

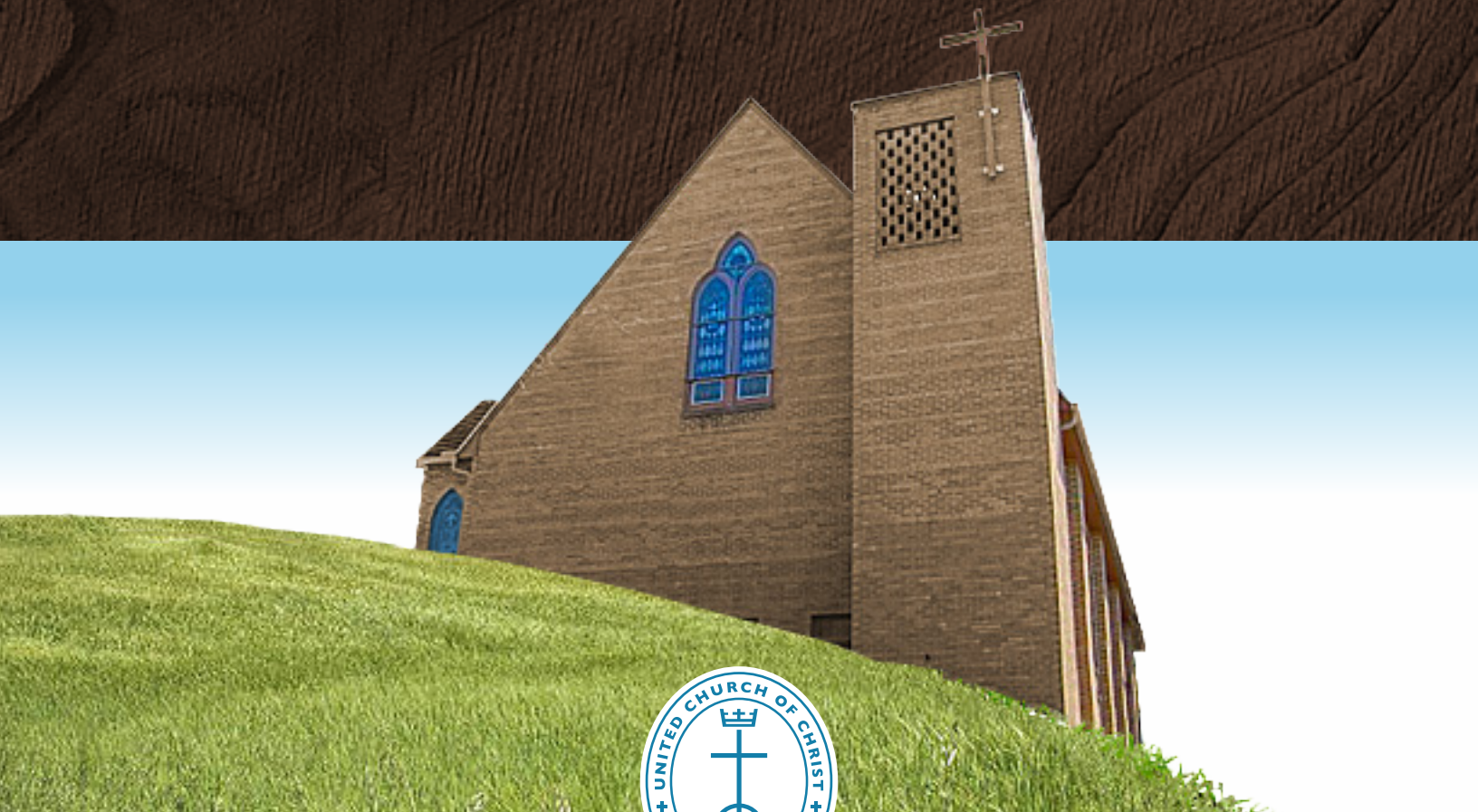


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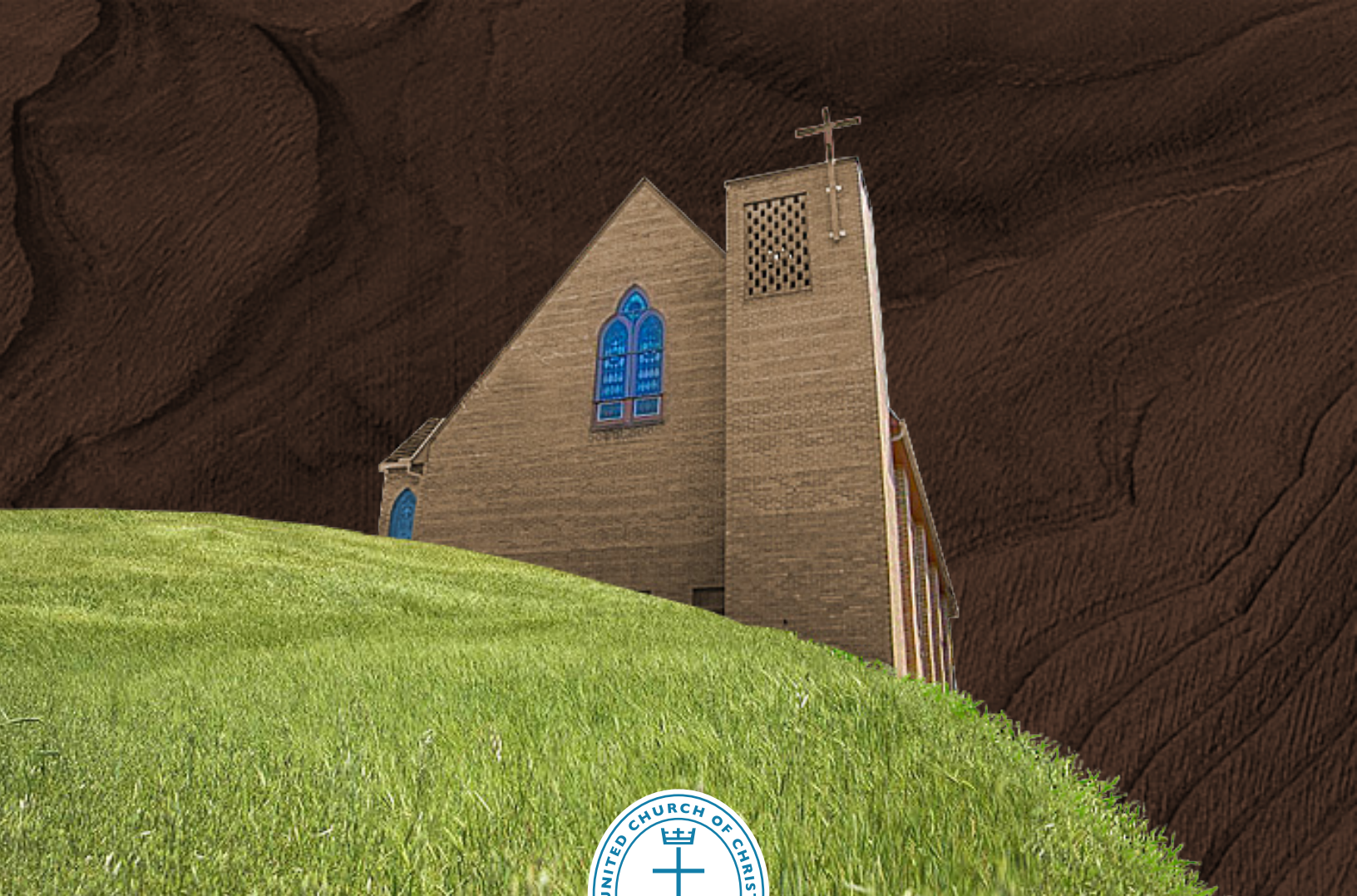
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

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

July 2026

America's 250th birthday has many special events and opportunities to celebrate the nation, lift up its achievements, and challenge to do better where we have not always lived up to its ideals.

Unfortunately, there has been a lot of attempts at further divisiveness. Even though our first allegiance as Christians is always to God, I admit to being downhearted to see this. I remember the Bicentennial as a vibrant celebration of this nation's past and moving forward to the future. I don't know if it was because I was living north of Boston at the time or if it really is a more muted celebration.

What I remember most about 1976 was the feeling when people of different beliefs, political parties and experiences came together to celebrate who we are together. There were also protests and reminders the truth not everyone had yet been included in the ideals of the founding of the nation, or who could celebrate. But there was also a call to continue to work to live out and up to these ideals. This wasn't a new idea; it's seen in such things as the closing lines of the 2nd stanza of "O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies (America, the Beautiful)"

America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

Which is why I was so glad to see that the United Church of Christ through our Wellness Ministries is supporting the "United States of Kindness" effort for this celebration.

[The United States of Kindness](#), a campaign to remind Americans that throughout our history, kindness has been our shared strength. Spearheaded by the [Values in Action Foundation](#), with the collaboration of the UCC and other organizations, the effort is bringing together national brands, schools, civic leaders, first responders, influencers and nonprofits behind one mission: to create a more connected, compassionate country through the simple power of everyday acts of kindness.

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More information and how to participate can be found at <https://www.usofkindness.org>.

Sometimes I feel we often confuse kindness with “not disagreeing” or “never objecting.” Christians are called to the standard of love- love of God and love of neighbor. Sometimes that will means standing against something. For as Christians our ultimate purpose is not “One nation under God” but “one beloved community reflecting our loving and compassionate God.”

However, we are in a time when it seems as if one has to be on one ‘side’ or they are part of the problem/a threat/or worse. So 250 acts of kindness seems like a first step towards talking to and not at each other. Whether as small as giving “a cup of cold water to one of these little ones” (Matthew 10:42), or more newsworthy such as being a welcoming community to a group that is being harassed or demonized, these acts have larger impact than we could imagine. God takes each act we offer, joins them with those of people of different beliefs, understandings, and political backgrounds, multiplying their impact in God’s ongoing redeeming, reconciling work throughout Creation.

At this point 250 acts of kindness would take intentionally offering 1.3 kind acts per day the rest of the year. That seems like a small ask. And I feel most of us do that many without thinking about it.

But perhaps it’s a step towards noticing the compassionate and loving acts people are already being done even as we acknowledge problems and hurt that is out there. Perhaps it’s a good way to remember that no matter where we live in the country or the world, we are called to follow Jesus. The same Jesus who shows us how to love each other as God loves us in this diverse, hurting, yet also so beautiful world. Not certain people or people who look like us, believe like us, act like us.

How to love All no matter political party, location, ideology, beliefs, identity. All that makes up this wonderfully, beautiful and diverse living Creation of God.

God’s grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

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, July 5, 2026



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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Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 @ 6:00pm

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

~ St John's Church



Eagle Valley Church

Saturday, July 25, 2026 @ 7:00pm

There will be an open invitation for all members of St. John's Church and Hope United Church to attend on Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Saturday Evening July Service

- ✓ St. John's Church & Hope United Church
- ✓ Invitation
- ✓ S2664 Co Rd G
- ✓ Fountain City, WI



C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For June 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



- ✓ 1414 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 23 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 61 Total People Helped
- ✓ 13 Children
- ✓ 31 Adults
- ✓ 17 Seniors
- ✓ 29 Households (12 Came Twice)



Most Needed Donation Items For July 2026

- ✓ Stews & Chili & Spam
- ✓ Saltines
- ✓ Vienna Sausages
- ✓ BBQ Sauce
- ✓ Ketchup & Mayo
- ✓ Toilet Paper

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Volunteers: July

Ushers

Tom Ruben, Sandy Ruben

Greeters

07.05.26 Randy & Lori Maier

07.12.26 Keven & Heidi Wachowiak Family

07.19.26 Dawn Fiedler

07.26.26 Randy & Judy Boehm

08.02.26 Cindy Ziegler & Mary Aus

Counters

Larry & Jo Muench

Communion & Flowers

Doris Ruben

Financial Report

The Treasurer's Monthly Summary of the previous month is always available after the current month's Consistory meeting. They are located on the bulletin board outside the church office. 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

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

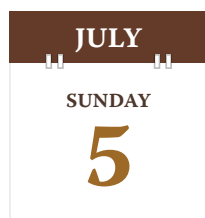
Weldon & Cheryl Kuhn

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.



Time Change St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street
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Starts @ 8:30am



Penny Collection St. John's Church

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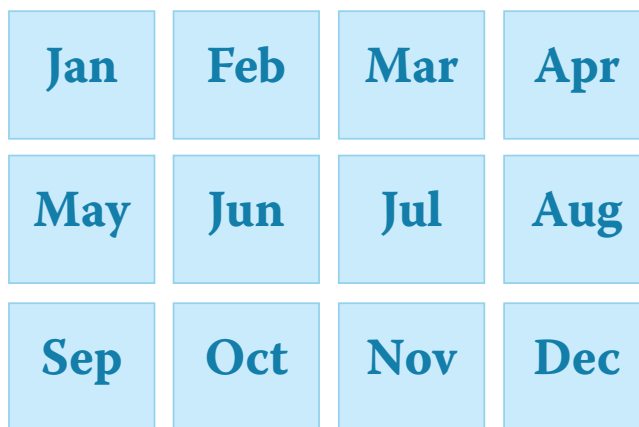
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Vespers Service Eagle Valley Church

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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
pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com

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