

## June 2026 Newsletter

### Pastor's Message:

Dear Partners in the Gospel:

We're immersing ourselves in the story of Ruth and Naomi and Esther this summer (2 books of the Bible named for women!) Both are interesting in a couple of ways: 1. *Ruth and Naomi are 'outsiders' who end up becoming 'insiders'. Esther is also an outsider who becomes an insider-though not exactly by choice. And, 2) God doesn't speak or act in either book! Imagine that! Yet these writings invite us to consider how God is working in our lives and in the lives of others "behind the scenes."*

The world around us is always full of insiders and outsiders, and (like in these two books), someone or some groups of people are always vulnerable to the misfortunes of life, or the evil schemes of others.

Twenty years ago this summer, St. John's and Our Savior's Lutheran in West Bend partnered in the resettlement of the Umarov family, one of many refugees displaced because of WW2 (where national boundaries were breached and people were forced out and were never really welcome in the place they were relocated to. **Google "Mesketian Turks"**)

Mahmat & Minizhat, plus their 3 sons, his mother, their one daughter-in-law, and two lovely little granddaughters came to America as refugees officially vetted and approved by the US State Department, which contracted with Lutheran Social Services to help re-settle them. We had an empty parsonage. Our Savior's and St. John's folks teamed up to help furnish the house, figure out shopping, get them to English language classes, get them to job interviews, and all those good things!

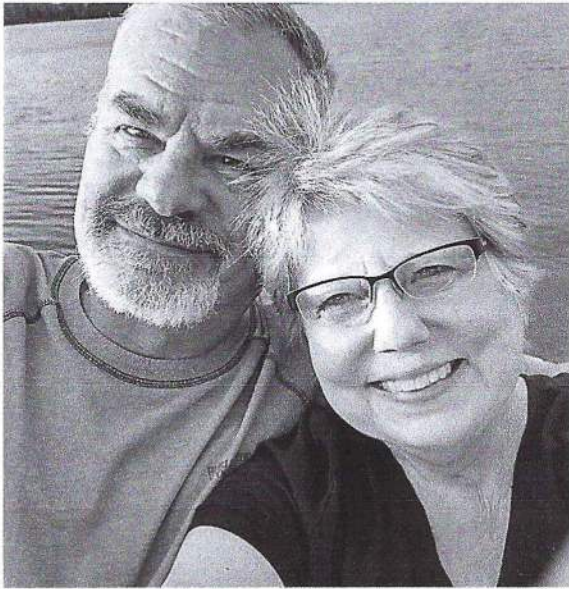
It wasn't long before the 3 young adults and their dad found work, got driver's licenses, got two donated vehicles (with the help of our Motorhead ministries!) and welcomed their new friends and new opportunities!

Today, Mahmat and the others are all US citizens. The 3 sons own and operate a fine auto repair business in Waukesha; they are all married with children, and are homeowners. Asma, the little girl who came here as a newborn, is getting married in July! (The dear grandma and Minizhat have passed away.) *And the family continues to be eternally grateful for the kindness and hospitality that we were able to show them.*

In times when there is way too much "us against them" and "insiders" vs. "outsiders" in this land and around the world, we give thanks that God still works through people like us to show hospitality; and that God works through people like Ruth and the Umarovs to show that all are *and are to be*-part of the family of God! Sadly, our US refugee program has been shelved. And the Lutheran Social Services resettlement staff were let go. But we can still be the voices for those who long for a land to call 'home'! -Pastor Paul

***With joy and sadness we wish Marcia Earl farewell and godspeed as she moves to Texas (to spoil two grandkids and escape Wisconsin winters!) Thank you, Marcia, for all the ways you have helped us make a joyful noise to the Lord for the last 15 years! She can use some help loaded a UHaul on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Speak with Pastor if you can pitch in.***

***Drive-in worship*** continues on Saturdays at 5:00 when the weather allows. Plus, we'll add in one Wednesday ***Cookout/Campfire*** per month, starting with June 17 at 6pm. Bring a friend!



## Getting to Know You:

### Tim and Kendall Pfeifer

Tim and Kendall Pfeifer will be reprising their roles as St. John's members when Tim becomes our church's new Directory of Music Ministry beginning this June. Before Tim took a music position at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in West Bend, they were members of St. John's for about four years.

As the current music director, Tim is excited about the opportunity to bring his 30-plus years of sacred music to his new role, including playing the piano and organ, directing choirs and working with varied soloists, instrumentalists, and ensembles. While all of that might sound pretty serious in the context of providing a meaningful worship experience, Tim will also bring some silliness (that is, the "joy" in "joyful noise"). When recently asked what his strongest asset is, he replied, "telling stories." When asked what his greatest weakness is, he replied, "telling stories."

Before retiring in 2023, Tim worked for the Village of Slinger in the water utility department, where he managed the testing lab and helped with overall operations. He's really a science geek behind the piano! Tim also coached soccer for 18 years as a side gig in the Hartford School District.

Kendall has degrees in psychology and gerontology, and worked in geriatric care until she retired in 2020—thanks to COVID. She plays the flute and enjoys gardening, playing cards, and creating fiber art. She can't wait to get involved at St. John's again with the Prayer Shawl Ministry and reaching out to our church's homebound members.

Although Kendall and Tim have grown children and grandchildren, the biggest babies in their lives are "Grace and Frankie"—an exuberant Australian Shepherd and a shy Border Collie rescue, both of whom are very spoiled!

#### Fun Facts:

- It was in the cards: Tim has bestowed on Kendall the moniker "Canasta Masta." Anyone want to learn/play?
- "The truth is out there" ... always searching the skies for invasions, Tim is a self-proclaimed sci-fi nut and avid follower of "Ancient Aliens." Warning: Do *not* get him started!
- Tim and Kendall have a small cabin in Three Lakes, WI, where fishing, hiking, and swimming—while listening to nature's choir—are favorite summer pastimes.

*If you have any questions or ideas about the music at St. John's, Tim is all ears. Please feel free to reach out to him at [tpfeiferpiano1@yahoo.com](mailto:tpfeiferpiano1@yahoo.com) or 262-224-5506.*

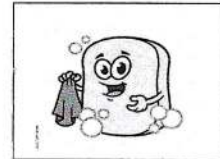
## What's Going on at St. John's:

**Blessings to our High School Graduates:** Meghan DeChant, Dawson Young, Jake Williams, Bella Fraley, Aiden Grant, and Leah Lemberger! "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" Go with God!

**Our Motorhead Ministries** has received a donated, one owner 2005 Chevy Colorado crew cab 4WD pickup truck that we'd like to sell to a new owner. It's an older vehicle donated by church members who took good care of it, and we'd like to get some \$\$ out of it that can be used toward a minivan for one of our 'customers' in need of a better vehicle. Talk with PastorCarGuy!

### **Summer Care Kits**

Each Fall we provide Lutheran World Relief with Personal Care Kits and Quilts to send to less fortunate neighbors in the US and around the world.



Each Personal Care Kit provides a needy person with basic grooming necessities and 2 bars of soap, tied up in a towel of their own. This year demand for Personal Care Kits is higher than ever, so we need your help. Last year we shipped 69 Personal Care Kits. This year's goal is to double that number to 140+ kits, to give basic cleanliness and comfort to twice as many people. To reach that goal Ruth Circle will be collecting bath size towels (darker colors preferred) and individually wrapped bars of soap this summer.

Here's how we you can help. If each family that is able, will donate at least 1 towel and 2 bars of soap we could meet our goal. Let's do it! Bring your items anytime this summer and place them by the display in the Gathering Space and watch the donations grow.

**Our Outreach Team is sponsoring a CPR class** at the Jackson Fire Department on Monday, June 22, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Your cost is \$25 each & space is limited. A sign-up sheet and payment envelopes are in the Gathering Space. Contact Leanne at [lpbelieve85@icloud.com](mailto:lpbelieve85@icloud.com) with questions.

**Let's Go to a Brewer's Game!** Fun and Fellowship Team is sponsoring a trip to the Brewers vs. the Rangers on Sunday afternoon, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Ride on a school bus and avoid driving and parking at the stadium. Then join St. John's friends and families in right field bleacher seats. The seats have backs, are reachable by escalator and some ADA accessible seats are available. Seats are \$26 per ticket. Look for the sign-up sheet and payment envelopes in the Gathering Space. Space is limited!

**You are welcome to bring altar flowers** from your garden over the summer! Or, Birchwood Farms in Jackson, and Nehm's in Slinger are happy to provide bouquets. (It's also fine to purchase a bunch at Pick 'n Save or Piggly Wiggly! We have plenty of nice vases in the kitchenette.)

### **Giving and Expenses for April 2026**

#### **+ April General Fund**

Offerings: \$21,346 Expenses: \$23,522 Balance: \$135,184

**+ Basement Renovation Project:** Offerings \$234 Expenses: \$45,696 (Will be paid in full with the help of \$28,000 we had voted to use from the Memorial Fund! Final expenses being paid in May)

**+ Missionary Sponsorship:** Offerings: \$389 Goal for 2026: \$8,000

#### **+ELCA Benevolence/Mission Support:**

Offerings: \$4,421 Goal for 2026: \$18,000

#### **+ Good Samaritan:**

Receipts: \$585 Goal for 2026: \$8,000

June Birthdays -  
Happy Birthday!

|      |    |                    |
|------|----|--------------------|
| June | 1  | Emily Hollister    |
|      |    | Kathy Zirtzloff    |
| June | 2  | Ken Wills          |
| June | 3  | Viola Fischer      |
|      |    | Carl Radloff       |
| June | 4  | Danielle Piering   |
|      | 4  | Alan Schwieger     |
| June | 5  | Janet Troester     |
| June | 6  | Aaron Reid         |
| June | 7  | Will Kraus         |
|      | 7  | Miles Olson        |
| June | 9  | Barrett Kison      |
|      | 9  | Sherri Schwefel    |
| June | 10 | Wynslee Kison      |
|      | 10 | Gerald Wanta       |
|      | 10 | Lynda Wills        |
| June | 11 | Abbey Kasubaski    |
|      | 11 | Donna Lamberg      |
| June | 13 | Dick Uhlig         |
| June | 16 | Jim Hahn           |
|      | 16 | Ryan Liberatore    |
|      | 16 | Lila Prost         |
| June | 17 | RJ Groth           |
| June | 18 | Jenny Starzman     |
| June | 19 | Don Driebel        |
|      | 19 | Madeline Friess    |
|      | 19 | Sherrie Meyerpeter |
|      | 19 | Jesse Seltrecht    |
|      | 19 | Wilson Seltrecht   |
|      | 19 | Paityn Starzman    |
| June | 20 | Paisley Hein       |
| June | 21 | Allissa Fincutter  |
| June | 22 | Patty Beuscher     |
| June | 23 | Judy Henrichs      |
|      | 23 | Aidan Kalian       |
| June | 24 | Jackie Gauger      |
| June | 25 | Chloe DiSalvo      |
|      | 25 | Ariana Reinemann   |
| June | 29 | Charlie Jones      |
|      | 29 | Finley Kiel        |
| June | 30 | Dee Johnson        |
|      | 30 | Grayson Schwefel   |
|      | 30 | Logan Young        |

**+ Born to Eternal Life +  
Don Meyerpeter**

Happy June Anniversaries

|                           |         |          |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Jim & Jackie Rustad       | June 3  | 37 years |
| Mark & Kathy Dalton       | June 4  | 32 years |
| Dale & Jackie Dhein       | June 4  | 43 years |
| Carl & Peggy Krueger      | June 4  | 43 years |
| Nick & Christy Abt        | June 5  | 16 years |
| Jim & Laura Hahn          | June 7  | 12 years |
| Sue & Cheri Kerr-Noll     | June 9  | 12 years |
| Bob & Sandy Bernau        | June 10 | 27 years |
| Scott & Heather Anders    | June 11 | 32 years |
| Matt & Janel Troester     | June 11 | 4 years  |
| Jereme & Staci Bohling    | June 12 | 27 years |
| Todd & Amanda Reinemann   | June 14 | 18 years |
| Greg & Marin Siegert      | June 17 | 21 years |
| Dan & Dee Johnson         | June 18 | 38 years |
| Henry & Karen Brooks      | June 20 | 56 years |
| Scott & Jane Christianson | June 20 | 39 years |
| Darrel & Sharon Counard   | June 21 | 57 years |
| Keith & Kandee Heidtke    | June 26 | 55 years |
| Perry & Staci Benz        | June 30 | 25 years |

| June                | June 7        | June 14        | June 21      | June 28           |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Reader              | Confirmation  | Reuben Heidtke | Brennan's    | Joel Wolf         |
| Communion Assistant | Confirmation  | Irv Brandt     | Brennan's    | George Liberatore |
| Communion Assistant | Confirmation  | Jenny Brandt   | Brennan's    | Dianne Liberatore |
| Usher               | Paul Stahl    | Bukovics       | Brennan's    | Skip Bartelt      |
| Usher               | Tim Kiernan   | Bukovics       | Brennan's    | Judy Henrichs     |
| Greeter             | Pam Stahl     | Angel Bialk    | Brennan's    | Diane Holter      |
| Power Pt.           | Wendy Heidtke | Scott D/Chris  | Staci B/Klay | Wendy Wolf        |
| Facebook            | Raj Singh     | Scott D/Chris  | Staci B/Klay | Scott Kinter      |

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                              | FRIDAY                        | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>June 2026</b> </div>  | <b>1</b><br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 Quilting<br>6:00 Grief Support          | <b>2</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga   | <b>3</b><br>9:00 Fellowship and Fitness  | <b>4</b><br>7:00 4H Meeting           | <b>5</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga  | <b>6</b><br>5:00 Drive-in Worship & Holy Communion  |
| <b>7</b><br>9:00 Worship & Holy Communion<br>9:00 Facebook Live<br>Confirmation Day!<br><i>Welcome Tim Pfeifer as our new musician!</i> | <b>8</b><br>9:00 Bible Study  | <b>9</b><br>9:00 Veteran's Meeting<br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Property Committee<br>7:00 Jackson AA Meeting | <b>10</b><br>9:00 Fellowship and Fitness   | <b>11</b>                             | <b>12</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga | <b>13</b><br>5:00 Drive-in Worship & Holy Communion |
| <b>14</b><br>9:00 Worship & Holy Communion<br>9:00 Facebook Live  | <b>15</b><br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 Quilting<br>6:00 Grief Support         | <b>16</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>6:30 Council<br>7:00 Jackson AA   | <b>17</b><br>9:00 Fellowship and Fitness<br>6:00 COOKOUT & CAMPFIRE, bring the family! | <b>18</b>                             | <b>19</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga | <b>20</b><br>5:00 Drive-in Worship & Holy Communion |
| <b>21</b><br>9:00 Worship & Holy Communion<br>9:00 Facebook Live  | <b>22</b><br>9:00 Bible Study<br>6-8 Pm<br>CPR Training<br>Jackson Fire Dept. | <b>23</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Jackson AA Meeting   | <b>24</b><br>9:00 Fellowship and Fitness   | <b>25</b><br>North Conference Pastors | <b>26</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga | <b>27</b><br>5:00 Drive-in Worship & Holy Communion |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00 Worship & Holy Communion<br>9:00 Facebook Live  | <b>29</b><br>9:00 Bible Study   | <b>30</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Jackson AA Meeting   |  |                                       |                               |   |

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am with Holy Communion

Facebook Live at 9:00 am on Sunday

