



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022



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

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

April showers bring May what? The answer of course is flowers. But May doesn't just come with flowers.

With May comes:



Confirmation – May 1

Two of our youth, Addison Grenzer & Emma Krahm, will be confirmed in their faith.

Mother's Day – May 4 & 8

We give thanks to God for the nurturing and love of our mothers.



CONCORDIA
UNIVERSITY
WISCONSIN

Concordia Sunday – May 11 & 15

The Rev. Dr. Kurt Taylor from Concordia University Wisconsin will be with us to share information about the university.



Graduate Sunday/Armed Forces Sunday – May 18 & 22

We will recognize and honor our sole high school graduate, Meghan Propson. We will also honor those who defend our country.



Memorial Day Weekend – May 25 & 29

We remember those who gave their all so that we might enjoy our many freedoms, especially the freedom to gather for worship without fear of persecution. We also remember our loved ones who have gone before us.



Also, with May comes you to worship! At least that is my hope and prayer – that you will join us in God's House each and every week.

May the April celebration of the resurrection bring you the May desire and determination to gather for corporate worship that your faith may grow and blossom through God's Word and Sacraments!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Kueger

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

March 2022

Year-to-date Income:	\$42,311.73
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$42,361.94
Year-to-date Budget:	\$43,128.00

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NEW MEMBERS

Dallas & Sharon Wenzel by transfer from Zion, Wayside
Jess Wendling by transfer from St. John's Lutheran,
Cadott

BAPTISM

Austin Philip Schneider 4/10

REMOVAL

Terry & Bonnie Zeamer due to joining another
denomination
Ben Wilson due to lack of interest
Dylan Wilson due to whereabouts unknown

KINGDOM WORKERS - MAY

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

Altar Guild: Sue Graf, Kris Krueger

Acolytes: May 1 – Haylee
8 – Kelvin
15 – Simon
22 – Natalie
29 – Haylee

Ushers: Sun: Pete Zarnoth, Tanner Behnke
Wed: Gary Streck

Greeters: Wednesdays: Alice Koerth

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

New Members

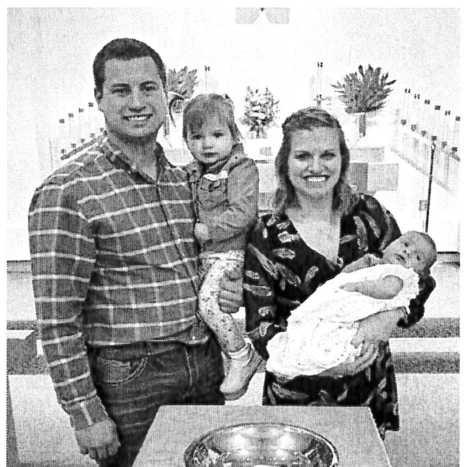
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Dallas & Sharon Wenzel
4/3/22



Jess Wendling
4/6/22



Austin Philip Schneider
Baptized 4/10/22

ELDER GROUPS

(A-G) Tanner Behnke (920) 427-6201
(H-M) Ron Detert 756-3439
(N-Z) Gary Lemke 464-1050

Custodian Needed

This paid position requires an 8—12 hour per week commitment. If interested, please contact one of the Trustees, or if anyone is interested in doing this temporarily until a permanent custodian is found, please contact one of the Trustees:

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



We Will be having
a party for Pastor
Krueger on

Sunday June 12 at Cobblestone. Dinner will be from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. with a reception from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are available for purchase after church services or in the church office. You can attend both dinner and reception, or just stop in for the reception to wish Pastor Krueger a warm farewell.

happy retirement

Pictures needed!!!

We will be making a picture board and a digital video for Pastor's party. If anyone has a pictures from the past 32 years with Pastor Krueger, please drop them off in the picture box located in the narthex or you can drop them off in the church office. Please have your name on the back of the pictures so we can return them to you later. If you have any digital pictures please email them to sbcbillion@gmail.com.



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)

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

This year we will again be selling roses for Mother's Day on May 8. 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 1.



Treasurer's Notes

God has truly provided for this congregation. We have all worked very hard this past month to improve our financial situation. I am happy to say that we have ended March \$754.82 in the red. That is a \$8,020.67 improvement from February. We are so close to being back in the black. I am confident that April will be back in the positive. I'll continue to keep you updated on our progress. God's blessing to each of you!!!!

Debbie Kamps



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

- To the Choir for all of their special music during Lent & Easter.
- To those who hosted the Lenten Suppers.
- To the Dave Sonnabend family for hosting the Good Friday Fish Fry and donating all of the fish.
- To Texas Roadhouse for donating the dinner rolls for the Fish Fry.
- To Tony & Susan Wittmann for hosting the Easter Breakfast.
- To all that helped out at the Brat Fry! It was a success even though the weather wasn't the best! We couldn't of done it without all the volunteers and also the people that supported the Brat Fry! We had a profit of \$820 that will help the debt retirement fund. THANKS AGAIN!
*The Board of Stewardship/
Evangelism*

Humor for the hard times

A pastor was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation for more money to repair the roof of the church building.

Because the regular organist was sick, a substitute had been brought in at the last minute for the Sunday service. The substitute organist wanted to know what to play.

"After I make the announcement about the church finances, you'll have to think of something to play," the pastor replied.

During the service, the pastor announced: "We are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute organist became the regular organist.

— via Mrs. Donna Benson
Albuquerque, NM

From a mother to her children

Never make fun
of having to help
me with computer
stuff.

I taught you how
to use a spoon.



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.

God's Gold

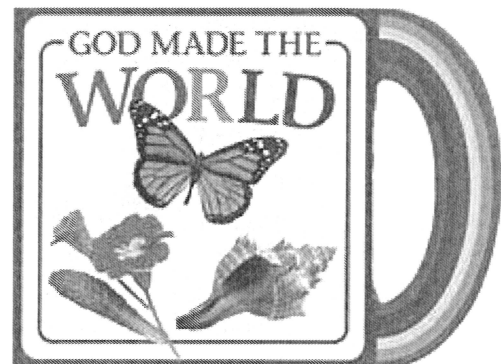
Who can ever forget the story of Achan, one of Joshua's men who kept "*devoted things*" under his tent because of selfishness. At a time when everything pointed to a great victory, tragic defeat gave Israel a shocking setback. Then Joshua tore his clothes and asked God the reason for this. The Lord said, "*Israel has sinned.*" Then it was discovered that Achan, contrary to the will of God, had hid a beautiful mantle, 200 shekels of silver, and 50 shekels of gold under his tent. He had claimed for himself that which had been devoted to God. Are we sinning against God by hoarding things for ourselves? (Joshua 7:1ff)

In the Beginning

When God said, "*Let there be light*" (Genesis 1:3), light appeared. God spoke and the world came into being. "*For this is what the Lord says—He Who created the heavens, He is God; He who fashioned and made the earth, He founded it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—He says: 'I am the Lord, and there is no other'*" (Isaiah 45:18). In His sovereignty, God, the Creator, has chosen us to be stewards over His creation.

Because God is the creator of all, He is also the owner of all things. "*I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens,*

for every animal of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills" (Psalms 50:9-10). God has created us and the world, and He has never relinquished His ownership. As God's stewards, we are the caretakers and managers of His creation. In spite of our sinful ways, He has chosen us and given us the privilege and responsibility to be His stewards. "*You did not choose Me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name*" (John 15:16).



Undeserving though we are, God uses us as His hands, feet, and mouths. "*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*" (Ephesians 2:10). We are His stewards. As created and redeemed people of God, we are called to render willingly the firstfruits of our lives and resources to Him.

Not only has God chosen us to be stewards of His creation, He makes our stewardship possible. We speak about Him because He has first spoken to us. We love because He first loved us. We give because He first gave. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*What do you have that you did not receive?*" (1 Corinthians 4:7). What we do is always in response to what God

does. From our heavenly Father, we receive the gifts and abilities to use in our stewardship. We are responders, not the initiators. Our stewardship is our response of gratitude for God's gifts of creation and His grace given to us through Jesus. Through His Word, God gives us His plan, and we use the resources He has given us to fulfill His purpose.

Church signs:

DON'T MAKE ME
COME DOWN THERE!

--GOD

MAKE A FRIEND IN
HIGH PLACES.

GOD DOESN'T WANT SHARES
OF YOUR LIFE. HE WANTS
CONTROLLING INTEREST.

Is God Calling Me Foolish?

On two separate occasions, Jesus used the word foolish to describe man's thoughts and actions. As we examine the reasons that prompted Jesus to refer to man's foolishness, we need to ask ourselves the question: "Is God calling me foolish?"

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus said that there are two kinds of people. There are those who hear what Jesus says and respond to His ways and wisdom. There are others who hear His words but, like the foolish man, fail to put them into practice. These foolish people who reject His words are like people who build their houses on sand.

When our houses are built on solid footings of rock or concrete, they won't be affected by the wind and rain. In the same way that concrete supports houses, God's Word, when received and applied in our lives, supports and strengthens us. Having built our faith on the foundation of God's Word, we can withstand the storms of life.

The second reference to Jesus' calling man foolish is the Parable of the Rich Fool found in Luke 12:13-21. Because of a large crop, the wealthy farmer tore down his existing barns to build bigger ones to store his crops. Jesus didn't call him foolish because he built bigger barns, but He called him foolish because he gave God no credit for his success and thought of no one but himself. The Rich Fool saw his wealth as his own to be hoarded rather than shared. God said, "*You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?*" (Verse 20).

In both cases of foolishness, Jesus called the men fools because they ignored God and did things their own way. If we don't put God's words into practice and fail to acknowledge Him as the source of all things, we will live self-centered foolish lives rather than God-centered faithful lives. If we follow and serve Jesus, we won't hear Him call us foolish, but we will hear Him say, "*Well done, good and faithful servant!*" (Matthew 25:23).



Church Bulletin Bloopers

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

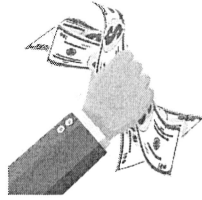
Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet next Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 PM—prayer and medication to follow.

Blessings as you Live Generously!

What Money Won't Do

Money will buy clothes
but not character.
Money will buy a house
but not a home.
Money will buy medicine
but not health & life.
Money will buy company
but not love & friendship.
Money will buy cosmetics
but not beauty.
Money will buy recreation
but not joy & happiness.
Money will buy a prominent place in this world,
but it won't buy an entrance into Heaven.



She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household



and does not eat the bread of
idleness. Her children arise and
call her blessed; her husband also,
and he praises her.

Proverbs 31:25-28

MILITARY BIBLESTICK CHALLENGE

The Military BibleStick Challenge was expanded this year to include five churches. The churches involved were St. Bartholomew (Brillion), St. Luke (Town Chilton), St. Martin (Chilton), St. Peter (Hilbert), and Trinity (Rantoul).

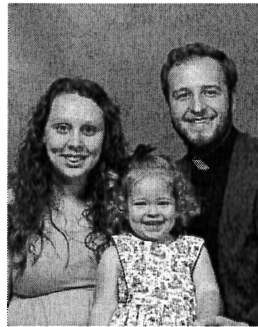
Here are the results:

Bart - 111.2
Luke - 36
Marty - 64
Pete - 152
Triny - 60

Bragging rights go to St. Peter

Thank you to everyone who helped to support this mission effort!

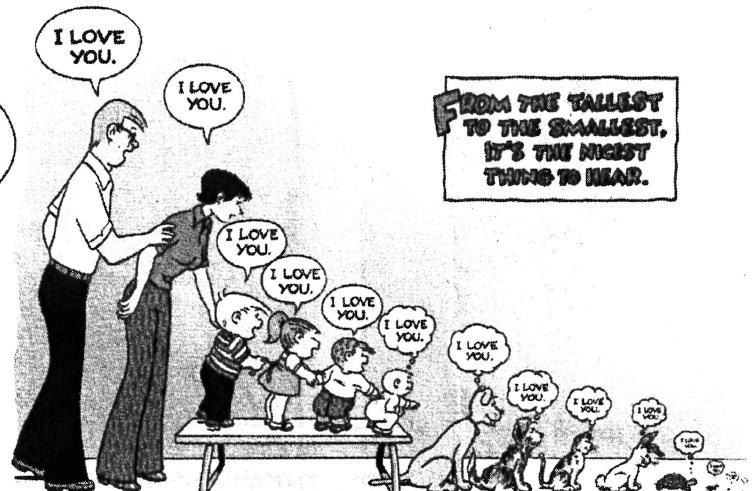
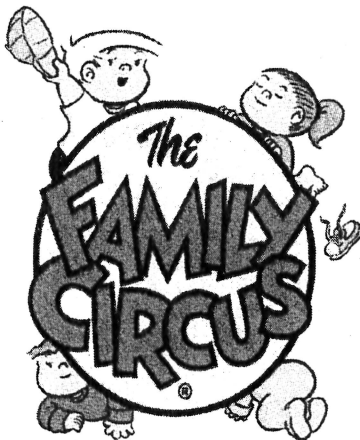
AND THE NEW PASTOR IS ...



Joshua & Ashley Brandmahl
and Josephine

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil and Jeff Keane



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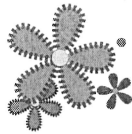
BIRTHDAYS

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.

March Madness Bracket Winner

Congratulations to Jim Wendling on winning the March Madness Bracket Challenge. Thank you to everyone who participated. Hope you will join us again next year.

Portals of Prayer

If you have not received a Portals of Prayer and would like to receive a copy, please contact the church office.

MARCH SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	600	9.00
Culver's	50	2.50
Econo	1,225	36.75
Exxon	100	5.00
Festival	300	9.00
Kohls	200	8.00
Kwik Trip	150	6.00
Roundy's	100	4.00
WalMart	100	2.50
TOTALS	2,825.00	82.75

PASTOR & KRIS' NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

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Hilbert, WI 54129
(920) 871-4039



"The Bible-study class will love it, Rev. Schmidt. Now, when I shout 'Lazarus come forth!' you burst through the door."

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