

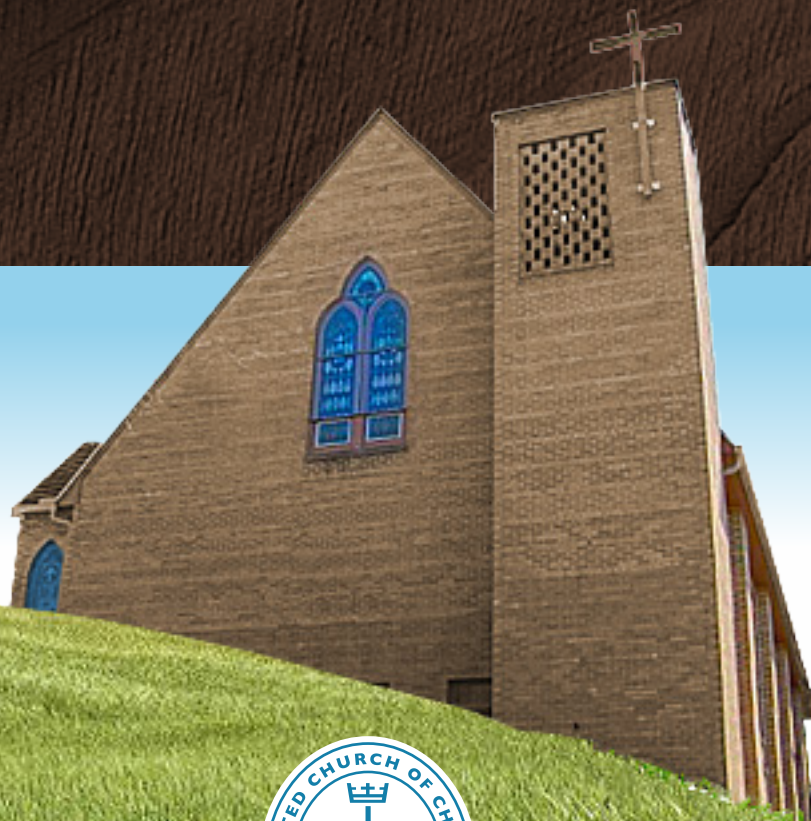


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United Church of Christ

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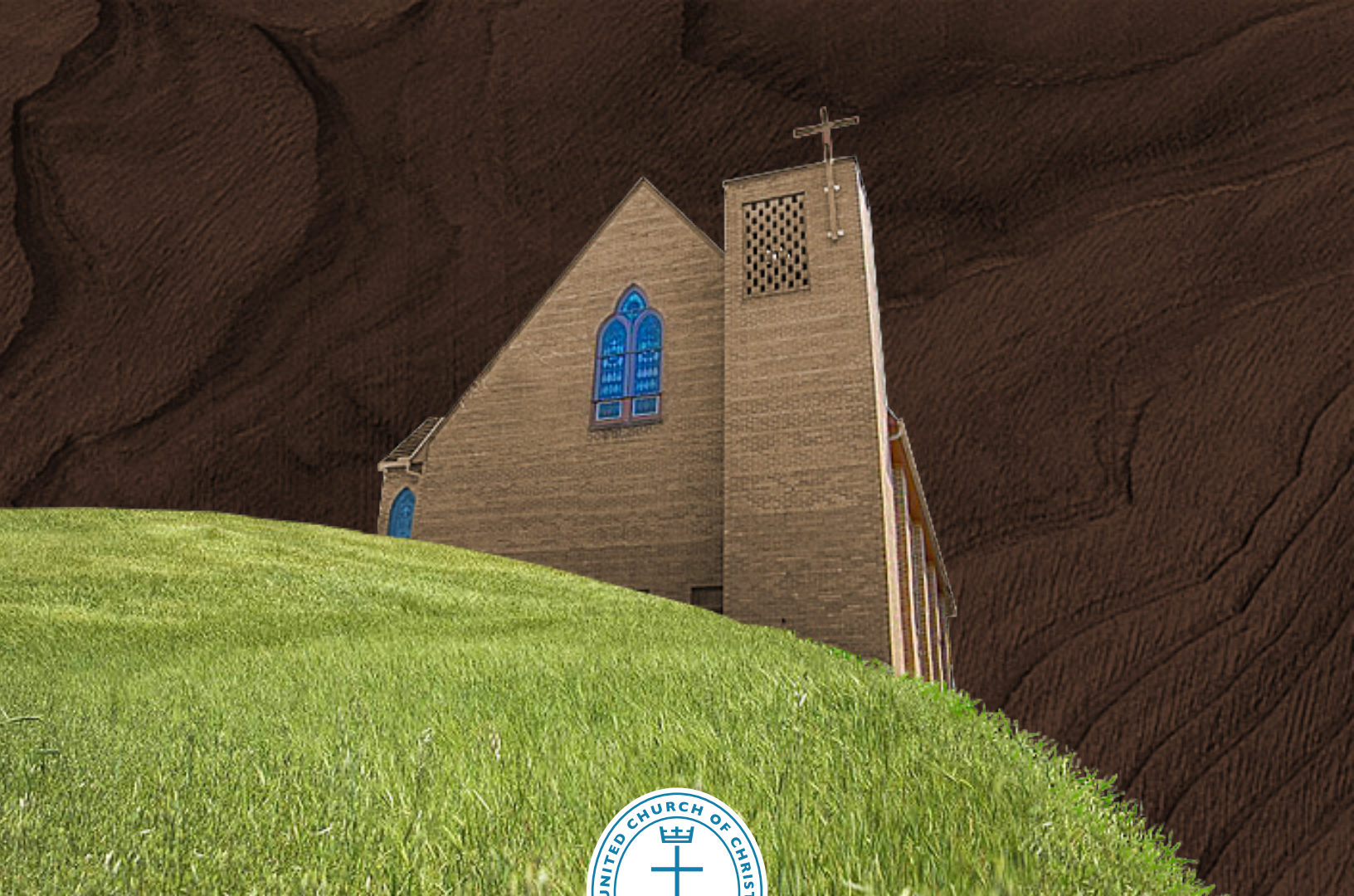
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

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

July 2024

The summer months are usually the quietest ones in the church's year. But this year, at least they've started off filled with activities.

- On the second Sunday of the month we worked on cleaning out the church of years of accumulated things as our act of worship. We ended up with 4 pickup trucks of broken, no longer needed and/or outdated items. Thank you to all who helped. A special thank you to Miller Scrap and Disposal of Winona who took our 3 loads of trash and only charged us for disposing of two TVs. The rest was gladly accepted by Goodwill in Winona.
- The prior week, members of the congregation represented the church at the annual Rhubarb Festival, selling delicious rhubarb baked goods from our expert bakers.
- The Trustees and President of the congregation met contractors and solicited bids in order to recommend to the congregation the best course of action to address the safety issues of the bulging containing wall on the parking lot on the south end of the building. On Sunday, June 30th the congregation voted to replace the retaining wall with blocks and expand the parking lot and add 3-4 additional parking spaces. Thanks to a generous donation, the cost of up to \$50,000.00 of the work by Bob Baures Construction of Bluff Siding will be covered. (The name of the person making the donation has been announced and is public information. Just ask. It is not included here because the newsletter is posted on the website, where the information might be used by solicitors or scammers to contact the party.) Construction is projected to start on July 15 and conclude by August 1. Thank you to the Trustees and President for the time and effort they provided to fix this urgent situation.
- June 30 was also fifth Sunday service with Hope UCC. After the service here the Women's Guild put on a "Tea" for fellowship time, complete with finger foods, teacups and saucers, a "parade" to show off our best tea finery, and hats for anyone who wanted to wear one. Thank you to the Women's Guild for a wonderful time together, and to Ruth Ehmcke who provided music, many of the hats and a special presentation with Ron Novak, as well as the original suggestion to hold the tea.

Letter From The Pastor

July 2024

• The Consistory has started a review of the current church by-laws and constitution and will recommend any proposed changes for the congregation's approval. A small task group has begun reviewing the Mission Statemen. They will bring their recommendation to the Consistory for their input and approval. Once that is completed, another task force will review both documents, focusing on membership requirements and the governing structure of this congregation in light of the realities that many congregations are facing post-pandemic. Any recommended changes will be brought to the congregation for approval at the 2025 Annual Meeting or a special meeting in the spring of 2025 if they are not ready by the Annual Meeting. Please watch here and bulletins for opportunities for input, questions, and where we are in the process.

And now that we are in July, we switch our worship times with Hope UCC. Starting Sunday, July 7 St. John's weekly worship service will be at 8:30am. This will last through the final Sunday of June 2025.

While many of these might not seem "churchy" (is that even a word?) or about worship they are. They are some of the necessary pieces of providing a safe and welcoming space for others to experience the embrace of God's love and grace, and to free up energy for members to share the light of that love both inside and outside these churches walls.

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, July 7, 2024



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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A Tea Party in Fellowship Hall



Eagle Valley Church

Saturday, July 27, 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, July 27, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Saturday Evening July Service

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



Rhubarb Fest

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that participated in our bake sale at the Rhubarb Fest. Morning inclement weather didn't stop shoppers from buying from our bake stand. We sold out by 12:30pm with a total of \$416.00. Thank you to all involved.

~ Women's Guild of St. John's church.

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.)



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



Slice Out Hunger

Suncrest Gardens Pizza Farm

Thank you to all of those that joined us for our open house and farm tour on Saturday, June 14, 2024! And a big thank you to those who purchased pizzas today as we were able to make a \$600.00 donation to the C-FC Area Food Shelf due to our commitment to Slice Out Hunger! #sliceouthunger

Heather Secrist | Owner | suncrestgardensfarm.com



C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For June 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:

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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



- ✓ 588 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ 37 Total People Helped
- ✓ Averages 16 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 09 Children
- ✓ 17 Adults
- ✓ 11 Seniors
- ✓ 16 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 Schmidtknecht for sharing their gifts over this past year.

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Volunteers: July

Ushers

Vira Mae Engel, Erik & Liz Hoffmaster & Mary Aus

Greeters

07.07.24 Randy & Lori Maier

07.14.24 Keven & Heidi Wachowiak Family

07.21.24 Dawn Fiedler

07.28.24 Vira Mae Engel

08.04.24 Cindy Ziegler & Mary Aus

Counters

Joanne & Larry Muench

Communion & Flowers

Joanne Muench

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

David Korb

Karissa St. Aubin

Samuel Ritscher

Bruce Malotke

Marvin Colbenson

Tyler Engelmann

Carrie Ziegler

Arden Hayter

Steve Prussing

Maverick Morse

Jolene Engel

Bill Krause

Angela Beck

Grant Yapp

Kendra Ritscher

Lori Maier

Judy Boehm

Lane Moore

Lilly Scheel

Eliana Krause

Anniversaries

Eric & Jan Schaffner

Jessie & Emily Scheel

David & Jeanne Fugina

Curt & Danielle Fetting

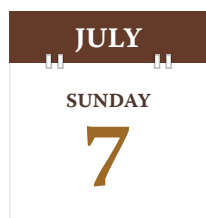
Weldon & Cheryl Kuhn

David & Sharon Korb

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.



Time Change St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street
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Starts @ 8:30am



Penny Collection St. John's Church

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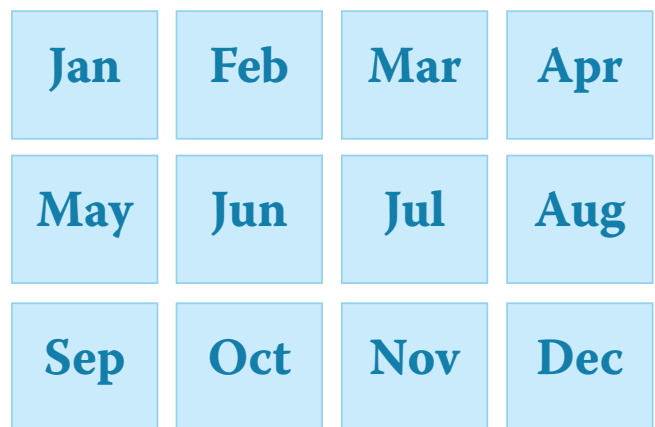
Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street
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Starts @ 6:00pm



Evening Service Eagle Valley Church

S2664 Co Rd G
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Worship @ 7:00pm



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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
pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com

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