



St. John's Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

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THE GUIDE

Weekly Announcements and News from St. John's for

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Call Received:

Dear members of St. John's Lutheran, Burlington,

This letter is sent to you to acknowledge the Divine Call your voters have extended to me to serve as your next 5th and 6th grade teacher.

As I begin the process of deliberating the Calls I now hold, to Wisconsin Lutheran School, Racine, and now to your school and congregation, I pray for God's wisdom and guidance. I am confident that God will lead me to what is best to serve him and His kingdom. I look forward to the conversations that I will have with your members and faculty.

In Christ Alone, Mrs. Ahnsharee Klusmeyer

Sunday Morning Bible Study: We have resumed our regular schedule of Bible studies on Sunday morning. Sunday School and New Life In Christ will continue. Pastor Lahmann will lead the Adult Bible Class on the Gospel of John for the month of January, with the intention of doing so again in future Januaries (thus the name, John-uary). We encourage you to make it your new year's goal to attend worship and Bible study with great regularity in 2025, and we promise that blessings from the Lord will abound when you do.

Christmas Decorating Clean-up Thank You: Thank you to all who helped to clean-up our inside & outside Christmas decorations. Your help was much appreciated!

Men's Bible Study: Gentlemen, please come, grow in faith, and enjoy the fellowship of your church brothers. Classes are held Monday evenings from 5:30—6:25 pm in the church meeting room.

Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the church meeting room. They will begin a new study the of Job from Max Lucado's book *Ten Men of the Bible*.

Special Voter's Meeting Summary: A special Voters' Meeting to call a 5-6th grade teacher was conducted on Thursday, January 9. Pastor Kirk Lahmann presented a call list and briefly reviewed the available information about each of four candidates. The call list was accepted, discussion was held, and balloting was conducted. The voters cast a unanimous ballot to call Mrs. Ahnsharee Klusmeyer to be our 5-6th grade teacher.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class: The Wednesday Morning Bible Class is studying the Gospel of Luke. Please come and study the words and works of Jesus as recorded by Luke with your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ. We meet Wednesdays, 9:45-11:00 am, in the church meeting room or in a school classroom.

St. John's Women's Ministries Meeting & SLHS

Presentation: The next meeting for the St. John's Women's Ministries group will be on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm. Paul Scriver will present information about the Shoreland Lutheran High School Expansion Plan. Anyone interested in learning about this is invited to attend.

Church Council Meeting Summary: The Council met on December 19 to review and discuss Leader, Board and Team Ministry Reports. Dan Hahlbeck has agreed to represent SJB on the SLHS General Board. The School Board indicated that they have set the calendar for 2025-26 and will be discussing tuition soon. A Call Meeting for a 5-6th Grade Teacher was set for January 9. The Council heard a report from Steve Storm about security and emergency preparedness at SJB. Outreach Ministry is continuing their efforts to improve our website presence. The Property Board updated the Council and presented future projects to address ventilation issues causing plywood buckling on the roof and failing timbers in the bell tower. Family Ministry is looking for a leader or leaders to reestablish the FYSH group. The next Council meeting will be Thursday, January 16.

WELS Men's Retreat: The sixteenth annual Men of His Word Conference will again be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center on Saturday, February 8. Conference goers will get to attend three breakout sessions of their choice from a total of fourteen options. Information has been placed in your church mailbox or you may visit menofhisword.org for all the conference details. Music will be performed by the worship band Koine'. Don't miss a chance to spend an uplifting and motivating Saturday with 700 other Christian men with similar interests. For more information and carpooling details, contact Randy Dauffenbach (262-492-4708).

Outreach Ministry Meeting: The next Outreach Ministry meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm in the church meeting room. All are welcome! Save the dates for some upcoming events: St. John's School Art Fair & Open House (Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6:00-7:00 pm) and Shaping Responsible Behavior Presentation (Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:30-7:30 pm).

Find St. John's on YouTube: You can find our online worship services by subscribing to our channel, **SJB Videos** on YouTube. Our "Stream Team" live streams our 8am Sunday services. Shortly after the service concludes, the service video is archived online, so that worshipers can view either the live-stream or the archived video.

Lawn Mower Update: Our current 1970 vintage lawn mower has given us good service, however service and replacement repair parts are getting difficult to find. The Property Board had received two bids for a replacement mower before the last budget cycle, however, due to financial limitations, this purchase was deleted from the current budget. Much like our new dishwasher in the kitchen, the Property Board would like to would like to ask for funding outside of the budget for a replacement mower. If you have heart to support this effort, please contact Property Board Chairman Bob Musgrave, Bob Edgington, or Larry Zirbel.

St. John's Meal Drive Team: Consider being a part of the meal drive team at St. John's Church & School! We provide meals to those recovering from illness or injury, families welcoming a new baby, or those who need some extra help during a difficult season of life. This team will receive email blasts with an online sign-up when someone is in need of a meal. Please contact Meal Coordinator, Amber Johnson at amberjohnson.marie@gmail.com or 260-414-5392 with any questions.

Winter Skills Baseball Camp: Shoreland Lutheran High School will host a winter baseball camp for ages K-8th grade. Camp will be held for three Saturdays beginning March 1. For more information or to register, visit slpacers.org. Early registration deadline is February 14 and includes a camp t-shirt. Final registration is February 21.

Maintenance Reporting: The St. John's Property Board will utilize this system for reporting property / maintenance needs: when a need arises, St. John's members are asked to please fill out a maintenance form found on the small clipboard on the narthex tables; then place the form in the Property Board mailbox, located above the member mailboxes. Thank you!

Shoreland Lutheran High School Open House: Incoming and prospective students and families are encourage to attend the next open house at SLHS on Wednesday, January 29 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Take a tour, learn about the curriculum, STEM Academy, activities and meet the teachers, coaches and staff. Click this [link](#) to register or call SLHS at 262-859-2595.

Registration for Shoreland Lutheran High School: Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. If you are interested in your child attending Shoreland, please visit [slhs.us](#) (admissions tab) for an application.

Save the Date! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5, 2025 for Shoreland Lutheran High School's annual dinner auction, The Connections We Make. The theme is Roaring Twenties, complete with a themed dinner, live music & dancing! If you would like to help or donate an auction item, please contact Amber Wasurick (262-859-2595; wasuricka@slhs.us).

Monday, January 13: Counting Team 2

Sunday, January 19: Usher Teams—E & F Stream Team—Scott & Joel

January Altar Guild: Terri Edmundson (767-7409) & Cathy Borchardt (758-3546)

Please call one of the women listed if you will be placing a plant in the church in memory of a loved one or to honor an event. Please contact the church office if you would like the event listed in the Guide. Due to floral allergies, we would ask that you either choose a plant or artificial flowers to put in church.

St. John's Sunday School & Bible Studies

	Sunday School (Starts in the gym then moves to the classrooms)	Adult Bible Class (Led by Pastor Lahmann in the Meeting Room)	Membership Class (Led by Pastor Rodrigue in the School STEM Room)
Jan. 12	Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two	John-uary: The Gospel of John	New Life in Christ
Jan. 19	Mary and Martha	John-uary: The Gospel of John	New Life in Christ

Budget Update For Week 26 December 31, 2024

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	21,116	16,100	5,016	351,735	352,400	(665)	715,000
SLHS Expansion	6,200			10,920			
Capital Projects	1,680			52,363			
Unspent Funds for Capital Projects				64,309			

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How to Contact Your Staff
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Worship Schedule
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Mondays at 6:30 pm
Summer: Sundays at 8:00 and 9:30 am
Mondays at 6:30 pm
Live Streaming on YouTube (SJB Videos) every Sunday at 8:00 am