

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022

This month, I again wanted to highlight the life of one of the 12, selected by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to spread His gospel here on this earth. This month, we celebrate the life of St. Andrew, older brother to Simon Peter. Although in the scriptures Andrew seems to have received a much lower place among the apostles, paling especially in comparison with his younger brother, in life we see in St. Andrew was one of the most devout saints amongst the disciples, being deemed worthy to die in a manner most similar to our Lord.

In the Scriptures we see Andrew little. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, he is simply described as a fisherman along with his brother Peter. This is the first wonderful thing we can note about his life, and not just his, but the lives of most of the prophets and men whom God has called into his service throughout the long history of the faith, God calls the humble, or the simple we might even say. He does not call kings, although he calls shepherds like David to become kings, he doesn't call the rich, although he does give men such as Solomon riches who seek wisdom in the things of God first, but he calls the simple, the humble, the lowly, and few things are more low than a fisherman in Galilee.

In spite of all this, God used St. Andrew just as he used the other saints before him, sending him into primarily into Greece to preach the gospel there, to proclaim the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, God in the flesh, and the gift of salvation which is for the whole world through faith in Him. Andrew, just like most of the apostles, died a martyr for our Lord. Now our word martyr comes from a Greek word which simply means witness, like a witness in a courtroom, and Andrew's witness was this: That Christ Jesus is the Lord of life and death, and he therefore had no reason to fear those who persecuted him, for they had no true power. St. Andrew was tied to a cross, and crucified, just as our Lord. Although we mourn for the trials of our Saints, we likewise say with David: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. (Psalm 116:15)

*Pastor Brandmahl*

## FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

September 2022

Year-to-date Income:	\$121,412.08
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$126,064.29
Year-to-date Budget:	\$129,114.00

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### RELEASED UPON REQUEST

Amanda, Chase, Bruce & Noah Denor to St. John's Lutheran (WELS), Greenleaf, WI

### BAPTISM

Elliott John Petersen 10/23

### KINGDOM WORKERS - NOVEMBER

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

Altar Guild: Andrea Grenzer  
Rhonda Geiger

Acolytes: Nov. 6 - Haylee  
13 - Kelvin  
20 - Simon  
23 - (Thanksgiving Eve) Natalie  
27 - Ashlynn  
30 - Haylee

Ushers: Wed: Gary Koerth, Joel Koerth  
Sun: Hank Horn, Sr., Hank Horn Jr.

### ELDER GROUPS

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

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME



Elliott John Petersen  
Baptized 10/23/22

**MITE BOX**—The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone wishing to put their change in throughout the year. Our mites go toward many different mission grants to help those in need. Check out some of them on the list by the mite box. A little bit goes a long way. . . Together we can make a big impact. Please help to proclaim the Gospel with your mites!



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Thanksgiving  
Service

Join us Wednesday,  
Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m.  
for a special  
Thanksgiving worship  
service with communion.

## Treasurer's Notes

Unfortunately the financial report has not improved since the last newsletter. We continue to borrow from our savings accounts to pay the monthly expenses. The income each month has not been enough to cover the expenses for consecutive months. The unexpected boiler repair expense is not helping the cash flow. Please consider contributing to the "Build the Quilt" fund to help cover this expense. The quilt is beginning to fill in but we still have quite a way to go. Thank you and God's Blessing to each of you.

Debbie Kamps, Treasurer



## GREETERS NEEDED

We are in need of Greeters for Sunday and Wednesday services next year. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Greeting periods are for the full month. Fill in which month you would like to greet and which Service. Thank you for your service.

- Stewardship and  
Evangelism Committee



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## DIVINE SERVICE

On Tuesday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a Divine Service with communion with all the circuit Pastors. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.



We will be adopting families for Christmas. More details to come.

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## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

The puzzles have all been placed on shelves in the first room on the left-hand or east side past the hallway to the Fellowship hall.

Feel free to take one or two home to work on. If you have any puzzles you'd like to donate, please make sure all the pieces are in the box and just place them in that room. Thank you.

## Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.  
Beginning November 30

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### Stewardship Corner

All who have put their hopes and dreams on the acquisition of things have found that what they worked for has not given them the long-term happiness and security that they were seeking. Our lives without Jesus will remain empty and without purpose. Our lives can be busy and appear okay on the surface, but, without a relationship with Christ, there is emptiness and hopelessness. Jesus came to bring us hope. *"When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under that law, that we might receive adoption as sons"* (Galatians 4:4-5). That redemption was won for us through Christ's suffering and death and resurrection. Because we are new creations, we no longer serve the things of the world but rather are free to serve our Lord in grateful response to Who He is and what He has done for us.

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### Women's Devotional Hour

We are discussing the book *Mirror Mirror, Reflections on God's Word*. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month through February, 2023. All confirmed ladies are invited to join.

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### VOTERS MEETING MINUTES

If you would like to receive the minutes from the October voters meeting, you can pick up a copy from the small table in the narthex, or you can email the office at [sblcoffice105@gmail.com](mailto:sblcoffice105@gmail.com) and we will send you a copy via email. *Thank you!*

## ALTAR GUILD HELP IS NEEDED

Women, men, or couples to serve on the Altar Guild for 2023. In fact, any confirmed member can serve. If you are interested, contact the church office and we will put your name on the list. We will also begin contacting the current Altar Guild members sometime in November to determine your willingness to serve.



## DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS....



We will be decorating the tree and church on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. Keep a watch in the bulletin for putting up the outdoor nativity if any extra help is needed. Please consider helping even if you can only give an hour of your time. Thank you!

## Food 'N More



Bring non-perishable food items, toiletries, and/or paper products to St. Bartholomew. Items in need this year are: canned corn, cereal, mac & cheese, peanut butter, tuna & canned fruit. Items collected will be given to the Food Pantry at Holy Family Church in Brillion. Please note the deadline for your donations is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 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



PRAYER CHAIN  
MINISTRY

"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)

## Stewardship Corner

Scripture tells us that we are to go, teach, and make disciples of all people (Matthew 28:19). God has entrusted us with the Gospel, and He uses us as His feet, hands, and mouth to spread His Good News to all people. *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20). In His sovereignty, God has chosen to accomplish His work through His people. In order to be His ambassadors, we need to rely on His strength and guidance. When we fail, we can rely on God's grace to forgive us and restore us so we can be about sharing the Good News.



## Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Duane Loose	15 <sup>th</sup>	Emmeline Hurda
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheri Levash	16 <sup>th</sup>	Casey Kalies
4 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Horn	16 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Denor
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dale Streck	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Sonnabend
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Lemke	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Geiger
6 <sup>th</sup>	Florence Behnke	20 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Kabat
9 <sup>th</sup>	Patsy Wendling	21 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Horn
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jody Denor	21 <sup>st</sup>	Dwane Kalies
9 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Gade	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Derek Koffarnus
10 <sup>th</sup>	Harlen Krahn	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Joan Lemke
11 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Woldt	25 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Fels
13 <sup>th</sup>	Kelvin Gilbertson	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Krahn
13	Clay Brehmer		



## ANNIVERSARIES

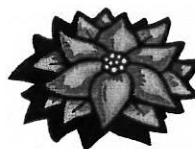
8 <sup>th</sup>	Simon and Rhonda Geiger
14 <sup>th</sup>	Andy & Cara Geiger
14 <sup>th</sup>	Joel & Connie Koerth
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pete & Judy Vechart

## SEPTEMBER SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	700	10.50
Econo	850	25.50
Festival	300	9.00
Kwik Trip	350	14.00
Menards	200	6.00
Piggly Wiggly	300	9.00
VISA	50	0.63
WalMart	50	1.25
TOTALS	2,800.00	75.88

## POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Watch your church mailbox for order forms. If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the altar this Christmas season, the deadline for ordering will be Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.



Please drop your form off in the church office along with your payment.

## 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 Brandmahl (756-3031) so a class can be set up beginning in January.

## CHURCH CLOSINGS

Before we know it, winter will be upon us. We will be notifying members of any church closings this winter season due to inclement weather 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 or turn your TV to WBAY Channel 2 or WFRV Channel 5 for any worship service cancellation.

## We Need Your Help

During the Circuit Pastor's meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> we would like to provide lunch for the Pastors in attendance. If you would like to make a crockpot of soup or a



dessert, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Food would need to be dropped off at church on that Tuesday morning. Thank you for your help!

