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through excellence in education
...for learning, for life, forever.



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Grace Overflows

It is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many! Romans 5:15b

A Beautiful Mind

What will my body be like in heaven? This question is half right. It is not bad to ask what the resurrected body will be like. But as usual we humans get stuck on the wrong issues. Will I be big, small, old, young, beautiful, or ugly? Will I recognize my husband or wife, children or parents? As usual, we ask the wrong questions. We are focused on external appearances, as though going to heaven is like the "ultimate make-over show;" a show starring me! Our heavenly condition is not a question of cosmetology.

The beauty of the heavenly Life given by Christ will be God Himself, not us. And that beauty will not be merely physical, for we shall be like Christ. We shall partake also the divine gift of a beautiful mind and soul. We grope for this in our homey truisms, "beauty is only skin deep" and "pretty is as pretty does." The greatest beauty in the world was the beauty of the Son of God, whose "appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness" (Is 52:14). Through marring self-sacrifice Christ lives the most beautiful life. Thus His wounds are yet visible, though glorified. This too is a mystery that the marred person is the most beautiful. We shall have eternity to contemplate it.

In heaven even the deepest mystery of the faith will immediately be clear to us. We will no longer merely think on these things and marvel at their depths, we shall contemplate them and plumb those depths. Our eternity will thus be filled with contemplation of the true theology and constant praise of God that springs from such contemplation. For theology and doxology can never be separated. For now, we praise what we cannot fully contemplate, then we shall know as we are fully known. The knowing of God means that we shall fully know when in His presence. In the meantime, we grope toward those depths of understanding as God permits us. For now, we shall often be awed into contemplative silence in the presence of the mysteries of the holy Trinity. Augustine confesses this by saying that his book *On the Trinity* is more endeavor than success, more groping than reaching.

Rev. Dr. Scott Murray, Memorial Moment

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Quick Notes

Sunshine Committee will meet Tuesday, May 2 at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. We plan on writing notes to several shut-ins and high school students.

LWMS will meet Tuesday, May 16. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be in a movie? On May 16, Tammy Paschke, a member of Our Redeemer in Madison, will be here to tell us what it was like to be an extra in a movie. Tammy and her husband, Ned, were part of filming the "The Chosen." Everyone is invited to hear her presentation! The show starts at 6pm with a meeting to follow.

Dorcas Society will be meeting on May 31, at 12:30pm for their luncheon at the Barrel Inn in Marshall. The meeting will follow at 2pm.

Monthly Newsletter Articles Due

- * All articles for the June Monthly Newsletter are due in the office by **May 12!**
- * Email your article to: office@stjohnwaterloo.com.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries list can be picked up in the tract rack, located in the church narthex.

Movie Night will be on May 17 starting at 5:30pm with snacks served! The movie will start at 6pm.

Free Will Offering

St. John will hold a door collection for "New Beginnings" on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers in Milwaukee, provides a loving and supportive place for single mothers to start a new life. This Christian-based residential setting is designed to help new mothers become responsible parents - by raising their new babies in a caring environment.

Offering Envelopes

Thank you for your patience during the time when we did not have offering envelopes delivered to your homes. Who knew there were so many creative ways to make an envelope!

Going forward, the church council has decided to alter our envelope situation. We want to be good stewards of the many gifts God has given us and be efficient with the process at the same time. To help eliminate waste and to cut back on expense, we will be doing loose envelopes that will be available to pick up at church instead of mailed to your home. This process will also eliminate any delays due to production issues, trucking accidents, etc. like we just experienced.

Many things are still the same! The four funds still remain, with an "other" line where you can mark any unlisted funds. This would include tuition assistance, WELS Institutional Ministries, WELS Kingdom Workers, Luther Prep, MLC, etc. The biggest difference is providing your name and membership number (which many of you know due to the recent lack of envelopes). You could also take a stack home so you don't always have to fill it out at church. A cover letter will be provided when the envelopes come to help explain the process.

As always, you may still give on Givelify, which is under the "Give" tab on our website. The link provided on the envelope via QR code is also to Givelify.

"Your blood has washed away my sin; Jesus, thank you. The Father's wrath completely satisfied; Jesus, thank you. Once your enemy, now seated at your table; Jesus, thank you!" CW21: 615



Membership Number: _____

Name: _____

Please mark the appropriate boxes:

- General Budget _____
- Missions and Synod _____
- Lakeside Lutheran H.S. _____
- Building Fund _____
- Other (please specify): _____

Offering given online at
stjohnwaterloo.com



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John 3:16, 2 Cor. 9:15

Call Update

Our congregation has been actively working to fill some of the vacancies here at St. John school. Here is a quick recap on all the calls that were sent out over the past couple of months. Please keep all these individuals in your prayers as they either continue to serve where they are currently at or will be making a ministry change in the coming months.

Kathy Noelder returned the call to teach in our preschool. Becky Kuepers returned the call to serve as our preschool director and teacher. Mike Krebs has accepted the call to serve as our 3-4 grade teacher starting next year! Mr. Busch accepted his call to be principal, athletic director, and teach grades 5-6. Mr. Boeder has accepted his call to teach grades 7-8 and serve as our technology director.

On Sunday, April 23, the voters approved requesting a graduate from Martin Luther College to fill one of the preschool teacher positions in the fall. By May 12, we will find out if we have received a graduate from MLC. *(And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:19)*

Annual Voters Meeting

May 7 at 11:30am
(after the 10:30am service)



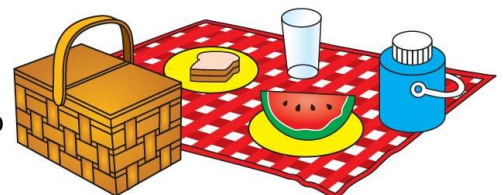
Ascension Service

May 18 at 7pm

Fly With OWLS to Our Newest World Missions

Rev. Andrew Ewings will take us around the world with the latest outreach opportunities God has given us in Africa, Asia and elsewhere as this former missionary in China updates us on our synod's "World Mission Expansion." He will present at the OWLS meeting May 16 at St Paul's in Marshall with its new Pastor Andrew Meyer. The church is located on State Hwy 73 just a block south off Hwy 19 in the village. As always, the meeting starts at 1:30pm, is handicap accessible, lasts about two hours, and is followed by treats and time to socialize. WELS and ELS people in our congregations who are retired and/or 55+ years are encouraged to become members, and guests are especially welcome. You may email dplocher@msn.com or call 920-478-7337 for more information about the Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors.

Mark your calendar also for the OWLS PICNIC at Aero Park in Watertown on July 18 (third Tuesday at 12:00pm noon). On the agenda for the May 16 meeting will be Officer Elections. The positions of vice-president and treasurer need to be filled. Due to advancing age and ability to get around, Dave and Naomi are stepping down. Nominations are open for the offices of vice-president and treasurer. Both are two-year terms. Please consider volunteering to serve Christ and his people in this way.



July—March 2023 Financial Report

Per the church and school auditors, and in an effort to be more transparent, efficient, and good managers with the Lord's resources, the books are in the process of being consolidated. 3K/4K expenses are included in preparation for the new fiscal budget.

Church Operating Income	332,617.03	School Operating Income	487,647.48	
Church Operating Expenses	(384,337.77)	School Operating Expenses	(473,378.85)	
Church Transfer	<u>(5,669.95)</u>	School Transfer	<u>5,790.15</u>	
Balance	(57,390.69)	Balance	20,058.78	
Remaining Balance:	School refurbishing	\$10,830.29	3K/4K preschool	\$0.00

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Twice is Nice

Shop

Look for some Mother's Day gift ideas! Did you know the store sells outdoor plants each spring? Stop in and check out the variety. Come check out the new spring/summer inventory.

Volunteer

Do any of these sound like an area you'd enjoy handling or being on a team of volunteers for? The training is easy, the work is fun and volunteers are oh, so needed! Please consider and give the store a call to hear more about it; ask for the day manager at 920-674-6868:

- Fall/Halloween items and/or costumes (sort, price, pack), Christmas (sort, price wall hangings, table tops, stockings, hats), Coats (sort, price), Sporting goods, Children's clothing 2T to 5T

March 21, 2023 Church Council Highlights

Executive Board: Starting loose envelopes to be picked up in church instead of being mailed to members.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Esmay is keeping track of holy week. Pastor Adomeit requested vacation time for specific weeks in April and May.

Membership Changes In: None.

Membership Changes Out: None.

Member Care Board: Third Wednesday of each month is movie night. The living tomb and children's sermons were discussed.

Board of Christian Education: Calls were made, changing of grades and teachers.

Properties Board: Need congregational approval for refurbishing the church. Bid for heating updates in the school will be coming.

Ministry Support Board: New methods for hearing services in church and discussed balcony piano.

Approved a free-will offering for New Beginnings on Mother's Day.

Next meeting is on Tuesday, April 18, at 6pm.



CLASS OF 2023

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

High School

Lakeside Lutheran

Chelsea Gumz
Juan Gulrud
Allen Lester
Celia Straubhaar

Marshall

Makenna Baumann

Waterloo

Jordan Cook
Krystal Fleischman
Jacob Soter
Gracie Wiechmann

St. John Grade School

Olyvia Dominguez
Audrey McMahan

The faculty and Board of Christian Education would like to commend the eighth grade class on their accomplishments here at St. John and wish them God's blessings as they continue their education. May you always remember the love of the Lord Jesus as you were taught at St. John.

Seek his will in all you do and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:6

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Faculty

Daniel Busch - Principal & 7-8
Sophia Dorn - Grades 5-6
Allan Boeder - Grades 3-4

Tara Winecke - Grades 1-2
Erin Krebs - Kindergarten
Kerri Esmay - Director & 3K/4K
Emily Brusenbach - 3K/4K

Staff

Whitney Baumann - Administrative Assistant
Karla Haley - Office Assistant

John Skalitzky - Custodian
Shari Kiesow - Head Chef

2022-2023 Church Council & Board Members

Congregational Officers (Executive Board)	President	- Eric Haley	920-988-8389
	Vice President	- Ron Draeger	920-478-3868
	Treasurer	- Steve Leistico	920-988-3557
	Secretary	- Don Gay	920-253-8775
Member Care Board:	Chairman	- Bob Topel	920-988-3230
Properties Board:	Chairman	- Jeff Sellnow	920-988-8845
Ministries Support Board:	Chairman	- Jonathan Schoemann	920-478-2722
Board of Education:	Chairman	- Tony Bosnak	920-630-0022
Lakeside General Board:	Members	- Ryan Skalitzky	608-513-6515
		- Todd Schleef	920-285-4221
		- Larry Holzhueter	920-285-3963