



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2020



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

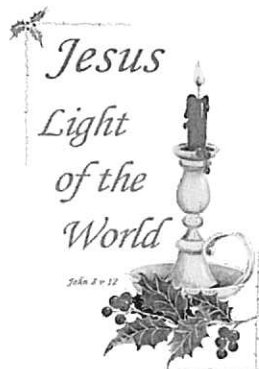
GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD IMMANUEL!

With the coming of the New Year, the Magi or Wise Men also come. In the Church we celebrate this coming with the season of Epiphany.

Epiphany is associated with the star that led the Wise Men to Bethlehem. The purpose of the star of Bethlehem was to guide men to Christ. The star is help from above in bringing us to Christ.



The star also guides us into the truth of this newborn child in the manger. We are led to an ever-deepening understanding of the nature of Jesus. We are to come eventually to see that Jesus is God's Son as stated at His baptism, "You are My beloved Son." Just before the Transfiguration, Peter gets the insight, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Epiphany ends on the mountain of Transfiguration with God again saying that Jesus is His beloved Son.



With Epiphany we remember that Christ is the Light of the world. He is the light to enlighten the Gentiles. May the light of Christ increase in you this New Year.

A Blessed and Joyous New Year in Christ!

*Pastor Kueger*

**Blessed New Year**

The Lord  
make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;

NUMBERS 6:25

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

# FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

November 2019

Year-to-date Income:	\$150,549.59
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$159,223.41
Year-to-date Budget:	\$148,984.00

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## KINGDOM WORKERS - JANUARY

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

**Altar Guild:** Debbie Kamps, Nancy Davidson

**Acolytes:** Jan. 5 – Ava (light entire wreath)  
12 – Alandra  
19 – Addison  
26 – Emma



## Church Undecorating

On January 5<sup>th</sup> right after the worship service, we will be taking down the outdoor Nativity display as well as the Christmas trees and indoor church decorations. We would appreciate any help you can offer. *Thank you!*

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## ELDER GROUPS

(A-G)	Keith Polkinghorne	756-2370
(H-M)	Deacon Bonick	(920) 366-2766
(N-Z)	Tanner Behnke	(920) 427-6201

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## 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 February.



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
Faith Sonnabend	756-2779
Joan Zutz	756-2501

All requests will remain strictly confidential!

## VOTER'S MEETING

January 26, 2020

8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Election of some officers

## Address, Phone, or Email Changes?



We will be updating our church directory soon and need any changes you may have had recently in your address, phone, or email.

You may update these changes by emailing the church office at [sblcbrillion@gmail.com](mailto:sblcbrillion@gmail.com). We will soon have sheets on the table in the narthex for you to make these updates as well.

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## 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**

## People and Animals

Because of stories in the Bible, we have come to associate certain people with particular animals or insects. Can you pair the people in the left-hand column with the appropriate animal or insect in the right-hand column?

1. **Abraham**

Read Genesis 22:13

2. **Balaam**

Read Numbers 22:15-35

3. **Daniel**

Read Daniel 6:16-24

4. **David**

Read Samuel 16:19

5. **Herod**

Read Luke 13:31-32

6. **Joel**

Read Joel 1:4

7. **Jesus**

Read John 1:29

8. **Jonah**

Read Jonah 1:17-2:1

9. **Noah**

Read Genesis 8:8-9

10. **Solomon**

Read Proverbs 6:6-8

- A. Ants
- B. Ass
- C. Dove
- D. Fox
- E. Lamb
- F. Lions
- G. Locusts
- H. Ram
- I. Sheep
- J. Whale

Answers to quiz  
are on page 4.

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## A tale of 2 dogs

There is a story of two dogs who, at separate times, walked into a room filled with mirrors.

One happy dog came in grinning and wagging his tail, and a thousand happy dogs looked back at him.

The angry dog snarled and growled, and a thousand angry dogs snarled and growled back at him.

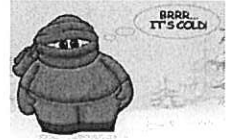
What you see in the world around you often is a reflection of who you are.

Which dog are you?

- via Kimberly Barker-Brugman

## WORSHIP SERVICE CANCELLATION

In the event of bad winter weather conditions, we will be notifying members of any church closings via email for any of those members whose email addresses we have on file. You can also tune into radio station Y100 100.3 FM for any worship service cancellations.



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## GROUNDSKEEPER NEEDED

The Board of Trustees is looking for someone to take care of the church grounds from Spring through Fall (mid-March to mid-November). The job includes mowing, edging, fertilizing, trimming trees and bushes, weed trimming, weeding, and raking leaves.

If interested or for more information, contact one of the Trustees –

Tony Wittmann (920) 858-2167

Hank Horn VII (920) 378-0566

Dave Kamps (920) 450-2909

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## Wanted: Janitor

After many years of service, Janet Kalies will be retiring as our church janitor. We need someone to take her place. The position would be approximately 10 hours per week at \$10 per hour. If you are interested, contact one of the Trustees:

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## 2019 Contribution Statements

If we have an email address for you, you will receive your 2019 Contribution Statement electronically. If you need a hard copy, please contact the church office and we'll be happy to print one for you. For those we do not have email addresses, you will receive your contribution statement in your church mailbox by Friday January 10.

## Answers to quiz

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|------------|--------------|
| 1. H—Ram   | 6. G—Locusts |
| 2. B—Ass   | 7. E—Lamb    |
| 3. F—Lions | 8. J—Whale   |
| 4. I—Sheep | 9. C—Dove    |
| 5. D—Fox   | 10. A—Ants   |



If you didn't receive a box of offering envelopes for 2020 and need one, please contact the church office.

## PAVERS

If you would like to place a paver in our Memorial Garden, pick up a form in the church office or literature rack. Cost is \$35 each.

You can purchase a paver in memory of or in honor of someone or some event.

We only place one order during the year so be sure to order now. Deadline for 2020 orders is April 26.

## Special Funds Contributions

We have several special funds set up at St. Bartholomew that you may like to contribute to for memorials, gifts, etc. or in addition to your regular contribution. If you would like to contribute to any of the following funds, place your contributions in an envelope and mark it with your name and envelope number as well as the name of the Fund you want it to go toward or you may use the specially marked envelopes in the literature rack.

These funds include: Concordia Scholarship  
Hearing Loop  
Landscaping  
Banners  
Debt/Retirement Fund



St. Bartholomew received a check for \$220.49 from DQ Family Fun Night.

*The Board of Stewardship & Evangelism*

# Pennies For Life



To help us in our right to education, Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin would like to ask you to donate one penny for each year you've been alive. For most of us, this is less than the cost of a coffee or soda.

Just as all of our individual voices can join together to defend the precious lives God has created, our pennies can be combined together to help fund the organization that helps defend life.

**Your pennies may be deposited in the jar in the narthex throughout the month of January. Please do not put in junk pennies or Canadian coins in the jar.**

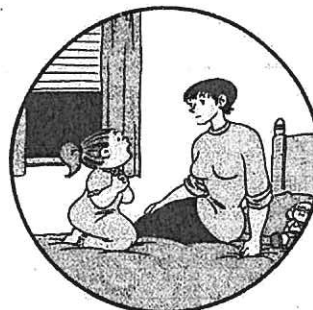
Thank you . . . Thank you . . .  
Thank you . . . To everyone who helped with the tree sales. Many thanks to all who helped organize, pick up, unload, and sell the trees.



Everyone who helped to decorate the church (inside and outside) for Christmas.

To Carolyn Bladow & Sue Juno for keeping indoor & outdoor plants nourished through the year.

A special thank you from Chief Jo Ann Mignon for the Adopt-A-Family gifts. "Thank you so much. The family was so happy when they saw all the gifts, the mother said she had no words to describe how much this helped her family. You are truly God's angels on this earth."

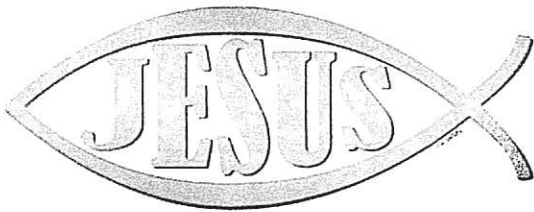


"God's not planning on retiring anytime soon, is He?"

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*  
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# 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.



## Called to be Fishers of Men

When the brothers Simon Peter and Andrew were called by Jesus to be His disciples, they were casting their fishing net into the lake. Jesus told them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). Peter and Andrew did not have to ask for time to consider Jesus' invitation. They knew Jesus as the Messiah, and they regarded Jesus' invitation as a special privilege, so they followed Him. Jesus would be instructing and training them to go out and speak to other people about Him. Andrew and Simon Peter had no special qualifications. It is unlikely that, as fishermen, they had any formal education. In the same way, we need no special degrees or qualifications to share the Gospel and become fishers of men.

As fishers of men, Peter and Andrew would follow Jesus' instruction and trust Him to bring about the results He had in mind. Their experiences as fishermen possibly

helped them to be patient and persevering. They exchanged their fishing nets for a new net that Jesus would provide, which we could call the means of grace, the Gospel of Christ in Word and Sacrament. This is the only power that can bring sinners into Christ's kingdom.

When Jesus told His disciples that they would be fishers of men, He shared with them His mission and purpose. Jesus is about saving souls. We are called to that same mission. We plant the seeds and do a little watering, and Jesus provides the growth. Like Peter and Andrew, we become fishers of men.

## Making Contacts for Jesus

Do your neighbors and co-workers know you are Christian? How about the person who sells you your coffee or the person who delivers your mail?

Are you attempting to develop a relationship with these people so you can share the Good News of the Gospel with them? Scripture tells us that we have the responsibility and purpose to tell others about Jesus. We can

give no greater service to Jesus than to be part of rescuing lost souls by sharing the life-saving Gospel. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the



*truth*" (1 Timothy 2:4). We are to be Jesus' hands, feet, and mouth. Jesus tells us "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest*" (Luke 10:2). We are the laborers whom Jesus is seeking.

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

### **Let your light shine.**

The Bible says, "*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in Heaven*" (Matthew 5:16). The question we have to ask is, "How clearly and how brightly are we reflecting Christ in our lives?" There are lots of things that diminish our reflections. Willful disobedience to God's will, unconfessed sin in our lives, grudges and anger, grief, and guilt diminish and tarnish our reflections. God designed us to be reflections of Him, and what is happening in our lives, in our hearts, in our minds, and in our actions affects the brightness of the reflections.

God wants us to be His light, so others will be drawn not to us, but to Jesus, the "*light of*

*the world*" (John 8:12). The depth of our own relationships with God matters a lot when it comes to letting His light shine!



We busy ourselves with a lot of activities, things that are important to us, and rightly so. We are going to be investing our time and energy in many things, yet each of us needs to ask, "How much am I investing in the lives of others?"

Do you know someone who is struggling in his faith or has no relationship at all with Jesus? One of the most valuable things you can do is to strengthen your relationship with Christ and strengthen your relationship with that person. Ask God to give you a heart of compassion for that person and to help you be a reflection of Jesus that can turn him toward Jesus.

Of all the things we could invest ourselves in, of all the things we could exchange our time or energy for, there is nothing more valuable than investing in people to help them know Jesus Christ. It's an investment that lasts forever.

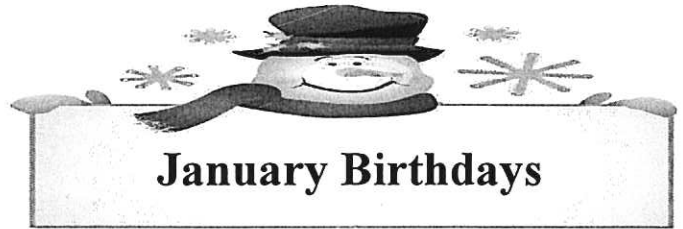
### **Giving Quotes:**

- "I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all. But whatever I placed in God's hands, that I still possess" (Martin Luther).
- "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose" (Jim Elliot).
- "Giving dethrones me and exalts God" (Randy Alcorn).

**Blessings as you Live Generously!**

## NOVEMBER SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	80	1.80
B& BW	25	3.25
BP	1100	16.50
BWW	25	2.00
Cobblestone	20	1.00
Culver's	50	2.50
Dairy Queen	25	5.00
Econo	3,125	93.75
Exxon	100	5.00
Festival	300	9.00
Fleet Farm	275	13.75
Home Depot	100	4.00
Kohls	650	26.00
Kwik Trip	850	34.00
McDonalds	20	0.80
Menards	25	0.75
Panera	25	2.75
Piggly Wiggly	150	4.50
Shell	125	6.25
Starbucks	25	1.75
TJ Max	25	2.50
VISA	100	1.25
Walgreens	25	1.25
WalMart	550	13.75
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,795.00</b>	<b>\$253.10</b>



## January Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Becky Krahn	21 <sup>st</sup>	Jeff Schlender
4 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Boldt	24 <sup>th</sup>	Renee Bonick
4 <sup>th</sup>	Amber Lau	24 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Gifford
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Delvaux	24 <sup>th</sup>	Randy Rahm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Krahn	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Gustafson
10 <sup>th</sup>	Makayla Christopherson	26 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Koerth
13 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Kalies	26 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Zutz
16 <sup>th</sup>	Caleb Delvaux	28 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Klepps
17 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Buboltz	29 <sup>th</sup>	Ashley Bowe
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mattea Schlender	31 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Drumm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren Janous	31 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Levash

## ANNIVERSARIES

3<sup>rd</sup> Craig & Jamie Moline



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

## He Is Nigh

When my heart is saddened by grief and strife, when it seems that all is wrong in life, when I am possessed by overwhelming fear, it's then I feel that my Lord is near.

It's then if I open the door of my heart, He'll enter in and His strength impart.

He'll lift my spirit heal me and then I am able to face what I must again.

Helen Kitchell Evans

*The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.*

*Ps. 34:18*

**JOYFULLY  
LUTHERAN**  
1 THESS 5:16-24

### Vocation: joy in service

God calls you to serve both Him and your neighbor through your vocation. Your vocation is more than your job: It is the

way God has called you to love — in your family, in the world, at work and at church. We work with joy, knowing that God is pleased as we do what He has called us to do. You may be a stay-at-home mom, a retiree or one who goes to work all day everyday outside the home. You may be a son, daughter, mother or father. Your work may benefit the Church directly or be entirely secular. We rejoice that God has so ordered this world that all we do serves and blesses His creatures and His creation. He rejoices in our service to Him and to our neighbor in all that we do. We rejoice in the ways God has called us to serve. Find out more at [joyfullylutheran.org](http://joyfullylutheran.org).

forgive just as Christ has forgiven us. Find out more at [joyfullylutheran.org](http://joyfullylutheran.org).