



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST 2020



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR CRUCIFIED, RISEN, AND ASCENDED LORD!

What are your plans for the summer? What will your summer vacation look like this year? Will you be having get-togethers with family and friends? Will you finally be able to visit loved ones in nursing homes and assisted living facilities? Will you be taking trips to the park, the zoo, or a ball game? Will you be back physically in worship or will you still be worshipping virtually?

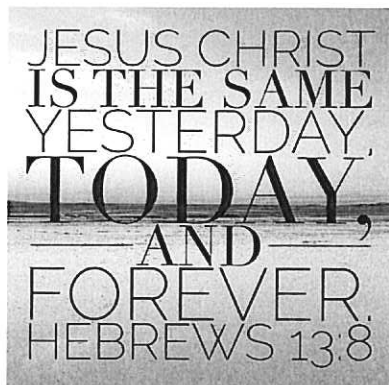
Life has certainly changed over the last few months and we don't know what the future holds. Will there be a vaccine for COVID-19? Will there be another major outbreak? Will children be physically back in school this fall? Will office workers be back in the office? Will we need to be concerned with how close we stand to somebody? Will some of the businesses that we used to frequent and support still be in business?

Life has changed. The way we worship has changed. We went from in-person worship sitting next to our church friends to recorded worship posted online maybe sitting with our family to in-person worship with social distancing and recorded worship posted online.

What will the new normal look like for you, for worship?

Amidst all of the changes that we have seen in the past months, it's important for us to remember that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8)! He is still our same loving and gracious Lord and Savior. Whatever is going on in our world and in our lives will not and cannot change that! Find comfort and strength in Jesus, our Refuge and Strength. He doesn't change. He's the consistent One amongst all of the inconsistencies in our lives.

Some of the events noted in this newsletter and on the calendars may not happen. In fact, I was notified before we went to press that Dave and Sabra Horn will not be with us in July as was planned. As of this writing, the Garms Family is still planning on being with us in August.



Enjoy your summer!

Take care. Stay healthy. God's blessings!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Kueger

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

April 2020

Year-to-date Income: \$72,778.87
 Year-to-date Expenses: \$54,429.01
 Year-to-date Budget: \$55,744.00

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Debt Retirement Fund

Janet Kalies, in memory of David Stecker

Landscaping Fund

Janet Kalies, in memory of Steve Wittmann

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BAPTISM

Kenzie Marie Schneider 5/31

TRANSFER

Jeff & Holly Schlender, Mattea, Tanner, Gunner & Bailee to Zion Lutheran Wayside

Tim & Melissa Pope, Emily, Evan & Rachel to Zion Lutheran Wayside

KINGDOM WORKERS - ALTAR GUILD

JUNE: Sue Juno, Sue Detert
 JULY: Janet Kalies, Kris Krueger
 AUGUST: Carolyn & Roger Bladow,
 Florence Behnke



ELDER GROUPS

(A-G) Keith Polkinghorne 756-2370
 (H-M) Tanner Behnke (920) 427-6201
 (N-Z) Ron Detert 756-3439

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



Prayer Chain

A prayer request may be made to any member of the prayer chain. If you are requesting a prayer for someone, let the person know so that they are aware and respect their wishes if they do not want the request given to the prayer chain.

Judy Baer	756-2696
Florence Behnke	(920) 418-4315
Renee Bonick	(920) 296-9164
Sue Detert	756-3439
Lori Fels	(920) 639-3792
Rhonda Geiger	(920) 371-7375
Ralph & Sandy Haberland	(920) 524-2016
Kris Krueger	756-3912
Faith Sonnabend	756-2779
Diane Zickert	(920) 841-8951
Joan Zutz	756-2501



"This is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us" (1 John 5:14)



Kenzie Marie Schneider
 5/31/20

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 newsletter will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

Either/Or or Both?

"The Rich Young Man" asked Jesus, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" People have been asking this question since the beginning of time. Jesus' answered, "Obey the commandments." Some, like "The Rich Young Man," feel confident they've fulfilled the commandments, but nagging doubts remain. They ask, along with the man, "What do I still lack?" (Matthew 19:16-26)

What is lacking is our ability to keep every law perfectly. Within the heart of every one of us lies our dread enemy: sin. We cannot do enough good things to defeat sin and gain eternal life. Paul tells us how we have been saved: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Grace through faith saves us. Then is there any room for works in our lives? Paul addresses that question as well: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

Why did Jesus ask the young man to give away his possessions? It was because those things so filled his heart there was no room

for God's love. Therefore, the good life he led and the good things he did were to no avail because they were not done for God and for His glory.

It's not "either/or"; it is "both." While we are saved by grace through faith alone and we rely solely on Christ and His redeeming work, our faith is evidenced through the works we do in His name and for His glory.



A pig and a chicken were walking down a village street. They stopped outside a church to read a notice advertising a bazaar and tea, in support of the church's program. At the bottom of the sign they read: HAM AND EGGS WILL BE SERVED.

The chicken was heard to say, "See! Even we can help with the work of the church!"

"Yes," said the pig, "but yours is only a contribution. MINE IS A SACRIFICE."

God Will Supply

We go to work based on the promise of a wage for our labor. We enter into marriage covenants promising to be faithful to our spouses for life. We get on planes, trusting

the pilots are well trained and the aircraft safe so that we can get to our destinations. We drive our cars on the right side of the road (in the US, anyway!), confident that oncoming traffic will stay in their proper lanes.

If we put so much faith in fallible humans who are prone to error and misjudgment, how much more can we live as stewards who give first to God, trusting Him to supply all our needs! *“Praise be to the Lord,”* prayed Solomon. *“Not one word has failed of all the good promises He gave through His servant Moses”* (1 Kings 8:56).

God’s stewards throughout history have praised God for His faithfulness: Elijah, fed by ravens beside the brook (1 Kings 17:2-4); Daniel in the lion’s den (Daniel 6); Paul preaching the Word of God even while imprisoned (Acts 28:17-31).

How about the Macedonians who gave generously even out of their poverty to share with others they felt were even more needy (2 Corinthians 8)? All these attest to the faithfulness of God. Surely God has blessed us, too, so that we can bless others with our gifts. David, the psalmist, wrote from experience: *“I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed”* (Psalm 37:25-26).

There are three kinds of workers in church today—tired, retired, and tireless.

Service is love in work clothes.

Work follows worship as the day the night.

GRATITUDE

Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9) was a disliked tax collector who gathered money from his own

Jewish people for the Roman government. Hearing that Jesus was coming, Zacchaeus had a strong desire to see this man everyone had been talking about. Unfortunately, Zacchaeus, being short in stature, couldn’t see over the crowds, but, also being resourceful, he climbed a tree for a perfect view.



When the Spirit of the Lord calls us, as He called Zacchaeus, we would do well to respond as Zacchaeus did. His hunger and thirst were great, and, sensing Jesus could satisfy it, he had no thoughts of pride or position. His focus was on Christ. Jesus said, *“Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today”* (Luke 19:5). Zacchaeus was overwhelmed with gratitude, which showed in the words he spoke. *“Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount”* (Luke 19:8).

Gratitude shows itself in thankful words and benevolent actions. As evidence of his gratitude Zacchaeus gave up what had, until that day, been all his joy – his monetary wealth. *“Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost’ ”* (Luke 19:9-10).

Blessings as you Live Generously!



June Birthdays

1st	Dylan Wendling	14th	Susan Wittmann
1st	Rev. Mark Krueger	15th	Dave Kalies
2nd	Andrew Wittmann	15th	Kaylee Reinke
2nd	Bonnie Zeamer	16th	Zachary Bonick
4th	Kayla Behnke	19th	Shawna Levash
4th	Pete Kittel	20th	Judy Baer
6th	Jeannine Krepline	21st	Tony Wittmann
9th	Connie Koerth	22nd	Ava Denor
10th	Sandi Zahringer	22nd	Dorothy Maile
10th	Jensyn Kees	23rd	Natalie Krahn
12th	Kelly Behnke	26th	Eric Kittel
12th	Dominik Plate	26th	Keith Polkinghorne
12th	Kortney Woltdt	27th	Debra Doughty

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Craig & Denise Scharbarth
3rd	Richard (Jr.) & Debra Doughty
6th	Kyle & Whitney Kees
9th	Kelly & Laurie Behnke
9th	Steve & Sue Juno
15th	Brian & Becky Krahn
16th	Mike & Terri Delvaux
20th	Pete & Betty Zarnoth
22nd	Gary & Alice Koerth
22nd	Norman & Caroline Krahn
25th	Richard & Sue Hammond
26th	Mike & Dana Irish



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

Happy Father's Day



GOD BLESS
our Fathers

A four-year-old boy told his father: "Dad, I've decided to get married."

"Do you have a girl in mind?" the father asked.

"Yes," the boy replied. "Grandma! She said she loves me. I love her, too, and she's the best cook and storyteller in the whole world!"

"That's nice," the father replied, "but we have a small problem here. She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother?"

"Why not?" the boy replied. "You married mine!"

— via George Goldtrap
Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Mid-year Contribution Statements will be emailed to those members whose email addresses we currently have. If you would like/need a hard copy, please let the church office know. Any members we do not have email addresses for will still receive a statement in their church mailbox.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"See? It's one of the Ten Commandments: You kids better do 'zactly what thy Mommy and Daddy tell ya to do."

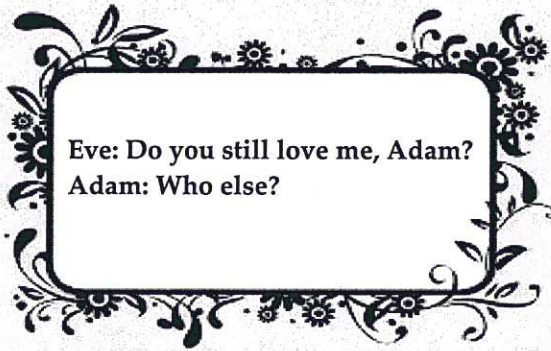
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AUGUST 23

We look forward to the Garms Family being with us again this summer. They will share the Gospel with us through their beautiful harmonies and solid instrumentation in our worship services on Sunday, August 23. A free-will offering will be received to support their ministry.

Invite your family and friends!

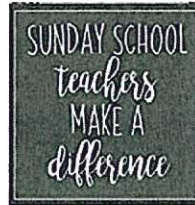


JOYFUL RESPONSE

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? St. Bartholomew offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return an electronic giving authorization form available from the church office.



Pastor Krueger will be on vacation June 22 - June 29, July 20 - 27, and August 10 - 17. If an emergency should arise and you seek pastoral care, contact Pastor Thomas Schmitt of St. Martin, Chilton (414-477-7804) or one of the elders.



TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF AND HELPERS!

Teachers:

Megan Boldt, Beth Gilbertson, Jamie Moline, Tanner Behnke & Kayla Krahn

Superintendents:

Amanda Zoellner & Becky Krahn



St. Bartholomew greatly appreciates your time and commitment!

PRODUCE TABLE

A table will be set up in the coat room throughout the summer for anyone wishing to bring in their extra garden produce to share with members of the congregation. The idea is to assist those who have too much or not enough fresh garden items. Items may be left on or taken from the produce table throughout the growing season.



SCRIP ORDERS

Preorder your Scrip by emailing Renee Bonick (dnrbonick@gmail.com). Your order will be ready to be paid for and picked up when you get to church. Scrip will still be available as before when you come to church or in the church office. Preordering will help with health and safety concerns.



Society of St Vincent DePaul
 Holy Family Brillion Food Pantry
 1100 W Ryan Street, Brillion WI 54110-1074

April 25, 2020

St Bartholomew Lutheran Church
 105 Horn St
 Brillion WI 54110

Dear Friends,

All the volunteers at St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry are sending a great big "THANK YOU" for your recent special collections of food items to help support our local food pantry. All the food is distributed free to needy families in this area. They all appreciate your generosity. God Bless You!

Your gift helps us to accomplish our mission, which is to respond to the Christian calling to find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived, so we may bring them Christ's love. We couldn't do this without the support of all the very generous benefactors.

We Are Truly Gratefully Thankful,

Mary Levash

Mary Levash
 St Vincent de Paul



Birthdays

1st	Jan Wittman	16th	Amanda Zoellner
1st	Kris Krueger	17th	Hank Horn VI
2nd	Alexis Bailke	17th	Bryan Krepline
4th	Jody Lau	20th	Pete Vechart
5th	Sienna Emmer	21st	Sue Hammond
7th	Nancy Davidson	22nd	Lyn Skattebo
7th	Todd Maeder	26th	Elliot Maile
7th	Jamie Moline	27th	Deb Schleis
8th	Shelly Christopherson	28th	Jake Koffarnus
9th	Danielle Schneider	28th	Kelsey Woldt
13th	Kit Horn	28th	Anthony Zoellner
15th	Sandy Haberland		

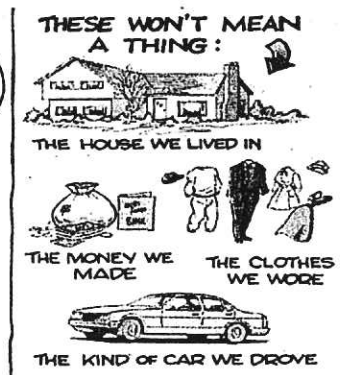
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7th	Aric & Andrea Grenzer
7th	Daryl & Amy Woldt
11th	Terry & Bonnie Zeamer
15th	Steve & Beth Gilbertson
15th	Steve & Bonnie Smith
18th	Ron & Sue Detert
20th	Josh & Stephanie Petersen
23rd	John & Lori Krueger
24th	Bryan & Jeannine Krepline



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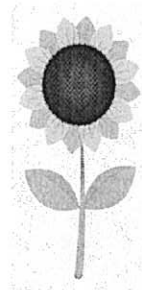


Birthdays

1st	Debbie Kalies	20th	Bud Zeamer
3rd	Norma Bailke	21st	Steve Gilbertson
3rd	Philip Geiger	21st	Matt Juno
3rd	Braxton Hurda	21st	Sue Juno
4th	Tyler Koerth	22nd	Jessica Krueger
9th	Terri Delvaux	24th	Lexie Gilbertson
9th	Derek Emmer	24th	Mike Irish
9th	Hank Horn VII	25th	Adam Geiger
9th	Rhys Moline	25th	Karen Loose
12th	Rhonda Geiger	25th	Kyle Krueger
13th	Jo Ann Mignon	28th	Erin Propson
14th	Daryl Woldt	29th	Ron Detert

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Ralph & Sandy Haberland
2nd	Pete & Cheryl Kittel
3rd	Roger & Carolyn Bladow
4th	John & Sheri Levash
8th	Shelly & Jeff Christopherson
14th	Deacon & Renee Bonick
14th	Randy & Kim Rahn
19th	Brian & Amanda Denor
21st	Bill & Norma Drumm
25th	Keith & Debi Polkinghorne
26th	Bob & Sue Behnke
26th	Mark & Bonnie Evel
27th	Rich & Suzanne Gustafson
27th	Gary & Nancy Kabat
29th	Jules & Carol Clausing
29th	Jim & Patsy Wendling



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It's a Mystery . . .

"Why does the person who runs five miles a day for exercise need a remote control for the TV?"

APRIL SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	800	12.00
Buffalo Wild Wings	25	2.00
Culvers	25	1.25
Deer Run	200	20.00
Econo	2300	69.00
Exxon	150	7.50
Festival	400	12.00
Fleet Farm	100	5.00
Kwik Trip	200	8.00
McDonalds	10	0.40
Menards	25	0.75
Piggly Wiggly	350	10.50
WalMart	425	10.63
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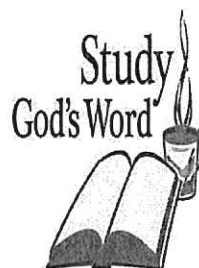
OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Future plans for our Graduate




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 Dakota
 Swim
 Sports Management
 and Sustainability



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.