Who We Are

† We proclaim the redeeming and life-giving power of Jesus Christ. We are scripture and sacrament centered and we seek the transforming power of personal relationships with Jesus and His presence in our lives. We value the traditions that flow from Scripture.
† We celebrate the Eucharist weekly in order to both remember Jesus Christ’s sacrifice and to renew our commitment to be the body of Christ in the world today.
† We welcome all people into our midst and share the treasures of Biblical teaching, the gift of Christian friendships, the transforming power of the Eucharist, and the energizing guidance of the Holy Spirit.
† We invite Jesus’ teachings to transform us so that our actions bring His presence into the world today. We believe in God’s healing power, and gently minister that love.
† We encourage one another to begin each day with gratitude for God's gift of life and to approach every situation with the belief that with God, nothing is impossible. We believe this can lead people to enjoy a life of serenity and inner peace.
† We attract people who are looking for something more, something deeper, and something richer from their Christian life.

History

St. John’s Episcopal Church has been a presence in New London for 140 years. The first service was held at Cline’s Hall on Sunday evening October 1, 1876. This Sunday evening service was led by the Rev. George Vernor of Grace Episcopal Church, Appleton. ‘s with a focus on the healing ministry. New London embraced this ministry and the congregation outgrew its downtown location. Land was purchased and construction began, where the congregation gathered for the first time on May 31, 2001. In 2001, St. John’s opened a food pantry and thrift store. Its members continue to provide healing ministry to the community.

Be A Healing Community of Faith

Our ministries (which include our healing Order of St. Luke, food pantry and Thrift Store) are core to who we are as the people of God at St. John’s. We are seeking a priest who will bring gifts of experience, knowledge, and the ability to work with us to expand these healing ministries and to be a cheerleader for those active in them.

Where We Believe the Holy Spirit is Calling Us to Grow

We want to do God’s work both within our faith community and in the New London area. We have been in a lengthy time of transition, taking that time to lay a foundation for strong lay leadership of our ministries. This is a new model for us and one we’d like to continue to encourage and grow. We seek a priest who will partner with us to lead, support and grow St. John’s lay ministry leadership and ministries.

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Our Vision for a Priest We Seek/On a half-time basis

We are seeking the priest that God desires for us. We seek a passionate priest who can inspire participation from new and existing members in our ministries, encourage spiritual growth and build on our vibrant, joyful, welcoming community who desire to serve all wherever they may be on their spiritual journey.

Our diocese encourages the use of blocks of time rather than hours. A block is morning, afternoon or evening, approximately 4 hours per block. As a half-time appointment, we would anticipate a priest to work 6 blocks per week. These estimates are not set in stone and will be adapted to the gifts and talents of our new priest as well as circumstances in our daily life together (i.e. Holy Week).

- Preparing to preach and presiding at one worship service: 2 blocks
- Administrative: 1 block; this includes preparing for and leading Vestry meetings and other duties
- Teaching & Training (equipping the saints for ministry): ½ - 1 block
- Pastoral Care: ½ block
- Other Ministries: ½ block
- Visibility in the Community (what that looks like will be discerned with the new priest): ½ block
- Sacramental preparation and presiding, on an as needed basis. We don’t have many baptisms, weddings or funerals so it is hard to assign a block

In addition, we may be able to add additional blocks and compensation with serving in a local outreach ministry. Interested candidates should ask about this opportunity.

Worship at St. John’s

Our regular services are on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. *The Book of Common Prayer* is used in worship services, predominantly using Rite II. Parish members lead music, are enthusiastic greeters/ushers, readers and intercessors at our service. Youth and adults participate as acolytes. The Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for worship services and maintains the altar linens and communion vessels. Our congregation typically holds special services for healing, baptisms, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week.
**St. John’s Thrift Store**
The store opened in 2001. It is run by paid staff and many volunteers.

**St. John’s Food Pantry**
The pantry opened in 2003 and is run by many volunteers.

**St. John’s Music in Ministry**
Music is led by worship teams. We enjoy a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary Christian music using vocalists, guitars, and a conga drum during our services.
Growing in Spiritual Maturity: Our Adult Education

Historically St. John’s has hosted a Thursday evening adult study program which includes Eucharist. During our transition we have occasionally offered adult education programs. Each Lent we have had a reflective seminar. Our men’s group continues to meet twice per month prior to the Sunday service. We hope to resume weekly programming and home study groups.

We desire to engage our families, children and youth in our community. We look forward to partnering with a priest to support those leading these ministries.

St. John’s Healing Ministry

We know that Jesus still heals today because we have seen and continue to see evidence of miracles of healing. Our healing ministry group has been diverse and active in offering healing prayer after Sunday services, as well as a monthly healing prayer, scripture and sharing event, and an annual fall healing conference.

Hospitality Ministry

The hospitality ministry provides snacks and beverages after Sunday worship. We offer other opportunities for people to connect such as a fall evening campfire, pie social, Christmas party and summer picnic. The last two Halloweens we opened our vehicle trunks and church for a community “Trunk or Treat” event which drew about 300 people at each event. We opened the church to serve hot chocolate and provide restrooms as well as answer any questions about who we are.
Leadership and Administration

The Vestry meets monthly with the vicar presiding. The Vestry is responsible for managing the business affairs of the parish. More importantly, the vicar with the Vestry share the spiritual leadership of the parish using prayer to discern God’s will for the church.

Vestry and Warden elections are held in January. The vestry consists of five to seven parishioners.

Vestry Members

Dan LeClair - Senior Warden  
Cheryl Weyers - Treasurer  
Kathy LeClair - Secretary  
Mark Metko - Member

Search Committee Members

Samantha Metko  
Luanne Nelson  
Wanda Ostrander

About New London

Founded in 1851, the population of New London was 7,295 at the 2010 census. New London is located in beautiful east central Wisconsin on the banks of the Wolf River.

Residents of New London enjoy the river and surrounding forests and the activities that they provide.

The city boasts 900 acres of city parks where you can enjoy Frisbee golf, tennis, golf, baseball, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, ATVing and other outdoor activities. The New London school district offers a quality education with many extracurricular activities available to students. New London is a bedroom community to the Fox Cities (which includes Appleton, Neenah and Menasha) and exceptional entertainment activities including the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center 30 minutes away and the Weidner Center in Green Bay an hour away. It is an easy drive to entertainment venues in Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago, Minneapolis and Door County. The Appleton International Airport is only a 30-minute drive from New London.

St. John’s Episcopal Church is located in the southwest corner of the city in a neighbor that is approximately twenty years old. We are located at: 1513 Pinewood Lane, New London, WI 54961
Websites for additional area information
City of New London: newlondonwi.org
New London Chamber of Commerce: newlondonchamber.com
Schools: newlondon.k12.wi.us
Fox Cities: foxcities.org

Additional Information

The Diocese of Fond du Lac is a diocese of the Episcopal Church encompassing northeast Wisconsin. The Diocese contains about 5,550 baptized members worshipping in 37 locations. Since 2014, the Right Reverend Matthew Gunter has served as its eighth bishop. The Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle is in Fond du Lac and the Diocesan Office is in Appleton. Bishop Matt has called the diocese to be “a people of God's mercy and delight” through vital congregations, prayer, worship, and mission. The Diocese is in a companion diocesan relationship with the Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe. Learn more about who we are and what we do at diofdl.org.

To inquire about this position, please contact the Transition Ministry Officer, The Rev. Meredyth Albright at meredythalbright@gmail.com.