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September-October Newsletter

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Monday-Wednesday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Worship—Sunday 8:00 am and 10:15 am

Serving You In October

Communion Set-Up/Take Down: Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz

Flower Committee: Judy Hoida, Char Wagner

Church Cleaners: Sept. 18-Oct. 1: Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau

Oct. 2-Oct. 15: Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz

Oct. 16-Oct. 29: Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz

Oct. 30-Nov. 12: Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

Usher Schedule: *Sunday, Oct. 1 at 8:00am*— Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel

Sunday, Oct. 1 at 10:15am— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

Sunday, Oct. 8 at 8:00am— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog

Sunday, Oct. 8 at 10:15am— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten

Sunday, Oct. 15 at 8:00am— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog

Sunday, Oct. 15 at 10:15am— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten

Sunday, Oct. 22 at 8:00am— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt

Sunday, Oct. 22 at 10:15am— Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick/Jonathan Schrubbe

Sunday, Oct. 29 at 8:00am— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt

Sunday, Oct. 29 at 10:15am— Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick/Jonathan Schrubbe

Serving You in September

Communion Set-Up/Take Down: Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

Flower Committee: Judy Hoyer, Audrey Duchow

Church Cleaners: Aug. 21-Sept. 3: Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor
Sept. 4-Sept. 17: Rick/Sarah Zimmerman, Carissa Hillmann/
Vicky Rolf

Sept. 18-Oct. 1: Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau

Usher Schedule: *Sunday, Sept. 3 at 9:00am*— Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Randy/Sandy Waack

Sunday, Sept. 10 at 8:00am— Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau

Sunday, Sept. 10 at 10:15am— Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline, Erick Zimmerman






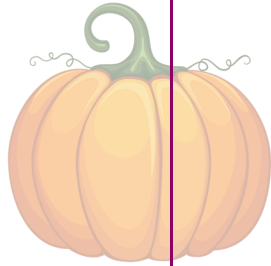


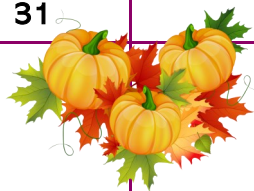
Sunday, Sept. 17 at 8:00am— Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau

Sunday, Sept. 17 at 10:15am— Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline, Erick Zimmerman



Sunday, Sept. 24 at 8:00am— Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/ Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel

Sunday, Sept. 24 at 10:15am— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○8:00 am Worship Sunday Service ○9:05 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study ○10:15 am Worship Sunday Service 		B-Team Volleyball in Luxembourg @ 5:30pm				A-Team Volleyball in Sturgeon Bay @ 4:30 pm B-Team Volleyball Tournament
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○8:00 am Communion Service ○9:05 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study ○10:15 am Communion Service 	CC Meet @ St. John's Two Rivers-4pm No School School/Church Office Closing at Noon					LWMS Fall Rally A-Team Volleyball Tournament
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○8:00 am Worship Sunday Service ○9:05 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study ○10:15 am Worship Sunday Service Mission Festival						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○8:00 am Worship Service ○9:05 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study ○10:15 am Worship Service ○New Member Welcome following the 10:15 Service 				No School School/Church Office Closing at Noon	No School School/Church Office Closing at Noon	
29	30	31				
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September

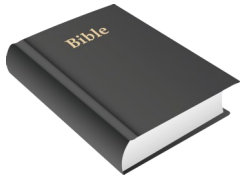
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					No School School/Church Office Closing at noon	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
○9:00 am Worship Sunday Service	School/ Church Office Closed Labor Day No School		CEC Meet- ing @ 6pm		A-Team Vol- leyball @4:30pm	Grades 5-8 Soccer Tournament @ MLHS SJSJ Movie Night @ 7pm 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
○8:00 am Communion Service ○9:15 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study ○10:15 am Communion Service ○PTO Meeting following 10:15 Service	Church Council Mtg @ 6:30pm	B-Team Volleyba @ Morri- son @ 5:30pm 			A-Team Volleyball @ Newtonburg @ 4:30pm	K-4 Soccer Tour- nament @ MLHS 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
○8:00 am Worship Sunday Service ○9:15 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study ○9:15 Annual Meeting ○10:15 am Worship Sunday Service			EC Fall Event @ 6pm		A-Team Vol- leyball @ Bethany @ 5:30pm	Grades K-8 Soc- cer Tournament @ New Holstein 
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
○8:00 am Communion Ser- vice ○9:15 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study ○10:15 am Communion Service		B-Team Volleyball @ Newton- burg@ 4:30pm	 Donuts for Dads @ 7:30am		 A-Team Vol- leyball @4:00pm	

PTO Meeting

All school families are encouraged to join us on Sunday, September 10th, following the 10:15am worship service for a PTO Meeting in the Commons Area.

SUPPORT FOR GENERAL FUND

We have learned of an increase in the school choice dollars we will receive this year. The school choice dollars went up from \$8,594 per voucher to \$9,893 per voucher. An increase of \$1,299 per voucher multiplied by 22 vouchers = \$28,578 additional income. Comparing actual offerings from last year, we need to see an increase of \$90,678 this year or \$1,743 more each week. With an average of 100 envelopes a week we would need to see each offering increase by \$17.40 a week. If we received 125 envelopes per week, we would need \$13.95 per envelope per week. Regular giving helps us to maintain our ability to support our ministry even when attendance may fluctuate (for example during the summer months). Please consider giving regularly and direct deposit giving.



Welcome Pastor and Mrs. Flitter



On July 23rd, we welcomed Pastor Thadeus Flitter and Mrs. Abigail Flitter at their installment. Now, as we start a new school year, we really ask that you help support Pastor Flitter in his outreach and Mrs. Flitter as she teaches 4th/5th grade homeroom and 6th-8th grade math.

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;” – **Romans 12:6-7**



SJSJ Craft Show

The 2nd Annual St. John-St. James Craft Show will be held on Saturday November 4, 2023. It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are looking for crafts people from local WELS churches to show their skills and talents that God has granted them. Please contact Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751 or Bethany Christensen at 847-902-2527 or email to uncommongiggles@gmail.com for more information.





School Year Worship Opportunities

We welcome you to join us in fellowship every Sunday at 8:00 am or 10:15 am beginning September 10th. We'd love to see you here! As a reminder, Communion is the 2nd and last Sunday of every month. We also have Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:05 am (between services). We'd love for you to join us.

FALL RALLY

The LWMS Fall Rally is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, 3607 45th Street, Two Rivers. Registration is from 8:00-9:00 am and the Rally from 9:00-Noon. A luncheon will follow.

Guest speaker is Mark Zondag from Thailand. Our members, men and women, are encouraged to attend. All ladies of the congregation are members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, Shoreline Circuit.



Ladies Night Out

Who: Ladies (aged 18+) of St. John-St. James are invited to Ladies Night Out!

When: Monday, September 25, 2023

What Time: 6:00p

Where: Meats Opera House, St. Nazianz, WI

Why: Come and learn more about our congregation's ladies' group and share in a devotion together. Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun with other Christian Women of the congregation.

More details: Ladies are welcome to order supper or a snack to enjoy as we enjoy devotion and a meeting.

A few months ago, a survey was sent out asking the ladies of the congregation if there was interest in joining an SJSJ Ladies group. The surveys completed showed the most popular answers were:

- Meet 6 times per year.
- Meet on Mondays at 6:00 pm.
- Plan to meet in March, April, May, September, October, November.
- Include fun activities.

Please join us as we continue to have discussions about how we can continue to grow our current Ladies' group of SJSJ (Ladies Aid).



Karen Prochnow
Carol Bubolz
Sharie Mack
Joan Sheahan
Angie Kenneke



Worship Committee News

- † Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents for the Church/School picnic. All hands were much appreciated!
- † We are looking to add a member to the worship committee. Anyone interested in serving in this manner please talk to a committee member or contact Randy Denor at rdenor@stjohnstjames.com.
- † The new usher's schedule for the '24 year will be created in the upcoming months. We would like to add ushers to existing Sunday ushering teams, Thursday/special service teams and create another Thursday/ special service team. Anyone interested serving in this capacity please talk to a committee member or contact Randy Denor at rdenor@stjohnstjames.com.
- † Mission Festival will be held Sunday October 15, 2023 at 8:00 and 10:15 services. This years guest preacher will be Rev. Benjamin Enstad, Northern district mission board chairman.
- † Upcoming special services :
 - Mission Festival Sunday, October 15, 2023 8:00& 10:15 am
 - SJSJ United Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 9:00 am
- † We welcome any feedback, comments and or concerns pertaining to worship services, schedules or processes. Please feel free to reach out to the Worship Committee. Members include Dave Hoida, Terry Prochnow, Arlie Olp, Larry Boettcher, Andrew Bubolz and Randy Denor- chairman

Randy Denor

Worship Committee Chairman

Outdoor Movie Night

Join us Friday, September 9th at 7:00pm for The Good Dinosaur. The movie will be projected in the east parking lot. Bring your own snacks and refreshments. Feel free to bring lawnchairs, pillows, and blankets. In cases of inclement weather, the movie will be shown in the gym.

New Member Welcome/Pot Luck

The Evangelism Committee is hosting a New Member Welcome on Sunday, October 22nd, following the 10:15 service in the commons. This will be a potluck dinner to welcome those who have joined our church family in 2023. All are welcome to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the west office for planning purposes that also indicates what appetizer, side dish, or dessert you'd like to bring.

Office Hours

The school office will be open 7:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday during the school year.
The church office will be open 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Monday through Wednesday. Katie will be out of office to help with Early Childhood on Thursdays and Fridays during the school year.

From the Church President

Looking back to our last voters meeting in February I am reminded of so many blessings that we have enjoyed in 2023, so far. Take a look at what has happened to grow our ministry and look at the blessing in your own life too. Give thanks and praise to our loving God who showers us with His grace even though we, as sinners, have done nothing to deserve it. Here are a few of the blessings in the past few months;

- 1. Rev. Thadeus Flitter-** Pastor Flitter's family is here and he is settling in to his new role. Also, his wife Abby is going to serve as our emergency called teacher! Please keep the Flitters in your prayers as they join our family here at SJSJ!
- 2. New Office Space** –We built a new office wall to create another office for Pastor Flitter and bought new desks for both offices.
- 3. Music Stage** -The music stage is done which will enable us to keep the equipment set up saving time and wear and tear on the sound jacks.
- 4. Parking lot sealing** - Wrightway Seal Coating donated a 10% discount to the church, bringing the cost down and completing the project this summer.
- 5. Bathroom upgrade** - The voters approved the \$33,000 South wing bathroom/evacuation doors remodeling project for the 1961 addition. Funding has been identified for this project and work has begun this summer.
- 6. Church basement entrance** - The church basement entrance now has stairs and a full-size door. A cover was custom built.
- 7. Heating system** – The new heating system was installed and paid for at the beginning of the year!
- 8. Trophy wall** – The Commons has a new trophy wall with brick accent, benches and a monitor.
- 9. MLHS Scholarship Campaign** –Goals were reached for our MLC and MLHS students again this year! Thank you to all who contributed, including an anonymous donor that agreed to make up the shortfall of our goals. Campaign funds for Josh will be held in charities until he returns to MLC next year.
- 10. Thank you, Mr. Phil Stuebs!** We wished Phil the best as he takes on a new call to serve at MLHS. What a blessing we enjoyed during his 10 years of service here at SJSJ! The Stuebs will still be members here at SJSJ so we will continue to be blessed with their services, music through the Messengers and their friendship in worship. Good Luck Phil!

As we continue to grow our ministry, the work we do, the volunteers with their time and talents, the financial support and spiritual growth of our members, all make a big difference. Praise to God for all He provides, all we have belongs to Him! All we do is in service to His Kingdom! Thank you SJSJ family! You are amazing and I am so proud to have the privilege of serving with our other councilmen. May God continue to bless you and keep you in His tender care. Amen

From Pastor Aden's Desk

CHRIST'S LOVE IS OUR SECURITY

Ever since sin entered the world humans have felt the need for security. But because of that sin in the world, we often feel very insecure. Our insecurities can lead us to hang our need for security on some very thin wires at times. Take our health, for example. Something as tiny as a blood clot, smaller, much smaller than a pea, if lodged in the wrong place, can suddenly turn our speech into a slur and reduce our steps to a shuffle or less. Our health can change in an instant—a thin wire.

We hang the heavy need for security on the thin wire of our possessions. We know better, but we still do it. We know the Bible says that life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions, that contentment is not limited to food and clothing, that birds of the air and lilies of the field don't know what they're missing without all these creature comforts. Yet ever inclined to live by sight and not by faith, our time and energy is spent much more on human concerns. Enter layoffs, medical bills, a downturn in the economy, or unexpected expenses. Exit the comfortable savings account and the financial plan. Snap goes the wire on our security.

Or the thin wire may be familiarity and predictability. We feel secure with the same job, the same house, the same school, the same family, and on and on. Then comes the corporation take-over, graduation, a new political regime... The thin wire doesn't hold. All the above have their good places in our life, but they don't give us what we ultimately need.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" asks the Apostle Paul. His answer is clearly implied. No one and no thing. God's love shown to us in Christ is the sturdy cable on which we can hang our need for security.

Christ's *love* is universal. **"God so loved the world."** There is no need for us to fear that we are excluded from this love.

Christ's love is unchanging. **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."** There is no need to fear that his love will suddenly disappear at some future time.

Christ's love is unconditional. **"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."** We can reject Christ's love, but never destroy it. It is there for us always. It offers us forgiveness and life, as well as the security we long for and need to have.

Since Christ's love so perfectly offers us the security we need, God calls on us to live differently. Not clinging to the thin wires of the world offers but rather cling to Him. God asks us to trust him when it comes to the use of our gifts to support his work with the knowledge that He will keep us secure. Trust the Lord to continue to bless you as you use your gifts to also serve Him.

Living confidently in the security isn't always easy for us in this sinful world, so God also asks us to trust Him when it comes to our use of His gift of His Word and sacraments. He promises to bless us when we trust Him with our time as we spend it in worship and the study of His Word. God's Word offers the strength to live confidently and securely in Him. **"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God."** When you feel insecure, when you're struggling to trust Him, there is no better place than in God's Word—the only place that offers us the security of Christ's love.

Christ's love offers a security like none other. It is life changing. Where your life needs to change, let Christ's love change it: live securely in His love; trust Him not His gifts; remain strong and secure in His Word. **"Those who trust in Him, will never be put to shame."** Pastor Darin Aden