

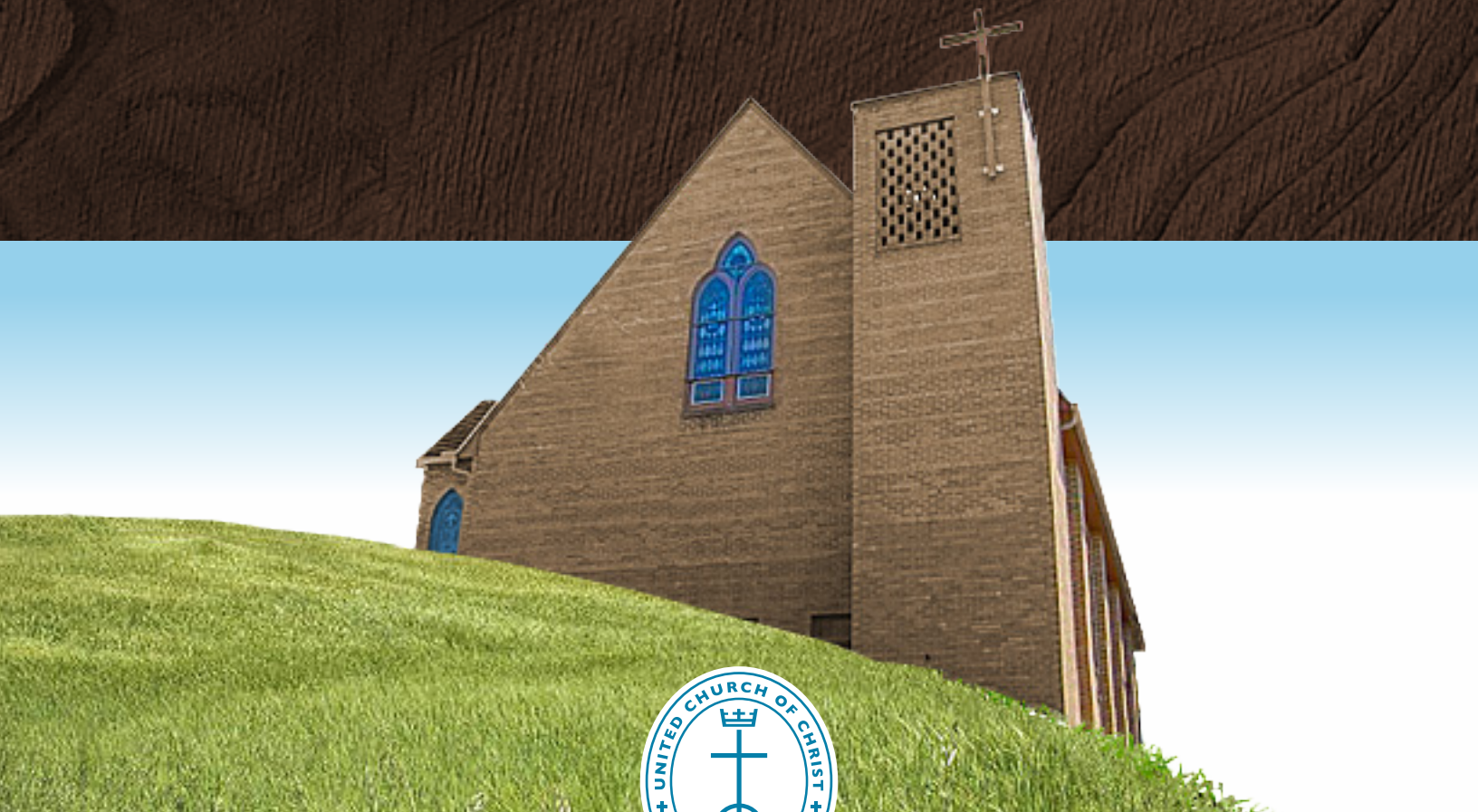


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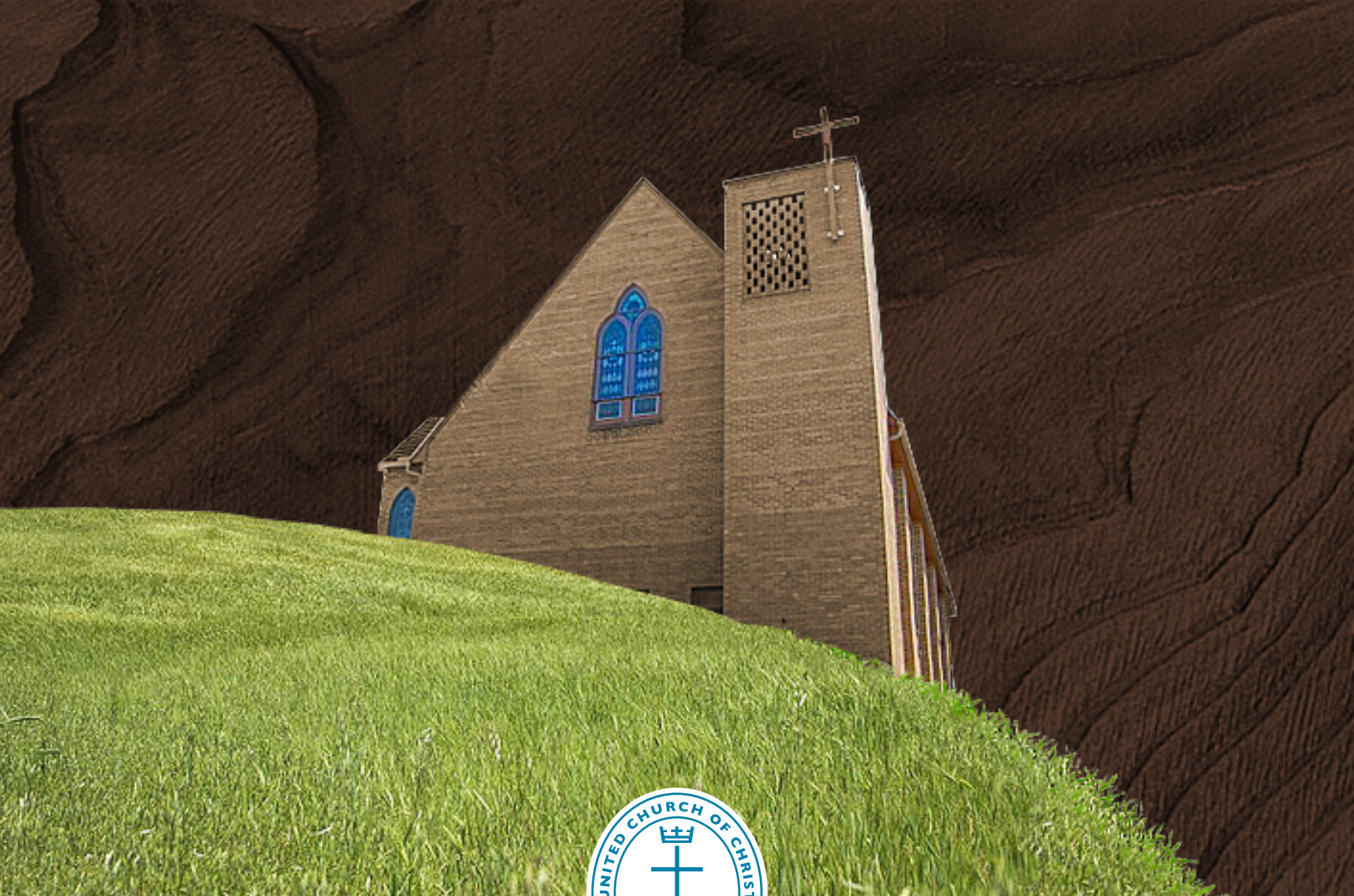
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Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

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

July 2023

As we turn the calendar to July, we are well into the hazy, lazy days of summer (made hazier by the smoke from the Canadian wildfires.) Normally this is a time that church life slows to a crawl. But as I look over the upcoming two months, there is still plenty happening in addition to our services.

- First, St. John's Church will switch worship times with Hope United Cochrane, and begins meeting at 10:30am starting July 2, through until the last Sunday of June 2024.
- Saturday, July 22 is the next evening Vespers service at Eagle Valley Church at 7:00pm. followed by refreshments. The service opens with a hymn sing.
- Sunday, July 30 is our next "Fifth Sunday" joint service with Hope United Cochrane. It will be at St. John's Church at 10:30am. It will be a "hymn-centric" service. If you haven't already, please let me know via email one or two of your favorite hymns by July 17. I'll tally up these requests along with the ones submitted on the June 25 and July 2 bulletin inserts, then build the service around these hymns for us to share.
- Sunday, August 20 Hope United Cochrane has again invited St. John's Church to join them for their service at 10:30am followed by their Annual Social outdoors (weather permitting.) We will not hold a worship service at St. John's Church that morning.
- The following week, Sunday August 27, St. John's Church is invites Hope United Cochrane to join us for the annual service at Eagle Valley Church at 10:30am followed by lunch in the shelter. (Whether this will be a potluck or food provided will be announced in the August newsletter.)

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Letter From The Pastor

July 2023

I hope to see you at one or all of the special services and social gatherings. Whatever you do, I hope it is blessed by God with joy, safety and the reminder of the love of God and this faith community with you.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

Congratulations to Naomi (Fogel) and John Schmidtknecht who were married here on June 24, 2023. May God bless their union with joy, devotion and love.

Contact Our Pastor

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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, July 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

Pause

He watched a ball
Tossed high in the air
Move slower and slower,
Its energy depleted.
Motion stopped;
A pause.

He watched the ball
Change direction
After the pause.
Gravity energy;
Downward acceleration;
External force prevailed.

Perhaps a parallel
He wondered.
When life energy causes
A pause.
Time to reflect.
Exposes a knowing
To increase life momentum
Toward its purpose.



Perhaps St. John's Church over the last several years was the cause to pause. Our time since then to reflect and increase momentum toward its collective purpose. ~ Deacon John Stettler

C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For June 2023

Can you give a couple hours a month and volunteer at the C-FC Area Food Shelf located at St. John's Church in Fountain City, WI? 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!

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



- ✓ 570 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 21 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 27 Total People Helped
- ✓ 01 Children
- ✓ 12 Adults
- ✓ 14 Seniors
- ✓ 17 Households (3 Came Twice)

Investment Committee

Update (1 of 2)

Do you have any questions or comments for the St. John's Church Investment Committee? Please contact any member of the Investment Committee if you have any concerns. The following report was posted on July 1, 2023.

- After several months of discussion, deliberations, and investigation by the Investment Committee, we have determined that the church has not received the maximum return on its investments. The committee is sharing with the rest of the congregation the changes that they made listed below. The changes took effect immediately.
- The church will now employ a financial advisor and a money manager whose expertise will benefit the church's return. The committee has retained Edward D. Jones' Winona office for that purpose.
- Except for the Bicentennial CD, all moneys previously given and held by the church for investment purposes will be transferred to the church's portfolio with Edward D. Jones. The Bicentennial CD will remain as is.
- St. John's Investment Committee will still have the final word over our investments. The advantage of investing through Edward D. Jones is that their expert investors and long-range planners will be able to place investments where they are most beneficial to the church and minimize risk.
- The Investment Committee will have immediate access to all investments and the balances in the account online, 24/7/365.
- The Investment Committee will meet with our planners and managers at least once a year to review the church's portfolio and make any necessary changes. This can be done more often if either party thinks it is necessary between the annual meetings.

Investment Committee

Update (2 of 2)

- The service will cost 1.39% of the total value of the church's portfolio.
- The church's portfolio will be structured so that the church can immediately access a significant amount of cash to meet an emergency without penalty or losing interest.
- The Annual Report will no longer include the individual investments by name. Instead, there will be a short summation of the year's activities and the total fund of the church's investments at year's end. A more detailed breakdown can be requested from the Investment Committee by any church member.
- The Investment Committee has and continues to record all moneys given to St. John's Church for investment purposes.

Liturgists & Others Wanted

Do you like to read during the service?

Then you will be happy to know that Pastor Deb is seeking liturgists to start this year. 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.)

Volunteers: July

Ushers

Vira Mae Engel, Erik & Liz Hoffmaster and Mary Aus

Greeters

07.02.23 Randy & Lori Maier

07.09.23 Keven & Heidi Wachowiak Family

07.16.23 Jan Molback & Edna Mattison

07.23.23 Dawn Fiedler

07.30.23 Vira Mae Engel

Counters

Joanne & Larry Muench

Communion & Flowers

Joanne Muench

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

David Korb

Karissa St. Aubin

Samuel Ritscher

Bruce Malotke

Marvin Colbenson

Robert Blum

Tyler Engelmann

Carrie Ziegler

Arden Hayter

Steve Prussing

Maverick Morse

Jolene Engel

Bill Krause

Angela Beck

Grant Yapp

Kendra Ritscher

Lori Maier

Judy Boehm

Lane Moore

Lilly Scheel

Eliana Krause

Anniversaries

Eric & Jan Schaffner

Jessie & Emily Scheel

David & Jeanne Fugina

Curt & Danielle Fetting

Weldon & Cheryl Kuhn

David & Sharon Korb

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.



St. John's Church Penny Collection

303 S Hill Street
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Starts @ 10:30am



St. John's Church Consistory Meeting

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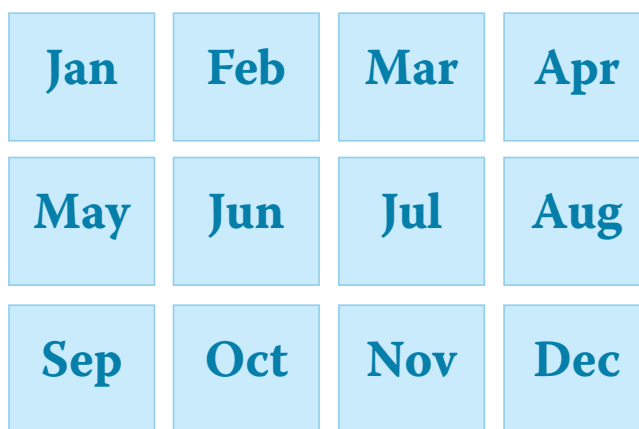
Eagle Valley Church Special Evening Worship

S2664 Co Rd G
Fountain City, WI
Starts @ 7:00pm



Fifth Sunday Joint Worship Invitation

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



Online Calendar

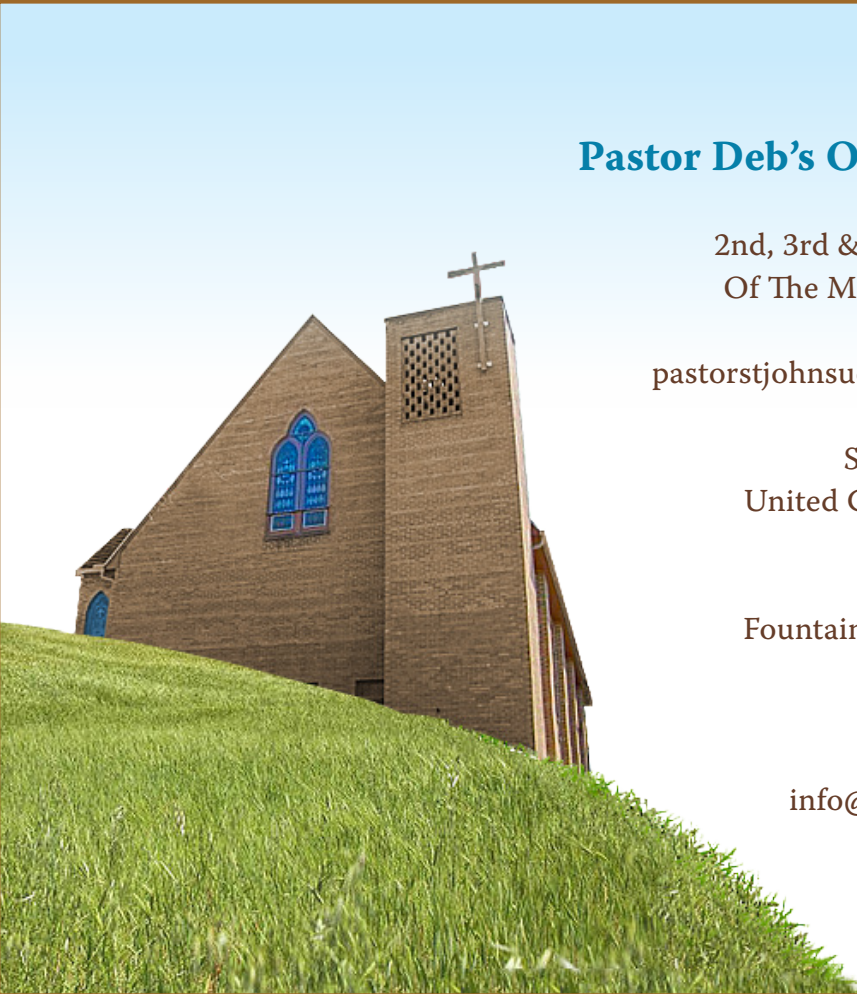
Please go online and visit our NEW easy to use website for current up-to-date, detailed event information. Our calendar is updated daily. Email us with any questions or comments.

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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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