

May 18/19, 2024



“Because I have sinned against Him, I will bear the Lord’s wrath, until He pleads my case and upholds my cause. He will bring me out into the **light**, I will see His righteousness.” Micah 7:9

LIVING IN THE LIGHT THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SATURDAY (18)

5:30 PM Worship

SUNDAY (19)

8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship **Graduates Recognized**

9:15 AM Adult Bible Class

9:15 AM BLASTT

9:15 AM Jr/Sr High

Jr/Sr. High Youth Group 5-7pm

MONDAY (20)

Beginning Bible Prayer Journaling 3 pm

Bible Prayer Journaling 6 pm

TUESDAY (21)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:30 Friendship Center Board Mtg

10:00 AM Stitching Blessings

**** 1:30 pm Thrift Store Bd mtg. (note time change)**

Scouts 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY (22)

9:30 AM Women’s Bible Class

Shut Ins 4 Pastor 1 Fawn

1:00 PM Card Party

TS Work Night

THURSDAY (23)

FRIDAY (24)

6:30 AM Men’s Breakfast Bible Class

SATURDAY (25)

5:30 PM Worship

SUNDAY (26)

8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship

9:15 AM Adult Bible Class

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: SAT: 79 E: 95 L: 84 TOTAL: 258

Confirmation Sunday



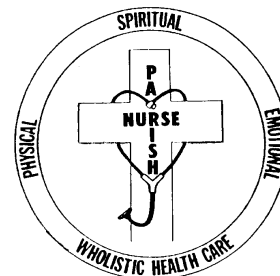
Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar this week by Rich and Nancy Jogerst in honor of their 30th Anniversary!

PARISH HEALTH NOTES

IN ONE DAY OF YOUR LIFE.....

- ✓ Your heart beats 103, 689 times
- ✓ Your blood travels 168,000,000 miles
- ✓ You breathe 23,040 times
- ✓ You inhale 438 cubic feet of air
- ✓ You eat 3.25 pounds of food and drink 2.9 pounds of liquid
- ✓ You lose in weight 7.8 pounds of waste
- ✓ You perspire 1.43 pints
- ✓ You speak 4, 800 words
- ✓ You move 750 major muscles
- ✓ Your nails grow .000046 of an inch!



We are truly fearfully and wonderfully made!!

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
Psalm 139:13*

CHRISTIAN ONE LINER For millions of men and women, the church has been the hospital for the soul, the school for the mind, and the safe depository of moral ideas. ~ Gerald Ford.

SAVE THE DATES!! NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IN PROGRESS! Physical sign up for the new pictorial directory is in the hallway after each service. On-line signup for time slots still on-going, grab an instruction sheet from the hallway table. On-line signup available Monday through Saturday. Physical signup on Sundays or by calling the church office. Picture appointments to be scheduled from June 26-29.



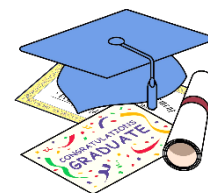
WE WILL ALSO BE NEEDING HELP WITH HOST/HOSTESSING DURING PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS. We will soon have a sign up for 2 hour time slots to greet and keep photography sessions running smoothly.

PRICING SHEETS are in the hallway so you can check out the packages ahead of time. No surprises on the day of the photo session. Knowing what you want ahead of time will make your viewing time shorter.

We welcome any church snapshots of events and happenings from the last months to add to our pages. Please submit snapshots to church office, preferably digitally by email to office@stjohnslena.org

BLESSING OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ON MAY 19th During our Weekend Services we will be celebrating with our Seniors (*), their accomplishments, and a milestone in their lives. We will also have the opportunity to share in a service of blessing. Our graduating seniors this year are:

***MOLLY AMENDT** Le-Win High School
BRADY AURAND Le-Win High School
CAMDEN BURKE Le-Win High School
***CIERRA HATELACK** Le-Win High School
ELI KLECKLER Le-Win High School
* **NATALIE MCNUTT** Le-Win High School
* **FAITH OFFERMANN** Le-Win High School
ARI PAISLEY Le-Win High School
OMAR PAISLEY Le-Win High School
ISABELLE PAULSEN Le-Win High School
***JACOB SCHUMACHER** Le-Win High School



OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

GABRIELLE BRINKMEIER UW-WHITEWATER
CARTER DAWS
HUNTER DAWS

SARAH BURANDT Daughter of Dan and Lisa Park, graduated from University of Iowa with a Masters in Business Administration. Sarah is married to Paul Burandt. They have a 2 yr old son, Lucas and they reside in Dubuque, IA.

PHONE DIRECTORY We are currently working on a new Phone Directory for 2024. Please check the current Phone Directory for your information and let the church office know if there are any changes. (Soon!-thank you)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



SHUT-INS: We visit with our shut ins both in their home or in local facilities. Would you please pray about becoming a part of this ministry? We rotate and each volunteer's turn comes up about once every other month. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. If you have a heart for our shut-ins and would like to get to know them a little better, join our team.

MAKE-A-SMILE CARDS FOR LENA LIVING CENTER – We are hoping to have

JUNE Cards, using a FATHER'S DAY theme, donated next. If you are creative and are a card maker, please be a part of this wonderful venture and **please include a sentiment or Bible verse inside the card.** A basket will be placed on the table, outside the office, for your beautiful creations and we will get the cards to Good Shepherd Church who in turn will get them to the Activity Director at the Living Center **around the 10th of each month.** Thank you in advance for your willingness in being part of this venture. For questions, please contact the church office.



*“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

*All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each **Steward** must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.*

LENA AMERICAN LEGION

A breakfast is being held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024 at the Lena American Legion Home, 316 W. Main St., Lena, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. It is being served from 7:00 am to 9:30 am—come eat breakfast and then attend the memorial service. **Serving:** Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, coffee cake, fresh fruit, juice, milk and coffee. \$5.00 under 10 and \$10.00 over 10. Carryouts available.

FROM THE LENA LIVING CENTER - OUTDOOR CONCERT PLANNED FOR AUSTUST 21ST, 2024. Various artists to perform, refreshments for sale including cakes, pies, and ice cream from the Udderly Delicious Ice Cream truck from Stockton, IL. Save the date on your calendar. More detailed information to follow.



St. John's is hosting Vacation Bible School (VBS) August 5-9th!

- **We are currently seeking volunteers to help be crew leaders and general helpers.** This includes kids entering into 6th grade to older adults. Please contact Lindsay Bader at 815-291-9637 if you are interested in joining our volunteer team!



- Don't forget to check out our Amazon Wishlist for requested items; scan the QR code provided or visit the VBS page on our church website at stjohnslena.org for a direct link! There is also a general Wishlist posted in the church lobby. We are extremely grateful for your support!



HELP NEEDED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES The board is looking for someone to trim, 2 times a month, around the building and sidewalks. If you are willing to volunteer, parent/high school youth, please contact Derek Tessororf or Kory Gerbick

SIMPLY GIVING - Simply Giving is a great way to give your regular offerings to St. John's. Your regular offering can be electronically transferred eliminating the need for you to write checks and you'll never forget your offering. It is safe and protects you. The Board of Finance will record your offerings for your IRS records the same as they do now. To join those at St. John's who are already a part of the Simply Giving family, give Michelle a call and she will get you set up. It's a great way to "bring the best of the first fruits...to the house of the Lord your God." Exodus 23:19

PART TIME OFFICE HELP NEEDED: The Board of Elders is taking applications for a part time secretary's position here in the office at St. John's. The desired candidate will work approximately 20 hours/week (with a somewhat flexible schedule), be proficient in MS Word, greet visitors/answer phones, schedule those who serve during worship, and be willing to learn and use new software when needed. Above all, this individual must have an active relationship with Jesus, be joyfilled, organized, and relationship oriented. For a more detailed job description and application, please call the church office at 815-369-4035.

Thank you to those who have filled in this past week answering phones and helping with office tasks. Kathie Levan and Judy Zier.



Monroe Clinic Hospice is now
SSM Health at Home

ssmhealth.com

WALKING THROUGH GRIEF SUPPORT

GROUP Grief is natural but can be difficult.

Sharing your journey with others facing a similar challenge may help you find peace. This six-week series is for adults (ages 18 and older) who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group explores the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing, while providing a safe place to share your questions and experiences with others. June 5-July 10, 2024, Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm **SSM HEALTH AT HOME OFFICE**, 1905 5TH Street, Monroe, WI 53566.

This is a free event. Space is limited. Please register online at ssmhealth.com/events or call 608-324-1143.

CHANGES COMING WITH OUR MEDIA TEAM In the coming weeks, there will be changes in how our worship is loaded and projected onto the screens during worship. We will be using new software which will require some training on its use. If you already serve by running audio or video during worship services, YOU are on our MEDIA TEAM. Thank you for all your service! With the new software, all SOUNDBOARD operators will need to have training in using the new software. We also need to ask for addition people interested in learning the new software and serving at various times throughout the month. Please pray about this. Running Sound/Video board is just another way to serve God with our time and talents. If you would like to learn more please call the church office. Soon we will be setting up a training session(s) so we can all start out on the same page.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THRIFT STORE – The Thrift Store is very much in need of male volunteers on Thursdays and Fridays to work in the back room at the store. Please pray about this need and if you are interested, please contact Michelle Rothschadl or Cheryl Boeke.

