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For everything there is a
season and a time for every
matter under heaven:

*¹⁴ I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing
can be added to it nor anything taken from it; God has
done this so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵ That
which is already has been, that which is to be already is,
and God seeks out what has gone by.
Ecclesiastes 3:1, 14-15*



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick

Last month, I had the privilege of witnessing my dear friend, Adam Shoemaker, as he was ordained and consecrated as the Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island. It was a joy to watch so many friends, family members, colleagues and mentors gather to support this important event in the life of Adam's family and of the church.

As I took part in several events celebrating Adam's transition into becoming bishop, I noticed that he was very intentional about naming his gratitude for the people and places who have shaped and formed him. He noted that his first year as bishop will be a time of listening to the stories, joys, and concerns of the diverse people who make up the Long Island Diocese. Finally, he encouraged everyone to join him in listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

All of these practices—gratitude for what has come before, intentional listening to those in the community, and seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit—also apply to us as we begin the **Adventures in Renewal** process at St. Mary's.

Over the next year or so, a small group of people from St. Mary's will gather regularly to dwell deeply in Scripture, engage our neighbors, and listen intentionally for where God's Holy Spirit may be nudging us in this next season of life and ministry together. This group will be supported by a coach from the Greater Milwaukee Synod, and I will offer spiritual guidance.

Adventures in Renewal is not a program that has a certain outcome. It will not necessarily attract new members, bring in more money, or signal the start of a new ministry.

Rather, it is a process of slowing down, getting curious, and listening deeply to those within and around our walls, and most of all, the Holy Spirit in whom we live and move and have our being. This **Adventures in Renewal** process will help us to better connect with the Holy Spirit and our community.

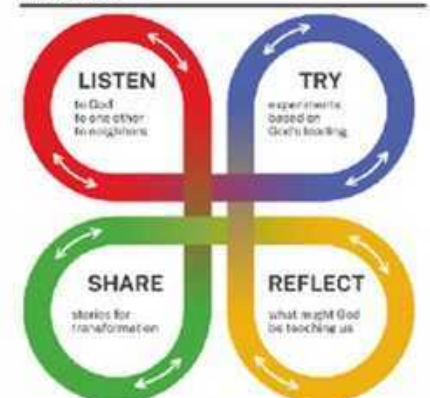
I am grateful that our community is engaging in this process at this time. As we do, I offer to you a prayer, inspired by Walter Brueggeman, that Bishop Adam Shoemaker shared with his community.

*O God of beginnings and renewals,
You call us into places we have not yet walked,
and entrust us with people we have not yet met.
We come with trembling hands and open hearts,
ready to be surprised by Your Spirit.
In our eagerness, keep us humble.
In our uncertainty, keep us steady.
In our joy, keep us generous.
Let this ministry be a place where truth
is spoken in love,
where the weary find rest,
and where Your justice rolls down
like a mighty river.
We offer our plans, our gifts, and
our very selves to You—
trusting that what You begin,
You will bring to fullness.
Amen.*

Seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance with you,

Pastor Jordan

PROCESS



Pasta for SHALOM

Together we'll put
"Al Dente" in Hunger
& Homelessness!



Event Date: Sunday, October 4,

2026 For the Shalom Center Pasta Dinner.
Tickets available at shalomcenter.org.

Event Time: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Event Cost: Adults: \$15, Children 5-
12: \$8, Children 4 & Under: Free

Event Location: St. Mary's
Lutheran Church, 2001 80th St.,
Kenosha, WI 53143

Grab Your Lederhosen

And Support
Our Community

SAVE OUR DATE:

OCT **17** 2026

OCTOBER
Fundraiser



5 PM TO 10 PM
KENOSHA MOOSE CLUB
3005 30th Ave., Kenosha

Buy
Tickets
Online
Now!

Brats & Food
Music • Raffles
Silent Auction
Cash Bar

Tickets Available at the Door OR Online: KenoshaWelcomeCenter.org/Events

CUSH Annual Fall **BANQUET**

Celebrating the Work

October 29, 2026
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

TICKETS: \$100

Social Hour: 5:00 PM **Dinner: 6:00 PM** **Program: 7:00 PM**

The Club at Strawberry Creek
14810 72nd St Kenosha, WI 53142

CUSH, PO Box 1324 Kenosha, WI 53141 | (815) 669-0689 admin@cushkenosha.com

CUSH

Congregations United to Serve Humanity

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

Harvest of Hope

AN EVENING TO BENEFIT THE
ELCA OUTREACH CENTER
AND GIVE THANKS TO OUR
DONORS, VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 5TH 2026
Parkway Chateau
12304 75th St Kenosha, WI

5:30PM DOORS OPEN
6:00PM DINNER

LIVE MUSIC BY THE LONELY NINJAS TO FOLLOW

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR, SILENT
AUCTION ITEMS & WAYS TO SUPPORT THE
OUTREACH CENTER



Stay Healthy This Season

Get Your Flu Shot!

Protect yourself, your family, and your community by getting your annual flu shot. It's quick, safe, and the best defense against the flu.



Sunday

October 25th

Fellowship Hall
9:00am- 12 noon

**Call to register
262-658-3555**

- Bring insurance card
- Prior sign-up recommended but (walk-ins welcome!)



**St Mary's Lutheran
2001 80th Street
Kenosha, WI**

Partnering with Walgreens



GriefShare®

Surviving the Holidays



Sign Up for this Event

9:30a-11:30a

**St. Mary's Lutheran
Church**

Chapel Lounge

Saturday, December 5th

MEDICAL IMAGING

Different Tests. Different Uses.

X-RAY

Best for bones and basic chest imaging



CASES



Bone fractures



Lung infections



Dental issues



DURATION

A few minutes



RADIATION

Ionizing radiation

MRI

Best for soft tissues and detailed imaging



CASES



Soft tissues



Brain, spinal cord



Muscles, ligaments



DURATION

30-60 minutes



RADIATION

No ionizing radiation

CT

Best for emergencies and detailed cross-sections



CASES



Emergencies



Tumors



Internal bleeding



DURATION

5-10 minutes



RADIATION

Ionizing radiation

SUNDAY SCHOOL OCTOBER

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

October 4 9:00-10:30
October 11 8:40-10:30 Greet
October 18 9:00-10:30
October 25 9:00-10:30

UPCOMING

OCTOBER 11 GREETING 8:40a
OCTOBER 25 10A-12P TRUNK / TREAT

For planning November

- NOVEMBER 8 Greet 8:40 & Brown bag decorating

December

- DECEMBER 6 GREET
- DECEMBER 13 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Contact Info

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Coordinator of Children's Ministry
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YOUTH NEWS

High School Schedule

Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:30pm
October 7th - FUSION
October 14th - BINGO @ 6pm
October 21st - FUSION
Halloween Party - TBD

Middle School Schedule

Mondays 6:30pm-8:00pm
October 5th - Learning Night
October 12th - Learning Night
October 19th - Quest Night
October 26th - Halloween Party

All are welcome to join FISH and FUSION!

If you are interested in getting involved with the youth programs reach out to Kendra!

Our first youth committee meeting of the new school year will be Monday October 5th at 6:30pm!

BINGO NIGHT

Help us Fundraise for our Youth Retreats and Summer Trips!
Cards are \$10 for 10 rounds!

Hot Dogs | Prizes | Fun

OCTOBER 14TH

Games start at 6pm!
Doors open at 5:15pm!
Rounds 1-9 prizes are \$15 gifts cards!
Final Round prize is 15% of the bingo purchased!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE YOUTH OF ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN

JOIN US!

THE THEOLOGY OF HYMNS

The Sunday morning book study class, led by Dick Sjoerdsma, is open to all Sundays

10:15 a.m., in the Chapel/Lounge.

The book to be studied is the **ELW hymnal**, and the class is called "The Theology of Hymns." In this class, we will listen to, discuss the backgrounds, and examine basic tenets of our faith contained in the verses of some of our favorite hymns.

You can join this class at any time! Runs through October.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the red bag program for The Kenosha Welcome Center is late a week! Please pick up your empty red bag on October 3rd/4th and return on October 10th/11th. Thank you so much St. Mary's. You are the BEST!



Jars will be available for donations on weekends in October. You may also place a donation marked for the orphanage in the offering plate.

Please make any checks payable to "WELCA - St. Mary's Lutheran Church" memo: orphanage.

Thank you St. Mary's Lutheran Church!

NKOARANGA ORPHANAGE

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.

**Early Morning
Sunday, 11/1**



**New this fall!!
SMLC Small Groups**

Looking for a way to connect with someone new?
Wanting to grow in community with people you already know?
Looking for a way to grow deeper in your faith?
If you answered yes to any of those questions.....
A small group is the thing for you!!!

FOLLOW THE QR CODE TO FILL OUT AN INTEREST FORM OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME AND EMAIL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!



**ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2001 80TH ST KENOSHA**

*YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF ST. MARY'S TO JOIN A GROUP!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Looking for two days to work on your projects? Whether you scrapbook, quilt, crochet, knit, or whatever your hobby may be, come join us for two days of crafting and fellowship.

We will host the two day event in Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday from 8am until 10pm. There will be two opportunities per year. One in February and the other in November. The cost is **\$10 a day** which will cover the building rental fee and one 8' table or 5' round table. Feel free to bring in snacks to share to keep you fueled for two full days of fun. Your table can remain set up for the entire time so you can come and go as you please. Someone will always be in fellowship hall to make sure your items are secure.

**Mark your calendars for:
November 13th & 14th, 2026
February 5th & 6th, 2027**

If you are interested or want more information contact Jackie Larsen at 262-496-8800 or email: jmlarsen2987@gmail.com. Space is limited so payment is due to hold your spot

2026-2027

**Kenosha ELCA combined worship service
locations and the offering for an organization
that benefits the Kenosha community.**

**Christmas Day (Friday 12/25) - Lakeside Women's
and Children's Horizons**

**Memorial Day (Sunday, 5/30) - Spirit Alive!
Breaking the Chains Church**

**Fourth of July (Sunday, 7/4) - St Mary's
Lutherdale**

Labor Day (Sunday, 9/5) - Trinity - Walk'n My Shoes

Treasurer's Report ~ August 2026

- Income Actual.....\$30,542.24
- Expenses Actual.....\$47,113.28
- Results.....(-)\$16,571.04

Fiscal Year-to-date 26/27

- Income Actual.....\$76,614.26
- Expenses Actual.....\$97,364.13
- Results.....(-)\$20,749.83

The current Year-to-date percentage of electronic
giving to total offerings given is 40.5%.

October SCHEDULE

October	Date	A.M.	Service	Pastor
Saturday	October 3	Laura Miesbauer	Traditional	Pastor Jordan
Sunday	October 4	Laura Miesbauer	Traditional	Pastor Jordan
Saturday	October 10	Kevin Larsen	Holden	100% Lay Led
Sunday	October 11	Julie Schmit	Traditional	Pastor Jordan
Saturday	October 17	Pat Gallo	Traditional	Pastor Becca
Sunday	October 18	Di Michalski	Traditional	Pastor Brad Brown
Saturday	October 24	Dana Larsen	Traditional	Pastor Becca
Sunday	October 25	Jenny Workman	Traditional	Pastor Jordan
Saturday	October 31	Kevin Larsen	Holden	100% Lay Led
Sunday	November 1	Julie Schmit	Traditional	Pastor Jordan

**St. Mary's The Friendly Center
Luncheons, Fellowship, Devotions
and a Program on
Wednesday, October 28 @ 11am**

**You do not need to be a member of
St. Mary's - just 55+!**

*Cost of lunches TBD. Contact a Friendly Center Board
Member for specifics: Rod/Faith Pfeiffer, Bob/Sue
VanBendegom, Lisa Zanin.*



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
10A-12P ST. MARY'S
WEST PARKING LOT**

October 8th at 4:30pm

Gonnie's Exercise Class begins!

**Come for a fun and easy fitness routine by
leader, Gonnie Tromp! All ages and skills
are encouraged - use the east side office
door to enter.**

We will meet in the gym.

**This will run weekly on Thursdays until
Christmas time.**

**A Free-Will Offering is accepted to cover
the cost of using the space. Thank you!**

St. MARY'S Lutheran Church

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

WORSHIP - 9:00AM OCTOBER 25TH

Fall Church Office Hours:

Mondays / Tuesdays / Thursdays: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Wednesdays: Noon - 6:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am - Noon

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS - FALL BACK - NOVEMBER 1

