

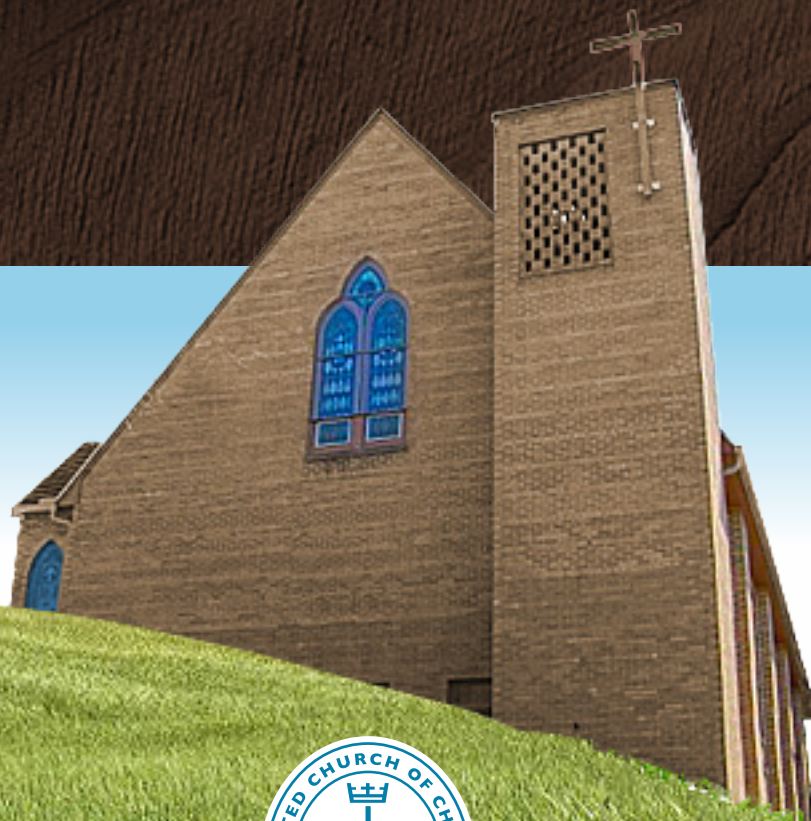


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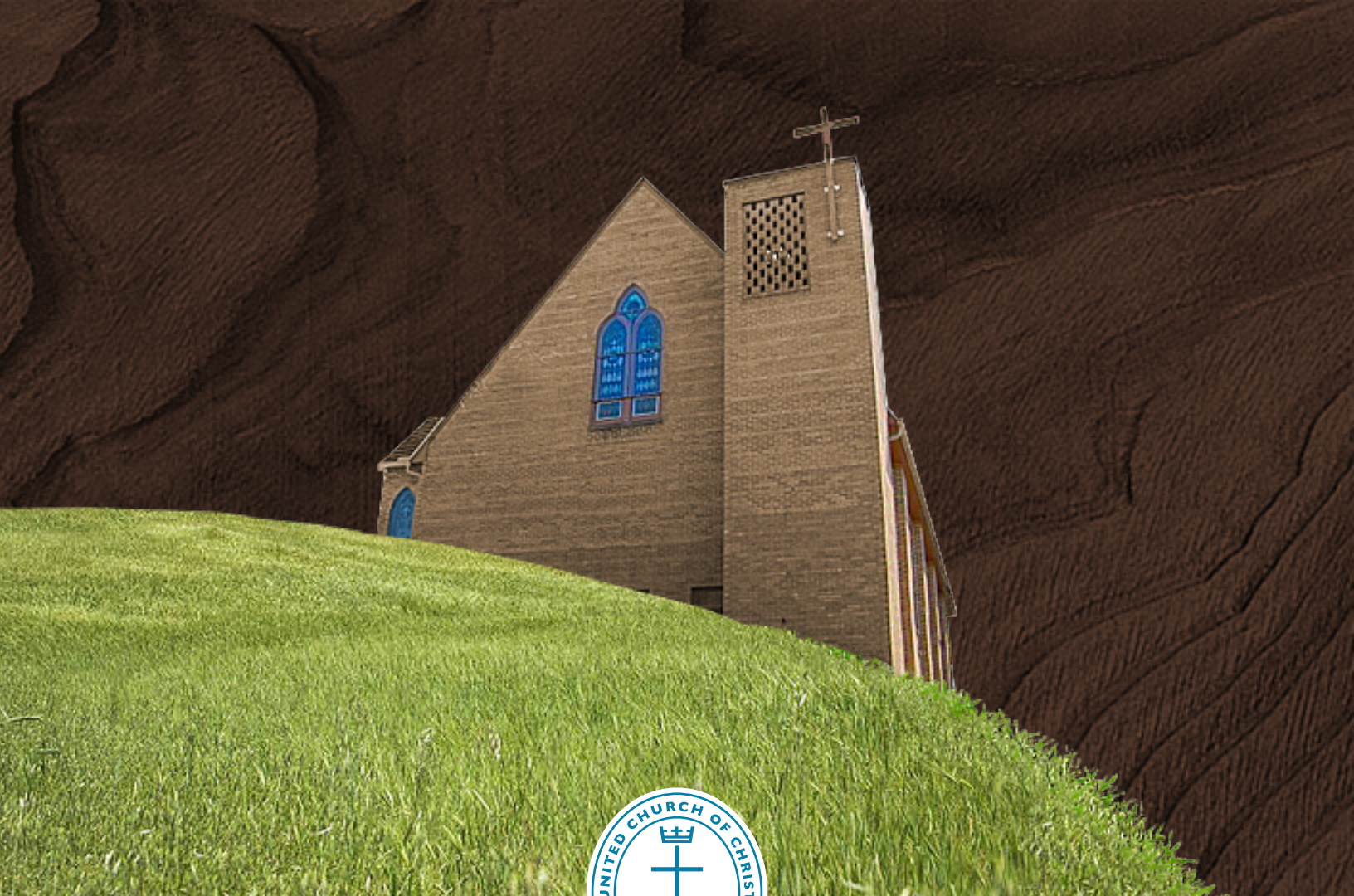
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

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

May 2022

May signals the blooming of new life and possibilities, even as the weather stubbornly refuses to completely let go of winter. Our Holy Week and Easter services reminded us of the joy and new life still waiting to blossom and grow in unexpected ways even from the darkest of days and painful experiences. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to preside at a sunrise service out at the Eagle Valley Church, complete with the baptism of Sullivan “Sully” Klaben, (son of Joy and John). What better way to celebrate the Risen One than to offer this visible sign of invisible grace of God to an infant, surrounded by family and friends, and the joyous music of Easter.

There are lots of things happening this month at the church, and details are included elsewhere in this newsletter. Here are just a few I want to highlight: First, grab your sweet tooth and your wallet for the Cake Auction to be held after worship on May 1, 2022. I’ve been told that the bakers of this church create confections each year that garner multiple bids and often barely make it home before being consumed. So come prepared to bid and bid often to support the Sunday School of the church.

Second, on Sunday, May 15, at 3:00pm here, St. John’s UCC, Hope UCC, and the Northwest Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC will hold the Service of Installation for me as Pastor of both Hope and St. John’s, followed by a reception. It celebrates my call here, yes. It also celebrates the shared ministry that St. John’s and Hope has embarked upon, the first task of which was the search committee working together to call a pastor. So it is also a celebration of the time, dedication, and prayerful consideration of the search committee as the members took into consideration not only the needs of the churches they attended, but of their new partners in ministry. Clergy from the Northwest Association will be attending, but covenant with each other in ways that strengthen their ties within the Body of Christ. Associate Minister of the Northwest Conference Rev. Rob MacDougall will join us, providing the sermon for the afternoon, celebrating the ongoing ministries of these two churches.

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We will celebrate the faithfulness of both churches that kept you going these past few years through the pandemic, as well as of the saints who came before, and the unimagined possibilities God holds for this shared ministry and each congregation. I hope you will join us on this special day for both congregations and the wider church. Finally, I have tentatively scheduled Graduation/Baccalaureate Sunday for Sunday, May 22, 2022. If you or a loved one is graduating this spring from High School, Technical School, College or other higher education program, please let me know. We would like to honor your accomplishments as well as celebrate your future during this service. So even as spring weather seems to be dragging its heels in coming, opportunities for celebration, joy, and fellowship continue to bloom here at 303 S. Hill Street.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

Stewardship

Stewardship Moment from the Deacons

St. John's has members and friends. At the same time are citizens of surrounding areas. We engage in community conversations that may include questions about relationships with the church. What would your answer be to the question, "Why are you a member or friend of St. John's?" Give some thought to that question. Your answer may help those looking for a faith home to consider visiting for a Sunday service. Our mission seeks to establish and maintain within the local Community, a Christian congregation to promote a life for worship, to advance the Kingdom of God by all means, both at home and abroad. Our church holds interfaith activities such as the food shelf, prayer chain, bible studies, Habitat for Humanity and more.

Message From The President

Hello Everyone!

I feel that we, as a congregation, are getting back into a steady routine. It is nice to see people coming back and new faces showing up. We still have a lot of work to be done but we will work our way back to a strong church family again.

I have a couple of items I would like to address. The first one is the church lift. As I mentioned at the annual meeting, our church lift has gone beyond its useful age. We voted as a Congregation to replace the lift. This is going to be done in the upcoming weeks.

The church has monies from investment and memorial funds to put toward replacing the lift. However, we are asking that anyone who is interested in donating toward the lift it would be much appreciated.

The other item that I have is that we are still looking for someone to take over the church secretarial duties. This position is a paying position. Judy has graciously kept on doing the duties of secretary but had said that once a new pastor was on board that she would like to step back.

If anyone knows of someone, a church member or not, that would be interested please let me or any Consistory member know.

God's grace and peace.

Dale Schmidtknecht



Food Shelf

Report For April 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:

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

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



- ✓ 324 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 18 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 18 Total People Helped
- ✓ 0 Children
- ✓ 6 Adults
- ✓ 12 Seniors
- ✓ 9 Households (1 Came Twice)

Donations: Thanks Kids!

St John's Church - Food Shelf - Fountain City, WI

St John's Church Food Shelf in Fountain City would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to a couple of our latest donors! First, our sister church Hope UCC & their God2L Kids collected for the month of March. Some of the older kids were able to deliver the food in person!

Secondly, a wonderful surprise donation from BSA Cub Scout Pack 310, delivered to us as well! So very much appreciated! Thank you to both groups for thinking of us and your wonderful generosity to help your neighbors who are in need of a little extra at times!



Hope UCC Donation Table



Hope UCC God2L Kids

If you have questions, please call 608.687.3277 for details. If you need food and our regular hours time work for you, please call and leave a message at church. We can try and work together to find a better time for you. We are open 4 times a month to anyone in need who resides in Buffalo County. Our days and hours are as follows:

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

Donations: River View Nutrition

St John's Church - Food Shelf - Fountain City, WI

River View Nutrition continues its support of the wider Fountain City community through their food donation drive. Katie Maier brought River View Nutrition's food donations to the Community Food Shelf at St. Johns Church on March 7, 2022. Katie credited the community generosity for River View Nutrition's gift: "We would like to thank everyone that helped donate to the St. John's Church Food Shelf in Fountain City! Your generosity means so much to the community." Cindy Ziegler and Sue Schaffner gratefully received the donation on behalf of the Food Shelf and St. John's Church. "It is wonderful to see the support of the community for this service," St. John's Church Pastor Deb Kunkel shared. "We are grateful to River View Nutrition for these needed items for those facing economic challenges, as well giving another opportunity for the community to display their generosity."



Pictured From Left To Right:

Blake Maier, Cindy Ziegler, Sue Schaffner, Marisa Maier, Katie Maier

Volunteers: May

Ushers

Vira Mae Engel, D. Schmidtknecht & L. Schmidtknecht

Greeters

05.01.22 Chris & Kendra Ritscher

05.08.22 Marvin & Carol Colbenson

05.15.22 [Open](#)

05.22.22 Robert & Sherry Guenther

05.29.22 David & Sue Schaffner

Counters

Sandy & Tom Ruben

Communion & Flowers

Sherry Guenther

Contact us if you are interested in filling any
of the **“OPEN”** volunteers positions.

Financial Report

Overview as of 04.25.22

Income \$8,237*

Expenses \$3,771

*Includes a \$2,000 donation toward the lift

Birthdays

Faye Conners

Riley Ratz

Bert Schaffner

Ivy Mohlke

Beverly Engel

Michelle Holliman

Don Stettler

John Stettler

Paul Ehmcke

Jan Schaffner

Kashes Franz

Jo Muench

Sandy Ruben

Byron Hoch

Kathy Bowman

Angeli Engel

Luke Schaffner

Tyson Ely

Blake Maier

Chelsea Clark

Deanna Wiersgalla

Loren Ziegler

Mike Schmidtknecht

Tina Schowalter

Jacob Jandro

Gunner Eckelberg

Jeanne Fugina

Ken Engel

Carl Brommerich

Anniversaries

Paul & Ruth Ehmcke

Marvin & Carol Colbenson

Mark & Tiffany Schaffner

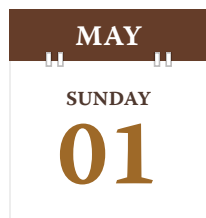
Brian & Lisa Wolfe

Neal & Diane Schaffner

Other Special Events

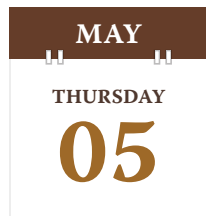
St. John's Church

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.



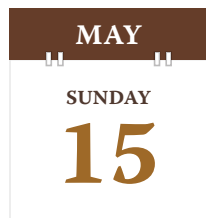
Christian Education Committee

Annual Cake Auction
Fellowship Hall
After Worship



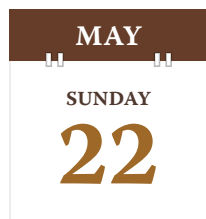
Church Kitchen & General Cleaning Day

Elbow Grease Needed
Start @ 11:00am
Bring Your Own Lunch



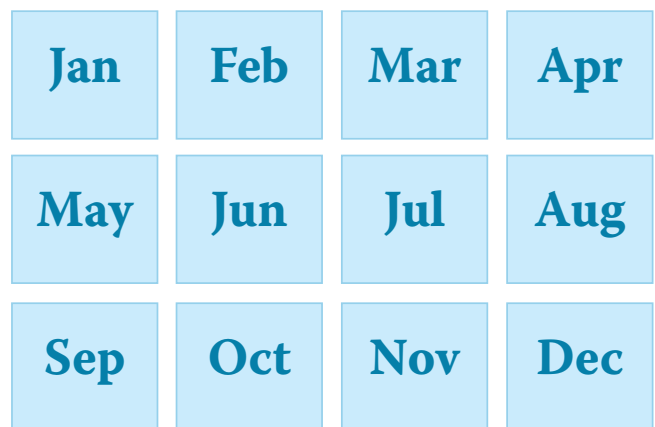
Reverend Installation

St. John's Church
Reverend Dr. Deb Kunkel
Light Brunch



Celebrating Our Graduates!

Sunday Worship
Special Blessing
Congrats & Cake



Online Calendar

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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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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