

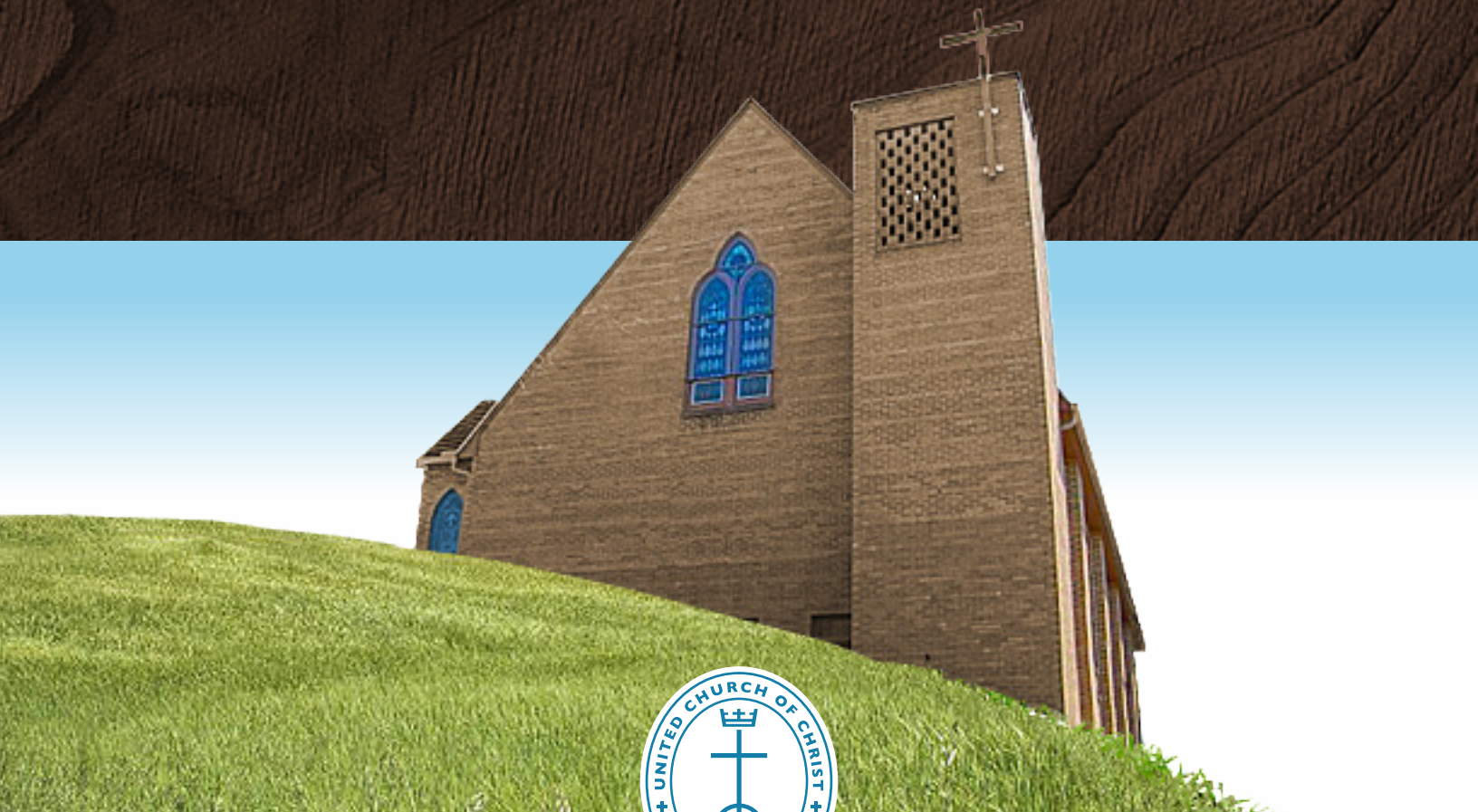


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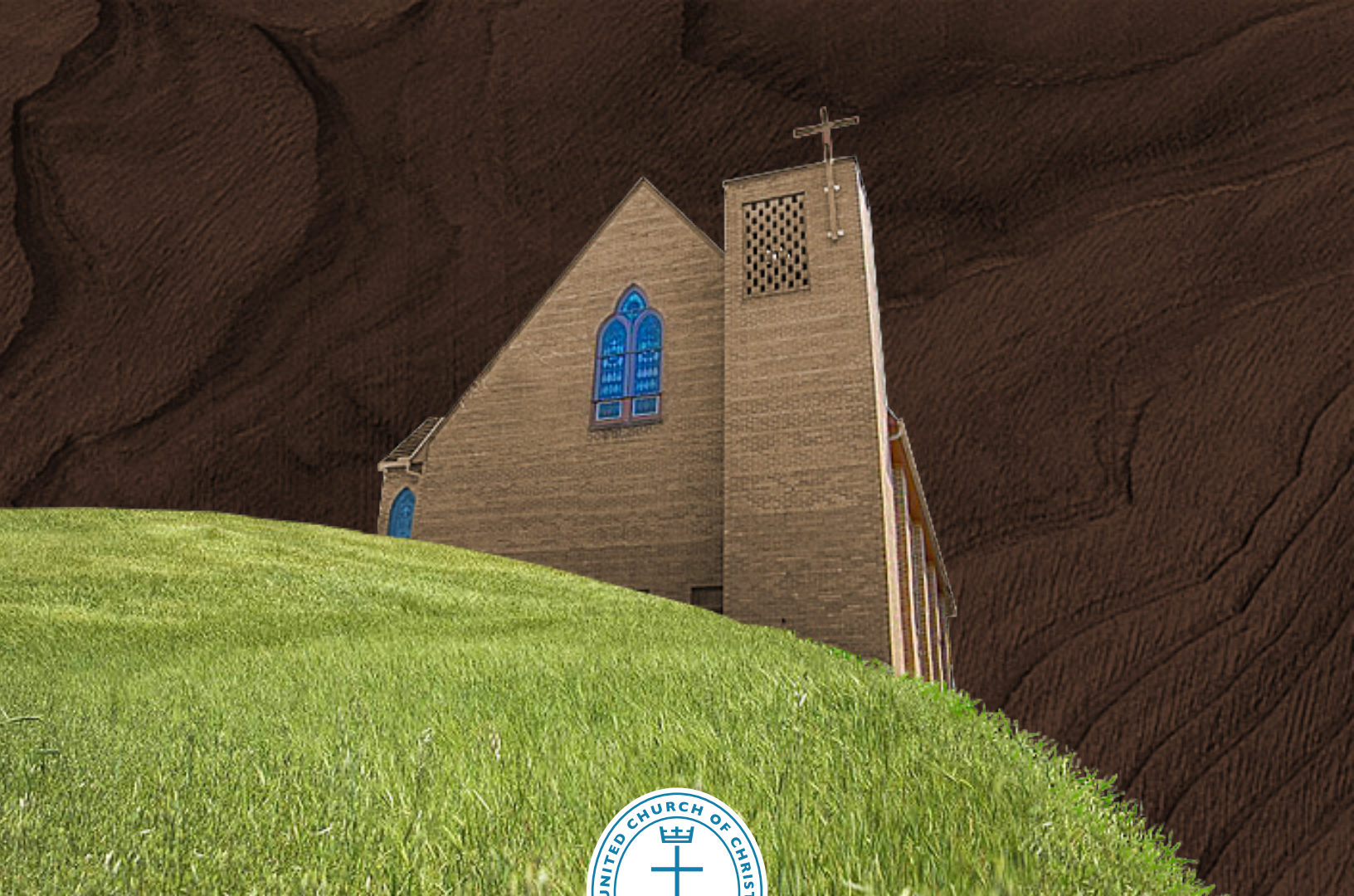
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

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

June 2025

After almost a year of work by the task force, Consistory has approved the draft update of the church's Constitution and Bylaws be forwarded to the congregation for approval.

There will be two informational meetings for congregation members to ask questions and give feedback before these documents are brought to a special meeting for ratification. They will be held immediately after worship on June 8 and June 22, 2025.

Copies of the Draft Constitution and By-laws updates are on the table where the bulletins are on Sunday mornings, or by contacting the church office to be emailed the draft.

A Special Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 28, 2025 immediately after the service to vote on approval. More detailed information will be sent soon to members.

The last time the congregation reviewed both the Constitution and Bylaws Rev. Fritz West was your pastor. George H. Bush was President, Facebook and Twitter were still a few months away from being introduced, and cell phones meant flip phones and Blackberry.

These governing documents exist to support and foster the congregation's ministry and life. Blackberry phones, the standard for cellphones in the 2000, were eventually replaced by smartphones better suited for current uses. These governing documents that once served the congregation well were not written for today's realities and situations, such as different attendance patterns, the shared ministry agreement with Hope and for

These changes have been prayerfully discerned by eight members of your congregation, listening for ways that this congregation can continue to be a vital and life-giving presence in our wider communities.

Continued...

Letter From The Pastor

June 2025

To echo what I often say in the call to offering, these changes are intended to allow this congregation to share the love of God we experience with both those inside and outside our walls.

Please ask questions, give input, and perhaps most importantly, spend time in reflection or prayer as you practice as we approach the approval and implementation of these changes. There will probably be some bumps along the way. Together, with faith in God and in each other's motivations, those bumps will be just that – easily overcome because we are not setting out a new course. We are continuing to follow Jesus into the world. Jesus may forge new or different paths but always ends up at the same destination: enveloped in the love, grace and purpose of God.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

St. John's Church Graduates

Congratulations

Join St. John's Church for Worship Service on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at the 8:30am as we celebrate Anna Knecht and Eliana Krause graduating from C-FC school.

They will be present at the service so we can offer our congratulations in person.

Sunday, June 1, 2025
Starts @ 8:30am

Strengthening the Church

Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, we will again take part in the wider UCC's national offering for Strengthen the Church. This offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within your conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries. Our call in the United Church of Christ to the Strengthen the Church offering is a response to the church which is Great and Wide. The offering does not support only one form of church but is spread across the playfulness of many churches. Whether the offering supports an outdoor worshipping community in Wisconsin or the National Ministries MESA team who builds systems to connect pastors and congregations, the movement of God is apparent. Please prayerfully consider supporting this offering.

Sunday, June 8, 2025
Starts @ 8:30am

Constitution Update

Constitution and Bylaws

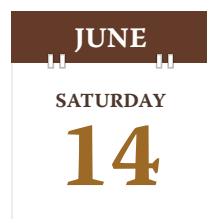
There will be two informational sessions for questions about the Draft of the Proposed Updated Constitution and Bylaws after the worship services on Sunday, June 8 and Sunday, June 22, 2025. If there aren't major changes requested at that point, we will schedule a Special Congregational meeting for approval of the minutes. In the meantime, please contact any member of the Task Force with questions or concerns.

Erick Hoffmaster, Karen Knopse, Karen Pehler, John Stettler, Linda Clark, Cheryl Kuhn, Dave Schaffner, Dale Schmidtknecht, LuAnn Schmidtknecht and Pastor Deb Kunkel

Rhubarb Fest

Saturday, June 14, 2025

St. John's United Church of Christ is sponsoring a booth for the annual Rhubarb Fest, Saturday, June 14, from 9:00am to 3:00pm 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. This is a Church-Wide event, so everyone is asked to participate. All proceeds will go toward ongoing maintenance projects for the church. Please bring your donations Saturday starting at 8:00am to our tent. The tent will be set up near the shelter building. Have all items wrapped and they will be priced when you drop them off. If you aren't a baker, a generous cash donation would be gratefully appreciated. If you could 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 sales starting at 9:00am.



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**
- ✓ **Come & Make A Purchase**



Donate or Volunteer



Sunday Penny Collection

First Sunday of the Month

The Church School Students will be collecting pennies the first Sunday of every month.

Recently \$150.00 from the Penny Money went to a military care package for Marines based in the Middle East.

Sunday, June 1, 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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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: Hope United Church

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf

Hope United Church - Pizza Donation

Thank you very much!



Food Shelf

Businesses Of The Month: Riverland Energy Cooperative

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf

Riverland Energy Cooperative

Thank you very much!



C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For May 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. 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:

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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



- ✓ 483 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 16 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 30 Total People Helped
- ✓ 01 Children
- ✓ 17 Adults
- ✓ 12 Seniors
- ✓ 15 Households (2 Came Twice)



Most Needed Donation Items For June 2025

- ✓ Healthier Cereal
- ✓ Brownie Mixes

- ✓ Muffin Mixes
- ✓ Stew

- ✓ Baked Beans - All Varieties & Size Cans

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.

Volunteers: June

Ushers

Mary Schmitt, Karen Knospe

Greeters

06.01.25 Dale & LuAnn Schmidtknecht

06.08.25 Karen Knospe

06.15.25 Bill & Betsy Ruben

06.22.25 Mary Schmitt & Donna Beck

06.29.25 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

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

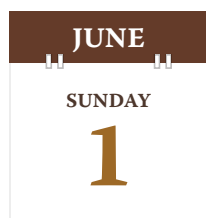
Pete & Janet Blank

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.



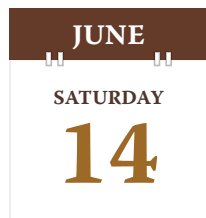
Penny Collection St. John's Church

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Starts @ 8:30am



Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

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Starts @ 6:00pm



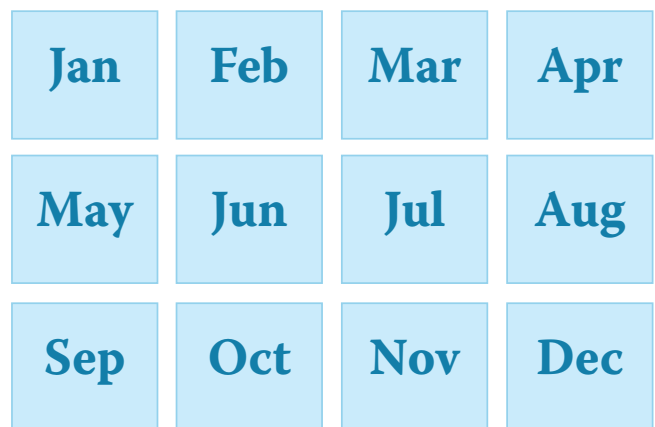
Rhubarb Fest St. John's Church

Fountain City Park
Fountain City, WI
9:00am - 3:00pm



Father's Day St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street
Fountain City, WI
Starts @ 8:30am



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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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