

JUNE 2026

THE SPIRIT



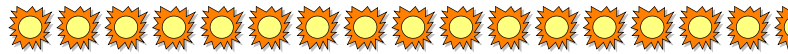
ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2001 80TH ST. ~ KENOSHA, WISCONSIN 53143
262*658*3555
FOUNDED 1874 ~ CURRENT LOCATION 1961



Psalm 74:17

*"You have fixed all the bounds of the earth;
you made summer and winter."*

A Message from Our Pastor The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick June, 2026



There is something special about worshipping outside. Being able to feel the breeze, see the leaves on the trees, and enjoy the sunshine reminds us that, though we humans can do many amazing things, we cannot improve on the natural world that God has created. Even what we sometimes see as distractions, like the sound of cars passing, dogs barking, or lawnmowers starting up can remind us that we are connected to other humans and different parts of God's creation.



With the Worship, Music, and Arts team, I am in the process of planning an **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 12 AT**

9 AM. That is the same day that St. Mary's will attend the Kenosha Kingfish baseball game, so it will be a full day of outdoor enjoyment!

We will plan to gather on the east side of the building. Please bring a lawn chair if you can, but extra chairs will also be set up.

For the summer, we will be using a new musical setting during worship. It will be setting 10 from the ELW cranberry colored hymnal. This setting uses familiar hymn tunes (like *Ode to Joy*), and should be easy to pick up on. We will use this setting in worship on both Saturdays and Sundays, beginning the weekend of June 13/14 and continuing through Sunday, September 6.

Summer can be a busy time, but I hope that whatever your summer looks like, there is time for rest, connection with people you love, and enjoyment of the natural beauty that God has graciously gifted us with in abundance.

I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Peace, Pastor Jordan



PASTORS MILLER-STUBBENDICK WILL BE OUT OF TOWN FOR A SUMMER BREAK.

In case of pastoral emergencies during Pastor Jordan's absence:

- † For June 23-28, please call Pastor Becca Laabs (Trinity/Lakeside) at 608-632-1045.
- † From June 29-July 5, please call Pastor Wesley Isberner (Spirit Alive) at 262-612-3790.

Please pray for Pastors Jordan and Adam during their travels to include safe passage, enjoyable weather and memories to share upon their return.



St. MARY'S
Lutheran Church
Kenosha, Wisconsin ELCA

BEING CHRISTIAN IN THE HOLY LAND

The Holy Land is the center of the Christian faith, and has been home to indigenous Christians for generations. It is also a place we hear about in the news, and one that is home to many stories. What is it like to be a Christian there?

Pastor Fursan Zu'mot is a Lutheran Christian pastor outside of Jerusalem, Palestine. He will share his perspective on being a Palestinian Christian in the Holy Land.



Born in Jordan, Pastor Fursan Zu'mot serves the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Beit Jala, Palestine.

 **Saturday, June 6, 2026**

 **5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

 **St. Mary's Lutheran Church**
2001 80th Street, Kenosha, WI 53143
Please use the east side parking lot & doors under carport to enter.

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**



[Updated for Remaining 2 Holidays]

Dear people of Kenosha ELCA congregations,

Pastoral and lay leaders from Spirit Alive!, Trinity and Lakeside, and St. Mary's Lutheran Churches are planning a special way for you to experience this.

These four Kenosha ELCA congregations will come together for worship on four special days. We will be able to worship in different buildings around the city of Kenosha, hear different pastors preach, and enjoy fellowship with new friends and those we might not get to see very often.

For each of these holidays, the combined worship service will be the only one offered by St. Mary's, Spirit Alive! and Trinity and Lakeside. We plan to annually continue offering these combined worship services around these four holidays weekends.

These combined worship services also allow us to take an offering that benefits the wider community, as follows: **July 4:** Lutherdale & **Labor Day:** Walk in My Shoes

We are thrilled to offer a new way for the Kenosha ELCA community to worship together, and to celebrate that we are stronger and better together. If you have questions, please contact your pastor.

Please make note:

On the weekends when we will worship as a group of ELCA churches, there will **not** be a Saturday afternoon service here at St. Mary's. That includes the following Saturdays: July 4 & September 5, 2026.

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Spirit Alive! Lutheran Church (meets in the building of Wesley United Methodist Church)

Worship is at 10:45 am

4600 60th St

Kenosha, WI 53144

Pastor Wesley Isberner (pronouns: they/them)

Labor Day weekend: Sunday, September 6, 2026

St. Mary's Lutheran Church

Worship is at 9 am

2001 80th St. Kenosha, WI 53143

Pastor Jordan Miller-Stubbendick (pronouns: she/her)



Worship Attendance

May, 2026

May 2/3: 127

May 9/10: 140

May 16/17: 150

**No Worship on May 23/24—
Combined service at Trinity**



Are we there yet?



May 22, 2026

Dear Fellow Members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church,

As we navigate our journey of faith together, I often think of the classic travel question, "Are we there yet?" While the destination of our spiritual walk is eternal, our daily progress here at St. Mary's is marked by the incredible "Wonderful Opportunities Within" (WOW) that each of us brings to this community.

I am writing to you today with a heart full of gratitude. It is truly humbling to see the way you extend Christ's love through your unwavering commitment. I want to express my deepest thanks to the many members who are currently volunteering, serving on our various committees—including Council and Finance—and so generously giving of your time, talents, treasures, and energy. You are the heart of this vibrant and loving home.

Our church continues to move forward under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and Pastor Jordan. We have been blessed with opportunities for growth, potentially improving some technology, dealing with our aging building and the potential of bringing someone in on a part-time basis to assist Pastor Jordan. However, as we look toward our financial future, we are facing important challenges regarding our budget and our mortgage.

Currently, our preliminary budget scenarios for the 26-27 fiscal year reflect a deficit. Additionally, our mortgage will see an interest rate adjustment in early 2027, which will increase our monthly payments and place a greater burden on our resources.

In the spirit of open communication and collaboration, we gently encourage us all to reflect on how we can continue to offer our WOW—our unique gifts and resources—to help improve this deficit. We are exploring strategies to refinance our debt and challenge ourselves to raise funds over the next few years to pay down our mortgage balance. Reducing these debt payments would provide us with a much more manageable financial perspective and a margin of safety for the years to come.

We are confident that with God's assistance and our shared dedication, we can improve our budget and ensure St. Mary's remains a sanctuary for spiritual growth, community encouragement and a beacon of God's love. Please keep our Finance Committee, Church Council, and our entire congregation in your prayers as we navigate through these important decisions together and discern any possibilities we personally can do to assist in this matter.

We are eager to listen to your thoughts and work with you to make this vision of financial health, community of helpful hands, joyful songs, happy giving, and vibrant ministry a reality. Thank you for your trust and for walking this journey of faith with us.

Peace,
 Andy Schroeder
 Council President, St. Mary's Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report ~ April 2026	
Income Actual.....	\$44,460.24
Expenses Actual.....	\$49,833.28
Results.....(-)	\$ 5,373.04
Fiscal Year-to-date 25/26	
Income Actual.....	\$439,848.68
Expenses Actual.....	\$470,374.38
Results.....(-)	\$ 30,525.70
<i>The current Year-to-date percentage of electronic giving to total offerings given is 30.7%.</i>	

COMMUNITY HEALTH
TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES:
LEARNING ABOUT OUR HEALTH

**JOIN
US!**

FREE 1-hour education on
Self-Care

FREE GIFT TO ATTENDEES!



Self-Care:

Caring for the Whole You

Self-care is an important part of staying healthy and balanced. This session will explore the 8 Dimensions of Wellness and share simple strategies to help manage stress, build resilience, and support overall well-being in everyday life.

TWO SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1) June 18, 2026, 1-2:30pm

St Mary's Lutheran Church
2001 80th St, Kenosha, WI

Registration Requested:

- info@stmaryslutheran.org
- 262-658-3555

2) June 22, 2026, 10-11:30am

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5601 Washington Rd, Kenosha, WI

Registration Requested:

- office@lordoflifekenosha.org
- 262-656-1995



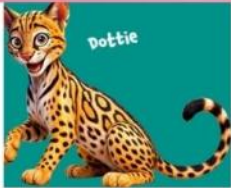
SUNDAY SCHOOL

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL- Summer Break

June, is surrounded by end of school year celebrations including growth in learning, moving to the next grade, and transitions into middle-school. Summer reminds us and invites us to take more opportunities for rest and relaxation as we consider much needed family time. While we have more opportunities to take advantage of this time, take the time also to thank God for every one of these moments. While you're having fun, remember that Jesus is with you always.

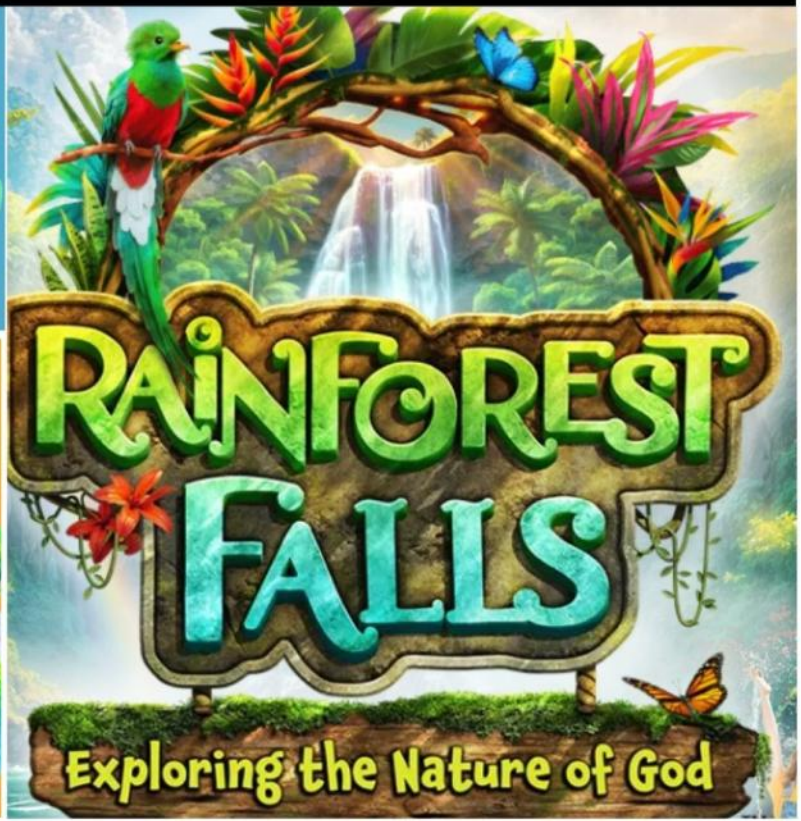
Stay kind, stay thankful, and listen!



Vacation Bible School August 3-6
Register early to secure your spot!
Pre-K (3) through 5th grade



VBS
Camper
Registration



VBS
Volunteer
Interest
6th grade -
Adult



Contact Info

JOAN OEHLBERG: Coordinator of Children's Ministry
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High School Calendar
6/3 7pm-8:45pm LAST FUSION
6/7 Senior Blessing 9am

Middle School Calendar
6/8—FISH BAKE OFF 6pm

ST. MARYS YOUTH FUNDRAISER
JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF INTENTIONAL GROUNDING
 JUNE 20TH 2026
 45 MINUTE SESSIONS AT 9AM, 10AM, 11AM
 SESSIONS \$15 EACH OR \$40 FOR 3
 REGISTRATION AVAILABLE SOON!!
 ST. MARYS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 2001 80TH ST KENOSHA WI

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SESSIONS MAY INCLUDE
 YOGA, CARDIO DANCE,
 SUCCULENT PLANTING, SOUND
 PATH, MODERATE/EASY EXERCISE
 MEDITATION, HEALTHY COOKING
 AND MORE!

FREE CHILD CARE AVAILABLE!

ST. MARYS LUTHERAN YOUTH
CAR WASH
 2001 80TH ST KENOSHA WI

JUNE 7
 10:30AM TO 1:00PM

\$5 FRESH ELOTE STREET CORN IN A CUP

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

BINGO Night

Join us to help fundraise for our youth trips this summer for a fun night of Bingo!!

WEDN
ESDAY

6:00PM
DOORS OPEN AT 530PM

JUNE
10TH

Congrats to our 2026 Graduates
 Join us in Worship on June 7th as we celebrate them!

END OF YEAR BOWLING

Middle and High Schoolers are invited to our end of year bowling at GRC June 7th from 3pm-5pm.



Confirmation
Confirmation 2026



News You Can Use

When You Are Sick in Mind, Body, Spirit:

St. Mary's is one of the only church congregations that employs a Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse (FCN). 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.

As a reminder, please let Pastor Jordan know if you are hospitalized or have acute pastoral care needs. Pastor Jordan will take care of acute pastoral care needs, and can be reached at 799-5791 or pastorjordan@stmaryslutheran.org

Ongoing pastoral care needs will be handled by care ministers. If you would like to have a care minister, please contact Nurse Sue at 799-4003 or fcn@stmaryslutheran.org. Nurse Sue is at St. Mary's on Tuesdays, and works remotely on Thursdays.

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.




Here, Fishy-Fishy!
St. Mary's is going to a Kenosha Kingfish game!
Sunday, July 12th at 1:35pm

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USERNAME: [EMAIL ADDRESS] PASSWORD:
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OFFICE WILL HELP



ELCA OUTREACH CENTER
1ST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
 June 29th 2026
 Kenosha Country Club
 500 13th Ave

elcaoutreachcenter.org/1st-annual-golf-outing-sign-up/

The ELCA Outreach Center shares God's Love as a faith-based organization offering a safe place that provides services to meet our community members' needs.

- Current Wish List
- Diapers
 - Wipes
 - Plastic Grocery Bags
 - Coffee
 - Sugar
 - Creamer



Our mission is to empower women, children, and youth through education, mentorship, and community resources. We are committed to helping women unlock their full potential while equipping children and teens with the skills, confidence, and opportunities they need to thrive.

DONATION DRIVE

Happening here at St. Mary's in August!

CONTACT: 262-676-2436

We're organizing a donation drive to provide essential school supplies for underprivileged students and make a difference!

MAY - JULY 2026

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PAYPAL



Wish List



DONATE SUPPLIES OR MAKE A CASH DONATION

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

How many shopping days left until Christmas? On June 1, it will be 208 days! But! St. Mary's *Christmas in July* is only a month away. This is a great time to stock up on personal care items to donate. Those items donated to will then go to the ELCA Outreach Center to help those in need during the summer months.

Church in Society

P.S. During July, we will NOT be using the *red bags for Food on the First* so all our donations can go to this ministry's efforts.



**ST. MARY'S "FOOD ON THE FIRST" RED BAG PROGRAM
CONTINUES THROUGH THE SUMMER (EXCEPT NOT IN JULY)**

Red Bag Pick Up: May 30/31

Red Bag Drop Off: June 6/7

www.KenoshaWelcomeCenter.org for news and updates.

Another lovely message from Jayne Mackey

edited for space

"...[you] helped me in thanking all my St. Mary's "Earthly Angels" but I forgot 2:

Chris Johnson—I was at the Tea and was so impressed with everything. Chris is so involved with [it] for so long!

Anne Winkle—So very faithful in the Women's programs and so concerned with world conditions.

Thank you—Jayne





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. **All are 1+(262) unless otherwise noted.** Council liaisons are as follows:

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Regular and special giving can also be made using the Tithe.ly application. If you have any questions about your envelopes or Tithe.ly, please contact the church office 658-3555 or Cari Richter.

SCAN THIS QR CODE FOR TITHE.LY ONLINE GIVING.

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) - "Sermons"



Council Connection for June 2026

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We're on the Web
www.stmaryslutheran.org

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June Church Office Hours:

Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays:
9:00am-3:00pm
Wednesdays: Noon—6:00pm
Fridays: 9:00am—Noon

**The Office will be closed on
Friday, July 3
in Observance of Independence Day**

