



September 2025



ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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FOUNDED 1874 ~ CURRENT LOCATION 1961



Becoming Inclusive—*Becoming a congregation that does not build walls, but opens doors to all God's beloved people.*



Connecting People—*Building small groups for mission, prayer, fellowship, travel, and support.*



Growing Disciples—*Teaching and experiencing Christian faith for adults and children for a life of transformation.*



Practicing Generosity—*Giving of our time, talent, and treasure for God's mission in the world.*

The mission of St. Mary's Lutheran Church is to be a fellowship of believers, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to bear witness to Jesus Christ in the community and in the world. We equip ourselves for our mission by: Prayer, Worship, Education. Enabling us to witness through: Evangelism, Service, Stewardship.

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 7th

9:00am*

Kicks off the new programming year!
Sunday School
Fish & Fusion
Music Groups
Committees & Book Clubs
New Members Welcome!

Happy New Year!

**We will worship on Saturday, 9/6 as well*

A Message from Our Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick September, 2025

What is church membership, and why does it matter?

I know that St. Mary's, and many other churches, have used the term "member" for a long time. However, the whole idea of being a "member" of a faith community can be a bit problematic.

Why is this? One reason is that it flattens out a rich, nuanced part of our life together, making it sound consumeristic. I am a member at Costco, which means I can go there and buy toilet paper and breakfast cereal at a discounted price. As a member at Costco, I primarily think about my own needs and wants, rather than the well-being of the company or the common good.

When we term something as a "membership," it implies that we expect certain things to result from that membership—that because we (usually) pay some amount of money to be a member of something or other, we are entitled to certain benefits in return. This could look like thinking that St. Mary's owes us something, be it a certain kind of worship style, a convenient fit with our schedule, or for faith to be more comforting than it is challenging.

The relationship that we hope to be in at St. Mary's is actually called discipleship. I did not create the chart below, but did modify it in the hopes that it will be helpful.

Membership vs. Discipleship

Membership	Discipleship
Primary relationship is with the congregation	Primary relationship is with the divine
Gives money to support the ministry	Does ministry, because ministry is a partnership, not just paying the pastor to do things
Be a good citizen	Live life in community
Assumptions of membership:	Assumptions of discipleship:
The work of ministry primarily takes place within the building or community of the church.	The work of ministry primarily takes place beyond the walls of the church.
The goal of the congregation is to get and keep members and money.	The goal is to help people grow in their relationship to God/Jesus, and in serving the community.
Congregations tend to have low expectations of members, because if we expect too much, people will not join.	There are high expectations of disciples.

That being said, "member" is a commonly used term, and I'm not going to invent a new one.

So what does it mean to be a member of St. Mary's?

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Here is what St. Mary's constitution has to say about membership:

- * *Baptized members have been either baptized at St. Mary's, or received into the membership of St. Mary's from another congregation.*
- * *Confirmed members have been baptized and have later affirmed the faith that their family had them baptized into.*
- * *Voting members are people who have been confirmed, and who, during the current or preceding calendar year, have taken communion and made a contribution of record (of any amount) to St. Mary's. Voting members who have satisfied these standards may speak and vote at every regular (monthly) or special (i.e., called for a particular purpose) meeting of the congregation.*

That is a somewhat formal way of saying that, as a member, you have the privilege and responsibility of being part of this community of faith.

St. Mary's Lutheran Church has a long and proud legacy of supporting the Kenosha community, of nurturing face across generations, and of offering a spiritual home to many. I hope that St. Mary's Lutheran Church is a place where you feel accepted and included, with all of your questions, doubts, faith, and joys. I hope you feel the support of both God and this community of faith as you go through your life.

I hope that St. Mary's gives a great deal to you, *and* that you will consider what you can give to St. Mary's.

As people—and people of faith—we need to give. It is built into the way God made us. We are meant to be in mutual relationship with God and with each other.

Giving—of money, time, and other things—is primarily an act of faith and generosity, and not something to do simply so the church can survive. Giving is an important way we live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

As you seek to live out your discipleship, how can you play an active part in the life of St. Mary's?

That might look like:

- * -volunteering to serve on a ministry team
- * -being willing to serve on church council
- * -helping to support the faith formation of people of any age at St. Mary's

There is no right or wrong answer to how you give to St. Mary's and the wider community, but it is a worthwhile question to consider—and then to act upon.

May the Holy Spirit guide each of us as individuals, and all of us as a community, for the mutual flourishing of St. Mary's, Kenosha, and this whole world that God loves so much.

Peace, Pastor Jordan

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 9:00am service!

Contact Pastor Jordan if interested in more information about becoming a member of St. Mary's Lutheran Church!

CHURCH COUNCIL



September

Greetings, St. Mary's Community,

It is hard to believe 2 years ago the members of St. Mary's council asked me to be congregational president. It was an honor to serve as your president over the last 2 years. A lot of great things happened during those 2 years thanks to all the members of St. Mary's staying committed to living out our mission. Pastors Jordan and Debbie, and the leadership will be leading us into "A Future with Hope".

I will still be on council for the next 2 years.

Your officers for 2025-2026 are:

- † President – Andy Schroeder
- † Vice President – Keith Richter
- † Secretary – Hollie DeFranco

Go Pray, Go Love, Go Serve

Keith Richter, SMLC Outgoing Council President

St. Mary's Lutheran Church Officers—2025/2026

- † President - Andy Schroeder
- † Vice President - Keith Richter
- † Secretary - Hollie DeFranco

Church Council Liaisons—2025/2026

- † Church in Society - Patti Mason
- † Faith Formation (Education) - Andrea Beer
- † Finance/Audit - Keith Richter
- † Friendly Center - Lisa Zanin
- † Information Technology - Andrea Beer
- † Nominating - Dana Larsen
- † Personnel - Andy Schroeder
- † Property - Keith Richter
- † Reconnect Hospitality & Fellowship - Hollie DeFranco
- † Stewardship - Stephanie Raszkievicz
- † WMA - Markie Hylinski
- † Youth - Sandy Bear



Monthly Church Council Connections: *please call them with any suggestions, thoughts, concerns, ideas. They will bring the messages back to Council at the next meeting.*

September, 2025 - Andy	October, 2025 - Hollie
November, 2025 - Patti	December, 2025 - Lisa
January, 2026 - Sandy	February, 2026 - Andrea
March, 2026 - Sandy	April 2026 - Stephanie
May, 2026 - Patti	June, 2026 - Markie
July, 2026 - Dana	

NURSE SUE—ADVOCATE FAITH & HEALTH—SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear friends,

As we roll into September, we are reminded of new beginnings as school buses appear on our streets. Students have moved into the next grade level, and the learning process continues. As adults we too need to be mindful of continued learning and the promotion of healthy aging at any age.

Healthy aging is the process of maintaining good physical, mental, and social health and well-being as we grow older. Healthy aging is not just for adults. It means adopting healthy habits and making positive lifestyle choices that contribute to overall well-being as we age.

Habits such as:

Physical activity – Walking at least 30 minutes a day can be beneficial. If you are sitting at a job ...stand up every 20 minutes (5-10 times up and down off your chair) or march while sitting (moving each leg 10 times), stretch your legs out simultaneously 5-10 times, lift your heel to toe to increase blood supply to legs, stretch your arms back and move neck from side to side.

Nutrition – Maintain a healthy, balanced diet consisting of proteins, fruits, vegetables, grains, fats/oils and dairy products. Keep hydrated with water throughout the day.

Mental Functioning – Keep your mind stimulated and get enough sleep (7- 8 hours a night)

Social well-being – Stay socially connected and engaged with others. Small group activities are always helpful as we build relationships. Having meaningful conversations with others can be very beneficial.

Emotional well-being -Take care of your emotional well-being, including managed stress, having a positive outlook, striving to find gratitude thoughts for the day and seek support when needed.

Injury prevention – Try to avoid falls (wear sturdy shoes) and other injuries by taking precautions and practicing safe driving and following the rules of the road.

Health care routine – Keep up with regular health checkups, vaccines (the flu vaccine is coming out soon!) and screenings: and manage any chronic conditions such as hypertension and diabetes to name a few.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and all the new programming for the fall season. Take care of yourself, you are worth it!

*Shalom,
Nurse Sue, R.N., F.C.N
Aurora Faith and Health Team*



SUNDAY SCHOOL



SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

Sept 7 9:00 A.M. service
Then Rally DAY 10am - 12pm
Sept 14 9:00 A.M.
Sept 21 9:00 A.M.
Sept 24 9:00 A.M.

RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 7 10A-12P



True North CONTINUES ON RALLY DAY!
COME FOR KAROKE IN ALASKA, GOLFING IN
ALASKA, MAKING AND EATING SMORES IN
ALASKA, EATING HOTDOGS IN ALASKA, AND
MORE INCLUDING THE INFAMOUS TRUST
ACTIVITY, PLEASE RSVP WITH THE NUMBER
OF PEOPLE ATTENDING! THIS RALLY DAY IS A
WHOLE CONGREGATION ACTIVITY.

BRINGING A FRIEND IS HIGHLY
ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE THIS WILD
ADVENTURE!

PLEASE RSVP TO CONTACT INFO
TO LIST FAMILY NAME AND
NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING. THIS
INFORMATION WILL SUPPORT PLANNING
PURPOSES.

UPCOMING

October 1st

Faith and Home - Family Connection
Night

A whole congregation
intergenerational night!

Icebreakers, games, snacks, and fun.

Bring a friend!

5:30p-7:00p open house



SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS BEGINS SECOND
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH BEGINNING

October 12

ANY AVAILABLE CHILDREN FOR OCTOBER 12
CAN LAUNCH OUR GREETING SCHEDULE.
SIGN UP SHEETS BEGINNING NOVEMBER.



Sunday October 26

- Trunk / Treat post service

Sunday December 14

- Christmas Program with full dress
rehearsal Saturday December 13

Sunday January 11, 2026

- P.J. and Movies

Saturday February 7 with overnight to
Sunday February 8

Lutherdale retreat 3rd through 5th grade



Contact Info

JOAN OEHLBERG:
Coordinator of Children's Ministry
Email: kidmin@stmaryslutheran.org



High School Calendar
9/10 FIRST FUSION 7-8:45
9/17 FUSION 7-8:45
9/24 FUSION 7-8:45

Middle School Calendar
9/8 FIRST FISH 630-8
9/15 FISH 630-8
9/22 FISH 630-8
9/29 FISH 630-8

A CHORD WITH THE LORD
Middle and High School Choir
 Do you know a middle or high schooler interested in being a part of a church choir? Invite them to a choir meeting on **September 17th at 6pm** in the chapel lounge!

Come check out our booth at Laborfest at Pennoyer Park!!
September 1st
11am to 4pm
Your stop for Flavored Lemonade and Glitter Tattoos!!

PARENT MEETINGS
 - **Middle School — FISH**
 Monday, September 8th at 6:30pm
 - **High School—FUSION**
 Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00pm

FISH GUIDES WANTED!!
Interested in being a FISH guide on Monday Nights and leading a small group?
 Email Kendra at youth@stmaryslutheran.org

ALL ARE WELCOME! Middle and High Schoolers do not have to be members to attend FISH and Fusion!! If you know a middle or high schooler who would like to join us, connect them with Kendra and she will get them the info!!

Come and join us

St. Mary's Lutheran Church

2001 80th STREET KENOSHA 262 658-3555



CELEBRATION

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 5:30-10 PM

Doors Open AFTER THE 4:00 SERVICE

MUSIC PROVIDED BY

The Hungry Five and Friends

plus

MGV Harmonia Choir

Tickets on sale after worship services and at the Door!

Homemade German Food \$12.00

Beer & Wine \$

Adult Choir Announcement—September, 2025

Music ministry, for hundreds of years crucial to Lutheran worship, is also central to the mission of SMLC. A vital part of that ministry, the Adult Choir resumes its schedule on **WED., SEPT. 3, 6:30 P.M., IN THE CHOIR ROOM**. We are much in need of singers, and interested persons, young and less young, are urged to attend. An ability to sing in tune is essential, although reading music is not a requirement. The choir sings for worship services three Sundays most months, as well as for special liturgical events. Please come to help music resonate in the life of St. Mary's!



Faith Formation

Sunday Morning Book Study Group Announcement—September, 2025

The Book Study Group will begin another study session on **SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 10:15 A.M., IN THE CHAPEL/LOUNGE**.

We will resume our necessarily

interrupted study of *Having the Mind of Christ*, by Ben Sternke and Matt Tebbe, beginning again with the Introduction and Axiom 1, "God is Love, So It's All about Love." New seekers are cordially invited to attend. For further information, please contact Dick Sjoerdsma (rsjoerdsma@carthage.edu).



A "Shout Out" to Lana Woller for her service with council the last three years and her new role with Nominating. Thank you for your continued contributions to the life of St. Mary's in a variety of roles!

A Glacier-sized "Shout Out" to Joan Oehlberg and her crew of volunteers for a great VBS experience for everyone involved!

A BIG "Shout Out" to Kendra and the youth for their mission work in North Carolina and for being brave enough in sharing their experiences with the congregation. Best of luck to the graduates as they go off to college!



A "Shout Out" to All the Caritas & food fellowship teammates, chaired by Di Michalski & Chris Johnson—for all the recent hospitality you've shown to our families and members!

And, a "Shout Out" to Church in Society and all the teammates of "Christmas in July" especially Kathy and Dan Neururer.



Thank you to all who have donated their plastic bags from the grocery store. We are off to a great start. There is always a need for them at the Outreach Center. Please continue to

bring your bags and put them in the special container provided. It is located by the entry doors or in fellowship hall. If you have personal care items you would like to donate, they can be put in there as well.

Questions, please contact Gretchen (914-6449).

The produce card is off to a great start. Thank you to all that have shared their bounty. It's been delicious and enjoyed by many.

Gretchen & Andy



Way to Go, SMLC!
"Christmas in July"
collected 475 lbs. of
stuff + \$300 for the
ELCA Outreach Center
GOD IS GOOD!



ST. MARY'S "FOOD ON THE FIRST" RED BAGS

**Drop Off is SATURDAY, September 6th
& SUNDAY, September 7th, 2025**

The "Food on the First" red bag program will continue to be collected for the Shalom Center.

This has been a wildly successful donation campaign sponsored by The SMLC Endowment Foundation, Lydia's Circle, and WELCA.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**



When You Are Sick in Mind

Body, Spirit:

St. Mary's is one of the few church congregations that employs a Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse. She has amazing resources, both as a Registered Nurse, and as a Christ-Centered servant. Please call the office and leave a message with how we can call you back.

Do not give any personal, private or symptomatic information to the office.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request for St. Mary's Prayer Chain, contact: Sue VanBendegom 652-1770 and FCN Nurse Sue 658-3555.

When You Are Hospitalized:

† Please call the church to notify the staff of your admission.

† Don't assume the hospital will notify the church, even if you have asked them to. Hospitals are very busy places, and some tasks are put off for more urgent needs.

† Please notify the church office when you are scheduled for surgery (in or outpatient).

† If you wish to be included in the Prayers of the People, please contact us.

† We don't mind getting more than one phone call about a parishioner who is hospitalized. Please don't assume that someone else will be notifying us.



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits & Blanket Sunday, 2025

All are welcome to participate and you can find towels and ribbon ties available for the kits in the Fellowship Hall. **THE COST TO SHIP ONLY ONE KIT IS \$1.50.**

Items needed:

- One 52 X 26" dark towel
- Two bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping
- One toothbrush in original wrapping: adult size
- One sturdy comb (remove wrapping)
- One metal nail clippers w/optional file attached (remove from any paper it is attached too)

How to Pack Your Personal Care Kit:

1. Fold towel in half.
2. Place the rest of the items in the towel.
3. Fold and roll so nothing falls out.
4. Secure with yarn, ribbon or string

*Please give new items only.

The kits will be packed for shipping the first week of October. LWR is now supplying needed kits and quilts in this country due to the many natural disasters that are occurring. **Personal Care Kit Collection deadline: September 20/21.**

AND

LWR Blanket Sunday is September 27 & 28 at worship services.

Lutheran World Relief is now helping with the disasters in the US due to their increase because of climate change as well as disasters worldwide. The cost to ship ONLY ONE Quilt is \$2.80.



CASH DONATIONS DEEPLY APPRECIATED



Exercise Class Resumes

I am planning on starting my exercise class again on Thursdays in September & beyond (up to 12 weeks). Meet in the church gym on September 18th from 4:30-5:30p. Looking forward to seeing everyone! (A free will offering collected towards space rental).

Gonnie Tromp

Treasurer's Report July 2025

Income Actual.....\$36,098.86
Expenses Actual.....\$51,313.06*
Results.....(\$15,214.20)

*There were three pay periods in July.

Fiscal Year-to-date 25/26

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Expenses Actual.....\$51,313.06
Results.....(\$15,214.20)

The current Year-to-date percentage of electronic giving to total offerings given is 41%.



**St. Mary's Lutheran
Audio/Visual Team**

Small time commitment with big results

We are seeking interested volunteers to join Art Kotenko before the service on Sunday to help manage the sound and video needs during the service.

There are a few people that have been trained and we need your help with rotation of week-ends. We will train you. It'll be fun!

CALL BETH IN OFFICE @ 262-658-3555

DONATE



NKOARANGA ORPHANAGE
GIVING CAMPAIGN, 2025

The members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church have supported the Nkoaranga Orphanage owned by the Meru Diocese for many years.

On average, there are 30 children in the orphanage, from the ages of 0 to 3. The orphanage ensures that the children are adopted by a family by the age of 4. The family reunification is a major goal of the orphanage.

Our members will once again have an opportunity to donate to this worthy cause. The orphanage depends on donations to survive. St. Mary's Lutheran Church has been generous over the years.

Plastic Jars will be available for donations on weekends in the months of September and October. You may also place a donation marked for the orphanage in the offering plate. Thank you St. Mary's Lutheran Church!

If you would prefer to mail a donation to be forwarded to the orphanage, checks sent to:

*Cheryl Hayes, the treasurer of WELCA,
Payable to "WELCA St. Mary's Lutheran Church"
4741 - 40th Street, Kenosha, WI 53144.*

NIGHT OF WORSHIP



Event by ELCA Outreach Center

6218 26th Ave, Kenosha, WI,
United States, Wisconsin
53143

Open to the Public! All are welcome!

Join us for a night of worship at the ELCA Outreach Center. We'll kick off at 5pm with dogs, brats and tours of the Center and then have worship in the parking lot with live music at 6pm! Invite a friend!



**We are
ALL here
to care for
ALL of
God's
creation!**

Siblings in Christ:

How many of you have been nurturing baby creations this summer? For some of us, this is a garden. Others, it is caring for children and/or grandchildren. And still others are engaged in projects, big and small, that leave an impact on God's creation. A few of us attended an event related to growing our faith community called "Adventures in Renewal Co-lab." Perhaps you saw a flyer in the Fellowship Hall. We started by reading scripture and then looking to see how the Holy Spirit might be at work in South Milwaukee. We were given the task to get three names

and a story at the local farmer's market that evening.

It was enjoyable to immerse ourselves into a curiosity about what God might be doing in this community. If you have not looked at the Adventures in Renewal Series from the Greater Milwaukee Synod's website, it is highly recommended and influences this event. It identifies that "mission renewal involves listening, ministry experimentation, a team, and a coach to help connect with the community and discern God's work." As we move forward to share the good news and care of God's creation with determined leadership within St. Mary's, these materials provide a valuable framework to connect and care for all of God's creation now! Check out the resources through the following link:

<https://milwaukee synod.org/resources/for-congregations/resources-for-mission-renewal/>

Thank you for your work to grow God's creation!

1 Peter 4:10 – "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."



**OUTREACH
FOR HOPE**

2025 FAMILY RIDE RUN WALK
Hope in Motion!



Morning of Saturday, September 27

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope 2025 Family Ride Run Walk, and help fundraise \$165K for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

KENOSHA SITE (PETRIFYING SPRING PARK, SITE #3)

Our Kenosha site offers a 27-mile road (8:30 am) and 13-mile North Shore Bike Trail ride (9:30 am), a 5K fun run, 2.5-mile walk (10 am), a picnic (11 am) and fellowship-only participant & volunteer options.

There is **no registration fee** - but we encourage you to donate and/or fundraise towards our \$165K goal! **Every dollar raised supports our Ministry Partners' work** of clothing, feeding and caring for our neighbors in need.

Register + learn more at OFHRRW.org

PO Box 341695, Milwaukee WI 53234 | 414-671-1212



**Donate to St. Mary's
Participants:**

[Andy Schroeder Here](#)

[Ralph Tollas Here](#)

[https://
outreachforhope.kindful.com/?
campaign=1357203](https://outreachforhope.kindful.com/?campaign=1357203)

WE ARE
GOD'S PEOPLE
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
GIFTED BY THE SPIRIT
GO PRAY
GO LOVE
GO SERVE
THANKS BE TO GOD!



STAY CONNECTED when unable to join us for worship. You can watch these services online three ways:

1. Like our church Facebook Page
2. Watch Live on YouTube or On Demand (Live videos)
3. Watch videos from the church Website (by Tuesdays)

**GET THE TITHE.LY
APP
OR SCAN THIS QR
CODE FOR WEEKLY
OR ONE-TIME
GIVING.
THANK YOU!**



SCAN ME



OPPORTUNITIES @ CHURCH ~ SEPTEMBER 2025

SATURDAYS, 4PM & SUNDAYS, 9AM

Our weekend order of worship will be available online under “uploaded bulletins, announcements” each week by Friday afternoon. *USE THEM WHEN YOU’RE WATCHING FROM HOME, OR LIVE-STREAMING OUR SERVICES!*

ASSISTING MINISTERS An assisting minister is a liturgical leader who assists the congregation in worship and alongside the presiding minister throughout the worship service. Assisting ministers proclaim the word of God in prayer and scripture readings, receive offerings, pray for the concerns of the church and the world. They stand at the font helping welcome new Christians and help distribute the bread and wine. Assisting ministers send the congregation into the world for mission.

Singers & Non-Singers welcome!

HOLY COMMUNION at the railing or from your seat as needed; once a month, communion will be by intinction. Gluten-Free/regular wafer, wine/juice offered. Children who haven’t received instruction yet, or anyone may come forward for a blessing instead. Simply fold your hands when approaching.

USHERING All ages, genders & skills welcome! We will be passing the plate.

WORSHIP GREETERS: Our first impression specialists! Families can sign up! Individuals! Buddies! Sign up with Margaret Van Boven (mav5804@gmail.com)

MUSIC GROUPS

ADULT CHOIR~ The choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30pm and will rehearse each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Adult Choir needs you. Contact Dick Sjoerdsma (rsjoerdsma@carthage.edu)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TEAM ~

Tuesdays (2x month) 5:45pm; singing monthly usually on the 2nd Sunday. Join Bjorn (bjornh63@sbcglobal.net) and teammates for praising the Lord! We need new teammates!

JUBILATE! ~ Handbell choir needs YOU! Join Nathan Larsen for rehearsals beginning Monday, September 8th at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. Jubilate! performs the first Sunday of each month!

“A CHORD FOR THE LORD” YOUTH CHOIR

St. Mary’s YOUTH choir Needs YOUTH! You don’t have to belong to St. Mary’s. Please contact Kendra Richter if you’re interested in directing or singing (kendra.richter13@gmail.com). CHOIR MEETING WED. 9/17 @ 6PM.

CIRCLES & SMALL GROUPS—CHECK WITH YOUR LEADER FOR RESUMING SCHEDULES

St. Mary’s Community Quilters ~ Mondays @ 9:00am (Gym)

Miriam ~ 2nd Tuesday @ 1:00pm (Lo)

Circle of Friends ~ 3rd Wednesday @ 1:00pm (Lo)

Women’s Book Club ~ 1st Tuesday @ 1:00pm (Lo)

Lydia Circle ~ 2nd Monday @ 12:30pm (Lo)

MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS ON RALLY DAY~

Joan Oehlberg’s email KidMin@stmaryslutheran.org. You can follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/smlcsundayschool>

FISH & FUSION BEGIN AFTER RALLY DAY!

Kendra Richter’s email Youth@stmaryslutheran.org. Check out the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/smlcyouthed>

SENIOR MINISTRY ~ St. Mary’s **The Friendly Center (TFC)** is a senior ministry that has been around for a very long time. TFC is meeting on Wednesday, September 24th!

Call Lisa Zanin 909-1181 with any questions.

PRAYER BREAKFAST—Wednesdays, 7:00am Marina Gardens Restaurant. All are welcome.

Worship Attendance

July & August, 2025

July 26/27: 102 August 16/17: 102

July 27 Annual August 23/24: 112

Meeting: 80

August 2/3: 164

August 9/10: 104

**2 SERVICES
LABOR DAY
WEEKEND**

KEY CONTACTS—WHO DO YOU CALL?

CHURCH COUNCIL 2025-2026 St. Mary's Church Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Committee Meeting Day/Times to be reviewed. All are 1+(262) unless otherwise noted. Council liaisons are as follows:

AUDIT/FINANCE

Keith Richter.....948-9020
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CHURCH IN SOCIETY

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EDUCATION (FAITH FORMATION)

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YOUTH Sandy Bear.....496-4370
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Council Connection for September 2025
Andy Schroeder (Council President)
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ST. MARY'S STAFF: 658-3555 *The Dial by Name directory is set up for FIRST Names except for Nurse Sue—she isn't listed.*
All staff emails ...@stmaryslutheran.org

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick,
 Lead Pastor 799-5791 or pastorjordan@

Rev. Debbie Hartfield, Associate Pastor
 599-5795 or pastordeb@

Deb Black, organ.....choirmama100@gmail.com

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