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OUR MISSION

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January 15, 2023 NEWS

VOTERS MEETING TODAY

There will be a voters meeting today around 11:30am (after the 10:30am service) to approve budgetary adjustments, which includes tuition cost, and discuss teacher calls.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As our mission statement says, "Christ is committed to us, so *through* him we commit to connect families to him through excellence in education...for learning, for life, forever." At any time, but especially during these times of economic uncertainty, paying the tuition to attend St. John school can be a financial burden which prevents some of our members from enrolling their children in our day school. To make attendance at our school possible for all our St. John Church families, a Tuition Assistance Fund has been established. Gifts to this fund provide help to all our families who demonstrate financial need. To make a gift to the Tuition Assistance Fund, you may use any envelope, write "Tuition Assistance" on the envelope and put it in the weekly offering plate. (Please be sure to write your name on the envelope if you would like it posted to your annual contribution statement.) You may also stop by the office to make such a gift.

MLC SCHOLARSHIP

Another way to connect our families to Christ through excellence in education is to provide teachers and pastors. Martin Luther College has four students from our congregation attending. If you would like to support them in preparing for their ministry, you can make donation by writing "MLC Scholarship" on any envelope and put it in the weekly offering plate. (Please be sure to write your name on the envelope if you would like it posted to your annual contribution statement.) You may also stop by the office to make such a gift.

DATABASE SPECIALIST

The WELS Center for Mission and Ministry (CMM) is seeking a database specialist. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/bdzfza4t>.

YOUTH NIGHT AT PEACE

Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie is hosting a WELS Youth Night on **January 29** from 5-7:30pm. There will be music, keynote, small groups, food, games, and prizes. Peace is located at 1007 Stonehaven Dr. Sun Prairie and the event is open for 7-12th graders. Questions? Call Bill Sergenian at 608-512-9253.

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We meet the third Tuesday of the month in the fellowship hall. Starting **January 17**, we will begin the meeting at 6:30pm. Pastor Meyer and the ladies from St. Paul's in Marshall will also be joining us. If you are interested in promoting the mission work of WELS why not check us out.

OWLS GOES TO THE MOVIES!

But it's not to watch a movie, it's to see and hear how they're made! Right down the road here, in Fort Atkinson. The company is called "Salty Earth Pictures" and as you might guess, since Jesus used the words "You are the salt of the earth", the movies and DVDs they create and distribute around the world are Christ-centered. The newest--2023--is the story about "An under-cover agent and detective who became a pastor in the WELS." Salty Earth's Curt Backlund will tell us all about it at the next ROCK RIVER AREA OWLS meeting on January 17 (third Tuesday) at Bethany Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson. As always, the meeting starts at 1:30, is handicap accessible, lasts about two hours, and is followed by treats and time to socialize. Seniors who are retired and/or 55+ years are encouraged to become members and guests are especially welcome. You will find Bethany at 404 Roosevelt St, Fort Atkinson (just a block south off Hwy 12 (Madison Ave) on the west side of town). Use the search words "Rock River Area OWLS" to see our new YouTube video. For more information you may email dplocher@msn.com or call 920-478-7337.

SENIOR CHOIR

Sing to the Lord! Praise His name! There will be an organizational meeting and first practice for the St. John Senior Choir on Wednesday, **January 18** at 6:30pm. Even if you're not sure, come and try it out. We will meet in the church and practice until 7:30pm. Please come and join us! For further information you may contact David Haeuser dhaeuser@gmail.com or Karla Haley at khaley@stjohnwaterloo.com.

CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES

This year our Annual Membership and Board Meeting will be held the same day as the Santity of Life Sunday, **January 22**, at the Alpha Resource Center at 313 E. Main St in Watertown, WI. The meeting will run from 1:30pm-2:30pm and light refreshments will be served.

WISCONSIN HERD GAME

The Wisconsin Herd are proud to welcome WELS members for a night out at Oshkosh Arena as the Herd take on the Greensboro Swarm! All WELS members will be invited down onto the court post-game for a group photo, and shoot free throws. Upon checkout, enter your congregation name to receive a videoboard shout-out at the game! The game is on **January 28** at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo.me/welsherd>.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL...

“A Prayer Lesson” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. With Jesus’ disciples, we, too, implore, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord’s Prayer from memory.

CALENDAR

Monday 1/16	Tuesday 1/17	Wednesday 1/18	Thursday 1/19	Friday 1/20	Saturday 1/21	Sunday 1/22
No School (Teacher In- service) 7pm Worship	1:30pm OWLS 3:30pm BB Practice 6:30pm LWMS	10am Highland House Bible Class 4pm PSCC & TBC 6:30pm Senior Choir Practice	3:30pm BB Practice 7pm Bible Class	Basketball Game @ home vs. St. John, Juneau	TSL Basketball Tournament	8am Worship 9:15am Bible Class Sunday School 10:30am Worship

PASTORS

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OFFICE HOURS

8am – 3:30pm
Monday – Friday