

# Connections in Christ

*“Saved by Grace - Led by the Spirit -  
Called to Serve”*

A monthly publication from St. John's Lutheran Church  
October 2020



Dear fellow members of St John's,

The church council and I are excited to share that the synod has assigned an interim pastor to spiritually lead us through this transition and call process. Pastor Naomi has extensive experience as an interim (you can read more about her in this newsletter) and will be a wonderful fit for our congregation. The staff, council and I have all met her and she will be joining us to lead worship on October 18. Welcome Pastor Naomi!

The construction phase of the Forward in Faith Campaign continues to move forward on schedule. The roof is on and in time for the solar array to be installed. The roof has an expected lifetime of 70+ years so we won't need to worry about that for awhile! Work has also begun on the beautiful new windows on the north side of the sanctuary. In September, the Building Improvement Team met with our cross designer. We all left the meeting extremely excited about the look and feel of the new cross and are excited to share renderings when we have them available.

October also brings us into stewardship month as the ministry teams begin to work on their 2021 budgets. With seemingly so much uncertainty in 2020, we know personal budgets may be tight. However, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge (no matter the size) to the annual church budget. Pledges help the finance team and council better plan for the 2021 budget.

As the fall brings us cooler weather, the Worship Team and Council have brainstormed ideas on how to continue worship safely indoors. Our Alter Guild has purchased new individual communion cups that safely cover the wafer and wine. We plan to stay outside as long as possible, weather permitting. When it gets too cold, we plan to temporarily move into the Friendship room as we wait for the sanctuary to be finalized. As with all things COVID-19, we will need to be flexible and prepared for changes weekly as we improve our ability to safely worship. If you are unable to attend or don't feel comfortable attending in person, we will also continue to provide a virtual service.

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St. John's has a very bright future! We will soon have a newly renovated sanctuary, the start of the call process for a new pastor, and so much more. Many in the congregation have reached out to me with ideas they'd like to implement as we move forward and shape the future of St. John's. The council and I welcome these new ideas! I'm so encouraged and excited about our future. Don't forget that I also hold office hours at the church after staff meeting every other Wednesday 1-2PM. I welcome your questions, comments, and concerns as we plan for the future of St. Johns.

Yours in Faith,  
Kevin Oppermann  
Council President

Who am I?

I am very thankful for the gift of serving you as your interim pastor. I am convinced we are called to be together for this season in the life of St. John's and in my story as a pastor. Together we will discover more about our God, our faith, our church, and each other. Some of you know some things about me but I thought as an introduction, I would provide you a few tidbits about me.

I was conceived a Lutheran...I had no choice but be a Lutheran.

My father is a Lutheran pastor, continues to be actively serving three rural churches at the age of 84.

I grew up in west-central Minnesota.

I am a recovering church organist (remember when you are in recovery you are making a commitment to never do it again!).

My husband, Greg, and I have been married for 38 years.

I was ordained in 2000 following a career in strategic planning in healthcare.

I prefer to be called either Pastor Naomi or Naomi.

I have served God's people in Menomonee Falls, Eastern North Dakota, and Janesville in open-ended, settled calls.

I have served God's people as Interim Pastor in Devils Lake, North Dakota, Richland Center, Fitchburg, and Platteville.

We have one daughter who lives in Scotland with our four grandchildren (15, 12, 11, and 8). And yes, Scotland is a beautiful place primarily because of the wee ones who live there!

I love to garden and be outside.

I have a needle in my hands every day---knitting needle, stitching needle, quilting needle.

I love to read and read a wide variety of genres.

I love to cook and bake.

My favorite color is green...followed closely by yellow and coral/orange.



## BISHOP UPDATE - HISTORIC GATHERING

In an historic assembly, The Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe was elected August 29 to serve a six-year term as the bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Mortensen-Wiebe was elected on the 3rd ballot with 166 votes. The Rev. Stacie Fidler, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church Rock Island, IL received 165 votes.

While the Rev. Mortensen-Wiebe is not the first female to be elected bishop of this synod, the election is historic on another level. This is the first time an election for this synod has taken place in which all the gathered were not assembled in person. While normally held at a venue in Madison or Wisconsin Dells, this year's assembly due to the pandemic was held virtually via videoconference. Credentials reported 347 voting members connected using Zoom and Lumi interactive technologies to elect new leadership of the synod and vote on important matters pertaining to the future of its ministry.



The bishop elect currently serves as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Slinger. She is also a licensed professional counselor and has been working with Professional Service Group, Inc. She formerly served the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin as interim Director for Evangelical Mission, and as an interim pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mayville and First Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam. From 2004 to 2014, Bishop-Elect Mortensen-Wiebe served as an Associate to the Bishop in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. She received her Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN in 1992, a Bachelor of Science degree in Religion from Carroll College in Waukesha, WI, in 1988 and a Master of Education Degree from Lakeland College, Sheboygan WI, in 2004. She is married to the Rev. Darin Wiebe and they have two daughters. The Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe's installation is set for October 11, 2020. More information about how this will occur will be forthcoming in future issues of What Matters.

Thank you to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Verona Campus, for providing space for synod staff and nominees, ELCA leadership, parliamentarian, credentials staff, website poster, request-for-voice moderator, Studio Gear audio visual support and help desk volunteers who made this event possible. The videos of the assembly and worship services are available to watch here.

***Congratulations and blessings to you Bishop-Elect Joy Mortensen Wiebe!***

Please pray for Bishop elect Mortensen-Wiebe during this time of transition and prayers of thanks and gratitude to Bishop Rogness as he ends his interim work with the synod and moves into retirement.

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin cordially invites you to attend the Worship Celebration and Installation Service for Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe  
Sunday, the Eleventh of October, Two thousand twenty  
at 1:00 in the afternoon

We will gather as the body of Christ for this Service of Word.

During this time of social distancing due to the pandemic, this service will be held via live stream. You can join from the Bishop Installation page on the synod's website:  
[scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation](https://scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation)



**SWANSON NEWSLETTER EXCERPT** “Home assignment” is a new term we are using in place of “furlough.” Home assignment includes personal time, vacation time and partnership development time. We have been allotted 7 months. At the end of October, we will

finally gather with Ed’s family to celebrate the life of his mother. Apart from family time, we have other plans. We plan to buy a house! It seems like now is the time to find a home in either Wisconsin or Illinois that we can home base out of while we continue on with the Mexico Branch.

Moving forward, we will be seeking out new remote assignments that we can do mostly on the U.S. side of the border. We will work diligently on partnership development starting in January. Once we have a full 100% of our new ministry budget, we will begin our new assignments (TBA).

In early 2021, we hope to return to Mexico for a couple of months to wrap things up. Essentially, the remote nature of our new assignments will mean that we spend more time in the U.S. and less time in Mexico, but we’ll remain on full-time status.

Even though we have plans to return, we have said our goodbyes to our co-workers, the people of Oaxaca and the beautiful mountain vistas. It has been both a rich and challenging nine years. We look forward to seeing many of you in the next 12 months. Expect a call from us a few months from now! May God bless and keep you and your family safe.

**LORI LEHNHERR LETTER EXCERPT:** Covid numbers are rising as things in Costa Rica are beginning to open. Nightly curfew still exists, driving is allowed 5 days a week. Schools and church services remain online. Eighty people recently attended an online membership class to join the church. Over 100 people connect to the daily 6am prayer meetings on Zoom. The church ministry has given out over 1,100 food parcels to needy families, feeding them for a month. Over 900 pastors and leaders attending monthly meetings in person will soon be meeting online as the strategy meetings are planning the best way forward for the monthly seminars. In July and August a new online course to teach budgeting skills to 30 participants from different churches was successful and preparations are being made to offer the material on a wider level. Lori is enrolled in two online courses to use Member Care with their missionaries.

# SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT



On August 29, the South Central Synod of Wisconsin held its 2020 Assembly. Just over 345 representatives from ELCA churches participated, with St. John's having four members representing our church, Sarah Johnson, Chloe Scholl, and Alan & Rona Lukazewski. The first ever virtual online only event went rather smooth, and was actually appreciated, as it was over 6 hours long. To have the ability to get up and walk

around the house, while still participating in the assembly, was appreciated, so says Alan. Yet the Assembly was filled with prayer, thoughtful questions and discussion. Much credit is due to the synod for all the preparation that went into making the event a success.

Several resolutions were voted on, such as minor language changes and clarifications to the synod constitution as approved by the church wide assembly and written by ELCA. Also voted on and approved was the Treasurer's report, 2021 and spending and compensation guidelines. Representatives went through three series of votes to elect a new Bishop, Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe from Slinger, Wisconsin. She was selected from four candidates, the other three being Rev. Stacie Fidler from Rock Island, Ill., Rev. Ramie Bakken, who is region 5 Candidacy Director for ELCA, and Naomi Garber, an Intentional Interim Pastor who is coming to St. John's this fall to be our interim pastor. We are blessed to have a new Bishop and Interim Pastor, all were excellent candidates and called to lead in God's work. The profiles of the nominees for bishop can be found at the SCSW website

here: <https://c8t5e9v5.rocketcdn.me/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020AssemblyBishopNomineeProfiles.pdf> along with more about the Assembly and our new Bishop at this link <https://scsw-elca.org/news/bishopelection/>

Alan & Rona Lukazewski

## October Readings

**October 4**  
**18th Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

**October 11**  
**19th Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

Isaiah 25:1-9  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

**October 18**  
**20th Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

Isaiah 45: 1-7  
Psalm 96: 1-9  
1Thessalonians 1: 1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

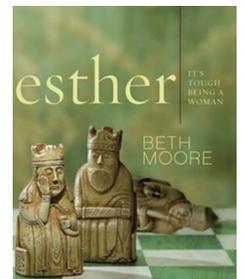
**October 25**  
**Reformation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

## NEW BIBLE STUDY

### ESTHER: It's Tough Being a Woman

You are invited to join Sarah Circle as they follow the story of Esther, via the popular Beth Moore videos. This study is a profile in courage and applicable to our lives today. She writes, "If you have ever felt inadequate, threatened or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you."



Monthly, free, drop-in sessions/videos  
Second Thursday afternoons, 1:30 p.m.  
Meet in the Friendship Room  
(Socially distanced)  
Contacts: Barb Christensen (291.0146)  
Rosalie Ness (835.8999).



For **ALL** in-person services, face masks are required. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. We will also practice physical distancing. Online options will always be available.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** - 9:00 a.m. in our North parking lot. Altar area will be set up under the North entrance overhang. The middle parking section will be blocked off so shaded areas can be easily accessed. Please bring your own communion elements and lawn chairs. For all in-person services, face masks are required. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. We also encourage you to maintain physical distance. **Other things to consider bringing along:** water bottles, and maybe a jacket too!

Of course, outdoor services are weather dependent, and we will monitor the forecasts. If it appears that we have to cancel, we will send an email, and notices will also be posted on our website, as well as our Facebook page.

**ONLINE WORSHIP** - will also be streamed to Facebook and YouTube at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday.

**HOW CAN I VIEW WORSHIP VIDEOS IF I DO NOT HAVE FACEBOOK?** Step 1: Log onto our website at [stjohnsoregonwis.org](http://stjohnsoregonwis.org) Step 2: Click on the 'Watch Worship Services' wording, just under the purple St. John's logo Here you'll find all the latest videos that have been posted. Double-click on the one you wish to watch. If you are having trouble, please contact the church office for assistance. You can also go directly to St. John's YouTube Channel here: [St John's YouTube Channel](#)

**OFFERINGS REMINDER:** Your continued financial giving is important to the health of our congregation, our synod, and the church at large – especially now. We appreciate your generosity as we need to work together to continue to support our mission. There are several easy ways for you to get your offerings to St. John's: 1) Mail your offerings to the office. 2) Automatic Giving - call the church office and leave a message for Shirley Schiffner. She will return your call and assist you in signing up for auto giving. 3) Venmo:

[www.venmo.com/StJohnsOregonWI](http://www.venmo.com/StJohnsOregonWI)

It's also easy to [GIVE ONLINE HERE](#).

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

As we prepare for worshipping indoors together, we will need a few worship assistants per service. In the past, we needed a number of people to assist with worship, and that has not changed. Duties include 1. Opening doors (to minimize folks touching handles) 2. Check In - scanning for temperatures, and 3. Directing and dismissing families/individuals to a seating area. Please contact the church office, 608.291.4311, if you will serve as a worship assistant - Thank you!

Friday, October 2,	Church Office is Closed
Sunday, October 4,	Rev. David Keesey-Berg, Pulpit Supply 8:30 AM Sunday School (weather permitting) 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) 9:00 AM Worship Online 6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation (online)
Tuesday, October 6,	9:00 AM Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry
Wednesday, October 7	11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Council President Office Hour 6:00 PM 7th Grade Confirmation (online) 7:30 PM 8th Grade Confirmation (online)
Thursday, October 8	1:30 PM Sarah Circle Beth Moore Study (Friendship Room) 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry
Friday, October 9	Church Office is Closed
Sunday, October 11	Rev. David Keesey-Berg, Pulpit Supply 8:30 AM Sunday School (weather permitting) 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship 9:00 AM Worship Online 6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation (online)
Monday, October 12	1:30PM Ruth Circle 7:30 PM Communications Team Meeting (Friendship room)
Tuesday, October 13	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry 12:30 PM Martha Circle (Friendship Room)
Wednesday, October 14	6:00 PM 7th Grade Confirmation (online) 7:30 PM 8th Grade Confirmation (online)
Friday, October 16	Church Office is Closed
Sunday, October 18	Interim Pastor Naomi begins 8:30AM Sunday School (weather permitting) 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) 9:00 AM Worship Online 6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation (online)
Monday, October 19	6:30 PM Finance Team Meeting (Fireside) 7:30 PM Executive Team Meeting (Gathering Area)
Tuesday, October 20	<b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY END OF DAY</b> 9:00 AM Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry 1:00 PM Altar Guild (Friendship) 7:00 PM Endowment & Memorial Board (Epiphany)
Wednesday, October 21	11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Council President Office Hour 6:00 PM 7th Grade Confirmation (online) 7:30 PM 8th Grade Confirmation (online)
Thursday, October 22	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry
Friday, October 23	Church Office is Closed
Sunday, October 25	8:30 AM Sunday School (weather permitting) 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) 9:00 AM Worship Online 6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation (online)

Monday, October 26	1PM Funeral Service for Ruth Swanson
Tuesday, October 27	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry
Wednesday, October 28	6:00 PM 7th Grade Confirmation (online) 7:30 PM 8th Grade Confirmation (online)
Friday, October 30	Church Office is Closed

## AUGUST 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Summary	August	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019
Church:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Operating Income	\$ 33,718.79	\$ 332,014.22	\$613,962.15	54.08%	\$ (281,947.93)	\$370,322.82
Operating Expenses	\$ 39,916.53	\$ 359,969.88	\$613,962.15	58.63%	\$ (253,992.27)	\$379,876.10
<b>Net Income (Net</b>	<b>\$ (6,197.74)</b>	<b>\$ (27,955.66)</b>	\$ -		\$ (27,955.66)	<b>(\$9,553.28)</b>
<b>Capital Campaign:</b>					Bal 12/31/19	\$207,037.39
CC-Income	\$ 10,935.84	\$ 117,194.20			Income	\$ 117,194.20
CC-Expenses	\$ 4,307.38	\$ 135,841.51			Expense	\$135,841.51
<b>Net Income (Net</b>	<b>\$ 6,628.46</b>	<b>\$ (18,647.31)</b>			Bal 8/31/20	\$188,390.08

August had 2 payrolls and 4 weekends of income.

August church expenses are greater than income by **(\$6,197.74)**; YTD expenses are greater than income by



### Retirement Gifts From St. John's

Pastor Paul was given a gift of wind chimes at his last worship service, Sunday, July 26 for his many years of service. At that time he was told an additional gift would be coming. Pastor Paul was back in Oregon August 31 to pick up his other gift from St. John's. The other gift is a stained glass hanging made by Bonnie Gilbertson with trim and hanger by



Cal Gilbertson. Bonnie designed the hanging to be similar to the center stained glass window in the sanctuary. There was no charge for making the stained glass hanging. Thank you Bonnie and Cal for such a beautiful piece of art work.

# Happy Birthday!

*May God go with you shining your way  
with blessings of wisdom and  
understanding.*

# Baptismal Anniversaries

*Marked and sealed with the cross  
of Christ forever!*

**10/1** Nola Schuch  
**10/3** Debbie Jordan,  
Jeff Rosnow  
**10/4** Natasha Hubert  
**10/5** Jane Killerlain,  
Myrtle Lundey, Breyer  
Carlson, Tiernan  
Kosharek, Liam Nott  
**10/6** Everett Dammen,  
Paige Williams  
**10/7** Fred Gladden, Sera  
Lisowski, Autumn  
Olmsted  
**10/8** Teresa Bull,  
Amanda Earle, Kurt  
Hansen, Gail Meister,  
Keely Oppermann,  
Vicki Witherspoon  
**10/10** Orson Zuhlke  
**10/11** Lorraine  
Frederickson, Katie  
Varriale, Matthew  
Yates  
**10/12** Jon Lindert  
**10/13** Jordan Schulz,  
AJ Stoffels, Ethan  
Garvoille  
**10/14** Nick Adler,  
Shelli Jenkins, Mark  
Larson, Judy Maksymo,  
Martin Weidensee  
**10/15** Bob Ceder, Liesel  
Odden, Candace  
Weidensee  
**10/16** Connor Braatz,  
Shad Ladell, Isaac  
Lindert, Katie Reisdorf,  
Brynley Murphy  
**10/17** Arathi Fishwild,  
Sara Fishwild, Kurt  
Lehnherr, Collin  
Schmidt, Doug

Schuetter, Brett Stoffels,  
Jack Lisowski  
**10/18** Greyson Heitz,  
Halle Mattes,  
**10/19** Joan Combs,  
Roger Parsons  
**10/19** Brynn Gaschke,  
Dale Bartz, Michelle  
Bergeland, Martha  
McGregor  
**10/20** Liam  
Oppermann, Avery  
Schoeneck, LaMay  
Nybroten, John Ziegler  
**10/21** Taylor Lederer,  
Zachary Palzkill, Peggy  
Cody, Brenda Outhouse  
**10/22** Andrew Hill,  
Maureen Braatz, riley  
Collins  
**10/23** Kaylee Parsons,  
John Coughlin, Ryan  
Schuett  
**10/24** Alice  
Shellenberger, Hannah  
Christensen  
**10/25** Shannon  
Anderson, LeRoy  
Binger, Jaison Fishwild  
**10/26** Ken Rasmussen  
**10/27** Ruth Boerth  
**10/28** Lance Peterson,  
Pierce Peterson, Geri  
Ann Strigel, Bill Urban  
**10/29** Peyton  
Bergemann  
**10/30** Karen Gipp,  
Cindy Peterson, Dale  
Secher  
**10/31** Ronald Osborn,  
Allen Siedschlag

**10/1** Wendy Borden,  
Ardys Outhouse, Nola  
Schuh  
**10/3** Dilame Lindmeier,  
Colton Hinkle  
**10/7** Paige Williams  
**10/8** Scott Bourie,  
James Rowe  
**10/11** Ervin Meister  
**10/13** Sherry Lange  
**10/14** Deborah Henke  
**10/15** Britta Baldus,  
Hayes Hamm  
**10/16** Ron Jenkins,  
Austin Theisen  
**10/19** Alex Breitbach,  
Edwin Landerud  
**10/20** Janice Steinhorst  
**10/21** Lori DuPuis, Gary  
Hermanson, Carol  
Sorenson  
**10/23** Nessa Kuhlman  
**10/24** Jon Fishwild,  
Sarah Olson  
**10/26** Dan Cobb  
**10/27** Gloria Evert,  
Brecken Christensen,  
Hazel Gaard, Gloria  
Horstmann, Richard  
Laufenberg, Brandi  
Yates, Jaqlin Jenkins  
**10/28** Shelli Jenkins  
**10/29** Hayley Stensaas  
**10/30** Ken Hagemann  
**10/31** Julie Bull, Sean  
Bull, Bonnie Gilbertson





## Daniel 4:3

(Nebuchadnezzar Praises God )

Solution is found on last page of newsletter

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## **Serving in October:**

**Altar Guild:** Brenda Cuta, Sandi Linstroth, Shirley Schultz

**Organist/Pianist:** Ondra Williams

**Spirit Singer (Saturday 5:00 PM):** Dennis Josi

**Soulevation Members:** Doug Kohls, Shane Dammen, Aaron Johnson, Sheryl Lindmeier, Laura Nott, Jeff Rosnow, Scott Bourie, Michael Berens-VanHeest, Ondra Williams

**Audio Visual Operators:** David Klarich, Carson Nott, Gage Klarich and Odessa Klarich

**Chancel Choir Members:** Rachel Berens-VanHeest, Kay Bliefernicht, Jean Brown, Dan Cobb, Sherryl Cobb, John Cuta, Sara Fishwild, Sarah Johnson, Pierre LaPlante, Doug Schuette, Allen Siedschlag, Ann Starr,

**Chime Choir:** Fern Binger, Maureen Braatz, Jean Brown, Sara Fishwild, Kathy Hansen, Kathy Larson, Brenda Outhouse, Pam Parsons, Coralie Smith, Ann Starr, Laura Berg

## **St. John's Prayer Chain**

Did you know that when you have a prayer request you can call or email the prayer chain? Then the prayers will be sent on their way with many praying for you! Prayers are not made public in the newsletter or during Worship unless permission is received. To let the prayer chain know of your prayer, contact:

- Rose Lehnerr at 835-5300, [rlehnerr6@gmail.com](mailto:rlehnerr6@gmail.com)
- Fern Binger at 455-8021, [lfbinger@frontier.com](mailto:lfbinger@frontier.com)
- Laura McGoveran in the church office at 291-4311 or [lauraM@sjlserve.net](mailto:lauraM@sjlserve.net)

## **Active Duty Military Personnel**

**Second Lieutenant Eric Christensen** (grandson of Roger and Barb Christensen)  
**CM2 Jacob Gothard** (grandson of Sandra Linstroth)  
**Staff Sergeant Curtis Hanna** (grandson of Carol Hanna)  
**Airman Kean Paltz** (son of Ron and Teri Paltz)

## **Homebound**

Franklin & Frieda Bachim,  
Norma Jenkins, Myrtle Lundey,  
Beverly Reindahl, & Ruth Yaun.

**Other Facilities:** Darlene Dorn (Skaalen Home); Ken Hagemann (Main Street Corners); Joyce Kienast (Willow Point, Verona), Beatrice Larsen (Oakwood Village, Madison), Alice Nason (Elmcroft, Madison)



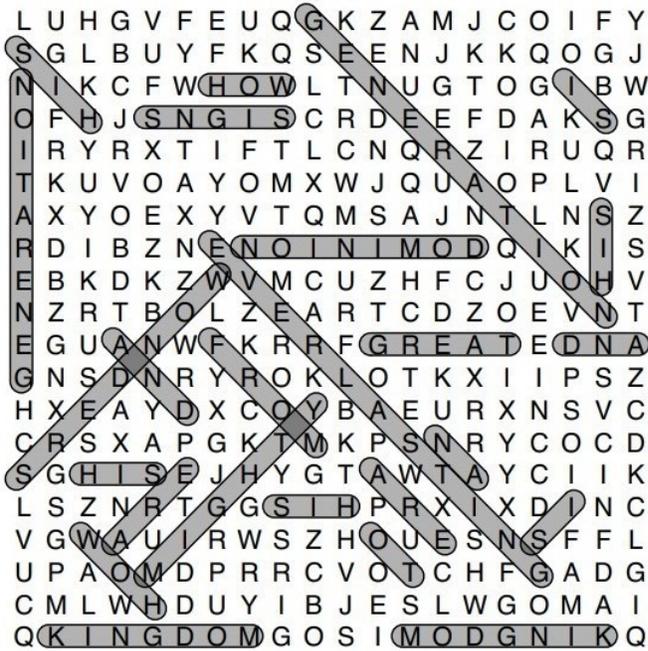
## ***Prayer Request for:***

Ralph Novotny, and Gloria. Ralph had an accident while mowing the lawn. He is now at home with more therapy taking place there.

Family and friends of Jeff Rosnow, who passed away Sept. 29

Family and friends of Ruth Boerth, who passed away Sept. 19.

Dale Schroeder and Carol Wichmann, whose brother Terry Schroeder passed away Sept. 29.



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**Pastor Naomi Garber Starting Oct 18**

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**We are St. John's!**

St. John's has the best of both worlds. Established and time-honored traditions that bind us together, and the contemporary, welcoming atmosphere many people are looking for in today's churches. Our mission is simple: **Saved by Grace - Led by the Spirit - Called to Serve.** As grace filled and Spirit led people, we love God through weekly worship and through loving service of our neighbor. If you are interested in learning more about St. John's or in becoming a member, please contact the church office or visit the Welcome Center to learn more.

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**Church Services**

*Outside Worship service is 9:00 AM (weather permitting) each Sunday. Any cancellation will be announced Thursday. Watch our taped 9:00AM service on Facebook or YouTube sites listed below.*

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