

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this...I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:14-15)

“For if, because of one man’s trespass (Adam), death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:17)

When Adam and Eve fell, our First parents, and the world around them, experienced true terror. Sin and death for us are horrible things, but they are common, a given fact of life. Imagine then for a moment what they must have been like to Adam and Eve. We know death, we have accepted it as a reality. But for those two, as they stood over the body of their son Able, the reality of what they had done must have seized them. What guilt, what terror, must have ruled throughout their long lives. Honored as the first parents, dishonored as those who threw the world into chaos.

But God, although having cast them from the garden, did not condemn them to live a life without hope. Although their own hands brought death into the world, and we see their fingerprints marking our own daily lives, it was through their seed, God promised, that what they had done wrong would be made right, that the day of mankind's salvation would come. That day which they looked forward to, that all the prophets proclaimed and pointed to, is Christmas day. The silent morning on which a baby lay in a manger. The joyous day on which angels sang the praises of God while humanity went ignorantly about their days. That day, which we are to celebrate, it is no average day, no regular celebration, it is the day on which our savior came into this world, taking on human flesh, not to be worshiped by man, but, simply put, to save him.

*Pastor Brandmahl*

## FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

October 2022

Year-to-date Income:	\$133,313.67
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$139,041.00
Year-to-date Budget:	\$143,490.00

### KINGDOM WORKERS - DECEMBER

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

**Altar Guild:** Janet Kalies, Sue Juno

**Acolytes:** Dec. 4 - Kelvin  
7 - (Wed.) Simon  
11 - Natalie  
14 - (Wed.) - Ashlynn  
18 - Haylee  
21 - (Wed.) - Kelvin  
24 - (4 p.m.) - Simon  
(6 p.m.) - Natalie  
25 - Ashlynn

**Ushers:** Wednesdays: Joel Koerth, Gary Koerth  
Sundays: Hank Horn, Hank Horn VII

### ELDER GROUPS

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

### ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2023

Reports will be needed from the following  
Boards/Committees:

Board of Elders  
Board of Stewardship/Evangelism  
Board of Trustees  
Altar Guild  
Ladies Aid  
Sunday School

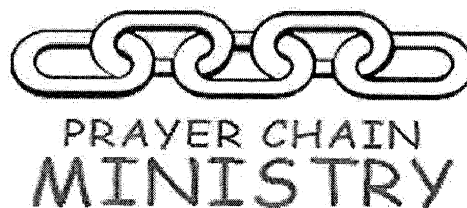
Thank you for your assistance! It is greatly appreciated.



## 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)

## Christmas Cookies, Candy, & Other Sweet Treats Sale

December 11 & 14 after services



The Ladies Aid is having a sale. Your help with donations would be greatly appreciated! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Cookies, etc. can be dropped off in the kitchen on Fri., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> between 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., or Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> by 9 a.m. The kitchen door in back will be open during that time.



## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Help by donating to the food pantry. On each day of December you can add to the box and help make a difference to those in need.

- Dec. 1 - box of cereal
- Dec. 2 - peanut butter
- Dec. 3 - stuffing mix
- Dec. 4 - boxed potatoes
- Dec. 5 - macaroni and cheese
- Dec. 6 - canned fruit
- Dec. 7 - canned tomatoes
- Dec. 8 - canned tuna
- Dec. 9 - dessert mix
- Dec. 10 - jar of applesauce
- Dec. 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- Dec. 12 - cranberry sauce
- Dec. 13 - canned beans
- Dec. 14 - box of crackers
- Dec. 15 - package of rice
- Dec. 16 - package of oatmeal
- Dec. 17 - package pasta
- Dec. 18 - spaghetti sauce
- Dec. 19 - chicken noodle soup
- Dec. 20 - tomato soup
- Dec. 21 - can corn
- Dec. 22 - can mixed vegetables
- Dec. 23 - can carrots
- Dec. 24 - can green beans

### December Worship Service Changes

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services are at 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
- There will not be a new year's eve worship service.

*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who brought in your garden produce this past summer and fall to share with others in the congregation. It was greatly appreciated!



## 2023 FLOWER CHART

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar during the year, be sure to sign up on the bulletin board. If you are placing an arrangement for a special occasion, in memory of someone, etc. please be sure to indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

## BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to sponsor bulletins for 2023. Cost is \$10/week.

When signing up, please indicate if it is for a special occasion, in memory of someone, etc.

Put your sponsorship money in an envelope with your name, mark it for Bulletins and put it in the collection plate or drop it off in the office.

## 2023 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Your next year's envelopes will be available on the table in the coat room soon. Do not start using them until the January 1, 2023. Thank you.

**Offering  
Envelopes**



This year we have 1 family in our Adopt-A-Family. It is a family of 6 including mom, dad, a 10 year old boy, a 7 year old girl, a 3 year old girl, and a 2 year old boy. Help spread Christmas blessings and cheer with our adopt-a-family by taking an ornament or two off the tree and purchasing the item listed on the ornament. Please bring the item wrapped with the ornament attached and place it in the Adopt-A-Family box. Deadline date is December 14. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rebekah Krahn	20 <sup>th</sup>	Laurie Behnke
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elyssa Schleis	20 <sup>th</sup>	Lillian Maas
5 <sup>th</sup>	John Moede	21 <sup>st</sup>	Sharon Urban
5 <sup>th</sup>	Violet Brandmahl	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Abram Geiger
7 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Koerth	26 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Delvaux
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jules Clausing	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Evel
15 <sup>th</sup>	Kurt Propson	27 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Woldt
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Wittman	27 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Behnke
17 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Zickert	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Urban
18 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Clausing	30 <sup>th</sup>	Krystal Nenahlo
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ashlynn Hurda	31 <sup>st</sup>	Shelly Jost

## ANNIVERSARIES

4 <sup>th</sup>	Rick & Terri Riemer
17 <sup>th</sup>	David & Diane Buboltz
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mark & Jan Wittman
18 <sup>th</sup>	David & Brigitte Sonnabend



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

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2022 'end of year' statements will be emailed to those members whose email addresses we have on file. If you need a hard copy please let the church office know. For those members without email addresses, your statements will be in your church mailbox by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to pick them up for tax purposes! Thank you.

## 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)

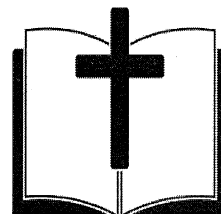
**SHARING, BELIEVING LIVING AND CARING**

## OCTOBER SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	70	1.75
Bath & Body Works	20	2.40
BP	700	10.50
Dairy Queen	50	10.00
Econo	1,025	30.75
Festival	200	6.00
Fleet Farm	100	5.00
JC Penny	200	10.00
Kwik Trip	750	30.00
Piggly Wiggly	300	9.00
Subway	10	1.00
Target	100	2.50
WalMart	350	8.75
TOTALS	3,875.00	127.65

## 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.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED . . . . .

Christmas decorating will take place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Interior begins at 9 a.m. and outdoor starting at 10 a.m. Please consider helping even if you can only give an hour of your time. *Thank you!*



## GREETERS NEEDED

We are in need of Greeters for Sunday and Wednesday services next year. There is 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.