



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2022



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

### GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!

Do you trust your heavenly Father to provide all of your needs? I mean, do you *really* trust God to take care of you? Do you trust Him enough to show your appreciation, your thanks, for all that He provides you with each and every day of your life?

Trust prompts giving. Jesus tells an amazing story about a poor widow who places all of her trust in the Lord. The Gospel of Luke (also in Mark) records Jesus' observing a poor widow putting two small copper coins into the temple collection box. At the same time, He saw some wealthy individuals giving large amounts of money. Jesus said something surprising when He said that the widow *"has put in more than all of them"* (Luke 21:3). We are told that the wealthy *"contributed out of their abundance"* (v. 4). These people made a show of their wealth by dropping large coins in the box so others could hear as well as see their giving. The rich gave abundantly, but their giving didn't cost them that much, because they still had plenty left over for themselves. The poor widow's giving witnessed to her trust in God and in His ability to care and provide for her. With her trust and faith in her heavenly Father, she gave everything she had with joy and confidence. She didn't have money for her next meal, but she gave willingly. In a sense, she was giving herself. She knew that God would supply the provisions that she would need.

When is the last time, you've given your entire pay check to God through your church, or when is the last time you've given away all of your savings? Most of us would say that this has never happened. While God may not be calling most of us to give all that we have away, He does want us to give regularly and generously of all we receive. Why do many of us fail to give in proportion to what we earn to the Lord through our church and other Christian organizations? Each of us has different and unique circumstances, but the one common element that keeps most of us from giving freely and generously is fear. We hold tightly onto our money because we are afraid that the money we've accumulated may not be enough. We allow the money and stuff that we accumulate to become our security. The poor widow had little, but, if she had any fear, she overcame it. She gave all that she had out of trust in the Lord.

Jesus spoke a lot about giving because giving is an important part of our lives as God's people. Whether we have little, like the poor widow, or much, like the "wealthy" we read about in Luke, God calls us to give regularly and generously. Giving expresses our gratitude to God for who He is and what He has done for us especially through His Son, Jesus. Everything that we have has come from the Lord. *"What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?"* (1 Corinthians 4:7). By grace, God gives each of us life, and He provides everything we need for our lives. All that we are and have are gifts from God. Giving is one of the many ways that we express our thanks and our worship of Him.



Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding; Proverbs 3:5

May God help us place our trust in the Lord and demonstrate that trust through our generous giving.

Together in Christ,

*Pastor Kueger*

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

## FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

January 2022

Year-to-date Income:	\$12,581.34
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$13,004.81
Year-to-date Budget:	\$14,376.00

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### BAPTISM

Noah James Denor 2/13

### KINGDOM WORKERS - March

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

Altar Guild: Norma Drumm, Janet Kalies

Acolytes: Mar. 2 – (Ash Wed.) Haylee

6 – Kelvin

9 – (Lent) Simon

13 – Natalie

16 – (Lent) Addison

20 – Emma

23 – (Lent) Haylee

27 – Kelvin

30 – (Lent) Simon

Ushers: Wed: Dave & Debbie Kamps  
Sun: Pete Zarnoth, Deacon Bonick

Greeters: Sundays: Janet Kalies

### ELDER GROUPS

(A-G) Vacant

(H-M) Ron Detert 756-3439

(N-Z) Gary Lemke 464-1050

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the Good News of salvation with others  
(Matt. 28:19)

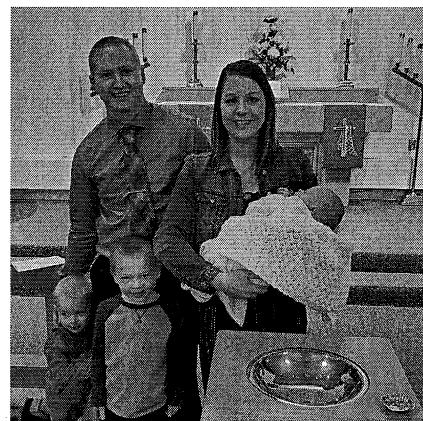
Believing in Jesus as our Savior (John 3:16)

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**

# WELCOME



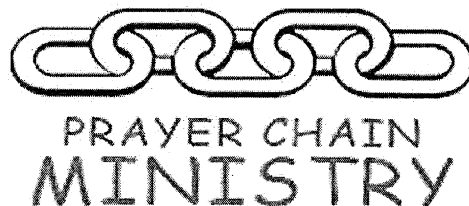
Noah James Denor  
Baptized 2/13/22



## 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)

## Treasurer's Notes

As I reported at the Voter's Meeting in January, our finances are not in good shape. We ended 2021 \$6,910.82 in the red. Which means we are borrowing from our special funds to pay our monthly bills. In January our income was \$19,552.59 and our expenses were \$19,947.10. Once again our income did not meet our expenses. We ended January \$7,305.13 in the red. We are very good at coming together when we have a challenge to meet. So here is the challenge I am putting out there. Let's get this number improved by \$700 before the end of March. This can be accomplished if each member contributes an ADDITIONAL \$10 during the month of March.

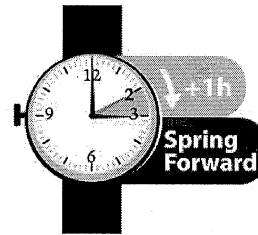
*God's blessing to each of you!!!!*

- Debbie Kamps



### March Madness Bracket Challenge

March Madness begins March 15. For \$5 you can enter your selections in the St. Bartholomew ESPN bracket challenge. The winner will receive a \$25 scrip card. The proceeds will go to Debt Retirement. This is open to all ages and members of the congregation. (We might even allow former members and friends to participate.) Give us your name, email address, and \$5 if you want to participate. You can sign up in the narthex or in the church office. The deadline to sign up is March 6.



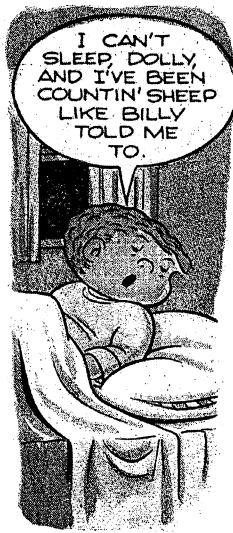
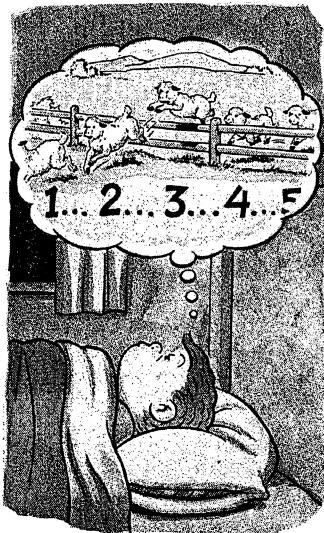
Daylight Savings Time:  
Don't forget to set your  
clocks ahead one hour  
before you go to bed on  
Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

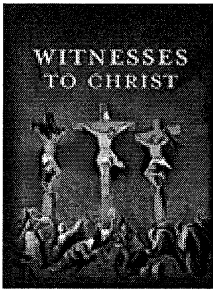
## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS

Easter Flower order forms will be in your church mailbox soon. If you would like to donate your flower in memory of someone there is a place on the order form to note that. Deadline to order is Sunday, April 10.



## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane





## *Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion*

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That's because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That's God's gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel:

### **Ash Wednesday, March 2:**

*John the Baptist*, John 1:29–34

### **Wednesday, March 9:**

*Mary, Sister of Lazarus & Martha*, John 12:1–11

### **Wednesday, March 16: Malchus**, John 18:1–11

### **Wednesday, March 23: Peter**, John 18:12–27

### **Wednesday, March 30: Barabbas**, John 18:33–40

### **Wednesday, April 6: Pontius Pilate**, John 19:1–16

### **Palm Sunday, April 10:**

*The Disciples*, John 12:12–19

### **Maundy Thursday, April 14:**

*Judas Iscariot*, John 13:21–30

### **Good Friday, April 15:**

*John, the Gospel Writer*, John 19:25–37

### **Easter Sunday, April 17:**

*Mary Magdalene*, John 20:1–18

## *ADULT BIBLE STUDY*

The Adult Bible Class will focus on *Christ's Seven Signs*, beginning on Sunday, March 6.

Changing water into wine (John 2:1–11)

Healing the royal official's son (John 4:46–54)

Healing the paralyzed man (John 5:1–15)

Feeding the five thousand (John 6:5–14)

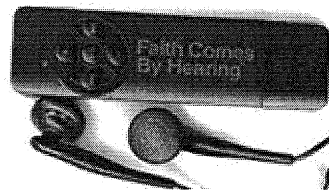
Walking on water (John 6:16–21)

Healing the man born blind (John 9)

Raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1–45)

The sermons in our Lenten series begin with John the Baptist on Ash Wednesday and on Easter end with Mary Magdalene. Most of the messages come from the section of the Gospel called "Redemption of the World," or John 18:1–20:31. The Bible studies will look at Christ's seven signs that appear in the part of John titled "Revelation to Israel," or John 1:19–12:50. What's the connection? The signs prepare us for the promises linked to our Savior's passion, death, and resurrection.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall!



## *Military BibleStick Challenge*

The challenge is on and we have expanded the challenge. The churches now involved in the Military BibleStick Challenge are:

St. Bartholomew, Brillion

St. Peter, Hilbert

St. Luke, rural Chilton

St. Martin, Chilton

Trinity, Rantoul

Who will win bragging rights this year?

My challenge to the congregation is for every family to donate at least one Military BibleStick (\$25). The challenge begins on Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday) and goes through Sunday, April 17 (Easter).

# 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.

## Demonstrating our Faithfulness

We show our faithfulness to the Lord by faithfully managing the resources, responsibilities, and gifts He entrusts to us. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful"* (1 Corinthians 4:2). We are to be faithful in our witnessing (Philemon 6), in expressing love to others (Galatians 6:10), in prayer (Romans 12:12), in our giving (1 Corinthians 16:2), and in all things. Peter teaches, *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms"* (1 Peter 4:10). The writer of Hebrews tells us that only what we do in faith is pleasing to God (Hebrews 11:6). Our actions mean little to God unless they come from loving and faithful hearts. Faithfully managing all that God has entrusted to us demonstrates our faith and is pleasing to Him.

## Stewardship Is a Matter of the Heart

God gives us the privilege and opportunity to be His stewards. Even though God gives us all things, He still allows us the freedom to choose whom or what we will serve. Whether we are stewards for the Lord, for ourselves, or for some other master depends on who or what controls our hearts. What or

whom we love, serve, and follow is dictated by what our hearts value as most important.

The choices we make reflect what is in our hearts. Satan is doing everything possible to take the love, compassion, and peace from our hearts that only Jesus can place there.



Jesus said, *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* (Matthew 6:21). We can paraphrase this by saying, "Show me your treasure, and I will show you your heart." What we treasure the most receives our time, energy, money, and love. Each of us determines where his treasures lie. What do you love and treasure the most? Unfortunately, some of us may find treasures in our homes, careers, cars, hobbies, or investments. God continually invites us to make Him our treasure. If our hearts are right, our treasures will be right.

Jesus spoke about the relationship between the condition of a tree and the fruit that it bears. *"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit"* (Matthew 12:33). Just as the condition of the tree determines its fruit, so will the thoughts of our hearts dictate our words and actions (Matthew 12:34-35). When our hearts are filled with God's presence, we reflect God's love, goodness, and kindness. When our hearts are right with God, our eyes are opened to the opportunities to serve

and help others. When God controls our hearts, we willingly use our time, talents, and money in ways that glorify Him. Good hearts produce good fruit. As we spend time in God's Word and participate in the Sacraments, God changes our hearts, making us into faithful disciples and stewards for Christ.

### Thoughts to Ponder

A fine is a tax for doing something wrong.  
A tax is a fine for doing something well.

I read something the other day that made me cry—my quarterly investment and pension statements.

“Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor.” (German Proverb)

“The world asks, ‘What does a man own?’  
Christ asks, ‘How does he use it?’”  
(Andrew Murray)

### All of It

John D. Rockefeller died as one of the wealthiest men of all time. When his accountant was asked how much he left behind, his classic response was, “All of it.” The same will be said of you and me. Knowing that things lose value, get lost, stolen, or simply do not last helps us keep things in a proper perspective. We need to keep our eyes and hearts fixed on the Lord and less on things of this world.

### Love through Faith

What is it that precedes the disciples' request of Jesus to increase their faith? It is

Jesus' command to count others so precious as to avoid putting any kind of temptation in their paths.

How is this possible? If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that, in and of ourselves, we cannot follow these commands. Then we, like the disciples, must ask of our Lord, “*Increase our faith.*”



How does Jesus respond to their request? He assures them that even faith as small as a mustard seed can accomplish great things. “*If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you*” (Luke 17:6). It is God Who gives the faith, and it is God Who gives us the ability to act on it. It is God Who gives us love motivated by faith that sacrifices our own desires for the good of others, love that knows no limit, love that serves instead of asking to be served.

It is faith that gives us such love for God and our neighbor that we serve and help and give without thought of reward, so that we, “*when [we] have done everything [we] were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty’*” (Luke 17:10).

**Blessings as you Live Generously!**



## Church Basement Ladies

Tuesday, March 22 –  
2 & 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March

23 – 2 & 7:30 p.m.

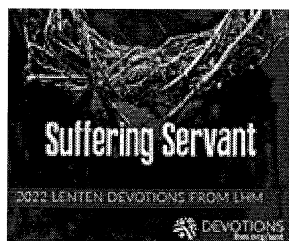
Thursday, March 24 – 2 p.m.

Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

Are you looking for a fun-filled treat? Then consider going to see the *Church Basement Ladies*. The show is based on the best-selling book, *Growing up Lutheran*. It celebrates the women who work so hard and with such dedication in their church kitchens. They are our mothers, grandmothers, neighbors, etc. who are the backbone of every denomination of every church in the land.

The show is funny and down to earth with wonderful hummable music.

Tickets can be purchased at [foxcitiespac.com](http://foxcitiespac.com) or 920-730-3760.

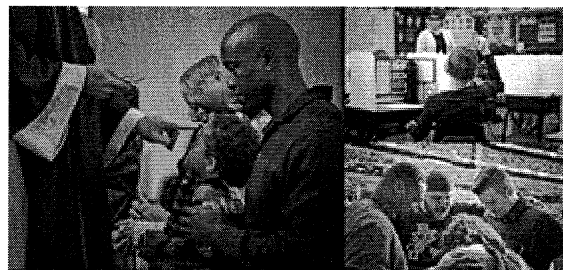


## DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

In *Suffering Servant*, we encounter Jesus the Man sent to redeem a lost world. Born in the flesh, Jesus became like us. Taking the form of a Servant, He emptied Himself. Bearing our sins to the cross, He gives us newness of life through His victory over death won for us by His resurrection from the dead.

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home. Lenten Devotions are available in both English and Spanish. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family and friends, these meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of the season.

Some hard copies (regular and large print) are available in the narthex.



## Set Apart to Serve February 2022 Congregation Survey

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*Set Apart to Serve* is the LCMS' initiative to recruit pastors and church workers to hand over the saving faith to God's people, passing on the Christian faith from one generation to the next until our Savior's return.

Christ provides workers for His church through His people. That's why we need your help to make this initiative the best it can be.

We would like to collect input from the members of your congregation through a short online survey.

Do you know any young man who would make a great pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. The LCMS continues to pray, and has begun *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve *SAS*. Please fill out a brief survey at [lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey](http://lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey) by March 15, and let us know how you think *SAS* can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

All responses are completely anonymous and confidential.

Thank you for your time and support in helping the LCMS with this important initiative.

In Christ,  
Rev. Dr. James Baneck  
Executive Director  
LCMS Office of Pastoral Education



# *march* BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Kayla Woldt	18th	Josh Delvaux
2nd	Hilary Sonnabend	18th	Harper Horn
3rd	Sue Detert	18th	Faith Sonnabend
5th	Erin Zutz	19th	Russ Boldt
6th	Gary Koerth	19th	Lindsey Vechart
6th	Mitch Krahn	20th	John Levash
6th	Ron Zueske	21st	Jr. Doughty
7th	Emma Krahn	21st	Olivia Riemer
7th	Rick Riemer	22nd	Melissa Day
7th	Haley Graef	22nd	Kenzie Schneider
8th	Mike Delvaux	23rd	Ruth McDermott
8th	Micah Horn	25th	Brigitte Sonnabend
10th	Meghan Propson	26th	Parker Sonnabend
11th	Pete Zarnoth	27th	Scott Eickert
12th	Jon Mignon	27th	Ben Kalies
14th	Cole Reinke	28th	Addison Grenzer
17th	Bob Koffarnus	28th	Renee Maeder

## ANNIVERSARIES



11th	Erin & Ken Zutz
18th	Dave & Debbie Kamps
28th	Scott & Mary Eickert

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

### Pennies for Life

We collected \$73.61 for Lutherans for Life during January. Thank you to everyone who donated their pennies.



### Derricks Family

We collected \$541.00 for the Derricks Family to help support their mission work as Lutheran Bible Translator missionaries.

## JANUARY SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	650	9.75
Cobblestone	50	2.50
Econo	1,150	34.50
Exxon	100	5.00
Festival	600	18.00
Home Depot	100	7.00
Kohls	325	13.00
Kwik Trip	150	6.00
McDonalds	20	0.80
Piggly Wiggly	250	7.50
Pick'N Save	100	4.00
Shell	200	10.00
Target	50	1.25
WalMart	200	5.00
TOTALS	3,945.00	124.30

## 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 March.



"As a part of my exercise program, I gave up my remote control."

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## **St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church**

### **Voters Meeting Minutes**

January 30, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Vice President Rick Riemer.

Pastor led in opening prayer.

**Members Present:** 34

**Secretary Minutes:** Dave Kamps made the motion to accept the secretary minutes from the voter's meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Second by Faith Sonnabend. MC

#### **Membership Gains/Losses:**

- Gains:
  - Olivia Boldt by Baptism
  - Ruth McDermott by Adult Confirmation
- Losses:
  - Rich Gustafson by transfer to Zion Wayside
  - Sam Gustafson due to whereabouts unknown
- Gary Lemke made the motion to accept the membership action. Second by Brigitte Sonnabend. MC

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- 2021 books were audited and found to be in good order
- At the beginning of 2021, we were \$11,051.18 ahead
- At the end of 2021, we were **down** \$6,910.62
- Income is not matching our expenses as we used up almost \$18,000 this past year that we did not have income for

#### **Board Reports**

##### **Elders**

- Purchased a new laptop for the streaming services
  - We received a \$1,200 tech grant and this was used to purchase the laptop
- Looking to change the worship schedule
  - Good Friday – looking at possibly doing an evening service
  - New Year's Eve – this service always has low attendance
  - Christmas Eve – the 8pm service always has low attendance, so looking to possibly move the 8pm service up
- Thank you to Pete Zarnoth for working on the usher schedule!
- Still in need for an Elder

##### **Christian Education**

- N/A

### **Stewardship/Evangelism**

- Have not met in 2021 yet
- Kris Krueger and Kayla Behnke are new members of the board
- Thank you to Sue Juno and Judy Baer who are the outgoing members of the board!
- Thank you to those who participated in Food N' More and Adopt-A-Family

### **Trustees**

- The church has two boilers, and one of the boilers has gone down
  - The boiler that has gone down is a smaller boiler and is a backup for the big boiler.
  - It will cost about \$3,875 to repair the boiler or \$7,675 to replace the boiler
  - A thought was brought up to look into getting a big boiler instead and rotate between the boilers to give the older boiler a break. However, a big boiler would cost about \$15,000
  - At this time, they are looking to repair the boiler for \$3,875
    - We did receive funds from the Bob & Pat Endries Brillion Church Fund that could be used towards this
- Need to look at resealing the parking lot soon and that will be about \$7,000
- Looking to replace lights in church with LEDs

### **Pastor's Report**

- As of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021: 283 souls and 238 communicants
- As of January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022: 283 souls and 237 communicants
- Since October, Pastor had one wedding which was on New Year's Eve
- Theme for Midweek Lenten Services will be "Witness to Christ"
- Military Bible Stick Challenge
  - Looking to expand challenge to other area churches
- "Soup"er Bowl Challenge
- March Madness Challenge will be back
- Pennies for life deadline is today (January 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Directory updates
- Adopt-A-Seminary Student
  - We received a student – Bryce A. Clayton
- Installation of officers will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>
- The Derricks family will be here on February 9<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> to share their mission work
- District Sunday is February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
- Chili Dinner is February 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 12:30
- Circuit Forum will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Bartholomew
  - Looking for a representative to attend

### **Unfinished Business**

- Christmas Tree Sales Update
  - Tony Wittman will continue to look for trees this year

- Need Nomination for Council Secretary
- Need Nomination for Elder

## New Business

- Letter from Pastor Krueger
  - *Dear Members of St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church,*

*This is to officially inform you that I will be retiring as your pastor in June. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 12, 2022.*

*It has been an honor and privilege to serve you, the members of the congregation, over the past 32 years. It will actually be 32 years and 2 days from the day that I was installed as your pastor.*

*Thank you for your support over the years!*

*May God continue to bless and guide the work of the church!*

*Together in Christ,  
Mark L Krueger,  
Pastor*

- Constitution and By- Law Revisions
  - Constitution Revisions:
    - **Amendments:**
      - **12.1** - Amendments to this constitution (except 2.0, 6.0, and 11.0) ~~and the bylaws and changes in the Articles of Incorporation~~ may be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Voters' Assembly, provided:
        1. 12.11 That they do not conflict with the provisions laid down in Article II or with any section of any other article that pertains to scriptural doctrine and practice
        2. 12.12 That the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous meeting of the Voters' Assembly.
        3. 12.13 That a quorum of at least twenty voting members is present.
        4. 12.14 That the amendment is adopted by a two-thirds majority of voters present and voting.
      - **12.3** - ~~All amendments shall be submitted to the district for review and approval. Only after such approval shall amendments be valid and implemented.~~  
*The revised constitution shall, as a condition of continued membership in good standing of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, must be submitted to the president of the district for review by the district constitution committee and favorable action by the district's board of directors before being adopted by the congregation.*
  - ByLaw Revisions:
    - **Meetings:**

- **4.1** Regular meetings of the Voters' Assembly shall be held *quarterly unless no business needs to be conducted. in the months of January, April, and October. Meetings will be held in person. Voting members who cannot attend in person may participate virtually. Under certain circumstances, identified by the church council, meetings may be held virtually.*
- **4.2** The regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly during the ~~month of January~~ *first quarter* shall be designated as the annual meeting.
- **4.3** All ~~Regular~~ meetings of the Voters' Assembly shall be announced by word or in the bulletin in all church services on the preceding two Sundays. ~~or by a mailing to the membership.~~  
Whenever a meeting has thus been announced and convened, at least ~~twenty~~ *twelve all voting members present shall constitute a quorum except for when the following subjects will be voted on, which would then require a quorum of twenty people. If a quorum is not met, another meeting will be scheduled where all members in attendance will constitute the quorum.*
  1. *Amending the constitution/by-laws*
  2. *Buying or selling property*
  3. *Disbanding of the congregation*
- **4.4** Special meetings of the Voters' Assembly may be called by the Church Council, ~~or by the Board of Elders, or by the pastor with the approval of the president, or ten (10) voting members. as the need arises. Announcements of special meetings shall be made in the services of the two previous Sundays or in the services of the previous Sunday when accompanied by notification by mail, email, text or some other electronic means.~~ The purpose of all special meetings must be included in the announcements. ~~as described above.~~
- **4.6** *Board meetings may be held either in person or virtually*
- **AMENDMENTS**  
*These bylaws may be amended in a properly convened meeting of the voters assembly*

*Amendments shall be adopted by a majority of all votes cast, provided the proposed change has been announced in a previous meeting or has been submitted in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting to all voting members*

*The revised bylaws shall, as a condition of continued membership in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, must be submitted to the president of the district for review by the district constitution committee and favorable action by the district board of directors before being adapted by the congregation.*

#### ▪ **Election of Congregational Officers**

- **7.0** The nominating committee for each year shall consist of the vice president and a ~~senior outgoing~~ *junior* member of each of the Boards. of Elders, Trustees, Stewardship/Evangelism, and Christian Education, ...

#### ▪ **Terms of Officers**

- **8.2** The term of the President and Vice President will be 2 year terms being duly elected on alternating years eligible, for not more than ~~4~~ *2* consecutive terms. The nature of the duties of this board requires that only men noted for their Christian knowledge, zeal, and experience in the spiritual work of the Kingdom of Christ shall be elected.
- **8.3** The term of office of all other officers who do not serve on boards shall be for one year, eligible for *continuous* re-election. ~~for not more~~

~~than two consecutive years, except for the office of the treasurer and financial secretary, whose term of office may be extended upon approval by the voters.~~

- **8.4** No Board members ~~shall~~ **may** hold the same office for ~~more than one two~~ full terms of two or three years as set forth for each board. After one year of being out of office, this person shall again be eligible to hold this same office.

- Call Committee
  - Currently, there are 3 people on the call committee: Rick Riemer, Sue Wittmann, and Dave Sonnabend
    - Looking to have 3-5 people on the call committee
    - The call committee will be responsible for all the paperwork that needs to be completed and will be a liaison to the congregation
  - Can call from the seminary or from the field
  - Faith Sonnabend made the motion to seek going through the seminary first to fill the vacancy of our pastor's position. Second by Bob Behnke. MC
- South Wisconsin District Convention
  - June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> @ CUW
  - Need a lay delegate to attend
  - If interested, please contact Pastor

**Adjourn:** Faith Sonnabend made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56am.  
Second by Lori Fels. MC

Pastor led in closing prayer

Shawna Kiesow