

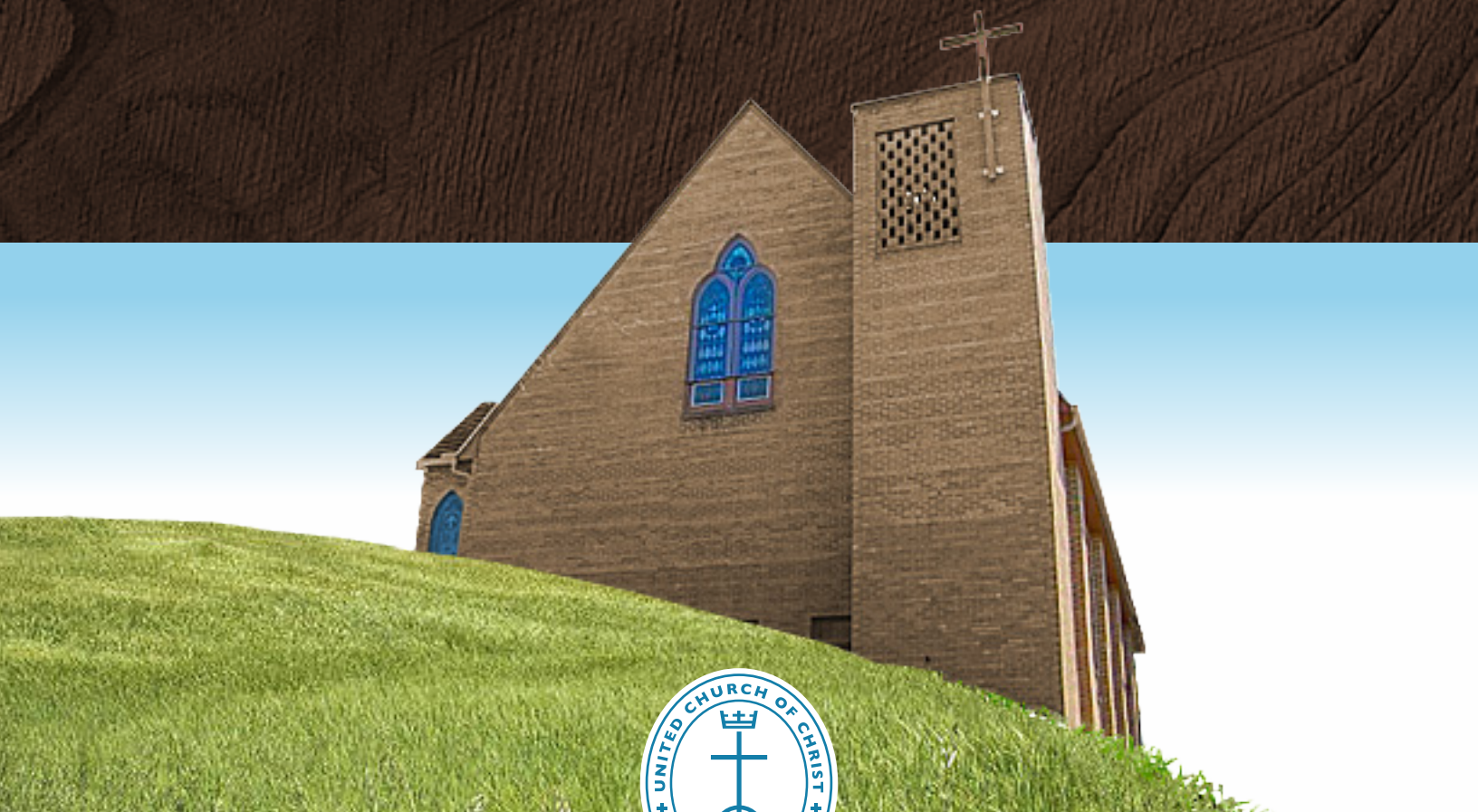


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# Digital Newsletter

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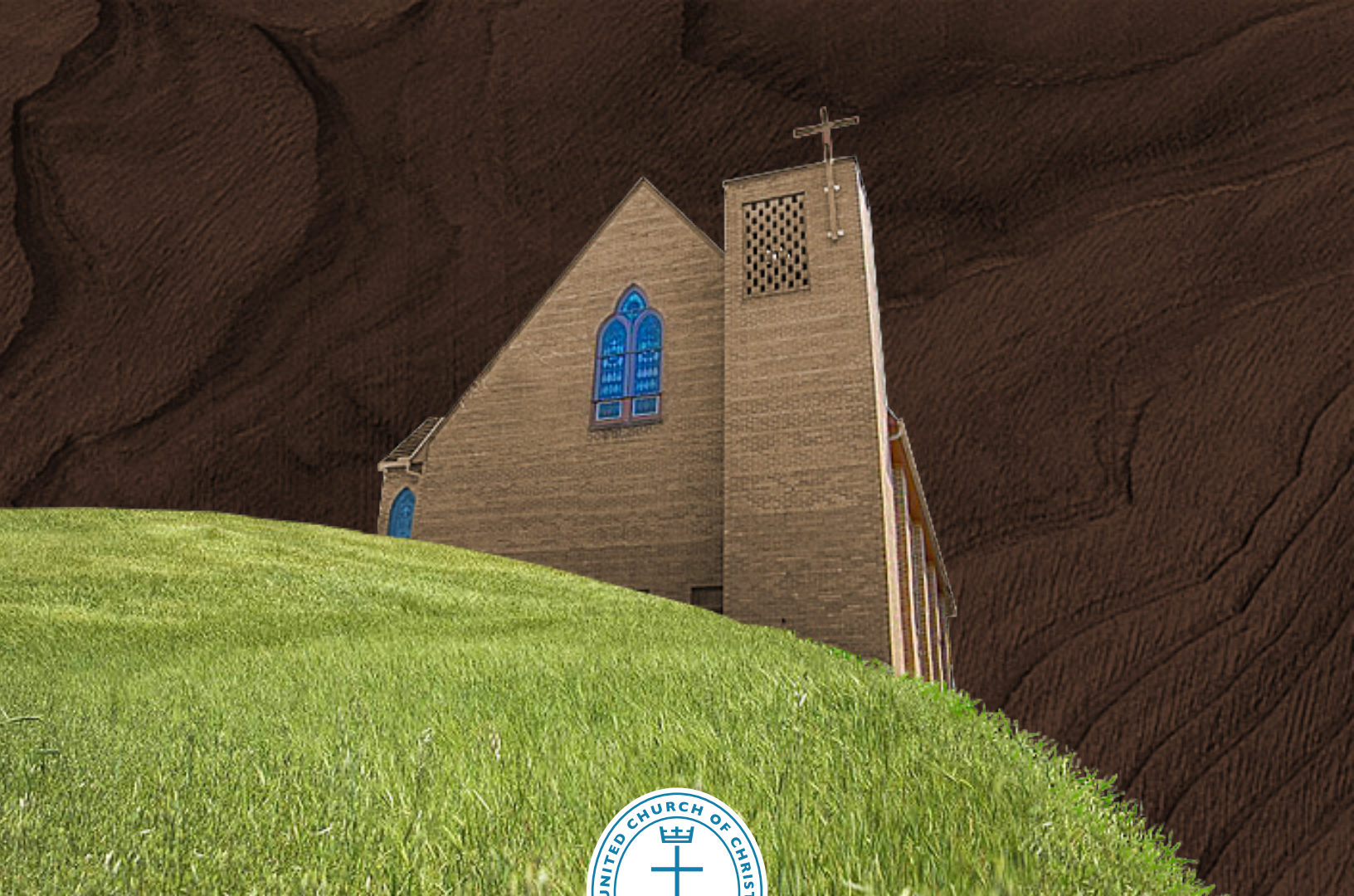


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# Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

We offer two options for worship on Sundays: in person or online. Whether you prefer to worship from the safety of your home or with others, we at St. John's want to make sure you get the spiritual encouragement you need. Join us in person each Sunday at 10:30am or watch a video recording of the online service. The service is not recorded live but is uploaded after the service has ended. We look forward to worshipping with you!

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# Letter From The Pastor

**January 2026**

We will observe Epiphany on Sunday, January 4 during the normal worship service. And in addition to our monthly communion, we will be continuing our recent tradition of sharing star words that during the service.

During the service those who wish can pick a “start word” – an intentions or guiding words for the new year. You will have the chance to randomly pick from the available stars. Your star word could be something that God is leading you to discover, deepen, let go of, or sit with over the next months. Put it someplace you’ll regularly see it (I put mine on my home computer) to remind you to regularly listen to how God might be using the word to speak in your life.

The practice is inspired by the story of the Magi who saw a star that ultimately led them to Jesus. We use these paper stars to remember God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us, by practicing looking for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight. They may also inspire us to see God in the world and our lives in new ways.

If you would like a star and are unable to be with us on the 4th please contact me. I will randomly pick a star for you and mail it or put it aside until you can pick it up.

At Christmas we celebrate that the Light has come into the world as one of us. Star words remind us that Light is still with us; sometimes we just need to remember to look.

God’s grace and peace.

**Pastor Deb Kunkel**

A heartfelt thank you for all the support, cards and prayers from everyone after my appendectomy. It was an early “Christmas” gift I would have preferred to have not received. But everyone who I contacted who quickly stepped in, was willing to step up if needed, and offered help were appreciated presents. Thank you all.



# Sunday Penny Collection

## First Sunday of the Month

The Church School Students will be collecting pennies the first Sunday of every month. This money enables the children to choose how their donations go to people or projects in our area or throughout the world.

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**



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## Online Calendar

### Visit Us Online 24/7

Please go online and visit our NEW easy to use website for current up-to-date, detailed event information. Our calendar is updated daily. Email us with any questions or comments.

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# Women's Guild Meeting

The St. John's Church Women's Guild Meeting will be after Sunday Worship Service.

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

- ✓ Women's Guild Meeting @ After Worship
  - ✓ Fountain City, WI
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# Consistory Meeting

The St. John's Church Consistory Meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

- ✓ Consistory Meeting @ 6:00pm
  - ✓ Fountain City, WI
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# Annual Meeting

The St. John's Church Annual Meeting will be after Sunday Worship Service.

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

- ✓ Annual Meeting @ After Worship
  - ✓ Fountain City, WI
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# Liturgists & Others Wanted

## Do you like to read during the service?

Then you will be happy to know that Pastor Deb is seeking liturgists. Liturgists will lead the Call to Worship and read the first Scripture Reading. If you would like to be included in the pool of liturgists or readers, please let Pastor Deb know or look for the sign-up sheet. Or do you like the spotlight or have a little bit of “ham” in you? Pastor Deb would love to have you join her in skits or dramatic monologues used on occasion during the service. Please let her know (all ages welcome.)



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## Stewardship

### Stewardship Moment from the Deacons

Stewardship is as important in today as it is in December.

From the Stewardship Theme last year we are reminded that stewardship is all year long.

**“Because of You our Church changes lives”.**

~ St John’s Church



# Food Shelf

## Businesses Of The Month: Eagles Peak Processing

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf

Eagles Peak Processing | Gilmanton, Wisconsin

Thank you very much!



**Eagles Peak  
Processing**



# Food Shelf

## Businesses Of The Month: Waumandee State Bank

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf

Waumandee State Bank | Heather | Fountain City, Wisconsin

Thank you very much!





# C-FC Area Food Shelf

## Report For December 2025

As part of our Stewardship as a church please consider a monetary donation or food donation for our Food Shelf here at Church. See list below of our most needed items. This summer and fall we have been much busier than usual providing food to people in need in our community. If we want to continue this service we do need your assistance to continue. Please put your donation of food in the green bin at church located in the Food Shelf room across from Pastor Deb's office or your monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to church with checks made out to [C-FC Area Food Shelf - St. John's Church, PO Box 130, Fountain City WI, 54629.](#)

### Donations Most Needed:

- |                      |                       |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| ✓ Toilet Paper       | ✓ Crackers (Saltines) | ✓ Canned Chili   |
| ✓ Canned /Ham/Salmon | ✓ Rice/Pasta Pouches  | ✓ Canned Stew    |
| ✓ Cake/Brownie       | ✓ Vegetable Spray     | ✓ Spices         |
| ✓ Muffin Mixes       | ✓ Brown Rice          | ✓ Applesauce     |
| ✓ Canned Frosting    | ✓ Juice Boxes         | ✓ Salad Dressing |
| ✓ Instant Oatmeal    | ✓ V8/Tomato Juice     | ✓ Ketchup        |
| ✓ Cereal (Healthier) | ✓ Boost/Ensure        | ✓ BBQ Sauce      |

**1st & 3rd Monday: 4:30pm - 6:30pm**  
**2nd & 4th Wednesday: 3:00pm - 5:00pm**



- ✓ 1146 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 28 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 41 Total People Helped
- ✓ 11 Children
- ✓ 11 Adults
- ✓ 19 Seniors
- ✓ 17 Households (1 Came Twice)

# Volunteers: January

## Ushers

Robert Guenther, Sherry Guenther & Ted Wilson

## Greeters

01.04.26 Adam & Jennifer Krause Family

01.11.26 Greg & Jessica Osborn

01.18.26 Steve & Sue Prussing

01.25.26 Karen Stettler & Ted Wilson

02.01.26 Karen Pehler

## Counters

Jessica & Greg Osborn

## Communion & Flowers

Jessica & Greg Osborn

# Financial Report

For detailed information regarding the financial standing of St. John's Church, contact the office to review financial documents.

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## Birthdays

Zach Wicka

Evan Osborn

Alexis Pyka

Ryan Clark

Polly Ratz

Nancy Malotke

Larry Muench

Brady Krause

Cody Wolfe

Sue Prussing

Phoenix Prussing

Faye Strelow

Claude Klein

Derrick Hammer

Lacey Korb

Lydia Engel

Mari Ligman

Matthew Schaffner

McKenna Osborn

Harriet Ziegler

Matthew Molback

Dale Schaffner

Jeanne Franz

## Anniversaries

Bruce & Nancy Malotke



# Other Special Events

## St. John's Church

Along with our Sunday Worship Service schedule, Pastor Deb's Office Hours, Consistory Meetings, Food Shelf Schedule and other recurring events. Below is a list of SPECIAL EVENTS located at St. John's Church and or the local area. Please contact us with any questions. Thanks again for all the support from volunteer and the community.



### **Penny Collection St. John's Church**

303 S Hill Street  
Fountain City, WI  
Starts @ 10:30am



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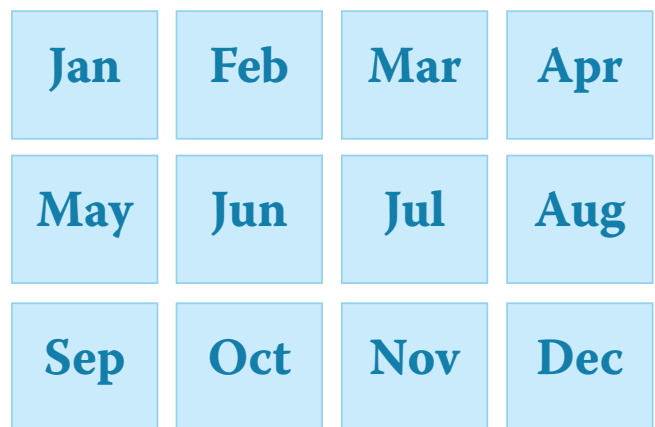
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# Prayer Requests

## St. John's Church - Pastor Deb Kunkel

Congregation members and non-members are encouraged to request prayers for times of need, comfort, healing, celebration and joy. If you would like a visit from Pastor Deb, please call her to set up a time today!



**Pastor Deb's Office Hours:**

Monday's Noon to 2:00pm  
Wednesday's 10:00am to Noon  
239.994.2528  
pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com

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