November 2026

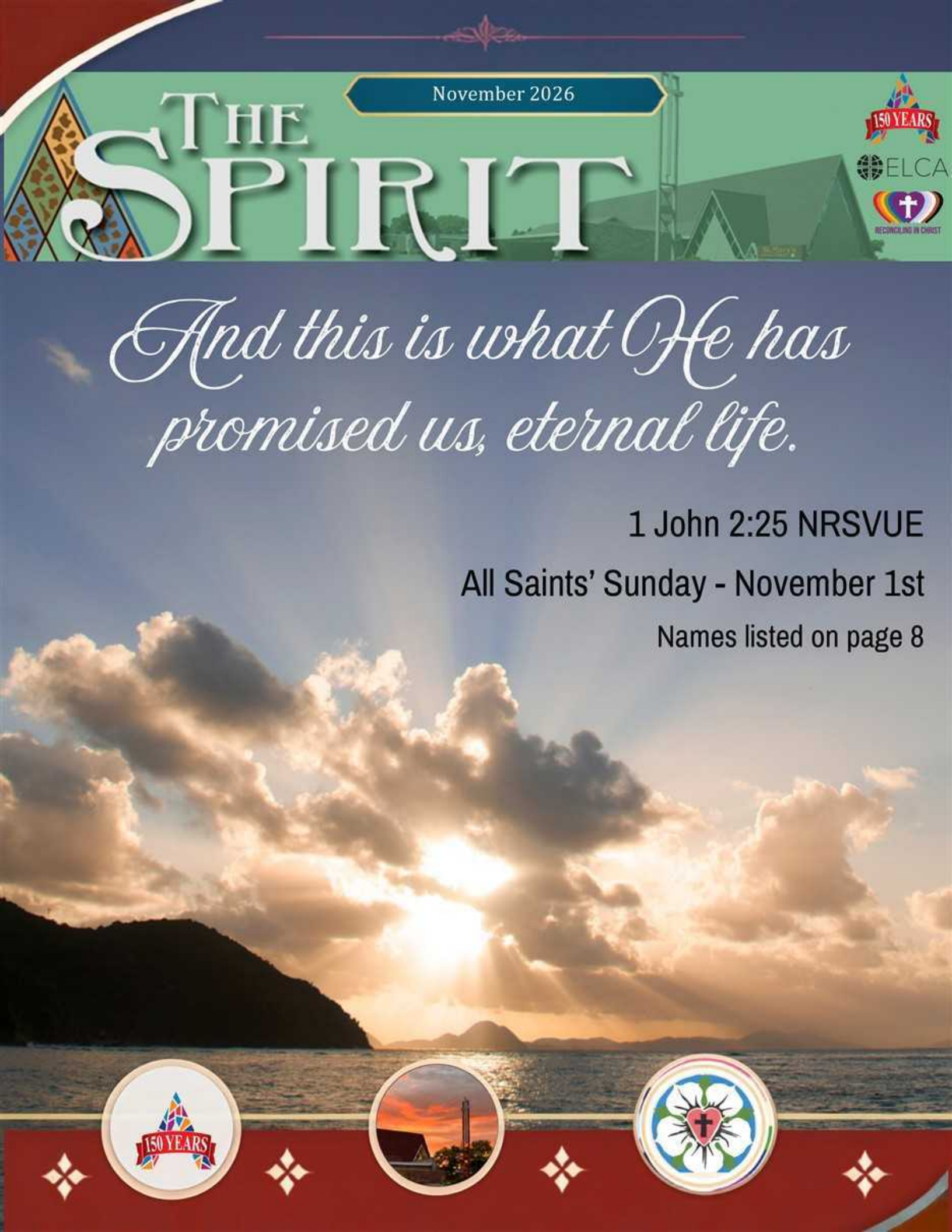
The Spirit

And this is what He has promised us, eternal life.

1 John 2:25 NRSVUE

All Saints' Sunday - November 1st

Names listed on page 8



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick

Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!
Genesis 28:16b

The story of Jacob spans almost 25 chapters of the book of Genesis. In his story, we learn of Jacob's lifelong rivalry with his brother Esau, his deception to secure his father's blessing, Esau's subsequent wrath, and Jacob's attempt to escape his problems.

At one point when Jacob is trying to run away from his brother, he has a dream where God appears to him, assuring Jacob that God will be with Jacob and keep all of God's promises to Jacob. Upon waking from his dream, Jacob proclaims, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" (Genesis 28:16b)

I am thinking about this story in relation to Thanksgiving. Sometimes, when we are in a difficult stretch, it is not always easy to sit down and count our blessings. It feels easier to list off the many ways that life has knocked us over. I imagine Jacob may have felt something like this, when he stole the blessing that rightly belonged to his brother, Esau, and then ran away from Esau's anger. Jacob has dishonored his father, cheated his brother, and will now be lucky to escape with his life. It is in the midst of all of this swirling about that Jacob has the dream where God appears to him, offering blessing and perspective.

It can help to take a step back from our immediate circumstances and look at the wider perspective of our life. When we do, we might be able to see that, though we are dealing with many challenges, God is also right there with us, and in the midst of hardships, there are also good things happening.

In Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith, Author Kathleen Norris has an affirming and reassuring interpretation of Jacob's story.

> ***Even when we try to run away from our troubles, as Jacob did, God will find us, and bless us, even when we feel most alone, unsure if we'll survive the night. God will find a way to let us know that [God] is with us in this place, wherever we are, however far we think we've run. And maybe that's one reason we worship—to respond to grace. We praise God not to celebrate our own faith but to give thanks for the faith God has in us. To let ourselves look at God, and let God look back at us. And to laugh, and sing, and be delighted because God has called us [God's] own.***

As we approach Thanksgiving, it may be a challenge for you to feel especially thankful. That is okay. We have very real challenges, and don't always feel especially grateful.

But we can remember that God is also with us in the midst of our difficulties. We are not alone. As we pay attention, we may find that God shows up in ways we did not expect, and that there are also joys and comforts in our life that we see when we take the time and intentionality to notice them. When we come together for worship, it can be encouraging to remember that on days when your faith feels shaky, there is a community of others surrounding you, gathering and praying and singing with you and for you. On days when you need it, your faith can be supported by your community. And on days when others need it, you can help to support their faith. This, too, is a sign of God's presence: this community of faith means we do not need to face hard times alone.

Even if this is a time of many challenges for you, look around. In so many ways, God is still and surely in this place.

Noticing God's steadfast presence right along with you,

Pastor Jordan



THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

The Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday, November 22 at 9 am!

This year, we will not be having the Thanksgiving Eve service the night before Thanksgiving. Instead, it will be at 9 am on Sunday, November 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We will still include the diverse and gratitude-filled readings, hymns, and prayers that makes this service special and meaningful. There will be a Sunday school-led collection of food for the Shalom Center, and pie after worship! We are hopeful that this change in time will allow more people to join in our communal thanksgiving to God...and there will be pie after worship!

There will not be worship at St. Mary's on Saturday, November 21, to encourage our whole community of faith to give thanks and worship together on Sunday, November 22.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES:

After thoughtful conversion and discernment with the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, the decision has been made to have **two Christmas Eve services at St. Mary's, on Thursday, December 24:**

one at 3 pm and one at 5 pm.

The services will be held earlier this year to hopefully allow more folks the chance to participate, without conflicting with dinner plans or other Christmas Eve commitments. Recognizing that it can be difficult to drive during winter evening conditions, the earlier time makes it possible to attend worship and return home while it is still light out.

Both Christmas Eve services will include the cherished traditions of special music and the singing of Silent Night by candlelight.

The combined Kenosha ELCA service on **Christmas Day will take place on Friday, December 25 at 9 am Lakeside Lutheran Church - 3833 8th Ave.**, with the offering being collected for Women's and Children's Horizons.

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE:

The Lessons and Carols service of reading the Christmas story and singing Christmas hymns will take place on Sunday, December 27. It will be lay-led and coordinated by Dick Sjoerdsma and Kevin Larsen.

There will not be worship at St. Mary's on Saturday, December 26.

NURSE SUE - AURORA FAITH AND HEALTH TEAM - NOVEMBER, 2026

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.



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TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES:
LEARNING ABOUT OUR HEALTH

JOIN US!

FREE 1-HOUR EDUCATION ON

NUTRITION



WISCONSIN WOMEN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION

GrapeVine

November 9, 2026
1:00pm - 2:30pm
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5601 Washington Road
Kenosha, WI
Registration Requested:
office@lordoflifekenosha.org
262-656-1995

November 12, 2026
1:00pm - 2:30pm
St. Mary's Lutheran Church
2001- 80th Street
Kenosha, WI
Registration Requested:
info@stmaryslutheran.org
262-658-3555

NUTRITION: FACT VS FICTION CUTTING THROUGH THE NOISE

We all know that we should 'eat well', but what does that really mean? With a focus on long-term habits instead of short-term diets, the basics of a healthy eating pattern can help guide individuals in making meal choices that support their health goals.

FREE GIFT TO ATTENDEES!

GriefShare®

Surviving the Holidays



FREE EVENT

Saturday
December 5th 2026
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Call to register 262-658-3555
by Monday, November 23rd

St. Mary's Lutheran Church
2001 80th Street
Kenosha, WI 53143

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 75thg 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



WINTER COATS NEEDED!

SHALOM CENTER

ELCA OUTREACH CENTER

Craft & VENDOR Fair

Handmade Treasures Great Gifts and More!

SHOP LOCAL ♥ SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS

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SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2026

9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

FREE ADMISSION | FOOD CONCESSIONS | GIFT CARD RAFFLE | BAKE SALE featuring delicious treats from R&M Orchards of Pleasant Prairie

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5601 WASHINGTON ROAD
KENOSHA, WI 53144

At the Southeast corner of Green Bay & Washington Roads, across the street from CVS & McDonalds.

Lord of Life
Lutheran Church
Led by love and inspired by grace to serve.

★ 4TH ANNUAL ★

VETERANS DAY

★ SERVICE ★

FOR VETERANS AND BY VETERANS

HONOR ★ GRATITUDE ★ COMMUNITY

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 7TH
11:00 AM

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Kenosha, WI

CATERED LUNCH TO FOLLOW
PROVIDED BY HOMETOWN MEATS

SPONSORED BY:
Casey Family Options
A future of hope

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVEMBER

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

November 1 9:00-10:30
November 8 8:40-10:30 Greet
November 15 9:00-10:30
November 22 9:00-10:30
November 29 No Sunday school

November Detail

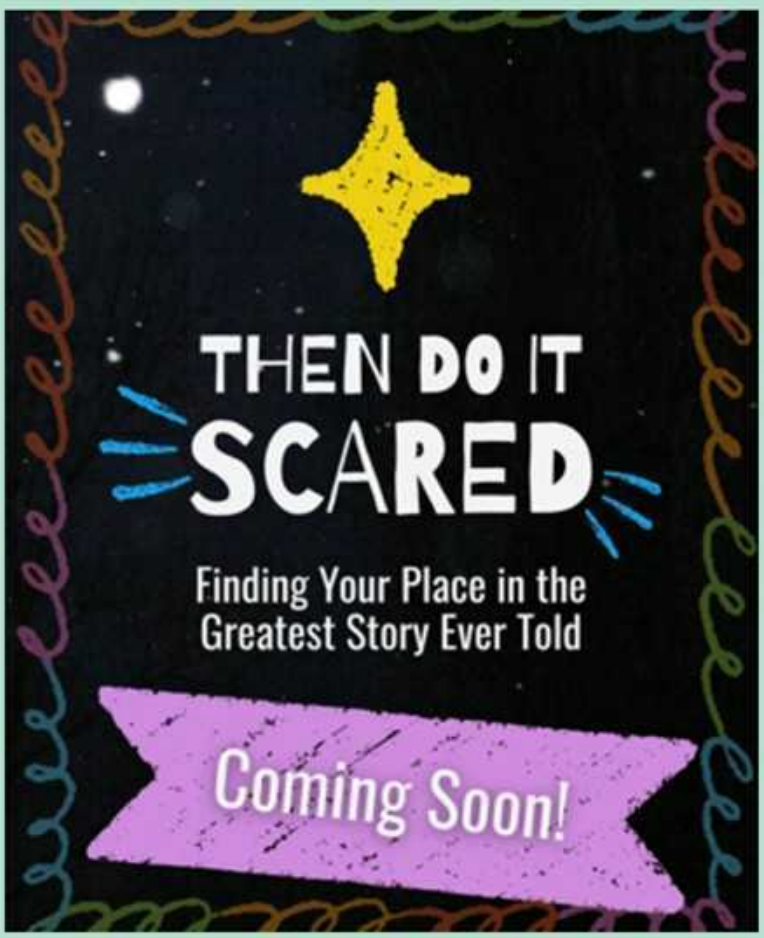
NOVEMBER 1: Families decorate brown bags for congregation food collection 10:30-11
NOVEMBER 8: Greet / pass out bags 8:40
NOVEMBER 22: Help with Food offering during service.



UPCOMING

For planning December

- DECEMBER 4: Drop and Shop 5P-8P
- DECEMBER 6: Greet 8:40A
- DECEMBER 6: Soft Dress Rehearsal 10a-11
- DECEMBER 12: Full Dress Rehearsal 12p-2
- DECEMBER 13: Christmas Program
- DECEMBER 13: Serve coffee hour
- DECEMBER 20-JANUARY 3: No S.S.



Contact Info

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

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MIXING THE UNSEEN INTO THE ROUTINE

FISH
FOREVER IN SERVICE TO HIM

YOUTH NEWS

High School Schedule
Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:30pm

November 4th - FUSION
November 11th - FUSION
November 18th - FUSION
November 25th - NO FUSION

Middle School Schedule
Mondays 6:30pm-8:00pm

November 2nd - NO FISH
Novmeber 9th - Learning Night
Novmber 16th - Learning Night
November 23rd - NO FISH
October 30th - Service night at the ELCA Outreach Center

Sunday, November 8th
Please join us at 9am for a youth led contemperary worship service!

IMAGINE more

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2027

June 28th - July 2nd
Minneapolis, MN

Committment Forms Due November 11th



Fun at our middle school Halloween Party!

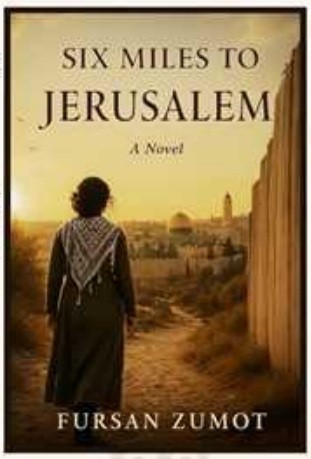
Rest In Peace, Dearly Departed Beloveds

Tom Basler
James Christensen
Frank Derginer
Richard Dischler
Judy Douglas
Danny Drake
Karen Ebner
Sarah Freeborn
Ferdinand & Natalie Frese
Hattie & Herbert Frese
Charles Grapentine
Richard Haberle
Kate Hafke
Lorraine Harris
Charles & Margaret Hayes
John Jansen
Lisa Justin
Mark Koch
Milo Koch
Geraldine Lachman
Hayden Langer
Wayne Larsen
Gerald Leonard
Ethel Mandernack
Bob Miller
Patricia Miller
Victor Mitmoen
Dolores Norcross
Robert Noreen
Gary Bob Packman
Dave Peterman
Marlene Principe
Berger & Jo Rasmussen
Holm & Camilla Rasmussen
Marilyn Richter
Mary Riggle
Bertha & Ludwig Schefky
Walter Schefky
Larry Schultz
Mary Sjoerdsma
Douglas Spaeth
Gladys & Leonard Teslow
Michael VanBendegom
Brad Weinstock
Tom Williams
Jack Winkler
Timothy Zarzecki





Many of you had the opportunity to meet my friend, the Reverend Doctor Fursan Zumot, when he visited St. Mary's in June. We were fortunate to hear him preach and speak about his life as a Palestinian Christian in Jerusalem.



I am really happy to tell you that Pastor Fursan has written Six Miles to Jerusalem, a novel that is specifically geared towards American Christians. I had the privilege of editing his work, and he tells a compelling story that is nuanced and thoughtful. His characters will help you to imagine Jerusalem as a vibrant place that is home to real people who live with joys and struggles, hopes and fears, just as we do. Six Miles To Jerusalem speaks to the power of compassion, understanding, and friendship as we navigate lives that too often feel fragmented and fractured. It is a deeply human, transformative, hope-filled novel that I wholeheartedly recommend to you.



I encourage you to take a look at Pastor Fursan's work.

Thank you, Pastor Jordan

SIX MILES TO JERUSALEM https://a.co/d/06msQ2fn

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.

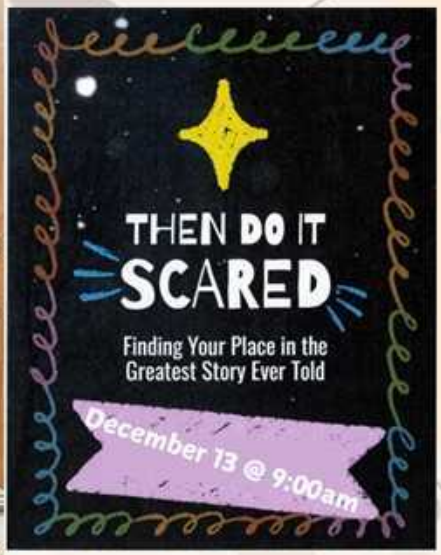
We will host the two day event in Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday from 8am until 10pm. There will be two opportunities per year. One in February and the other in November. The cost is **$10 a day** which will cover the building rental fee and one 8' table or 5' round table. Feel free to bring 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 496-8800 or email: jmlarsen2987@gmail.com. Payment is due to hold your spot



Mike (Monday - Friday) at 262-883-7024 to place your order.

SENIOR MEALS

CONGRATULATIONS KENOSHA

YOU ASKED FOR IT, AND DERANGO'S HEARD YOU!!

WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERING TO THE NORTHSIDE AND WILL NOW BE DELIVERING TO THE SOUTHSIDE AND CITYWIDE.


DeRango's
Weekly Senior Mobile Meals

Tuesday Sep1st
Spaghetti & Italian sauce
garlic bread
salad & fruit

Wednesday Sep2nd
Turkish Meatballs
rice & gravy
salad & dessert

Thursday Sep3rd
Breaded Pork Chop
roasted red potatoes
veggies & roll
cookie

Friday Sep4th
Fettuccine Alfredo
salad & bread
chocolate coconut cream pie

SALAD OF THE WEEK
Chicken Fajita Salad $8

Reserve next weeks order by this weekend!
$12.00 per meal
Ordering & questions call Mike:
262-883-7024

St. Mary's The Friendly Center

Luncheons, Fellowship, Devotions and a Program on

Wednesday, November 18 @ 11am

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

Cost of lunches $15. Contact a Friendly Center Board Member for specifics: Rod/Faith Pfeiffer, Sue VanBendegom, Lisa Zanin.



THE WELCA THANKOFFERING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 14/15, 2026

Blue envelopes will be handed out at those services. This began as a way to support the people in the Lutheran Church Mission field. Originally, the women placed pennies or loose change in little boxes that would then be collected in November. This monetary gift would then be sent to the Lutheran Church Missionary fund. St. Mary's has supported this endeavor and in the last few years the amount gathered in has been split between the national women's group and a local charity. The need is great locally, so this is what might be done this year.



Thursdays at 4:30pm

Gonnie's Exercise Class begins!

Treasurer's Report * September 2026

- Income Actual.....$39.665.81
- Expenses Actual.....$44,996.57
- Results.....(-)$5,330.76
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Fiscal Year-to-Date 26/27

- Income Actual.....$116,280.07
- Expenses Actual.....$142,360.63
- Results.....(-)$26,080.63

The current Year-to-date percentage of electronic giving to total offerings given is 31.3%.

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 until Christmas time.

No Class on Thanksgiving.

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

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 Lutheran 3833 8th Ave. - Women's & Children's Horizons**
- **Memorial Day (Sunday, 5/30) - Spirit Alive! Lutheran 4600 60th St. - Breaking the Chains Church**
- **Fourth of July (Sunday, 7/4) - St Mary's Lutheran - 2001 80th St. - Lutherdale**
- **Labor Day (Sunday, 9/5) - Trinity Lutheran 7104 39th Ave. - Walk'n In My Shoes**

When there is a combined worship service on a Sunday morning, St. Mary's will not have a Saturday afternoon service that weekend.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November	Date	Service	Pastor
Saturday	November 7	Traditional w/Communion	Pastor Jordan
Sunday	November 8	Youth Led / Traditional	Pastor Jordan
Saturday	November 14	Traditional w/Communion	Pastor Becca
Sunday	November 15	Traditional	Pastor Jordan
Saturday	November 21	NO SATURDAY WORSHIP	
Sunday	November 22	Special Thanksgiving Service	Pastor Jordan
Saturday	November 28	100% Lay Led Holden	none
Sunday	November 29	Traditional Pulpit Supply	Dean Willich

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November Church Office Hours:

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

Wednesdays: Noon–6:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am–Noon

The Church Office will be OPEN on Veteran's Day, 11/11

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The Church Office will be CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving on 11/26 & 11/

Early Morning Sunday, 11/1



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