



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR SAVIOR!

The soloist began to sing a special song during the worship service. It was awful! She had somehow started on the wrong note, terribly out of tune with the accompanist. She abruptly stopped and announced she needed a new start. She then began anew with a beautiful addition to the morning worship. Had she tried to limp through the first try, people would have remembered the off-key solo. Instead, by her second start, the congregation was assisted in their worship of the Lord.

That is the way it is with our lives, too. Our first start in life, our birth, is awful because of sin. We're born with a sin condition that makes it impossible for us to please God no matter how hard we try. We're captive to disobedience of God and His Law, to "doing it our way" and the passions of sin. But unlike the soloist we can't even recognize that we are out of tune with God.

Then it is God who comes to us by His Word to show us our sin. It is He who offers us grace and forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. It is He who by His Holy Spirit gives us that new start through Baptism. Through Baptism, we are united to Christ. Because Christ died for our sins, we are baptized into the death of sin with Him, that we may be raised to new life with Him.



The Apostle Paul tells us, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17). God has redeemed and restored us into new people who live under the Lordship of Christ. We are given new hearts and a new nature. Through faith that God gives us, we live in Christ and for Him, and through faith, we serve Christ by serving others.

Now our lives can be pleasing to God, like the soloist's second start. Not because of our work, but because of the power of God's gracious gift to us, Holy Baptism.



And speaking of new starts, it's time for a new start for Sunday school and Bible class. The new start will take place on Sunday, September 9 at 8 a.m. Be sure to join us as we continue to grow in our faith and in fellowship with one another. Weather-permitting, we will worship outdoors that day as well. Come as a family and stay as a family! Let's make this a grand new start in Christ!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Kuehn

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

May 2018

Year-to-date Income:	\$ 85,739.46
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$ 79,889.35
Year-to-date Budget:	\$ 67,940.00

June 2018

Year-to-date Income:	\$ 97,728.30
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$ 95,092.62
Year-to-date Budget:	\$ 81,528.00

July 2018

Year-to-date Income:	\$ 109,442.38
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$ 109,092.65
Year-to-date Budget:	\$ 95,116.00

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Debt Retirement Fund

Kay Koffarnus in memory of E.J. (Gene) Draheim
Joan & Hugo Zutz in honor of their anniversary

Hearing Loop Fund

Ralph & Sandy Haberland in memory of Carol Beyer

Concordia Scholarship Fund

Pastor & Kris Krueger in memory of Carol Beyer

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 - Hammond)	Keith Polkinghorne	756-2370
(Horn - Olm)	Rick Riemer	(920) 841-7346
(Peter - Zutz)	Deacon Bonick	(920) 366-2766

KINGDOM WORKERS - SEPTEMBER

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): Dave Kamps
(Sundays): Jeff & Gunner Schlender

Altar Guild: Faith Sonnabend, Renee Bonick

Acolytes: Sept. 2 - Rachel
9 - No acolyte, Outdoor Service
16 - Bailee
23 - Hilary
30 - Ava



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	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!

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

If anyone is interested in joining our congregation from a non-Lutheran background or is interested in learning the basics of our beliefs as Lutherans, contact Pastor Krueger (756-3031) so a class can be set up beginning in September.



The first day of Sunday school will be September 9 at 8 a.m. Join us for another fun year!

In Giving, We Express the Love of Christ

Christian giving comes from the heart, not just from the pocketbook. It is an expression of love, care, and trust. It springs from the recognition that the blessings of our lives are from God. It is a heart that says "Thank you, thank you, dear God. What can I do with the blessings You give me that would be a blessing to You?" It is to recognize that God is the ultimate giver! He gave us His only Son. It is to recognize that God does not bless us so that we may simply enjoy our blessings, but rather that God blesses that we may share our blessings.

In writing to the Corinthians about their giving, Paul used the Macedonians as an example. He clearly defined the motive of their giving. "... *They gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us*" (2 Corinthians 8:5).

In giving, they were led by the "*will of God*." This indicated their recognition of the Lordship of Christ. They were open to God's direction. They were so thankful to God for all the blessings He had given them that they gave "*beyond their means*."

May all of us daily celebrate the grace and goodness of God in our lives, and may we express our thanks and worship to the Lord through our giving.



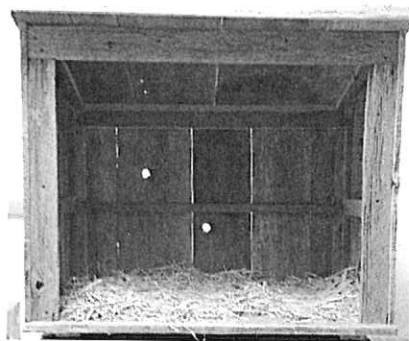
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

The worship service on Sunday, September 9th will be held outdoors with the Memorial Garden as our backdrop... weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair or you may use one of the church chairs.

In addition, we will be having a potluck in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 9th at 10:30 a.m. following the outdoor worship service. The outdoor service and potluck coincide with the 1st day of Sunday school!

Sign up on the bulletin board for number that will be attending. There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those that wish to bring a dish to pass. Please be aware of what others are bringing so we will have a variety of items. Shredded pork sandwiches and beans will be provided. There will be a free will offering for the Sunday school mission project.

FILL THE STABLE



Our outdoor Nativity display is in desperate need. Yes, the camels and the wisemen have been repaired. But the rest of the figurines are beyond repair and need replacing.

Our Christmas display is like none other in the area. At times, it defines who we are, "the camel church."

The Camel Fund is now the Nativity Fund. Our goal is to raise \$12,000 by October 1, 2018 to replace all of the figurines and have them here for this year's display.

Your generous donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Nativity Fund" and put in the offering plate or dropped off in the office.

You will hear more about "Fill the Stable" in our services on September 5 & 9.

Help us continue to share the joyous news of our Savior's birth!

OTHER FUNDS

Other funds to which you can contribute are:

Church Roof Fund
South Doors Fund
Landscape Fund
Debt Retirement Fund
Krahn Endowment Fund
St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church Endowment Fund
Earl & Millie Behnke Youth Fund
Hearing Loop Fund
Concordia Scholarship Fund
Banner Fund

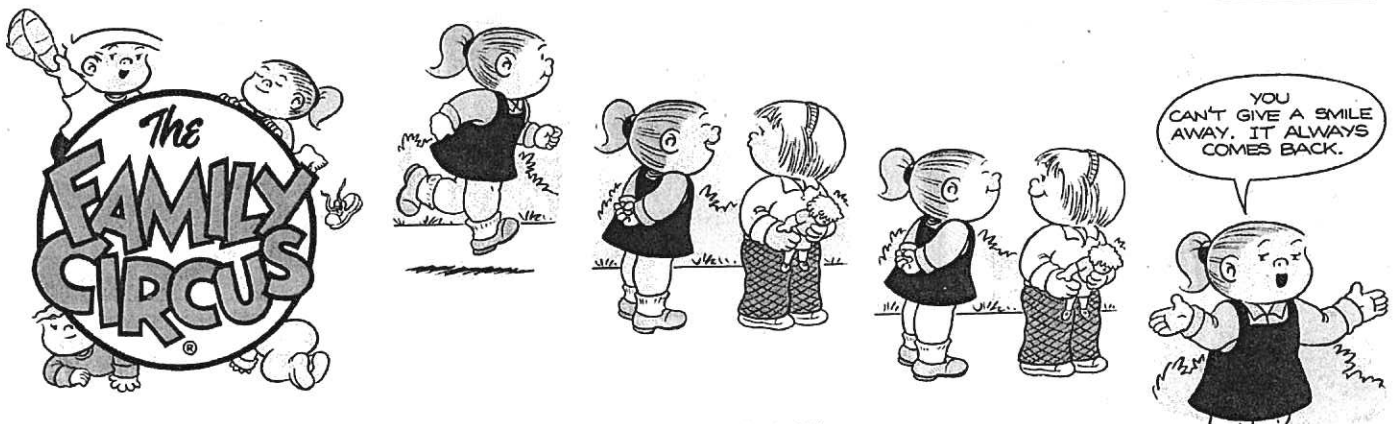
10 Reasons Embryo-Destroying Research Is Unnecessary

by Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life

Forty years ago, the first child conceived via in vitro fertilization (IVF) was born. Twenty years have passed since scientists isolated embryonic stem cells (ESCs). Technicians value ESCs because they can engineer them into any type of cell or tissue. Financial concerns have led IVF clients and clinicians to create more embryos than they transfer to wombs. These “extra” embryos have served as the main source for ESCs. Harvesting ESCs destroys embryos and puts to death God’s precious human creatures, depriving us every time of the blessing of another neighbor. Happily, embryo-destroying research is unnecessary. Here are ten reasons why:

- **Other sources.** Researchers have obtained ESCs from placental tissue, umbilical cord blood, and amniotic fluid. These means don’t injure the little ones.
- **Adult stem cells.** Grown-up bodies also make stem cells. Although they don’t possess all the potential of ESCs, they still offer many possibilities and applications. Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs). In 2006 a team of experts converted (adult) skin samples into cells functionally equivalent to ESCs. Lower costs and greater accessibility have made this the preferred process for stem cell experiments.
- **iPSC advancements.** Several treatments utilizing iPSCs have met with promising successes, including trials for stroke, heart damage, spinal cord injury, diabetes, Parkinson’s disease, and cancers. ESCs have encountered problems, and almost exclusively like tumor formation and immune rejection.
- **Organs-on-a-chip (OOCs).** Laboratories have developed circuit boards that have tiny fluid channels. Tissues can grow on these devices, which then substitute for and simulate the activities and mechanics of entire organs. They make possible more precise interactions and observations than ever before.
- **Natural Procreative Technology (NaProTech).** This approach diagnoses and treats the underlying causes of all individual’s infertility. It serves fertility care rather than fertility control, focusing on medical priorities rather than technological ones. IVF often entirely overlooks these possibilities.
- **Embryo adoption.** Couples have begun adopting and gestating IVF’s “surplus” embryos. Rather than leaving them in liquid limbo, discarding them altogether, or destroying them for study, this receives these children as the special treasures God has declared them to be.
- **We’re better than that.** We don’t need to sacrifice children for progress. Our belief in human life’s significance is what drives our need for medical research in the first place. Martyring embryos only undermines that basic belief.
- **Better two heads than one.** The fewer embryos we slay, the more will survive to apply their minds to scientific investigation and solving illnesses.
- **Jesus is real treatment.** Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection are the answer to disease and death. Forgiveness and everlasting life are already at work curing the sin that causes it all. God’s grace enables us to carry each other’s crosses until the healing is completed.

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from JoyfulNoiseletter.com

"I Haven't Got Time"

I remember a busy farmer, who had barns full of dairy cows and acres of crops to care for, telling me, "Pastor, I'd like to come to your religion class because I know how much my wife gets from her church, but I really haven't got time!" Here was a man who was probably speaking his honest conviction, but he was a man with bad priorities.

I responded, "Howard, I spent 18 years of my life on the farm and there's one thing I learned. There are some things of which I never said, 'I haven't got time. Have you ever once said, 'Tonight I haven't got time to milk the cows? How did you get them milked?'" Howard's answer was simple. "I took time." Again I asked, "Have you ever once planted and watched a field of wheat mature till it was dead ripe and then said, 'Sorry, I haven't got time to harvest it?' How did you find time?" Again his answer was simple, "I took time."

I continued, "Howard, one of these days you will quit harvesting wheat and milking cows and then you will wish you had taken time to get ready for eternity!" Howard decided he would take time, and to this day he is taking time to spend with His Lord and to nourish his faith with the bread of eternal life.

You see, it's not really true that we don't have time; we all have exactly the same amount of time. We have 24 hours in every day. We have 168 hours in every week. Time is precious. It's the one commodity we can't store up; we either use it or lose it.

So we do well to set proper priorities. Every week can be divided into three categories of 56 hours each - 56 hours for God, family and recreation; 56 hours for work and occupation; and 56 hours for rest. And there is ample time for each category. I know a lot of devout Christians who are a living proof of this. The man who takes time to spend with his God will never regret giving priority to learning to live and learning to die with our gracious God who provides all necessities for both (*Reborn to Multiply*, pp. 50-51, by Dr. Paul J Foust).

The wisdom of Charles Schulz

The wisdom of Charles Schulz, Peanuts cartoonist:

"The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what I have been blessed with. I choose to be happy."

"I love the kind of hugs where you can physically feel the sadness leave your body."

"Worrying can't stop the bad stuff from happening. It just stops you from enjoying the good."

"The less you respond to rude, critical, argumentative people, the more peaceful your life will become."

Volunteers Needed!!!

Shepherd's Attic

We are in need of volunteer workers, especially cashiers. If interested, call 920-849-9250 and ask to speak with Carl.

Humor for the hard times

Dotty Kennedy of Livonia, MI, reported that her parents once attended a nondenominational People's Church in Michigan where the minister was especially long-winded. The minister always went 15 minutes over his allotted time for his sermon.

One Sunday, the custodian got up from his pew in the middle of the sermon and started to leave. When the minister asked him where he was going, the custodian replied that he was going to get a haircut.

The minister asked him why he didn't get one before coming to church.

"Didn't need one then," the custodian replied.

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.



Discovering the Joy

She was an elderly woman who dressed in old clothes and lived in a rickety old house. The many years had whittled her down to a frail tiny frame with wilting muscles and furrowed pale skin. Still her mind was sharp, her eyes clear and observant, her smile warm and her spirit inviting.

Of course, she was pleased when her pastor came to call. She cheerfully welcomed him, showed him a comfortable chair, chatted a little, and then dashed to the kitchen to make tea.

As they sipped, the pastor noted how erect she sat, how kindly she was, and he felt his spirit being lifted as they talked. He was a young man, but he was beginning to learn something which would help him for life. It was this: Those who minister, those who seek to be a blessing to others, discover that they

are the ones who are blessed instead. The pastor had come with a purpose. Someone had called his attention to the fact that the elderly woman had meager resources and it was thought that she had made a pledge to the church considerably beyond her means. That concerned him. He thought he should try to ease her financial burden if he could. As gently as possible, he broached the subject of her giving to the church. Perhaps, he suggested, she was being a bit too generous and that she might want to re-think what she intended to give in the coming year.

Her eyes began to well up with tears. She searched for a tissue to dab them dry. The pastor thought that they were tears of relief, that she was pleased because he understood her struggle with finances and her need to conserve more for her own well-being.



He totally misunderstood. It began to come clear to him when she started telling him something of the joy she experienced in expressing her faith and commitment to her Lord and Savior's work. She assured her pastor of God's faithful provision for her life's needs.

He felt humbled and was visibly moved. It was clear that he was in the presence of a saint. He left pondering over and over the lesson on giving he had learned. He concluded that the heart that has discovered the joy of Jesus, must find a way to express that joy. Through prayer, through service, and through the giving of one's resources one hears: *"Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your Master"* (Matthew 25:2).

On the Lighter Side

Two men were shipwrecked on an island. The minute they got to the island, one of them started screaming and yelling. "We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly, it drove the first man crazy. "Don't you understand? We're going to die!!" The first man said.

"You don't understand. I make \$100,000 a week," said the second man.

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does it make? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to die!!"

The second man answered, "You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week. I tithe. My pastor will find me!"

Coming Today

Not long ago I read about an estate whose beautiful acreage was expertly tended by a caretaker. Every tree was trimmed, the grass cut, and stately beds of flowers were in bloom. Yet not a soul was around to take in the beauty except

the caretaker. A visitor came up to ask, "When was the owner last here?"

"Twelve years ago."

"Then from whom do you get your instructions?"

"From his agent living in Milan."

But does he ever visit the estate to inspect it?"

"No,"

"And yet you keep it trim as if he would come tomorrow?"

The gardener interrupted the curious visitor to say, "As if he were going to come today, sir."

Reuben K. Youngdahl



Supporting Ministry

It is our responsibility as stewards in the Body of Christ to ensure that the teachers and preachers of the Gospel are being fairly compensated for the work they do. The Apostle Paul asked, *"If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you"* (1 Corinthians 9:11)? How grateful we can be for those who give their lives in service to minister to the flock and to reach out to the lost! What a privilege to have a part in their ministry by sharing our wealth in the funding of that ministry!

Blessings as you Live Generously!

PRODUCE TABLE



The table in the coat room for extra garden produce will continue to be set up during the Fall months. Items may be left on or taken from the produce table throughout the growing season.

Thank you to Carolyn Bladow & Sue Juno for taking care of all the outdoor plants during the summer. Also thank you to Carolyn Bladow for taking care of the indoor plants as well.



PUZZLE EXCHANGE

The puzzles have all been placed on shelves in the first room on the left-hand or east side past the hallway to the Fellowship hall. Feel free to take one or two home to work on. If you have any puzzles you'd like to donate, please make sure all the pieces are in the box and just place them in that room. Thank you.



"I think my guardian angel took the day off."

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com

2018-19 SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

S.S. Superintendents: Holly Schlender, Melissa Pope

4 yr. – 5 yr.: Megan Boldt, Kayla Behnke
Helper: Emily Pope

1st-5th Grade: Andrea Grenzer, Cheryl Kittel

6th & 8th Grade: Jody Lau

7th Grade: Amanda Zoellner

Music: Holly Schlender, Melissa Pope



Free-will offering for the Garms Family - \$316.00



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

3 ~Psalm 96:1-2

Choir practice starts Wednesday, September 12th at 6pm! And we are excited to start singing to the Lord a new song! We also hope to see new faces! All are welcomed, so come join us on Wednesdays at 6pm! We can't wait to share with you our new music!

PRAISING HIM!

Terri Riemer &
Devin Zahringer

--
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
~Music Coordinator~

Devin Zahringer

JUNE SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	100	2.50
Applebees	50	4.00
BP	400	6.00
Buffalo Wild Wings	20	1.60
Dairy Queen	25	5.00
Deer Run	150	15.00
Econo	1700	51.00
Exxon	475	47.50
Festival	300	9.00
Fleet Farm	325	16.25
iTunes	25	1.25
Kohls	400	16.00
Kwik Trip	450	183.06
McDonalds	25	1.00
Michaels	25	1.00
Piggly Wiggly	150	4.50
Roundy's	100	4.00
Shell	400	40.00
Shopko	150	7.50
Subway	70	7.00
Walgreens	100	5.00
WalMart	400	10.00
TOTALS	5840	438.16

JULY SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	210	5.25
BP	900	13.50
BWW	80	6.40
Culvers	50	2.50
Deer Run	125	12.50
Econo	1950	58.50
Exxon	400	20
Festival	550	16.50
Fleet Farm	100	5.00
JC Penny	100	5.00
Kohls	575	23.00
Kwik Trip	825	33.00
Piggly Wiggly	100	3.00
Red Robin	25	2.00
Shell	200	10.00
Shopko	200	10.00
Starbucks	75	5.25
Subway	30	3.00
VISA	50	0.63
WalMart	550	13.75
TOTALS	7095	248.78

FASCINATING

TIDBITS AND TRIVIA
FROM YOUR PUBLISHER

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NOT-SO-GREAT DISGUISE

Police in Georgia apprehended a burglar who broke into a video game store wearing a not-so-cunning disguise: the clear plastic wrap from a case of bottled water. Surveillance cameras captured the man running through the store with the transparent wrapper on his head, his face clearly visible. Police released the footage and asked the public to help identify the "craftily disguised gent," adding, "You can help us catch him, once you stop laughing."



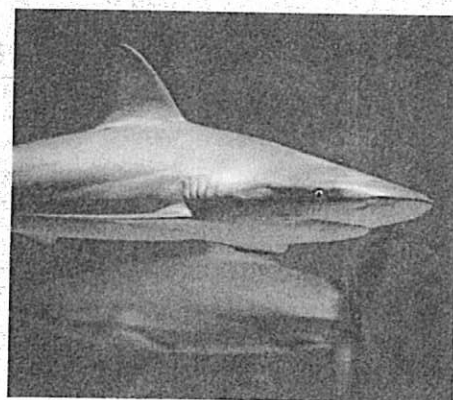
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NO MORE NOTES, PLEASE

A British judge ordered Heather Webb, 48, to cease singing opera loudly in her own apartment. "She sounds like a drowning cat, to be honest," said neighbor Paul Burford.

A TREASURE TROVE OF TRIVIA

- In Japan, letting a sumo wrestler make your baby cry is considered good luck.
- In Great Britain and Japan, black cats are viewed as auspicious. In the English Midlands, brides are given black cats to bless their marriage, and the Japanese believe that black cats are especially lucky for single women.
- Sleep cleans out your brain. While you're sleeping, more cerebrospinal fluid flushes through the brain to wash away harmful proteins and toxins that build up throughout the day.
- Neil Armstrong's application to be an astronaut arrived a week past the deadline. Fortunately, a friend slipped his tardy form in with the others.
- If drivers abide by the 45 mph speed limit on a stretch of Route 66 in New Mexico, the road's rumble strips will play "America the Beautiful."
- Space has a distinct smell: a combination of diesel fumes, gunpowder, and barbecue. The aroma is mostly produced by dying stars.
- The annual number of shark bites worldwide is 10 times less than the number of people bitten by other people in New York.
- Marie Curie remains the only person to earn Nobel Prizes in two different sciences.



BAD LUCK OR GOOD LUCK?

A Colorado man who previously had been mauled by a bear and bitten by a rattlesnake survived his third wildlife encounter earlier this year—a shark attack. Dylan McWilliams, 20, was bodyboarding in Hawaii when an 8-foot tiger shark chomped down on his leg, leaving a gash that needed seven stitches. Just months earlier, the wilderness-training instructor had received nine staples in his neck after a black bear dragged him from his tent in Colorado. Two years before that, he had survived a rattlesnake bite while hiking in Utah. "I'm either really lucky," McWilliams said, "or really unlucky."

MAY SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	600	9.00
Buffalo Wild Wings	25	2.00
Dairy Queen	85	17.00
Deer Run	100	10.00
Econo	2425	72.75
Exxon	250	25.00
Festival	600	18.00
Home Depot	100	7.00
Kohls	125	5.00
Kwik Trip	900	36.00
Menards	175	5.25
Piggly Wiggly	150	4.50
Shell	200	20.00
Shell (Presto)	150	3.00
Shopko	350	17.50
Starbucks	35	2.45
Subway	60	6.00
Walgreens	50	2.50
WalMart	650	16.25
TOTALS	7030	279.20

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at
St Barts,

Thank you for
the \$43⁰⁰ door
offering for the
Chaplaincy Ministry.

God Bless,
Pastor Tom



September

BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Craig Moline	18 th	Matthew Boldt
2 nd	Todd Reabe	18 th	Norma Latvala
3 rd	Kayla Krahn	21 st	Tanè Plate
3 rd	Crystal McWilliams	22 nd	Molly Gifford
4 th	Kristen Woldt	24 th	Tim Eickert
5 th	Patrick Kupsky	26 th	Dave Kamps
6 th	Kaitlyn Wyngaard	26 th	Dori Reidy
8 th	Lori Horn	26 th	Dylan Wilson
8 th	Whitney Kees	27 th	Kendra Plate
8 th	Ashley Krueger	27 th	Michelle Schleis
11 th	Lauren Chupita	28 th	Maya Emmer
12 th	Norman Krahn	28 th	Jessie Kalies
15 th	Chrissy York	29 th	Elliot Gifford
16 th	Melva Riemer	30 th	Rachel Pope
17 th	Sandra Koffarnus	30 th	Chase Denor

ANNIVERSARIES

2 nd	Jerry & Sharon Urban
3 rd	Jon & JoAnn Mignon
4 th	Adam & Abigail Geiger
11 th	Ron & Nancy Davidson
12 th	Gary & Sue Graf
12 th	David & Charity Plate
14 th	Kurt & Erin Propson
16 th	Dave & Debbie Kalies
17 th	Wally & Faith Sonnabend
20 th	James Jr. & Tracy Hurda
21 st	Bud & Elaine Zeamer
22 nd	Jay & Amy Krahn
23 rd	Leo & Lyn Skattebo
25 th	Ron & Linda Giese
27 th	Steve & Tanè Plate
29 th	Buddy & Brenda Geiger



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