



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022



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

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

As surely as spring follows winter, as surely as morning follows the night, so Easter follows the dark and quiet season of Lent.

The joy was never gone during the Lenten season, but with Easter, the loud "Alleluia" returns to our worship, and we rejoice.

Jesus lives! Sin and death and Satan do not have the last word. Our God has the final word!

And His Word is one of grace for the sinner, of eternal life in place of death, of forgiveness in place of guilt, of confidence in place of terror, and of joy in place of mourning.

God's promises are sure. The resurrection of Jesus makes them so. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

CHRIST JESUS LAY IN DEATH'S STRONG BANDS
FOR OUR OFFENSES GIVEN;
BUT NOW AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND HE STANDS
AND BRINGS US LIFE FROM HEAVEN.
THEREFORE LET US JOYFUL BE
AND SING TO GOD RIGHT THANKFULLY
LOUD SONGS OF ALLELUIA!
ALLELUIA!

IT WAS A STRANGE AND DREADFUL STRIFE
WHEN LIFE AND DEATH CONTENDED;
THE VICTORY REMAINED WITH LIFE,
THE REIGN OF DEATH WAS ENDED.
HOLY SCRIPTURE PLAINLY SAITH
THAT DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP BY DEATH,
ITS STING IS LOST FOREVER.
ALLELUIA!

(Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands LSB 458 vs. 1 & 4)

Alleluia
He is

Risen

Together in Christ,

Pastor Krueger

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

February 2022

Year-to-date Income:	\$24,728.75
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$26,712.58
Year-to-date Budget:	\$28,752.00

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BAPTISM

Caleb Jonathan Sloma	3/13
Hadley Joyce Levash	3/13

TRANSFER

Shelly, Makayla & Nathaniel Christopherson to
Good Shepherd Lutheran, Appleton

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Debt/Retirement Fund

Pastor & Kris Krueger, in memory of Millie Behnke
Lois Stache, in memory of Millie Behnke

Behnke Youth Endowment Fund

Norman Krahn, in memory of Millie Behnke

KINGDOM WORKERS - April

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

Altar Guild: Judy Baer, Debbie Kamps, Lori Fels

Acolytes: Apr. 3 – Natalie

6 – **(Lent)** Addison

10 – **(Palm Sunday)** Emma

14 – **(Maundy Thursday)** Haylee

15 – **(Good Friday)** Kelvin, Simon

17 – (Easter, 7 a.m.) Natalie

(Easter, 9 a.m.) Addison

24 – Emma

Ushers: Sun: Pete Zarnoth, Steve Juno

Greeters: Sundays: Sue Juno



New Members



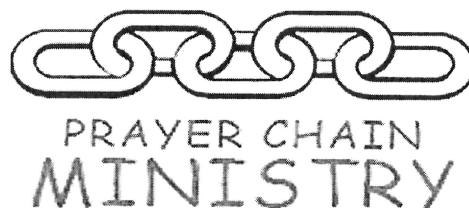
Caleb Jonathan Sloma & Hadley Joyce Levash
Baptized 3/13/22



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)

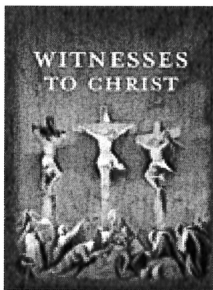


Military BibleStick Challenge

The challenge among the five churches continues through Easter Sunday. Those participating in the challenge are St. Bartholomew, St. Luke, St. Martin, St. Peter, and Trinity.

Do your part to help St. Bartholomew win the challenge! Every gift will count! Place your gift in an envelope marked "BibleSticks" and drop it in the offering plate.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL Holy Week Schedule



Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

Palm Sunday, April 10 (9 a.m.):
The Disciples, John 12:12-19

Maundy Thursday, April 14 (7 p.m.):
Judas Iscariot, John 13:21-30

Good Friday, April 15 (6 p.m.):
John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25-37

Easter Sunday, April 17 (7 & 9 a.m.):
Mary Magdalene, John 20:1-18

GOOD FRIDAY Service Time Change

The worship service time for Good Friday has been changed from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

FOOD FOR THE BODY

Lenten Suppers – Wednesdays @ 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The last supper will be held on Wednesday, April 6. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board.



Good Friday Fish Fry – Friday, April 15 @ 4:45-6 p.m.

(For members & guests only)

Free Will Offering

Menu: Pan fish, walleye, coleslaw, potato salad, rye bread, fruit, veggie tray, and dessert

Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Donations needed: coleslaw, potato salad, fruit, veggies, dessert

Sign-up sheet for the donations is also on the bulletin board.



Easter Sunday Breakfast – Sunday, April 17 @ 8-9 a.m.

Menu: egg bakes, French toast, fruit

Free will donation (suggested \$6/person)

Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Custodian Needed

This paid position requires an 8—12 hour per week commitment. If interested, please contact one of the Trustees:

Dave Kamps (920) 450-2909
Russ Boldt 588-7837
Mike Delvaux (920) 664-5184

ELDER GROUPS

(A-G) Vacant	
(H-M) Ron Detert	756-3439
(N-Z) Gary Lemke	464-1050

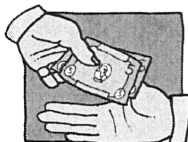
A Sunday school teacher asked her children on the way to service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



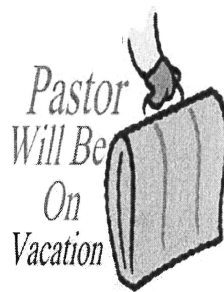
Ladies Aid would like to thank all the men and women who helped with the preparation and serving of the chili dinner.

If you provided some of the ingredients, baked a pie, or helped in any way it, was greatly appreciated. Without each and everyone of you it could not have been done. *Thanks!*

From the proceeds of the Chili Dinner, Ladies Aid has given a gift of 1,318.30 to mission projects.



Thank you to the Ladies Aid!!



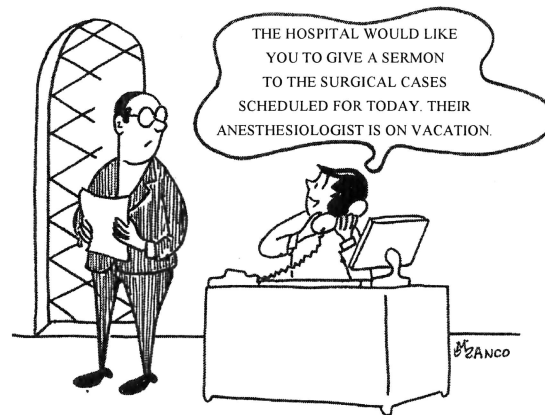
PASTOR IS ON VACATION

April 18-25

Pastor Krueger will be gone on vacation April 18—25. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Peterson at 920-483-0956 or one of the elders.

VOTERS MEETING

April 24th
10:00 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall



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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

Treasurer's Notes

WOW!!! As of this writing it looks like we did it and even surpassed the challenge. The estimate is that we will improve our deficit by \$1,500. We are still not out of the red but this is a good start at achieving it. So I'm putting the next challenge out there. Let's improve that number by another \$1,000 by the end of April. I'm confident we can meet or again exceed this challenge.

I'll continue to keep you updated on our progress.

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

- Debbie Kamps



After a father scolded his 8-year-old son for being so unruly, the boy packed some of his clothes and his piggy bank, and announced: "I'm running away from home!"

The father calmly asked, "And what will you do when you get hungry?"

"Then I'll come home and eat," the child replied.

"And what if you find yourself out of money?" the father asked.

"I will come home and get some," the boy answered.

"And what if your clothes get dirty?" the father asked.

"Then I'll come home and let Mommy wash them," the boy replied.

The father turned to the mother and exclaimed, "This kid is not running away from home; he's going to college."

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

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.



PHILLIP'S FLOCK By Doc Goodwin



Parents—Don't be this dad. Bring your children to church every week. There is no greater thing that you can do for your children.

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Driving through Alabama, a man was listening to a country preacher on the car radio. The preacher, with a country "twang," admitted that he had trouble with drugs when he was young.

"My Momma drug me to church every Sunday," he said.

- Columnist Smiley Anders
Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate

Nothing Fishy About It

By Steve Gruenwald

We enjoy going to the St. Louis Missouri Botanical Garden – and especially visiting the 14-acre Japanese garden. Once there, we often stop to watch people feed the large Japanese carp, called koi. They look like giant goldfish, and it's fun to see these carp go after food pellets in a feeding frenzy.

An interesting fact about koi is that their growth is dependent upon their environment, specifically the quality of the water and the size of the pond. Typically, koi can grow to about three feet in length, but that growth can be stunted if the fish are kept in a confined pond with poor water quality. Saying it another way, if you give koi the right environment for growth and keep them immersed in a good water source, they will grow.

That's an apt comparison to us as Christians. We have many opportunities to "... grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. . ." (2 Peter 3:18). Unfortunately, our sinful natures often tempt us to chase after other options that not only hinder our growth, but also cause us to drift away from God.

Every Sunday, for example, is an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the hearing and learning of God's word through worship and Bible study. In that environment, we are joyfully reminded that even though we sin daily, God forgives for Jesus' sake. We are tempted every day to seek out unhealthy "growth" substitutes – ones where we could find ourselves beached and doing nothing at all beneficial, or floundering in less-than-healthy waters that could lead us to get snared by the hooks of our sinful desires.

At those times when we find ourselves like carp swimming aimlessly, or being drawn to feed on harmful pellets that tempt us, don't forget to grasp what it truly means to be a CARP: by God's grace we are **Christ's Atoned and Redeemed People**. We are CARP swimming in the cleansing waters of baptism that have washed away our sins. Through Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross, we live as redeemed people in God's eyes.

Here's the other comparison we have with carp: they are typically at the bottom of the fish hierarchy. They are the bottom dwellers of ponds and rivers and aren't considered much of a delicacy when it comes to mealtime. We can relate: being poor miserable sinners also places us at the bottom of humanity, but thanks be to God that He looks past our lowly state and through His love we are **Christ's Atoned and Redeemed People**.

(Better Health, Spring 2022)



Brillion Optimist Light Parade is Back!

Do we want a float in the parade? If yes – your help is needed! We need ideas for the float and also help making it happen. Please contact any member from the Stewardship/Evangelism Board (Lori Fels, Linda Breitzman, Kayla Behnke, Kris Krueger) if you have any ideas or can help putting the float together. Thank you!



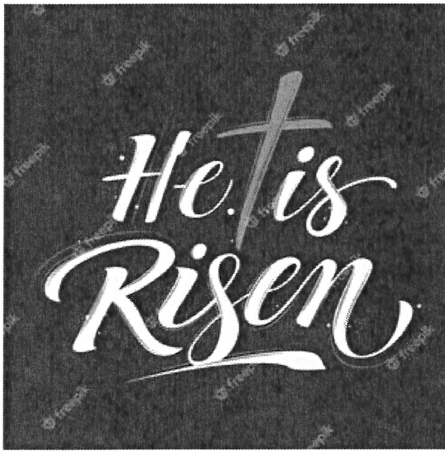
Brat Fry
Friday, April 8
St. Vincent de
Paul, Hilbert
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Fryers and Sellers are needed to help with the Brat Fry. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Proceeds will go to debt retirement.

The Brat Fry is sponsored by the Board of Stewardship/Evangelism.

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.



He Is Risen! And Now...

One of the most glorious sections in all of Scripture is found in 1 Corinthians 15 where we find the words of the apostle Paul as he expounds on Christ's crucifixion, resurrection, and subsequent appearances to His disciples. He writes about the implications of those events that, just as we all died in Adam, so in Christ we are all made alive and that, just as Christ has a new glorified body, so shall we put off the perishable and be raised with an imperishable body. What a glorious passage! This is what Easter means to us!

Without taking a breath, Paul then continues, *"Now about the collection..."* To our minds these two themes don't fit

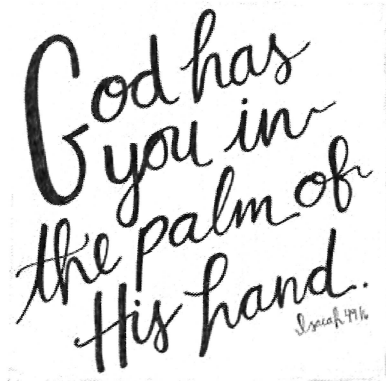
together. Certainly thoughts about the collection don't belong in an Easter message, do they? Paul thinks they do, and why not? First, how do we respond to such a great gift as our salvation? Since God has poured out on us the treasures of His grace, will we not want to make a tangible expression of thanksgiving? Second, with a dying world around us, will we not want to expedite the mission of the Church to spread the Gospel message? *"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58).

In the Palm of His Hand

Our Father, who loves us so much, sent His own beloved Son to this earth to be born to a young mother and her carpenter husband. This Child, who was and is King, was born in a stable, surrounded by animals, not servants. Shortly after His birth, His parents were forced to flee to escape the wrath of a jealous king who, in an effort to eliminate all competition, killed all male children under the age of two. But the Heavenly Father held His Son in the palm of His hand. No harm came to Him until the appointed time.

None of these events came as a surprise to the Father. He was aware of the conditions in the world. He chose humble people to be His Son's parents. He knew what would happen on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Nothing that occurred was beyond His control. He held His Son in the palm of His hand.

That beloved Son is our Good Shepherd, and no less watchful is His care for us. He comes to us and gives us faith so that we, His sheep, can recognize His voice. Jesus' own words tell us this is true: *"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand"* (John 10:27-28).



Therefore, we have nothing to fear! Family problems, loss of job, uncertainty of the future – we are secure in His hand, for He will allow no one to separate us from Him. He holds us in the palm of His hand.

Carry Your Own Load

When things are going well and we achieve some success, it is easy to forget that it is God Who gives us our gifts and soon we are using them for our own glory, rather than His.

Whether God gives us many talents or few, we are accountable to God for what we do with them. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God"* (Romans 14:12). *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of*

Christ, so that each one may receive what is due him for the things done in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

In the Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25, Jesus spoke about being accountable. Jesus said that a man going on a journey entrusted three servants with different amounts of talents (money). Upon his return, he found that two of the servants had demonstrated their faithfulness by prudently investing their talents. When the master heard they had doubled the amount they had been given, he praised them and gave them even greater responsibility. The one servant who did nothing with his talent received the master's wrath.

Our Savior came to earth with a job to do. He held Himself accountable to carry out His task even though it caused Him extreme anguish (Luke 22:44). Joyfully (Hebrews 12:2), willingly He went to the cross for us, faithfully fulfilling His purpose of saving sinners.

We, too, will be held accountable for the blessings which God entrusts to us. Through faith, God can strengthen and equip us so we can hear, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:21).

Why We Give?

1. To express our gratitude (Psalm 116:12)
2. To honor God (Proverbs 3:9)
3. To support the ministers of God and His Church (Philippians 4:15-16)
4. To help those in need (2 Cor. 9:12).
5. To be obedient (1 Corinthians 16:2)

Blessings as you Live Generously!

JESUS' RESURRECTION

The story of Jesus' resurrection from the dead gives all of us believers hope in our own resurrection. Read the resurrection story in John 20:1-31. Then unscramble the words listed below. They are all found in the text.

NETSO _____

RETCEHA _____

MOTB _____

NDEETRRU _____

DEMGAAENL _____

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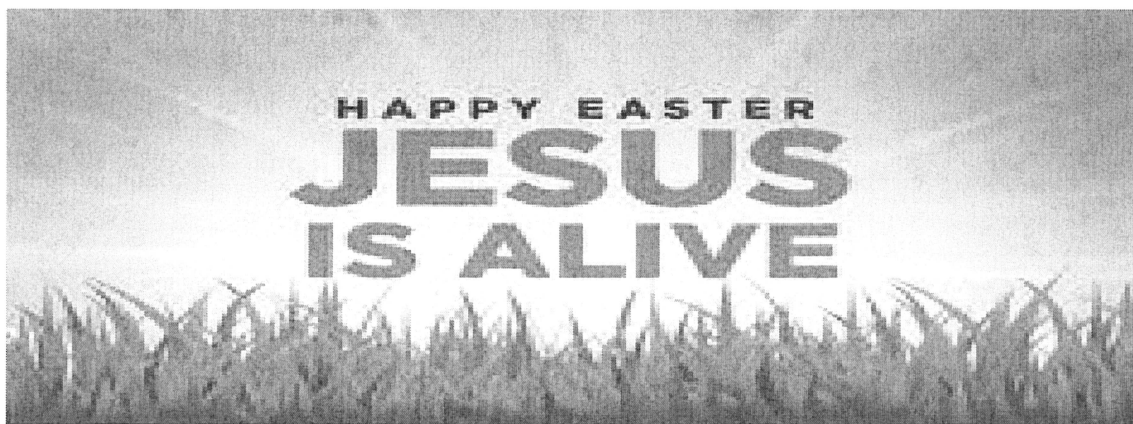
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Amber Klepps	16th	Bob Behnke
2nd	Bryce Denor	17th	Faviola Emmer
4th	Simon Geiger	17th	Mark Krah
5th	Stephanie Petersen	20th	Cara Geiger
7th	Parker Gade	23rd	Amy Krah
7th	Tracy Hurda	24th	Megan Kiefer
9th	Lillian Petersen	25th	Linda Streck
10th	Savannah Day	27th	Sue Graf
13th	Roger Bladow	27th	Collin Maeder
13th	Dave Buboltz	27th	Hannah Maeder
13th	Debbie Kamps	27th	Jacob Maeder
15th	Adolfo Vargas	28th	Bryce Michael

ANNIVERSARIES

19th	Dan & Patsy Geiger
20th	Elliot & Dorothy Maile
20th	Tony & Susan Wittmann
21st	Zach & Amanda Zoellner
24th	Clay & Wendy Brehmer
30th	Russ & Mary Boldt



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

FEBRUARY SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	600	9.00
Dairy Queen	5.00	1.00
Econo	850	25.50
Exxon	100	5.00
Festival	200	6.00
Kohls	100	4.00
Kwik Trip	75	3.00
Piggly Wiggly	150	4.50
Roundy's	50	2.00
Target	60	1.50
WalMart	300	7.50
TOTALS	2,490.00	69.00

A blast from the past . . .

St. Bart Chill-Out Held

St. Bartholomew Church held their first annual summer Chill-Out last Sunday afternoon with 46 golfers participating.

The overall champ was Nancy Kabat. Other winners included Youth Flight Low Gross—Matt Juno, 52; Womens Flight Low Gross—Kris Krueger, 50; Mens Flight Low Gorss—Bob Behnke, 39; Youth Flight Low Net—Aaron Kabat; Womens Flight Low Net—Adelaide McVicker; Men's Flight Low Net—Craig Scharbarth.

Faith Sonnabend won the putter with having the most putts. She also tore up the course with 115 strokes.

Woody Huenerberg, Gary Kabat and Bob Behnke shared least putts with 15.

Lots of other events were held with many winners.

EIGHT MYSTERIES OF OUR CHURCH:

1. Thy mystery of the **empty pew**. The freedom *to* worship apparently is interpreted as freedom *from* worship.
2. The mystery of the **disappearing church member**. Some drop out of sight without a trace and no one knows why.
3. The mystery of the **unaccompanied child**. Many children are dropped off by parents who never attend Sunday school or church services.
4. The mystery of the **closed Bible**. In many homes the Bible is a dust-catcher and never used.
5. The mystery of the **buried talents**. All church members love to hear beautiful music but few will sing in the choir.
6. The mystery of the **uncommitted dollar**. The pocketbook is usually the last thing to be converted.
7. The mystery of the **misused day**. Some Christians use a beautiful Sunday for everything except for the praise and worship of God.
8. The mystery of the **worrying saint**. With a loving and caring Savior, what does a Christian have to worry about?