

THE 17TH WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19/20, 2026

“Do Not Begrudge God’s Generosity”



For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
- **A Quiet Room** for families needing to take their child(ren) out of Worship, located at the back (left side) of Church, with a large window and speakers, so that families may still see and hear the Worship Service
- **Restrooms** located at the back of the Church in the Narthex
- **Activity bags for children** which are available in the Narthex, hanging on “Ginny the Giraffe.” Children may take home the pictures they color.
Please return books, crayons, and bags to “Ginny.”

(Please ask an Usher to direct you to any of the above.)



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AS WE GATHER

On the surface, the Parable of the laborers in the vineyard seems wrong. Shouldn't the worker receive the wages he or she deserves for his or her time and labor? It offends our sense of fair play that one who worked less should receive the same as one who worked more. If you only focus on the perspective of the laborer, that might seem true, but if you focus on the generosity of the vineyard owner, you get a very different perspective. God's Mercy is not the reward for our labor, but a Pure Gift of Grace given to those who deserve none of His Kindness. When you begin to look at this Parable from that perspective, God's abundant Generosity becomes clear. The Lord does what none of us would do—Forgives all our sins, no matter how great, and bestows upon us the Mercy and Salvation we did nothing to earn and could never deserve. How can anyone begrudge Him such Generosity?

IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

LSB 807

- 1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
 When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 2 When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's Holy House of Prayer, hath none that can compare,
 with "Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 3 No lovelier antiphon, in all high Heav'n is known,
 than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 There to the_Eternal Word, the_Eternal Psalm is heard:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 4 Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
 Let all the Earth around, ring joyous with the sound:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see His Face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole Creation o'er, both now and evermore,
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God,

All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, and Judge of all people, we confess to You that we have sinned. We have often turned away from or against one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have sometimes done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Because of the Obedience and Sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgiving us all that is past and granting us the Holy Spirit to Guide us into the future.

Pastor: God has Promised Forgiveness of sins to those who in Faith repent. The Lord keep you in His Grace and Favor and bring you to Everlasting Life. Almighty God in His Mercy has Given His Son to Die for us and for His sake Forgives us all our sins. As a Called and Ordained servant of Christ and by His Authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: He Who began this Good Work within you will bring it to completion on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT FOR PENTECOST 17

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16

All: I will offer to You the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving and call on the Name of the LORD.

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all His Benefits to me? I will lift up the Cup of Salvation and call on the Name of the LORD. Precious in the sight of

the LORD is the Death of His Saints. O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the Beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us Trust in Your Abiding Grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:6–9*

ESV 731

⁶“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have Compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly Pardon. ⁸For My Thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My Ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the Heavens are higher than the Earth, so are My Ways higher than your ways and My Thoughts than your thoughts.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

ESV 1164

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the Gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole Imperial Guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the Word without fear. . . . ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the Help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to Live is Christ, and to Die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the Faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in One Spirit, with one mind striving side by side for

the Faith of the Gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your Salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been Granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1–16*

ESV 980

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN *“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”* Vs 1,2

LSB 827

- 1 Hark, the Voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master Calleth; rich Reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?

- 2 Some take up His task in morning, to their Lord responding soon;
some are Called in heat of midday, others late in afternoon;
even as the sun is setting, some are sent into the fields,
there to gather in the bounty, that God's Word so richly yields.

SERMON

HYMN *"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"* Vs 3,4 LSB 827

- 3 For as rain and snow from Heaven, water seeds in dusty soil,
causing them to bud and flower, giving bread to those who toil;
so the Lord sends forth His Promise, Words of Life and Joy and Peace—
never void to Him Returning, Bearing Fruit with great increase.
- 4 Hearken to the Lord Whose Coming, marks the Time when Grace shall end,
when with His Angelic Reapers, He in Glory shall Descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest; soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His Grace has garnered, shall enjoy His Sabbath Peace.

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OFFERING *(received and brought to the Altar)*

OFFERTORY LSB 192

All: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and Renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy Presence and Take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the Joy of Thy Salvation and Uphold me
with Thy Free Spirit. Amen.**

NICENE CREED

All: **I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and
Earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of One Substance
with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and
for our Salvation came down from Heaven and was Incarnate by the
Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was Crucified
also for us under Pontius Pilate. He Suffered and was Buried. And the
third day He Rose again according to the Scriptures and Ascended
into Heaven and Sits at the Right Hand of the Father. And He will**

Come Again with Glory to Judge both the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole People of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer

O Lord, Your Mercy is beyond our comprehension, and Your Generosity is more than we can understand. Give us Grace that we rejoice to know the abundance of Your Grace and testify to Your Goodness in a world that hopes simply for justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.** *(after each petition)*

Pastor: Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 194

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**



Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who, having Created all things, took on Human Flesh and was Born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He Died on the

Cross and Rose from the Dead to put an end to Death, thus Fulfilling Your Will and gaining for You a Holy People. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the Company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and Earth with full acclaim shout the Glory of Your Name.
Sing hosanna in the Highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of Heaven and Earth, for You have had Mercy on those whom You Created and sent Your Only-Begotten Son into our Flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the Salvation Accomplished for us by the All-Availing Sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the Cross.

Gathered in the Name and the Remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to Forgive, Renew, and Strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His Own Testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the Earth to celebrate with all the Faithful the Victory Feast in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took Bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the Disciples and said: *"Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the Cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *"Drink of this, all of you; this Cup is the New Testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim the Lord's Death until He Comes.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy Sacrificial Suffering, Your Blessed Death, Your Rest in the Tomb, Your Resurrection from the Dead, Your Ascension into Heaven, and Your Coming for the Final Judgment. So remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

LSB 209

All: Amen. *(spoken)*

AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

LSB 210

**All: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You Take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You Take the sin of the world away;
have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and Grant us Peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

DISTRIBUTION:

All who Commune receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, each one must take seriously the responsibility to examine oneself:

- + To acknowledge oneself as a sinner and repent of one's sins.
- + To trust Jesus as one's Savior for forgiveness and submit to Him as Lord.
- + To believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, that His true Body and Blood are received in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.
- + To ask the Holy Spirit to assist in living a moral and obedient life to glorify God.
St. John, Cudahy is a member of the SELC District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS).
- + Communing here implies agreement with the teachings and practices of the LCMS.
Questions? Please speak with Pastor.

*[Please follow the instructions of the Usher. Exit the pew down the center aisle.
As you approach the Altar Rail, if you desire the Individual Cup of Wine, please take one with you.
Stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. (Non-alcoholic individual cups are available in the center of the trays.)
Receive the Wafer, then receive the Wine, either from the Common cup, or the Cup you brought.
If you have selected the Individual Cup, please discard the cup
in the container on the side aisle as you return down the outside aisle to your pew.]*

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

HYMN *“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake”*

LSB 688

- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My Way abiding;
deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey My Call and Guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, take My Example for your Guide.

- 2 “I am the Light, I Light the Way, a Godly Life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show, how you must sojourn here below.”

- 3 “My heart abounds in lowliness, my Soul with Love is glowing;
and gracious words my lips express, with meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all, to God I yield, on Him I call.”

- 4 “I Teach you how to shun and flee, what harms your soul’s Salvation,
your heart from ev’ry guile to free, from sin and its temptation.
I Am the Refuge of the soul, and Lead you to your Heav’nly goal.”

- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed,
and, firmly clinging to His Word, in suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain, the Crown of Heav’nly Life obtain.
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HYMN *“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”*

LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the Body of the Lord,
and drink the Holy Blood for you outpoured;
offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

- 2 He Who His Saints in this world Rules and Shields,
to all believers life Eternal yields;
with Heav’nly Bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives Living Waters to the thirsting soul.



- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the Pledges of Salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow,
as in this Feast of Love You Bless us now.
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is Good,

All: for His Steadfast Love endures forever!

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Salutory Gift, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would Strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His Face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you Peace.

All: Amen, amen, amen. (sung) *LSB 202*

HYMN *“Lord of All Hopefulness”* *LSB 738*

- 1 Lord of all Hopefulness, Lord of all Joy,
Whose Trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and Give us, we pray,
Your Bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all Eagerness, Lord of all Faith,
Whose strong Hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and Give us, we pray,
Your Strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all Kindliness, Lord of all Grace,
Your Hands swift to welcome, Your Arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and Give us, we pray,
Your Love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all Gentleness, Lord of all Calm,
Whose Voice is contentment, Whose Presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your Peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

- † for the sick and shut in of our Family of Faith: Elaine Wasicka,
SaDonna Antonia, and Cindy Kreier
- † friends of our family of Faith: Sue, Diane, Ava Pavlik and Karen Squiers
- † Special Prayers for those with Cancer: Ray Berg, Charlie Baranowski,
Gabe, Nate Watters, Linda, Sally, Jim and Dan Gerber
- † for the family and friends of Nila Ewald (Jim Fahser's aunt) who is now in God's
eternal care



THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant: Rev. Phillip DeVries

Elder on Duty:

Sat: Scott Lucas

Sun: Jim Fahser

Sunday Ushers:

Dale Brigger

Craig Hanke

Organist:

Thu: Betty Johnson

Sun: Betty Johnson

Altar Guild:

Upkeep:

Thu: Laura Lucas

Sun: Sharan Lunde

ST. JOHN IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Every Wednesday at 9:30am, St John holds Worship Services for the residents at AdavaCare Senior Living, 3620 E. Denton Ave, St. Francis WI. Thursday Services are held at 9:00am, at Oak Creek Place, 3829 S. Chicago Ave, South Milwaukee, located just behind Willowcrest and at 10:15am, at AdavaCare Oak Creek, 7550 S 13th St. Oak Creek. You are invited to join them anytime as St. John Church shares the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ Alone. Thank you to Roy Lemmer for leading these services.

ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO PROJECT CONCERN

St. John celebrates how wonderful God has been to our Congregation, we are showing our LOVE for HIM by giving a special monetary gift to PROJECT CONCERN, to help families of Cudahy and St. Francis to provide the basic necessities of life. Please consider a special gift, using the provided envelopes in the Narthex.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Generations of Blessings Weekend Worship Service: 136

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 17,754.00	\$ 77,970.86
Obligations:	\$ <u>23,296.77</u>	\$ <u>93,209.95</u>
Balance:	\$ (5,542.77)	\$ (15,239.09)
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 9,803.52

Property Improvement Loan

Monthly Amount Needed	Received MTD	Balance Needed
\$2,553.24	\$9,105.00	\$0

Thank you for your donations this month. Money received above the "amount needed" will go towards paying down our principle.

*St. John Day Care contributes \$1,000 each month toward Loan Repayment.
This is in addition to the \$2,200 per month paid to the General Fund for Use & Occupancy.*

BIBLICAL GIVING – 2 Corinthians 9:7 - "God loves a cheerful giver."

SPECIAL GIFT

General Fund

+ from Carol Wagner in memory of her beloved Aunt Molly Koniar, September 6, 1973

DOES GOD COME FIRST OR LAST?

Do you buy everything you want, and do you go to shows or out to dinners as often as you want – and then decide what to put into your offering envelope, from what's left? Electronic giving or straight through charitable gifts from your IRA RMD keeps God first! Want more information? Contact the Church Office for more information at 414-481-0520.

THANK YOU FOR BUYING

Thank you for purchasing our "Rejoice... God Is Faithful" Anniversary wear. Please wear them on any appropriate occasion as a witness to our Faithful God!

GENERATIONS OF BLESSINGS EVENT

Praise and thanksgiving to God for this year's Generations of Blessings celebration. Thank you ALL who helped plan, and provided worship, food, games, crafts, family photos, and setup and cleanup. What a Blessing it is to work together as we celebrate our God's faithfulness.

120TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 09:00am – Fellowship Hour with Refreshments
- 10:00am – Celebration Worship Service with Holy Communion with special Participants: SELC District President Wally Vinovskies, and Rev. Rick Schauer, a former Pastor here at St. John
- 1:00pm – Anniversary banquet at Pulaski Inn. Doors open at Noon.

Tickets need to be purchased in advance: \$30 for adults, \$17 for children 12yrs and younger. **Banquet ticket deadline is Sunday, September 27.**

LWML – SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

We are planning to pack all our boxes for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering collection on Tuesday, September 29 at 10am. We are needing: 70-page spiral notebooks, nylon or cloth drawstring backpacks, bath-size towels and bath size bars of soap. If you would like to donate the box marked LWML is located in the Church Narthex. Thank you to all who have already donated. The school and personal care kits are a blessing to so many people located in areas of storms, floods, famine and war.

2026 MILWAUKEE LAKEFRONT MARATHON – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Keep in mind, this year the marathon will again, go past our St. John Church. The Cudahy Police will control the intersection of Munkwitz and Lake Drive, allowing traffic to cross when they consider it safe to do so.

DORCAS MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

All women are invited to attend the Dorcas Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, October 7, at 6:00pm. We will be writing out Thanksgiving Cards for the shut-in and the residents of retirement homes. Alice and Jean will be hosting.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. JOHN

These classes are free, and Bibles are provided. All are always welcome to join.

- **Sunday Mornings – 10:30am: *Studying the Book of 1 Peter***
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall
- **Monday Evenings – 6:30pm: *Studying the Book of John***
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall
- **Tuesday Mornings – 7:00am: *Studying “Christ Is Risen-Indeed”***
Men’s Bible Study at Oak Creek Diner meeting in the back dining room.
- **Thursday Afternoons – 1:30pm: *Join the Tour, Know the Book***
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

...of birth

Sep 20

Avery Thein

Sep 22

Chloe Jensen

Sheri Meyer

Sep 24

Thomas Minshew

Jordan Van De Hey

Sep 25

Shirley Ortiz

James Sieg

...of baptism

Sep 20

Jean Belter

...of marriage



If your celebration day is incorrect or doesn't appear, please notify the Church Office at 414-481-0520.

DAY CARE NEWS!!

Our St. John Child Day Care and Development Center has qualified for, and has been accepted into, the ***Get Kids Ready*** 4K program. This program provides State funding for a child enrolled in a 4K program, who is taught by a qualified teacher in an approved Day Care in the state of Wisconsin.

Please check the website at: dcfgetkidsready@wisconsin.gov for more information or contact Karen as St. John Day Care (414) 482-0554.

Applications are now being accepted. There is no cost to the parents for this program which will run from 8:30am – 12:30pm. Should your child need additional hours, the cost will be calculated in compliance with our regular Day Care rates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us this year for our Sunday School program that will be starting this Sunday at 10:30 Let's all learn about Jesus and how much He loves us!



Mission Statement

St. John Lutheran Church, Cudahy WI

**Our primary purpose is to share the Good News
of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.**

In order to do this, we:

GROW together in our faith through word and Sacrament

DISCOVER our spiritual gifts

SHARE God's Law and Gospel

SERVE God by meeting the needs of others in mind, body and spirit, and

WELCOME all people to learn and embrace our faith

CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER

Sat.	19	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	20	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
		10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
		10:30am	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of 1 Peter</i>)
		10:30am	FIRST DAY Sunday School
Mon.	21	5:30pm	Social Concerns Meeting
		6:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of John</i>)
Tue.	22	7:00am	Men's Bible Study @OC (<i>Book of Hebrews</i>)
Wed.	23	9:30am	AdavaCare Sr. Living @ SF
Thur.	24	9:00am	Oak Creek Place Worship Service
		9:30am	Day Care Devotions
		10:15am	AdavaCare Sr. Living (OC)
		1:30pm	Adult Bible Study (<i>Join the TOUR – Know the Book</i>)
		7:00pm	Sheepshead
Fri.	25		
Sat.	26	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	27	<i>DEADLINE FOR ANNIVERSARY BANQUET TICKETS</i>	
		9:00am	Communion Worship Service
		10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
		10:30am	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of 1 Peter</i>)
		10:30am	Sunday School

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