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# THE PULSE BEAT

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## A Word from the Pastor

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to many different things. In Matthew 13:44, he says “the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and then hid; then in his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Imagine how this would have come about: anyone who finds treasure in a field, such that they could cover it up and then buy the field itself, is probably working the land. This treasure they just bump in the course of their daily work. In Jesus’ time, people would often bury treasure as a means of keeping it hidden from others, and safe from theft. This treasure could be generations old, left behind and forgotten by previous owners of the field.

This treasure is something so massive, so important, that it will change your life in ways you can hardly imagine. You don’t want anything getting in the way of having the treasure.

So you sell all you have to obtain it. Selling all you have does two things: first it raises the money you need. Second, it allows you to fully focus on the treasure.

This puts the “treasure”—another way of looking at the kingdom of heaven—front and center.

Jesus calls us to be focused on the kingdom, whatever that looks like for you. Our work on our Ministry Site Profile and having our St. John Conversations has lifted this up: each and every one of us brings something special to our congregation.

When we focus on what we bring, each and everyone of us is not far from the kingdom of heaven.

God’s Blessings on this journey,

*Pastor Sara Gillespie*

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

We're getting close! With the help of the congregation, the Mission Exploration Team is so very close to finishing St. John's Mission Site Profile, which is the next step to being able to actively look at candidates to be our next pastor. Thank you to everyone for their hard work on this! While the MET is the group who finalizes the profile, it has been the congregation that has diligently participated in our numerous Fellowship Conversations and shared their thoughts and opinions on the direction St. John should take to move forward.

As a member of the MET, I can tell you that this process has been exhausting and a little bit overwhelming. While we all know who we feel we are as Christians and members of St. John, it is something else entirely to try to put it into writing to be able to share it with our prospective new pastor, and to identify and choose the path to go forward into the future. But it has also been an incredible opportunity to see God move among our congregation as we make the journey together.

Going forward, there are many things to keep in mind when choosing our new pastor.

In the Bible, pastors play a significant role in leading and guiding the church community. They are responsible for shepherding the flock, teaching and preaching the Word of God. They provide spiritual guidance and care for the needs of the congregation.

Ephesians 4:11 highlights the role of pastors as one of several spiritual gifts Christ gave to the church. The verse says: *"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,"*

In this context, pastors are seen as shepherds—those who care for, guide, and nurture the spiritual well-being of their congregations. They're not just leaders but caretakers of the flock, offering support, teaching, and encouragement to help believers grow in faith.

I found it interesting that the phrase "pastors and teachers" is often interpreted as a combined role, suggesting that a pastor's responsibility includes both shepherding and instructing in God's Word. As shepherds, pastors can provide guidance, comfort and teaching to nourish the spiritual growth of their flock. And as teachers, they play a vital role of educating believers on biblical truths and principles. We count on them to help us to understand God's Word better so we can apply its teachings in our everyday lives.

It's a beautiful reminder that leadership in the church isn't about status—it's about service. And an important guideline to keep in the front of our minds as we prepare to finish the MET process and take the next step to the call process and choosing our next pastor.

It's my privilege to walk this journey with all of you! I hope you are as excited as I am to finish this part of the process and to get ready for the next step!

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

Have a wonderful summer!

Hugs and prayers to you all!

*Sandy*

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### Interim Pastor - Sara Gillespie

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262-377-0410

E-mail: [stjohnsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnsecretary@hotmail.com)

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**Congregation President** – Sandy Allen

**Vice President** – Dale Allen

**Secretary** – Judy McMullin

**Treasurer** – Peter Viesselmann

### Church Council:

Sharlene Sandquist – Worship

Sue Dowe – Education/ Youth

Sharlene Sandquist – Stewardship

Robin Fatla - Outreach

Roger Wendorf - Finance

Andy Porth – Property & Grounds

Bob Butt - Public Relations

Jane Turowski - Financial Secretary

Organist

Paula Juedes

St. John Choir Director

Sharlene Sandquist

Glory Ringers Director

Dale Allen

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Sandy Allen

### Newsletter staff:

Robin Fatla

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## GENERAL INTEREST NEWS

**We keep in our prayers:** Anna Bullio (great-granddaughter of Florence Van Cleave), Amanda Combs (friend of Laura Christenson), Nan Donner (friend of Diane & Roger Wendorf), Erich Dowe, Henry Frier (Marian Witte's son-in-law), Rick Gonzalez (Jan's husband), Pat & Sandy Granrath, Merry Lou Green, Erma & Oswald Hegenbarth (Peter McClelland's in-laws), Mary & Dennis Jaeger, Sharon Kaddatz (friend of Bob & Carol Butt), Joanne Levenick, Anita Lucht, Scott Maronde (nephew of Gary & Sue Haas), Ken Matthews (Kayla Matthews' father-in-law), Borgne McClelland, Chuck & Cary Mueller (friends of Glenn Sievers), Alice Murphy (family of MerryLou Green), Sugeily Pineiro-Garcia, Joe Porth, Karen Rautenberg (Sue Dowe's mother), Becka Rogahn (Tom & Jackie's daughter), Tom & Jackie Rogahn, Sharlene Sandquist, Glenn Sievers, Melanie Smith (MerryLou Green's daughter), Wendy Tomter, Virginia (friend of Fritz & Sue Dowe), Wendy Werner (Sandy Allen's sister-in-law), **Military personnel:** Kyle Christenson  
**"Home away from home" members:** Jeanine Burhop (sister of the late Marilyn Speranza) – Lasata; Tim McClosky – at home with sister Merry Lou Green



August 3

9:30 am

EPIC Community  
Worship Service in  
Cedar Creek Park,  
Cedarburg

Bring your own chair and sweet treat to share during fellowship hour – if you care to!

There will be no service at St. John this day BUT the service will be shown live on our Facebook page:  
St. John Lutheran Church – Grafton, WI

## Treasurer's Update As Of May 31, 2025

The St John Lutheran Church Council would like to thank you for your generosity. Without your financial support, the mission and ministry of St John would not be possible. The Council would also like to keep you updated on the financial situation at St John.

The **Unified Budget** supports the work of the church through education, evangelism, worship, youth programs, stewardship, public relations, utilities & property upkeep, mission support, salaries, office expenses, and insurance. These items are all included in our line-item budget.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Year-To-Date income   | \$ 45,084                                         |
| Year-To-Date expenses | \$ 52,056 (including \$9,490 for Mission Support) |

The result is that St John currently has a deficit in our Unified Budget of \$6,972, but as noted above, that includes the full amount of the 2025 budgeted mission support, so it is a one-time expense for the year. However, offerings to date are \$3,200 lower than budgeted. Please prayerfully consider continuing your offerings as we go through the summer months.

The **Contingency Fund** is outside of the Unified Budget and is used as needed for unforeseen expenses and to offset any year-end differences between income and expenses in the Unified Budget. Any balance remaining at the end of the year will carry over to next year. Income to this fund comes from direct gifts (such as Thrivent member directed gifts), interest from savings accounts or CDs, building and utility expense sharing from Prime Horizon, and fund-raising activities such as the chili drive thru. So far this year, additions to the contingency fund have come from the chili drive thru (\$1,500), Prime Horizon (\$1,500), interest earnings (\$2,500), and Thrivent Choice Dollars designated to St John by members (\$1,100). The current total in the contingency fund is \$25,193.

The **Property Fund** supports any improvements or extraordinary maintenance of the building and property that is not covered under Unified Budget expenses. Including a gift from the St John Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,030, the current amount in the property fund is \$8,013.

The **Memorial Fund** receives gifts for memorials and honoraria. Families of the deceased can make a request to the Council to use the memorials for specific purposes, or the funds can be used for other projects as voted upon by the St John Congregation. This year's receipts into the fund include memorials for Dick Juedes, Peter Becker, and Doreen Viesselmann, and a bequest from Sheila Kapke. Funds in the amount of \$3,500 were used to establish the community garden. The current amount in the memorial fund is \$144,866.

**Thanks to the St John Trust Fund** for their gifts to St John for the Mercy Fund (\$1,500), Scholarship Fund (\$2,100), and the Property Fund as mentioned above (\$1,030).

## MET Minute

The MET team thanks you thus far into the Call process for your patience and cooperation with all the questions and topics, but it does help us look at where we are today - which is a key factor in moving forward.

Much of the Mission Site Profile has been filled in by now (thank you Jeanine), and when complete will be approved by church council and congregation by the end of July.

On July 13th we will hold a catch-up meeting on the ministry checklist, mutual expectations, and ways this congregation will support our called pastor. This will be announced in the bulletins prior to that date.

By August we are hopeful to secure a visit with the synod for a Town Hall meeting which will critique our profile



Dates: August 4th-8th  
Location: Faith Lutheran Church, Cedarburg  
Time: 9:00-12:00  
Cost: \$10  
Ages: Pre-School through 5th grade  
Questions?: Lisa Wegner ([lisa@adventchurch.org](mailto:lisa@adventchurch.org))  
Registration: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10042589>

Please note that registration closes on July 27th

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Donate Blood and Be a Hero!

The community is welcome and encouraged to give blood at a blood drive hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedarburg (N60 W6047 Columbia Road) on **Saturday, July 12 from 8:30am-12:30pm**. By donating just one pint of blood, you have the potential to save up to three lives. To sign up for your lifesaving appointment, call 1-877-BE-A-HERO, contact Jill Klitz (262-377-6074, [djklitz@milwpc.com](mailto:djklitz@milwpc.com)) or reserve a spot online at [tinyurl.com/tlcc71225](http://tinyurl.com/tlcc71225). Thank you!

## For Kids of All Ages!

### SHINE FOR Jesus

This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

**What you need:**

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)

**What you do:**

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?  
— Psalm 27:1, NIV



| <i>Sun</i>                                                                                                             | <i>Mon</i>                         | <i>Tue</i>                                      | <i>Wed</i>                                                                                                                        | <i>Thu</i>                                             | <i>Fri</i>                                             | <i>Sat</i>                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                        |                                    | <b>1</b>                                        | <b>2</b><br><br>10:00 am - Prime Horizon Cooking Club<br><br>Pastor Sara in the office:<br>10:30 - noon<br>2:00 - 5:00            | <b>3</b>                                               | <b>4</b><br><i>Independence Day - office is closed</i> | <b>5</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>6</b><br>8:45 am - Choir rehearsal<br><br>9:30 am - Holy Communion<br><br>10:30 am - Fellowship hour                | <b>7</b>                           | <b>8</b>                                        | <b>9</b><br><br>Pastor Sara in the office:<br>10:30 - noon<br>2:00 - 5:00                                                         | <b>10</b><br><br>10:00 am - Prime Horizon Cooking Club | <b>11</b>                                              | <b>12</b><br>8:30 am - Blood drive at Trinity Church<br><br><br>5:00 pm - Holden Evening Service at Trinity |
| <b>13</b><br>8:45 am - Choir rehearsal<br><br>9:30 am - Holy Communion<br><br>10:30 am - Fellowship hour               | <b>14</b><br><br>Robin on vacation | <b>15</b><br><br>_____→                         | 16<br>10:00 am - Prime Horizon Cooking Club<br><br>Pastor Sara in the office:<br>10:30 - noon<br>2:00 - 5:00<br><br>_____→        | <b>17</b><br><br>_____→                                | <b>18</b><br><br>_____                                 | <b>19</b><br><br>Back in the office                                                                         |
| <b>20</b><br>8:45 am - Choir rehearsal<br><br>9:30 am - Holy Communion<br><br>10:30 am - Fellowship hour               | <b>21</b>                          | <b>22</b>                                       | <b>23</b><br><br>Pastor Sara in the office:<br>10:30 - noon<br>2:00 - 5:00                                                        | <b>24</b><br><br>10:00 am - Prime Horizon Cooking Club | <b>25</b><br><br>Pastor Sara on vacation _____→        | <b>26</b><br><br>_____→                                                                                     |
| <b>27</b><br>8:45 am - Choir rehearsal<br><br>9:30 am - Holy Communion<br><br>10:30 am - Fellowship hour<br><br>_____→ | <b>28</b>                          | <b>29</b><br><br>Robin out of the office _____→ | <b>30</b><br>10:00 am - Prime Horizon Cooking Club<br><br>Pastor Sara in the office:<br>10:30 - noon<br>2:00 - 5:00<br><br>_____→ | <b>31</b><br><br>_____→                                |                                                        |                                                                                                             |



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|-----------|---------------------|
| 7/4       | KELLY BOELKOW       |
| 7/5       | GARY HAAS           |
| 7/5       | CONNOR DOWE         |
| 7/5       | KIM BROPHY          |
| 7/12      | BORGNE MCCLELLAND   |
| 7/12      | ADAM KAPKE          |
| 7/13      | ANNETTE DEFENDI     |
| 7/16      | DIANE WENDORF       |
| 7/17      | JOSH REINDL         |
| 7/19      | MARY JAEGER         |
| 7/20      | ERICH DOWE          |
| 7/22      | JOE PORTH           |
| 7/23      | STEVEN REINDL       |
| 7/25      | CAROLE LITVINOFF    |
| 7/26      | PETER VIESSELMANN   |
| 7/13/1968 | GARY & SUE HAAS     |
| 7/18/1970 | RICK & JAN GONZALEZ |
| 7/27/1974 | JOE & CINDY PORTH   |

Please notify Church Office if we  
have missed someone. Thank you!



## JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Assisting Minister:

July 6 - Dennis Jaeger  
13 - Gary Haas  
20 - Robin Fatla  
27 - Bob Butt

### Lector:

July 6 - Borgne McClelland  
13 - Robert McClelland  
20 - Judy McMullin  
27 - Florence Van Cleave

### Communion gifts:

July 6 - Roger & Diane Wendorf  
13 - Joan Salger &  
Florence Van Cleave  
20 - Judy McMullin & Monica Faretra  
27 - **OPEN**

### Usher:

July 6 - Fritz Dowe  
13 - Jim & Carole Litvinoff  
20 - Bob Butt  
27 - Tom Rogahn

### Altar bouquets:

July 6 - **OPEN**  
13 - Jeanine Burhop  
20 - Robin Fatla  
27 - **OPEN**

### Fellowship hour:

July 6 - **OPEN**  
13 - Robin Fatla  
20 - **OPEN**  
27 - Peter & Kathie Viesselmann

### Counting Team:

July 6 - Jim Litvinoff Team  
13 - Peter Viesselmann Team  
20 - Borgne McClelland Team  
27 - Dennis Jaeger Team



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|                                                                                                                        |                                                               |            |                                                                                                              |                                                 | 1<br><br>Robin out of the office | 2                                                    |
| 3<br>9:30 am - EPIC Community worship service - Cedar Creek Park<br><br><b>No service at St. John</b>                  | 4<br>9:00 am - Noon - Vacation Bible School at Faith Church → | 5<br>→     | 6<br>10:00 am - Prime Horizon Cooking Club<br>→<br>Pastor Sara in the office:<br>10:30 - noon<br>2:00 - 5:00 | 7<br>→                                          | 8<br>→                           | 9<br><br>5:00 pm - Holden Evening Service at Trinity |
| 10<br>8:45 am - Choir rehearsal<br><br>9:30 am - Holy Communion<br><br>10:30 am - Fellowship hour                      | 11                                                            | 12         | 13<br><br>Pastor Sara in the office:<br>10:30 - noon<br>2:00 - 5:00                                          | 14<br><br>10:00 am - Prime Horizon Cooking Club | 15                               | 16                                                   |
| 17<br>8:45 am - Choir rehearsal<br>9:30 am - Holy Communion<br>10:30 am - Fellowship hour<br>11:00 am - Church council | 18                                                            | 19         | 20<br><br>10:00 am - Prime Horizon Cooking Club<br>Pastor Sara in the office:<br>10:30 - noon<br>2:00 - 5:00 | 21                                              | 22                               | 23                                                   |
| 24<br>8:45 am - Choir rehearsal<br><br>9:30 am - Holy Communion<br><br>10:30 am - Fellowship hour                      | 25                                                            | 26         | 27<br><br>Pastor Sara in the office:<br>10:30 - noon<br>2:00 - 5:00                                          | 28<br><br>10:00 am - Prime Horizon Cooking Club | 29                               | 30                                                   |
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**8/3 Randy Tetzlaff**  
**8/8 Steve Tetzlaff**  
**8/9 Hannah Levra**  
**8/9 Joan Horsefield**  
**8/9 James Allen**  
**8/11 Jacob Liebergen**  
**8/12 Jason Salger**  
**8/15 Elizabeth Drescher**  
**8/21 Richard Vlesselmann**  
**8/27 Josie Matthews**  
**8/28 Bob Butt**  
**8/29 Dana McMullin**  
**8/29 Austin Huesdens**  
**8/31 Jean Verber**

**8/7/1999 Ivan & Sugeily Garcia**  
**8/10/2019 Randy & Catherine**  
**Tetzlaff**  
**8/18/1984 Jeff & Kelly**  
**Boelkow**

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have missed someone. Thank you!

#### Counting Team:

August 3 - **No service at St. John**  
 10 - Peter Viesselmann Team  
 17 - Borgne McClelland Team  
 24 - Dennis Jaeger Team  
 31 - Jim Litvinoff Team

## AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### Assisting Minister:

August 3 - **No service at St. John**  
 10 - Dennis Jaeger  
 17 - Robin Fatla  
 24 - Bob Butt  
 31 - Gary Haas

#### Lector:

August 3 - **No service at St. John**  
 10 - Bob Butt  
 17 - Carol Butt  
 24 - Sue Dowe  
 31 - Robin Fatla

#### Usher:

August 3 - **No service at St. John**  
 10 - Peter Viesselmann  
 17 - Bob Eichmann  
 24 - Roger Wendorf  
 31 - Joe Porth

#### Communion Gifts:

August 3 - **No service at St. John**  
 10 - OPEN  
 17 - OPEN  
 24 - OPEN  
 31 - OPEN

#### Altar bouquets:

August 3 - **No service at St. John**  
 10 - OPEN  
 17 - OPEN  
 24 - OPEN  
 31 - OPEN

#### Fellowship hour:

August 3 - **No service at St. John**  
 10 - OPEN  
 17 - OPEN  
 24 - OPEN  
 31 - OPEN



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

# CONVENTION & RETREAT

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:00 am-2:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

20275 Davidson Rd

Brookfield 53045



## AGENDA

9:00 am: Gathering and light breakfast

9:30 am: Worship litany

10:15 am: Welcome from Jennifer Hockenbery

Executive Director of Women of the ELCA Topic: Supporting  
Women in Today's World

Worship litany

10:30 am: Workshop: *Mending Our Souls* with Emma Mock

## MENDING OUR SOULS

*Mending Our Souls* is a workshop centered on the healing power of creativity and community. The workshop includes a presentation on the significance of textiles in relation to grief across cultures and history. The hands on portion will explore how textiles can help us engage with our personal narratives of loss and healing. This space invites us to reflect on loss, memory, legacy, and healing through the transformative act of making. Together, we will create keepsakes that honor our personal experiences with loss. Inspired by the goal to promote grief awareness, reflection, and expression, this workshop emphasizes the powerful and healing nature of combining creativity with community.

12:00pm: Lunch

12:30pm: Convention for Greater Milwaukee  
Synodical Organization

*This business meeting will include time to hear about the initiatives and strategic plan for Women of the ELCA. We will hold elections for all positions on the SWO board and for voting members for Churchwide Convention in July 2026. All are welcome to attend this meeting and learn about Women of the ELCA.*

## WHO IS THIS FOR?

- Anyone who identifies as a woman and is interested in deepening their connections with the ELCA, either as an ELCA congregation member or a participant in women's ministries with that congregation
- Women interested in Mock's *Mending Our Souls* workshop who are looking for healing from grief

You do not need to have participated in Women of the ELCA, nor are you required to commit beyond this retreat

Children are welcome! There will be childcare provided.

Registration is free.

Donations of \$25.00 are suggested to help cover the cost of breakfast, lunch, and the speaker.

## ABOUT EMMA MOCK

Emma Marie Mock is the Bereavement Care Coordinator at Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice in Sheboygan Falls, WI. She holds a Master of Thanatology from Marian University and is a Certified Grief Counselor. In addition to her hospice work, Emma is an artist, educator, facilitator, and speaker on topics related to the healing qualities of creating in relation to grief. Her art and workshops emphasize that creative and collective spaces often serve as healing spaces. Drawing inspiration from the intricate relationships between objects, sentimentality, and memory, Emma designs her professional work, art, and workshops to encourage the exploration of personal narratives and meaningful connections

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Summer has finally arrived (I look forward to it all year) and those of us who like to garden, have planted our seeds, and small tomato plants and flowers by now, in order to enjoy them for as long as possible. My house plants have been moved outside and they are thriving on my patio.

This summer, St. John was given a unique opportunity to be better stewards of our property. You all know the story of our garden beds for **community gardens**. What a wonderful way to use part of our property for the good of the people who live in our community! What a great way for them to become aware of St. John and what we offer to them, not only in terms of garden space, but also in terms of worship opportunities, if they are looking for a church home. Thanks to those on the committee, who have obtained the necessary items to make this workable and set up the guidelines to be followed by the gardeners.

We, as members of St. John, are considering other ways to use our property for the good of others. At the present time, our parking lot sits empty most of the week. There is the possibility of our allowing members of **Harvest Hosts (the Unique RVing Experience)** using our parking lot overnight, when they come for some of the festivals offered in Cedarburg and Milwaukee during the summer and fall months. At the present time, liability and insurance requirements are being checked out before we make a commitment.

During our **fellowship conversations**, suggestions have been made that we offer classes to teach others to knit, crochet, paint, etc., whatever might be of interest to others to learn. It has also been suggested that we offer a grief support group to any in need of one. Do you have any other suggestions for sharing our property and building with the community for the good of others? If so, please contact any member of the church council, so that we may consider it. We are striving to utilize our property and building more fully thus being better stewards of it.

Our MET fellowship conversations have also made us aware that the members of St. John would like to have Bible study classes offered again here, as well as joining in with the ones offered by our EPIC churches. Once again, our EPIC churches are offering a combined worship service in the park in Cedarburg on August 3, 2025. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as there will be no worship at St. John that Sunday.

*Sharlene Sandquist*, Chair  
Stewardship Committee



# **The** **Ozaukee** **h.e.l.p.** **corner**

## **A Health Equipment Lending Program**

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to use at home and get around for up  
to 90-day check-out periods

## July/August 2025 Pulse Beat



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Grafton, WI 53024

*"In God's Word, Serving You and the World"*

### Worship Schedule

- Sunday Morning - 9:30 a.m.
- Fellowship hour - 10:30 a.m.

**IT IS OUR MISSION** as people called by God into the Congregation of St. John Lutheran Church to:

- Proclaim the Gospel in worship and daily life.
- Study and teach God's Word.
- Fellowship among people of this congregation.
- Serve people in our surrounding community.

This is the **MISSION** and **MINISTRY** that we accept as fellow Christians at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lakefield.

*"Faithfully Serving Christ Since 1866"*

## OUTREACH



We are in the process of becoming a **Harvest Host** - an organization which allows RVers to park on small business properties while on their travels.

We're offering our parking lot to those traveling in our area so that they can park, explore and enjoy the many festivals in Southeastern Wisconsin. Our application is pending on approval from our insurance company.

The **Community Garden** now has 3 beds rented to 2 gentlemen gardeners! There are still plenty of beds ready to be planted. Tell your family and friends that the 2' x 8' beds rent for \$25 and there are tools available for their use. Call the office for more information, 262 377-0410.



We have a continuing collection for the **Portlight Shelter** in Port Washington. Donate family appropriate books, DVDs, games, and puzzles for the activity area at

the house. ALSO, monetary donations are being collected for the ongoing needs of the house (cleaning and laundry supplies, gas cards, etc.)

Donations will be accepted through the end of the year.