

September 2026 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Church,

I love summer, and long hours of daylight, and September is when both of those things quickly disappear. *But*, I also love September because that's when new things happen in our life together as church! So, a few observations as we start September:

+ **Sunday School** starts on the 20th, at 9:30 with a Pancake Breakfast! *We invite families to bring kids to worship at 9:00 and then students head to Sunday School after Children's Time. That gives them some worship experience, and key Sunday School time! Who among you can consider Team-teaching with Christy Abt or Chris Guslick? Or even subbing?*

+**Confirmation Class** begins on Wednesday the 16th at 7pm, *with an Orientation for 7th-8th graders and parents! Who can be a Confirmation "guide", mentoring youth, and leading "small group time" for about 25 minutes each night?*

+**Autumn** is a great time to try some new **Adult Education** options! *Who would be willing to gather, and explore basic faith/Bible/life stuff? "Bible for Dummies" is a good one for 'beginners'. "The Chosen" movie series offers good material for reflection. "Monday Study" at 9am, usually follows our Sunday scripture readings (unless the group has better ideas!)*

+Our active **Grief Support Group** is offering a "Dinner for One" time to gather, at 6pm on Monday the 14th, out of an awareness of the challenge of 'cooking for one' or dining alone, particularly after the death of a spouse. ANYONE who lives alone is welcome! Bring an item to share if that works for you, as dinner will be 'potluck' style. Friends are welcome! *We may do dinner and a movie!*

+**Youth Group** is going to start re-grouping this fall! Students and parents, we encourage you to share ideas, and stay tuned! Our President, Katie Schott, will help (but she can't do it alone!)

+Tim Pfeifer, our new Music Director looks forward to gathering folks for **Choir and for Bell Choir!** He'll be reaching out to you current Choir people, and anyone else interested can reach out to Tim. tpfeiferpiano1@yahoo.com *We welcome Tim's energy and new ideas!*

+And, on a solemn note: One of the sad epidemics in our country, which is not going away is death by suicide. September is **Suicide Prevention Month**. *We're going to plan an Adult Forum (probably on 9/27 after worship) to help put this subject on the front burner, and cut through some of the stigma, and learn some ways to be aware and help those who, at a tough time in life, just can't imagine living any longer. Remember the important 988 lifeline as well!*

Grace and peace as God continues to do a new thing among and through us! -Pastor Paul

How about jumping in to serve? *We are reviving several important 'teams' that don't demand a huge amount of time, but deal with important things-sometimes 'behind the scenes'. Could you picture serving on:*

A Safety & Security Team?

Our Cemetery Team?

Our Outreach Team? *(which has planned such things as a Blood Drive, Culver's Nite, etc.)*

We want to reach the community growing around us, and we are still committed to be "a Church for the Community!" (And if there is some other area you could picture offering your time and talents, please speak up!) Thank you in advance!

Coming up at St. John's:



Our Church Picnic is Sunday, September 13th, after a 9:30 Hymn Sing and a 10:00am Sunday service.

Come for the fellowship, good food, the popular basket raffle, bingo with prizes, kid's games and fun. Grilled brats and burgers will be served. ***Look for the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space to help by bringing a side dish or dessert for the picnic lunch,*** or just bring your favorite side dish on picnic day.

The Fun and Fellowship team is putting together a Bonfire/Firetruck night! You'll have a chance to see the big fire truck and watch a movie on the side of it. There will be snacks, games, movie, and a bonfire! Mark your calendars! Sunday, September 6th at 6:00 pm! See you around the campfire!

The Outreach for Hope Run, Walk and Ride is September 26th. Consider joining or sponsoring bikers, runners or walkers to help our Greater Milwaukee Synod raise funds for food pantries, gardens, after school programs, medical clinics and others in the Milwaukee area. Donations can be made at <https://outreachforhope.kindful.com/?campaign=1410559>, or see the pledge to sheet support St. John's team.



The goal for Ruth Circle's LWR Personal Care Kit challenge is in sight! If you haven't joined in there is still time to help by donating a regular size bath towel (not oversize) or bars of soap before the end of September. Help Ruth Circle reach their goal of sending 140 care kits to Lutheran World Relief to help provide basic care necessities to people in need in the US and around the world.

Our St. John's Quilters are collecting flat or fitted sheets to use as backing for their beautiful quilt creations. Sheets may be left in the collection box in the Quilting Room, or given to any quilter.

Estate planning information sessions will be offered in October. If you have questions about your will or trust, don't have a will, or are interested in methods of charitable giving, sign-up in the Gathering Space to attend informal estate planning sessions. Ron Phillips, a church member and recently retired attorney, will answer questions and help you decide on the best approach to your estate plan. Sign-up in the Gathering Space to be contacted about the October sessions.

Giving and Expenses as of August 1

General Fund

Offerings:\$20,666 Expenses:\$18,197 YTD Giving:\$127,500 YTD Shortfall:\$15,596

+ Missionary Sponsorship: Offerings: \$710 YTD: \$4,180 Goal for 2026: \$8,000

+ELCA Benevolence/Mission Support:

Offerings: \$ 854 YTD: \$ 6710 Goal for 2026: \$18,000

+ELCA Hunger Appeal

YTD: \$ 4490 Goal for 2026: \$4,000

+Building and Grounds Fund: Offerings:\$ 3,066 Expenses:\$ 3,720 YTD Giving:\$ 21,867
Balance:\$18,707



Getting to Know You...

Ron and Lynn Phillips

Ron and Lynn Phillips are about as colorful, lively, and active a couple you could ever meet, so it's no wonder they love to entertain. They're "people-people" through and through!

They met at the Piggly Wiggly in Cedarburg, where they started out as friends with a common interest in country music—at the time, Ron played with a local country band called Neon Moon. Nowadays, in addition to their love of music, they enjoy gardening, good wine, and cooking together. But in between, there has been a lot to life that set the stage ...

Ron was born and raised in Seattle, and graduated from Seattle's own version of a UW with a degree in acoustic engineering and then went on to Marquette Law School (that is *quite* the leap!). He's the baby of the family, with a brother named Jimmie Joe Jr. (Ron did get the better name) and a sister. Though retired, he still practices law in Wisconsin and the state of Washington, "when he feel like it." He's an amateur ("ham") radio operator as well as a musician; he plays guitar and bass—and keyboards on the rare occasion—mostly noodling in the basement practice room as time allows but has no intention of ever returning to hauling band equipment from bars at 3 a.m.

Also originally hailing from the northwest part of the country, Lynn was born an Army brat at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, just 11 months after her parents adopted twin girls—so for one month each year, the sisters are all the same age. Lynn grew up in West Bend, attended West Bend East High School, and then studied radiology at Lakeshore Tech. She wound up starting a successful cleaning and catering company that turned out to be far more flexible and rewarding, though, and now puts those catering skills to good use when throwing their own fabulous parties. (Lynn is also the maker of the fantastico tiramisu served at St. John's annual Italian Dinner in recent years.) An eclectic style is baked into Lynn's personality, and so she has been an antiques and estate sale dealer for many years—and their garage overfloweth because of it. Oh, and she still plays a mean tambourine and shaker. So together, Lynn and Ron literally are an entertaining duo!

The couple has three children: Tony (Jenny), Danielle, and Amanda and three grandchildren aged 8–15. Ron and Lynn enjoy going to their grandkids' hockey and baseball games regularly, and help with carting them around as needed. Their home has a small herd of mini dachshunds, who always bark and need attention—but that just helps make life a party!

Fun Facts:

- A la "Blues Brothers," Ron once played a club that had several bullet holes in the wall behind the stage. (Perhaps it'd be safer to slow jam with the praise band at church!)
- Lynn has the honor of being the 80th grandchild born in her family. That family reunion must be the size of a small town!
- Ron got pulled over by police outside of Jericho (yeah, *that* Jericho: the one where the walls came tumbling down).
- Mum's the word: Lynn has an unbroken record of never discussing adopting a new pet before doing so.
- Add writing software programming books to Ron's repertoire of fascinating "hobbies." It's not so much a fun fact as it just underscores he's a credentialed nerd.

Happy Birthday!

September	1	Logan Cook
	2	Judy Durr
	3	Steve Henrichs
	3	Elizabeth Kison
	4	Jack Stern
	5	Paul Mittermaier
	6	Angela Pickart
	7	Bruce Beuscher
	7	Beth DeChant
	7	Terry Legate
	7	Jennifer Olafsson
	7	Amy Reid
	8	Lisa Brennan
	8	Butch Callun
	8	Brooklyn George
	8	Rick Guslick
	8	Chris Guslick
	10	Debbie Gramza
	13	Joe Liberatore
	13	Jack Lippold
	14	Tracey Corlett
	15	Emmaline Guslick
	16	Terry Christopherson
	16	Lydia Hauser
	16	Colin Russ
	17	Del Worden
	20	Scott Reid
	21	Barb Jonas
	21	Ann Radloff
	22	Kaylee Brice
	22	Joel Heidtke
	24	Scott Anders
	26	Garry Basing
	27	Jackie Dhein
	28	Peter Jackson
	29	Jessica Frank
	29	Karen Kraemer
	29	Lindsey Stern
	30	Bonnie Puestow

Congratulations!

September Anniversaries

Lucas & Nicole Lemberger	September 2	9 years
Jim & Amy Meyers	September 3	32 years
Matt & Rebecca Hauser	September 8	8 years
Shad & Kristy Young	September 10	21 years
Mike & Keri Kraus	September 11	33 years
Rick & Gale Loehrl	September 13	46 years
Mike & Jenny Starzman	September 14	30 years
Eric & Jennifer Olafsson	September 15	25 years
George & Jenny Niles	September 16	3 years
Roger & Donna Lamberg	September 16	65 years
George & Dianne Liberatore	September 16	54 years
Paul & Katie Ziemer	September 17	10 years
Rich & Cindy Uhlig	September 20	18 years
Del & Sue Worden	September 20	18 years
Scott & Pam Adams	September 24	43 years
Charlie & Kristin Jones	September 24	10 years
Dan & Eileen Mack	September 27	29 years
Aaron & Tracy Weninger	September 29	14 years
Scott & Beth DeChant	September 30	31 years
Roy & Mary Glocke	September 30	54 years

September Serving Schedule

September	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27	Oct 4
Reader	Eileen Mack	Reuben Heidtke	Brittany Moeller	Amy Reid	Katie Schott
Communion	Laura Hahn	Peter Uhlig	Laura Bartelt	Pete Kutzora	Sarah Stoecker
Assistants	Jim Hahn	George Liberatore	Darlene Wanta	Robin Kutzora	Laura Bartelt
Usher	Judy Henrichs	Kelly Strnad	Skip Bartelt	Bukovics	Skip Bartelt
Usher	Tim Kiernan	Will Strnad	Paul Stahl	Bukovics	Scott Novotny
Greeter	Sharon Kiernan	Dianne Liberatore	Adelynn Guslick/Pam Stahl	Emily & Ben Hollister	Diane Holter
Power Pt.	Wendy Wolf	Staci B/Klay	Scott D/Chris	Wendy Wolf	Wendy Heidtke
Facebook	Scott Kinter/Jack Z	Staci B/Klay	Scott D/Chris	Jack Ziegelbauer	Raj Singh
Cantor	Kassi Wolf	Jim Hahn	Linda Grosser		





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St. John's Lutheran Church
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**Sunday September 13th - 10:00 Church Service
followed by St. John's Church Picnic**

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

