

ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022

Greetings in Christ.

It is with great excitement and joy that I now write this, my first newsletter to you, the saints of St. Bartholomew's Lutheran church! But it is also with reverence, and a bit of fear, that I now take on the role of your pastor, a new pastor in a long line of those who have served here for the last 150 odd years. But it is more than the pastors who have served at St. Bartholomew's that I would like you to consider this month, but it is the long succession of pastors that have served throughout God's church going all the way back to the apostles, one of whom we will be celebrating this month, and that is St. Bartholomew himself!

The church has traditionally held what is called "feast days," and this month, on the 24th, the church celebrates the life of St. Bartholomew, the apostle after whom our church is named. St. Bartholomew, after the ascension of Jesus, is said to have traveled to the east and served as evangelist and missionary to Ethiopia and modern Iran. He served faithfully as the other apostles in his work of spreading the gospel, and also died as all the other apostles, with the exception of John, at the hands of those he was sent by God to serve. In the year 69 St. Bartholomew was beaten and beheaded, giving his life for the gospel and his Lord. He served faithfully and held close to his heart the words of Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

And so it is now that we, who bear the name of Christ, our suffering Lord, but also as a church who bear the name of His servant Bartholomew, ought to pray for the same boldness of our Lord which was also found in His servants the apostles. Boldness of life. Boldness of proclamation. And, yes, even boldness of death. For in him who raises the dead, there is no death. Praise be to our God who makes such sweet promises unto us! Amen

Pastor Brandmahl

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

May 2022

Year-to-date Income:	\$72,718.83
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$72,673.10
Year-to-date Budget:	\$71,880.00

June 2022

Year-to-date Income:	\$86,063.83
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$86,746.65
Year-to-date Budget:	\$86,256.00

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RELEASE

Amanda, Chase, Bryce & Noah Denor due to joining St. John Church

KINGDOM WORKERS - AUGUST

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

Altar Guild: Roger & Carolyn Bladow
Sharon Wenzel

Acolytes: Aug. 7 - Simon
14 - Natalie
21 - None (Garms Family Here)
28 - Haylee

Ushers: Sun: Pete Zarnoth

ELDER GROUPS

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

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)

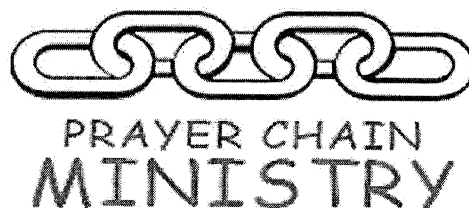
SHARING, BELIEVING LIVING AND CARING



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
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	(920) 871-4039
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)

THEY'RE COMING BACK!!!

August 21, 2022



The Garms Family will be with us again on Sunday, August 21 @ 9 a.m.

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January 24, 2022

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Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your commitment to serve as an Adopt-A-Student sponsor for Concordia Seminary's 2021-22 academic year. Your support is a wonderful blessing – affording the cost of their education is often mentioned by students as the greatest obstacle to coming to the Seminary. Because your Adopt-A-Student gifts go directly into your seminarian's account, you are tangibly demonstrating that you stand with your student in prayer and financial support.

As an Adopt-A-Student sponsor, you can expect to hear from your student frequently. You also are invited to be in touch with your student, who will love hearing from you! Here is contact information for your seminarian(s) for this academic year:

Mr. Bryce A. Clayton
Campus Post Office Box
801 Seminary Pl.
Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196

We also have provided your contact information to your student(s).

Thank you again for your partnership in Concordia Seminary's mission. You are making a wonderful difference in the life of your seminarian(s) today and you are making an eternal difference in the kingdom of God as, upon graduation, the Lord blesses the ministry of your student(s) for years to come.

If you have questions or if we may assist you in any way, please contact us at 800-822-5287 or adoptastudent@csl.edu.

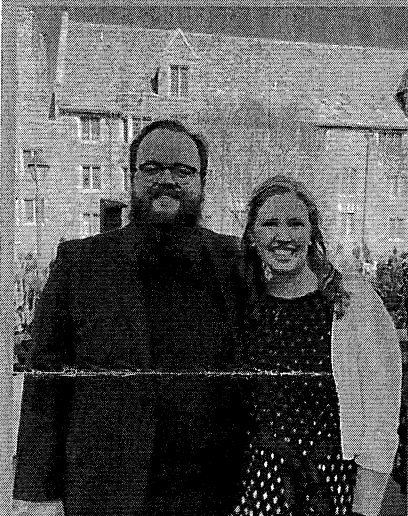
God's richest blessings!

Vicki Biggs
Senior Vice President, Seminary Advancement
Chief Communications Officer

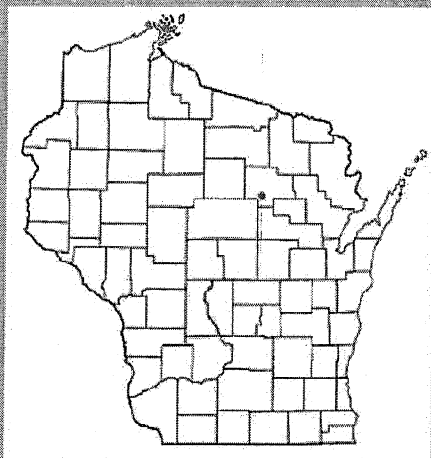
THE CLAYTON CORRESPONDENCE

April-May 2022

THE SIDEBAR



Pictured here is Anna and I after the vicarage service on April 26th. We had a chance to meet with the principal of Peace Lutheran and to share in the joy with our friends who also were assigned vicarages. The day was fully of excitement, joy, and energy.



The red dot up above shows where Antigo is in Wisconsin. This will be the farthest north either of us have lived. Good for us both then that we like the cold!

Thank you for your continued support during our time at Concordia Seminary. Our time here would not be possible without your contributions. I'd like to share some updates with you about what has happened over the past couple of months.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

As we drew closer to the end of April, both Anna and I had two things in focus. First was the end of the school year which is fast approaching for us both. Second, was the vicarage placement service, which was definitely the more important of the two events. As April 26th came closer, we both grew in excitement and anticipation as we waited to hear where we would be serving next year.

We're happy to share with you that I have been assigned to Peace Lutheran Church in Antigo, Wisconsin, as the vicar for next year! Anna will be receiving a call for the year to teach 7th & 8th grade at their school! We're both so happy to return to Wisconsin for the year and serve in this new place together! We are truly blessed by God with this assignment and are thankful for your prayers and support over these past two years.

As we continue on from the service, we're both working hard as the school year ends. At the same time, we're also sorting through what things need to be packed! We would appreciate your continued prayers as we move into this busy time for us both.

SHARING SCRIPTURE

"And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother." – Luke 7:14-15

As Jesus and his disciples approached the mourning crowd, he saw a weeping woman who had already lost her husband, and now was preparing to bury her son. At this heartbreaking scene, Jesus has compassion upon her and goes to the body of the son. With just a word the young man awakes, as if he was only asleep and begins to speak as if nothing even happened. In this moment of mercy, Jesus returns the son to his mother and gives them hope for the future.

Still today, death comes to our loved ones, taking them from our lives as it did to this mother at Nain. In our heartbreak, God has compassion on us. A compassion which sent Christ to the cross, where he defeated death for us all! Its power has been destroyed; its sting is no more. And while our loved ones haven't been raised from the dead, they will be. Like the young man, our loved ones will be raised from the dead on the last day, so that we may live with Christ for eternity.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to sharing more of our experiences with you while on vicarage!

THANK YOU

Dear Members of St. Bartholomew,

We cannot thank you all enough for your kind welcome to St. Bartholomew's and to Brillion as well. From the house and garden being prepared for us to the pantry being filled, our physical needs were well provided for by all of you. Your kind words, cards, and other gifts, especially for the girls were also so appreciated and we cannot thank you all enough. We look forward to being part of your church family!

In Christ,
Pastor Brandmahl and Family



Dear Members of St. Bartholomew,

I would like to thank all of you for the many cards, gifts, and well wishes upon my retirement. Thank you for helping me to celebrate. Thank you to the congregation for the generous monetary gift. Thank you to the choir for the special songs during the service. Thank you to everyone who helped plan the retirement party. Thank you to all who were involved with the "thank you" float for the parade. I'm very glad that it didn't include tar and feathers!

As I have said before, it was a privilege and honor to serve the Lord and His Church, especially the past 32 years at St. Bartholomew. It truly was bittersweet to share the benediction with you one last time and to have my children escort me out of church (since they're too big for me to carry out anymore).

May the Lord continue to bless you and may you remember to "keep holding on" to His Word and promises!

As always, Together in Christ,
Pastor Krueger



A big thank you to those who supported the brat fry at St Vincent DePaul in June and to the Behnke Youth Fund for supporting the youth gathering and making it possible for me to attend as ambassador. I worked at Minute Maid Park during the mass events every evening.

Susan Wittmann

Treasurer's Notes

Hope you are all enjoying your Summer. It's a time for family get togethers and vacations. It's also a time when things at church tend to slow down a little. Our church summer however has not really slowed down. We have had exciting things going on, but I think our giving has taken a vacation. We are back into the red again and need to contact our travel agent and bring our giving back from vacation.

Debbie Kamps



Hymns for Seasoned Citizens

" The Old Rugged Face "

" It is Well with my Soul, But my Knees Hurt "

" Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing "

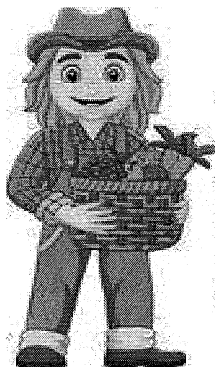
" Just a Slower Walk with Thee "

" Give Me that Old Timers ' Religion "

-via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft
Dover, DE

PRODUCE TABLE

A table has been set up in the coat room for the summer for anyone wishing to bring in their extra garden produce to share with members of the congregation. The idea is to assist those who have too much or not enough fresh garden items. Items may be left on or taken from the produce table throughout the growing season.





Birthdays

1st	Debbie Kalies	21st	Steve Gilbertson
3rd	Philip Geiger	21st	Matt Juno
3rd	Braxton Hurda	21st	Sue Juno
4th	Pearl Zeamer	22nd	Jessica Krueger
9th	Terri Delvaux	24th	Lexie Gilbertson
9th	Derek Emmer	24th	Mike Irish
9th	Hank Horn VII	25th	Adam Geiger
9th	Rhys Moline	25th	Karen Loose
12th	Rhonda Geiger	25th	Kyle Krueger
13th	Jo Ann Mignon	28th	Erin Propson
14th	Daryl Woldt	29th	Ron Detert
20th	Bud Zeamer		

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Pete & Cheryl Kittel
3rd	Roger & Carolyn Bladow
4th	John & Sheri Levash
14th	Deacon & Renee Bonick
14th	Randy & Kim Rahn
18th	Seth & Amanda Riemer
21st	Bill & Norma Drumm
25th	Keith & Debi Polkinghorne
26th	Bob & Sue Behnke
26th	Mark & Bonnie Evel
27th	Gary & Nancy Kabat
29th	Jules & Carol Clausing
29th	Jim & Patsy Wendling



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

"It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for you troubles and they can become your blessings."

-Authour unknown

MAY SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	800	12.00
Cobblestone	25	1.25
Econo	1,350	40.50
Exxon	150	7.50
Festival	300	9.00
Fleet Farm	70	3.50
Kohls	200	8.00
Kwik Trip	700	28.00
Menards	100	3.00
Piggly Wiggly	125	3.75
Roundy's	50	2.00
Subway	30	3.00
VISA	50	0.63
WalMart	100	2.50
TOTALS	4,050.00	124.63

JOYFUL RESPONSE

You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. To help us achieve a more consistent level of funding, we encourage you to use electronic giving for your regular offerings. Please complete an authorization form & return it to the church office. Thank you.

JUNE SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
B&BW	20	2.40
BP	550	8.25
Culver's	25	1.25
Econo	1,050	31.50
Exxon	175	8.75
Festival	350	10.50
Fleet Farm	25	1.25
Home Depot	100	7.00
Kwik Trip	1,050	42.00
Piggly Wiggly	50	1.50
Roundy's	50	2.00
Target	200	5.00
WalMart	100	2.50
TOTALS	3,745.00	123.90