

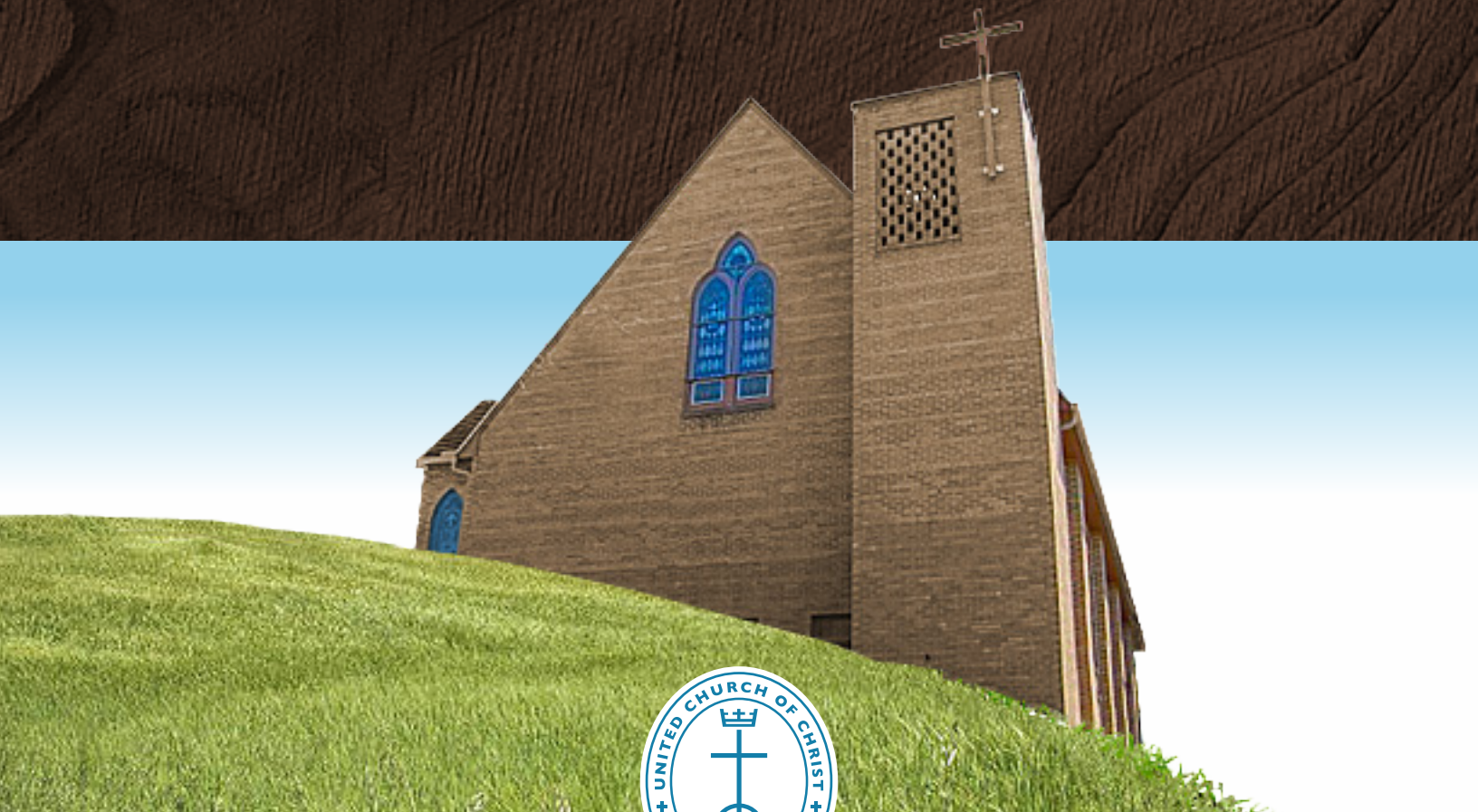


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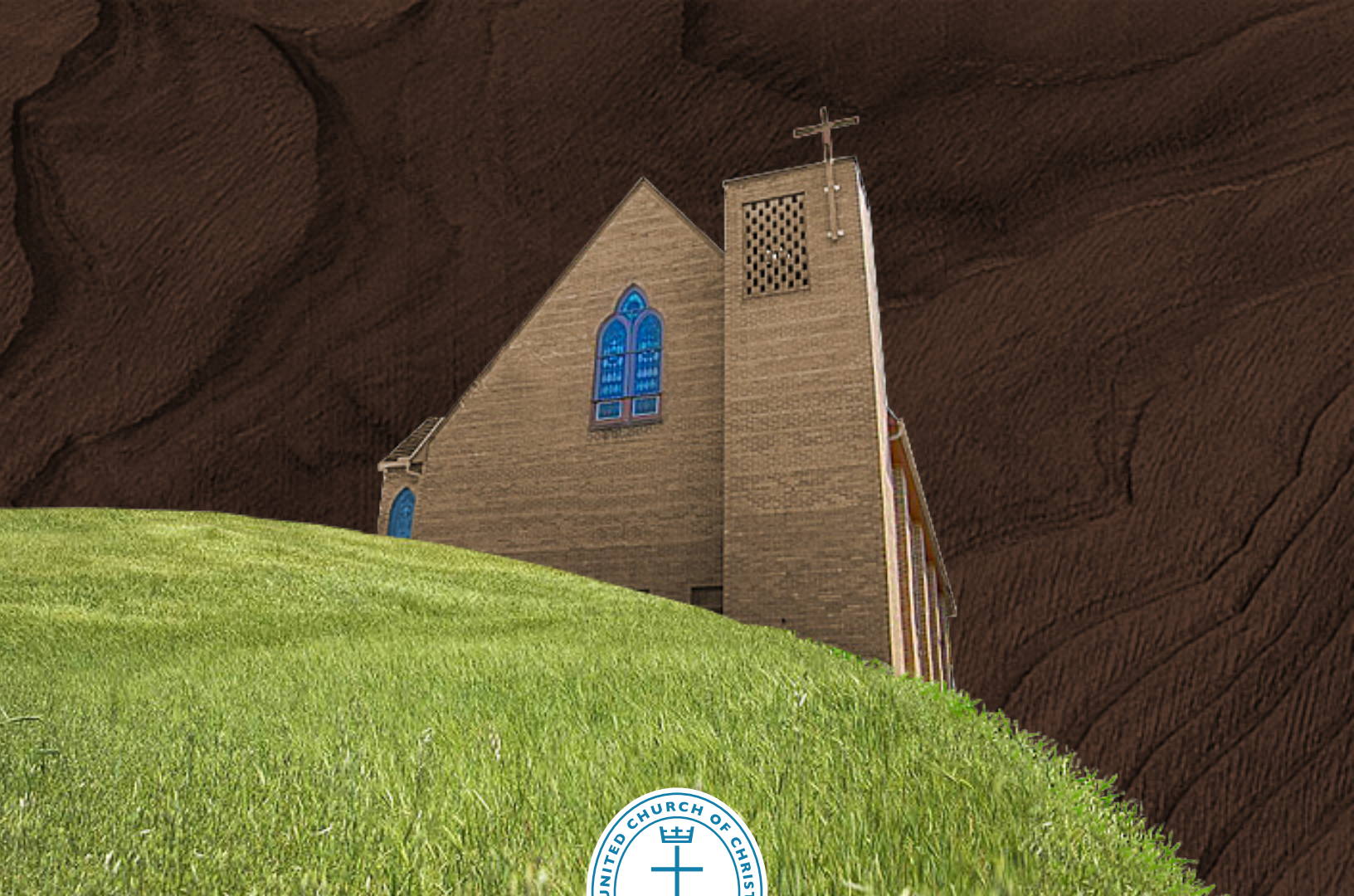
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Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

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

May 2026

The Consistory has authorized the forming of a task force to draft a Safe Church /Abuse Prevention Policy. Once completed, they will submit it for review and final approval by the Consistory.

Those of you who have worked with children, youth or vulnerable adults are well versed in these policies (I have been helping churches develop such policies for over two decades.) For those who may not be familiar: these policies primary aim is to put in place guidelines and standards to deter actions that would not make a church a safe place for children, youth, and vulnerable adults. It is not a 100% guarantee. So it also clearly lays out the reporting process including the denomination and if necessary legal authorities. Many insurance companies are requiring this as part of the agreement for coverage, and that trend is increasing.

The scope of what the policy will cover will be part of what the task force will consider. Some cover the basic areas listed above, while others include areas such as general social media policy, emergency response procedures, and/or conflict resolution guidelines for conflicts between members.

At its heart, a Safe Church/Abuse Prevention policy is part of fulfilling our charge as churches to care for the most vulnerable among us as Jesus does. Their mere existence is often a deterrent for “bad actors” targeting the congregation or its members. And if the policy doesn’t, it provides the steps to help prevent anyone with such ill intent from being able to do damage.

If you would be interested in serving on this task force, please let me know. We are still looking for a couple of people. Because this is a church policy the task force will only include members of the congregation. However, friends and spouses of members who have experience are invited to give input once the process begins. I estimate this to be about a three or four meeting process, depending on the task force members’ familiarity with developing such policies.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please see me.

God’s grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

The Cake Auction Is Back!

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Bring your checkbooks and your appetites with you for the Annual Cake Auction which will be held in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. 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.



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.

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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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Food Shelf

Businesses Of The Month: St Mary's Catholic Church

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf

St Mary's Catholic Church

Thank you very much!



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C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For April 2026

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

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



- ✓ 1253 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 37 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 34 Total People Helped
- ✓ 08 Children
- ✓ 13 Adults
- ✓ 13 Seniors
- ✓ 16 Households (2 Came Twice)



Most Needed Donation Items For May 2026

- ✓ Stews & Chili & Spam
- ✓ Saltines
- ✓ Vienna Sausages
- ✓ BBQ Sauce
- ✓ Ketchup & Mayo
- ✓ Salad Dressing

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Volunteers: May

Ushers

Greg Osborn, Neal Schaffner

Greeters

05.03.26 Karen Pehler

05.10.26 John & Naomi Schmidtknecht

05.17.26 Erich & Liz Hoffmaster

05.24.26 Dave & Sue Schaffner

05.31.26 Derrick & Amy Hammer

Counters

Sandy & Tom Ruben

Communion & Flowers

Sherry Guenther

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

Faye Conners

Riley Ratz

Bert Schaffner

Ivy Mohlke

Beverly Engel

Michelle Holliman

Don Stettler

John Stettler

Paul Ehmcke

Jan Schaffner

Kashes Franz

Jo Muench

Sandy Ruben

Byron Hoch

Kathy Bowman

Angeli Engel

Luke Schaffner

Tyson Ely

Blake Maier

Chelsea Clark

Deanna Wiersgalla

Loren Ziegler

Mike Schmidtknecht

Tina Schowalter

Jacob Jandro

Gunner Eckelberg

Jeanne Fugina

Ken Engel

Carl Brommerich

Anniversaries

Paul & Ruth Ehmcke

Marvin & Carol Colbenson

Mark & Tiffany Schaffner

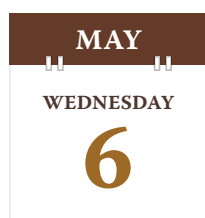
Brian & Lisa Wolfe

Neal & Diane Schaffner

Choir Practice

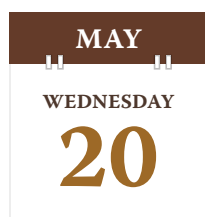
1st & 3rd Wednesdays Of The Month

St. John's Church will have Choir Practice on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays Of The Month starting at 6:30pm in Fountain City, WI. Do you have ideas of things the Choir could try? Please share your thoughts on new ideas for musical offerings for our congregation. Please contact us with any questions or comments.



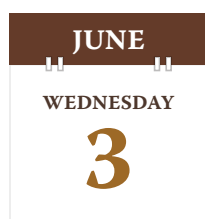
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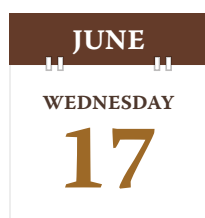
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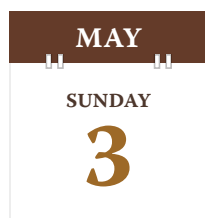
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Other Special Events

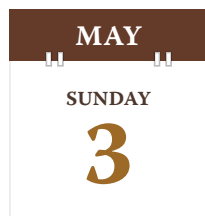
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Along with our Sunday Worship Service schedule, Pastor Deb's Office Hours, Consistory Meetings, Food Shelf Schedule and other recurring events. Below is a list of SPECIAL EVENTS located at St. John's Church and or the local area. Please contact us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



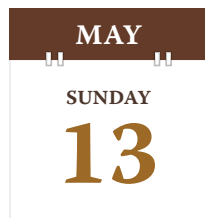
Penny Collection St. John's Church

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Starts @ 10:30am



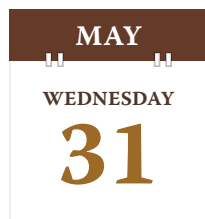
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After Worship



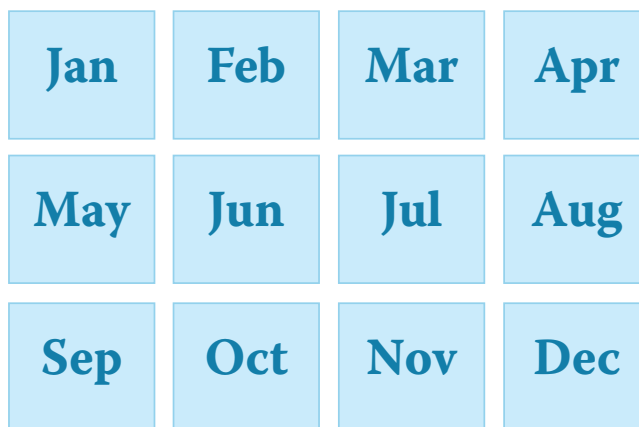
Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

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Fifth Sunday Joint Worship

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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!



Pastor Deb's Office Hours:

Wednesday's 10:00am to Noon
239.994.2528
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