

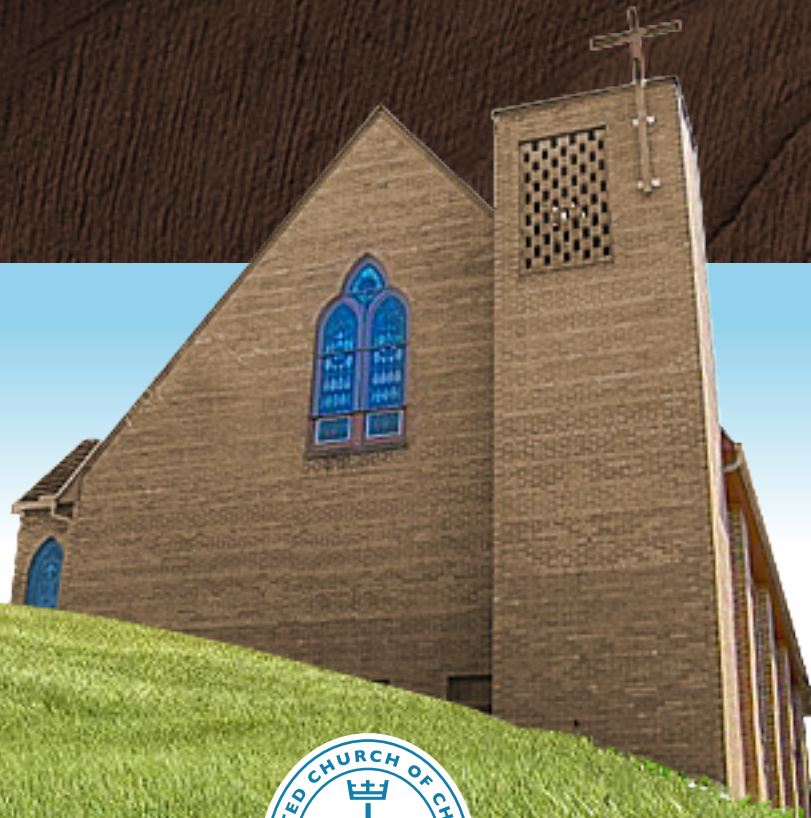


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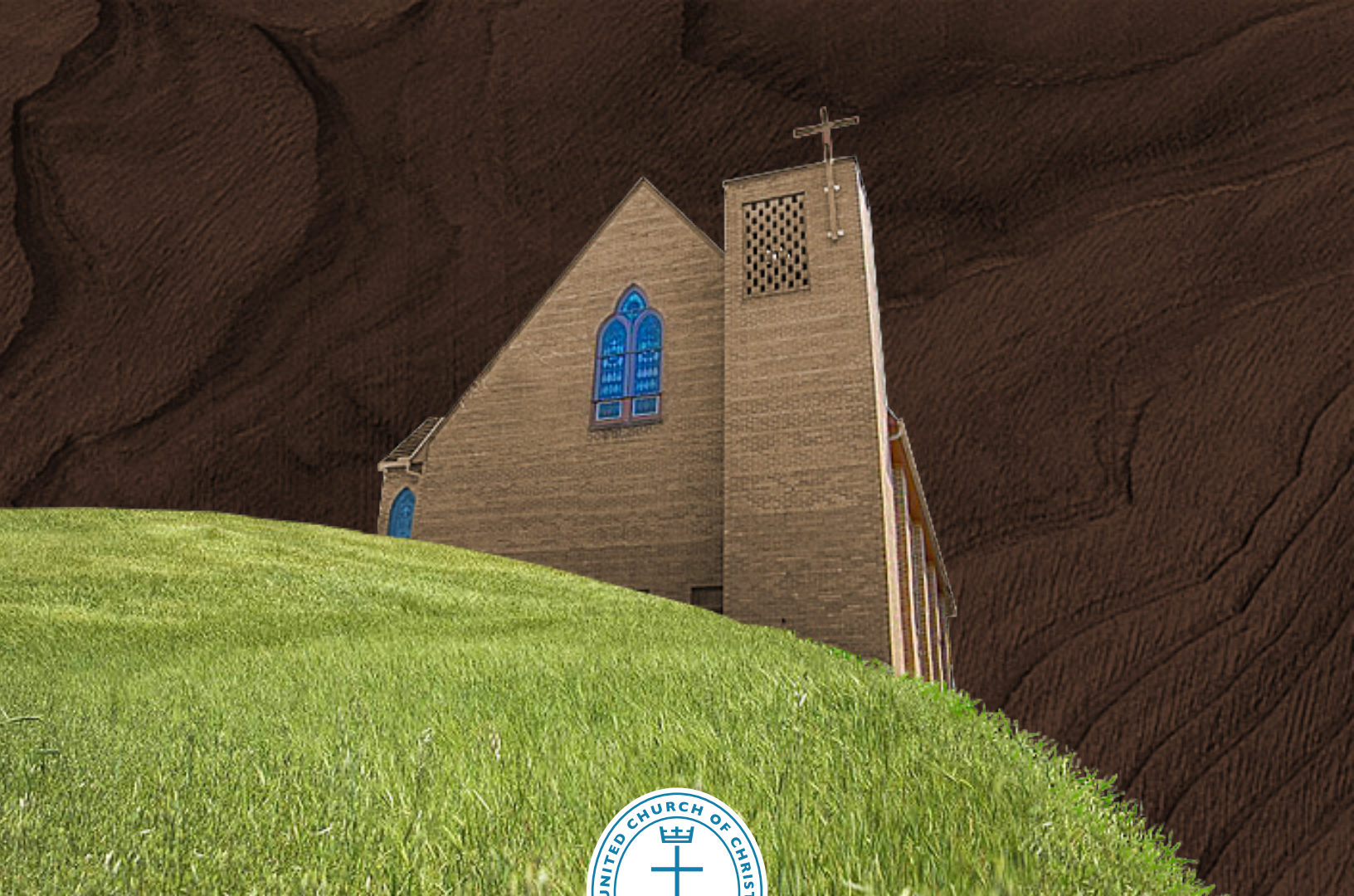
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

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 2025

Thank you to all who helped bring about a wonderful start to the Christmas season on Christmas Eve.

No I'm not confused (at least about this.) The Christmas season starts in Christianity on December 25th ending on Epiphany, January 6th. This is traditionally said to be the day the Magi visit Jesus in Bethlehem. In previous centuries January 6th was the day to exchange gifts to mark the end of the season. Some cultures still follow this practice.

We won't be exchanging gifts but will be celebrating Epiphany on Sunday the 5th (since the 6th is Monday.) During the service those who wish can pick a "star word" – an intentions or guiding words for the new year. We are sharing in this prayer practice connected to Epiphany for the third year. You will have the chance to randomly pick from the available stars. Your star word could be something that God is leading you to discover, deepen, let go of, or sit with over the next months. Put it someplace you'll regularly see it (I put mine on my home computer) to remind you to regularly listen to how God might be using the word to speak in your life.

The practice is inspired by the story of the Magi who saw a star that ultimately led them to Jesus. We use these paper stars to remember God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us, by practicing looking for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight. They may also inspire us to see God in the world and our lives in new ways.

If you would like a star and are unable to be with us on the 5th, please contact me. I will randomly pick a star for you and mail it or put it aside until you can pick it up.

At Christmas we celebrate that the Light has come into the world as one of us. Star words remind us that Light is still with us; sometimes we just need to remember to look.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

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 5, 2025



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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Consistory President Message

January 2025

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 26, 2025 after our morning service. Anyone submitting reports for the Annual Report please get them in by January 10. The Deacons have been working on the 2025 Budget and will be presenting it to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting. The Consistory is asking the members of the Consistory to stay on in their positions until the Constitution Review task force has completed their work. 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 and I wish everyone "A Happy New Year!"

God's grace and peace.

Karen Knospe

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 26, 2025

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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

Stewardship is as important in today as it is in December.

From the Stewardship Theme last year we are reminded that stewardship is all year long.

“Because of You our Church changes lives”.

~ St John’s Church



Food Shelf

Businesses Of The Month: C-FC Parent Teacher Organization

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf

C-FC Parent Teacher Organization

Thank you very much!



Food Shelf

Businesses Of The Month: Waumandee State Bank

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Waumandee State Bank | Wisconsin

Thank you very much!



C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For December 2025

As part of our Stewardship as a church please consider a monetary donation or food donation for our Food Shelf here at Church. See list below of our most needed items. We have been much busier than usual providing food to people in need in our community. If we want to continue this service we do need your assistance to continue. Please put your donation of food in the green bin at church located in the Food Shelf room across from Pastor Deb's office or your monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to church with checks made out to C-FC Area Food Shelf - St John's Church, PO Box 130, Fountain City WI, 54629.

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



- ✓ 630 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 39 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 16 Total People Helped
- ✓ 10 Children
- ✓ 19 Adults
- ✓ 10 Seniors
- ✓ 16 Households (2 Came Twice)

Volunteers: January

Ushers

Robert Guenther, Sherry Guenther & Ted Wilson

Greeters

01.05.25 Adam & Jennifer Krause Family

01.12.25 Greg & Jessica Osborn

01.19.25 Steve & Sue Prussing

01.26.25 Karen Stettler & Ted Wilson

02.06.25 TBA

Counters

Jessica & Greg Osborn

Communion & Flowers

Jessica & Greg 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

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

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

303 S Hill Street
Fountain City, WI
Starts @ 10:30am



Women's Guild Meeting St. John's Church

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Fountain City, WI
After Worship



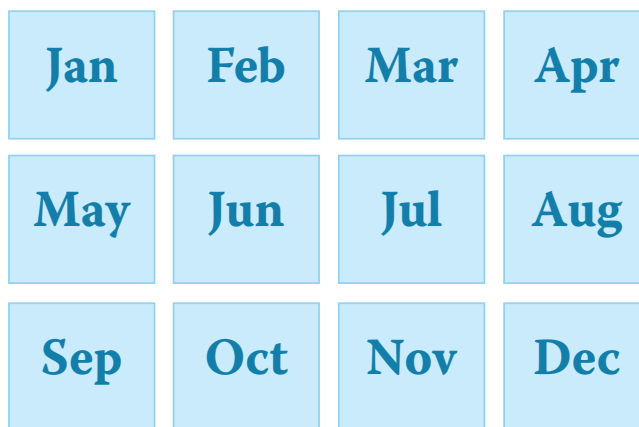
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Prayer Requests

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:

Wednesday's 10:00am - Noon
239.994.2528
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