

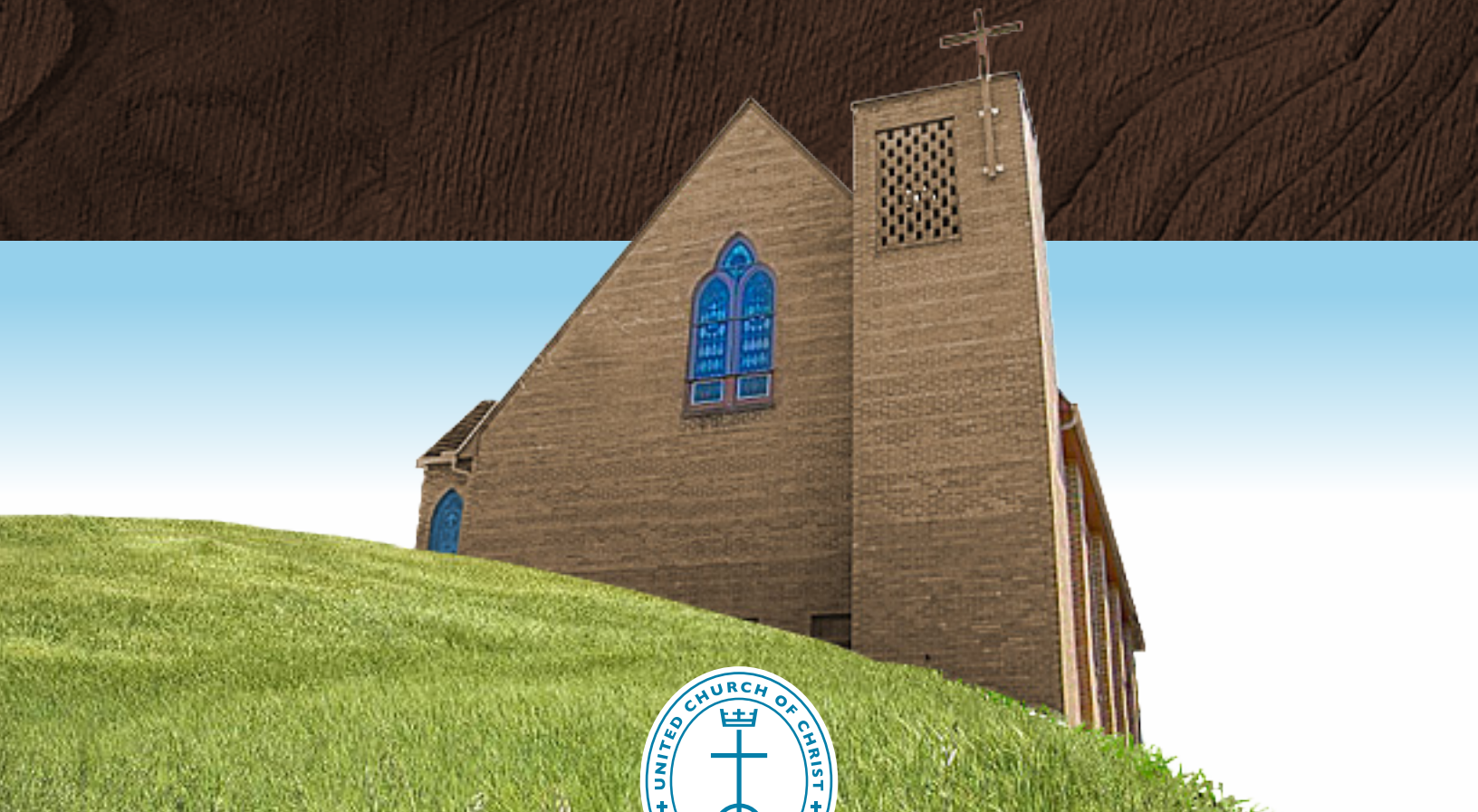


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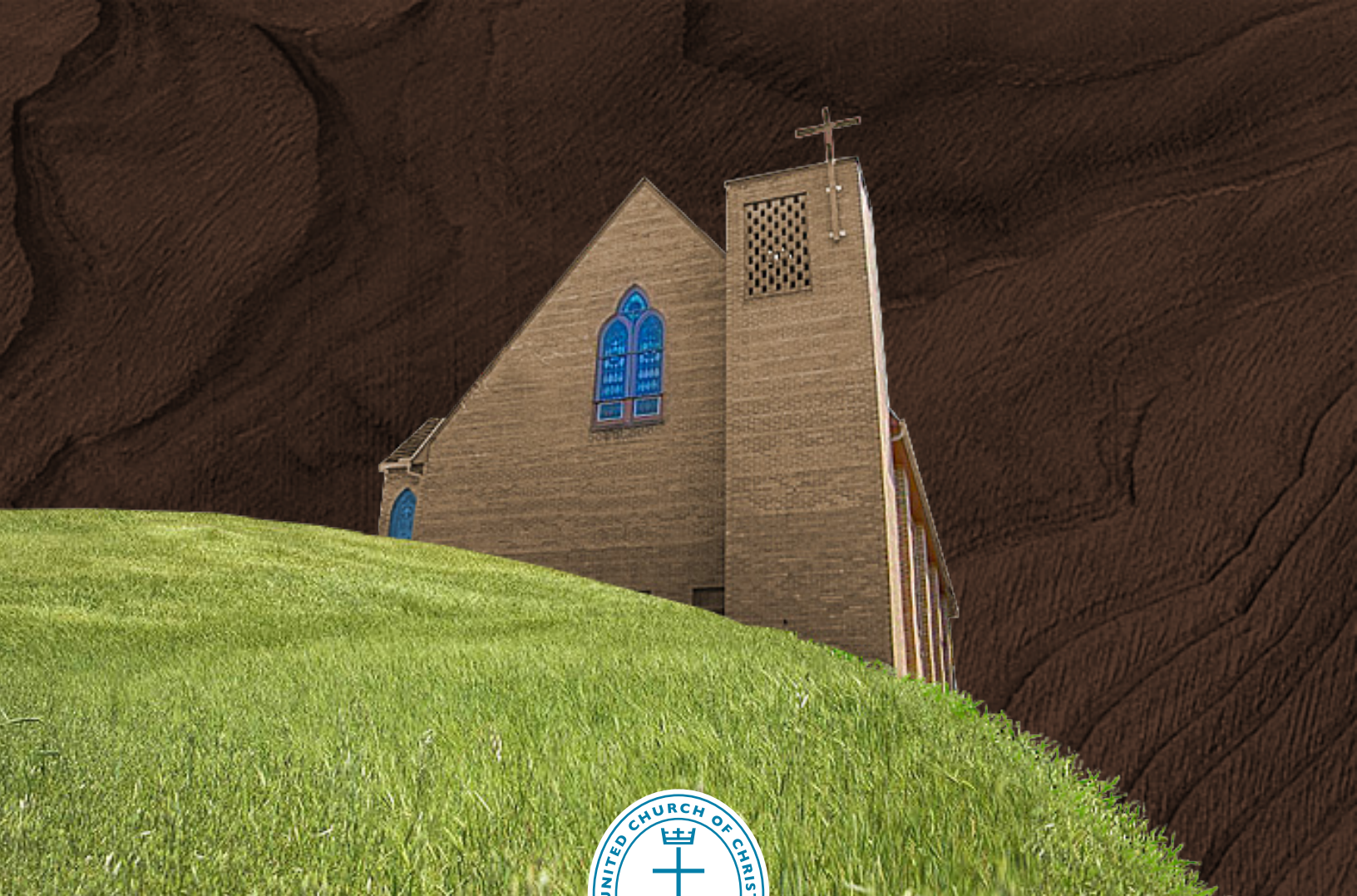
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

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 8:30am 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

April 2023

Holy Week starts on April 2 with Palm Sunday. We will have three special services during the week as part of observing this most holy time in the Christian calendar.

First, on Maundy Thursday, (April 6) we will have a joint service with both St. John's Church and Hope at St. John's Church at 6:00pm The service will be built around the sharing of a soup supper, so will be held down in Fellowship Hall.

The second service is the following evening on Good Friday, this time both congregations worshipping at Hope at 6:00pm As part of the service I will present a dramatic monologue. It is one I wrote imaging Nicodemus' wife perspective of Good Friday as described in the Gospel of John.

Finally, in addition to Easter Sunday services at the normal worship times, there will be a Sunrise Service at 6:30am at the Eagle Valley Church.

Recently I was part of a clergy discussion of whether Maundy Thursday and Good Friday should be incorporated into the Palm Sunday service, as some churches began doing. Many people can't make the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services now. They miss the full power of Easter morning, and of our faith missing these admittedly somber but so important times. The argument for combining everything into one service is that it gives the opportunity to hear the stories from those days. I was on the side of refraining from this, that there is too much to absorb in the story of Palm Sunday, and in the story of Jesus' last two days for it to be experienced in one service.

I don't say this to guilt anyone who you can't make it to these services. Life is so much different than even twenty years ago when it comes to family schedules. If you can't make it to these services, I understand.

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April 2023

I encourage you to take time each day of Holy Week to read a part of one of the gospels' account of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. If you have family or loved ones who can join you in this even better.

Whether you can make the Holy Week services or spend time in private devotion reading and reflecting on them from a gospel, I pray that the week holds new experiences of God's presence in your life and in the world. I pray that the stories of Jesus' love and willingness to meet violence with a "no more" to the point of death reveals even more the wonders of hearing on Easter morning God's NO to death having the final word in who we are.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

Contact Our Pastor

St. John's Church - Pastor Deb Kunkel

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday
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Consistory President Message

April 2023

Again, we come to the changing of the seasons. We welcome the coming of Spring (hopefully soon) and the coming of Easter. I personally love Easter time as much as Christmas. I love the music, and the story of the Resurrection of Jesus.

But with spring comes items we need to think about. First off, you may have seen that the gutters have fallen off the church. I have contacted the company that did our roof and gutters and they should be coming in the next couple of weeks to fix and replace the gutters.

Second issue that I want to bring up with the coming of Spring is the need for someone to mow the lawns this summer. Steve Prussing and Randy Boehm have graciously been mowing for the past years but want to step back and enjoy their summers. We have gotten a few quotes to mow the church and parsonage but I want to put it out there that if anyone knows of someone interested please let me or a consistory member know before the next Consistory meeting April 12, 2023

I would like everyone to pray for those members that have been ill, had accidents or had surgery or just been under the weather. Pray for them to have a quick and healthy recovery. And please pray, at this Easter time, for all people in the world that are suffering. That their lives become better.

God's grace and peace.

Dale Schmidtknecht

See All Letters & Messages Online Under The Worship Tab

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Sunday Penny Collection

First Sunday of the Month

The Church School Students will be collecting pennies the first Sunday of every month. We haven't done this in a long time and are anxious to start again. This money enables us to do donations to people or needy projects in our area or throughout the world.

Sunday, April 2, 2023



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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Stewardship

Stewardship Moment from the Deacons

Stewardship of the Earth is recognized Saturday, April 26, 2023 as Earth Day. Worldwide over 1 Billion people in over 190 countries observe Earth Day. As the Earth Sustains Life, it is Stewardship of the Earth that is needed to Sustain Earth. Each one of us knows what each of us can do. The next step is for each of us to keep doing it, Visit EARTHDAY.ORG.
~ Deacon John Stettler



Saturday, April 26, 2023

Bible Study

Jesus' Journey Towards The Cross

Lent itself is a time of spending time with the story of Jesus' journey towards the cross, as well as the impact his ministry still has today.

As part of diving deeper into that story, I am offering a 6-week Bible Study starting Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00pm at St. John's Church on the story of the last week of Jesus' life as told through the Gospel of Matthew. I hope you will join me. ~ Pastor Deb

6-Week Bible Study
Tuesdays
Starts @ 1:00pm

- ✓ **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**
- ✓ **Tuesday, March 07, 2023**
- ✓ **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**
- ✓ **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**
- ✓ **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**
- ✓ **Tuesday, April 04, 2023**

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6-Week Bible Study

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 2023 @ 8:30am

St. John's Church will have Palm Sunday Worship Service in Fountain City, WI.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Hope United Church is invited to join Worship Service with St. John's Church in Fountain City, WI.

Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 2023 @ 6:00pm

St. John's Church is invited to join Worship Service with Hope United Church in Cochrane, WI.

Eagle Valley Church

Sunday, April 9 @ 6:30am

Invitation: Hope United & St. John's to attend a Special Easter Sunrise Worship in Fountain City, WI.

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 9, 2023 @ 8:30am

St. John's Church will have Easter Worship Service in Fountain City, WI.

The Cake Auction Is Back!

Sunday, May 7, 2023

The Christian Education Committee is having their annual Cake Auction right after church in the Fellowship Hall. Tasty cakes, pies, and other goodies will be available for purchase. We look forward to your participation in baking and bidding. This is one of our favorite events & proceeds go to our Sunday School Program. A light lunch will be served by your Christian Education Committee.



Food Shelf

Report For March 2023

Can you give a couple hours a month and volunteer at the St. John's Food Shelf? Put a note in the offering plate this Sunday or reach out to Pastor Deb or Linda Clark at 715.495.5282. Thank you to our current volunteers! We are trying to help as many people possible!

Donations Most Needed:

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

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



- ✓ 259 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 14 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 18 Total People Helped
- ✓ 00 Children
- ✓ 11 Adults
- ✓ 07 Seniors
- ✓ 11 Households (1 Came Twice)

Cub Scout Pack 310

Special Food Shelf Collection Drive

St. John's Church Food Shelf has received a wonderful donation from local Cub Scout Pack 310 this month. The Cub Scouts held a terrific Collection Drive for us. Everyone here at St. John's Church and all the Volunteers sincerely appreciate the Cub Scouts for helping the community.



Cub Scout Pack 310
Cochrane - Fountain City
Wisconsin

Food Collection Drive
Scouts Pictured Outside:
VFW Post 10406

When you're a kid, fun comes first. Final exams, driver's ed and summer jobs will arrive soon enough. Cub Scouts lets kids have fun while teaching them skills that will help them later on. From the thrill of shooting an arrow to learning how to transform a block of wood into a race car, Cub Scouts is one thrill after another. With a program expertly tailored to match each age in a young boy's life, Cub Scouts learn that even when fun isn't easy, it's always an adventure. In Scouting, everything has a purpose. And it shows kids that doing their best is the most fun of all.

Volunteers: April

Ushers

Tom Ruben, Sandy Ruben, J. Muench & L. Muench

Greeters

04.02.23 Mary Schmitt & Donna Beck

04.09.23 Dale & Jenny Schaffner

04.16.23 Larry & Joanne Muench

04.23.23 Bryan & Laura Madsen Family

04.30.23 Hope United Church Service

Counters

Randy Knecht

Communion & Flowers

Sue Schaffner

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

Autumn Schaffner

Gary Sutter

Donna Beck

Jacob Guenther

Jessica Osborn

Mickki Prussing

Amber Morse

Ruth Ehmcke

Jenny Schaffner

Becky Vestal

Sally Ratz

Vira Mae Engel

Jenny Krause

Katie Wachowiak

Brent Skroch

Hale Madsen

Becky Kamrowski

Carol Colbenson

Bob Baures

Mary Kirchner

Sherry Guenther

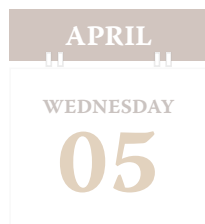
Ethan Osborn

Eyan Knecht

Confirmation

Confirmation Class Schedule

We offer Confirmation class for middle or high schoolers. This process which includes class meetings, service opportunities, leading worship, and other activities created to fit the needs and interests of each particular class. Our youth will be enriched by these conversations and planning so that we can welcome them into the journey of our life together.



Confirmation Class

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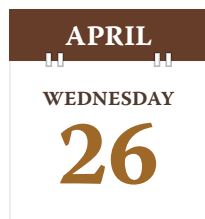
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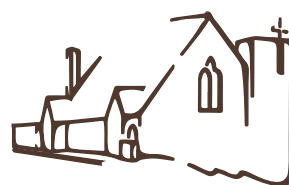
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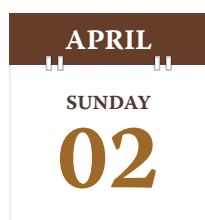
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Other Special Events

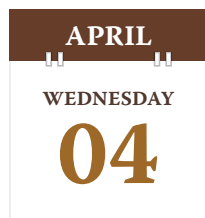
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Along with our Sunday Worship Service schedule, Pastor Deb's Office Hours, Consistory Meetings, Food Shelf Schedule and other recurring events. Below is a list of SPECIAL EVENTS located at St. John's Church and or the local area. Please contact us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



St. John's Church Penny Collection

303 S Hill Street
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Starts @ 8:30am



St. John's Church Bible Study

Final Class
Fountain City, WI
Starts @ 1:00pm



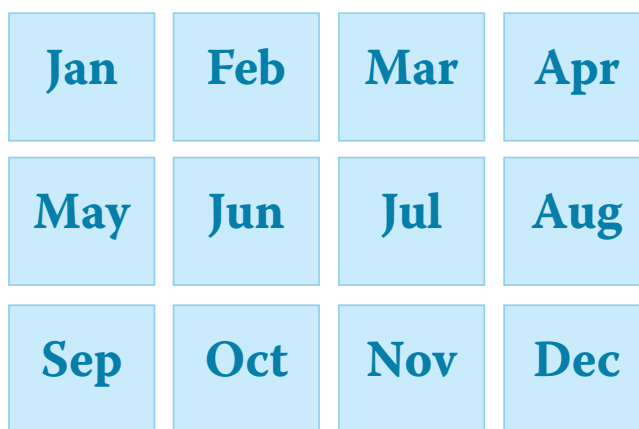
St. John's Church Consistory Meeting

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Starts @ 6:00pm



Hope United Church Fifth Sunday

Invitation
Cochrane, WI
Starts @ 10:30am



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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 you like a visit from Pastor Deb, please call her to set up a time today!



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