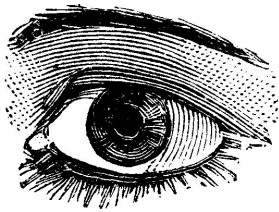


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120th Anniversary Newsletter

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“The Word of God is
the . . . foundation upon
which . . . all works,
words and thoughts of
man must build.”

Martin Luther



St. John Church redecorated / 1933

120th Anniversary Worship - Then and Now

A look at past photos of the interior of St. John Church on Squire Avenue gives a glimpse of the worship setting. Pews faced towards the altar and at the sides (see below).

The walls of the altar area were painted in ornate patterns in keeping with the style of the time. The pulpit was elevated to give a good view of the pastor preaching the sermon. Note: The white lectern is now located in the Narthex of St. John Church and holds the St. John Guest Book.

1933 worshipers dressed in formal attire. Men wore suits and ties. Women wore seasonal dresses and hats or scarves on their head.

There was a balcony at the Squire Avenue church. During cold weather, the balcony was not the ideal place to sit because the heat registers were located on the ground floor. There was no church air conditioning in the summer months. Churches resorted to using fans and opening cross ventilation windows to move humid summer air. The church bell was rung by a hand rope. Ringing it was a test of strength for male congregation members.



*Rev. Stephen Mazak Sr. &
Rev. Stephen Mazak Jr.*

Sunday school was taught in the church basement. Because the church property was on low ground, the basement was subject to occasional flooding. This resulted in deteriorating walls and wood. An increase in church membership in the 1940s' prompted church leaders to discuss and plan for a larger church. After purchasing property on S. Lake Drive, the current church was built and dedicated in 1952. The church parsonage was built in 1954. The St. John Education building was built in 1964.

St. John 1956 Anniversary Yearbook



Worship With Communion

Saturdays, 3pm

Sundays, 9am



**Sunday Bible Study
10:30 - 11:30am**



**Monday Bible Study
6:30pm**



**Thursday Bible Study
1:30pm - 2:30pm**

**Generations of Blessings
Non-Communion Service
Sunday, Sept. 13 at 10:00am
Lunch at 11:30am
Followed by family activities**

**120th Anniversary Service
Sunday, October 11 at 10am
Banquet at Pulaski Inn / 1:00pm
(Pre-purchased Ticket Required)**

**Reformation Services
Saturday, Oct. 31 at 3:00pm
Sunday, Nov. 1 at 9:00am**



Daylight Savings Time ends

**Veterans Weekend Worship
Sat., Nov. 14 at 3pm
Sun., Nov. 15 at 9am**

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wed., November 25 at 6:30 pm.
Church & Child Day Care will be
closed Thursday, November 26**

Family Generations Celebration

Come to a family oriented worship service and take part in fellowship activities will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2026 at St. John Church and Fellowship Hall.



Sunday non-communion worship time will be at 10:00am instead of 9:00am. The time change will give parents of children extra time to get ready for worship.

Following the service, stay for a free "Picnic Style" lunch served in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch, your family members will want to engage in craft making and games, including a bounce house for children. Have your family members photo taken to remember the day before you leave.

Cudahy Sports Fans - Show Your Church Logo

St. John Church members are encouraged to wear their 120th Anniversary logo apparel at Cudahy Packer football games in 2026. The logo shows your membership to St. John and your support to the youth and community of Cudahy.



Fall Bible Studies



Our Sunday, Monday and Thursday Bible Studies offer time to socialize, hear about Old and New Testament events and ask questions of the Bible study presenter. Chosen topics explore God's involvement in biblical history and current events presented in the news media today.

Sunday Mornings - 10:30am: Study the Book of 1-Peter.
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall.

Monday Evenings - 6:30pm: Study the Book of John.
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Mornings - 7:00am: "Christ is Risen - Indeed"
Men's Bible Study at Oak Creek Diner. Back dining room.

Thursday Afternoons - 1:30pm: Join the Tour, Know the Book. In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall.

Join Us to Celebrate our Congregation's 120th Anniversary! Sunday, October 11, 2026

Special Worship Service at 10:00 AM with Communion. Special guests including SELC District President Wally Vinovskis and Pastor Richard Schauer. Special music, including our Bell Choir and a Brass Ensemble.

Come early (9am-10am) to grab a cup of coffee, tour our facilities and visit with friends.

Then after our worship service, head on over to **Pulaski Inn, 3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy by 12:00 noon** to enjoy some time for fellowship before our **buffet meal starting at 1:00 PM**.

Advance purchased tickets for meal at Pulaski Inn. Tickets go on sale August 2, 2026 before and after worship services. **Cost: Adults: \$30.00 / Children ages 12 and younger \$17.00.** Pre-paid meal ticket purchases end Saturday, September 26. No tickets will be available at the door!

Adult buffet will include Roast Beef, Baked Chicken and, of course, Polish Sausage. In addition, the buffet will feature mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, sauerkraut, salad, veggie tray, etc. Desert and coffee, tea or milk are also included. The Child buffet will include kid-friendly items like chicken strips, etc.

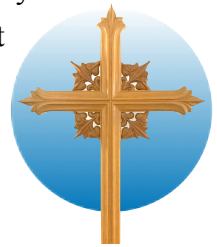
Logo wear: Did you get your 120th Anniversary logo wear yet? Over 90 shirts have been sold with our first sale. We are planning a "Last Chance" opportunity to get your St. John "Rejoice" logo wear in August. Watch for the Logo wear table set up in the back of church. There is a wide variety of colors and styles for you to choose from. Prices depend on type and size. Logo wear must be paid for before the order is place.

Project Concern: Have you considered a special thanks offering to honor our Congregation's 120th Anniversary? Our committee has selected **Project Concern of Cudahy** as our charitable organization to honor as we celebrate our 120th Anniversary. If you would like to make a special tax-deductible contribution, please use the envelopes in back of church labeled as a special donation to Project Concern, and make checks payable to **St. John Church**. We will present one large check from St. John to Mr. Pat Higgins of Project Concern during the meal at Pulaski Inn.

Is there someone you know who might want to attend our special celebration? Family members? Former members of St. John who you may have a special connection with? Community members? You can help us invite these people to our celebration by providing us with contact information about them: Name, current address, and current phone number. We will be happy to send them information and share how they can purchase tickets for our meal at Pulaski Inn. There will be a "Will Call" area at Pulaski Inn for these advance purchase ticket holders. Deadline for ticket sales is September 26, 2026.

If you have any other questions about the celebration, please call the Church Office at 414-481-0520 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you. We are excited as we "Rejoice" and Celebrate our congregation's 120th Anniversary. To God be the Glory!

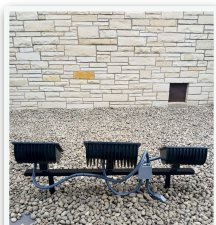
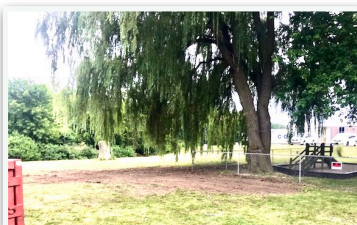
120th Anniversary Committee



**Rejoice!
God is Faithful
1906-2026**

Trustees Were Busy This Summer

- Panel and trim work of parsonage storage room.
- Painting of interior church stairways.
- Back lot cleanup near church garage.
- Power washing fencing and exterior walls.
- Church water drainage system installed.
- Cement basement window grates repaired.
- Founder's window outdoor lighting installed.
- Landscaping around church property.
- North parking lot hand railing repaired.



LWML Supports Lutheran World Relief



LWML members are packing School and Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. LWML volunteers wish to thank St. John Lutheran Church members for their generous giving of needed items and mite box contributions for mission projects and basic operating expenses.

Does Creation & Evolution Tell the Same Story?

Some people believe that the Bible and evolution are telling the same story using different words. They say that everything in both stories happens in the same order. But is this really true?

The Genesis account in the Bible says:

- The earth was made before the sun.
- Sea creatures, which would include whales, were made a day before land animals.
- Land plants were made before life in the ocean.
- Fruit trees were the first living things created.
- Birds were created before land animals.

Evolution teaching says:

- The sun existed before the Earth.
- Whales evolved from land animals.
- Life - including plants - started in the ocean.
- Fruit trees evolved fairly recently in geological history.
- Birds evolved from earlier land animals.

It should be clear that they are not telling the same story. And, there is one more, and most important contradiction between the two stories. While the Bible teaches that death is the result of our sin, evolution says that death is natural and was part of the evolutionary process. Evolution offers us no eternal hope. The Bible offers us hope through salvation in Christ and eternal life.

Ref: Back to Genesis [ICR], 6/99, p. d. "Could Evolution and Creation Be Telling the Same Story in Different Ways?" *Creation Moments*, 2013

Dorcas Meetings are a Time to Socialize and Prioritize

As we approach the end of summer we welcome women to attend fall Dorcas Society meetings. The first fall meeting was Wednesday, September 2, 2026. Along with the fun of getting together, writing Thanksgiving cards for retirement home residents and St. John members who are unable to come to church service, members discussed church support activities for 2026/27.

A dear member of St. John Church and Dorcas Society, Anna Trochta passed away in August. She was a great help in making baked goods and Kolache for Dorcas bake sales. Anna will be deeply missed by everyone at St. John Church.

Our Holiday Bake and Craft Sale will be held December 5th in the St. John Fellowship Hall from 9:00am to Noon. The event will need "home made" harvest loaves and crafts of all kinds. Men and women are also needed to help with the Kolache baking, packaging bake goods and setting display tables. Your volunteer help makes this community fundraising event a success. Watch for more information in upcoming church bulletins.

Note: Wanting to keep the church kitchen working smoothly, Dorcas members have purchased a new cutting board for the kitchen.

Dorcas Society wishes the congregation a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Paulette Schmadl, Dorcas President



Summer Event Sharing

Photos of St. John members and VBS children enjoying St. John sponsored summer activities.



Give thanks for family and friends.

St. John Child Day Care Offers *Get Kids Ready* Program for 4K Students

We say goodbye to summer and remember the fun activities St. John Child Day Care children were able to participate in: A trip to the zoo; Visits to the wading pool and the splash pad; Water play in the yard; Bowling, and several visits to the movie theater. Summer just went by too quickly.



As the new “school year” begins, we look forward to educational “fall” activities. The Pre-School class will plan trips to the apple orchard and the pumpkin farm and all classes will do a lot of fall art activities. Look for art work in classrooms and in the hallways. Falling leaves are inviting. Children enjoy playing in leaves and collecting them. Autumn is also the season when the St. John Child Day Care staff makes plans for our annual Harvest Festival on Friday, October 23.

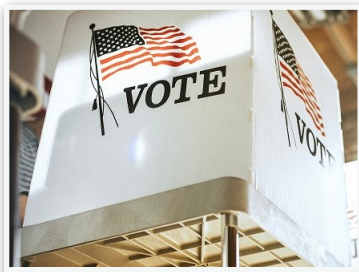
In November we will start gearing up for the holiday season. We will celebrate Thanksgiving by talking about the first Thanksgiving and what it means to share during weekly devotions. Prior to Thanksgiving, we will collect food items for Project Concern. Project Concern is the designated mission project for the St. John 120th Anniversary. After Thanksgiving, winter learning activities will go into full swing along with preparing our Children's' Christmas Program that is held in church.

This school year we will be able to offer the *Get Kids Ready* program for 4K. *Get Kids Ready* offers state tuition coverage for families who choose to send their child to St. John Child Day for Four Year Old Kindergarten instruction. Our hope is that the 4K *Get Kids Ready* class will be a popular parental choice for families of current Child Day Care students and new students. For more information, call 414-482-0554.

Religious Liberty on November 3rd Election Ballot

Government shutdowns in 2020 revealed the fragility of our religious freedoms. Wisconsin Family Action has successfully added the following religious liberty ammendment on the Wisconsin November 3rd election ballot:

“The right of every person to worship Almighty God . . . [;] nor shall the state or a political subdivision of the state order the closure of or forbid gatherings in places of worship in responce to a state emergency at the national, state, or local level, including an emergency related to public health.”



A “YES” vote means churches themselves will decide when or if to close. A “no” vote means the government will decide if they can close churches.

Passing this state constitutional ammendment will protect churches and other houses of worship in Wisconsin from government closure during times of declared public emergencies.

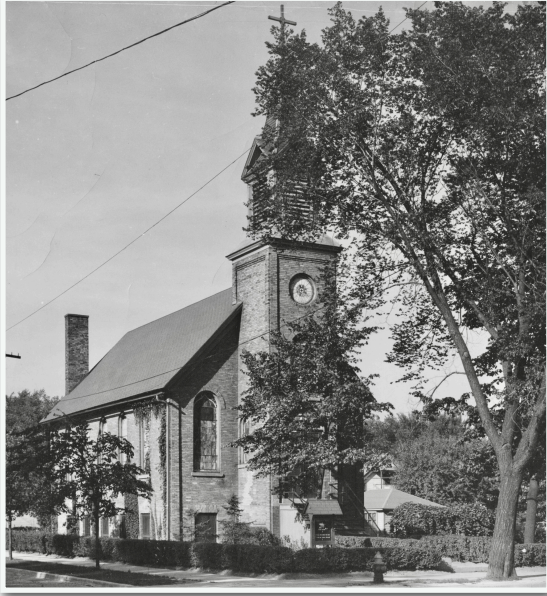
Wisconsin Family Action News, August, 2026

Thankful for harvest in the fall. Thankful to Him who gave it all.

“Thanksgiving’ by Augusta Jenkins Moorer

LCMS Church Planting is Locally Driven

Rev. Dr. Quintin Cundiff, director of LCMS Church Planting, said that a locally driven, lay-focused approach to church planting is supported by the Synod's church planting office.



The LCMS church planting process begins when laypeople recognize a need for a church in their community — a need that is multiplying as Lutherans relocate. “As we look at the nation today . . . we know that people are moving to places where there is not a strong LCMS presence,” said Cundiff. “Our efforts here are not only to get those people reconnected to the church, but also to inspire those folks to reach out to others in their communities . . . and share the Gospel.” Rev. Cundiff reminds Lutherans that “We do not claim that church planting is easy.” Currently, 32 church plants are actively applying for LCMS assistance, with over 60 more potential sites in the pipeline.

Zachary and Jennifer Hansen, part of the church planting team in Syracuse, Neb., expressed hope that Lutherans looking to plant churches would “be excited, enthusiastic and bold in sharing God’s love . . . and when there’s enough of you, to start a church.”

Lutherans Engage the World magazine, August 13, 2026

Slovak Lutherans “Planted” St. John Church - Cudahy in 1906

St. John Offers Links to Lutheran and Christian Websites

St. John Church’s website (stjohncudahy.org) is a section labeled “Other Links”. If you click on it you will find a list of LCMS websites and other websites designed to strengthen your Christian faith.

Two listed websites are Creation Moments and The Creation Society of Milwaukee. Both sights offer videos, blogs, newsletters and FAQs that defend the creation account found in the Bible.



Other websites found in the “Other Links” section, provide resources that enhance private and church worship and defend the Christian worldview in society. You will find devotionals, The Lutheran Hymnal online, Lutheran Hour Ministries, LWML, Concordia Publishing House and Slovak cultural links. Take a moment to investigate what these “other” website 'links' have to offer.

The real problem with AI in schools isn’t cheating — It’s the illusion of learning.