



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR GRACIOUS & BOUNTEOUS GOD!

Finding the Meaning of Thanksgiving

What does Thanksgiving mean to you? I hear a girl say, "It means a big dinner." I think we all agree with her. Who does not welcome and enjoy a good dinner! I hear a young man say, "Thanksgiving means football" I guess he's right too. Football in most homes is part of the day's celebration.

Now I am going to ask some of the older people what the day means to them. There is a young woman who says, "Thanksgiving means an extra day off." Next we meet a sales representative. What does Thanksgiving mean to you? He says, "It means a day at home. Last year I spent one hundred and fifty nights away from home. I have three children. I'd like to see them every day. There are times when many days pass and I do not see them. Thanksgiving week I plan to be at home."

There are others I could ask. Each has his answer. But Thanksgiving has a special meaning for us. It is harvest time. I have here an apple. Isn't this a beautiful apple? What color! Who mixed the paints, who handled the brush to give such color to this apple? God! He, in His infinite love and wisdom, has provided, through the unfailing laws of nature, for the growth, sweetness, coloring and beautifying of all the products of the fields. This apple is but one of many kinds of fruits.

Praise, then, is the great meaning of Thanksgiving. God, our heavenly Father, sends us every good gift. From his bountiful hand come our daily mercies. We should praise him every day. But the day for the united chorus of praise is Thanksgiving. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord" (Psalm 150:6)!

(By Bruce Wright)

What does Thanksgiving mean to you?

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen" (*LSB 805*).

A Blessed Thanksgiving!

Pastor Kueper



Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

September Totals	
Year-to-date Income:	\$ 123,370.96
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$ 132,708.93
Year-to-date Budget:	\$ 119,880.00

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Organ Fund

Kay Koffarnus in memory of Gene Draheim

Chancel Light Fund

Pastor & Kris Krueger

*Thank
You*

Dear St. Bartholomew,

Thank you for once again hosting us during the Voices of Peace festival. We are so blessed by your generosity, support and love. It's almost like coming home when we walk through the door.

Thank you, Pastor Krueger for you continuing support and prayers. Thank you also for the meals and gift card – they were wonderful! We pray that God would bless you all and your work in Brillion.

Joy in the Journey with Jesus,

The Garms Family

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

ELDER GROUPS

(Baer-Geiger)	Gary Koerth	864-7714
(Giese-Krahn)	Rick Riemer	(920) 841-7346
(Kremer-Reinke)	Gary Lemke	853-3846
(Riemer-Zutz)	Deacon Bonick	(920) 366-2766

KINGDOM WORKERS – November

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): Lon Fels
(Sundays): Harlan Krahn, Steve Gilbertson

Altar Guild: Norma Drumm, Rhonda Geiger

Acolytes: Nov. 5 - Rachel Pope
12 -Bailee Schlender
19 -Hilary Sonnabend
22 (Wed.) Thanksgiving -Meghan Propson
26 -Ashley Bowe
29 (Wed.) -Spencer Gilbertson



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

Judy Baer	(920) 756-2696
Renee Bonick	(920) 296-9164
Sue Detert	(920) 756-3439
Ralph & Sandy Haberland	(920) 524-2016
Kris Krueger	(920) 756-3912
Jean Peter	(920) 875-0164
Faith Sonnabend	(920) 756-2779
Joan Zutz	(920) 756-2501

All requests will remain strictly confidential!



Daylight Savings Time Ends:

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday November 4th!

Steward Builders

A newsletter to help you grow as a steward.

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.



Bitter Winter, Better Thanksgiving, the Story of Miles Standish

Capt. Miles Standish had been much at his wife Rose's bedside. As much time, that is, as he could spare from stalking game, guarding against savages, and felling trees to construct crude homes on shore.

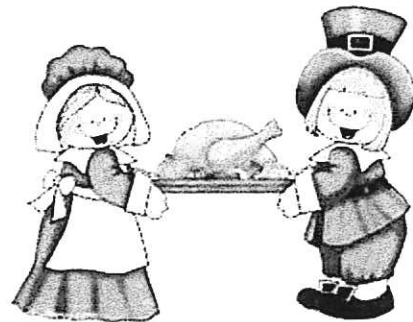
A bitter wind whistled through chinks and cracks in the Mayflower, anchored in Plymouth harbor that winter of 1620-21. Rose's chills would turn to uncontrollable shaking. Then just as suddenly, her body would be ablaze with fever. Herbs from the surgeon's chest did little to relieve her. By spring only five wives remained out of the eighteen who had sailed to Plymouth. Rose was not among them.

Thanksgiving? What was that? The golden dreams of a New World that Miles and Rose had cherished together had evaporated into hollow hopes. And yet that fall Capt.

Standish joined other bereaved Pilgrims in the first Thanksgiving celebration.

The real test of thankfulness is whether we can give thanks from the heart for what we do have, despite the wounds and pains of yesterday's struggles. Ours is not some fair-weather faith, but a resilient trust in in the midst of pain. The Pilgrims lived close to the edge of survival. Perhaps that is why they were so thankful.

How about you? Does your material bounty cause you to neglect thanks? When your clan gathers this Thanksgiving will a prayer of thankfulness be forgotten between moist turkey and pumpkin pie? Will your children see you bow your head to give thanks, or merely ask for another helping of dressing and cranberry sauce?



Children will be watching, you know. And their little faith is being formed by what they see. Your family's Thanksgiving celebration will instruct them about thankfulness, for good or ill.

Will they see you too wealthy to be thankful? Too independent to need God any more? Too bitter, perhaps? Or will they watch you truly give thanks for God's

anymore? Too bitter, perhaps? Or will they watch you truly give thanks for God's blessings on this special day? And maybe as they watch, they'll catch a hint that mom and dad and grandmother, in spite of painful seasons they have faced, have seen these bitter winters bear fruit in better thanksgiving.

(By Dr. Ralph F. Wilson)

New People in Christ

Have you looked up the word “new” in your Bible concordance? Just reading the portions of verses listed there is a very affirming, encouraging experience. The message they give can be summed up in one phrase: What Jesus brings us is always “New and improved!”

Some verses talk about the new song that He has put into our mouths. We no longer sing the blues; we have a song of rejoicing, words that extol our Savior and relate to others the greatness of our Lord.

There are verses that remind us that there's nothing ahead of us that Christ hasn't faced before us. Nothing that we encounter as His people will surprise our God, Who has all things under His control.



We read that we are new creatures, under new management, with new hearts and spirits, new lives and attitudes. Even though our sinful human nature wrestles with our

spiritual nature and often seems to win, we are assured that, in spite of what we do and say, we are still new, made new by Christ's atoning work on the cross.

That work, of course, is what ushered in the new covenant, a covenant based on grace rather than the Law; that work puts into effect the new command which is to love each other as Christ has loved us.

We no longer give or serve because the Law commands it, but because Christ commands it and how can we not respond to that wondrous love that caused Him to give and to serve to the ultimate?

Being Thankful

It's easy to be thankful when we have plenty and are not in need – or is it? Thankfulness is an attitude of the heart and mind and is not necessarily dependent on the state of our financial affairs or even our health or general well-being. Those who rely on their Savior for all their needs have this attitude: *“Though the fig tree should not blossom nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my Salvation”* (Habakkuk 3:17-18).

Serving Others

Why were the disciples so dismayed when Jesus knelt before them to wash their feet? We don't expect our leaders to humble themselves in such a way, do we? Yet Jesus said, *“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant...even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve...”* (Matthew 20:26-28). The purpose of our lives is to serve others – to be God's instruments on earth.

Blessings on your Stewardship Journey!

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

CHURCH SUPPLIES & SERVICES:	2016 BUDGET	2016 ACTUAL	2017 BUDGET	2018 PROPOSED
Office Supplies	2,500	2,219.56	2,500	2,500
Church Supplies & Subscriptions	4,600	4,443.34	4,600	4,600
Sunday School & Education	2,200	1,304.47	2,200	2,000
Organists - 110 services; \$45/service	4,950	4,715.00	4,950	4,950
Choir/Music Coordinator / Special Music Events (4)	1,600	1,010.00	1,600	1,600
Conferences	700	816.45	600	700
Guest Pastors (5 wks. vacation; 1 wk. pulpit supply)	1,500	1,122.16	1,500	1,500
Secretary (started 2012) 20 hrs./wk. 50 wk. 2017 - \$11	10,750	8,581.78	11,000	10,000
VBS	500	0.00	500	500
Youth Ministry	500	0.00	0	0
Stewardship	500	331.25	500	500
Confirmation Retreat	0	0.00	0	0
Evangelism	800	400.06	800	800
Decorating Committee	0	0.00	0	0
Subtotal	\$31,100	\$24,944.07	\$30,750	\$29,650
PASTORAL SERVICES:				
Salary	48,696	48,696.00	49,548	50,424
Health-Retirement Insurance	24,860	24,982.20	25,843	26,021
Car Mileage	2,800	1,872.18	2,800	2,800
Utilities - Parsonage	3,300	2,814.62	3,300	3,200
Maintenance - Parsonage	700	1,022.90	700	1,000
Home Equity Fund/Deductible Stipend	0	0.00	0	0
Subtotal	\$80,356	\$79,387.90	\$82,191	\$83,445
CHURCH BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:				
Utilities - Church	9,000	6,391.80	9,000	8,000
Telephone - Church & Parsonage	1,740	3,533.73	1,740	1,800
Insurance	5,650	5,571.49	5,584	5,843
Maintenance & Service Contracts	4,500	4,771.12	5,000	5,200
Custodian - Bldg. & Housekeeping (Janet)	4,250	4,250.00	4,400	4,400
Lawn & Yard Care (Howard - \$1600) (\$1750 for 2017)	5,250	4,951.22	5,400	6,000
FICA Total Tax	1,526	1,253.56	1,557	1,480
Miscellaneous Budget	0	0.00	0	0
Subtotal	\$31,916	\$30,722.92	\$32,681	\$32,723
Total	\$143,372	\$135,054.89	\$145,622	\$145,818
MISSIONS: (14.5%)				
	10%	10%	10%	11%
District Missions	9,897	9,897.00	10,221	10,221
Nicole Wittmann	0	0.00	0	700
Joint Seminary Fund	996	996.00	996	1,776
Concordia University	1,824	1,824.00	1,824	1,824
LCFS	700	700.00	700	700
Leaven	420	420.00	420	420
Sunday School Missions	500	465.00	400	400
Subtotal	\$14,337	\$14,302.00	\$14,561	\$16,041
Debt Retirement	11,000	\$13,473.54	13,000	14,784
TOTAL BUDGET	\$168,709	\$162,830.43	\$173,183	\$176,643

September 25, 2017

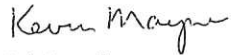
The Rev. Mark Krueger
ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
105 Horn Street
Brillion WI 54110

Dear Pastor Krueger,

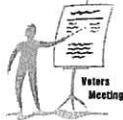
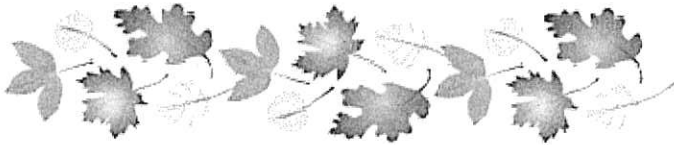
The willingness of your congregation to host our Food for the Poor speaker, Pastor Roland Buuck, has been such a blessing and encouragement to our organization. It is my hope that it was also a blessing to both you and your congregation. We are beyond grateful for your support and passion for the poor.

Our Church and School department exists to continue the relationship that has already begun with your church. We are available to link your church to a specific project such as clean water, safe housing, and agricultural sustainability.

Your giving is not solely a donation, but rather a paramount facilitator in divine transformation. Thank you again for allowing us to be with your people. May the Lord bless you and keep you.



Kevin Mayne, Director
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VOTERS MEETING
on Sunday November 12th
at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



CHURCH CLOSINGS

Before you know it, winter will be upon us. We ask that you let us know your email address if you want to be notified of any church closings this winter season due to inclement weather. Thank you.

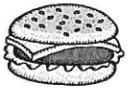


Join us Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. for a special Thanksgiving worship service with communion



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

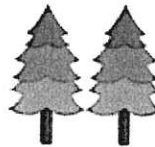
The DQ Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, November 2 from 4-7pm. We will need members to help that night bringing food out to the customers, wiping tables, and just being friendly St. Bartholomew members greeting the people as they come in. We ask that members donate at least 1 hour of their time. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. Instead of money, we lose sight of the fact that we can serve the Lord with our time and talents, too. This is a good opportunity to do just that.



CHRISTMAS TREE SALES BEGIN

St. Bartholomew will begin selling trees on Friday, November 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Help is needed from the congregation to tend the tree lot and sell trees. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the days and times sellers are needed. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



Tree Lot Hours

Monday-Friday
Saturdays
Sundays

3-6 p.m.
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Noon-6 p.m.

*Together
in Advent*

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.
Beginning December 6th

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church

Voters Meeting

April 30, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Joel Koerth at 10:15 am. Pastor led in opening prayer.

Members Present: 39

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept as printed in newsletter made by Faith S. and 2nd by David S.

Membership gains and Losses:

Gains: Zachary Zoellner by Adult Confirmation

Sebastian Gray Gifford by Baptism

Losses: John Ruh by transfer to the Church Triumphant

Margaret Zutz by transfer to the Church Triumphant

Ken Eichhorst by transfer to the Church Triumphant

Debbie made a motion to accept the Membership gains and Losses and Gary 2nd it.

Treasurer's report: End of March we were \$14,415.17 in the black.

Board Reports

Elders

1. Thank you to Decan for being a new elder
2. Sent out letter and we miss you cards to the members on our absentee list
3. Adjust service music when we can't use the organ
4. At the Cross Roads was well received

Christian Education

1. VBS will be June 7-9 sign up soon
2. Lock in June 8-9 For middle school and high school
3. Amy Krahn is stepping down as youth leader and Susan Wittmann will be taking over

Stewardship and Evangelism

1. On February 12 we welcomed our new member Zachary Zoellner
2. Jim Hendricks had a low turnout, but the people that did show up really enjoyed it.
3. Going to have a float in the parade. In need of walkers
4. Need greeters.

Trustees

1. Did some repairs to the canopy roof still a work in progress
2. Organ signed and 1st payment paid. Did some measuring so we can order parts

3. Wanted to discuss when to start parking lot hoping to start after June 11.

Pastors report

Membership today: 363 souls

310 Communion

1. 1 baptism and 1 adult confirmation
2. Baskets of promise we made 55 kits
3. We will be having the mother's day rose sale.
4. We have 1 confirmed
5. Asked to serve a Vacancy at St. Peter Hilbert. They are going to have to make some adjustments. If we do have to adjust we would be willing to move to 9:30 and they do 8 am. Or we go to 8:45 and they do 10:15. We would like to stay where we are and have them adjust. Faith made a motion to keep our same worship times and Deb K 2nd it.

Unfinished Business

1. Council vacancies are all filled Bob Behnke came on as vice president.
2. Christmas tree sales chair was filled by Simon and Rhonda Geiger

New Business

1. Parking lot and organ updates were passed at special voters meeting

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:52 and 2nd by Gary.

Pastor led in closing prayer.

September SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	1,000	14.50
Cobblestone	25	1.25
Dairy Queen	25	5.00
Deer Run	125	12.50
Econo	1,800	54.00
Exxon	250	25.00
Festival	550	16.50
Kohls	350	14.00
Kwik Trip	425	17.00
Piggly Wiggly	100	3.00
Shell	400	40.00
Shopko	250	12.50
Starbucks	40	2.80
Subway	40	4.00
WalMart	270	6.75
Woodmans	400	20.00
TOTALS	\$6,050	\$249.30

Simple Prayers, But Holy Conversations



We begin with simple prayers at bedtime and mealtime. Children enthusiastically learn from you to fold their hands, bow their heads, and say, "Now I Lay Me" and "Come, Lord Jesus."

Soon children make the connection between reciting prayers at home and praying in church, between just saying words and saying them to Someone. They begin to comprehend that praying is a holy conversation with their heavenly Father.

God invites us and expects us to pray in Jesus' name. Prayer is a gift to us as God's children and our loving Father promises to listen and answer.

God calls parents to the joyous responsibility and privilege of teaching and nurturing the habit of regular, confident conversation with our heavenly Father.

- Joni Walker
Follow and Do The Lord's Prayer

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children's
program

Mark your calendar: The Children's Christmas Service will be Sunday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m. Please make sure your children are in S.S. as we will be practicing for the service soon.



November

BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Bailee Schlender	16 th	Amanda Denor
3 rd	Sheri Levash	16 th	Casey Kalies
4 th	Katie Horn	16 th	Barbara Kupsky
5 th	Gary Lemke	16 th	Jared Plate
5 th	Dale Streck	17 th	Dave Sonnabend
6 th	Florence Behnke	19 th	Dan Geiger
6 th	Phyllip Eichhorst	20 th	Nancy Kabat
9 th	Jody Denor	21 st	Simon Horn
9 th	Zachary Eichhorst	21 st	Dwane Kalies
9 th	Chis Gade	23 rd	Derek Koffarnus
9 th	Patsy Wendling	23 rd	Joan Lemke
10 th	Harlan Krahn	25 th	Lori Fels
11 th	Amy Woldt	29 th	Ron Davidson
13 th	Kelvin Gilbertson	29 th	Jay Krahn

ANNIVERSARIES

8 th	Simon and Rhonda Geiger
10 th	Matt and Vanessa Reinke
14 th	Andy & Cara Geiger
14 th	Joel & Connie Koerth
17 th	Pete & Judy Vechart

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

FOOD 'N MORE



Bring non-perishable food items, toiletries, and/or paper products to St. Bartholomew. Items collected will be given to the Food Pantry at Holy Family Church in Brillion. Please note the deadline for your donations is Sunday, November 26th.

As believers, even if we don't have much in the way of material things, we have all we need in Jesus.