



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD AND SAVIOR,
JESUS CHRIST!

Alleluia! The victory's won!

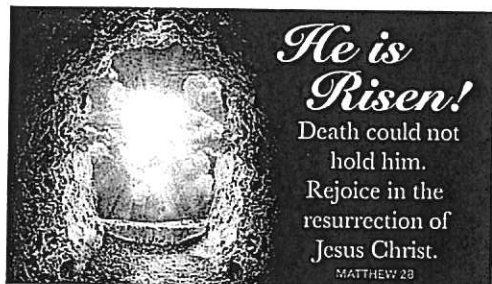
Easter is a very special time of the year. It's the time when we have the opportunity to celebrate and embrace the greatest fact of all time – eternal life.

"If a man dies, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). Man has been trying to answer that question since the beginning of time. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has the answer which is backed by the proof of His own victory over death. Now He promises to every believer, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19). Elsewhere in John's Gospel He says, "Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

A famous philosopher once said, "I would become a Christian if I could be sure of the resurrection of Christ." We can be sure! The very existence of the Church, built on the fact of the empty grave, proves the resurrection of Christ. The name of Christ and the Church He founded would never have been heard of again if He hadn't risen. That's why there was such an upsurge in the Church and why the once hiding disciples had new found courage. But most importantly we have the evidence in Christ Himself. He said He would rise and He did. The resurrection proves Him to be the Son of God, and as the Son of God He endorsed the Bible, saying, "Your Word is truth" (John 17:17).

Death is no longer death in the old sense – eternal death. It's the victory and triumph, the door to eternal life. Every believer can express with full assurance and confidence, "I shall not die, but live."

Job writes, "I know that my Redeemer lives ... in my flesh I shall see God" (Job 19:25-26). With faith in Christ we, through death, enter into the almighty presence of the living and loving God.



We triumphantly and joyfully exclaim, "He lives! He lives!" The very foundation on which our Christian faith rests is the resurrection from the dead by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May you enjoy this joyous Easter season for the tomb of Jesus is empty! No fooling!!!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Kuehn

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

February 2018

Year-to-date Income:	\$25,632.42
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$26,613.23
Year-to-date Budget:	\$27,176.00

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Chancel Light Fund
Jim & Florence Behnke

KINGDOM WORKERS - APRIL

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): Simon Geiger, Myron Peter
(Sundays): Rich Gustafson, Bryan Krepline

Altar Guild: Judy Baer, Debbie Kamps

Acolytes: April 1 (Easter) 7 a.m. - Hilary
9 a.m. - Meghan
8 - Ashley
15- Spencer
22 - Amber
29 - Rachel

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
Renee Bonick	(920) 296-9164
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!



Jerry Kamke

By Profession of Faith

March 18, 2018

Brandan Bowe

By Adult Confirmation

March 18, 2018





Pastor Krueger will be on vacation April 9 - 16th. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Brassfield at 920-246-2587. You may also contact one of the elders.

HELP NEEDED

The Board of Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for people to organize the church float for the parade On June 8th. Please contact the church office if interested.



YOUTH GATHERING MEETING

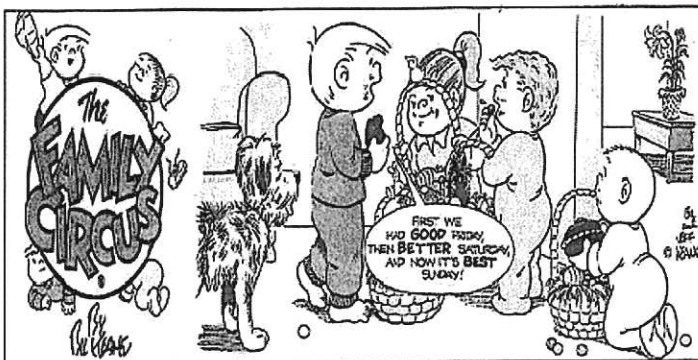
Sunday, April 22
6 p.m.

This meeting is for all youth, and their parents, who are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering, July 8-11, 2019, in Minneapolis, MN.

The items to be discussed are the dates, costs, fundraisers, and what is expected from the youth to attend the Gathering.

Mark the date on your calendars and plan to attend!

**REAL.
PRESENT.
GOD.** | **2019** | LCMS Youth
Gathering

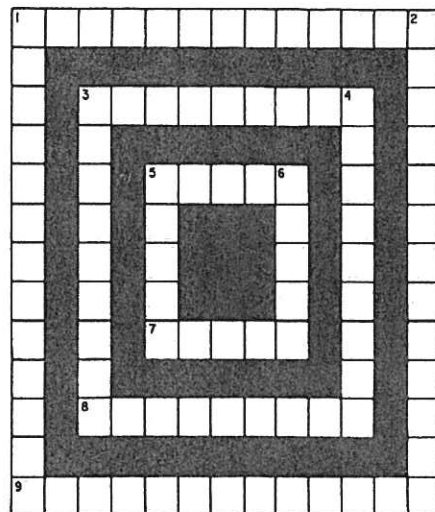


THANK YOU

Thank you to everybody who hosted a
Lenten Meal.

A Bible Fill-in Puzzle:

BIBLE PEOPLE . . . Fill in the squares with the names of Bible people found from the definitions below.



ACROSS

1. Woman follower of Christ. Luke 8:1-3. (two words)
3. Wife of Aquila. Acts 18:1-3.
5. Daughter of Jacob and Leah. Genesis 34:1.
7. Goddess of Ephesus. Acts 19:26-27.
8. A ruler of the Synagogue at Corinth. Acts 18:17.
9. Hebrew brothers who led their people from Egypt. Exodus 7:1. (three words and)

DOWN

1. Sisters of Bethany. Luke 10:38-39. (three words and)
2. Brother of Jacob and "doubting" disciple. Genesis 25:26; John 20:24. (three words and)
3. One of seven chosen to care for the widows. Acts 6:5.
4. King of Persia at the time of Esther. Esther 1:1.
5. He killed Goliath. 1 Samuel 17.
6. 28th Book of the Bible.

Answers to puzzle on next page of newsletter

THANK YOU LENTEN MONOLOGERS –

Thank you to all of the willing volunteers who helped with the monologs for our midweek Lenten services. Your participation and willingness is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Rick Riemer, Tim Pope, Faith Sonnabend, David Sonnabend, and Kris Krueger.

VACANCY UPDATE

As you know, Pastor Krueger has been serving the pastoral vacancy at St. Peter, Hilbert since May 2017. During this time St. Peter and St. Luke, Town Chilton have been working on forming a dual parish. This has not happened yet. The talks are still ongoing.

Pastor Jon Christensen, who is the pastor at St. Martin, Chilton, has accepted a different call, which leaves that church vacant.

Since St. Peter and St. Luke are in the process of joining together any way, Pastor Brassfield will be taking over the vacancy at St. Peter and Pastor Krueger will be handling the vacancy at St. Martin, Chilton. This change will take place as of May 1.

Voter's Meeting
Sunday, April 22nd
8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

A Sunday school teacher asked a child:
"Harold what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?"
"A teacher," Harold replied.

-Via Joyful Noiseletter



Let us exalt His name together

HAVEN2GO Sunday, April 8

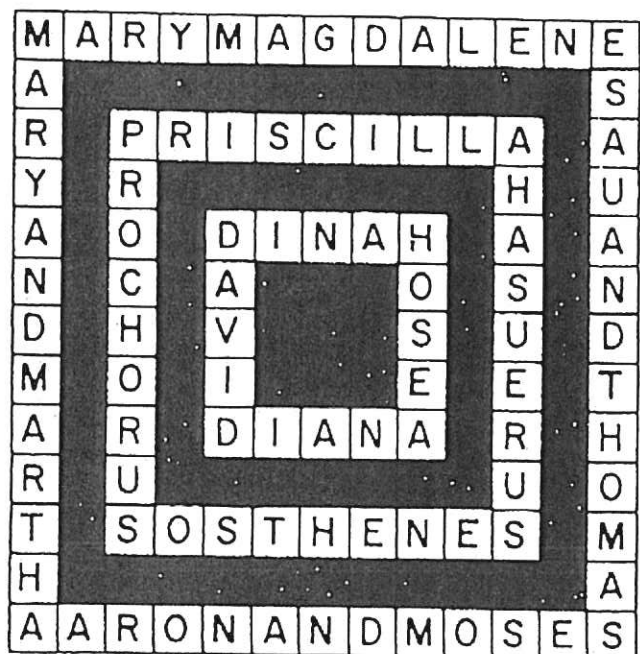
Haven2Go is a band of students from Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW) who share their faith through contemporary Christian music.

Haven2Go will lead the music portion of our worship service on Sunday, April 8.

Free-will offerings will be received to cover their expenses and to support their ministry.

If you are interested in and able to house some of the students on Saturday night, please contact Pastor Krueger.

Answers to Bible Quiz



St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
Voter's Meeting
January 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Behnke. Pastor led in opening prayer.

Members Present: 26

Secretary's Report:

Motion to accept as printed in the newsletter made by Joel K, and 2nd by Rick R.

Membership Gains and Losses

Gains: Chase Denor by baptism. Haley Graef by adult baptism. Adelyn Geiger by baptism.

Losses : Dyllan Eichhorst removed due to joining another denomination. Linda Skaggs removed due to unknown whereabouts.

Motion to accept Gains and Losses by Pete and 2nd by Deb. MC

Treasures Report:

We ended on a good contribution \$800 less than beginning of the year. We spent \$10,000 under budget. January is looking good. Joel K audited scrip.

Board Reports:

Stewardship and Evangelism:

1. Welcome Mike and Terri Delvaux.
2. We always need more greeters.
3. We would like to make some changes to our float for the Brillion Parade. If anyone has any ideas please let us know.
4. Life Sunday and Leadership Conference.
5. Looking for some sayings for our new sign.

Trustees:

1. Little projects going on, maybe painting of the fellowship hall.

Elders:

1. 2018 elders Rick Riemer, Deacon Bonick, and Keith Polkinghorne. We are looking for more elders.
2. Haven2Go April 8th.
3. We are looking into security during the church service. We do have exits in front of church. Maybe look into locking the doors during the service.
4. Looking into video recording equipment how to broadcast it out to people who want to see it.

Board of Elders:

Nothing

Pastor's Report:

1. Membership today we have 364 souls, 310 confirmed members.
2. We had 2 infant baptisms and 1 adult baptism.
3. Make sure you look at the Annual Report lots of information.
4. Lent will begin 2/14/18, looking for volunteers.
5. Bible study will correlate with Lents theme Thy will be done.
6. Lent suppers.
7. We will be doing Bible sticks again.
8. April 8 Haven2Go will be here.
9. Chili Dinner is February 25.
10. March Madness will be starting up soon.
11. Lutheran Ministry next week.
12. St. Peter still moving along, haven't heard anything yet. Hopefully by June.
13. Directory updates.
14. We received a thank you from Concordia Joint Seminary Fund.

Unfished Business:

1. Lawn on south side of church hope to set up a committee on what to do with the land.
2. We need people to volunteer for vacancies.

New Business:

1. Thank you to Harlen Krahn for the donation of the sign.
2. Gary K moved to give the council permission to vote a Lay Delegate to district convention and Rick 2nd it.
3. It is better to repair the nativity scene than to purchase new. Dave has some ideas, but it needs to get warmer to experiment.
4. We would like to set up a committee to revise and update our church constitution.
5. Deb made the motion to elect Keith Polkinghorne to the Bard of elders and Lori 2nd it.
6. We need to trim some trees by the sign so they don't fall on the new sign.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 made by Pete and 2nd by Rick.

Pastor led in closing prayer.

Amanda Krahn
Secretary

Easing Your Anxiety

The demands of your ministry and family responsibilities can make you anxious. Anxiety is a part of this fallen world of sin – no one is immune from it. When unease and apprehension get out of control, however, that angst can greatly affect your health. Anxiety disorders affect about 40 million adults in the United States. Symptoms include excessive worry, sleep problems, irrational fears and chronic indigestion. Consider these self-help ideas to lessen your anxiety:

Accept that anxiety is normal. Don't get upset thinking that you shouldn't feel anxious. Instead, acknowledge your anxiety and then figure out how to lessen its impact. *"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."* 1 Peter 5:7

Put anxiety in perspective. Anxiety is a signal that something is weighing on your mind. Try to pin down what that is, and then look at the bigger picture. Is it within your control? In a few months or a year, will it be remembered as something extremely important? *"And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?"* Matthew 6:27

Maintain healthy habits. Studies show that people who exercise regularly are less likely to experience anxiety – or may experience it less – than those who don't exercise. Exercise helps relieve your body of built-up adrenaline that often occurs from "flight or fight" responses. *"Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad."* Proverbs 12:25

Break anxiety's grip. When you're anxious, stopping to take a break can help you be more productive. Take a short walk or listen to soothing music. Keep a devotional book handy, read a favorite Bible passage (such as those in this article), and take time to pray. *"I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears."* Psalm 34:4

Breathe deeply. Deep breathing exercises lower your heart rate, feed your body oxygen

(anxiousness can cause you to hold your breath), and help your body relax. Sit quietly and instead of constantly replaying thoughts in your mind, focus on taking long, deep breaths. *"In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."* Psalm 4:8

Seek assistance. If you feel that you no longer can ease your anxiety, maybe it's time to get assistance. Concordia Health Plan members can seek the help of professionals through the Employee Assistance Program (866-726-5267) and the Pastoral Support Network (888-712-1805). *"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice."* Proverbs 12:15

Source: Healthline.com

Weigh Your Bread Accessory Options

When eating out, bread is often served with a choice of olive oil or butter. Be careful which fat you choose or how you use it because one of the options may have you consuming hundreds of calories before you even dig into the main meal.

Even though olive oil is the healthier fat option, tablespoon for tablespoon, olive oil contains more calories than butter. If you soak two pieces of bread in olive oil (about 2 tablespoons worth), you would consume about 240 calories just from the oil. Compare that to thinly spreading two thumb-tip-sized pats of butter on your two pieces of bread which would add up to about 72 calories.

If you choose the olive oil over the butter, dip lightly or drizzle the oil with a fork to control the quantity of oil.

A better option is to ask the server to remove the bread so that you avoid any of the excess calories and fat in the first place!

Source: health.com

Learn to Love Your Liver

Your liver is the largest solid organ and gland in your body performing some very important functions: filtering your blood; producing bile to help break down and absorb fat, cholesterol and vitamins; processing nutrients; creating blood-clotting coagulants; and removing toxins from your body.

Doctors call the liver the Grand Central Station of your body because it processes everything you eat or drink. That's why caring for your liver is so important. Knowing what to consume and what to limit or avoid is a great way to show love toward your liver.

Helpful for your liver:

Almonds: The vitamin E in almonds may help protect against fatty liver disease.

Blueberries: Nutrients called polyphenols may help protect you against nonalcoholic fatty liver disease.

Greens: Leafy greens contain the antioxidant glutathione, which can help keep your liver functioning properly.

Green Tea: The antioxidant catechin may protect you from liver cancer.

Harmful for your liver:

Acetaminophen. This pain reliever can cause damage if taken in large quantities over a small period of time.

Alcohol: Drinking too much over time can lead to cirrhosis. Even occasional binge drinking – four drinks in one sitting for women and five for men – can be harmful.

Salt: A diet high in sodium may lead to fibrosis, which is the first stage of cirrhosis (liver scarring).

Saturated fat. The saturated fat from foods such as burgers and fries make your liver work harder. Over time inflammation may occur which eventually could cause scarring of the liver.

Sugar. Too much sugar causes your liver to store fat, putting you at risk for fatty liver disease.

Source: WebMD & Medical News Today

Limit Toddler Screen Time

Children ages two to five should spend no more than one hour a day watching television or using tablets and other digital media devices, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The Academy further recommends that screen-time should be avoided completely for children younger than two, with these exceptions:

- Video-chatting with family members.
- Watching educational videos together.

Having a family movie night.

The concern is that many parents use digital media to keep their kids occupied when they can't give them their full attention. There are times when that may be helpful, such as on a plane or during a medical procedure, but using the devices when toddlers get restless and misbehave in public may prove harmful over time. The iPad may be a way to distract children from misbehaving, but they will quickly learn to behave inappropriately in order to get the "reward" of using the iPad. Excessive media use has also been linked to both poor sleep quality and physical health, and contributes to increases in body fat.

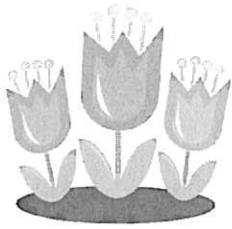
The AAP guidelines mirror what experts recommend for adults: no use of electronics an hour before bed and keeping bedrooms and mealtimes screen-free.

Parents can find personalized media-use plans for all ages along with helpful health, safety, and prevention information at the AAP website:

HealthyChildren.org.

Source: Real Simple

(from "Better Health" Spring 2018)



Spring Retreat for
55 & Up!
Wednesday May 9
Cedar Valley
West Bend

"From One Generation to the Next" is our theme for this spring's retreat. Dr. Patrick Ferry, President of CUW, will help us reflect on how God keeps His promises from one generation to the next, and Dr. Louis Mueller, also of CUW, will show us ways to keep living and MOVING in Him. Registration is \$60 for the day that includes a light breakfast and hearty lunch. There will also be an optional Tuesday evening (May 8) dinner and fellowship followed by a presentation by author Rochelle Pennington about "The Endurance", a 1914 trans-Atlantic adventure. For complete information and registration, go to swd.lcms.org or call Peg at the District office, 414-292-0744.

A pastor told this story to Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft of Dover, DE:

"Just as I began my service, the electricity in the church failed. The ushers and I found some candles and placed them around the sanctuary. Then I reentered the pulpit, shuffled my notes, and muttered, 'Now where was I?'"

"A tired voice in a pew called out, 'Right near the end!'"



From the proceeds of the Chili Dinner, Ladies Aid has given a gift of \$1,000.00 to the Debt/Retirement Fund. *Thank you to the Ladies Aid!!*

THANK YOU



The Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone for helping with another successful Chili Dinner. If you donated food, your time to help prepare or serve or just to come and eat a bowl of chili. Thank-you also to Thrivent for their help. A volunteer is someone who sees a need, nurtures a hope and gives from the heart.



Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, April 21, 2018

**Milwaukee Brewers
vs
Miami Marlins**



Join us for a night of
family fun and fellowship.

6:10 p.m.

Order your tickets
through your
church/school office
by
Monday, April 9

Tickets:
\$17

Loge Outfield Box

If you have any questions, contact
Robin at the District office,
414-292-0741.

Tickets will be mailed to
your church/school.

Group ticket orders are due
Wednesday, April 11

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February Scrip Totals

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	100	2.25
Bakkheia	25	1.25
BP	450	6.75
Dairy Queen	25	5.00
Deer Run	75	7.50
Econo	1400	42.00
Exxon	325	32.50
Festival	450.00	13.50
Kohls	50	2.00
Kwik Trip	550	22.00
McDonalds	25	1.00
Menards	100	3.00
Piggly Wiggly	125	3.75
Shell	150	15.00
Shopko	350	17.50
Starbucks	75	5.25
Target	25	0.63
WalMart	1125	28.13
Woodmans	300	15.00
TOTALS	5725	224.00

A grandfather was going by his little granddaughter's room one night when he saw her kneeling beside her bed with head bowed and hands folded, repeating the alphabet.

"What are you doing?" he asked her. "I'm saying my prayers," she replied, "but I couldn't think of just what to say. So I'm just saying all the letters of the alphabet, and God can put them together any way He thinks best."

-via Joyful Noiseletter



Birthdays

2nd	Amber Klepps	16th	Bob Behnke
3rd	Hugo Zutz	16th	Jessica Cain
4th	Simon Geiger	17th	Faviola Emmer
5th	Stephanie Petersen	17th	Mark Krahn
5th	Gunner Schlender	20th	Cara Geiger
7th	Parker Gade	23rd	Amy Krahn
7th	Tracy Hurda	24th	Megan Boldt
10th	Savannah Day	25th	Linda Streck
10th	Courtney Kupsy	27th	Sue Graf
11th	Matthew Zeamer	27th	Collin Maeder
13th	Roger Bladow	27th	Hannah Maeder
13th	Dave Buboltz	27th	Jacob Maeder
13th	Debbie Kamps	28th	Bryce Michael
14th	Eli Peter	28th	Evan Pope
15th	Adolfo Vargas		

Anniversaries

18th	Tim & Melissa Pope
19th	Dan & Patsy Geiger
20th	Elliot & Dorothy Maile
20th	Tony & Susan Wittmann
27th	Steve & Michelle Schleis
30th	Russ & Mary Boldt



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

Pastor Krueger & the members of St. Bart's:

Thank you for all your kind words and outpouring of love on the loss of Rick's dad. We especially thank you for all of your prayers and cards. We certainly are blessed by being a part of this congregation.

Thank you Pastor for all of your prayers and for your support on the day of the funeral. It means more than you will ever know. Blessings to you all!

Rick & Terri Riemer & family

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.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Many times in Scripture we are promised that the one who gives will receive. *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you use it will be measured back to you"* (Luke 6:38). *"'Bring the full tithe...put Me to the test,' says the Lord of hosts, 'if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need'"* (Malachi 3:10). God wants to bless us for our faithful and generous giving. However, the promise to be blessed must not be our primary motive for giving.

First Timothy 6:5-10 warns us of the dangers of this attitude. Paul wrote that false teachers *"imagining that godliness is a means of gain."* We know from Scripture that we have been blessed that we might be a blessing to others. Therefore, we share our wealth—our monetary wealth (Romans 12:13), our wealth in talents and responsibilities (1 Peter 4:10-11), our wealth in experiences (2 Corinthians 1:4), and our wealth in time (James 1:27).

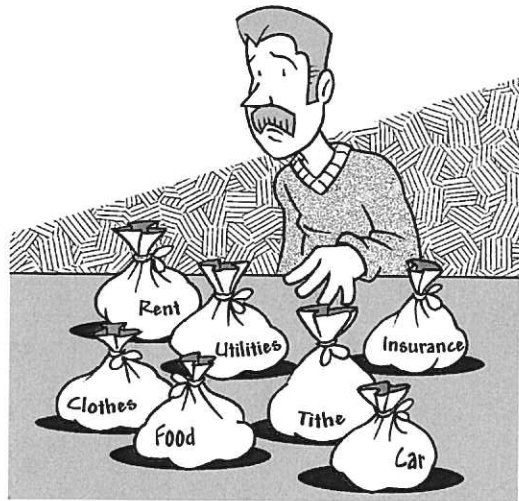
God blesses us so we can be His instruments to support those in need and extend His

Church. *"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God"* (2 Corinthians 9:11).

Money Will Buy Things

Money will buy ...

A bed but not sleep
Books but not brains
Food but not appetite
Finery but not beauty
A house but not a home
Medicine but not health
Luxuries but not culture
Amusements but not happiness
A Crucifix but not a Savior



The Church is like a bank—the more you put into it, the more interest you have in it.

We are adopted by God's grace to be adapted to God's use.

A Thief Has Broken into our Church

He has done considerable damage. Even the casual observer may see evidence of the break-in. What has he taken? He has taken strength from our Sunday School. Every Sunday his thievery deprives the congregation of about one-fourth of its membership. He depletes the offering potential of the church. There is no insurance that will cover the damage caused by this thievery...except the safeguard of spiritual commitment. The culprit's fingerprints are much in evidence. From this his identity has been established. His name is MR. INDIFFERENCE. This criminal in our midst has weakened the educational arm of the church, depleted the attendance at worship, and looted the tithes and offerings. Most interesting of all is the method by which he initiates his crime. He begins first in the home...BEWARE OF THIS THIEF!

Cell Phone vs. Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

- What if we carried it around in our pockets?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of emergency?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill, and, one more thing there are no dropped calls!

Are You Willing?

"So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Corinthians 8:11-12).



There is so much need around us. Daily we are interrupted by telephone calls soliciting our donations to well-deserving causes. We hear of elderly people in nursing homes who never have visitors and children in need of mentors. Committees within our congregations seek to add to their boards in order to carry out the ministry of our churches.

We may become overwhelmed. Where do we start? How can I—one person—fill all these needs? Often guilt accompanies these questions. What is God asking of us? According to the Apostle Paul, we are expected to give according to what we have. He was speaking here of monetary offerings, but his admonition relates to the sharing of our time and abilities as well. The key, Paul seems to say, is to be willing. *"If the readiness is there,"* the gift *"is acceptable."*

Blessings as you Live Generously!