



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, November 2 All Saints Sunday

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 1. You might be early to church the next morning!

**Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship will be served.
Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.**

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Michelle Klinger, Pastor Bree, Matt Friel, Sandy Julifs, Mike, Lori Dewey, Dylan Wescott, Ken & Sharon Mager, Phyllis Jacobson, Betty Steinke, and Larry Wahler.

Placing our confidence in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the following members of our congregation at the loss of their family members.

To the JoAnn Garcia family, upon the death of her brother Raymond Graftaas'

To the family and friends of Dennis Wiedman;

To the family and friends of Sawyer DeFaux

May God's presence bring you comfort and peace.

During this time of transition if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

Help Needed

Please consider helping following worship this morning to change the batteries and time on all the clocks. Help is also needed to take down the sand table. Check with Nancy Eilers to see where you are needed.

We are also for a volunteer(s) to power wash the white fence behind the church. It really could use a good cleaning. Talk to Nancy about helping.

Thank you in advance for helping out on these tasks.

6th-12th graders: Mark your calendars and make plans to participate in the Wisconsin Dells Youth Quake, February 13-15 with Packer Dave! Youth Quakes are weekend long youth events with a band, speaker, Bible teaching & more! The Wisconsin Dells Quake is at the Wilderness Territory Resort. **A deposit of (\$25) for the Quake is due Nov. 2,** so that we can register with the lowest price. Youth from Bethel Reformed, St. John's & Immanuel are also planning to attend! Friends are welcome!

Please join us for BBT!

Breaking Bread Together or BBT is a time of sharing life, God's love and a meal together! These are no host gatherings for all interested parties. BBT is meeting twice this month:

Monday, November 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings (4304 E. Lincolnway, Sterling). We will meet at the restaurant.

Hospice Cookies

Thank you to all who signed up. A reminder that your cookies need to be taken to the Rock River Hospice & Home (2706 Avenue E, Sterling) on Saturday, November 8 between 9:00-9:45 a.m.

Myra Oelrichs – 4 dozen

Susan Bartel – 4 dozen

Patty Arians – 4 dozen

Carolyn Duncan – 4 dozen

Nancy Beck – 3 dozen

Bev Graunke – 3 dozen

Debbie O'Brien – 4 dozen

Donna Kendall – 3 dozen

Mary Ordean – 3 dozen

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: St. John’s will celebrate Pastor Leo Patterson’s 20-year ministry with them on Sunday, November 16th. We will enjoy a meal together following worship. Everyone is welcome! Pastor Leo will have friends and family attending the service on that day as well as the luncheon following. To assist with planning preparations, please indicate if you will be joining us by November 3 by calling St. John’s: 815-625-2634

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Students and families: Thank you for being a part of our combined Christmas program this year! St John’s and St. Paul have paired up so we can have an even bigger group of students for our 2025 program. It may be confusing and different than previous years, but when we work together to share God’s unconditional love, our message can reach much further than we could ever imagine. By joining forces we are also giving students a chance to meet and work with other kids within the ELCA. We hope every student and family will enjoy working together and that we can all find joy in putting on our Christmas program. Our practices will take place at both churches, alternating locations. We will perform the Christmas Program twice. First at St. John’s on December 14th, then at St. Paul on December 21st. The first practice begins next Sunday, November 9 at St. John’s beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Advent Wreath Lighting

Would your family like to light the Advent wreath and share the reading and litany in worship this Advent? Families are needed to assist with Advent Wreath Lighting and Litany on November 30, December 7, December 14 and December 21 during worship. In addition, families are needed for the Christmas Eve worship service. Please let Sue know if any dates work for your family. Thank you in advance!

Children’s Offering

The November and December children’s offering will be for the God’s Global Barnyard through the ELCA Good Gifts. A gift to God’s Global Barnyard will be used where needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable-development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 3

Office will be closed in the morning
BBT will meet at Buffalo Wild Wings in Sterling – 11:30 a.m.
Menz Group will meet at St. John’s – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4

Pastor Mark will be in the office – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 5

Council reports due into the church office

Saturday, November 8

Deliver cookies to Hospice and Home – 9:00-9:45 a.m.

Next Sunday, November 9

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Christmas program practice at St. John’s – 10:30 a.m.

Next week – November 9

Opener/Head Usher– Stacey Avelar
Closer – Nancy Eilers
Acolytes – Arians family
Greeters – Nancy Eilers, Donna Kendall
Ushers – Diane Yoeckel, Mel Johnson
Reader – Bev Julien
Sound – Bradyn Arians
Communion Assistant – Nancy Eilers
Altar Guild – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl
Coffee Fellowship – Dawn Waite, Dianne Miller, Debbie O’Brien