

Meet the

OFFICE STAFF



Nicole Janisse
(Administrator)

About Me

I grew up in New Berlin, WI and relocated to West Bend in 2001. Jeremy and I married in 2002 and are blessed to have Sebastian, Brody and Eden as our children and Finnegan as our grandson. I love spending time with my family and watching my children grow physically, mentally and spiritually. When not at sporting events with the kids, I enjoy being with friends, coaching basketball as time allows, reading and being outside in God's creation.

Favorites

Smell: Camp Fire

Treat: Cookies

Season: Spring

Color: Blue

Restaurant: Mama Mia's

Life Verse

Romans 5:3-5 "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

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Sheri Averill
(Assistant Administrator)

About Me

I grew up in West Bend and live here in the community with my husband and two boys. My family and I like to be outdoors and plan fun things to do on the weekends together. I have served in various settings with children including; Christian schools, churches, and public schools.

Favorites

Smell: Clean Linen

Treat: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Season: Fall

Color: Apple Green & Gray

Restaurant: Su Casa

Life Verse

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Meet the

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Leah



Pietrangelo

(Administrator Assistant)

About Me

I have lived in West Bend for my entire life. I am currently a college student striving towards my Bachelors at UW-Oshkosh in Human Services Leadership. In my free time, I love to spend time with family and friends, go hiking and drink a nice cup of coffee.

Favorites

Smell: *Brewing Coffee*

Treat: *Milky Way Midnight*

Season: *Spring*

Color: *Olive Green & Gray*

Restaurant: *Qdoba*

Life Verse

Proverbs 31:25, "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future."

Meet the

FLOAT TEACHER

**Katie
(Float**



Olsen

Teacher)

About Me

My name is Katie and I grew up in South Milwaukee, my dad's job moved us to West Bend over twenty years ago. I have a younger sister named Amber who also lives in West Bend. In my free time, I like to hangout with family, friends, and catch up on all my favorite TV shows. I have been working in the early childhood field for over 10 years.

Favorites

Smell: Pizza and Bacon

Treat: Popcorn

Season: Fall

Color: Blue

Restaurant: Olive Garden

Life Verse

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."

Meet the

FLOAT TEACHER

Brittany
(Float



Gavigan

Teacher)

About Me

I am born and raised in West Bend and I went to grade school at St. Johns. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Concordia University Wisconsin. In my free time, I like to travel and spend time with my family.

Favorites

Smell: Rain

Treat: Chocolate Covered Popcorn

Season: Autumn

Color: Purple

Restaurant: Tap and Tavern

Life Verse

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Meet the

FLOAT TEACHER

Kym
lard
(Float



Remil-

Teacher)

About Me

I am from Elkhart, Indiana. Went to school at Unviersity LaCrosse Wisconsin. Met my husband Joe and we have twins, Keegan and Kilynn. I also coach at West Bend West High School.

Favorites

Smell: Doesn't have one

Treat: Swedish Fish

Season: Summer

Color: Purple

Restaurant: Tap n' Tavern

Life Verse

Matthew 6:24 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day enough trouble of it's own."

Meet the

FLOAT TEACHER

Erika
(Float



Kimmler

Teacher)

About Me

My name is Erika Kimmler. I am married to Mike and we have two children. I was born in Brazil and moved to the United States in 2009. I spend my free time with my family and friends. I love movie nights! I love working with kids. Seeing their happy faces makes my day better. They are always positive and happy.

Favorites

Smell: Lavender

Treat: Cake

Season: Summer

Color: Purple

Restaurant: Italian Restaurant

Life Verse

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Meet the

FLOAT TEACHER



Lexi Jensen
(Float Teacher)

About Me

Hi my name is Lexi! I have been married to my husband, Nate for 5 years. We have a 4 year old daughter, Kinsley and we are expecting a little boy in December! I have lived in West Bend my entire life and I am extremely close with my family. I went to St. John's from pre-K3 through 8th grade, graduated high school at Living Word, and went to UWWC for a year and a half. In my spare time, I love to spend time with family and friends, cook, and stay active.

Favorites

Smell: Fresh Cut Grass or Freshly Baked Goods

Treat: Anything sweet!

Season: Fall

Color: Pink

Restaurant: The Norbert

Life Verse

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Meet the

FLOAT TEACHER

Nolyn
strap
(Float



Gil-

Teacher)

About Me

I attended school at the Alaska Bible Institute in Homer, Alaska, graduating with a diploma in both Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry. While there, I was blessed by the opportunity to work as the Campus Childcare Director, teaching children ages 6 weeks-5 years. After returning to Wisconsin, I have enjoyed positions as a Direct Service Provider to adults and children with disabilities at Balance, Inc. in Grafton, as well as having been the Lead Teacher in the One-Year-Old Classroom at Cornerstone Christian Learning Center in Cedarburg. I have two boys of my own, Gideon and Solomon, and I can honestly say that life is never, ever dull! I'm doing exactly what I love to do and what I feel God has made me to do, and I am so excited to have the opportunity to share that joy with the children at ECC.

Favorites

Smell: Pistachio Scented Lotion

Treat: Coffee with a Cinnamon
Muffin

Season: Autumn

Color: Red

Restaurant: Beans and Barley

Life Verse

Isaiah 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord *GOD* is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound."

Meet the

ONE'S TEACHER

Terri
(Lead



Ferris

Teacher)

About Me

I was born in Milwaukee, but grew up in West Bend and Kewaskum, attending Kewaskum High School. I received my Bachelor of Science-Biology degree from The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. I am very passionate about my family and love spending time with them. We all have a tremendous love for animals and enjoy watching and playing sports. I love being outdoors running, walking the dog, playing with the kids, going to the beach, and just enjoying life and all of God's blessings.

Favorites

Smell: The Smell of a Spa

Treat: Pizza or Pecan Turtles

Season: Summer

Color: Yellow, Green and Blue

Restaurant: Riverside Brewery

Life Verse

Philippians 4:12-13 "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

Meet the

ONE'S TEACHER



Katelyn Larson
(Assistant Teacher)

About Me

I have been married to my husband Jake for 8 years and we have two daughters, Bailey and Eleanor. In my free time, I like to go shopping or hang out with my siblings as we are all very close. I went to St. John's from Pre-K through 8th grade, Living Word for High School and have my Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education from MPTC.

Favorites

Smell: Pine or Christmas Tree

Treat: Banana Bars

Season: Fall

Color: Pink

Restaurant: Olive Garden

Life Verse

Hebrews 13:5

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Meet the

TWO'S TEACHER

Lydia



Janetzke

About Me

I grew up in a church worker's household which moved us around a lot. I have lived in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and then Wisconsin. Wisconsin is by far my favorite. I am the 6th out of 7 children in my family and have many nieces and nephews (13 and counting). In my spare time I love to bake, craft, and explore Door County with my (future) husband, Marc. When it comes to sports, I'm a HUGE Michigan State Spartans fan. Since I was in 3rd grade, I wanted to be a teacher and have been working in childcare since January of 2010 and at St. John's ECC since April of 2015. I graduated from Living Word Lutheran High School in 2010. I have completed state certification through the Early Education Station and I'm a certified Lead Teacher.

Favorites

Smell: Fall or Fresh Scents

Treat: S'mores or anything that tastes like a thin mint

Season: Fall

Color: Blue

Restaurant: Belair Cantina

Life Verse

Proverbs 3: 5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him. He will make your path straight."

Meet the EARLY PRE-K TEACHER

Rachel
(Lead



Bartel

Teacher)

About Me

Hi! I am the Early Pre-K teacher. I am a UW-Whitewater graduate and have been working in Early Childhood for many years and absolutely love it! When I'm not at work you can find me hanging out with my husband- Dan and fur baby- Bo. I look forward to working with you and your family!

Favorites

Smell: Anything Fruity

Treat: Diet Cherry Pepsi

Season: Fall

Color: Magenta

Restaurant: Buffalo Wild Wings

Life Verse

Marks 10:27 "All things are possible with God."

Meet the

PRE-K3 TEACHER

Makenna Krell
(Assistant Teacher)

About Me

I go to Living Word Lutheran High School. I have a brother Caden, a sister Olivia, two lovely parents and a dog named Tootsie. I plan on attending Concordia University of Wisconsin next year. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, being outside and watching Netflix.

Favorites

Smell: Fresh Cookies

Treat: Reese Peanut Butter Cups

Season: Winter

Color: Blue

Restaurant: Chick-fil-A

Life Verse

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and flowers fall, but the Word of our God will stand forever."

Meet the

PRE-K3 TEACHER

**Stacey
(Lead**



Briskie

Teacher)

About Me

Hello! My name is Stacey Briskie. I grew up in Kewaskum and now live in West Bend with my husband Craig, my puppy Mojo, and pretty soon our baby boy will join our little family! I went to St. John's School from 5th through 8th grade and this has been my church home ever since. I attended Moraine Park Technical College and received my Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Some of my hobbies include spending time with my family, enjoying the outdoors, baking, and I love to explore new places and travel!

Favorites

Smell: Lavender

Treat: Iced Coffee

Season: Fall

Color: Blue

Restaurant: Cousins Subs

Life Verse

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Meet the

PRE-K4 TEACHER

**Desiree
(Lead**



Titus

Teacher)

About Me

I have an Associates degree in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Lutheran Education, and a Master's degree in Family Life. I married my husband, Wesley, in February 2018. We have a beautiful daughter, Nina, who was born in June 2019, and expecting baby number 2 in April 2021. I play on one of St. John's softball teams in the summer. I also like to bike with my family. I am the Children Ministry's Director at St. John's.

Favorites

Smell: A burning fire place

Treat: Ice cream or salsa with chips

Season: Fall

Color: Pink and black

Restaurant: Culver's

Life Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths".

Meet the

INFANTS TEACHER

Macki



Schweiger
(Assistant Teacher)

About Me

I attended St. Johns from Pre-K3 to 8th grade and am a member here. I have been married to my husband for 3 years and have a son, Hudson. I am currently in school at Moraine Park Technical College and can't wait to see what the future holds!

Favorites

Smell: Cinnamon

Treat: Ice Cream

Season: Fall

Color: Blue

Restaurant: Belair Cantina

Life Verse

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Meet the

INFANTS TEACHER

Gabby Pesch
(Assistant Teacher)

About Me

I love to cook and bake. My favorite hobby is to play volleyball. Also spending time with my mom and friends is one of my favorite things to do.

Favorites

Smell: Cookies fresh out of the oven

Treat: Chocolate

Season: Winter

Color: White

Restaurant: Buffalo Wild Wings

Life Verse

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."

Meet the AFTER SCHOOL TEACHER

Ashley
(Lead



Bales

Teacher)

About Me

I am a member of St. Mary's. I took 11 years of catechism classes and do a lot of volunteer work with them. In my free time, I train my spunky corgi and create art projects for myself and others. I enjoy baking, cooking and being with friends and family.

Favorites

Smell: Eucalyptus Mint Candles

Treat: Grandmas Cookies

Season: Summer

Color: Purple

Restaurant: Olive Garden

Life Verse

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."

Meet the

PRE-K3AM TEACHER



Sonia Taylor
(Lead Teacher K3AM)

About Me

I have been a teacher since the year 2000. I taught high school English in West Bend for 10 years before leaving to stay at home with my children more. I became a teacher at St. John's shortly after that! I have been married to my husband, Steve, since 2000, as well, and we have 3 children: Nick, Hannah, and Josh. I love poetry, words, and books, and enjoy sharing them with my students. Praying to God and my relationship with Him sustains me through every joy and hardship.

Favorites

Smell: Campfires, Cranberry and Crisp Fall Air

Treat: Reese Peanut & Chocolate

Season: Spring

Color: Cranberry or Blue

Restaurant: Olive Garden or Omicron

Life Verse

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Meet the

PRE-K4AM TEACHER



Dawn Steger
(Lead Teacher K4AM)

About Me

As I am currently in my 20th year of teaching in a 3K and/or 4K preschool setting, my greatest blessing is sharing the love of Jesus with the children. I began as an aide at St. Stephen Lutheran School, in Horicon, while I attended MPTC, to get my two year degree in Early Childhood Education. God then lead me to teach 4K at St. John's in 2015. Besides teaching, I enjoy spending time with my three married children and their families, as my husband John and myself, have also been blessed with 5 grandchildren. I also enjoy walking, crafting, and gardening.

Favorites

Smell: Eucalyptus and Tea

Treat: Ice Cream & Caramel Apples

Season: Summer

Color: Blue

Restaurant: Timmer's Resort

Life Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths".