



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2018



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

### Coming Soon: "Embracing Great Commission Stewardship"

For three weeks beginning on October 3 & 7, we will have the wonderful opportunity to grow in an understanding of what it means to "Embrace Great Commission Stewardship." Christian stewardship involves the management of our lives and resources for God's purposes. Great Commission stewardship helps us to better understand that the ultimate purpose of our stewardship is to direct our time, talents, and money to God's primary purpose which is to help "all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). As believers, we are God's instruments through whom He works. We are His hands, feet, and mouth.

Just before Jesus' ascension into heaven, He instructed His disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). These verses have been identified as the Great Commission. Jesus commanded His disciples to go spread the Gospel throughout all nations. The Great Commission wasn't just for the immediate eleven disciples but is directed to all believers, and it won't end until Jesus' second coming.

Faithful stewardship demonstrates our love, devotion, and submission to Jesus. Christian stewardship is motivated by God's love. God's love overflowing from within us provides the power and energy for Great Commission stewardship. Through faith, we begin to love our neighbors as our brothers and sisters in Christ. We see others as God's children who, like us, are lost and hopeless without Jesus. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we begin to witness and share God's love with others.



Great Commission  
Stewardship

Great Commission stewardship calls upon us to commit our time, abilities, and our money. When Jesus invites us to follow Him, it radically changes how we view and use our lives and blessings. In Mark 8:34, Jesus bluntly states, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." Just as Jesus submitted to His Father's will, we are to submit to His. Our time, abilities, and money are not to be kept for ourselves but are to be used in making disciples for Jesus. Not only does God command us, "Go therefore and make disciples," He has provided us with the tools to make disciples, and He promises to go with us: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Being encouraged, empowered, and equipped, now go and make disciples!

Together in Christ,

*Pastor Kueng*

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

## FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

August 2018

Year-to-date Income:	\$122,385.56
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$121,515.97
Year-to-date Budget:	\$108,704.00

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### SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

#### NATIVITY FUND

Judy Baer  
Roger & Carolyn Bladow  
Ladies Aid  
Steve & Tané Plate  
Ron & Sue Detert  
Ralph & Sandy Haberland  
Bonnie Smith  
Pastor & Kris Krueger  
Steve & Sue Juno  
Linda Bretizman  
Ron Zueske, in memory of Judy  
Deb Koerth Memorials  
Gary & Linda Streck  
Bob Behnke  
Millie Behnke  
Hank & Lori Horn  
Andrea Grenzer  
Pete & Cheryl Kittel  
Gary & Joan Lemke  
Rick & Terri Riemer  
Leo & Lyn Skattebo in honor of their anniversary

#### DEBT RETIREMENT FUND

Kay Koffarnus, in memory of Deb Koerth

#### DOOR FUND

Pastor & Kris Krueger

#### HUGO ZUTZ MEMORIAL

Mike & Terri Delvaux  
Norman Krahn  
Pastor & Kris Krueger  
Diane Zickert

### ELDER GROUPS

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

## MARRIAGE

Krystal Klepps & Todd Nenahlo	7/13/18
Danielle Jost & Tom Schneider	9/01/18

## DEATH

Deb Koerth	7/26/18
Hugo Zutz	9/12/18

## TRANSFER OUT

Michelle Krueger to St. Paul Lutheran, Bonduel

## REMOVAL

Denise Scharbarth due to joining another denomination



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

Judy Baer	56-2696
Renee Bonick	(920) 296-9164
Sue Detert	756-3439
Ralph & Sandy Haberland	(920) 524-2016

## KINGDOM WORKERS - OCTOBER

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

Ushers (Wednesdays):	Terry & Bud Zeamer
(Sundays):	Steve Gilbertson

Altar Guild: Carolyn Bladow, Jody Denor

Acolytes: Oct. 7 – Alandra  
14 – Ashley  
21 – Spencer  
28 – Amber

## 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**

## Do You Wonder How You Can Minister to Those Who Are Hospitalized?

Here are some suggestions by Pastor Don Ginkel

2 Corinthians 1:3-4, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all **comfort**, who **comforts** us in all our troubles, so that we can **comfort** those in any trouble with the **comfort** we ourselves receive from God." So, let's do it!

**STATE YOUR CONCERN:** "I've been thinking about you and praying for you."

- Avoid, if you have not gone through a similar event, saying, "I understand."
- Avoid, pretending to know more than the doctors by predicting the outcome.
- Avoid, being a theologian as to WHY this event occurred, but encourage the patient with God's Word for their situation.
- Avoid, talking about a sleeping or unconscious person in their presence - they can often hear.
- Avoid, sending cut flowers. Instead send plants as the plants continue to thrive, but cut flowers fade and die.

### SHOW YOUR CONCERN

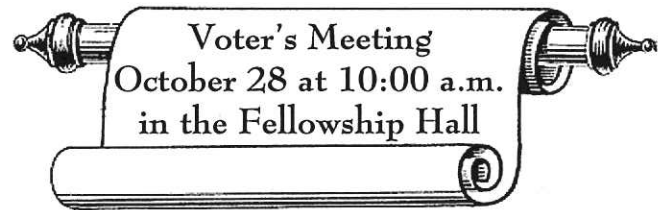
- Just be there, but not for a long period of time.
- Offer to be with the family members who are waiting during surgery, but respect their wishes.
- Phone the family and/or patient, but do avoid a long talk unless they express a need to talk more.
- Have fervent prayer at worship for the patient and family. Speak in a normal voice. If there is another patient in the room, they will often thank you for the prayer.
- If possible, have a brief devotion. As a starter consider Romans 8:35-39. Read one verse at a time and explain its implications.
- In Jesus' ministry He often touched the sick and dying. Take a hand while praying. However, before you initiate any kind of touch, ask permission.
- Leave a copy of *Portals of Prayer* (have an extra copy for a second patient in room).
- Send cards with a brief note of encouragement to the patient and/or family. Don't stop with one card. Include a personal note of encouragement. Cards sent by members of the congregation are appreciated.
- Don't say, "If I can help, let me know." Do offer the family specific assistance - a meal, babysitting, etc.
- Remember that you are there as a representative of Jesus. Remember His words: "I was sick and you visited Me" (Matthew 25:36).



## Pastor on vacation . . . .

Pastor Krueger will be on vacation October 29th – November 5th. In the event of an emergency please contact Pastor Niles at 920-853-3656. You may also contact one of the elders.

Prayerfully consider serving on the Altar Guild for 2019. Women, men, or couples; in fact, any confirmed member can serve. If you are interested, contact the church office and we will add your name to the list. We will also begin contacting the current Altar Guild members early November to determine your willingness to serve in 2019.



"Be thankful for the bad things in life. For they opened your eyes to the good things that you weren't paying attention to before."

– Author unknown

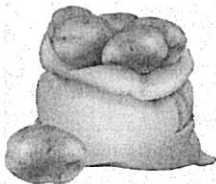


"I still love my enemy, but he's pushing his luck."



## Exercise for People Over 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.



After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level). After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

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Sunday school (all grades) will sing in the worship service on Sunday, October 14th

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A couple invited their pastor for Sunday dinner. While the couple was in the kitchen preparing the meal, the pastor asked their little son what they were having for dinner.

"Goat," the boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled pastor. "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"

— via Rev. Bill Park  
Bethany, OK  
from his book *Go Ahead and Laugh!*



"The budget committee was wondering if you'd give the same sermon next Sunday."

## Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> where investments build ministry

### Who is LCEF and How Does It Fit with the Church?

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# Thank You

**THANK YOU** to all who supported the "Fill the Stable" campaign! IT IS FILLED!!!

**THANK YOU** to all who donated School Kits and monetary gifts. We collected 77 kits with the help of you and Thrivent Action Team funds and collected \$93 to help ship the kits overseas.

"The two biggest sellers in any bookstore are cookbooks and diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare the food, and the diet books tell you how not to eat any of it."

— Andy Rooney

### MEDICINE CHEST

For the BLUES ..... Read Psalm 27  
For an EMPTY PURSE ..... Read Psalm 37  
If DISCOURAGED about work ..... Read Psalm 128  
If people seem UNKIND ..... Read John 15  
If you are losing CONFIDENCE ..... Read 1 Cor. 13  
If you cannot have YOUR OWN WAY . Read James 3  
If you are all OUT OF SORTS ..... Read Hebrews 12  
For a TRAVELING COMPANION ..... Read Psalm 121

# Don't Let Identity Theft Haunt You This Fall

## Identity Theft Prevention Workshop Sunday, October 21 – 10:30 a.m.

Identity theft only happens to people who shop online and constantly use their credit cards, so as long as I always pay with cash, my identity is safe, right?

Not so fast! ID theft can happen to anyone, any-time, anywhere.

Picture this:

You head to your local farmers market to pick up some early season pumpkins.

On the way, you stop at an ATM, punch in your PIN to get some cash, and get an "ACCOUNT OVERDRAWN" message.

How can this be? It was just payday and you've only used your card once since then to get gas. This must be a mistake. It could be a bank error, but that's unlikely.

What's more likely: Your card information was stolen when you swiped it at the gas pump or the ATM – something called card reader skimming.

Or you could be a victim of identity theft – a far more complicated problem, and one that can be extraordinarily challenging to solve.

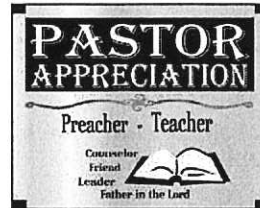
Both scenarios are more common than you may think. How common?

Nearly 15.5 million people in the U.S. were victims of identity fraud in 2016. And, in the first six months of 2017, compromised payment cards rose 39%.

But hacked ATM cards aren't the only way to fall victim to identity theft.

**Invite your family and friends!**

**Please plan ahead.....**Christmas tree sellers will be needed in November & December! St. Bartholomew will once again be selling Christmas trees with sales beginning Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch for the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in mid-October. If you would like to help sell trees, pick a date and time. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



Clergy Appreciation Day is observed on the second Sunday in October (10/14/18).

Clergy Appreciation Day is a time to recognize the work of ministers, pastors, and priests in the United States. Thank our Pastor for the work he does and remember him in your prayers.



"It's pretty simple, Roger. Quit falling asleep during my sermons and I'll quit showing up in your dreams."

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The South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Laymen's League will hold its annual Meeting on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 13445 Hampton Rd., Brookfield, WI. Registration begins at 9:00 AM and the meeting begins at 9:30 AM, and will conclude at 3:00 PM. Registration for the meeting is \$10.00 per person and includes the noon meal.

Keynote speakers are Dr. Christopher Cody, Education Executive for the South Wisconsin District and Dionne Lovestad-Jones, the new Lutheran Hour Ministries Constituent Relations Resource Manager.

Dr. Cody will be speaking on the original purpose & history of our Lutheran Schools, changes over the years, the impact of Choice and the importance of our LCMS schools as we confront cultural changes. Ms Lovestad-Jones will share what LHM has to offer children in the areas of Gospel adventures and equipping them for outreach using Children's outreach booklets. She will also be sharing information on recent research from the Barna Group on how Christians share their faith.

For additional information and registration information please contact Tom Beineke at 414-610-9356 or [thomas.beineke@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas.beineke@yahoo.com).



**DAVID & GOLIATH**  
When Goliath came against the Israelites, the soldiers all thought, "He's so big, we can never kill him."

David looked at the same giant and thought, "He's so big, I cant miss."



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! D.Q. FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Tuesday, November 13, 2018  
4-7 p.m.

We need members to donate one hour of their time to help serve food, clean tables, and greet the customers. Please sign up on the bulletin board. We would really appreciate your help.



"Even if we could take it with us, there's nothing to spend it on up here."

*from JoyfulNoiseletter.com*

"Practice the art of gratitude, the habit of thanksgiving, and the attitude of appreciation."

—William Arthur Ward

A pastor, leading prayers, was being carried away by his own exuberance. He began: "O Thou, who rulest the raging of the sea and calms the fiercest winds . . . " He then seemed to lose himself for a moment, but soon carried on: "bless our wives."

—The Desert Wind  
Scottsdale, AZ

# 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.

## Christian Stewards Express their Faith

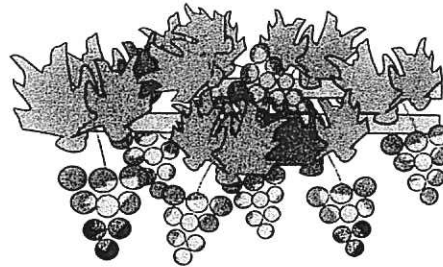
Stewardship is the expression of our faith. Through faith, we acknowledge what God in Christ has done for us, and, in faith, we surrender ourselves into His care. *"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see"* (Hebrews 11:1). With the faith that God gives us, He changes us from self-centered to Christ-centered people. We are transformed into His likeness. When Christ becomes our purpose for living, we become more faithful in our stewardship. Through faith, we are enabled to accomplish His purpose.

Through our faith, we are enabled to see God's truth. With renewed minds and open hearts, we live our lives in response to Who God is and what he has done for us through His Son. We acknowledge that God has given us life and everything we need to sustain life. Our stewardship is simply a response to what God has already done. God initiates everything. We respond out of gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

While stewardship is the outward manifestation of faith, our faith must continually be nurtured in order for us to be faithful stewards. In order for us to follow God's will, we must be nourished by His Word and Sacraments. Through our

relationship with Jesus, He will fill us so that we have His strength to carry out His will. His power flows into us, and, through our faithful response, it flows out of us to others. As we become more like Christ, He is seen through us more and more. We become conduits for His love and mercy to others. Our connection to the Lord gives us a boundless source of power.

To illustrate our need to be connected to Him, Jesus used the example of fruit. As the branches, we will bear fruit when we stay linked to Him, the Vine (John 15). When we have faith through our connection to Jesus, we will be faithful stewards. He will *"equip [us] with everything good for doing His will"* (Hebrews 13:21).



Stewardship does express our faith. May God grant us the faith, so we can be people *"eager to do what is good"* (Titus 2:14).

## On the Lighter Side

Thought provoking church signs:

- If you want to hear God laugh, tell Him your plans.
- Atheists are beyond belief.
- A Bible that is falling apart belongs to someone who isn't.
- Be an organ donor—give your heart to Jesus.
- Cars aren't the only things recalled by their Maker.

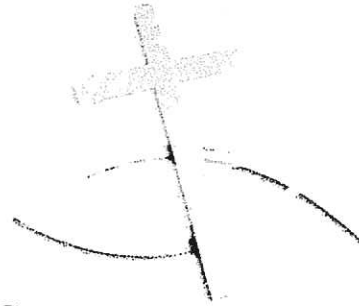
## God's Mission Becomes Our Mission

God gives us the privilege and opportunity to be His stewards of the Gospel. With transformed hearts, we become deeply concerned about people who are perishing because they do not know Jesus. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become His hands, feet, and mouth to witness to those around us. Through us, He carries on His life-saving work. God *"desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:4). He seeks our participation in this mission effort. Through the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), Jesus tells us to *"go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* In Acts 1:8 we read, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

We are called to be about God's mission with all the resources He entrusts to us. It involves more than giving a token amount of our time, abilities, and money. It is not to be a part-time or a half-hearted activity. When we submit all that we are and have, God can do great things through us. With God's help, we can have the mission zeal of the Apostle Paul who committed his life to tell people about Jesus' love which was demonstrated on the Cross. May God help us to be tireless in our effort to share the Gospel.

## God Will Provide

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you"* (Matthew 7:7). These words of promise Jesus spoke to His listeners. Whatever we need, God will provide for us. How does He do that? Through us! We are being asked; others are looking to us for help; we are the ones to open the doors to the hungry in body and spirit. We are the way God has chosen to provide for those in need. What a privilege to be stewards who bring others to participate in Word and Sacrament that all their needs might be met in Christ Jesus.



## Being Content

Accumulating more will never be enough because money and things cannot buy contentment. Being satisfied with less and using what we have in a God-pleasing way makes us more content. We can't become truly contented by the acquisition of more possessions. Unfortunately, for many of us, our focus tends to be on our present state whereas Jesus is concerned about our eternal state. *"Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world"* (1 Timothy 6:6-7).

**Blessings as you Live Generously!**



## AUGUST SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	200	5.00
BP	700	10.50
Cobblestone	50	2.50
Cracker Barrel	80	6.40
Dairy Queen	25	5.00
Deer Run	100	10.00
Domino's	40	3.20
Econo	1,825	54.75
Exxon	250	12.50
Festival	350	10.50
Fleet Farm	100	5.00
Kohls	400	16.00
Kwik Trip	650	26.00
Menards	100	3.00
Piggly Wiggly	100	3.00
Shell	325	16.25
Shopko	375	18.75
Starbucks	25	1.75
Subway	80	8.00
Target	20	0.50
VISA	50	0.63
WalMart	215	5.38
TOTALS	\$6,060	\$224.61

*Thank You, GOD for everything  
I've experienced here on earth.  
Thank You for protecting me  
from the moment of my birth.  
And Thank You for the beauty  
around me everywhere,  
The gentle rain and glistening dew,  
the sunshine and the air  
The joyous gift of "feeling"  
the soul's soft, whispering voice  
That speaks to me from deep within  
and makes my heart rejoice.  
Oh, God, no words are great enough  
to thank you for just living,  
And that is why every day  
is a day for real THANKSGIVING.*

– Author unknown  
via Peter Dring  
Land O Lakes, WI



4th	Joel Koerth	15th	Seth Riemer
6th	Lon Fels	17th	Denise Emmer
6th	Brenda Geiger	17th	Karey Schultz
6th	Elijah Graf	19th	Craig Scharbrth
8th	Michael Fels	22nd	Brandan Bowe
11th	Alandra Grenzer	24th	Linda Giese
11th	Betty Zarnoth	24th	Abby Krahn
12th	Deacon Bonick	24th	Leslie Kremer
12th	Beth Gilbertson	26th	Myron Peter
12th	Grant Propson	27th	Creighton Moline
14th	Jennifer Bowe	28th	Nathan Levash
14th	Mary Eickert	28th	Vanessa Reinke
15th	Debi Polkinghorne	29th	Kim Rahn
15th	Sebastian Gifford	30th	Bill Schmidt

## ANNIVERSARIES

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hank & Lori Horn
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Todd and Renee Maeder
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pat & Barb Kupsy
9 <sup>th</sup>	Gary & Joan Lemke
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mitch & Morgan Krahn
17 <sup>th</sup>	Rich & Sandy McWilliams
19 <sup>th</sup>	Gary & Dori Reidy
19 <sup>th</sup>	Tom & Sandi Zahringer
20 <sup>th</sup>	Steve & Norma Latvala
24 <sup>th</sup>	Justin & Andrea Chupita
25 <sup>th</sup>	Hank & Kit Horn
26 <sup>th</sup>	Dwane & Paula Kalies



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

Sign on a house door via Rev. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE:

“Door knockers, please note:

This household charges \$50 per minute to listen to sales pitches, religious messages, and fund-raising stories. This charge is payable in advance! By knocking on this door or ringing the door bell, you signal your agreement to these terms outlines above.”

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
105 Horn Street, Brillion, WI 54110

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