



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2018



*"To God be the Glory!"* (1 Peter 4:11)

### GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE SUFFERING SERVANT!

Do your neighbors and co-workers know you're a Christian? How about the person who sells you your coffee or the person who delivers your mail? Are you attempting to develop a relationship with these people so you can share the Good News of the Gospel with them? We can give no greater service to Jesus than to be part of rescuing lost souls by sharing the life-saving Gospel. Jesus commissions us to *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit"* (Matt. 28:19). God wants *"all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tim. 2:4). We are to be Jesus' hands, feet, and mouth. Jesus tells us *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"* (Luke 10:2). We are the laborers whom Jesus is seeking.

God's plan for His people has always been that we take responsibility for sharing the Good News. Peter wrote, *"Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15). God blesses us with minds to learn and mouths to speak. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God will give us the words and the courage to use them. Along with most people, we're eager to talk about the weather, sports, economy, or politics, but, as Christians, we have been given the treasure of the Gospel message - something vastly more important to talk about. Our attitude should be like that of Peter and John, who, when commanded to stop speaking of Christ, said, *"We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20).

For many, sharing the Gospel is uncomfortable, but people need Jesus more than we need to be comfortable. God has placed us among many people who don't know Jesus. With God's help, we can become very intentional with our witnessing. He can open our eyes to opportunities and give us the words to speak. We may want to consider developing a list of people who don't have a relationship with Jesus. The people could be in your inner circle of family and friends as well as in your outer circle of relationships. We can be empowered to witness because the Holy Spirit will guide and direct us.

God's will is that we share Jesus with people and invite them to church. Don't let your feeling of inadequacy and your excuses, as Moses had, get in your way of carrying out God's will!

**Invite TODAY  
Someone  
to Church**  
Family, Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers\*

Together in Christ,

*Pastor Krueger*

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

# FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

January 2018

Year-to-date Income: \$12,371.01  
 Year-to-date Expenses: \$13,482.74  
 Year-to-date Budget: \$13,588.00

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## SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

### Organ Fund

Janet Kalies, in memory of Gertrude Vande Hey and Arlene Clark.

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the Good News of salvation with others  
 (Matt. 28:19)

Believing in Jesus as our Savior (John 3:16)

Living our faith in what we say and do (James 2:18)

Caring for those in need (1 Peter 3:15; Mark 10:45; Eph. 4:28; 1 John 3:17)

### SHARING, BELIEVING LIVING AND CARING



If you would like to have a prayer sent on the Prayer Chain, please contact any one of the Prayer Chain members:

Judy Baer	756-2696
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Sue Detert	756-3439
Ralph & Sandy Haberland	(920) 524-2016
Kris Krueger	756-3912
Jean Peter	(920) 875-0164
Faith Sonnabend	756-2779
Joan Zutz	756-2501

All requests will remain strictly confidential!

## January Scrip Totals

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	950	14.25
Cobblestone	150	7.50
Deer Run	100	10.00
Econo	1625	48.75
Exxon	275	27.50
Festival	550	16.50
Fleet Farm	150	7.50
Kohls	900	36.00
Kwik Trip	575	23
McDonalds	25	1.00
Menards	150	4.50
Piggly Wiggly	175.00	5.25
Shell	175.00	17.50
Shopko	750	37.50
Texas Road	100	8.00
VISA	150	1.88
WalMart	1,000	25.00
Woodmans	300	15.00
TOTALS	8,100	306.63

## KINGDOM WORKERS - March

The following members are listed as Kingdom workers for February in the following areas:

Ushers (Wednesdays): Chris Gade, Parker Sonnabend

(Sundays): Wally Sonnabend, Pete Vechart

Altar Guild: Norma Drumm, Janet Kalies

Acolytes: March 4 - Amber

7 - (Wed.) Rachel

11 - Bailee

14 - (Wed) Hilary

18 - Meghan

21 - (Wed) Ashley

25 - Spencer

29 - (Maundy Thursday) Amber

30 - (Good Friday) Rachel, Bailee



# *Living Generously*

The purpose of this newsletter is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this monthly publication will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

**Keep your eyes fixed  
on Jesus during this  
penitential season of Lent.**

## **What Is Lent?**

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian year that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday and climaxes on Jesus' crucifixion, on Good Friday, ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the resurrection of Jesus.

In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries or activities in order to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. Many Christians meditate on daily devotions to enable them to draw nearer to God.

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for 40 days, in commemoration of the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. However, the calculation of 40 days excludes the six Sundays from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday.

## **The Number 40 Has many Biblical References**

- Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18)
- Elijah spent 40 days and nights walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8)
- God sent 40 days and nights of rain in the great flood of Noah (Genesis 7:12)
- The Hebrew people wandered 40 years in the desert while traveling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33).
- Jonah's prophecy of judgement gave 40 days to the city of Nineveh in which to repent or be destroyed (Jonah 3:4).
- Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where He fasted for 40 days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-2)



**"If you haven't got any charity in your heart,  
you have the worst kind of heart trouble"  
(Bob Hope).**

**"It is not he who has little, but he who wants  
more who is poor" (Unknown).**

## Be a Barnabas!

If you look around you some Sunday morning, you might be discouraged. Fewer people and more pew space may greet your eyes. If you are one who works on the church budget or requests a portion of that budget for your particular ministry, you may be dismayed that the level of giving is down. These, plus other factors, can easily contribute to discouragement on the part of individual members, as well as the church in general.

Where do we find answers for such problems and a cure for our discouragement? As always: in the Word of God! Particularly as we look at Barnabas. Do you think all was going well for the early Christians? Read your history books, and you'll find such was not the case. They had their own problems! But along comes Barnabas.

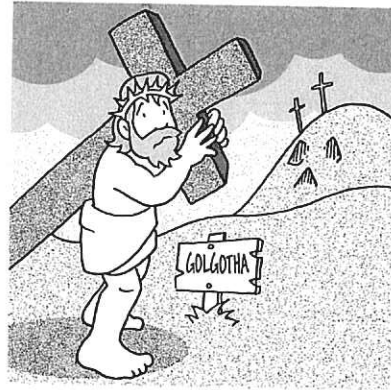
Barnabas was called the "*son of encouragement*" (Acts 4:36). It's understandable that the apostles would give him this name. In Acts 9:26-30, we read that it was through Barnabas' intervention that Paul came to be accepted by the disciples. Barnabas demonstrated his love for the Lord and for others as he "*sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostle's feet*" (Acts 4:37).

Hand-wringing and blame-placing are displeasing to God and ineffective besides. Instead, let us "*abide in [Jesus'] Word*" (John 8:31). Let us "*encourage one another and build one another up...*" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Let us "*[address] one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with [our hearts], giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Ephesians 5:19-20).

## For Us Jesus Became Poor

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 8:9, "*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.*"

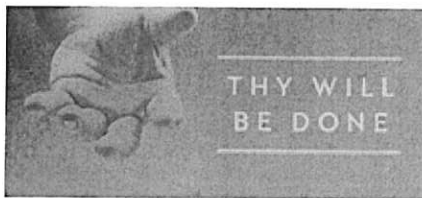
We are humbled by this grace which caused our Lord to leave the glories of Heaven for the degradation of earth. His poverty bought our salvation. Perhaps if we, like Him, shared His goal that "*all people [would] be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth*" (1 Timothy 2:4), we would be eager to become poor in earthly possessions and wealth as we use our resources to spread that truth.



## Jesus Paid our Penalty of Sin

Those who watched Jesus carry His cross to Golgotha saw a broken weak man, so weak, in fact, that another had to be enlisted to finish the walk with Jesus' burden. Ridicule was heaped on Him, even as He hung there. "*...let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God*" (Luke 23:35), they jeered. But in His weakness, He paid the penalty for our sins. His only possessions, His clothing, were taken from Him. Yet He had everything, for He had the pleasure of His Father resting on Him. No wonder Paul wrote, "*For the sake of Christ, then, I am content...For when I am weak, then I am strong*" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

**Blessings as you Live Generously!**



## "THY WILL BE DONE"

"Not as I will, but as you will," Jesus prayed to His Father the night before He went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well. Biblical characters give us insightful reference points as they guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day.

### GOD'S WILL AND MY IDENTITY

*March 7* - Mary dutifully accepted her role to become the mother of our Savior. That Son would later accept His role to save us all.

### GOD'S WILL AND MY WORLDVIEW

*March 14* - On the road to Damascus, Paul had his worldview turned upside down. We follow God's will by putting the crucified Christ at the center of our worldview.

### GOD'S WILL AND MY RESPONSE

*March 21* - Lydia responded in faith and hospitality when the Gospel message was preached to her. We follow God's will by responding in love and service in return for what Christ has done for us.

### GOD'S WILL WHEN WE ARE NOT WILLING

*Palm Sunday - March 25* - We are not always willing to do what God asks of us. Christ reveals to us that even tough roads are worth traversing for the sake of the Kingdom.

### GOD'S WILL AND JOYFUL SERVICE

*Maundy Thursday - March 29* - Christ asks His disciples to wash one another's feet, as He washed theirs, a sign of their love for Him. Serving one another with joy is a tribute to Him.

### GOD'S WILL IS DONE

*Good Friday - March 30* - On the cross Christ followed through with the will of God. This ultimate sacrifice serves as a model as we offer our lives as a holy sacrifice to Him.

### GOD'S WILL FOR THE NEW CREATION

*Easter - April 1* - When Christ rose from the tomb, He opened the door to a new heaven and a new earth. God's will for us to fix our eyes on the new creation, the perfect paradise prepared for us in heaven.

## Lenten Mission Project

## MILITARY BIBLESTICKS

From February 14 thru April 1, we will be receiving funds to purchase Military BibleSticks for our troops at home and abroad.

\$25 sponsors one soldier and their family. The goal is to raise enough funds to supply at least 25 BibleSticks.



Your gift of \$5, \$25, \$100, or whatever amount can be put in an envelope marked "BibleStick" and placed in the offering plate or in the offering box found in the narthex. Please make checks payable to the church.

***Help share the Good News with our troops!***

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## Mark Your Calendars

HAVEN2GO

Sunday, April 8  
9 a.m.

As in the past years, we might need housing for these Concordia University Wisconsin students on Saturday night. Please contact the church office if you would be interested in helping with housing if it is needed.



LUTHERAN  
SCHOOLS NIGHT  
Saturday, April 21

Milwaukee Brewers vs. Miami Marlins  
6:10 p.m.

Tickets: Loge Outfield Box \$17  
Order forms are on the bulletin board.





January 23, 2018

Rev. Mark L. Krueger  
St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
105 Horn St  
Brillion WI 54110-1547

Dear Rev. Krueger,

Thank you for supporting Concordia University Wisconsin during 2017. Because of your generosity and that of so many others, we have been blessed as we continue to help our students develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the world.

In 2017, gifts from alumni, parents, friends, and congregations dramatically impacted our University and students. The addition of new technology and services throughout our campus continues to help improve the way students learn and prepares them for the future. The remodeling and updating of classrooms and conference facilities helps create a learning environment where students can reach their full potential.

Less visible, but just as important, are the gifts that have helped us provide scholarship assistance to our students. Endowments continued to grow this year and will bless our students and programs for years to come. Technology is always changing, but the gifts of our friends help us to stay current.

Again, for your part in helping make this possible, we say thank you! For your tax records, I have enclosed a report that reflects your total charitable giving to support the mission and students of Concordia University Wisconsin for the calendar year 2017. If the report does not match your records, or if you have any questions, please contact me directly at 262-243-4533 or our Gift Processing Coordinator, Melissa Novotny, at 262-243-4423.

On behalf of our students, faculty, and staff, we cannot thank you enough for your partnership with us. If you find yourself nearby, please stop in and see for yourself how God is blessing His work among us.

Thankful for God's grace,

Rev. Dr. Roy Peterson  
Vice President of Advancement

"Faith is the bird that sings  
when the dawn is still dark."  
—Tagore



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FEBRUARY 9, 2018

Rev. Mark Krueger  
Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church, 105 Horn St, Brillion, WI, 54110-1547

Dear Pastor Krueger and the Members of St. Bartholomew,

Thank you very much for your generosity in giving us new letters for our congregation's outdoor sign. This will really improve the appearance of our sign.

May God bless your ministry!

In Christ Jesus,

Dennis M. Roser

PASTOR

## Earl and Mildred Behnke Youth Fund

This fund is established for the purpose of supporting Youth and Sunday School programs at St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church in Brillion, WI, restricted to identified needs, such as but not limited to youth rallies, conventions and Christian social events, that are not supported or covered fully by the church's annual budget. Distributions may also be used to support young members of the congregation who have incurred educational expenses while becoming an ordained minister, however, this fund is not intended to support any other pursuits of higher education. Anyone can contribute to this fund.

We also have two other endowment funds that you may contribute toward:

St. Bartholomew Endowment Fund  
Krahn Endowment Fund

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## What Was That Number?

This following from the New York Press Association shows what can happen when a paper tries to set something straight.

**Monday:** FOR SALE: R. D. James has a sewing machine for sale. Phone 555-0707 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

**Tuesday:** We regret having erred in R. D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read: One sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 555-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.

**Wednesday:** R. D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad should read as follows: SALE: R. D. Jones has a sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 555-0707. Ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves him after 7 p.m.

**Thursday:** NOTICE: I. R. R. Jones, have no sewing machine for sale. Don't call 555-0707. The telephone has been taken out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday, she was my housekeeper. She quit.

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## Lenten Schedule

Palm Sunday March 25th, 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday March 29th, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday March 30th, 1:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 1st, 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.



## I Am Not In Church

*Compiled by Thom Rainer*

**I am not in church.** But I really would like to know more about Christianity. Unfortunately, most of the sermons I hear seem watered down. Too many preachers tend to shy away from dealing with the biblical text straight on, but they just seem to want to please.

**I am not in church.** But I need help. I know I need help. There are times I hurt badly and seek answers. I was hoping to find some of those answers at church. I was hoping to meet people who cared.

**I am not in church.** My co-worker goes to church. I even know where he's a member. But he's never invited me. My neighbor goes to church. I see their family go to church every Sunday. But she's never invited me. I would go if she did. I would definitely go.

**I am not in church.** I am not anti-church. I am not anti-Christian. I am really seeking answers. I am really looking for people who care.

**I am not in church.** But I think I would like to be.



## JOIN THE MADNESS!

MARCH MADNESS begins March 4. For \$1 you can enter your selections in the St. Bartholomew ESPN bracket challenge. The winner will receive a \$25 scrip card. The proceeds will go to the Hearing Loop Fund. This is open to all ages and members of the congregation. Give us your name, email address, and \$1 if you want to participate. You can sign up on the narthex after services or in the church office. The deadline to sign up is March 4.



## March 9-11, 2018 Ladies' Weekend Craft Retreat

### Where

Camp LuWiSoMo  
W5421 Aspen Road  
Wild Rose, WI 54984

### When

Friday, March 9, 2018 at 4:00 PM CST  
-to-  
Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2:00 PM CDT

Join the party! Spend a whole weekend working on your favorite craft projects without interruptions for cooking, cleaning or anything else! Enjoy beautiful Camp LuWiSoMo, large individual work spaces that remain undisturbed for the weekend, five meal, great camaraderie and lots of fun!

Choose between creating cards and gifts using stamps, assorted papers and trims; preserving memories by making scrapbooks; quilting; knitting; or crocheting. Our retreat leader will lead hands-on workshops throughout the weekend, including Creative Quick Scrapbook kits, cards and stamping, and Make-and-Take projects. Workshop supplies will be provided; additional cash and carry supplies, papers, stamps, inks, embellishments and adhesives available for purchase.

Heather Gartzke  
Camp LuWiSoMo, Inc.  
hgartzke@luwisomo.org  
Camp— (920)-622-3350

## Join Us For Breakfast



Easter Morning  
Sunday, April 1st  
8:00—9:00 a.m.

Eggs, ham, sausage, sweet rolls,  
juice, milk & coffee

\$3/Adults \$2/K-8

Preschool & under/Free  
Sign up on the bulletin board!

**Tithers do not give expecting  
God to bless them in material  
ways, but in response to God's  
blessing already  
received.**



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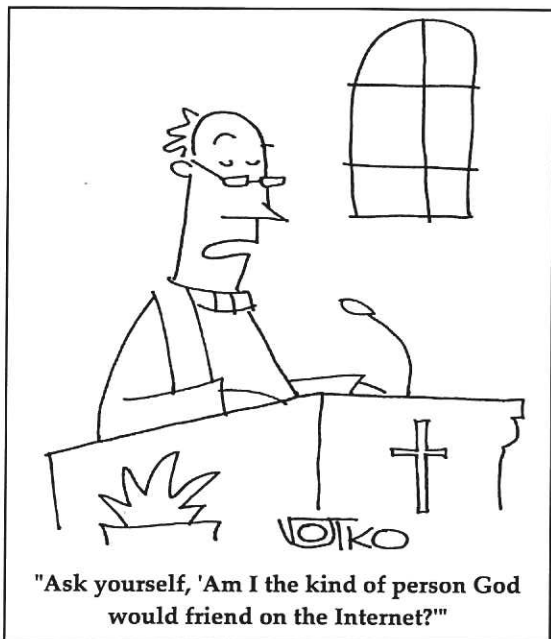
### CONGRATULATIONS!

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits just like yours through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year.

**We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, St Bartholomew Lutheran Church received \$1,675 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. We hope this gift helped to further support your incredible work.**

All 2017 Choice Dollars® have been made available for members to direct. Encourage your supporters to direct now. Use the free promotional materials available in the Promote Thrivent Choice section on [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) to easily remind your supporters about Thrivent Choice and the positive impact that can be made by directing Choice Dollars to your organization. As a reminder, 2017 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2018.





### The Importance Of One

A young man, walking along the beach at dawn noticed an old man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Catching up with the man the youth asked what he was doing. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun.

"But the beach goes on for miles, and there are millions of starfish," countered the young man "How can your effort make any difference?"

The old man look at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the waves. "It makes a difference to this one," he said.



Spring ahead—Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10th.



## **Calumet County Aging & Disability**

### **Resource Center**

### **NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

**Drivers for the Home Delivered Meal/Meals  
on Wheels Program, Transportation  
Program and  
Nutrition Site Volunteers!**

Would you like to truly make a difference in someone's life? Volunteering for the Calumet County Aging & Disability Resource Center's (ADRC) Volunteer Driving Program and Nutrition Program can make it possible. We are looking for volunteers in our Home Delivered Meal/Meals on Wheels Program, Transportation Program and Nutrition Site volunteers.

**Volunteer Drivers:** Volunteers donate their time, use their own vehicles, and provide transportation for medical reasons, such as doctor, dentist, nutrition programs, nursing home and hospital visitation of immediate family to name a few types of transports we offer.

**Meals on Wheels Drivers:** Volunteers donate their time and use their own vehicles to deliver meals to those who are homebound. We are in need of drivers for the following locations: Chilton, Brillion, New Holstein. We are currently looking for regular drivers and substitutes.

Each volunteer is required to complete a background check, motor vehicle record check and reference check to ensure the safety of the program participants. We offer mileage reimbursement at the Federal rate of 54.5 cents a mile for both volunteer driving programs.

**Nutrition Volunteers:** Many opportunities exist at our meal sites. We are looking for volunteers to assist the dining center manager with various tasks for 2-3 hours on a day that would fit into a volunteer's schedule. We are currently looking for volunteers and substitutes at our Chilton meal site for Monday – Friday and Stockbridge site on Tuesdays.

If you feel like this is something you would like to do, please contact Kathy Groeschel, Calumet County ADRC Volunteer Coordinator at (920) 849-1451 or 989-2700, ext. 4303 for more information.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Lorraine Evel	18th	Harper Horn
2nd	Kayla Woldt	18th	Faith Sonnabend
2nd	Hilary Sonnabend	19th	Russ Boldt
3rd	Sue Detert	19th	Lindsey Vechart
5th	Erin Zutz	20th	Kassandra Kupsky
6th	Gary Koerth	20th	John Levash
6th	Mitchell Krahn	21st	Jr. Doughty
6th	Ron Zueske	21st	Cole Peter
7th	Nathan Irish	21st	Reed Peter
7th	Emma Krahn	21st	Olivia Riemer
7th	Rick Riemer	22nd	Melissa Day
7th	Haley Graef	24th	Nicole Wittmann
8th	Mike Delvaux	25th	Robin Eichhorst
10th	Meghan Propson	25th	Brigette Sonnabend
11th	Pete Zarnoth	26th	Parker Sonnabend
12th	Jon Mignon	27th	Scott Eickert
13th	Ralph Haberland	27th	Ben Kalies
14th	Cole Reinke	27th	Damian Wetzell
15th	Jessica McWilliams	28th	Addison Grenze
17th	Bob Koffarnus	28th	Renee Maeder
18th	Josh Delvaux	29th	Lois Cmejla

## ANNIVERSARIES

11th	Erin & Ken Zutz
18th	Dave & Debbie Kamps
28th	Scott & Mary Eickert

Please forgive us and politely notify us if an anniversary or birthday is missing from the list. Thank you.

### How Long Does It Take to Read the Entire Bible?

It takes 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible at pulpit rate.  
 It takes 52 hours and 20 minutes to read the Old Testament.  
 It takes 18 hours and 20 minutes to read the New Testament.  
 It takes 4 hours and 28 minutes to read the longest section in the Old Testament, the Psalms.  
 It takes 2 hours and 43 minutes to read the longest book in the New Testament, the Gospel of Luke.  
 It takes 2 months and 10 days to read the entire Bible at a rate of 1 hour a day.  
 It takes 1 year to read the Bible 5 times and be one-third of the way through the 6th time.  
 Can you find a better way to spend your time than with the written Word? Especially so since Jesus said the words that He spoke shall judge a man in the day of judgment.

## Health tips for Lent

Jesus models fasting and assumes his disciples will do so as well. Fasting is healthy for the body."

– Etta Dale Hornsteiner

Author, *The Ten Guiding Lights to Health and Wholeness*

"Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live."

– Jim Rohn

"Eat the foods God created for you."

– Rex Russell, M.D.

Radiologist, May Clinic

"The way he treats his body, you'd think he was renting."

– Robert Brault

"Movement is medicine."

– Donald L. Cooper, M.D.

Stillwater, OK

"Many people dig their graves with their teeth."

– George Bernard Shaw

"The best place for your bathroom scale is in front of your refrigerator."

– Jim Reed

"The best advice to a dieter: No thyself."

– Lois Ward

Longmont, CO

## PENNIES FOR LIFE



Thank you to everyone who donated their pennies. We collected \$72.53 for Lutherans For Life during January.

The Sunday School Children will be singing "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23)" on Sunday March 11th.

