

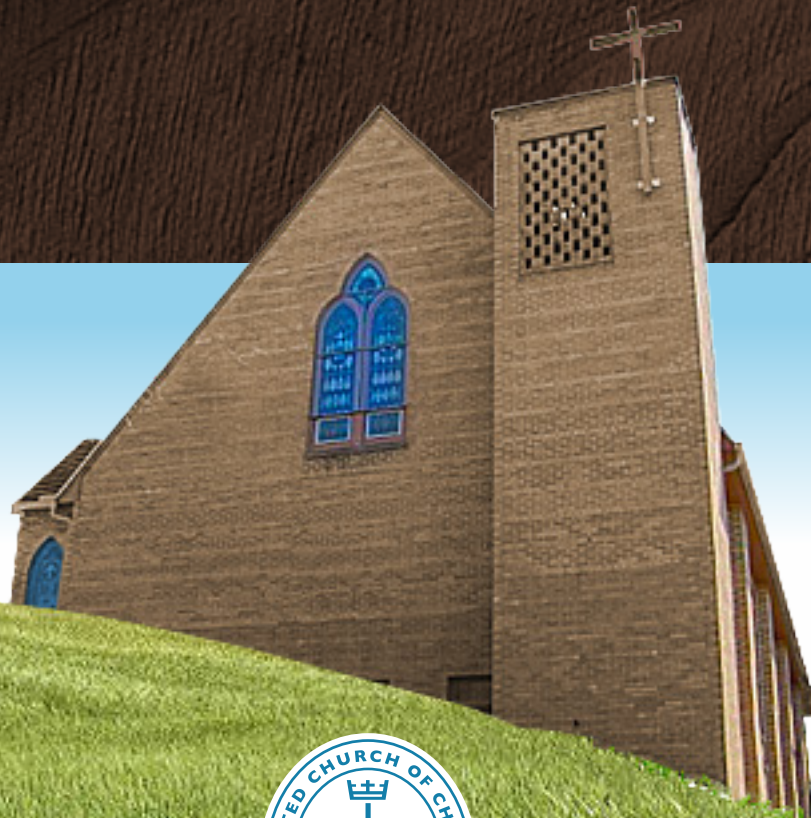


**St. John's**

United Church of Christ

# Digital Newsletter

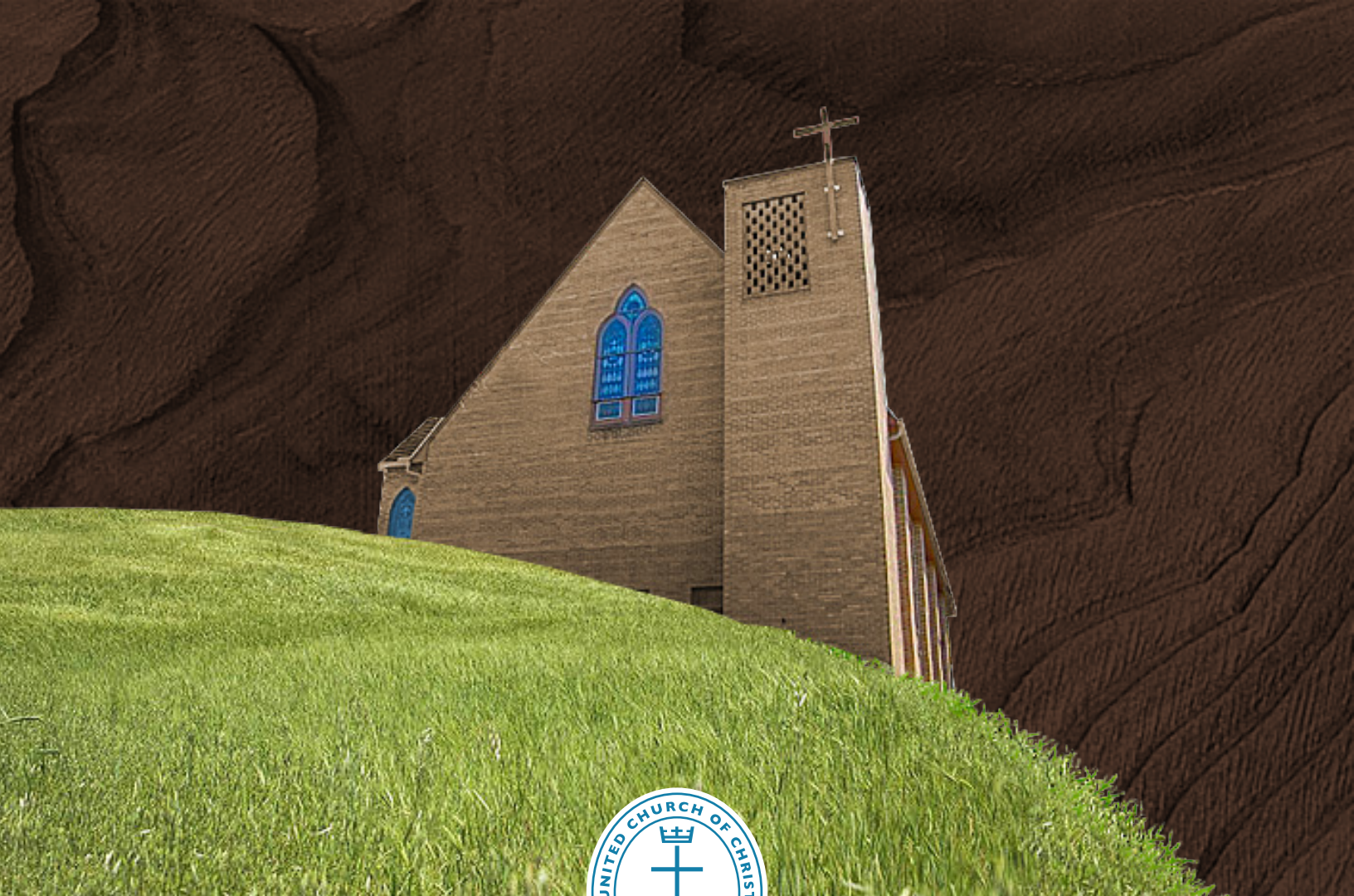
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# Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

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 10:30am 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

**June 2024**

This month includes our next “Fifth Sunday” service. We’ve changed the venue to here in our sanctuary. The women’s guild wanted to host a Tea for all the ladies of Hope and St. John’s after the service, so the two Consistories approved the change. Coffee Fellowship will still be held for those who do not wish to attend the tea. (For more information on the Tea, please see later in this newsletter.)

For the June Fifth Sunday Service I want to try something new. Actually I am borrowing this idea from one of my colleagues. It’s called “Ask the Minister Sunday”. On that day, instead of a Message, I will spend that part of Worship addressing as many of your theological, biblical and spiritual questions as time allows. Between now and June 29 please submit in writing any questions you may have wanted to ask in these areas, then email them to me at [pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com). Or put them on a piece of paper, and either leave on my desk or hand to me after the service.

Your questions can range from somewhat trivial to deeper ones. (Why are there different words to the “Lords Prayer”? How did they decide which books go in the Bible? How do we know something is God’s will? Do our pets go to heaven? Etc.)

Then on Sunday, June 30, 2024 I will spend about fifteen minutes answering as many questions as I can. I do reserve the right to not answer a question because of the time needed to answer it fully.

If you find this fruitful, we’ll continue to use these on more of our Fifth Sunday Services.

I love these Sunday’s when both congregations share worship and fellowship together. It’s a chance to share your strengths, celebrate your differences, and be reminded that we are never in this “church” business alone. St. John’s and Hope United Church have an official Shared Ministry, and as part of Christ’s body, we have a shared ministry with others brought together for God’s purposes and ways.

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, June 2, 2024**



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## 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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# Confirmation

## St. John's Church

Confirmation Worship Service was in May. Congratulations again to the following. Left to right is Pastor Deb, Ashlynn Kalmes, Grant Yapp, and Jack Wilson.



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# Baccalaureate Sunday

**Sunday, June 2, 2024 @ 10:30am**

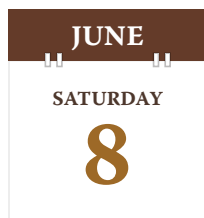
On June 2 we will celebrate the members and the relatives of members of our congregation who are graduating from High School, College, Graduate School and Technical Schools during the worship service. Please join us as we offer our congratulations and ask for God's blessings on all our graduates, whether or not they are able to attend.

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# Rhubarb Fest

**Saturday, June 8, 2024**

It's Rhubarb Fest time! Calling on St. John's bakers. The St. John's Church Women's Guild is sponsoring a booth for the Annual Rhubarb Fest on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00am to 3:00am located at the Fountain City Park. We need your support and your baking skills to fill the tables with your favorite rhubarb recipes. If you're not into rhubarb, surprise us with your favorite recipe. Start bringing your donations at 8:30am. The tent will be set up near the shelter building. Please have all items wrapped and they will be priced when you drop them off. If you would like to donate your time and help in the booth for an hour or two, or six, contact Sue Schaffner. A tent and a set-up crew are already established. Food sales go quick, and we are usually sold out by noon, so come early. Bring your friends and check out our booth starting at 8:30am.



## **St. John's Church Rhubarb Fest**

Annual Event  
Fountain City Park  
Starts @ 9:00am

**Sue Schaffner**  
608-323-0460  
daveandsueschaffner@gmail.com

- ✓ **We Need Your Support**
- ✓ **Bring Your Favorite Recipe**
- ✓ **Please Have All Items Wrapped**
- ✓ **Please Mark If Recipe Contain Nuts**
- ✓ **Please Volunteer Today**
- ✓ **Come & Make A Purchase**



**Donate or Volunteer**



# Church Cleanout & Lunch

**Sunday, June 9, 2024 @ 10:00am**

Consistory has approved Pastor Deb's suggestion that rather than a full worship service we spend some time making sure we are offering a welcoming place by cleaning out the rooms and storage areas of our church. All ages and abilities are welcome. This will allow us to do our ministry easier as time will not be wasted looking for items, as well as good stewardship of our resources. There will be tasks for all ages and abilities.

We'll start by meeting in the Sanctuary for a very short service (Call to worship, hymn, prayer, and offertory.) Then we'll head to the far and near reaches of the church to go through each storage space and room, sort out what is broken and non-repairable so should be tossed, what is no longer needed so should be donated, and what to keep. (Does anyone really know what exactly is in the attic? Or even know we have one?)

If there is time, we will also start to organize so items/boxes are clearly labeled, and stored where it makes sense for people to locate when needed. This avoids not knowing if we do or do not have something we need, as well as time wasted trying to figure out which corner a needed item has been stuck.

Pastor Deb will provide sandwiches and pizza for lunch at noon to end the time. Those who wish are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert. If anyone wishes to stay after lunch to continue, they are welcome to do so.

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# Eagle Valley Church

**Saturday, June 22, 2024 @ 7:00pm**

There will be an open invitation for all members of St. John's Church and Hope United Church to attend on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 7:00pm.

## **Saturday Evening June Service**

- ✓ **St. John's Church & Hope United Church**
- ✓ **Invitation**
- ✓ **S2664 Co Rd G**
- ✓ **Fountain City, WI**



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## **A Tea Party in Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday, June 30, 2024 @ After Worship**

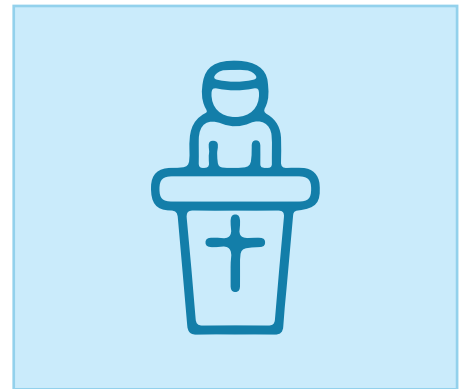
On Sunday, June 30, the Women's Guild of St. Johns will be hosting our regular coffee time after the Worship Service but will have an additional opportunity for those who wish to attend. We are hosting a Tea Party for all the Women and girls of St. Johns and Hope United Church of Cochrane. Attendees are welcome to wear a fancy dress, hat (some hats are available at St. Johns) or wear your casual clothes. There will be "tea finger foods", music, parade of clothes and a demonstration. Everyone is invited to our Fellowship Hall, for refreshments. Hope to see you there.

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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. 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.)



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## 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



# C-FC Area Food Shelf

## Report For May 2024

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. This summer and fall 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 bin at church by coat rack 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:

- |                      |                       |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| ✓ 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**



- ✓ 561 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 24 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 23 Total People Helped
- ✓ 01 Children
- ✓ 14 Adults
- ✓ 9 Seniors
- ✓ 14 Households (2 Came Twice)

# Choir Practice

## Do you have ideas?

St. John's Church Choir Practice has ended until next Fall. Please watch this space for the first date. New choir members are welcome to join then or any time during the year. Do you have ideas of things the Choir could try? Please share your thoughts on new ideas for musical offerings for our congregation. Please contact us with any questions or comments.

Thank you to our choir members, director Betsy Miller-Ruben, and accompanists Fay Connors and LuAnn Schmidtke for sharing their gifts over this past year.

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# Volunteers: June

## Ushers

Bill Ruben, Greg Osborn & Ron Novak

## Greeters

06.02.24 Dale & LuAnn Schmidtknecht

06.09.24 Church Cleanout

06.16.24 Bill & Betsy Ruben

06.23.24 Mary Schmitt & Donna Beck

06.30.24 Steve & Sue Prussing

## Counters

Donna Beck & Mary Schmitt

## Communion & Flowers

Faye Conners

# 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

Summer Wooden

Cara Lee Wiersgalla

Jon Fetting

Dirk Wilson

Robert Guenther

Ryan Maier

Jeannette Beck

John Schmidtknecht

Betsy Semling

Penny Hohmann

Bryan Conners

Jaysen Conners

Dan Knospe

Cheryl Kuhn

Dale Schmidtknecht

Sandra Wunderlich

Janet Blank

Mike Fetting

Cally Ligman

LuAnn Schmidtknecht

Wake Madsen

Jenna Krueger

## Anniversaries

John & Tina Schowalter

Bill & Karen Krause

Richard & Linda Wicka

Bill & Betsy Ruben

George & Joyce Schowalter

Tom & Linda Clark

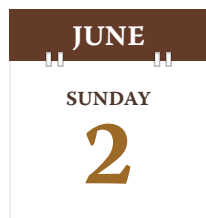
Pete & Janet Blank

Cody & Amber Morse

# 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.



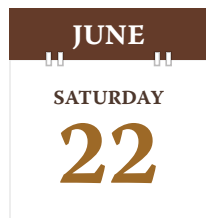
### Penny Collection St. John's Church

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Starts @ 10:30am



### Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street  
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Starts @ 6:00pm



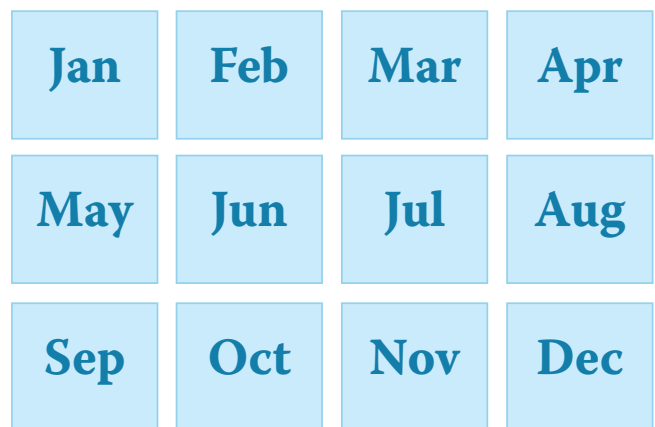
### Evening Service Eagle Valley Church

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Fountain City, WI  
Worship @ 7:00pm



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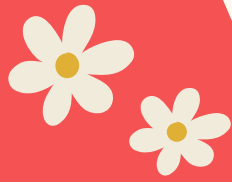
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After Worship



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# VOLUNTEER DRIVER OPPORTUNITY



**Buffalo & Pepin Counties Transportation Program provides non-emergency transportation for those who do not have access to transportation.**

**This is a unique, personal and flexible volunteer opportunity that works around YOUR schedule.**

**Volunteer drivers receive a mileage reimbursement of \$0.67 per mile when using your own vehicle**

**\*NEW\***

**EASY TO APPLY ONLINE**

**[HTTPS://WWW.ADRC-BCP.COM/VOLUNTEER](https://www.adrc-bcp.com/volunteer)**



*Aging and Disability Resource Center  
of Buffalo and Pepin Counties*

**QUESTIONS: CONTACT ANGIE SCHLOSSER  
715-672-8941 EXT 187 OR EMAIL  
ASCHLOSSER@CO.PEPIN.WI.US**

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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!



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Wednesday's 10:00am - Noon  
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