

# FROM PASTOR'S DESK



The Priest and the Levite probably had good and legitimate reasons for what they did. They had busy lives, busy schedules, responsibilities to fulfill and expectations that needed their attention. Maybe they thought they should do something. Maybe they planned to come back later. We don't know. We aren't told their inner-dialogue or thoughts as they walk past that mess of a man on the side of the road.

The Samaritan very likely was busy too. It's not hard to imagine he too had a full schedule with his own responsibilities and expectations to fulfill. But when he saw the man, his heart went out to him. He had pity on him. He loved him. And so, he went out of his way for him. He put the poor beat up man first so that he would have the love, the care, the support he needs. He went above and beyond what someone would expect, not because he is trying to impress anyone. He's not looking for any awards or pats on the back. He's not looking at himself. He was really present in this man's life. He sees his neighbor and loves him.

Jesus tells us: "**Go and do likewise,**" (Luke 10:37).

I'm not the Good Samaritan and neither are you. Jesus is. We are that man on the side of the road beat up by Satan's accusations, born dead in sin, left with the stench of death hanging over our heads. We are naked before God without any excuse for the bad we have done and the good we have failed to do!

But here comes Jesus. He does not pass us by but is really present for us! He should have nothing to do with me. Instead, he takes time for me, has compassion on me, is not disgusted by the state I am in by nature. He loves me! So, he takes away the sin, the accusations, cleanses me with his blood to wipe away the stench of death, and promises that I have place waiting that is already mine with him.

And having seen what Jesus does for me, now I can see my neighbor, really see them. He's someone Jesus died for too! She's someone who needs Christ's love in her life. That is, your literal neighbor across the road. Your child playing outside. Your brother, sister, friend. That stranger serving in the restaurant. Especially the one who makes your life difficult. And Jesus chooses to use **us** to give **them** the love and care that **they** need! And we want to because that's how Jesus has loved us! Knowing that Jesus has already taken care of everything for me, gives my daily bread and all I need for body and life including the love and care I need, knowing that he has already secured my place with him, I'm set free to love and serve my neighbor, to, "Go and do likewise."

The next challenge in our God-Live Life series is, "A Life Lived for Others." This challenge is all about taking those opportunities to be really present in someone's life. It's about going outside of our comfort zones. It's about going and doing as Jesus loved us.

May God bless us as we live a God-lived life, serving others!

-Pastor Flitter

## St. John-St. James School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts. Psalm 145: 4*

1. **Kickoff Sunday, August 18, 2024 Schedule of events**
2. 9:00 - Students and parents bring the student's school supplies to their classrooms.
3. 10:00 - Outdoor Worship Service
4. 11:15 - Potluck meal in commons, food donations and signup will be coming soon
5. 12:00 - Children's games from 1874, gunny sack race, hoop race, 3-legged race, horseshoes and croquet. We invite everyone to participate or come and watch these games from 1874
6. Our anniversary memento is a Christmas ornament. It is a flat ceramic ornament that will not break very easily. It's about 3 inches in diameter with a picture and writing on each side.
7. The cost will be \$10.00 apiece or 3 ornaments for \$25.00. We will start selling them at the Kickoff Sunday
8. We will also be selling 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T shirts, long sleeve T shirts and sweatshirts. The cost of these items has yet to be determined
9. We will also have postcards with all the anniversary events on them. Our members can give them to family members and friends who now live somewhere else.
10. We will also have an Anniversary Booklet which will be available on our big day which is March 2, 2025
11. We are asking members and former members to share their memories of SJSJ school to be put in the Anniversary booklet. If you didn't attend SJSJ school but had family members who did, we'd like to hear your stories also. You can email your story to Amanda at [aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com) or Dan at [dduchow@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:dduchow@stjohnstjames.com)
12. If you don't have an email or can't type, submit a written copy to Amanda or Dan. We will type it up for you, so it gets in the Anniversary Booklet
13. We have started a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund to pay for the expenses associated with the Anniversary. If you would like to contribute to this fund, mark your envelope "Anniversary Fund"





## 1-2-3-4- We Declare A Quarter War

### Why a Quarter War?

A little over 150 years ago, members of St. John - St. James wanted to start a school that ensured a Christian Education for generations to come. Each family was asked to donate a quarter to start a fund for building our school. 25 cents back then, was equivalent to \$5.31 cents today.

All funds raised from our quarter war will go towards our SJSJ building fund.



**Where:** Containers will be placed in our SJSJ School Commons and in Back of the Church.

**Date:** Begins August 18, 2024 and Ends March 2, 2024

**How to Participate:** We will have 3 age groups. The age groups are as follows 0-33, 34-66 and 67 and up. Each group will have their own coin jar for collecting the money. The Coin War will end before the meal on March 2nd.

**The Group With the Most Points Wins!!**

### Point System

|                        |
|------------------------|
| Pennies = -1 pt.       |
| Nickels= - 5pts.       |
| Dimes= - 10 pts.       |
| Quarter = 25 pts.      |
| \$1.00= 100 pts.       |
| \$5.00= 500 pts.       |
| \$10.00= 1000 pts.     |
| \$20.00 =2000 pts.     |
| \$50.00 = 5000 pts.    |
| \$100.00 = 10,000 pts. |

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**VACATION BIBLE**  
**SCHOOL**

**Vacation Bible School  
(VBS) will be held at  
St. John—St. James**

**on:**

**July 30**

**July 31**

**August 1**

**from 9:00am-11:00am.**

**Everyone is welcome!**



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

The Church & School Office will be open from 8:00am-12:00pm daily during the months of June, July & August. Scrip will be available to purchase during these hours.

**Summer Worship Schedule**

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE IS IN FULL SWING! ALL THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 6:30PM. ONE SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00AM. ALL SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE HELD INSIDE THE SANCTUARY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH (THE SERVICE WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE ALONG WITH THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL GATHERING/CHURCH PICNIC). THIS SUMMER SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH LABOR DAY WEEKEND.



**OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION**

SJSJ is still looking to fill our part-time Office Assistant position. If you are interested, please pick up a job description and application in the School office or the West office in church.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Pastor Aden, Pastor Flitter,  
Gary Bernhardt, or Amanda Schrubbe

## CEC Update

**Youth Apprenticeship** – We are excited to be utilizing the apprenticeship program that is offered through MLHS. Megan Robley, a Bluejay Alumni, will be joining our staff this fall as a youth apprentice as a teacher’s aide in the Early Childhood Program.

**Gym Floor** – The gym floor has been sealed. This is a necessary process that needs to be completed to keep the floor from being damaged.

**FYI** – With the school year just around the corner, I would like to remind everyone of the tuition fees for **the year**.

**Early Childhood, Before Care, and After Care Rates:**

|           |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Half Days | 2 days             | 3 days             | 4 days             | 5 day              |
| 3K        | \$65/month         | \$75/month         | \$85/month         | \$95/month         |
| 4K        | \$60/month         | \$70/month         | \$80/month         | \$90/month         |
| Full Days |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 3K        | \$113.75/<br>month | \$131.25/<br>month | \$148.75/<br>month | \$166.25/<br>month |
| 4K        | \$105/month        | \$122.50/<br>month | \$140/month        | \$157.50/<br>month |

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Before Care       |                  |
| Before 7AM        | After 7AM        |
| \$5.50/day        | \$2.75/day       |
| After Care        |                  |
| Before 3:30<br>PM | After 3:30<br>PM |
| \$2.75/day        | \$5.50/day       |

**Grades K-8 Tuition Rates:**

Non-WELS/ELS \$800.00 per child plus registration fees/religious books & materials

Other WELS/ELS \$800.00 per child plus registration fees/religious books & materials

**Grades K-8 School Registration Fees- Payable by all SJSJ School Families:**

1st Child- \$575.00

2nd Child- \$525.00

3rd Child- \$475.00

**No member family pays more than \$1575.00 in registration fees (K-8)**

**Tuition Assistance** – If you missed the School Choice deadline and still need assistance, there is financial assistance for those that qualify.

Please see the school office for more information and applications for this program. Tuition assistance applications are accepted all year.







Come join us for the Church Picnic and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff  
on Sunday August 18th with a Potluck Meal at 11:15am  
1874 children’s games to follow at 12:00pm  
(gunny sack race, 3-legged race, hoop race, horseshoes, and croquet)




### MLC/MLHS Scholarship



SCHOLARSHIPS

1. This year we received \$2626.00 for the MLC Scholarship fund.
2. Because Josh Aden accepted an emergency call this past school year, he didn't need any tuition assistance last school year.
3. We kept the \$3220.00 for him to be used this year.
4. The Planned Giving Committee decided to give Josh \$4550.00 for his tuition assistance this year and we'll keep \$1296.00 in the fund for future MLC students from our congregation.
5. We received \$10,105.00 for the MLHS Scholarship fund.
6. Because we were ahead in the Education fund in the Endowment fund, we took out \$395.00 to make the amount \$10,500.00.
7. We stated in the bulletin that 7 MLHS students would benefit from tuition assistance. We just found out from MLHS when we took the funds there that one of the students received a School Choice voucher this past year.
8. We now have 6 students who could use tuition assistance.
9. Each student will receive \$1750.00 tuition assistance.
10. Thank you to everyone for your generous offerings and support for Christian Education for for these students.

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS JULY—AUGUST

### Summer Service Schedule

**REMINDER – NO SERVICE** on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. For that week there will only be one service on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

Summer services continue to take place on Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am through Labor Day weekend.

School opening/Anniversary Kickoff/Picnic service on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Service will be held on the school grounds with the Messengers. Please bring a lawn chair. There will be a school orientation before the service at 9:00 AM. Immediately following the church service there will be a potluck meal and picnic activities. This is a great opportunity for church and school families to join in fellowship. All members are encouraged to attend!

### Church Pew Cushions

We are in early discussions and evaluations of the potential addition of cushions on the church pews. More information will be coming. I am encouraging anyone that has an opinion or idea to reach out to me and let me know your thoughts, either way. I can be contacted at 920-450-1094 or [bradbusse174@gmail.com](mailto:bradbusse174@gmail.com).

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Brad Busse  
Worship Committee Chairman

## Serving You in July

### Communion Set-Up/Take Down:

Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz

### Flower Committee:

Sandy Reinemann, Nicole Kiesow



### Church Cleaners:

**June 24-July 27:** Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer

**July 8-21:** Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida

**July 22-August 4:** Yvonne Wenzlaff, Randy/Gail Denor

### Usher Schedule:

**Thursday July 4: No Evening Service**

**Sunday, July 7 at 9:00am**— Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera,  
Jeff Doemel

**Thursday, July 11 at 6:30pm**— Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

**Sunday, July 14 at 9:00am**— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz,  
Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

**Thursday July 18 at 6:30pm**— Jeff/Jellane Schneider, Arlie/Pat Olp

**Sunday, July 21 at 9:00am**— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad & Jade Busse,  
Marshall Kirkpatrick

**Thursday, July 25 at 6:30pm**— Gary Bernhardt, Randy Denor

**Sunday, July 28 at 9:00am**— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik,  
Delton & Nathan Kasten

thank you  
volunteers!

## Serving You In August

### Communion Set-Up/Take Down:

Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

### Flower Committee:

Ida May Krepline, Kay Pantzlaff

### Church Cleaners:

**July 22-August 4:** Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail/Randy Denor

**August 5-18:** Sarah/Rick Zimmerman, Carissa Hillmann, Vicki Rolf

**August 19-September 1:** Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau

### Usher Schedule:

**Thursday, August 1 at 6:30 pm**— Andy, Rebekah, Zac, & Joe Bubolz, Jon Winkel

**Sunday, August 4 at 9:00am**— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff,  
Gary Bernhardt

**Thursday, August 8 at 6:30m**— Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

**Sunday, August 11 at 9:00am**— Nick Schrubbe, Jonathan Schrubbe, Ray Bubolz,  
Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann

**Thursday, August 15 at 6:30pm**— Jeff/Jellane Schneider, Arlie/Pat Olp

**Sunday, August 18 at 9:00am**— Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin Gary Waack

**Thursday, August 22 at 6:30pm**— Gary Bernhardt, Randy Denor

**Sunday, August 25 at 9:00am**— Terry/Karen Prochnow, Randy/Sandy Waack

**Thursday, August 29 at 6:30pm**— Andy, Rebekah, Zac, & Joe Bubolz, Jon Winkel





*Thank you!*  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS





# July 2024



| Sunday ☆  | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday                                |
|---|--|---------|-----------|---|--|---|
|   | 1  | 2       | 3         | 4   | 5  | 6                                       |
|   | 5:30pm Worship Committee   |         |           | Church/School Office CLOSED<br><b>**NO THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE</b><br> | Church/School Office CLOSED  |   |
| 7   | 8  | 9       | 10        | 11  | 12   | 13                                      |
| 9:00 am Sunday Worship  |  |         |           | Worship Service w/Communion @ 6:30 pm   | <b>SJSJ Camp Outing @ Devil's River</b><br> | <b>SJSJ Camp Outing @ Devil's River</b> |
| 14  | 15   | 16      | 17        | 18  | 19   | 20                                      |
| 9:00 am Sunday Worship w/Communion<br><b>SJSJ Camp Outing @ Devil's River</b> | SJSJ Campfire & Yard Games @ 7:00pm<br> |         |           | Worship Service @ 6:30 pm   |  |   |
| 21  | 22   | 23      | 24        | 25  | 26   | 27                                      |
| 9:00 am Sunday Worship  |  |         |           | Worship Service w/Communion @ 6:30 pm   |  |   |
| 28  | 29   | 30      | 31        |   |  |   |
| 9:00 am Sunday Worship w/Communion  | <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>   |         |           |   |  |   |
|   |                                        |         |           |   |  |   |



# AUGUST 2024



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday    | Saturday |
|---|---|---|-----------|--|-----------|----------|
|   |   |   |           | 1  | 2         | 3        |
|   |   |   |           | VBS Vacation Bible School<br> |           |          |
| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7         | 8  | 9         | 10       |
| 9:00 am Sunday Worship Service  | 5:30pm Worship Committee Mtg<br><br>6:00pm CEC Meeting                              |   |           | 6:30 pm Worship Service w/ Communion   |           |          |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14        | 15   | 16        | 17       |
| 9:00 am Sunday Worship w/Communion  |   | 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg<br><br>6:30pm Church Council Mtg   |           | 6:30 pm Worship Service  |           |          |
| 18  | 19  | 20  | 21        | 22   | 23        | 24       |
| 9:00 am Back-to-School Gathering<br><br>10:00 am OUTDOOR Sunday Worship<br><br>11:15 am Potluck Meal<br><br>12:00 pm Children's games from 1874 |  |   |           | 6:30 pm Worship Service w/ Communion   |           |          |
| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28        | 29   | 30        | 31       |
| 9:00 am Sunday Worship w/ Communion   |   | <b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b><br><br> |           | 6:30 pm Worship Service  | NO SCHOOL |          |

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



Summer is here! With that, Wisconsin gives us the chance to go and do things outside, enjoying God's creation. Let us not forget to take time also to show our appreciation for the marvels of how God has made everything and its purpose. Our response to God's love "who opens his hand and satisfies the desires of every living thing" is to take time for him also. Our offerings are one way to show our appreciation for what our Lord has done for us. Taking time to go to Church this summer shows our gratitude to the Lord. Please keep supporting our church and the Lord by making the time to come to Church this summer.

SJSJ Stewardship Committee

## COATS FOR A CAUSE

*Save the Date*  
*October 2024*



The Evangelism team plans to hold a winter clothing drive in the fall of 2024. As this winter comes to an end, we are asking that you hold onto your gently used winter clothing and/or look for end of season sales on new items. When you donate new or used winter outdoor clothing, it will help someone stay warm during the cold-winter months.

COATS | GLOVES | BOOTS | SNOW PANTS



## SAVE THE DATE!

We have partnered with Harmann Studios to create our new St. John/St. James Lutheran pictorial directory.



PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

November  
1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>  
2024

More information to come.

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**Church/School Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 7:30am to 3:00pm

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am to Noon

**Summer Worship—Thursday 6:30pm and Sunday 9:00am**

