



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF GOD OUR FATHER, OUR REFUGE
AND STRENGTH!

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

(LSB 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past)

We place our hope for this new year in God our heavenly Father who has brought us through the trials and tribulations of the past year. And He is sufficient to guide us in the new year. He will guard and keep us while the troubles of this earthly life continue and finally take us to our heavenly home. This He promises through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Have a blessed New Year!



Together in Christ,

Pastor Kueger

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

November 2020

Year-to-date Income:	\$157,642.25
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$151,784.11
Year-to-date Budget:	\$153,296.00

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Landscape Fund

Janet Kalies, in memory of Ralph Haberland & Geraldine Vechart

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DEATH

Ralph Haberland 12/10

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. 3 – Natalie
10 – Ava
17 – Alandra
24 – Addison
31 – Emma

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)

VOTER'S MEETING

January 31, 2021

8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



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.

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.



Sharing God's Love

Because God is love, it is His nature to love, and because God is love, we can love. Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to love God and the second is to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-38). God's love is to flow through us to others.

Loving others is shown in this story of two Christian brothers who decided to buy a farm together and live on the farm. Their plan was to share everything equally so when they harvested their corn, wheat, and soybeans each brother would have a pile for his half of the harvest. One of the brothers had a large family and the other brother was single. After awhile the single brother thought that, since his brother had a wife and children to provide for, his brother needed more than he did. In the middle of the night, he got up and wheel-barreled some of his crop over to the brother's pile. At the same time, the brother with the family thought his single brother

would have no one in his later years to take care of him, so he got up in the middle of the night to wheel-barrel some of his crop to his brother's pile. This hauling of grain to the other brother's pile went on for a period of time until one night they met, and they saw what each brother was doing for the other. This brought the brothers to tears and hugs of joy as they realized how much brotherly love they had for each other.

Faith prompts demonstrations of love for all people. In the words of the Apostle John, "*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another*" (John 4:11). Jesus taught that people would recognize His followers by his love for one another. "*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another*" (John 13:34-35). Jesus asks all of His followers to imitate His love for us as we love one another. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we are able to reflect Christ's love. May God's love within us overflow to all the people that God puts in our midst.

Becoming a Wise Money Manager

As a Christian, a goal to prayerfully consider is to allocate your money in a 10-10-80 ratio: give 10 percent, save 10 percent, and live on the remaining 80 percent. After you give the Lord His firstfruits, you put the second 10 percent in savings. Through a methodical discipline of putting money aside for the future, you develop a reserve of money for current emergencies and put yourself in a better position to accomplish your short- and

long-term goals as well as increase your ability to give. In order to make future goals possible, current sacrifices may need to be made.

Perhaps you find the 10-10-80 Plan an impossible goal at this time, but the principle still works. Start by giving 3%, saving 3%, and using the remainder for your living expenses, working up to reach your goal. Discipline is key and will pay you rich rewards. In time, little by little, you can increase the percentage you give and save, even surpassing the 10-10-80 mark!



Keeping our Focus

Have you ever felt that life is so full of distractions and that there are such pulls on your time that you have lost your focus? As God's stewards, our goal is to live our lives for God's purpose according to His grace given us by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament. Getting our priorities straight and sticking to them is one of the most difficult tasks we face. We are called to be faithful and not misdirected by the world, our flesh, or Satan. *"As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He Who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do"* (1 Peter 1:14-15).

It is challenging, but, with God's help, it is possible to keep God at the center of our busy lives and to keep some of life's diversions from consuming our time. Because God promises that, when we call on Him, He will give us the strength to overcome any temptations, we are able to say "yes" to Him and "no" to the temptations of the world. God does not shield us from temptations, but He sustains us while we are facing them. With God's help, we are able to recognize that much of life is meaningless when compared to the times we spend in God's Word, prayer, and worship.

We may ask ourselves the question, "Does the way I live my life reflect the importance of my relationship with God?" We may also ask, "Does my faith help focus my life or does my faith get lost in the blur of busyness and day-to-day routine?" Our goal is to keep "the main thing the main thing," which is to love, serve, trust, and obey our heavenly Father.

Faithfully Using our Blessings

When we consider the economies of the various nations of the world, we must see that we are indeed wealthy. Yet, if we had but basic needs such as food, shelter, and clothing, we should still consider ourselves rich. The abundance we enjoy presents a joyful opportunity. Wealth can be a tool which God allows us to possess and to manage in order that we might express love, show compassion, relieve need, spread the Gospel, help our children, and further the mission of the church. Let's use the wealth—God's wealth—to accomplish His will and purposes.

Blessings as you Live Generously!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS WANTED

We are looking for people high school age and older to help with the worship services for non-Communion services. We especially need help on Sundays but will take help for Wednesdays as well.

Here are some of the duties:

Counting the people in attendance
Playing the organ – if we don't have an organist present; that simply entails pushing some buttons; not very complicated
Video recording – starting and stopping the recording
Ringing the bells

NEEDED: LAY DELEGATE TO SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION June 13-15 Concordia University Wisconsin

Are you 18 years old or older and a confirmed member of the congregation? Then you are eligible to be our lay delegate to the South Wisconsin District Convention to be held June 13-15 at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon. If you are interested in serving as our delegate, contact Pastor Krueger.

LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP SERVICES

With the installation of the new camera system, we are now live streaming our worship services on the St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church YouTube channel. We are still working out some bugs and learning what to do but it seems to be working. You can try using this link to get to the channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2W5nQvJQGd6Xo1gY0_EAQ

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.



Quiz—God's Word

"Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law," says the psalmist (Ps. 119:18). And His words are a prayer to use in the study of the Bible. Can you supply the missing word in these verses about God's Word?

1. "For the word of God is _____ and active, sharper than any two-edged sword." (*read Hebrews 4:12*)
2. Now the parable is this: "The _____ is the word of God." (*read Luke 8:11*)
3. "And take the helmet of salvation and the _____ of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (*read Ephesians 6:17*)
4. "And have tasted the _____ of the word of God." (*read Hebrews 6:5*)
5. "Thy word is a _____ to my feet and a _____ to my path." (*read Psalm 119:105*)
6. "Thy word is _____ from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever." (*read Psalm 119:160*)
7. "The word of the Lord is _____: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him." (*read 2 Samuel 22:31*)
8. "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth: it shall not return to me _____." (*read Isaiah 55:11*)
9. "_____ the Scriptures; because you think that in them you have eternal life: and it is they that bear witness to me." (*read John 5:39*)
10. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will _____ for ever." (*read Isaiah 40:8*)

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New Offering Envelopes



If you didn't receive a box of offering envelopes for 2021 and need one, please contact the church office.

Did You Know

Exercise gives you energy. A study published in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* found that levels of fatigue and depression improved after a 30-minute session of moderate intensity exercise. Exercise improves your cardiovascular health which means that more blood and oxygen flow around the body, therefore giving you more energy.

Food for Thought

Moderate peanut butter consumption can be good for your health. It's rich in nutrients, low in carbs and a good source of protein. Peanut butter is also a good source of fiber, especially the chunky varieties. Studies have shown that a small portion can keep you feeling full for hours. Peanut butter is also a good source of potassium which is lacking in many American diets.

Although peanut butter is high in fat and often high in sodium, it has more healthy unsaturated fats than saturated fats. Eating saturated fats in moderation and eating mostly unsaturated fats can help lower LDL "bad" cholesterol and reduce your risk of heart disease.

Source: WebMD

Improving Your Blood Scores

In the New Year, consider making a resolution to have a biometric screening to know your numbers (cholesterol, glucose, triglycerides, etc.). Those numbers can give you and your doctor critical insights into your current health – and help guide ways to improve it. Think about your screening in terms of a test and getting a grade; try taking steps now leading up to your screening to try to improve your numbers.

To lower your triglyceride number:

- Exercise regularly.
- Cut back on sugary foods such as, candy, flavored yogurt, sugary breakfast cereals and ice cream.
- Limit foods high in saturated fat such as cheese, whole milk and red meat.
- Limit alcohol consumption.
- Try to eat at least three servings of vegetables each day.

To lower your glucose numbers:

- Exercise regularly.
- Stay hydrated by drinking water, not sports drinks or sodas.
- Limit breads or at least eat whole wheat and whole grain bread.
- Eat more oatmeal, nuts and other foods high in dietary fiber.
- Limit drinking fruit juice (orange, apple, grape, etc.) and consume whole fruits instead.

To improve your HDL (healthy) cholesterol numbers:

- Exercise regularly.
- Eat more often fish such as salmon, tuna, sardines and rainbow trout.
- Use olive oil instead of canola or vegetable oil.

Source: Healthline

Health Tip

Halfway through your meal, pause, drink a half-glass of water and decide if you're hungry for the rest of your food or if you're just eating because the food is on your plate.

(from *Better Health*, Winter 2020)



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.

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.



Address, Phone, or Email Changes?



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

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. We will soon have sheets on the table in the narthex for you to make these updates as well.

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

December 1, 2020

St Bartholomew Lutheran Church
105 Horn St
Brillion WI 54110

Dear Friends,

All the volunteers at the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry are sending a great big "THANK YOU" for your very generous food collection to help support our local food pantry. What a nice variety of food that was collected and will be 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

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 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

Answers to Quiz—God's Word

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| 1. living | 6. true |
| 2. seed | 7. tried |
| 3. sword | 8. empty |
| 4. goodness | 9. search |
| 5. lamp/light | 10. stand |

NOVEMBER SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	100	1.50
Culver's	50	2.50
Deer Run	25	2.50
Econo	1,400	42.00
Exxon	175	8.75
Festival	100	3.00
Fleet Farm	25	1.25
Home Depot	25	1.75
Kohls	400	16.00
Kwik Trip	150	6.00
Piggly Wiggly	100	3.00
Subway	20	2.00
WalMart	100	2.50
TOTALS	\$2,670.00	\$92.75

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.
- Adopt A Family - Thank you for your generosity in donating gifts to our two Adopt A Families. We also received funding from Thrivent Action Teams. Between the two we were able to deliver two carloads of gifts for distribution. This is greatly appreciated.
- Christmas Banner in the narthex
- Gary & Alice Koerth
- Camera & Projection System (we are still awaiting the new screen)
 - Jim Behnke Memorial
 - Meta Krahn Memorial
 - Melva Riemer Memorial
 - Lorriane Evel Memorial
 - Pastor & Kris Krueger
- Fellowship Hall TV & Antenna
- Pastor & Kris Krueger

January Birthdays

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



ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Craig & Jamie Moline



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



Church Undecorating

On January 10th 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!*



2020 GIVING RECORDS

If we have an email address for you, you will receive your 2015 Giving record electronically. If you need a hard copy, please contact the church office. For those of you we do not have email addresses, you will receive your giving record in your church mailbox by the week of January 4.