August 2024 ~ \$382.75
 Sept. 2024 ~ \$1,291.99

# FAMILIES with school aged children ~ Please make sure the church office has Your CHILD'S information, including SCHOOL, GRADE ETC...

This helps up keep current with ministry activities such as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles, Confirmation Classes etc...

# Community Giving Tree

November 13-Dec 5

St John's has once again been given the opportunity to help those in the community who are less fortunate. In November a tree will be placed in the church office with the age of a child/adult, boy/girl, man/woman, and some wanted items they

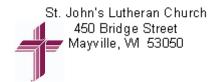


have requested for Christmas. If you are interested in making someone's Christmas a little brighter by purchasing some gifts, we ask that you check out the Community Giving Tree, select a card (or more) and purchase all or some of the suggested items. Please bring the <a href="unwrapped gifts">unwrapped gifts</a> back to the church office, in bags or boxes with the tags SECURELY attached to the unwrapped gifts. Packages may be dropped off at St. Mary's School or Church or returned HERE. Your gifts will be taken to St. Mary's. ALL gifts must be dropped off <a href="no later than">no later than</a>, (Tentative) Thursday, Dec. 5 \*Donations of Wrapping paper, Gift Bags & Boxes are appreciated. No time to shop? Purchase Piggly Wiggly Scrip cards. They will be distributed to families involved.

Give the Gift of Giving!

Friday, DECEMBER 6 – 6:00pm

JOIN US FOR OUR **25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE**.... Bring 4 Dozen of one kind of your favorite cookie and get a 4 dozen VARIETY in return.
All cookies must be in the church kitchen by 6:00pm!



### November Memory Verse: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. - Psalm 9:1





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"Reaching, Teaching, and Sharing the Gospel"

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 7:00am-4:00pm; FRIDAY 7:00-11:00 am [to avoid any inconvenience and to better serve you call ahead 387-3568 [If you need assistance, after posted hours please call 387-3568 so arrangements can be made]

The Church Office will be Open on FRIDAYS from 7:00am-11:00am, NO SCRIP will be available Fridays in November The Church OFFICE will be CLOSED Friday, November 22 and Friday November 29 CLOSED Thursday November 28 for Thanksgiving