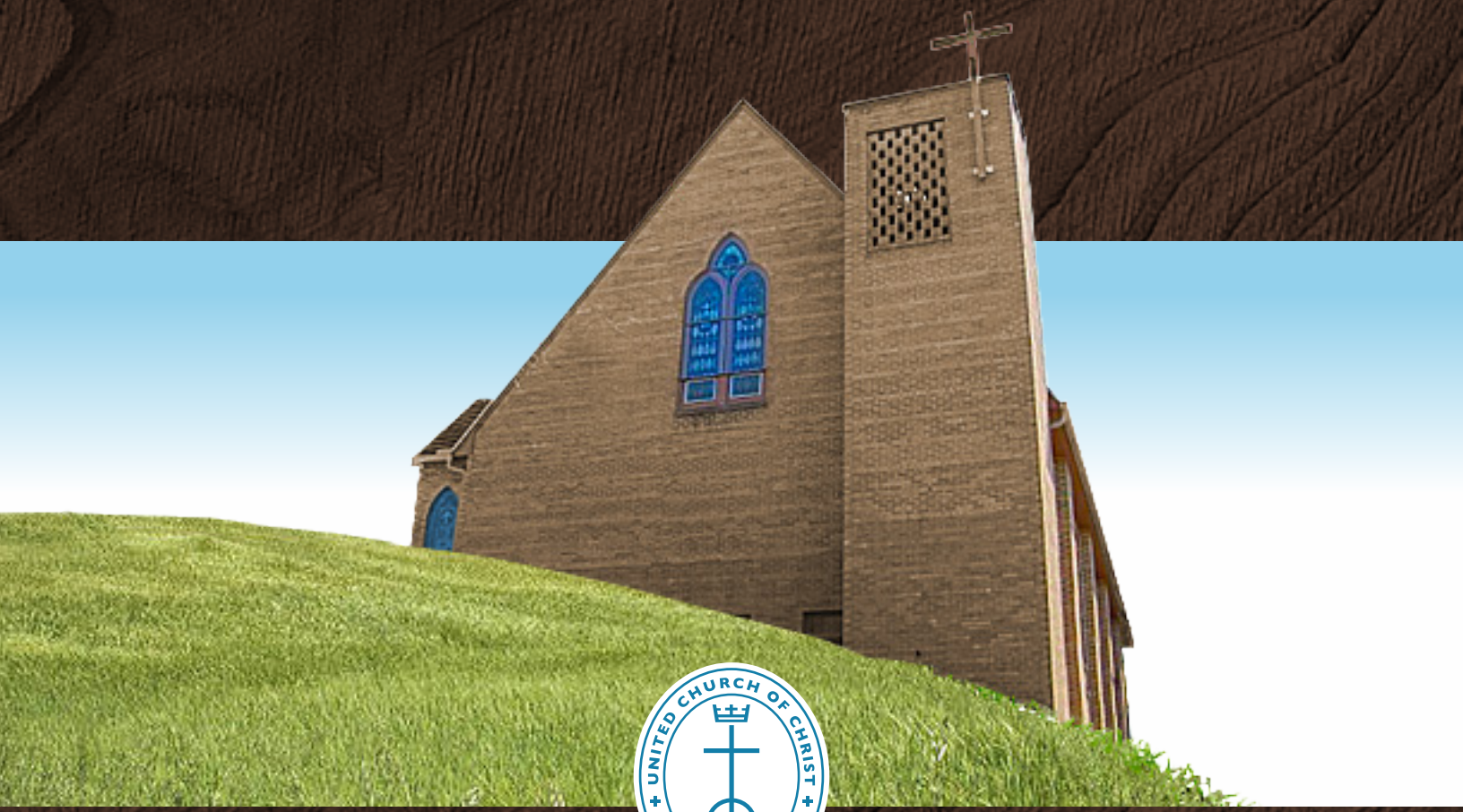
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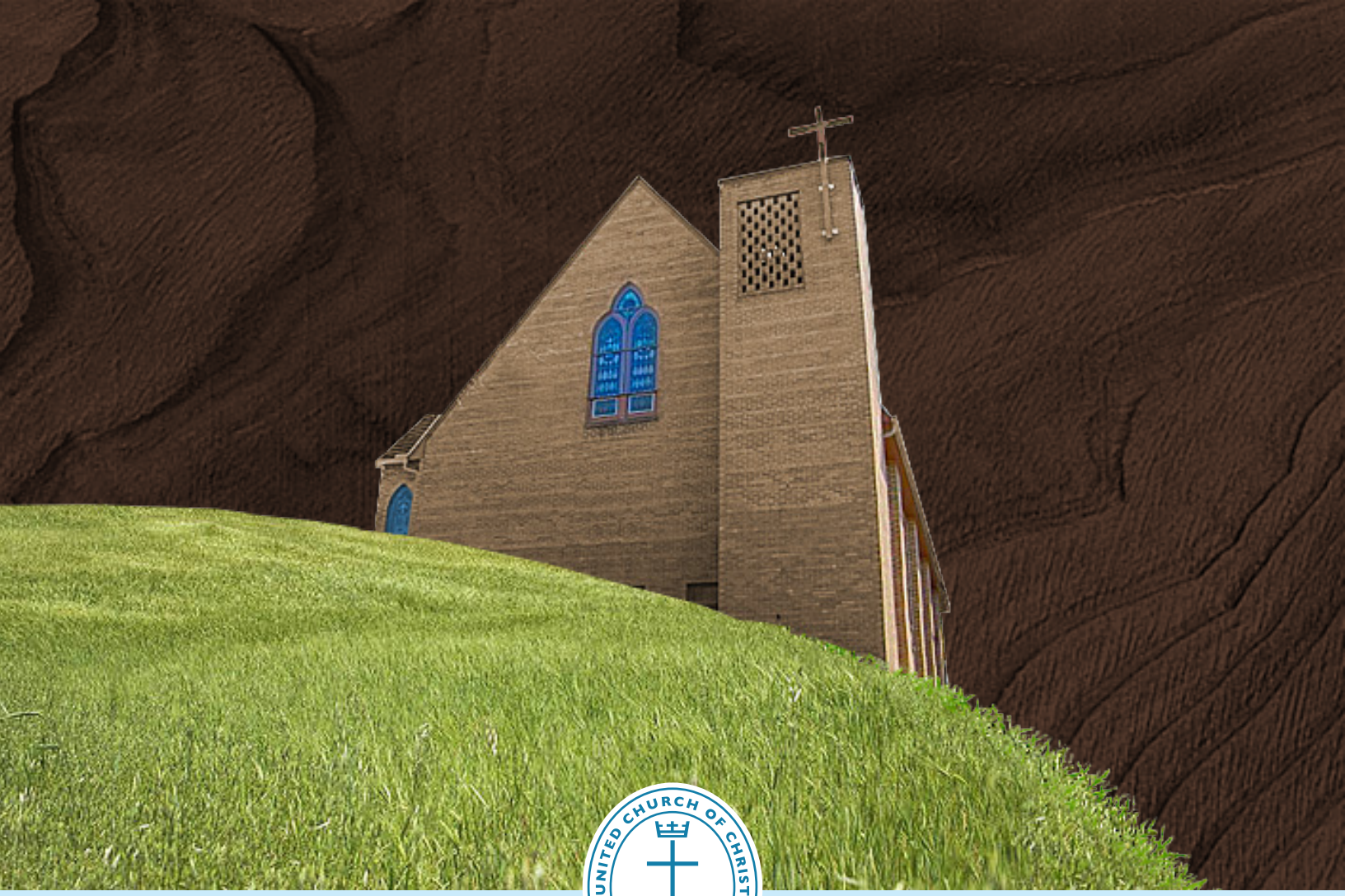
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

We offer two options for worship on Sundays: in person or online. Whether you prefer to worship from the safety of your home or with others, we at St. John's want to make sure you get the spiritual encouragement you need. Join us in person each Sunday at 8:30am or watch a video recording of the online service. The service is not recorded live but is uploaded after the service has ended. We look forward to worshipping with you!

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Letter From The Pastor

November 2026

Sometimes you'll hear November called the "gratitude month". This November I will be grateful for November 4, bringing the end to political advertisements and texts (for at least a few months.) Even as I look forward to this, I also believe that the election is important. So, when you vote, please bring your faith along. Not as a bludgeon to impose on others. But as a guide for your choices as you vote.

We profess we know a God who is love. That out of that love, even now God is at work establishing more fully a reign that is filled with compassion, mercy, and justice. So as followers of Jesus, we are to do the same as Jesus told his followers: to love their neighbors, love their enemies, to care for the least among us, and then live out those commands for all to see.

I feel voting is one of the ways we love our neighbors, serve others, and care for the least among us. So what might that look like? I ask myself: how is God/Jesus is asking me to live, both as a Christian, and as a human being among other human beings? And does my support of a candidate, vote on this referendum, best reflect that?

We are a diverse congregation, with various political leanings as well as understandings and struggles with our faith. So, my educated guess is that even if Sunday worship time were set aside to discuss this, we wouldn't always (if ever) be in unanimous agreement. Then there are the times we will find each candidate does hold positions that can be seen as loving your neighbor, but on different issues.

However, I feel that more important than who you vote for is how you make those decisions. Is it based on the loudest voices, declaring: "we have to look out for ourselves." On those shouting "those (fill in the label of your choice) are a threat to our way of life/safety/country that must be defeated." Or "this will help my financial bottom line the most, no matter what it affects others"?

Or is your understanding of how you are called to live out your faith one of the foundations for your vote?

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Letter From The Pastor

November 2026

If our votes are based on the latter, even when we disagree, we can still reflect the attempt to love our neighbor. For when we reflect on the best way we can live out the call to love others when we vote, we are still acknowledging each person is God's beloved, worthy of the same dignity, care, and compassion we would hope for ourselves.

Whatever the results on November 3, our call as Christians remains the same no matter who wins. We are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and love our neighbor as ourselves.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

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Sunday Penny Collection

First Sunday of the Month

The Church School Students will be collecting pennies the first Sunday of every month. This money enables the children to choose how their donations go to people or projects in our area or throughout the world.

Sunday, November 1, 2026



Online Calendar

Visit Us Online 24/7

Please go online and visit our NEW easy to use website for current up-to-date, detailed event information. Our calendar is updated daily. Email us with any questions or comments.

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All Saints Day

Special Worship

St. John's Church will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 8:30am in Fountain City, Wisconsin. We are continuing the tradition of remembering our departed loved ones. If you would like to have a loved one's name included in the bulletin and a candle lit for them as part of the service, please email Pastor Deb at pastorsjfc@gmail.com. There will also be a signup sheet available on the bulletin table starting the 3rd Sunday in October.

Please let her know if you will be bringing in a small picture to place with the candle, and if you would like to light the candle yourself or have her do it for you.

Sunday, November 1 @ 8:30am



Fall Bazaar Fundraiser

Saturday, November 7, 2026

St. John's Church will be hosting a Fall Bazaar from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Available for purchase will be cookies, candies, breads, cakes, brownies and some surprise treats too. All baked goods should be labeled and state if they contain peanut butter and/or nuts and should be wrapped in a see through covering. All are made by some of the best bakers in Buffalo County. Catch up with friends while you enjoy a beverage and a dessert served in the fellowship hall. A lift is accessible if you are unable to do stairs. Many theme based baskets will be offered for a chance drawing. Tickets can be purchased at the church. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us. Winners of the baskets will be drawn and announced Sunday, November 8, 2026 right after Worship Service.



Starts @ 1:00pm

- ✔ Bread, Candies & Desserts
- ✔ Craft Items
- ✔ Basket Raffle
- ✔ Coffee & Dessert
- ✔ Tickets Available

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Food Shelf

Businesses Of The Month: St. Mary's Catholic Church

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Thank you very much!



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C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For October 2026

As part of our Stewardship as a church please consider a monetary donation or food donation for our Food Shelf here at Church. See list below of our most needed items. This past year we have been much busier than usual providing food to people in need in our community. If we want to continue this service we do need your assistance to continue. Please put your donation of food in the green bin at church located in the Food Shelf room across from Pastor Deb's office or your monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to church with checks made out to C-FC Area Food Shelf - St. John's Church, PO Box 130, Fountain City WI, 54629.

Donations Most Needed:

- Canned Ham
- Canned Salmon
- Cake/Brownie
- Muffin Mixes
- Canned Frosting
- Instant Oatmeal
- Cereal (Healthier)
- Crackers (Saltines)
- Rice/Pasta Pouches
- Vegetable Spray
- Brown Rice
- V8/Tomato Juice
- Boost
- Ensure
- Canned Chili
- Canned Stew
- Spices
- Spam
- Salad Dressing
- Ketchup
- BBQ Sauce

1st & 3rd Monday: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
2nd & 4th Wednesday: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

C-FC area Food Shelf

- 1762 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- Averages 28 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- 62 Total People Helped
- 17 Children
- 26 Adults
- 19 Seniors
- 31 Households (7 Came Twice)

C-FC area Food Shelf

Most Needed Donation Items For November 2026

- Canned Protein
- Baked Beans
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayo
- BBQ Sauce

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Volunteers: November

Ushers
John Stettler

Greeters
11.01.26 Sandy & Tom Ruben
11.08.26 Randy Knecht Family
11.15.26 Doris Ruben
11.22.26 Karen Knospe & Donna Beck
11.29.26 Bev Engel

Counters
John Stettler

Communion & Flowers
Joanne Muench

Financial Report

The Treasurer's Monthly Summary of the previous month is always available after the current month's Consistory meeting. They are located on the bulletin board outside the church office. For detailed information regarding the financial standing of St. John's Church, contact the office to review financial documents.

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Birthdays
Mary Aus
Judy Schutz
Joe Semling
Randy Maier
Randy Knecht
Linda Wicka
Jacob Beck
Stacy Walth
Robert Wooden
Kristy Baures
Fritz West
Ted Wilson
Jack Wilson
Heather Schmidtknecht
Dominic Pyka
Mike Walth
Ana Knecht
Ross Ruehmann
Diane Schaffner
Madison Tennant
Kayla Kamrowski
Linda Clark
Madeline Kuhn

Anniversaries
Aaron & Mickki Prussing
Bob & Kristy Baures
Byron & Sharon Hoch
Steve & Sue Prussing

Other Special Events

St. John's Church

Along with our Sunday Worship Service schedule, Pastor Deb's Office Hours, Consistory Meetings, Food Shelf Schedule and other recurring events. Below is a list of SPECIAL EVENTS located at St. John's Church and or the local area. Please contact us with any questions. Thanks again for all the support from volunteer and the community.

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NOVEMBER
WEDNESDAY
11

Consistory Meeting
St. John's Church

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Fountain City, WI
6:00pm

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

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Prayer Requests

St. John's Church - Pastor Deb Kunkel

Congregation members and non-members are encouraged to request prayers for times of need, comfort, healing, celebration and joy. If your would you like a visit from Pastor Deb, please call her to set up a time today!



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