



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2022



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

JANUARY IS ...

a new year ...

a fresh page ...

a clean slate ...

another beginning ...

fresh snow covering the old ...

"... though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow

though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

How like the Lord! A continuous fresh slate through the forgiveness of sins ...

a continuous new year through His undeserved mercy ...

a continuous covering over of our sins through the red blood of Jesus ...

and we are white as snow ...

sons and daughters of God ...

"... because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23).

May you experience the mercies of the Lord anew every morning! A blessed New Year to you!



Together in Christ,

Pastor Krueger



Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

November 2021

Year-to-date Income:	\$137,133.48
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$157,953.77
Year-to-date Budget:	\$155,804.00

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BAPTISM

Olivia MaryAnn Boldt 11/28

NEW MEMBER

Ruth McDermott by Adult Confirmation

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. 2 - Natalie
9 - Addison
16 - Emma
23 - Haylee
30 - Kelvin

Ushers: Wednesdays: Bob Behnke, Simon Geiger
Sundays: Pete Zarnoth, Pete Kittel

Greeters: Sundays: Kris Krueger

**VOTERS'
MEETING**

January 30, 2022
10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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



Ruth McDermott
12/5/21



Olivia MaryAnn Boldt
Baptized 11/28/21

Pastor will be **ON VACATION**

Pastor will be on vacation from January 31 through February 7. If a pastoral emergency should arise, please contact Pastor Brett Simek at 618-410-9827 or one of the elders.

Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who remembered us at Christmas with cards, gifts, and greetings! It is all greatly appreciated.

Pastor & Kris

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

December 9, 2021

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 Thanksgiving food collection to help support our local food pantry. What a nice variety of food that was collected. The collected food will be distributed at no cost to those in need in this area. All the clients who use the pantry appreciate your generosity and kindness. **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

New Offering Envelopes



If you didn't receive a box of offering envelopes for 2022 and need one, please contact the church office.

Pennies For Life

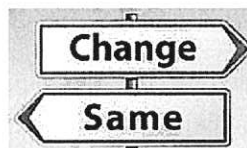


To help us in our right to education, Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin would like to ask you to donate one penny for each year you've been alive. For most of us, this is less than the cost of a coffee or soda.

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.

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.

Don't make snow angels in the dog park.

- via Lorene Irving
Lutherville Timonium, MD

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.



Making Financial Decisions Spiritual Decisions

(First article of an eight-article series)

God seeks our attention in a big way regarding money. Our heavenly Father is very interested in how we handle the money that He entrusts to us. To help us manage His money faithfully, He devotes approximately 15 percent of the Bible's content and over 2,000 verses to the topic of money and possessions. More than one-third of the parables deal with money. Scripture gives us a clear warning about the problems that money can cause. *"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money"* (Matthew 6:24).

We determine if we will use money in a proper and God-pleasing way or for improper desires and things. Great good can come from money when it is used to further God's kingdom. Through our generosity, we can provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and medicine for the sick. Our giving and sharing can help finance missionaries around the world who are spreading the Gospel. The churches we attend will be able to continue preaching the Good News and reaching out into our communities. Without continued financial support, the poor will suffer and the spreading of God's Word will be impeded. Money can be an instrument for good.



When we make financial decisions spiritual decisions, our view and use of money take on a God-pleasing perspective. In order to understand that our financial decisions are spiritual, we, through faith, acknowledge God as the creator and source of all things especially our money. Money doesn't fall down from heaven as manna did in the wilderness, but God places in us the ability and interest to work and earn money. *"You shall remember the Lord your God for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth..."* (Deuteronomy 8:18). The abilities and opportunities that God gives us to work are gifts.

The condition of our hearts has a lot to do with how we handle our money. Our hearts are either self-centered or God-centered. With self-centered hearts, we want to be in control. We want to use money for temporary pleasure, comfort, and security. When the Holy Spirit changes our hearts, we discover that our money is not only to be used to provide for our needs but to be used in serving God by serving others and extending His kingdom. With His help, we make our financial decisions spiritual decisions.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church

Voters Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Gary Koerth.

Pastor led in opening prayer.

Members Present: 24

Secretary Minutes: Debbie Kamps made the motion to accept the secretary minutes from the voter's meeting on April 25th and the special voter's meeting on May 23rd. Second by Roger Bladow. MC

Membership Gains/Losses:

- Gains:
 - Pearl Zeamer by transfer from St. Martin, Chilton
 - Clayton, Wendy, Bret, & Haylee Brehmer by profession of faith
- Losses:
 - Bonnie Smith released upon request
 - Norma Bailke by transfer to the Church Triumphant
 - Linda Giese by transfer to the Church Triumphant
 - Alexis Bailke removed due to whereabouts unknown
 - Steve, Tani & Kendra Plate released upon request
 - Denise Emmer released upon request
 - Ron Davidson by transfer to the Church Triumphant
- Tanner Behnke made the motion to accept the membership action. Second by Judy Baer.

Treasurer's Report

- At the end of September, we were **down** \$4,151.47
- We started the year \$11,000 ahead
- Income is not matching our expenses

Board Reports

Elders

- Received a \$1,200 grant to continue upgrading our streaming
 - We will be getting a new laptop
- Fellowship pads are back in the pews – this allows the elders to see who has been attending
- We received a letter from a church in Las Vegas stating they pray for churches in the district, and they included St. Bartholomew in their prayers. – Pretty neat!

Stewardship/Evangelism

- Reception for new members was held

- Police department has been contacted for Adopt-A-Family
- City hall has been contacted to let them know we will not be donating a Christmas tree this year
- Kayla Behnke & Kris Krueger volunteered to be on the board

Trustees

- Roof was completed
- All 9 trees have been taken down and stumps are gone
- Working on prioritizing the list of projects that was shared at the last meeting to see what needs to be done first and looking at the cost of each job. Here is the list:
 - Church Roof – completed
 - Fellowship Hall Carpet
 - Office Carpet
 - Update Bathrooms
 - Sound System
 - AC – Fellowship Hall/Office
 - Enlarge Shed
 - South Double Doors
 - Outside Light by Shed
 - Church Flooring
 - Parsonage Carpet
 - Parsonage Painting
 - Parsonage Countertop
 - Parsonage Sidewalk
 - Clean North Wall
 - Paint Garage Roof
 - Patio Project
 - North Lawn Bushes
 - Remove Ash Trees – completed
 - Remove Pine Trees – completed
 - Landscape around posts, etc.
 - Restripe Parking Lot
 - Reseal Parking Lot
 - Reroute Fellowship Hall Downspouts
 - Canopy Roof
 - Rebuild Outside Cross
 - Move sign by north drive

Pastor's Report

- As of April 25th: 287 souls and 242 communicants
- As of October 24th: 283 souls and 238 communicants
- Since April, Pastor had one wedding, two funerals, and two committals (Melva Reimer & Shirley (Belanger) Beckett)
- Food & More will be held in November
- Police department has been contacted about Adopt-A-Family
- Thanksgiving worship is Wednesday, November 24th

- Vacancy work at St. Peter's in Hilbert was completed at the end of May
- Midweek Advent Service
 - Theme: Wait Upon the Lord
- Pastor was a guest preacher at Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Hartford, WI for their 50th Anniversary
- November 15th – 22nd – Pastor on vacation
- Looking for ushers
- Adopt-A-Student
 - Concordia Seminary in St. Louis
 - We will be providing \$500 from the Krahn Endowment Fund
 - We are looking to see if there is a student in our area that we can sponsor

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- 2022 Budget
 - Proposing a 1.5% increase
 - Missions were cut back from 11.5% to 10%
 - Capital improvement fund was added to build up some money for projects that come up
 - Current income would not support this budget, but the budget cannot be cut anymore
 - Deacon Bonick made the motion to approve the budget. Judy Baer second the motion. MC
- Election of Officers & Board Members
 - Looking for a Vice President, Council Secretary and Elder
 - Trustee - Mike Delvaux
 - Stewardship/Evangelism - Kayla Behnke & Kris Krueger
 - Carolyn Bladow made the motion to approve the election of board members. Alice Koerth second the motion. MC
- Appointments
 - Treasurer – Debbie Kamps
 - Financial Secretary – Linda Streck
 - Roger Bladow made the motion to approve the appointments. Kris Krueger second the motion. MC
- Housing Allowance Resolution
 - It has always been a fixed amount, and now looking to change it to a percentage of compensation
 - This changes nothing from a monetary standpoint
 - This is for tax purposes only
 - *"RESOLVED, that St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church, as a Standing Resolution to remain in force and effect until such time as amended or revoked, hereby authorizes and establishes a housing allowance for Pastor Mark Krueger at any time serving it in an amount each year equal*

- to 60% of that person's annual compensation. This resolution replaces any previous resolution pertaining to Pastor Krueger's housing allowance."
 - Debbie Kamps made the motion to approve the Housing Allowance Resolution. Renee Bonick second the motion. MC
- Christmas tree sales & Christmas tree for church
 - Current supplier is retiring
 - As it stands, we do not have any Christmas trees to sell this year
 - We need a tree for the front of church and will be purchasing an artificial tree
 - Gary Streck made the motion to proceed with purchasing an artificial tree. Roger Bladow second the motion. MC.
 - We have money in the Christmas Tree Fund
 - \$5,953.40 is in the tree fund
 - Gary Streck made the motion to move \$5,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund and \$953.40 to Food For The Poor. Elliot Maile second the motion. MC.
- South Wisconsin District Convention June 12-14th @ CUW
 - Need a Lay Delegate to attend
 - Expense are paid for
- Need to get people to know we are here
 - If we want to attract young families, we may need to start promoting and putting stuff on social media

Adjourn: Debbie made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am. Second by Gary Streck.

Pastor led in closing prayer

Shawna Kiesow
Secretary

NAMES AND PLACES—BIBLE QUIZ

FILL in the squares according to the corresponding clues. Then discover the names of seven apostles by writing the numbered letters in the second grid.

- A. Wife of Nabal (1 Sam. 25:3)
- B. Once called Luz (Gen. 28:19)
- C. Paul sailed along its shore (Acts 27:12)
- D. Rebekah's nurse (Gen. 35:8)
- E. Elijah's successor (1 Kings 19:19)
- F. Followed Fewlix as governor of Judea (Acts 24:27)
- G. Where Saul died (1 Sam. 31:18)
- H. Mountain northeast of the Jordan (Deut. 3:8)
- I. Son of Abraham (Gen. 21:3)
- J. Was seven when he became king (2 Kings 11:21)
- K. Valley outside Jerusalem (2 Kings 23:4)
- L. Lived 777 years (Gen. 5:31)
- M. Last Old Testament book
- N. Remembered for his vineyard (1 Kings 21:1)
- O. King of Bashan (Num. 21:33)
- P. Land of Cyrus (2 Chron. 36:22)
- Q. Corinthian who sent greeting to Paul (Rom. 16:23)
- R. People who lived in Italy's capital
- S. City of refuge in Ephraim (Josh. 20:7)
- T. Home of Paul (Acts 21:39)
- U. Chaldean city (Gen. 11:28)
- V. Queen of Xerxes (Esther 1:9)
- W. Cold season
- X. Father of Darius (Dan. 9:1)
- Y. Another form of the name Judah (2 Kings 14:28)
- Z. Mountain where snow fell (Psalm 68:14)

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	28	29	30	31	32	33		34	35
36	37	38		39	40	41	42	43	44

St. Bartholomew has several special project/memorial funds set up to contribute toward.

These funds include: Landscaping
Hearing Loop
Concordia Scholarship Fund
Improvement Fund
Decorating
Banners



If you would like to contribute to any of the above funds please place your contribution in an envelope and mark it with your name and envelope number as well as the name of the fund you want the contribution assigned to. You may also use the specially marked envelopes in the literature rack.

2021 GIVING RECORDS

If we have an email address for you, you will receive your 2021 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 3.

Sign seen in a nursing home:

"Remember, old folks are worth a fortune – silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomach."

– via Rev. Paul Lintern
Mansfield, OH



Church Undecorating

On January 8 at 9:00 a.m. we will be taking down the outdoor nativity display. On January 9 right after the worship service, we will be taking down the Christmas trees and indoor church decorations. We would appreciate any help you can offer. *Thank you!*



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	(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)

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.



JANUARY Birthdays

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

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.

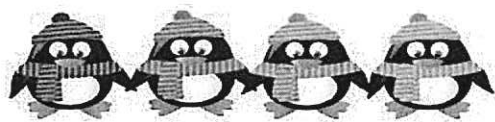


PAVERS

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 \$40 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 2022 orders is April 24.



NOVEMBER SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Bath & Body Works	50	6.00
BP	850	12.75
Best Buy	100	4.00
Dairy Queen	20	4.00
Econo	1,175	35.25
Exxon	100	5.00
Festival	600	18.00
Home Depot	100	7.00
Kohls	550	22.00
Kwik Trip	300	12.00
Piggly Wiggly	25	0.75
Roundy's	50	2.00
Shell	25	1.25
Shutterfly	100	11.75
Walgreens	25	1.25
WalMart	275	6.88
TOTALS	4,345.00	149.88

PORTALS of PRAYER

If you are not receiving a copy of the Portals of Prayer, but would like the quarterly publication; let the church office know and we will gladly place a copy in your church mailbox four times a year. We receive regular, digest-size, and large print of this publication. Let the office know which size is right for you.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZ

Abigail	Hermon	Naboth	Ur
Bethel	Isaac	Og	Vashti
Crete	Joash	Persia	Winter
Deborah	Kidron	Quartus	Xerxes
Elisha	Lamech	Romans	Yaudi
Festus	Malachi	Shechem	Zalmon
Gilboa		Tarsus	