



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN AND ASCENDED LORD!

This is our confidence and joy because of Easter:

I am content! My Jesus ever lives, In whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the law of God for me, God's wrath He has appeased.
Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content! (LSB #468 v. 1)

As we observe Christ's ascension this is our hope:

On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.

O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading. (LSB #492 vs. 1 & 3)

This is our prayer for Pentecost:

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all your graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia! (LSB #497 v. 1)

Together in Christ,

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

March 2021

Year-to-date Income:	\$35,902.34
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$41,723.41
Year-to-date Budget:	\$42,492.00

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Memorial Service

Gabriel Petersen 3/27
Son of Josh & Stephanie Petersen

KINGDOM WORKERS - MAY

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

Altar Guild: Janet Kalies, Sue Graf, Kris Krueger

Acolytes: May 2 – Simon
9 – Natalie
16 – Ava
23 – Alandra
30 – Addison

March Madness Bracket Winner

Congratulations to Bob Behnke on winning the March Madness Bracket Challenge. He is a repeat winner from 2019.

Thank you to everyone who participated. I hope you will join us again next year.

Installation at St. Peter, Hilbert

On May 23 at 3 p.m., Rev. Mark Peterson will be installed as the new pastor of the dual parish of St. Peter and St. Luke churches. This will end Pastor Krueger's vacancy work.

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

(A-G)	Tanner Behnke	(920) 427-6201
(H-M)	Ron Detert	756-3439
(N-Z)	Gary Lemke	853-3846

Military BibleSticks Challenge

WOW! WOW! WOW!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Members of St. Bartholomew and St. Peter together raised enough funds to supply **274** Military BibleSticks. And our goal was only 55 for each congregation. **THAT'S AWESOME!**

The bragging rights remain with St. Peter. They raised enough funds for 168 BibleSticks. St. Bartholomew raised enough for 106 BibleSticks.

Thank you for all of the gifts that you gave! It is truly amazing! Praise God!

Attention Ladies of St. Bartholomew

The LWML Spring Rally is being held at Grace Lutheran Church in Elkhart Lake on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:45 p.m. Come and join other ladies in Bible study and fellowship. A collection for Pathways is being done. If you can bring any other the following items it would be greatly appreciated.

- Men's and women's deodorant
- Body wash
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Socks: Men's and Women's
- Pillows
- Towels
- Wash cloths
- Paints/canvas
- Construction paper colored



If you need a ride, please contact Linda Breitzman at 524-2173.

H A P P Y
Mother's Day

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.

The Bible Is a Love Story

God's love flows out of His nature and His character. The Apostle John tells us "*God is love*" (1 John 4:8). All of God's actions are loving, even when we cannot perceive them to be so. Not only are His actions loving, but all He withholds from us or refrains from doing in our lives is also loving. We deserve God's wrath but instead we get His love. His love rescues us from our sinful and rebellious state. No matter who we are or what we've done, God's love seeks us. There is no sin that is too much for God to handle. He demonstrated His amazing love for us when He sent His Son, Jesus, to live among us and to suffer and die on the cross. Jesus took upon Himself all of our past and future sins. Jesus' willingness to be mocked, to suffer, and to experience the most brutal type of death is the most significant act of love in the history of the world and in each of our lives. The path to God's love is to believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). Loving and trusting in Jesus gives us an abundant life today and life forever with Him in heaven.

In his book, *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World*, Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller writes,

"The Bible is a love story. God is love. You are the beloved. This is astonishing when we consider how unlovely and how

unlovable we are." God saw our depravity and sin and that is why He sent His Son—so we could receive God's love. God's love never changes, and we have the joy of receiving more and more of His love on a daily basis.



God has put us on earth to do two things. We are to first love God and then love our neighbors. "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself*" (Matthew 22:37-40). Loving God and others is what matters most in life. There is nothing more insisted upon in the Bible than love. The Apostle John tells us, "*We love because He first loved us*" (1 John 4:19). All love comes from God, and we are able to love because we have received His love through Jesus.

Four Types of Love

In scripture, love is communicated through four Greek words: Philia, Storge

(pronounced STOR-jay), Eros, and Agape. These different types of love are characterized by brotherly love, family love, romantic love, and God's divine love.

- Philia love (friendship love) is the type of intimate love in the Bible that most Christians practice toward each other. There is emotional warmth and tender affection toward a friend or family member. It involves closeness, bonding, and mutual sharing in a relationship. It is companionship or brotherly love. This friendship was seen between Jonathan and David.
- Storge love (empathy love) refers to family love. Love for others because you have something in common. Love comes from common circumstances, common beliefs, common values, or common blood. The love that exists between parents and children, and brothers and sisters. It was the love that Mary and Martha had for their brother Lazarus.
- Eros love (romantic love) refers to sensual or romantic love. It refers to sexual desire. The intimate love shared between a married man and woman. It is the most selfish love. It can be very intoxicating. It was the love that David had for Bathsheba.
- Agape love (unconditional God love) is the highest of the four types of love in the Bible. This term defines God's immeasurable, incomparable love for mankind. It is the divine love that comes from God. Agape love is perfect and unconditional. John 3:16 tells us: *"For God so [agaped] the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in*

Him should not perish but have eternal life."

God Changes our Hearts

Our relationships with fellow believers are not dependent upon external things but develop because of Jesus' love for us and our love for Him. In Acts 2:44-46 we find a special relationship among believers. *"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."* Among these fellow believers, there was a willingness to share things. They looked out for each other both physically and spiritually. Equality existed because



those in need received from those who had the ability to share. This love for others comes from hearts changed by God.

Telling Others about Jesus

In order to share the Gospel with others, are we willing to forego some personal discomfort? Are we willing to risk our reputations by associating with those clearly identified as godless people? One way to become more intentional about evangelism and telling others about Jesus is to make a list of some people needing to hear the Good News. Include acquaintances with whom you could start building relationships in order to share your love for Jesus with them. With the help of the Holy Spirit, you can help them see how much God loves them, that He sent His Son to die for them, and that they can live forever with Him.

Blessings as you Live Generously!

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone in our church family for the thoughts, cards and prayers during my cancer treatments. I am half way through my radiation, and I want everyone to know that your expressions of faith is what's getting me through this and the end results will be the best that God's will can provide.

Gary Lemke

thank you

Donations Needed



The Decorating Committee is looking for monetary donations to help the cost of outdoor flowers, flower pots, and also for potting soil for indoor and outdoor flowers. You can put money in the offering plate marked Decorating Committee or you can also make a donation by bringing it to the church office.

Thank you!

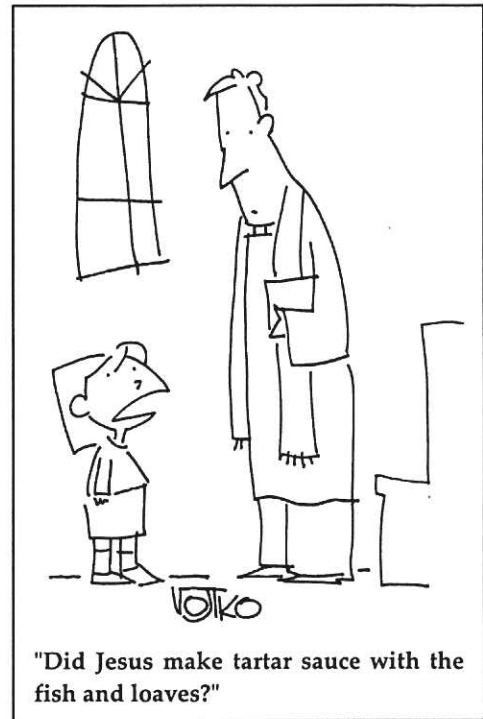


SOME PARENTS SAY

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion!" But why not?

The ads will!
The press will!
The movies will!
The neighbors will!
The forces of sin will!
The politicians will!

We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, pets, etc. Shall we ignore our own children? May God forgive us if we do!



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"I called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on 'aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum, and steel under a constrained environment.'

"I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision."

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Due to covid the Mother's Day rose sale was not held last year. This year we will again be selling roses for Mother's Day on May 9. Cost is \$3 each. The money raised in the project goes to Mothers and unborn baby care in Appleton, and the Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase a rose. Deadline is May 2 or call Janet Kalies. 756-9082.

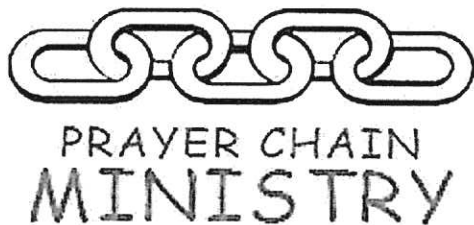




Prayer Chain

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
Sandy Haberland	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)

Total Commitment

The mother of the family was celebrating a birthday and the rest of the family was treating her to a party. When the time for the presentation of the gifts arrived, she was instructed to sit in her favorite living room chair. One by one, the father and the two older children came in from the kitchen bearing their gifts on a tray, solemnly presenting them to her as a royalty. The smallest girl, really too little to have had much of a role in the gift selection had been left out of these joyous plans; but watching the process, she rose to the occasion. When the others thought the party was over, she appeared from the kitchen bearing an empty tray. Approaching her mother she placed the tray on the floor, stepped upon it herself, and with a childish wiggle of joy she said, "Mommy, I give you ME!"

LuWiSoMo Summer 2021

Responding to input from the vast majority of LuWiSoMo families and campers regarding interest in return to traditional camps this summer, given the current status of COVID, LuWiSoMo shifts its focus for Summer 2021 to expanded camp options for individual families and smaller groups of families, and limited Joyful Hearts camps for fully vaccinated Joyful Hearts campers, volunteers and staff, with plans to return to full summer camps and maybe more for Summer 2022.

*The Ideal Wife and Mother:
As Portrayed In The Bible*

It has been said that the toughest, most difficult job God ever assigned any individual is that of being a wife and mother. To make clear what He expects of such a person, God has given us in Proverbs 31 a picture of an ideal wife and mother. She has seven characteristics:

- She seeks always the good of her husband; therefore, he can trust her. (31:10-13)
- She is industrious and therefore has no time to be a busybody. (31:13-15, 19, 21-24)
- She is constantly looking after the welfare of her family. (31:27)
- She has good judgment when it comes to the financial well-being of her family. (31:16-18)
- She spends time in ministering to the needs of those outside her own family. (31:20)
- She is honorable, wise and kind. (31:25-26)
- She is one who firmly reverences the Lord. (31:30)

Such a wife and mother will be rewarded, for both her children and husband will rise up and call her blessed (31:28).

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!



1st	Benjamin Krahn	10th	Philip Klepps
1st	Nicholas Krahn	11th	Matt Denor
1st	Rhett Lamers	11th	Cheyenne Schleis
1st	Gary Streck	14th	Carolyn Bladow
4th	Alison Gade	14th	Zach Zoellner
4th	Hunter Gade	15th	Pyper Nenahlo
4th	Lori Krueger	15th	Drake Propson
4th	Elaine Zeamer	16th	Spencer Gilbertson
5th	Tanner Behnke	17th	Mariana Vargas
7th	Samantha Bonick	18th	Joan Prigge
7th	Norma Drumm	18th	Dana Irish
8th	Paula Kalies	20th	Jim Wendling
9th	Cassandra Bonick	21st	Joshua Krahn
9th	Steve Juno	24th	Jacob Wendling
9th	Karly Woldt	25th	Linda Breitzman
10th	Ben Michael	30th	Kay Koffarnus



Anniversaries

2nd	Gary & Linda Streck
5th	Brandan & Jennifer Bowe
19th	Todd & Jody Lau
19th	Don & Judy Baer
19th	Lon & Lori Fels
25th	Matt & Jody Denor
25th	Pastor & Kris Krueger
29th	Bob & Sandi Koffarnus



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

Fellowship Hall Addition Silver Anniversary

The Fellowship Hall addition is 25 years old. We broke ground on October 1, 1995. It was dedicated on May 19, 1996. It has been a very useful addition to the church.

MARCH SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	400	6.00
Culver's	50	2.50
Econo	1,350	40.50
Exxon	200	10.00
Festival	350	10.50
Fleet Farm	100	5.00
Kohls	200	8.00
Kwik Trip	200	8.00
McDonalds	10	0.40
Menards	300	9.00
Piggly Wiggly	50	1.50
Roundy's	100	4.00
Subway	10	1.00
Walmart	125	3.13
TOTALS	\$3,445.00	\$109.53

Worry Free

An unusual woman was being interviewed by a reporter. Although a widow for years, she had reared six children of her own and twelve adopted children. In spite of her busy and useful life, she was noted for her poise and charm. The reporter asked how she managed.

"You see, I'm in a partnership."

"What kind of partnership?"

"One day a long time ago I said, 'Lord, I'll do the work, and you do the worrying.' And I haven't had a worry since."

The quickest way for a mother to get her children's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.