

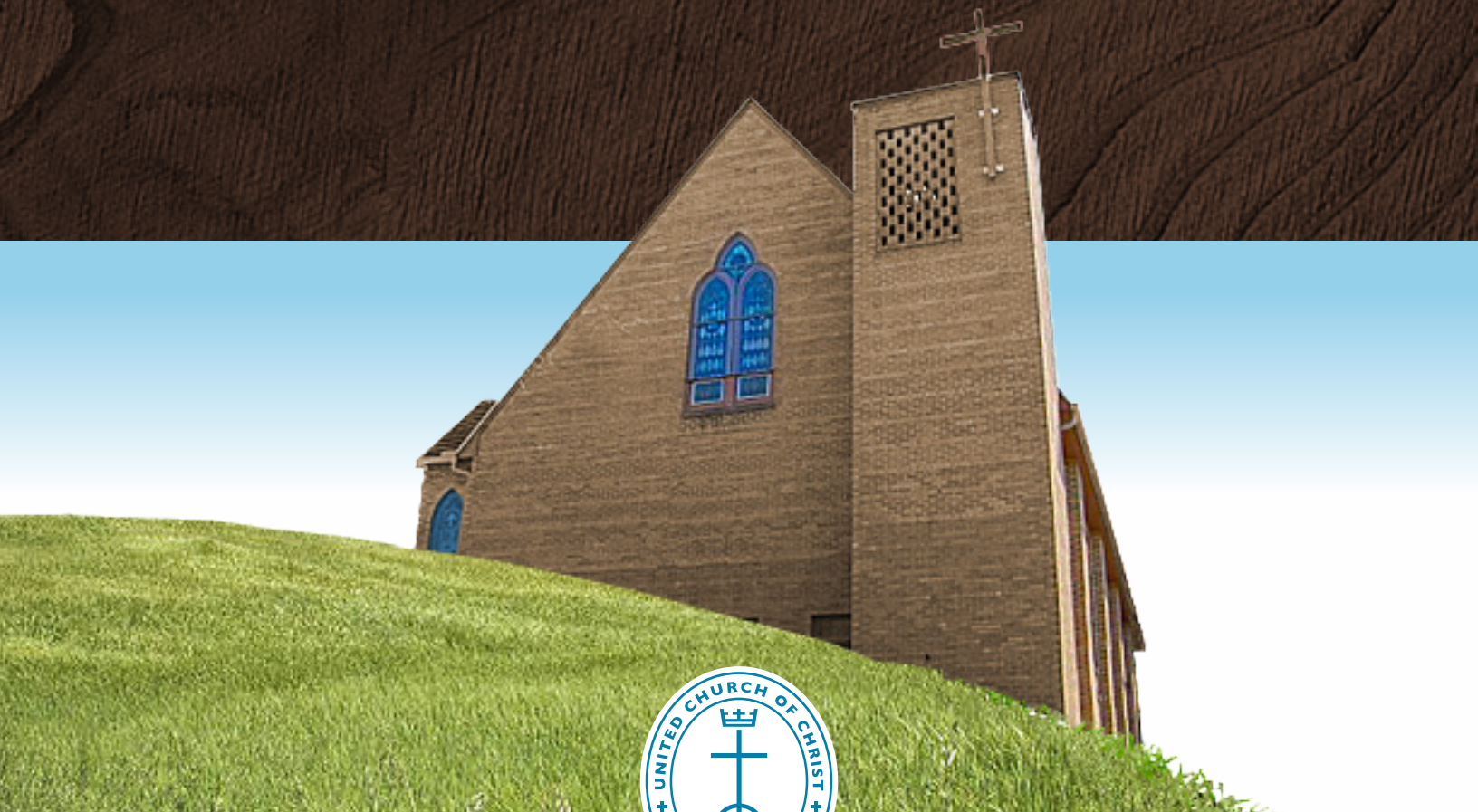


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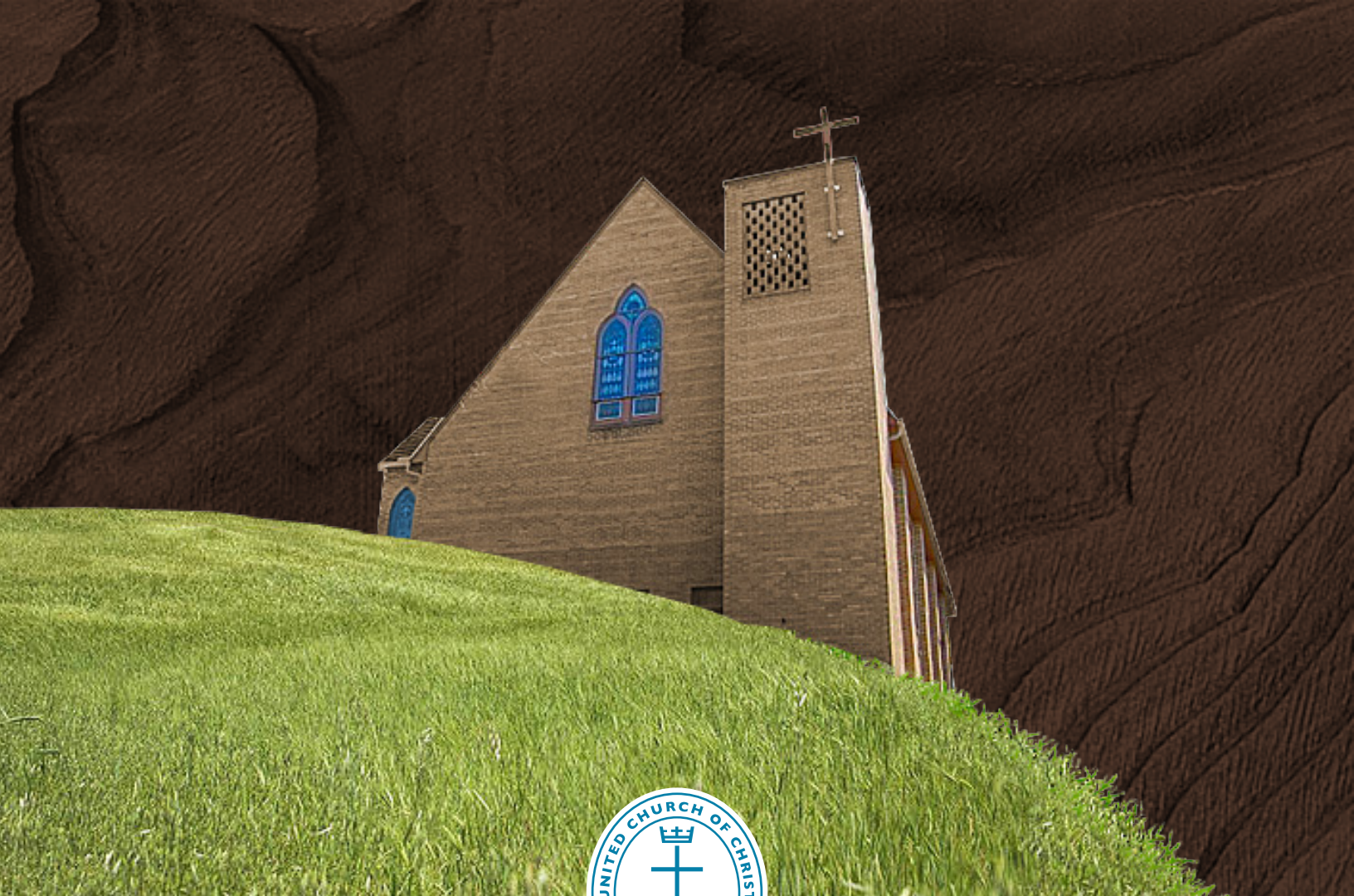
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

We offer two options for worship on Sundays: in person or online. Whether you prefer to worship from the safety of your home or with others, we at St. John's want to make sure you get the spiritual encouragement you need. Join us in person each Sunday at 8:30am or watch a video recording of the online service. The service is not recorded live but is uploaded after the service has ended. We look forward to worshipping with you!

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Letter From The Pastor

January 2023

As we turn the calendar from 2022 to 2023, we are still in the Christmas Season, at least in the church. For Christians the Christmas Season begins December 25 and ends on January 6 when we celebrate Epiphany.

Since the 6th is a Friday, we will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 8, 2023. At that time, I hope to start a new tradition- giving out “star words”. This is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year that has been growing in popularity in Protestant churches for over a decade now. I will write a list of intention words, or guiding words, on paper stars. I will arrange the stars with the word face down on a table, and then invite you to randomly pick a star. You can place their star word somewhere they will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word, as well as incorporate it in your spiritual practices.

Here are some of the theological thoughts behind this tradition:

1. The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us to move closer to Jesus.
2. We trust that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words are one such lens that might provide us a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight.
3. We trust that it is often easy to miss God in our daily midst. Having an intention word to consider both in present days, as well as to reflect on at the end of the year, allows for us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before. This is the greatest gift.

On Epiphany Sunday I will provide both more information about the “why” of this spiritual practice, along with suggestions on ways to incorporate your word in your normal routines.

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If you would like a star and are unable to be with us on the Sunday, January 8, 2023, please contact me. I will randomly pick a star for you and mail it or put it aside until you can pick it up.

As we end this Christmas season and move into the season of Epiphany, may God presence and activity in this world, this church, and your life be seen in ways that you may not have seen God before.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

Epiphany Sunday

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Sunday, January 8, 2023

Letter From The President

January 2023

We have gotten through another Holiday Season. I want to thank all those that had a hand in making it successful. Now it is time to move on to the New Year. St. John's Church Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 22, 2023 after our morning service. Anyone submitting reports for the Annual Report please get them in as soon as possible. The Deacons have been working on the 2023 Budget and have presented it to the Consistory for approval for the Annual Meeting. The Consistory also approved the SMAT (Shared Ministry Advisory Team) recommendation to keep our church service time at 8:30am until July and then change for the next 12 months. I am still looking for a Deacon position to be filled for the slate of officers for the Annual Meeting. If anyone is interested, please let me know. We are also strongly looking for a new church Secretary. Judy has graciously filled this position for several years and would like to step away.

Again, I would like to thank all who have helped with the Holiday season and everyone who has helped make this past year go smoothly.

God's grace and peace.

Dale Schmidtknecht

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Sunday, January 22, 2023

Sunday Penny Collection

First Sunday of the Month

The Church School Students will be collecting pennies the first Sunday of every month. We haven't done this in a long time and are anxious to start again. This money enables us to do donations to people or needy projects in our area or throughout the world.

Sunday, January 01, 2023



Online Calendar

Visit Us Online 24/7

Please go online and visit our NEW easy to use website for current up-to-date, detailed event information. Our calendar is updated daily. Email us with any questions or comments.

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Liturgists & Others Wanted

Do you like to read during the service?

Then you will be happy to know that Pastor Deb is seeking liturgists to start the first week in November. Liturgists will lead the Call to Worship and read the first Scripture Reading. If you would like to be included in the pool of liturgists or readers, please let Pastor Deb know or look for the sign-up sheet. Or do you like the spotlight or have a little bit of “ham” in you? Pastor Deb would love to have you join her in skits or dramatic monologues used on occasion during the service. Please let her know (all ages welcome.)



Stewardship

Stewardship Moment from the Deacons

As we read this we are between 2022 and 2023. The present. Take this moment right now to reflect on Gratitude. This is a time for each us to pause, and prepare to use the fuel of our Gratitude to energize our actions into 2023. Do this. Stop and be silent for 2 minutes. Remember people in your past, parents, teachers, friends, supportive church members, and others. Memories of people that made sacrifices on your behalf. Church leaders that taught, mentored, and inspired each of us. Grateful for their generosity to be part of who we are. May each of us use this energy in 2023 to serve and inspire others. ~ Deacon John Stettler



Food Shelf

December: Business Of The Month

The St. John's Food Shelf has received many wonderful donations this year that are greatly appreciated! Waumandee State Bank is our latest Business of the Month with their donation along with cookies and milk for our volunteers! Two of our dedicated volunteers Jo Muench and John Stettler were working that Wednesday night to receive the check from Waumandee State Bank employee Charity Steer and Santa. Tremendous thank you goes out to our local bank for thinking of us!



Pictured From Left To Right:
Waumandee State Bank employee Charity Steer and St. John's Food Shelf
Volunteers John Stettler, Jo Muench along with Santa

Food Shelf

Report For December 2022

Can you give a couple hours a month and volunteer at the St. John's Food Shelf? Put a note in the offering plate this Sunday or reach out to Pastor Deb or Linda Clark at 715.495.5282. Thank you to our current volunteers! We are trying to help as many people possible!

Donations Most Needed:

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| ✓ Toilet Paper | ✓ Crackers (Saltines) | ✓ Canned Chili |
| ✓ Canned /Ham/Salmon | ✓ Rice/Pasta Pouches | ✓ Canned Stew |
| ✓ Cake/Brownie | ✓ Vegetable Spray | ✓ Spices |
| ✓ Muffin Mixes | ✓ Brown Rice | ✓ Applesauce |
| ✓ Canned Frosting | ✓ Juice Boxes | ✓ Salad Dressing |
| ✓ Instant Oatmeal | ✓ V8/Tomato Juice | ✓ Ketchup |
| ✓ Cereal (Healthier) | ✓ Boost/Ensure | ✓ BBQ Sauce |

1st & 3rd Monday: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
2nd & 4th Wednesday: 3:00pm - 5:00pm



- ✓ 402 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 21 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 19 Total People Helped
- ✓ 00 Children
- ✓ 10 Adults
- ✓ 09 Seniors
- ✓ 11 Households (1 Came Twice)

Volunteers: January

Ushers

Robert & Sherry Guenther, Ted Wilson, Bryan Madsen

Greeters

01.01.23 Calvin Stettler
01.08.23 Adam & Jennifer Krause Family
01.15.23 Greg & Jessica Osborn Family
01.22.23 Bert & Ruth Schaffner
01.29.23 Karen Stettler & Ted Wilson

Counters

Greg & Jessica Osborn

Communion & Flowers

Jessica Osborn

Financial Report

For detailed information regarding the financial standing of St. John's Church, contact the office to review financial documents.

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Birthdays

Zach Wicka
Evan Osborn
Alexis Pyka
Ryan Clark
Polly Ratz
Nancy Malotke
Larry Muench
Brady Krause
Cody Wolfe
Ruth Schaffner
Sue Prussing
Phoenix Prussing
Faye Strelow
Claude Klein
Derrick Hammer
Lacey Korb
Lydia Engel
Mari Ligman
Matthew Schaffner
McKenna Osborn
Harriet Ziegler
Matthew Molback
Dale Schaffner
Jeanne Franz

Anniversaries

Bruce & Nancy Malotke

Confirmation

Confirmation Class Schedule

We offer Confirmation class for middle or high schoolers. This process which includes class meetings, service opportunities, leading worship, and other activities created to fit the needs and interests of each particular class. Our youth will be enriched by these conversations and planning so that we can welcome them into the journey of our life together.



Confirmation Class

NO CLASS
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3:30pm - 5:00pm
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Other Special Events

St. John's Church

Along with our Sunday Worship Service schedule, Pastor Deb's Office Hours, Consistory Meetings, Food Shelf Schedule and other recurring events. Below is a list of SPECIAL EVENTS located at St. John's Church and or the local area. Please contact us with any questions. Thanks again for all the support from volunteer and the community.



Penny Collection St. John's Church

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Starts @ 8:30am



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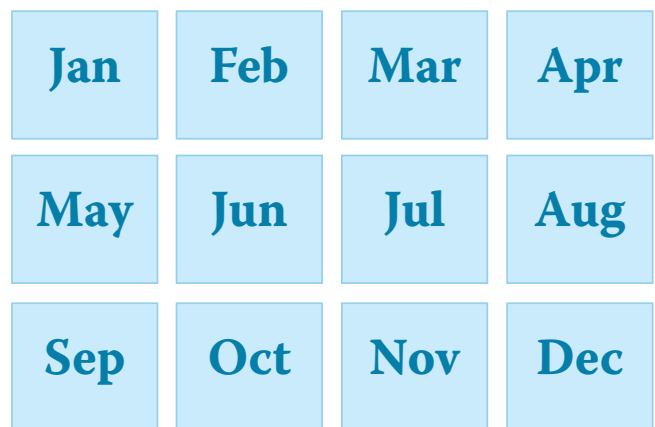
Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

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Starts @ 6:30pm



Annual Meeting St. John's Church

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After Worship



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Prayer Requests

St. John's Church - Pastor Deb Kunkel

Congregation members and non-members are encouraged to request prayers for times of need, comfort, healing, celebration and joy. If you would like a visit from Pastor Deb, please call her to set up a time today!



Pastor Deb's Office Hours:

Monday's Noon to 2:00pm
Wednesday's 10:00am to Noon
239.994.2528
pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com

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