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### **OUR MISSION**

Christ is committed to us, so *through* him we commit to connect families *to* him through excellence in education...for learning, for life, forever.

## **January 28, 2024 NEWS**

### **THANK YOU!**

A sincere thank you to Jerry Baumann. After countless years of unmeasurable dedication and commitment to our congregation's audio/video program, Jerry Baumann has decided that as of the end of January 2024 he will step down from his current involvement within our church's A/V program. Jerry has been involved with the program's start up and operation since its beginning so many years ago. Please take a moment to thank Jerry.

### **ST. JOHN SCHOOL GARDEN**

This spring we are looking to add a school garden here at St. John Lutheran School. Which we believe will enhance our National School Lunch Program with improved quality of vegetables and a variety of produce --all grown by the students. With overall inflation, supply chain issues, increased transportation costs and a disturbingly high number of recalls of tainted produce, growing as much of our produce as we are able, makes sense. The Federal school lunch program now agrees. Additionally, with the Biblical themes of planting, harvesting, and caring for the land (Proverbs 28:19), this will provide us with a wealth of teaching opportunities for the children to grow in their understanding of God's Word and in their environment. We're hoping to purchase stock tanks and convert them into raised beds for planting. The size of the tanks is student friendly, arrive ready to fill with soil, and reduce the need for weeding. The vegetables grown would be fresh, nutritious, and increase the possibility of students wanting to eat more vegetables -- especially since they grew and harvested them. The school garden will be financed by donations. So, if you would like to donate to this project, it would be very much appreciated. Seeds and plants are already donated. Please mark your donation: School Garden. If you have any questions, please contact Susan McDermott at 608-279-7795.

### **ARE YOU A MASTER GARDENER?**

If anyone in the congregation is a member of the Madison Area Master Gardeners Association or knows of anyone in the area that is a member of the association, please contact Susan McDermott at 608-279-7795. She will be writing a grant for funds for the new School Garden.

### 3K/4K OPEN HOUSE AND APPLICATION AVAILABILITY

Registration is now open for families in our congregation looking to enroll their child into our 3K/4K program at St. John. Applications can be found on our website or picked up in the front office. Ms. Kamps and Mrs. Hoefler will be holding a preschool open house on Saturday, February 10 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. This open house is for anyone interested in our preschool program. Please stop by and learn more about our Christ-centered education at St. John! If you have questions, you can speak with Principal Busch or Ms. Lauren Kamps.

### FROM ELSBETH FUCHS

A very heartfelt thank you to one and all at St. John Waterloo for all the cards, phone calls, visits, and gifts for my birthday. Thank you again. With love to all, Elsbeth Fuchs.

### OPPORTUNITY!

Looking to get out of the house for a little while every once in a while? We may have just the thing for you! St. John's Lutheran School and Childcare Center in Watertown is seeking full or part-time individuals to assist other childcare staff in Toddler (18-24 months) and Two-year-olds (24-30 months). If you are interested in helping in a small way or a large way please reach out. This does not have to be an everyday commitment or even a full day commitment. We would gladly appreciate the help of any kind. Ways you may be involved could be changing, playing with, talking and singing to, and loving these precious children. St. John's mission is to provide high quality care and education in a loving, learning, and nurturing environment. For more information or to apply, please contact ECM Director Karla Opperman at [kopperman@stjohnswatertown.org](mailto:kopperman@stjohnswatertown.org) or call 920-261-3756.

### TWICE IS NICE NEWS

What a year! So many milestones in 2023: our 30th anniversary, a store manager brought onboard to keep us going strong, several new volunteers, and most recently, finding out we surpassed \$1.055 million in register sales in the 12 months of 2023. Keep visiting us and finding those fantastic bargains; keep considering how you might become part of our vital, fun-loving volunteer corps. We're open 10-4 Monday through Saturday, and close only for major holidays and when Lakeside closes because of severe weather. We're just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the Hwy 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine St in Jefferson. Thank you for shopping local and small for the big deals!

Volunteer: We continue to have many spots for new volunteer faces, with specific need in Fall/Halloween, Christmas (yes, already! sorting and pricing of wall hangings, tabletops, stockings, hats) Coats (sorting and pricing) and Sporting Goods. We have the training and time slot you need to be a part of our team. Could you gather a couple friends from your congregation and volunteer for a day or more each month to receive or sort? Call 920-674-6868, ask for Megan.

Sales: Next Buy-One-Get-One-Free Book Sale will be Friday, **February 1-10**. Valentine items are 50% off **February 8-14**. We continue to accept donations at the back door from 10-3:30 any day we are open. Keep on visiting us on the west side of Jefferson in 2024!

## 2024 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, **February 17**. This year's theme is based off of Galatians 5:13 – *You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.* Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word! Additional details and registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org).

## OPEN JANITORIAL POSITION

The school is looking for an assistant janitor for up to 20 hours a week. The position would be to clean the upstairs of the school during the school year. Start time would be 3pm, and would consist of cleaning bathrooms, vacuuming, taking the trash out, sweeping floors, and anything else our main janitor needs help with. For more information please contact (call/text) Gavin Peck at 608-669-0747.

## CALL MEETING RESULTS

On January 14, our church was blessed to call Pastor Matt Grunewald to service as our second pastor here at St. John. Please keep Pastor Grunewald and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve God's people. You may reach him at [grunewam@gmail.com](mailto:grunewam@gmail.com) or 507-993-8994.

## CALENDAR

Monday 1/29	Tuesday 1/30	Wednesday 1/31	Thursday 2/1	Friday 2/2	Saturday 2/3	Sunday 2/4
<b>3:30pm</b> Basketball Practice  <b>6:30pm</b> Senior Choir	<b>3:30pm</b> Basketball Practice  <b>3:45pm</b> Combined Band Practice @ St. Paul's, Lake Mills	<b>10:30am</b> Highland House Bible Class  <b>2pm</b> Dorcas Society  <b>4pm</b> PSCC and TBC	<b>3:30pm</b> Basketball Practice  <b>7pm</b> Bible Class	<b>5pm</b> Wildcats vs. St. Peter @ Home		<b>8am</b> Worship  <b>9:15am</b> Bible Class Sunday School  <b>10:30am</b> Worship  <b>6pm</b> TLC

### PASTOR

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### SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Eric Haley – President  
Tony Bosnak – Board of Education

### PRINCIPAL

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### OFFICE HOURS

7:30am – 3:30pm  
Monday – Friday

### PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 8am-12pm (noon)