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October-November NewsLetter

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Friday—7:30 am-12:30 pm

Sunday Worship—8:00 am and 10:15 am
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Luther's 95 Theses (from Prof. E. G. Schweibert's Introduction)

On October 31, 1517, two young monks, one a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg, were standing before the main entrance to the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Many students of the University passed through the door, for the building served as the university chapel, and the door was used as a bulletin board.... From beneath his gown the professor drew a document... and nailed it to the now historic door. Those hammer blows were to echo around the world, for the man was Martin Luther, and the document which he nailed to the door was his Ninety-five Theses.

Yet, as is often the case, Luther and his companion, Johann Schneider, little realized that five centuries later all the Protestant world would still commemorate this historic event. Luther intended simply to announce a public debate, to which all the faculty and students of the university were invited, and which he hoped would result in clarifying the position of the university toward the sale of letters of indulgence as conducted on the neighboring regions by John Tetzel and other salesmen hired by Albrecht, the Archbishop of Mainz. Such debates were common occurrences at the university, and a regular budget was provided for such academic discussions. For this particular subject the time was most opportune, for this was the eve of All Saints' Day, a tremendous occasion for the canons of the Castle Church and the people of the surrounding territory. In the Castle Church reposed some eighteen thousand sacred relics housed in gorgeous gold and silver containers. Annually, on the day of All Saints, to whom the chapel was dedicated, these relics were displayed on the several balconies of the building, and the pious pilgrims from far and near streamed past, carrying large candles as offerings. The penitent who prayed before each of these relics might earn the equivalent of 127,709 years, 3 months, and 26 days of indulgences, (that is, he might be saved from this much time of punishment in purgatory, supposedly a place of cleansing before a person entered heaven.) With many other serious-minded Catholics, Luther was very doubtful of the merits of this questionable business and feared the gullible peasants were being exploited for the benefit of Rome. To gain further information and to clarify his own thoughts as well as to draw the attention of the authorities to this practice, Luther announced a forthcoming discussion of the subject in the customary form of a debate. To the average passerby there was nothing startling in the opening words:

Out of love and zeal for the elucidation of truth, the following theses will be debated at Wittenberg, the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and Sacred Theology, presiding. He begs that those who cannot be present at the oral discussion will communicate their views in writing. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

But there must have been something unusual in these Theses. The Luther biographer Myconius claims that the news spread like wildfire throughout Germany; that in two weeks their content was known in all parts of the land and in a month throughout Europe. In what respect, then did they differ from the theses of hundreds of other debates held through the centuries in the academic halls? No doubt the answer is twofold: they expressed the long-felt need for reforms in the Church, and God had found in Martin Luther a leader who combined knowledge and ability with the necessary courage to lead his children once more from darkness to the light of the gospel.

At the end of October, we will celebrate the Reformation with a special organ service here at SJSJ. You might also consider watching a Luther movie (borrow one from me or find one on your favorite streaming service), read a book on the Reformation (I've got a number of books for adults and children), or look for details online. Refresh your memory on the details of God restoring the truth to his Church through the Reformation.

Pastor Darin Aden

Our President's Message



Dear Fellow Christians,

Fall is in the air. The days are getting cooler, school is back in session, we're back to our normal church services and football, soccer and volleyball are now being played in our schools again. We can see God's beautiful creation with the trees starting to turn color.

We have a lot of things coming up in October. On October 17th we will have Mission Festival. On October 23rd Trunk or Treat will be held. In observance of the 25th anniversary of our Martin Ott pipe organ, organist Charles Bonow will be presenting his Reformation Service "Here We Stand" on Reformation Sunday October 31st. Our congregation voted to purchase the pipe organ on Reformation Sunday October 29, 1995. On Reformation Sunday October 27, 1996 our new pipe organ was dedicated. The Worship Committee decided to hold the 25th anniversary on Reformation Sunday. More details about these events are in this newsletter.

The Strategic Planning Committee(SPC) has held informational meetings with the congregation about the need for a Second Pastor. We will hold a special voter's meeting on Sunday October 24th to vote on this. If you have any questions or comments about a Second Pastor, please contact a member of the SPC committee.

With fall being here, we will soon start nominating members for church council positions. A few council members have asked to step down after this year. Plus the Evangelism Chairman has been vacant for over a year now. The nominating committee tries to nominate people who they feel will fit the position. If you are nominated for a council position, we ask that you prayerfully consider serving SJSJ and our Lord on the council. Think of the verse from Hymn 573, "Here am I, send me, send me". It's so easy to say no, I'm too busy, I don't have time. All of our present council are very busy with a lot of things also. But they find time to serve. We thank all of our council men for your dedicated service to our congregation and our Lord.

And finally, October is Pastor Appreciation month. Thank Pastor Aden for his dedicated service to the Lord and keep him and his ministry in your prayers as we move forward here at St. John-St. James.

Daniel Duchow, Church President

Grounds Keeper Needed



There is a position open for a Grounds Keeper for next year (2022).

The job requires the ability to operate the following: riding mower, walk behind mower, weed trimmer and leaf blower.

Average of about 25 hours per week. Person must be reliable and responsible for the care of the grounds and all equipment. Choose your own hours as long as the grounds are kept up.

Job description and applications are available in the west office and school office.

If interested in the job opening please contact Dan Duchow (920-860-9379) or Gary Bernhardt (920-629-5221).

A New Way to Send in Your Offering



If you're sending in your offering every week or even if you come to church and put in your offering envelope, we have an easier way for you to give your offering. It's called Automatic Withdrawal.

Instead of writing a check and filling out an envelope every week, you can have your church offerings withdrawn from your checking or savings account and it will be sent directly to St. John-St. James. If you're gone for a weekend or if there's bad weather, you don't have to worry about making it up the next week. You can have withdrawals made on the 1st of the month, the 15th of the month or you can split it between the 1st and the 15th.

We realize this may not be for everyone. We encourage you to take a look at it.

Also, if you do online banking, you can send your offerings with the bank bill pay system. If you have questions about these forms of offerings or would like to know more about it, please contact Curt Grimm at 920-366-0117 or Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751

~ Submitted by Dan Duchow

New Tax Opportunity for Church Offerings

In 2016 the U.S. Government passed a new law. This law can help people who are 70 1/2 years or older save money on their taxes.

If you are drawing funds for your retirement from an IRA or a 401K fund, you can eliminate paying some of the federal taxes on this. If you have your church offerings taken directly from your IRA or 401K, you don't have to pay federal taxes on this distribution from your retirement funds.

If you'd like more information on this please contact Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751.

~Submitted by Dan Duchow



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! It is time to let Pastor Aden know how much his ministry means to us as a congregation and separately as a friend.

Maybe you would like to give a scrip or gift card from our local businesses which could be purchased in our office through our Scrip program. A greeting card or a thoughtful note would also be a great way to express your appreciation. Please don't forget to lift up Pastor Aden in prayer on a regular basis.

If you wish to give a card, gift, or etc. please place it in the "Church" in the West office.

from MLHS

God's blessings from your high school!

MLHS Fall Showcase is fast approaching (Sunday, Oct 24th 2021 at 2pm), and we invite your congregation to again be involved in making it such a wonderful event! The Fall Concert will begin at 4:00pm in the MLHS gym. Desserts and refreshments will be available starting at 2:00pm. The silent auction bidding will be done online this year but also on display at the showcase. Items will be available for online bidding at the showcase starting at 2:00pm. Baskets can be viewed online starting Friday, October 22nd . Online bidding will start on the 22nd and go until Monday, October 25th . Winning baskets can then be picked up at MLHS on October 26th, 27th and November 1st .

Through the years, we have invited congregations to assemble a “theme basket” of some sort for use in the silent auction, and we would like to keep this wonderful tradition going! Whether from a Ladies Aid, Men’s Club, Bible Class, Parent Group, Church Council, MLHS alumni, Business owner, congregation member/family or the congregation as a whole, these are highlights of the silent auction event which coincides with the Fall Concert.

All baskets are greatly appreciated, but in the past we have been asked for some suggestions or pointers, so perhaps these can be of help:

- A general theme for the basket (movies, man cave, date night, relaxation, crafts, sports, seasonal items, hunting/fishing, home décor, children’s, gift cards, etc.) We would ask, if possible, but not necessary, you email us with your group’s idea in advance so that we can let you know if another group is doing something similar, just to avoid overlap and ensure a great variety.
- A basket value in the \$50 - \$100 range.
- Please include a description of the contents of your basket and its estimated value.
- Craft beers or wine have been popular ideas in some baskets. If you wish to include that in your theme, please let us know so that we label the basket accordingly.
- Yes – members from your congregation can put together more than one basket!
- Some congregations have taken a door collection and appointed a member to put a basket together and this has worked well also. If you would like to take up a collection but have no one to put together a basket, we would be happy to assist you with that also.
- Baskets can be dropped off in the MLHS office during the week of Oct 18th. Please have all baskets here no later than Wednesday, October 20th. Make sure they are labeled with name, description and value.

Holly Zirbel is serving as our Fall Showcase Chair this year, so please don’t hesitate to contact her if you have any questions. You can reach Holly at hzirbel@mlhslancers.org or call the main office at 920-682-0215. You can also give us a call at any time as well. Thank you in advance for your support of your high school through this event, and we hope you will join in the fun to see the results of your basket!

God bless your day,

Joel Ungemach, Fine Arts Director & Ryan Hulse, Director of Mission Advancement

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SJSJ CONTEMPORARY MUSIC SERVICES WITH MESSENGERS



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WHEN
Oct 3, 2021
Nov 7, 2021
Dec 5, 2021
Jan 2, 2022
Feb 6, 2022
Mar 6, 2022
Apr 3, 2022
May 1, 2022

**8 & 10:15am
Services**



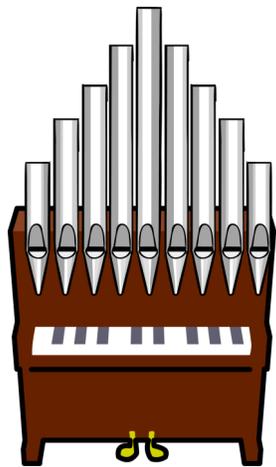
MISSION FESTIVAL



Date: October 17th
Time: 8:00^{am}
10:15^{am}



Pastor Ronald Baerbock from Merrilan Wisconsin will share his ministry work in Costa Maya and the Yucatan Peninsula. He will lead both services at 8:00am/10:15am with a presentation between services in the commons area. Please join us for the festival and learn about the ministry work being done to reach and serve others who need to know of God's Grace.



25TH ORGAN ANNIVERSARY

Date: October 31st
Time: 8:00^{am} & 10:15^{am}

Organist Charles Bonow will present his festival Worship Service Concert, "Here We Stand" for our 25th Organ Anniversary at St. John—St. James Lutheran Church.

A free-will door offering will be taken for the Bonow Family.



ST. JOHN-ST. JAMES UNITED SERVICE

Date: November 14th
Time: 9:00^{am}

St. John—St. James United Service will be held in the school gymnasium.

Our 3K – 8 grade kids will sing as we celebrate God's word.

Please join us for this special service!



SAVE the DATE TRUNK or TREAT

Saturday, October 23, 2021

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. John - St. James

Join us for 2 hours of Food and Fun!

Please join us for our 10th annual Trunk or Treat. We are in need of decorated car trunks, donations and help with setting up and taking down. Let's make this a fun community event. The more decorated trunks we have, the more fun for everyone! Trunks can be as simple as fall decorations, a game, or a fun theme.

This is a time for SJSJ to shine to our community. Please use good Christian taste when decorating. Please look for sign up sheets and donation opportunities in the school commons and church narthex.

Please drop off all donations in the school commons, no later than Sunday, October 17. All trunks need to be set up and ready to go in the parking lot by 10:15 on October 23, 2021. Please contact Sarah Marohn with any questions.

Camp Philip Door Donations



St. John—St. James will be having the annual Camp Philip door offering on November 7, 2020.

Door donations go towards various camps at Camp Philip that provides relaxation in creation and renewal in Christ. This annual donation is for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) youth, adults, families, churches and schools throughout the year.



Best Choice Labels

EconoFoods' private label brand is now BEST CHOICE!

Please save the BEST CHOICE UPC labels from the products you purchase, turn them in at church or school and St. John-St. James will receive \$30 for every 1000 barcodes redeemed.

Hymnal Repurposing



Do you give a 1993 hymnal in memory of a loved one(s) that was purchased for St. John-St. James?

If you did and would like to keep it, please inform Dan Duchow or Cindy Bubolz that you would like us to find them for you.



Please be on the lookout for our Christmas Poinsettia order form to come some time in November!



SHORELINE CIRCUIT LWMS RALLY

When: Saturday, October 23, 2021

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church (Liberty) 111303 Wehausen Rd. Manitowoc

Registration—8:30-9 am ■ Rally—9am–Noon ■ Lunch/Fellowship—Noon

Presenter: Aaron Wakeman, Executive Director of Friends Network

Buchana Market will be available, purchases benefit Pakistani Ministries.

**St. John—St. James
Annual
Deer Hunter's
Service
Thursday,
November 18
6:30 pm**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service
6:30 pm Wednesday,
November 24**



**Thanksgiving Day Service
9:00 am Thursday,
November 25**



St. John— St. James Things to know



ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS—If you have not received your report by email or by U.S. postage please notify Cindy in her office at 92-754-4568.



ALUMINUM CANS—Looking for a place to take your aluminum cans? You can drop them off outside the SJSJ South Garage Doors (follow the driveway south towards the cemetery). Aluminum cans will be cashed in. Thank you for helping to support our church and school!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					No School School Office Closed at 12:00 pm 5-8pm A-Team Volleyball at SJSJ	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8 & 10:15 am Messengers and Gr. 3k-8 Sing 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School, CREW Class & Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Worship Service 11:15 am WELSSA Meeting	7:00 pm CEC Meeting	6:00 pm B-Team Volleyball at Newtonburg	3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class	5:00 pm B-Team Volleyball at SJSJ	5:00 pm A-Team Volleyball at SJSJ	8:00 am B-Team Volleyball Tournament at Wayside
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00 am Communion Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School, CREW Class & Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Com. Worship Service	4:30 Cross Country Meet At MLHS 6:30 Church Council Meeting		3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class		A-Team Volleyball Tournament at MLHS	A-Team Volleyball Tournament at MLHS Loose/Baroun Wedding
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00 am Mission Festival Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School, & CREW Class 9:15 am Mission Presentation 10:15 am Mission Festival Worship Service with Grade 1-8 singing 11:15am PTO Meeting	4:00pm Ladies Aid Mtg.		3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class			11:00 am Trunk or Treat!
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School, CREW Class & Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Worship Service 11:15am Special Voters' Meeting			3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class	No School! School Office closed at 12:00pm	No School! School Office closed at 12:00pm	
31	Please send bulletin / newsletter announcements to Cindy @ cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com or call (920)754-4568					
8:00 am 25th Organ Anniversary with Com. Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am CREW Class 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 10:15 am 25th Organ Anniversary with Com. Worship Service						



Serving You in October

Sunday, October 3

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners**— Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner.



Sunday, October 10

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners**— Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.



Sunday, October 17

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners**—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner.

Sunday, October 24

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner.



Sunday, October 31

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.

MESSENGER'S Merchandise

MESSENGERS Concert T-shirts that are left in the narthex are available for a free-will donation.

The theme for the MESSENGERS concert on Aug 11, reminds us that sharing the Gospel and the love of Christ "Starts Right Here"! If not us, then who? If not now, then when? *Isaiah 6:8- Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send me." ——— Through hardships, through adversity, the Church of Christ still stands. His Word will NEVER return empty but accomplish what He desires (Is 55:11).*

There are also MESSENGER concert recordings available for viewing on the SJSJ YouTube Channel. There are DVD copies and Professional audio CDs that you can also purchase.



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Grandparents Day! 3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class		No School School Office Closed at 12:00 pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Savings Time Ends! 8:00 am Messengers Sunday Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Messenger Sunday Worship	6:30 Church Council Meeting		3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class	Veteran's Day!		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 am SJSJ United Worship Service with Communion 9:00 am Grade 3k-8 Sing No Sunday School No CREW Class No Adult Bible Class	4:00 pm Ladies Aid Mtg		3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class	6:30 pm Deer Hunter's Worship		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am CREW Class 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Worship Service			No Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	Happy Thanksgiving! No School! School/Church Office Closed 9:00 am Thanksgiving Worship Service	No School! School/Church Office Closed	
28	29	30				
Advent 1 8:00 am Communion Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am CREW Class 9:15 am Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Communion Worship Service						

Serving You in November

Sunday, November 7

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**—Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Behnke & Barb Herzog.



Sunday, November 14 (SJSJ United Service)

Sunday—9:00 am Ushers—Worship & Evangelism Committee Ushers ■ **Church Cleaners**—Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Behnke & Barb Herzog ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Knier Family.

Thursday, November 18 (Deer Hunter's Worship)

Thursday—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **Church Cleaners**—Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Behnke & Barb Herzog.



Sunday, November 21

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**—Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Behnke & Barb Herzog.

Wednesday, November 24(Thanksgiving Eve)

Wednesday—6:30 pm Ushers— Jeff/Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **Church Cleaners**—Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Behnke & Barb Herzog.



Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving)

Thursday—9:00 am Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **Church Cleaners**—Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Behnke & Barb Herzog.

Sunday, November 28 (Advent 1)

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Behnke & Barb Herzog ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Knier Family.



Special Voters' Meeting



A reminder of a special Voters' Meeting that will be held on October 24th at 11:15am in the commons.

There will be two separate subjects voted on and they are as follows:

1. Calling a second pastor no later than next spring.
2. Have an 18 month capital campaign for a Ministry Reserve Fund.

The ladies of our congregation are invited to attend the meeting. We hope to see many members at this meeting as we make decisions about our ministry here at St. John-St. James.