



## ***St. John's Lutheran Church February, 2024***

***Location: 1253 County Road J, Little Suamico, WI***

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Keyboardists

**Office Hours---**

**Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Call for an appointment with Pastor Stacy.**



**Gather Grow Go**





Time seems to be flying these days, right? At least it always seems that the holidays come and go so quickly! But this year is especially quick as we will celebrate Ash Wednesday on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Yes, we will celebrate on St. Valentine's Day. Seems fitting to remember the great love we are given as a gift!

**L**ent is a 40 day period, not including 6 Sundays, that calls for us to be self-reflective of our immortality and in some traditions calls for one to fast, eating only one meal a day, with the exception of children and elderly. It is a time of giving up something that is not necessarily good for us, to give attention to the good things we may have been neglecting, such as daily devotions to be in better relationship with God. On Ash Wednesday we will be marked with the Cross of Christ in ashes as a reminder of where we came from.

**J**esus was always good at creating space for people in need, especially around meals. We have a great tradition of meals at our midweek services. This year, we are going to try an experiment for Lent. We are going to have Dinner Church. The theme is Taste and See: That the Lord is Good, grounded in Psalm 38. Dinner Church is just like it sounds, we will share dinner and church around the table. We hear God's word. Share in table preaching, and enjoy in a meal together. A story swap is a time to exchange stories of faith, life and family together in a safe and loving environment. When the days are cold and we long for the warmth on our faces and the longer days, we will gather together in the season of Lent and enjoy the warmth of fine food and loving stories. And this **IS** for ALL AGES!

We will still have groups sign up to host the meal but we will have church while we have dinner. So *Come and See* what's in store. It will be a time of fellowship, food, and sharing and really getting to know one another a different way, around God's Word.

I am excited for this opportunity to sit with you as we share in the stories of our faith and what God has done in our lives and continues to do. *Pr. Stacy*

TASTE  
AND  
SEE



President's  
REPORT

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*Habakkuk 3:19*

*“GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he  
makes my feet like the deer’s;  
he makes me tread on my high places.”*

*Greetings, Members and Friends of St. John’s,*

*During Covid, a friend introduced me to Joyce Meyer, a very successful evangelist whose TV programs and books I find very helpful. In Trusting God Day by Day she writes, “We all go through situations in life – some bad, some good. Many times, we think the phrase ‘I’m going through something’ is bad news, but if we view it properly, we realize ‘going through’ is good; it means we are not stuck! We may be facing difficulties, but at least we are moving forward.”*

*Isaiah 43:2 says, ‘When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned or scorched, nor will the flame kindle upon you’ (emphasis added). God’s Word is clear: we will go through things . . . that’s reality. But the things we go through are the very circumstances, challenges, and situations that make up people who know how to overcome adversity.*

*We must choose the right attitude toward our challenges. We may have to do what’s right for a long time before it ‘pays off’ . . . but if we stay faithful, good results will come.”*

*We are now into the year Forward24. Just a little over 2 years ago, St. John’s engine was idling as we emerged from Covid. In that short time, we have moved forward, restarting programs and ministries, adding members, and becoming more active in the community. St. John’s is definitely not stuck!*

*We will have ups and downs in 2024, and our job is clear: Keep going forward with the Spirit’s guidance, trusting God no matter how difficult it is because He will be with us. We will move forward with praise and thanksgiving and faith.*

*In Christ,  
Betty Stevens*



## Income & Worship Attendance Summary

December, 2023

	Actual Current Month	Budget Current Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual vs Budget
Total Offerings	\$19,382.74	\$12,241.67	\$144,028.83	\$146,900.00	(\$2,871.17)
Total Income	\$25,113.05	\$12,241.67	\$202,548.13	\$146,900.00	\$55,648.13
Total Expenses	\$21,611.05	\$17,398.40	\$252,905.70	\$196,875.02	(\$56,030.68)
Profit/Loss Net Cash Increase/(Decrease)	\$3,502.00	(\$5,156.73)	(\$50,357.57)	(\$49,975.02)	(\$382.55)
Average Weekly Attendance for December (In-person attendance only)				92	

Please feel free to contact the church office for a complete financial report.



### **2024 Council Information:**

Sara Beth Holman- President, Stewardship Liaison  
 Tracey Krumrei- Vice President  
 Shellie Virtues- Secretary  
 Barb Dorn-Financial Secretary, Technology Team Liaison  
 Pastor Stacy Malzhan

Curt Anschutz- Building & Grounds Liaison  
 Michelle Marchand- Outreach Team Liaison  
 Amy Spaude  
 Betty Stevens- Outreach Team  
 Rob Urbaniak- Youth & Education Team Liaison



**Shawano Area Conference**  
East Central Synod of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Join us for our Conference

# Annual Meeting

**Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2 pm**

*Snow date: February 11, 2024 at 2 pm*

Be a part of the bigger picture and help to shape our future.

Topics of the day will include: Secretary's report, Dean's report, Treasurer's report, Synod Council update, guest speakers, vote for new board members, and making decisions about proposed changes to the Shawano Area Conference Constitution.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:** *The Shawano Area Conference Board Members are proposing these changes be made to the Shawano Area Conference Constitution during the Annual Meeting scheduled on Sunday, February 4 (snow date of February 11): Remove Pulaski, Our Saviors from Section 4 Membership, remove Clintonville, Faith from Section 4 Membership, update Section 6 Leadership terms—currently the conference constitution states the Dean is a two year term, and two out of the four other board members are one year terms, but it does not mention the term length for the other two board members; proposing that the other two board member terms not currently listed be changed to two year terms.*

**The Annual Meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1253 County Rd J, Little Suamico, WI 54141.**

A Social with beverages and snacks will be held approximately 15-30 minutes before the meeting. Each Congregation is welcome to have their Clergy Person and two representatives attend. Please email Bobby Jo our Conference Secretary at [office@firstamericanlutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@firstamericanlutheranchurch.org) by Sunday, January 28, 2024, to let us know who will be in attendance from your church; this way we can ensure to have enough materials for everyone.



## *Worship Schedule*



**Wednesday, February 14, 2024  
6:30 p.m.**



### **Dinner Church**

***“Taste & See: That the Lord is Good”***

**Held in the Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm**

TASTE  
AND  
SEE

**Wednesday, February 21  
Wednesday, February 28  
Wednesday, March 6  
Wednesday, March 13  
Wednesday, March 20**

# Youth & Education

## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School takes place following Worship until 11:00 am every Sunday. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to attend! Children are always welcome to bring a friend as well! Please see Miss Karie if you have any questions.



**Lutheran Youth  
Organization**

**~The LYO is open to all Teens ages  
6th through 12th Grades~**

### **LYO Breakfast Club**

**Saturday, February 17th-** Painting the LYO Room!!!

**Saturday, March 16th-** Volunteer at Kingdom Come Food Pantry

### **LYO Bible Study**



**Sunday, February 18th**

**Sunday, March 17th**

Following Worship in the LYO Room downstairs.

### **Confirmation (Now Called Club 9!)**

**3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Sunday, February 4**

**Sunday, March 3**



### **LYO Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser-**

The LYO will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Tuesday, February 13th. We will need help with setting up, serving & clean-up. Look for the email that was sent on Monday, January 29th for more information and to sign up to help!

**JOIN US FOR A FAT TUESDAY SPAGHETTI DINNER!!!!**





# Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



All-You-Can Eat Pasta & Meatballs

**Tuesday February 13, 2024**

5:30 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.  
(Dinner served until 7:00 p.m.)

*Gluten Free Options Available!*

Suggested Donation:

\$10— Adults  
\$5— Children 10 and under

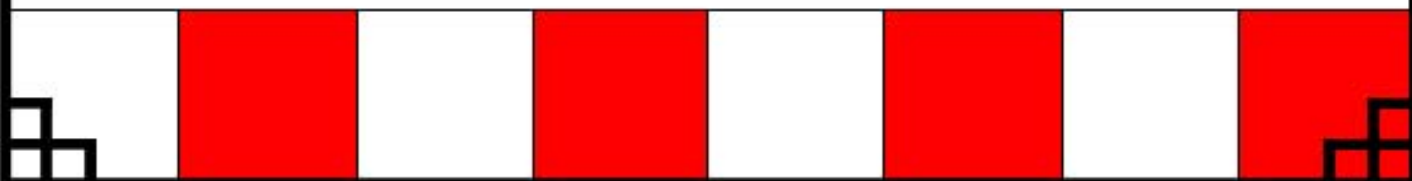
*\*Silent Auction/Raffle\**

*\*Dinner Games\**

*\*Music\**

All proceeds go to the Youth Programs of St. John's

*VBS      Sunday School*  
*LYO      Confirmation Program*





**Way to go, LYO!!! Congratulations on sponsoring a child in need for TEN YEARS!**



**Time  
Flies  
When  
You're  
Changing  
Lives!**

Compassion

Santiago "Jimmy" Mellado

Office of the President

Dear Friends,

Can you believe it's already been 10 years since you became a child sponsor with Compassion? That's a decade of prayers, letters and love sent across thousands of miles. It's 3,650 days of sharing Jesus Christ's message of hope alongside local churches around the world.

I sincerely thank you for partnering with this ministry. I can't wait to see how God continues to work through you to change the world, one precious child at a time!

In Christ,

Santiago "Jimmy" Mellado



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COMPASSION.COM



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*Thank you*

FOR SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE THROUGH SPONSORSHIP FOR SO MANY WONDERFUL YEARS.

Friends,

Thank you for your act of faith in December 2013, when you chose Jair as your first sponsored child with Compassion. You've continued to make an eternal impact in the lives of Estevan and Jair.

**Happy 10th sponsor-versary!**



*From Miss Karie~*

*I had the AMAZING opportunity to travel to New Orleans the week of January 16th to attend the ELCA's 2024 Youth Leader Extravaganza Conference. This is my first time attending the annual conference and I would not have been able to go without the TREMENDOUS support of our Brotherhood, who donated \$1000 toward my trip, and an extremely generous congregation member who covered my airline ticket with personal miles. I cannot possibly thank you all enough! And thank you, members of St. John's, for all of your support, encouragement, enthusiasm for our Youth Ministry Programs and for allowing me to be away from the office for the week. I have learned SO much, met SO many wonderful people, connected with an incredible number of resources and look very much forward to putting my new knowledge into action!*

*Here are the Classes/Workshops I attended at the Extravaganza-*

*I enrolled into a 2 day Intensive Care Course led by a faculty member from Luther Seminary. This class took place on Wednesday and Thursday for a total of 12 hours. The course I chose was "Listening, Experimenting, Discerning: Leading Strategically in Unpredictable Times" and was led by Dr. Terri Elton, Professor of Leadership and Dean of Academic Affairs at Luther. Pastor Stacy attended this class with me which was really cool as we could explore some of the biggest goals and challenges specifically related to St. John's Youth Programs together!*

**Course Description:** As ministry challenges become increasingly complex and environmental conditions are less predictable, how do we as ministry leaders plan for the future? In today's world the importance of strategic planning has not changed, yet traditional strategic planning methods were not designed for today's dynamic circumstances. In this course, participants will explore strategic planning practices designed for unpredictable environments. Participants will learn about these practices as they work on their specific ministry challenges.

*I also attended numerous workshops throughout the remaining days, in addition to six General Sessions, dinner with Luther Seminary Grads & Faculty and a wonderful lunch with some of our local Synod youth leaders. Some of the workshops I attended were:*

- **Dream Beyond: Graduation to Campus** - Rev. Cassandra Lamb, University Lutheran Center Campus Pastor  
Explore how to best send high school students from congregations to campus ministries. Helping students dream beyond their current faith community and to connect with a LuMin (aka: Lutheran Campus Ministry) site has the potential to set them up for success in the next chapter of their lives. We will also consider how congregations can best stay connected during this transition and launch young people into their "second third" of life. In order to make this dream a reality we need the partnership of congregations and youth ministry professionals to help high school students dream beyond their "right now" to their next step, which just might be a campus.
- **Integrating AI for Effective Youth Ministry** - Rev. Michael Jannett, Assistant to the Bishop for Formation and Communication in the Southeastern Synod. This workshop is designed to equip youth ministers with practical knowledge on leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance their mission of making disciples for Jesus. In just

one hour, participants will explore the potential applications of AI in youth ministry and discuss ethical considerations for its responsible use. They will discover how AI can personalize discipleship, provide data-driven insights, optimize resources, and enhance outreach and engagement. Through interactive discussions and real-life case studies, participants will gain a deeper understanding of how AI can support their ministry efforts. The workshop will also provide hands-on guidance, enabling participants to identify AI opportunities, select appropriate tools, and develop an action plan for implementation. By the end of the session, youth ministers will be empowered to integrate AI effectively and take their youth ministry to new heights of impact and relevance.

- **The Now and the Not Yet-The Soul of Your Leadership: A Liminal Journey Space - Tending to Self and the Institution** - Dr. Kris Bjorke. You. Leader. Person of Faith. Standing between so many things. Older and younger people. The world as God intends and the world as it is. Connecting. How do you continue to do this work in this day and age? What does it look like? How do you continue to grow? What do you do with your doubts? —So many demands of today's children, youth and family ministers is about managing the multiple demands internally and externally in your life. This workshop is about learning about how to live in liminal space. Liminal comes from the Latin word “limen” meaning threshold. You are neither here nor there, but in a state of inbetween. Let’s explore this place together as this is often where we are most teachable and most open to what God has for us. Utilizing the wisdom learned from many other thought leaders including Susan Beaumont, Ruth Haley Barton, Dwight Zscheile, Andy Root and many years of ministry—we will but scratch the surface but hopefully start a conversation that will leave you curious for more.
- **5 Approaches to Developmentally-Appropriate Children’s Messages** - Dawn Rundman, Ph.D. with 1517 Media Children’s messages may last only a few minutes, but they deserve careful thought, theological grounding, and creativity. Dawn will present five approaches for writing and delivering children’s messages that can connect with all kids. Using storytelling, visuals, movement, and more, participants will practice ways to deliver children’s messages that stick with kids (and adults too).
- **Dreaming of Bringing the Mountaintop Home** - Taryn Hauglie, Assistant Director of Christikon Ever peak a mountain? If you have, you feel like you’re on top of the world. The euphoria, the adrenaline, and the views for miles can be hard to beat. Avid climbers can in time start to experience “peak fever” – always chasing that rush they feel when they reach the summit. In a similar way, youth can feel that same mountaintop feeling, whether they attend the Gathering, go to camp, or participate in a service-learning trip. These experiences bring youth up the mountain and closer to God, so how can we bring that mountaintop feeling back home with us after the trip? How can we sustain the community that is built during these monumental experiences in an inclusive way? Where can we find little mountaintops in our own front yard?
- **Center Your Dreams** - Rev. Marc Mohr. A combination of self care and spiritual connectedness with Jesus, this workshop will focus on mandalas. Mandalas start on the outside and move towards the center, this workshop can be great to integrate into your ministry with youth and adults alike. What are your dreams for the youth, what you do in life and how you can move forward in the future? Come and explore the mandala and how your dreams relate to God.

*And the best part? I am able to view recorded sessions of the other workshops I am interested in! (Workshops were offered in specific blocks each day, so many difficult choices for in person attendance had to be made! LOL) I cannot wait to continue my learning journey in the weeks ahead!*

**Beyond Policy:** Empowering the Faith Community to Prevent, Recognize and Respond to Child Abuse and Sexual Assault

**Making the Shift:** A Practical Approach to Innovating Ministries

**Listening for Transformation:** Crafting Relevant Youth Ministry Frameworks

**A Safer Tomorrow – Not Just a Dream**

**Dreaming of Radically Relevant Faith Formation**

**Nurturing Faith Communities**



# Family Ministry Outings

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# ALL RISE!

THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre  
1600 W. Prospect Avenue  
Appleton, WI  
920 733 8840

*Join us Palm Sunday weekend to see the scriptures  
come to life through music, dance and drama.  
Bring your family to experience this inspiring production  
celebrating the joyous time when Our Lord walked the earth.  
You are there in the bustling seaside  
as Jesus calls The Twelve, witness the first miracle at the  
wedding at Cana, his compassionate teachings  
and the victory of the Resurrection.*

***Opening Night Discount  
7:00 pm March 21  
Adult and Senior \$10 • Student \$6***

***We will enjoy dinner together before the show!  
Please let Karie in the Office know if you would like to attend.  
Tickets sell out quickly!***

***Ticket orders due to Karie no later than February 11th!***

**Get your tickets TODAY!!!!**

From Nikky Urbaniak: "I'm excited to announce our very first in-person fundraiser! Grab your family and friends and join us for a fun night! Come on out for a baseball game and support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - Little Suamico! On Thursday, June 13th, we'll be heading out to cheer on the Rockers at Capital Credit Union Park. Tickets are \$15 and include a hat! A portion of the proceeds from each ticket will go directly into funding books for children right here in our community! All donations stay local. You MUST use the link below or the QR code for the special pricing...Dolly Parton's Imagination Library should show up on your ticket information in your cart. We hope to see everyone there!

<http://tinyurl.com/2ceswads>



**Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library- Little Suamico**

CAPITAL CREDIT UNION PARK  
2231 HOLMGREN WAY GREEN BAY, WI 54303

\$4 from each ticket will go back to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library- Little Suamico!

Gates Open: 5:35pm | Game Start: 6:35pm

Scan the QR Code or visit our website [HERE](#):

- Select Seats
- View Cart
- Purchase!



**920-497-7225 • GREENBAYROCKERS.COM**  
**2231 HOLMGREN WAY GREEN BAY, WI 54304**

# Ministries & OUTREACH



## Echoes of Faith Men's Choir

Rehearsals will take place the 1st & 2nd Sunday of each month at

8:00 a.m.

Performances during Worship the 2nd Sunday of each month

*All men are welcome to join!*



## JOIN THE CHIMES CHOIR!

ANYONE 10 YEARS AND OLDER ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

EASY TO PLAY

ABILITY TO READ MUSIC IS A PLUS, BUT NOT NEEDED AS ALL OF THE INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC HAVE BEEN COLOR CODED!

REHEARSALS BEGIN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH AT 6:00 P.M.

REHEARSALS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

SEE JENN CASSEL FOR MORE INFORMATION!

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING CROSSWAYS CAMPS  
AS WE ANSWER  
GOD'S INVITATION TO  
*Love*

**CROSSWAYS**  
CAMPING MINISTRIES

We invite you to support our ministry partner, Crossways Camps, with year end gifts by answering God's Invitation to Love. Your generosity ensures campers continue to be met with a wide welcome and make meaningful memories together. Crossways is a powerful faith-centered experience for all! Visit [God's Invitation to Love | Crossways \(crosswayscamps.org\)](https://crosswayscamps.org) to learn more, or scan the QR code above.

WE HIRE  
**WORLD CHANGERS**  
Apply Now

Identify young adults in your life and encourage them to apply at [CrosswaysCamps.org/employment](https://CrosswaysCamps.org/employment)

**CROSSWAYS**  
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Energetic young adult camp staff change the lives of campers. In addition, we've seen time after time that it changes their own lives too! Formative faith experiences at camp compliment engaged congregational life for young people. Is there a young adult in your life who would make a strong member of the Crossways Summer Team? Your encouragement may be just what the need to take the steps to apply. Applications are open at [CrosswaysCamps.org/employment](https://CrosswaysCamps.org/employment)

Open to ALL AGES and ALL Fitness Levels!

## SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1253 COUNTY ROAD J • LITTLE SUAMICO

**Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.**

NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED  
10 CLASSES FOR \$25

**Classes taught by  
Donna of Inspire Fitness**

COME TRY THIS CLASS OUT!  
NO PRESSURE!  
MOVE AT YOUR OWN PACE!  
A FRIENDLY, RELAXED ENVIRONMENT!

**REGAIN STAMINA  
REGAIN STRENGTH  
REGAIN MOBILITY  
REGAIN YOUR LIFE**

**Classes Begin  
Tuesday February 6th!**

Class will take place prior to our weekly meal served by the Oconto County Commission on Aging. Join us for a new year of fun, fitness and fellowship!

**Here's to 2024 & Feeling Your Best!**



Low Impact Exercise Class

This class is for those who are interested in maintaining or regaining functional movement. Exercises can be performed while sitting in a chair or standing. Focus will be on using muscles required in our everyday tasks that will improve strength and balance, leaving us less likely for injury or falls.

**~Class Size is Limited~  
To Register:**

**Call (920) 826-7785**

or

**email: [stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org](mailto:stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org)**

Women of the **ELCA** 

Upcoming Meeting Dates (Meetings take place after Worship Service in the Sunday School Wing.)

**Next Meeting  
Sunday February 11**

*All women of the church are welcome to attend! Our meetings are filled with discussion and decision making about how WELCA may best support our church, the local community and the greater community and world. Please join us!*

## IRS Book Club

(Indigenous Readers of the Swamp)

**EVERYONE is WELCOME!**

*New Members are welcome at any time.*

*Please join us!*



**Monday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m.**

**St. John's Lutheran Church Narthex**

*We will be discussing the book, The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah.*

In love we find out who we want to be.  
In war we find out who we are.

FRANCE, 1939

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets G aetan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can...completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.



*If you have any questions about book club, please ask Jo Ann Risso.*



Thank you for participating  
in Oconto County Toys  
for Tots toy drive.

Due to the generosity of  
you and your congregation  
we were able to bring  
smiles to 179 families  
and 511 children on  
Christmas Day.

Have a blessed holiday.

Debbie Larson



# A Note of Thanks from our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Collection Recipient



**Ecumenical  
Partnership  
for Housing**

Give them roots and create wings.

PO Box 524 • Green Bay, WI 54305-0524

*"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

January 3, 2024

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
1253 County Road J  
Little Suamico, WI 54141-8941

Dear Friends,

Thank you for making a generous gift in the amount of **\$280** during December 2023. Your contribution made a difference in the lives of families with children experiencing homelessness and helped provide them with a home.

It is our mission to provide safety, stability, and solutions leading to self-sufficiency for the families we serve in our community. We could not do this without the generosity of all those who contribute to EPH. Thank you for believing in our mission!

Your support allows us to continue serving local families in need of our help as they work to build a stable future. Thank you again for supporting Ecumenical Partnership for Housing and providing families experiencing homelessness with a pathway to self-sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Crystal DeCleene  
Executive Director

*EPH is a 501(c)(3) organization. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.*

EPH Partnership Churches

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran  
Calvary Lutheran  
First United Methodist  
First United Presbyterian  
Good Shepherd Lutheran

Life Church  
Nativity of Our Lord Parish  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic  
Resurrection Catholic  
St. Anne's Episcopal

St. Bernard Catholic  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic  
St. Matthew Catholic  
St. Norbert College Parish  
St. Paul's United Methodist

Suamico United Methodist  
UnChurch  
Union Congregational UCC

# Oconto County Commission on Aging Meals



Served every Tuesday at St. John's

Open to **EVERYONE** age 60 and over (younger spouses also welcome). **NOT Income Dependent.**

Please call the office if you would like to join us! (920) 826-7785

# February 2024

Oconto County Commission On Aging

Commission on Aging Office: 920-834-7707  
 Oconto Kitchen: 920-834-7709  
 Central Kitchen: 920-846-3475  
 Gillett: 920-855-2066  
 Little Suamico: 920-826-7785  
 Mountain: 920-629-0507  
 Suring: 920-590-0878

*Menus are subject to change.*

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			<b>1</b> Salisbury Steak/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Creamed Corn Brownie	<b>2</b> Brat Patty Chips Veggies & Fresh Fruit Rice Krispie Bar
<b>5</b> COOK'S CHOICE	<b>6</b> Meatloaf Stewed Tomatoes Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Cookie	<b>7</b> Turkey Stuffing/Gravy Peas Fruit Vanilla Wafers	<b>8</b> Chicken Noodle Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Crackers Pie	<b>9</b> St. Louis Ribs Mac & Cheese Corn Fresh Fruit
<b>12</b> Vegetable Lasagna Lettuce Salad Red Fox Dressing Fruit Cookie	<b>13</b> Chili Hot Dog in a Bun Crackers Pie	<b>14</b> Crab Cakes Peas Scalloped Potatoes Tartar Sauce Lemon Bar ASH WEDNESDAY	<b>15</b> Ham Sweet Potatoes Mixed Veggies Dinner Roll Pudding	<b>16</b> Tuna Sandwich Potato Salad Cole Slaw Fresh Fruit Graham Cracker
<b>19</b> Stuffed Peppers Boiled Potatoes Corn Fruit	<b>20</b> Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Fruit	<b>21</b> NO MEAL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING	<b>22</b> Chicken Rice Casserole Asparagus Applesauce Granola Bar	<b>23</b> Baked Fish German Potato Salad Baked Beans Cookie
<b>26</b> French Toast w/Syrup Sausage Patties Hash Brown Patty Tropical Fruit	<b>27</b> Chicken Chop Suey Rice Oriental Veggies Fruit Fortune Cookie	<b>28</b> COOK'S CHOICE	<b>29</b> Swedish Meatballs Garden Rice Blend California Veggies Dinner Roll Mandarin Oranges	

# In our Community



## St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

6051 Noble St, Sobieski WI (Off of Cty. Rd. S)

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Bingo starts at 12:30 p.m.

- Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Bingo will be held in the church basement and there is elevator access.

\*\*\*Food and Beverages – Concessions will be available for sale.

\*\*\*Free Popcorn

\*\*\*50/50 Raffle

\*\*\* Scrip will be available for sale

**COME OUT FOR FUN AND BE A WINNER!!**

## Abrams American Legion Auxiliary #523

@ CJ's Country Club - Abrams, WI

**Feb 17th, 2024 | 1-4pm**

**Meat Raffle & 50/50**

**Raising Money For Local Veterans  
& The Community**

If any questions email - ALAABRAMS@gmail.com

**\$3 All Miller  
Products**



## Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church



January 25, 2024

Bethel Lutheran Church will be hosting its annual Aebleskiver Fest on Saturday, February 24, 2024. This tradition was started shortly after the church was founded over 100 years ago. We typically serve over 550 people on this day.

Proceeds that are made from Aebleskiver Fest goes directly to support selected missions. For 2024 these include: Crossways Camping Ministries of WI, Ecumenical Partnership for Housing of GB (EPH), Feed My Starving Children – Green Bay Mobile Pack, Lutheran Social Services and Bethel Ministries.

In addition to serving Aebleskiver, we hold a basket raffle where the proceeds from the raffle are added to the proceeds from the Aebleskiver meal to support our missions.

On behalf of Bethel Lutheran Church, thank you for your consideration of this request to post enclosed and advertise as you can.

Sincerely,

Dawn Schroeder  
Administrative Assistant

Join the Fun at Our Annual

## Aebleskiver Fest

Celebrate the Danish  
"Apple Pancake!"

*Saturday, February 24, 2024*  
*9 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

**Bethel Lutheran Church**

1350 Bond Street, Green Bay

\$10.00 12 thru Adult  
\$5.00 Kids 4-11  
Under 4 Free

Aebleskiver, Sausage,  
Cheese, Applesauce,  
Dessert, Beverage

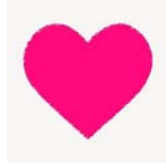
For information call 920-494-3737

Proceeds from our Aebleskiver Fest will go to:  
Crossways Camping Ministries  
Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH)  
Feed My Starving Children  
Lutheran Social Services & Bethel Ministries

Basket Raffle / Bake Sale / Craft Booth



# February 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Office Closed	3 6pm AA Meeting
4 8:00am, Echoes of Faith Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Hour Sunday School 2:00pm, Shawano Conference Annual Meeting 3:00pm-6:00pm Club 9	5 5:30pm Worship Team Meeting  6:00pm, Chimes Choir Rehearsal	6 10:30am, Gentle Fitness Class  11:30am OCCA Meal Site	7	8	9 Office Closed	10 6pm AA Meeting
11 8:00am, Echoes of Faith Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Hour Sunday School WELCA Meeting	12 6:30pm, Building & Grounds Team Meeting	13 10:30am, Gentle Fitness Class 11:30am OCCA Meal Site 5:30pm, LYO Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 	14 Ash Wednesday  6:30pm, Worship Service  	15  Articles for Newsletter Due	16 Office Closed	17 LYO Breakfast Club  9:00am, Council Retreat  6pm AA Meeting
18 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Sunday School LYO Bible Study	19 <b>Presidents' Day</b>  6:00pm IRS Book Club  6:00pm, Chimes Choir Rehearsal	20 10:30am, Gentle Fitness Class  11:30am OCCA Meal Site	21 6:00pm, Dinner Church	22	23 Office Closed	24 10:00am, Darrell Naze Visitation 12:00pm, Darrell Naze Funeral 6pm AA Meeting
25 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Sunday School	26	27 10:30am, Gentle Fitness Class 11:30am OCCA Meal Site  5:30pm, Y&E Team	28 6:00pm, Dinner Church	29	1 Office Closed	2

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## FEBRUARY

Feb. 2	Douglas Mittelstaedt
Feb. 4	Donn Behling
Feb. 6	Violet Mahr
Feb. 9	Diana Brickett
Feb. 11	Roger Lambert
Feb. 13	Charles McDermid Mia LaCourt
Feb. 15	Wesley Millan
Feb. 17	Brenda Kutska
Feb. 20	Pat Virtues
Feb. 21	Anne Virtues Brett Dequaine
Feb. 22	Foster Palomaki
Feb. 24	Arlene Giese Annora Harper
Feb. 25	Blaze Virtues
Feb. 26	Emma Walkowiak
Feb. 27	Jacob Cooper Jesse Cooper Liam Schmit
Feb. 28	Tim Bloom, Sr.

# Service in the Church

## **January**

**Roger & Eunice Redlin**

Jessy & Jacqueline Haid  
Jim & Joni Holtz  
Bill & Kay Kissinger  
Keith & Karen Kolstad  
Bruce & Jan LaSota

Megan Raymaker  
Sam & Brenda Walkowiak  
Keith Werner  
Janet Wiegman

Eric & Mary Ellen Hansen  
Lorna Koch  
Michelle Marchand  
Nancy Moes

## **February**

**Nancy Valentine**

Bev & Dennis Possley  
Renee Possley  
George Zahorik

## **March**

**John & Mary Warren**

Ashley Bloom  
Len & Diana Brickett  
Doug & Jenn Cassel  
Scott & Tammy Kissinger

Dennis & Peg Mueller  
Paul & Terri Poradek  
Erin Willis

Mike & Beth Babik  
Paul Delzer  
Tim & Julie Eichman  
Darrin & Alyssa Evans

## **April**

**Curt & Sindi Anschutz**

Vic & Sandy Heitzkey  
Mark & Joanne Risso  
Shari Seidl  
Rick & Nikki Yedica

## **May**

**Doug & Helen Malueg**

Donn & Marie Behling  
Dan & Kelly Deau  
Jake & Nicole Dembroski  
Shaun & Alana Eder

Brett & Holly King  
Tom & Barbara King  
Todd & Roxanne Kissinger  
Scott & Amy Spaude

## **June**

**Pam & Tracey Krumrei**

Jerry & Sara Arndt  
Tina Bergh  
Darrell & Carol Brehmer  
Dan & JMarie Freis  
Arlene Giese  
Pam Giese

Ralph & Judith Kleczka  
Fran Koski  
Desiree Kozlovsky  
Lisa Rosenberg  
Rick Rosenberg

## **July**

**Bill & Lee Hoeft**

Tim & Brenda Bloom  
Brian & Natasha Chapman  
Nick & Kim Dunks  
Jan Francies  
Janet Heider  
Bruce & Betsy Russell

Kevin & Wendy Smith  
Kathie Surges  
The Urbaniak Family  
Larry & Lynne Wirtz  
Jenny Yakes

## **August**

**Tim & Karen Heimerl**

Clayton & Brenda Kutska  
Robert & Melissa Luedtke  
Riley & Chuck McDermid  
Darrell & Chris Naze

Ken & Susy Pagel  
Chad & Kelly Stellmacher  
Greg & Tammy Yager  
Ken Yost

## **September**

**Duayne & Pat Rosenberg**

Pat Bastian  
Travis & Renee Falkowski  
Stephanie Hakkila  
Jim & Brooke Hilbert

Todd & Sara Beth Holman  
Steve & Angie Larsen  
Larry Schmidtke  
Dave Zimmerman

## **October**

**Dave & Ginny Burkart**

Joe & Lauri Cahoon-Draus  
Bill Foster  
Rob & Nancy Gleffe  
Bill & Kelly Heier

Michael & Kim Mahr  
Peggy Miller-Ponschock  
Susan Mittelstaedt  
Bob & Linda Slaby

## **November**

**Pat & Shellie Virtues**

Peggy Bennett  
Dennis & Dawn Brouillard  
John & Dawn Demeny  
Doris Fleck

Julie Kroupa  
Sharon Schultz  
Betty Stevens  
Brian & Anne Virtues

## **December**

**Jerry & Michelle Cooper**

Andy & Barb Dorn  
Robin Schmit Dorn  
Roger & Cheryl Lambert  
Tom & Chris Lemke  
Tim & Karie Peters

Tyler Sager  
Diana Sefcik  
Mark & Barbara Seiltz  
Beth Wentz

**Thank you to our January 2024 Service Group!**

## Faithful Servants for February

**Worship Assistants are Needed for February Services.**

**Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.**

	<b>Sunday Feb. 4</b>	<b>Sunday Feb. 11</b>	<b>Sunday Feb. 18</b>	<b>Sunday Feb. 25</b>	<b>Sunday March 3</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brayden Possley	Zach Steber	Kaydence Harper	Rayce Kissinger	Payton & Easton Eder
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Brayden Possley Ginny Burkart Desiree Kozlovsky <i>One Needed</i>	Zach Steber <i>Three Needed</i>	Nancy Gleffe Kaydence Harper Ginny Burkart <i>One Needed</i>	Ginny Burkart Rayce Kissinger <i>Two Needed</i>	Payton Eder Easton Eder <i>Two Needed</i>
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Helen Malueg	<i>Needed</i>	Nancy Gleffe	Ginny Burkart	Lorna Koch
<b>Greeters</b>	John Warren <i>One Needed</i>	Peters Family	Walkowiak Family	Dunks Family	<i>Two Needed</i>
<b>Reader</b>	Desiree Kozlovsky	Bev Possley	Amy Spaude	Scott Spaude	Rob Urbaniak
<b>Scrip Volunteers</b>	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Zimmerman Steve & Angie Larsen	Andy Dorn John Warren	Tracey & Pamela Krumrei Pat & Shellie Virtues	Jerry & Michelle Cooper Family	John Warren Lorna Koch
<b>Technology Team</b>	Doug Malueg	Madi Bloom Zach Steber	Barb Dorn	Eli Marchand	Curt Anschutz
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Eunice Redlin	Chris Naze	John Warren	Nancy Valentine	Lee Hoeft
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Barb Dorn* Dave & Ginny Burkart	Doug & Jenn* Cassel John Warren	Barb Dorn* Rob & Nancy Gleffe	Kelly Stellmacher* Julie Eichman	Kelly Stellmacher* Julie Eichman

**Please let Karie Peters know if you would like to join any Worship Assistant rotations for upcoming services.**



**Snow Removal Assistance Needed**  
**Please contact the church office or**  
**Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex**

# From the Church Office

## Do We Have Your Email Address?

Are you missing out on important news from St. John's simply because we don't have your email address? At St. John's, we send out one brief weekly email message called "***This Week at St. John's***" to keep you informed of all the important activities here at church. Occasionally we send a weather-related cancellation or an urgent request for help, but we DO NOT send jokes, chain letters, advertisements or forwarded messages. We don't give out your email to anyone outside of church. You won't end up on any random mailing lists as a result of subscribing. So... please send us an email so we can add your name to our list!

Send it to: [stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org](mailto:stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org).

Remember, you can be taken off our list at *anytime* if you change your mind.



## Update Your Information

Now that the Lighthouse is sent online, make sure to update your email with the church so you don't miss any of the important information going out to members.

Please either write your information on one of the green cards located in the pews or send an email to the church office.



Giving made even EASIER!

Simply scan the St. John's QR Code and complete your mobile donation in minutes!



There are PRAYER CARDS in the Narthex beneath the nametags and in the pews. If you have a special prayer request, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate or place it in the office mailbox. Your prayer will be added to the Prayer List and will remain there for 3 weeks. If you wish to have the person's name continue to be listed, you must notify the church office in writing on a prayer card or by email. Be sure to let us know when someone may be removed from the prayer list as well. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Please be sure to send your March Lighthouse submissions to the church office no later than February 15th. *God Bless!*