

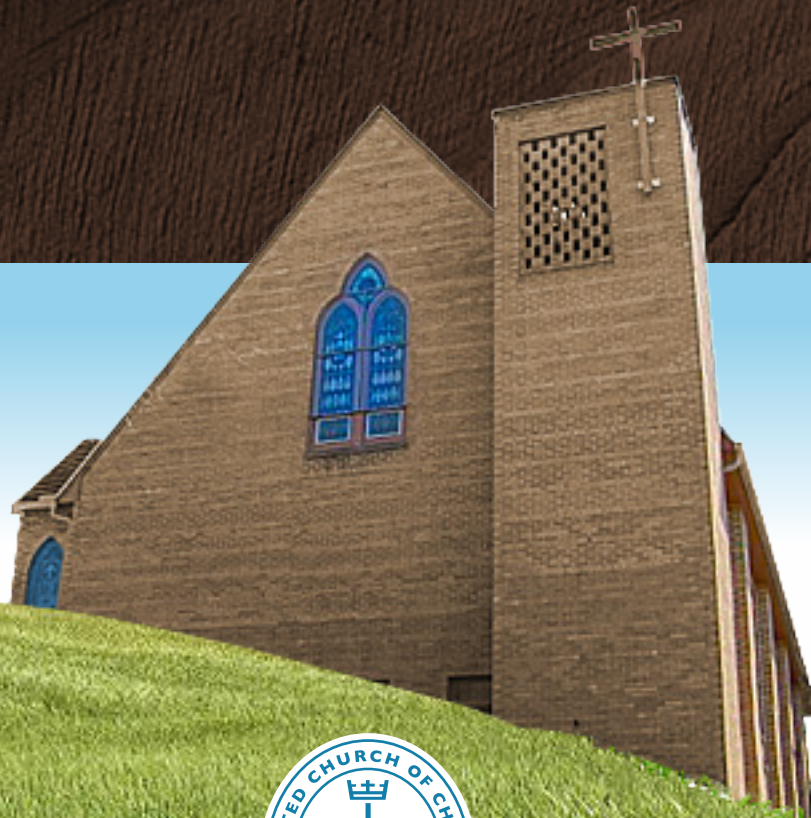


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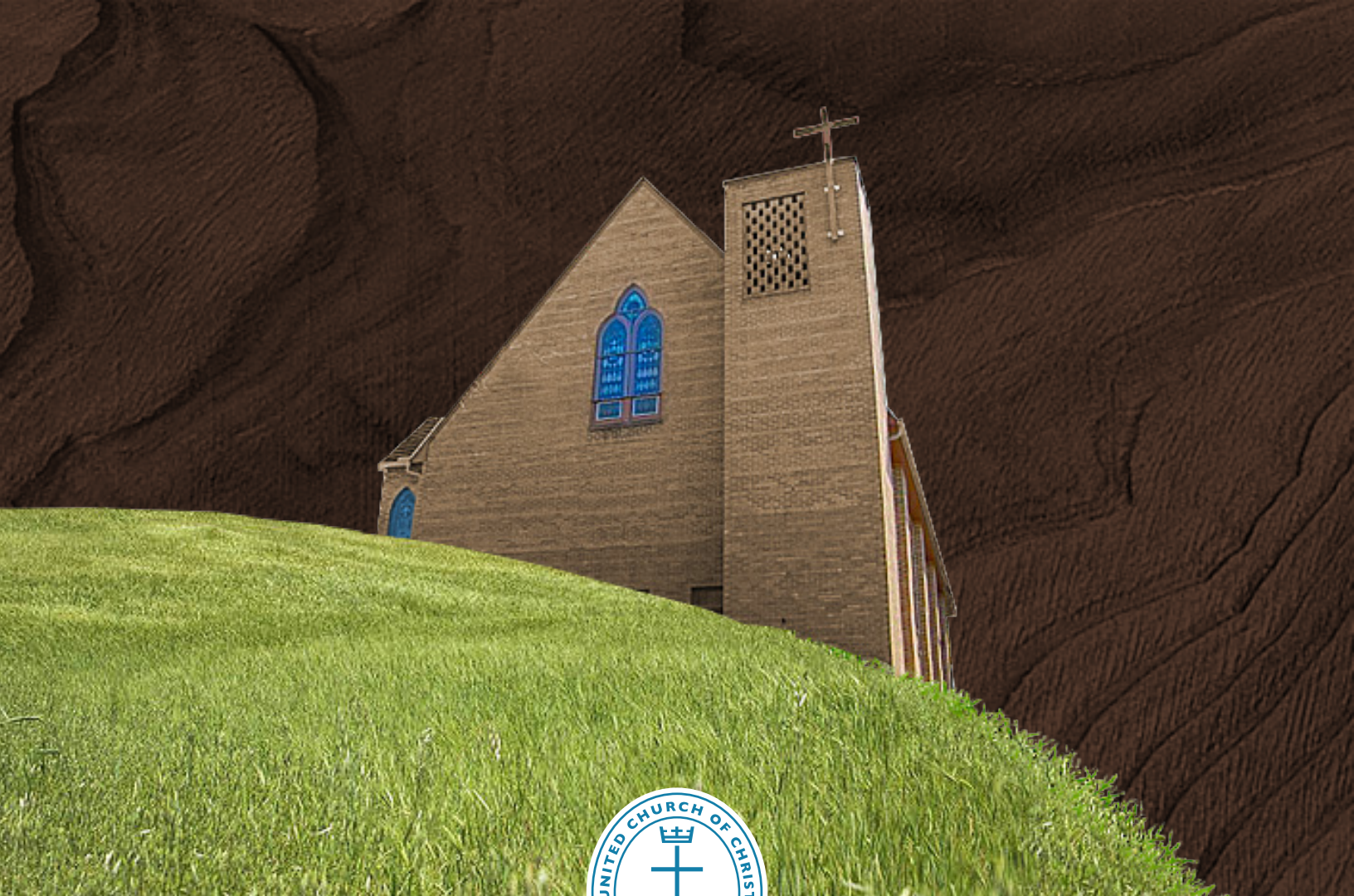
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

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

October 2026

Dear Friends;

I have a favor to ask: Please ask me if I know about “so and so” being in the hospital or breaking a bone etc” if I haven’t already mention it. Several times recently, while sitting at one of the tables at Fellowship I’ve been asked: “how so and so is doing?” All I could say was “wait, did something happen that I’m not aware of?” I hadn’t been told that someone got sick or injured or had some type of urgent event days or weeks ago.

So, to steal the saying: if you know something (warranting quick follow up by the pastor,) say something to the pastor. I would rather have five people tell me than find out several weeks later. As long as the person is okay with me (or “people”) knowing.

If you are directly involved or it’s a loved one, I understand that I may not be one of the first people you contact. That thought may not cross your mind for days as you deal with the crisis, letting loved ones know, as well as all the details that now have to be adjusted etc.

That’s where the rest of you come in. If you find out something serious has happened, and you have NOT been told not to tell anyone, please let me know. Phone call, email, text – all work. And if it isn’t your news, first ask the person, “Okay if I share this with or call Pastor Deb for you?”

Whenever I’m asked, “why didn’t you visit so and so in the hospital, etc?” I usually have one of two responses. First, I had other people who I needed to care for at the same time who were dealing with more serious matters (or just had my appendix out.) The other, and all too common, is “I didn’t know.” I can’t do anything about the first. Please help me with the second.

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, October 4, 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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World Communion Sunday

Special Offering

St. John's Church will celebrate World Communion Sunday in Fountain City, Wisconsin. World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations.

Sunday, October 4 @ 8:30am

Confirmation Exploration

2026-2027

Orientation and Registration will be Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm at St. Johns. The first class is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 from 4:30pm-5:45pm. If it is more convenient for parents to have their student take the bus directly from CFC, Pastor Deb will be there prior to bus drop off. Students can use the Youth Room, or do homework, visit with friends downstairs for the time before class. Parents will need to make arrangements for permission from the school for their child to ride on this bus. If you are a parent whose child is going into seventh grade or above, and would like to attend the meeting, please let Pastor Deb know by contacting her at pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com. However, all are welcome to the meeting. Hope to see you soon.

Orientation & Registration | Monday, October 5 @ 6:30pm

Confirmation First Class | Wednesday, October 7 @ 4:30pm-5:45pm

Joint Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

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

Special Meeting Time:

- ✓ Consistory Regular Meeting @ 5:30pm
- ✓ Consistory Joint Meeting @ 6:30pm

~ St John's Church

All Saints Day Signup

Wednesday, October 18, 2026

St. John's Church will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 8:30am in Fountain City, Wisconsin. We are continuing the tradition of remembering our departed loved ones. If you would like to have a loved one's name included in the bulletin and a candle lit for them as part of the service, please email Pastor Deb at pastorsjfc@gmail.com. There will also be a signup sheet available on the bulletin table starting the 3rd Sunday in October.

Please let her know if you will be bringing in a small picture to place with the candle, and if you would like to light the candle yourself or have her do it for you.

~ St John's Church

Fall Bazaar Fundraiser

Saturday, November 7, 2026

St. John's Church will be hosting a Fall Bazaar from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Available for purchase will be cookies, candies, breads, cakes, brownies and some surprise treats too. All baked goods should be labeled and state if they contain peanut butter and/or nuts and should be wrapped in a see through covering. All are made by some of the best bakers in Buffalo County. Catch up with friends while you enjoy a beverage and a dessert served in the fellowship hall. A lift is accessible if you are unable to do stairs. Many theme based baskets will be offered for a chance drawing. Tickets can be purchased at the church. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us. Winners of the baskets will be drawn and announced Sunday, November 8, 2026 right after Worship Service.



Starts @ 1:00pm

- ✓ **Bread, Candies & Desserts**
- ✓ **Craft Items**
- ✓ **Basket Raffle**
- ✓ **Coffee & Dessert**
- ✓ **Tickets Available**



Food Shelf

Businesses Of The Month: Buffalo County Humane Association

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf

Buffalo County Humane Association

Thank you very much!



Food Shelf

Businesses Of The Month: Amy Cornelius Reality

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf
Amy Cornelius Reality - Larry and Heather
Thank you very much!



C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For September 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:

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

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



- ✓ 852 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 33 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 26 Total People Helped
- ✓ 05 Children
- ✓ 07 Adults
- ✓ 14 Seniors
- ✓ 14 Households (2 Came Twice)



Most Needed Donation Items For September 2026

- ✓ Chili
- ✓ Saltine Crackers
- ✓ Brown Baked Beans
- ✓ Canned Meat/Stews
- ✓ Muffin & Cake Mixes
- ✓ Frosting

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Volunteers: October

Ushers

Linda Clark, Tom Clark

Greeters

10.04.26 Cleo Losinski & Karen Pehler

10.11.26 John Stettler

10.18.26 Kristy & Bob Baures

10.25.26 Tom & Linda Clark

11.01.26 Sandy & Tom Ruben

Counters

Dale & LuAnn Schmidtknecht

Communion & Flowers

Mary Schmitt & Karen Knospe

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

Barbara Bollinger

Kevin Dietrich

Graham Schaffner

Karen Stettler

Hugh Drennan

Shirley Krause

Ryan Ligman

Greg Miller

Heroe Semling

William Knospe

Gunner Fetting

Sidney Franz

Nicholas Cummings

Michelle Pehler

Terry Miller

Quint Yapp

Kevin Keilholtz

Lisa Dietrich Stratton

Reggie Franz

Robin Lewit

Eric Schaffner

Karen Pehler

Triton Krause

Anniversaries

Bryan & Emily Conners

Derrick & Amy Hammer

David & Sue Schaffner

Dale & LuAnn Schaffner

Keith & Brooke Engel

Greg & Terry Miller

Gary & Cara Lee Wiersgalla

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 @ 8:30am



World Communion Sunday St. John's Church

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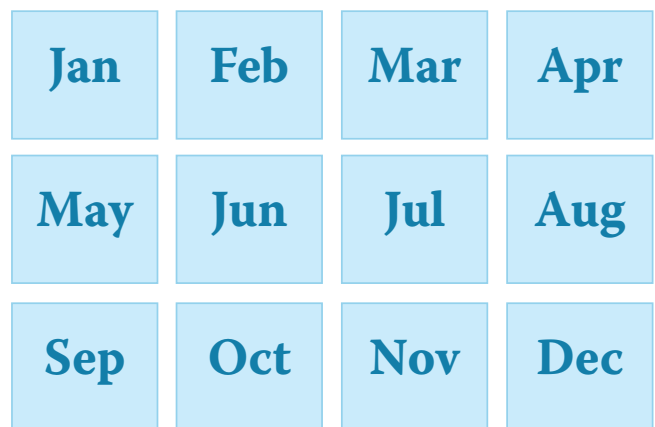
Confirmation - First Class St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street
Fountain City, WI
4:30pm



Joint Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street
Fountain City, WI
5:30pm & 6:30pm



Online Calendar

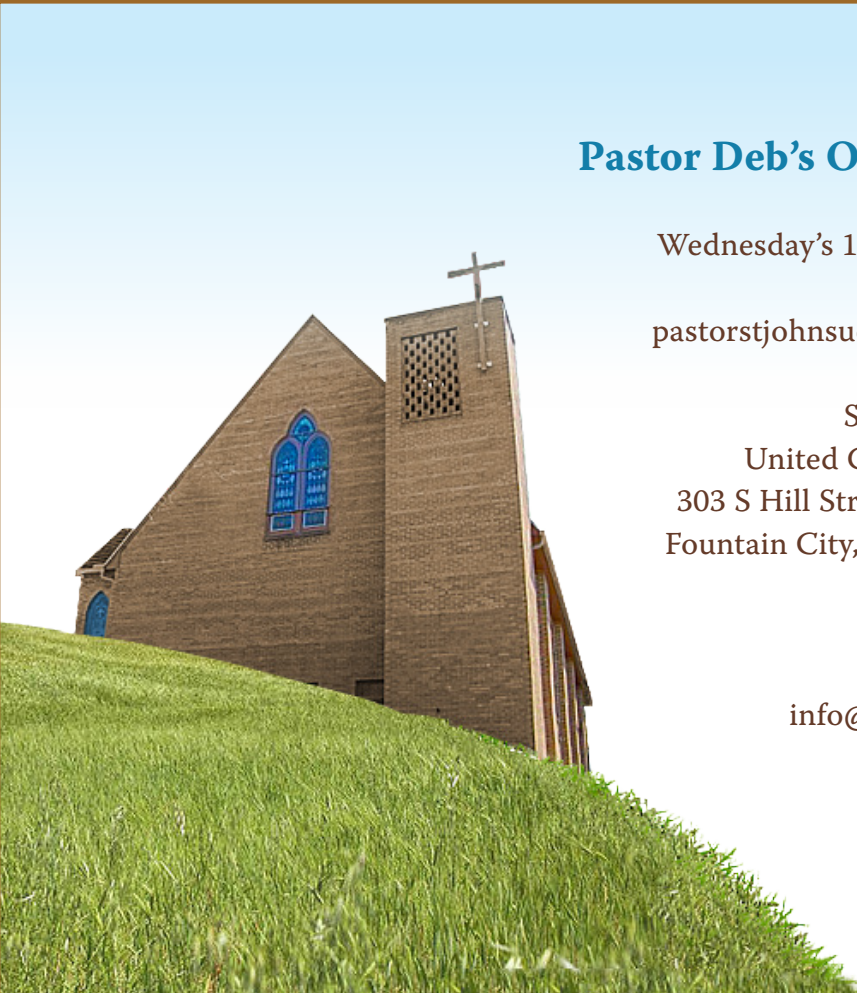
Please go online and visit our NEW easy to use website for current up-to-date, detailed event information. Our calendar is updated daily. Email us with any questions or comments.

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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 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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