



# Newsletter

St. John's UCC Monroe WI



8:00am The Word at St. John's  
 9:00am Traditional Worship Service at St. John's  
 9:00am Summer Faith Zone/Nursery  
 10:30am Worship at St. Clare Friedensheim Chapel

## Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am – 4:00pm  
 Friday: 8am – Noon

## Announcement:

Church Office will be closed the following dates:  
 August 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## St. John's Prayer Tree

The following are the Prayer Tree Team Leaders for the month of August.



**August 6** Denise Riese 325.2691  
 rdriese@tds.net

**August 13** Kathy Bartelt 325.1068  
 hap1944@yahoo.com

**August 20** Kris Winkler 325.9326  
 kriswink56@gmail.com

**August 27** Gloria Rieder 325.6854  
 glorch@tds.net

God loves the sound of your voice  
 talk to Him every day.

## Family Promise Needs Volunteers

St. John's will be hosting Family Promise August 6 through August 13. We need your help for the following:

- Preparing and serving meals (4:30-7:00pm)
- Evening Hosts (5:00-8:00pm)
- Overnights (8:00pm – 7:00am)
- Setting Up (Saturday, August 5 or Sunday, August 6, times and dates to be decided later)
- Taking Down, Sunday, August 13 at 7:00am
- Laundry of bedding and towels

Please know that the times listed can be negotiated. Just contact Melva [hm.tschanz@gmail.com](mailto:hm.tschanz@gmail.com) or telephone 608.325.6918.

At present we have three families in the program, which consist of three moms and four children. Changes are expected by the time we host. Watch for these changes in church bulletins and on line.

Thank you to everyone for your support of Family Promise. Your help and prayers are very much appreciated.



## Join St. John's at Outdoor Worship!

**When:** August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am  
 (no services will be held at the church or the Chapel this day)

**Where:** Pleasant View Park (located at the intersection of highway 81 and County N)

**Provided:** Pulled pork and beef sandwiches and beverages will be provided by the church.

### Bring:

- A dessert for last names beginning A-H
- A salad dish for last names beginning I-P
- A warm dish for last names beginning Q-Z
- Your own table service
- Chair or blanket.

There will be chairs provided for service and picnic tables for the potluck.

### Hope to see you all there!

If inclement weather, service will be held at the church.

Contact Rita Benkert at 608.214.6735 with any questions.



## Superheroes of the Bible

It's time for church camp, our annual day camp at St. John's United Church of Christ. This year's camp, called "Super Heroes of the Bible" will be held August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and will feature games, activities, a camp fire, nature walk and much more.

August 9<sup>th</sup> will be spent at the Kiwanis Youth Cabin,

August 10<sup>th</sup> at Parkside School and

August 11<sup>th</sup> will include a visit to the Dan and Angie Rieder farm.

The camp will run from 9am to noon each day and is open to all children kindergarten age through sixth grade. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from camp each day.

Cost is \$15 per child for all three days and includes a T-shirt and snacks. If students are unable to attend all three days, they may sign-up for one or two days; the cost will remain the same regardless of how many days they attend.

The camp will be led by Gary Neuenschwander, Val Blum and Jill Leuzinger. .

Additional information may be obtained from Gary (325-2165, extension 12, garystjohns@tds.net) or Val (325-2165, extension 24, valstjohns@tds.net).

## Golf Outing

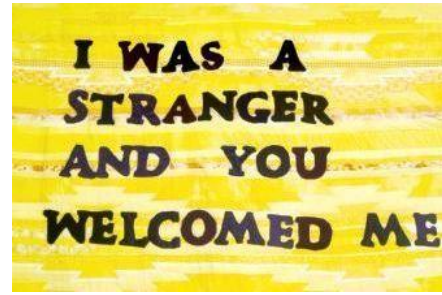
St. John's United Church of Christ Men's Ministry Golf Outing is at Decatur Golf Course in Brodhead,



Wisconsin on August 12th. Anyone interested in participating in the Golf please contact Pete Koch (608) 558.5411 or Dennis Stoneback (608) 558-0722 by July 31st. We are planning an

8:00am shot gun start, so try to check in by 7:30 to 7:45 that morning. This is open to members and non-members of St. Johns UCC and also includes Women and Youth (ages 16 on up).

If you don't pray when the sun shines,  
You won't know how when the clouds come.



Mark your calendars for our first **Fall Bible Study**: "Hospitality: Welcoming the Stranger." We will meet on three consecutive Tuesdays, beginning **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Classes meet at 9:30am and repeat at 7:00pm. Come to either session. See Pastor Kathleen for more information.

## Faith Zone Begins

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Men's Ministry providing the breakfast  
Watch for the details!

*At St.  
John's, our  
hospitality  
is.....*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### St. John's United Church of Christ "Hospitality Sunday" Coming in September

We will celebrate "Hospitality Sunday" on **Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am worship. This special event will feature wonderful music, a stirring message, a bit of fun and lots of fellowship. Be sure to stay afterwards for a spectacular **PIE SOCIAL!**

This is a great opportunity to introduce a friend, relative, neighbor or colleague to our "St John's style of hospitality": warm, friendly and accepting.

Please join us Sunday, September 24th at 9:00am, plan on a great time, and be sure to bring a friend!

Prayer is wireless access to God  
no matter where you are



## Calling All Pie Bakers

On Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> St. John's will hold a special "Hospitality Sunday" service. The fellowship following the service will feature a Pie and Ice Cream Social.

The reviews we received for our pie hospitality from the Southwest Association meeting participants earlier this year were spectacular. We would like to duplicate that huge success at this special service and we need your help.

Please telephone the church office at 325.2165 or Mary Ann Krebs at 325.9208 with your name and the kind of pie you could bake. Gluten free desserts would be greatly appreciated as well.

Pies need to be in Fellowship Hall by 8:45 on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Let's showcase our special "pie hospitality!!  
Thank You – The Membership Committee.

## St. John's UCC – has the following positions open:

### Office Administrator

A 24 hour/week salary position. Duties include church communications, service bulletins and office receptionist. Maintains church calendar of events and activities, membership and official records. Secretarial support. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office - especially Word, Excel and Powerpoint.

### Director of Youth Ministry

A 12 hour/week salary position from August through May, and supervise a trip in the summer. Duties include planning, directing and coordinating ministry for youth and their families – weekly meetings, special events and mission activities. Organize fundraising.

A high school diploma or GED is required for both positions. Complete job description is available upon request. Resumes and inquiries to be mailed to [stjohnsucc@tds.net](mailto:stjohnsucc@tds.net).

## Looking Back

Wow! Twenty-eight years! As I look back, it was a typewriter to do the bulletins and monthly newsletters. The Staff learning to work on computers sure brought a lot of laughs and learning. The memories working with the Women's Guild, answering the phone in spite the party getting the wrong number brought many laughs to the office. I guess the greatest challenge was putting up with the St. John's Church Mouse!! Things have come a long ways in the office at St. John's.

God sure gave me a lot of blessings when he guided me to St. John's Church Office. I have enjoyed working here, meeting you and the great times working with the Staff.

Thank you! Thank you! I will treasure the time I have spent with all of you. Many blessings to each one of you and as I sign off for the last time----

Blessings

Yvonne Tornow

St. John's Office Administrator



## Thank You

Thank you to all who gave a donation to our St. John's UCC Relay for Life Team. Thank you also for all who supported us at our Pizza Hut, bake sale and Papa Murphy's fundraisers. Anyone who came to Brodhead and bid on silent auction and dessert auction items, we thank you. Interesting evening when the storm hit and we hung on to the tent. Thanks again for all the support from our St. John's family. We were again a Silver Team with \$4,864.00 raised. We continue to walk for a cure. St. John's Relay for Life Team Sharon Blumer, Sharon Buri, Glenda Fritsch, Jamie Fritsch, Jane Ganshert, Ann Prophet, Angel Weber, Sue Wild, Kris Winkler

## Time Marches on so Plan Ahead!

St. John's Autumn Fest is set for Saturday, October 21, 2017. If you are cleaning out, down-sizing, etc. be sure to set aside items for the Silent Auction and/or craft sale. The Sewing Ladies are working on their Raffle Quilt. It is beautiful! Stop in the Sewing Room for a peek. Sewing ladies are there on Wednesday's from 1:00-4:30pm, Watch for more information regarding our Autumn Fest celebration and mark your calendars for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Scrip!



A Scrip reminder: when you do business with Monroe Heating and Sheet Metal, you need to identify yourself as a St. John's member to the office personnel or the church will not receive a percentage of the sales you do with them. **Thank you.**

Except for Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> when we will be worshipping at Pleasant View Park on Highway 81 and N, Scrip is available in the Library each Sunday and always in the office during the week. Please support this program and many thanks to those who do.



## Stewardship Report

<b>June Income</b>	<b>Year to Date Income</b>
\$56,685.49	\$235,444.34
<b>June Expense</b>	<b>Year to Date Expense</b>
\$38,308.34	\$223,725.65
<b>June Offering</b>	<b>Year to Date Offering</b>
\$29,686.52	\$154,150.35

## Adopt a Bill”

Another way to help St. John's financially. Located on the bulletin boards by the library, in Fellowship Hall, and at the entrance of the Christian Education Wing, you will find a series of cards stapled to the “Adopt a Bill” explanation sheet. These cards represent many everyday expenses and future bills that we have at St. John's. Please remember any amount you contribute to any bill is a great help to St. John's finances.



## Second Harvest Food Pantry

If you are among those in need of food, there will be a food distribution at **the St. Vincent de Paul Store Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm.** Be sure to call the store for a time slot if you don't have one. Also bring boxes or bags in which to put your food.

## Green County Food Pantry

Green County Food Pantry in Monroe is now open Wednesday morning from 9am to 11am and Monday afternoon 2pm to 4:30pm.

Between Christie and Stewart Strait and Keith Ginner the food is delivered to the Green County Food Pantry on the first Monday of the month. On Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 68 pounds of food was given to the pantry. The next delivery of food to the pantry will be Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Items the pantry could use; macaroni/cheese, tuna, canned meals, pork and beans, soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, Jello/pudding, cake/brownie mixes, pasta, crackers, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, box potatoes, pancake mix, flour, sugar, pancake syrup, and personal care items. **The Food Pantry is in need of plastic bags.** Food containers are in the entrance of the Christian Education Wing during the week and each entrance on Sunday morning.

Your greatest triumphs are not in winning,  
But in rising again after every fall.

## Other Community Events

**The Family Promise Papa Murphy's fundraiser** day will be Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be sure to pick up a pizza and mention Family Promise and 10% of your purchase will benefit Family Promise of Green County.

## Albany United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:30pm – 7:00pm All proceeds go toward 2019 Youth Mission Trip  
Menu: BBQ Beef, Hot Dog, Potato Salad, Chips, Baked Beans, Home-made Pie, Ice Cream, Lemonade Milk and Coffee,  
Prices a la Carte

## Friends of Pleasant View Foundation

is having a Breakfast Fundraiser at the Moose Lodge located at 639 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from **8am-noon**

Adults \$8; Kids age 5-11 \$4 and kids under 5 free. The Friends of Pleasant View work to enhance the quality of life of residents at Pleasant View Nursing Home through special projects now and an Endowment Fund for the future.

## Oakley United Methodist Church

Located W2388 Gerber Road Juda  
Ice Cream Social Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 4-6:30pm

**The menu:** Barbecue and Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Cheese, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad, Cake, Pie, and Ice Cream, Coffee, Lemonade, and Ice Tea

**Cost:** Adults \$6 Kids 10 & under \$4

Whole pies will be available for purchase also  
Oakley Union Church is 15 minutes from Monroe or Brodhead and 10 minutes from Juda.

## Parent Support Group

Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm -7pm at  
St. John's United Church of Christ.

### Topic: IEP Information

A representative from CESA 2 will be attending this month to discuss information about the IEP, including the process, monitoring, and working with schools.

**Childcare:** If you are in need of childcare, please contact Danielle Ewing by **noon on August 7th.**

**To RSVP** for this meeting or for additional information on this or future Parent Support Group meetings, please contact Danielle Ewing by phone 608.328.9315 or [dewing@gchsd.org](mailto:dewing@gchsd.org)

Find us on facebook @Green County WI Parent Support Group

## Loaves and Fishes Community Meal

will be Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm at the Grace Lutheran Church. This community meal is always the fourth Sunday, always at Grace Lutheran Church and always no charge; everyone is welcome.

Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, welcome and clean up. If you are available to volunteer contact Donna Phillips at 608.325.3738.



## Night of Christian Music

Albany United Methodist Church in Albany WI  
**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 8:00pm**  
Come join as fellow Christians gather together in worship and prayer! Sing and give praise along with the worship team as they lead current, upbeat Christian hits!! Don't miss out on some amazing solos and group performances!

## F.A.I.T.H

Fighting Addiction: It Takes Help  
Addiction Awareness Green County  
**5K Run/2 Mile Walk ~ Saturday, August 26**  
7:30am registration and packet pick-up  
9:00am race time  
Entry Fee: Adults \$25  
Students \$15 (high school and younger)  
Includes race t-shirt and bag. Registration form and payment must be received by August 16<sup>th</sup> to guarantee your shirt. Prices go up on August 17, so register early. All proceeds will benefit Substance Abuse Program of Green County Human Services. Check out race details at:  
[www.faithgreencounty.wix.com/addictionawareness](http://www.faithgreencounty.wix.com/addictionawareness)  
Questions: contact Jackie at 608.328.2832

## Mary Gafner's Retirement

Washington Reformation UCC invites you to join them in honoring Mary Gafner for 19 years of faithful, loving service to our congregation. Pastor Mary Gafner has touched many lives through the years, and we invite all to share in this celebration of her ministry and wish her well in her retirement. Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> an open house at T&D's Bar & Grill Monticello House on 149 North Main Street Monticello from 1pm to 4pm . A "Tribute to Mary" at 2pm.



## Scriptures for the Month of August

God's Faithful Word of Encouragement

August 1	Philippians 1:1-30
August 2	Philippians 2:1-30
August 3	Philippians 3:1-21
August 4	Philippians 4:1-23
August 5	Colossians 1:1-23
August 6	Colossians 1:24-2:5
August 7	Colossians 2:6-19
August 8	Colossians 2:20-3:17
August 9	Colossians 4:2-18
August 10	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
August 11	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
August 12	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13
August 13	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
August 14	1 Thessalonians 5:1-28
August 15	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
August 16	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
August 17	2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
August 18	1 Timothy 1:1-20
August 19	1 Timothy 2:1-15
August 20	1 Timothy 3:1-16
August 21	1 Timothy 4:1-16
August 22	1 Timothy 5:1-25
August 23	1 Timothy 6:3-21
August 24	2 Timothy 1:1-18
August 25	2 Timothy 2:1-26
August 26	2 Timothy 3:1-17
August 27	2 Timothy 4:1-22
August 28	Titus 1:1-16
August 29	Titus 2:1-15
August 30	Titus 3:1-15
August 31	Philemon 1-25

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## Church Records

**Our Sympathy to the family and friends of**

Sharon Drews

Lois Prophett

Katherine Schuetz

**Memorial gifts given to St. John's**

**In loving memory of**

**Zee Bauman** from

Jean VanWagenen

**Sharon Drews** from

Jean VanWagenen

Kevin & Kris Winkler

Randy & Sue Armstrong

Henry & Melva Tschanz

Gloria Rieder

Jerry & Alice Brooks

**Sharon Drews** from

Charlie & Marcia Erickson

Carol Rufenacht

Terry & Laura Hughes

Ann Wells

Jim & Cathy Crubaugh for Altar Guild

Greg & Kirsten Boll

Jean Wyss

Dennis and Jane Ganshert for Altar Guild

Larry and Dianne Kundert for

Campital Campaign

David and Mary Deininger

Kevin and Susan Leistikow

**Jeffrey Qualley** from

Rose Qualley

**Janis Rosenstiel** from

Mary Wytenbach

**Lois Prophett**

Randy & Sue Armstrong for

Campital Campaign

Gloria Rieder for Campital Campaign

## August Anniversaries

This anniversary list consists of church members, celebrating at least 50 years of marriage and more.

August 7 Jim and Lois Glessner

August 9 Herbert and Beverly Blumer

August 11 Richard and Betty Newcomer

August 15 George and Mary Wirth

August 15 Kenneth and Ruth Wittlief

August 18 Robert and June Schutz

August 26 Otto and Gladys Schild

## August Birthdays

To make our special birthday list you will need to reach the young age of 75. The names with the \* are members who have reached the young age of 90.

August 2	Jim Glessner
August 3	Dale Bertalot
August 4	Joyce Steinmann
August 5	Otto Schild*
August 5	Geraldine Stamm
August 6	Frederick Studer
August 7	Shirley Jaggi
August 8	Marlene Gobeli
August 8	Delbert Shager
August 9	Kenneth Kundert
August 10	Richard Wyss*
August 11	Nelda Hilfiker
August 16	Gladys Steiner*
August 17	Robert Spoerry
August 18	Mary Ann Isely
August 19	Charles Phillips
August 20	Joyce Binder
August 23	Marilyn McElhaney
August 23	Lois C Olson
August 24	Ernest Steinmann*
August 27	Keith Ginner

### Those Serving at St. Clare Friedensheim Chapel

August 6	No Church at the Chapel
August 13	John and Jean Kundert
August 20	Dr. Merlin Olson
August 27	Lois Kaster

### Those Serving at St. John's

#### Outdoor Worship Service

#### August 6 10:30am Usher Team 2

Henry and Melva Tschanz, Lee Binkley, Mitchell Grossen, Gene Hilfiker, Roger and Donna Hoesly, Helen Miller

#### August 13 Usher Team 3

David and Holly Schmid, Bryan Buri, Shelly Isely, Walter Rufener, Jodee Stamm, Marlea Steiner, Kevin and Kris Winkler

#### August 20 Usher Team 4

David Wartenweiler, Brian and Donna Geissbuhler, Daniel Hager, Richard Hager, Ross Hamilton, Gerald Karlen, Frederick Kelley, Kenneth Klassey, Jeffrey and Kathy Rufer,

#### August 27

#### Usher Team 5

Troy and Paula Ludwig, George and Barbara romwell, Wendy Ellingson, Darrell and Margo Indergand, Lois Kaster, Mitchell Quade

#### September 3 8:00am Communion Team 4

Jim and Cathy Crubaugh, Gerald and Paula Beckman, Wendy Ellingson, David and Lori Gersbach, Richard Hager, Gerald Karlen, Jane Paradowski, Ann Prophett, Gary and Rhonda Rufenacht

#### September 3 9:00am Usher Team 6

Charles Koch, David L. Deininger, Keith Ginner, Steven Koch, Donald Rothenbach, Donald Steiner, David Wald, Fritz and Rose Wenger

#### September 3 9:00am Communion Team 5

Charles Koch, Glenda Fritsch, Tony and Tonya Gratz, Stanley and Wendy Heinzelman, Steven Koch, Joan Miller, Mary Schmid, Fritz and Rose Wenger, Randall and Pam Wyss

#### Change of Address, Phone numbers, Emails?

If your address, phone number or email address changes, please notify the office so we can keep our mailing list accurate. Please know that it costs the church money when the post office notifies us of your change of address.

**Hospital:** If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please contact the church office (325-2165). This will insure your pastoral care needs are met in a timely manner.

**Do You Need a Ride to Church?** The Monroe Cab is willing to bring you to the 9am or 10:30am service. Please call the Monroe Cab at 325-6993 well before the service to arrange for a ride. When you mention that you are going to or from St. John's or Friedensheim, your fare will be paid by the church.

#### Need to Be in Touch?

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