



ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023

Each new year brings new joys, and especially over the last few years, new challenges. The feeling of the last few years I'm sure is quite close to being battered by waves in a little boat. Amongst the waves rising up like mountains, the sky lighting up with thunder, the constant bailing of the boat, by the time one wave is overcome the next rises up, one bucket of water bailed is quickly replaced by twice as much water, people are afraid. In times of such great fear, what are we to do for this new year?

Paul says, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." (Romans 15:4 ESV) The scriptures were written to teach us about God, who he is, what he has done and will do, but they also instruct us about his people, and the turbulent times they themselves lived through. The Old Testament in particular gives us wonderful pictures of the saints of old, who, despite troubles that would make the waves in our life look more like a wave pool than a wild ocean, clung to God for dear life as a they would a life boat, in the midst of hatred, persecutions, disease, and sure death.

The scriptures remind us that in the lives of God's saints, trouble can often be expected sooner than peace. But these troubles serve His purpose as well. Each trial, each wild wave, serves to remind us that our hope is not found on this earth. That we look forward to a new land and "to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God." (Hebrews 11:10 ESV) Let us all together make our new year's resolutions be to search the scriptures more, and let God build up within all of us a new and strong hope that can withstand every blow that this world can throw, that looks forward to what shall be, never clinging to what is.

Pastor Brandmahl

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

November 2022

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| Year-to-date Income: | \$154,807.33 |
| Year-to-date Expenses: | \$153,613.86 |
| Year-to-date Budget: | \$157,866.00 |

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NEW MEMBER

Sue Behnke by Adult Confirmation

BAPTISM

Russell Daniel Kiefer 11/27

KINGDOM WORKERS - JANUARY

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

Altar Guild: Debbie Kamps
Nancy Davidson

Acolytes: Jan. 1 - Haylee
8 - Kelvin
15 - Simon
22 - Ashlynn
29 - Natalie

Ushers: Wednesdays: Bob Behnke, Ron Detert
Sundays: Steve Juno

Greeters: Wednesdays: Sue Detert
Sundays: Sue Juno

VOTERS MEETING

January 22, 2023
10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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

welcome

New Members



Sue Behnke
11/23/22



Russell Daniel Kiefer
Baptized 11/27/22

Treasurers Report

Fortunately the financial report has drastically improved since the last newsletter. A huge Thank You to everyone who contributed to make this happen. We continue to borrow from our savings accounts to pay the monthly expenses, but the amount of the deficit is considerably less. At the end of October we were 12,099.96 in the red and at the end of November we were 4,960.91 in the red. That is an improvement of 7,139.05. Let's see if we can make it into the black by the end of the year. Thank you and God's Blessing to each of you.

Debbie Kamps, Treasurer

Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated cookies, candy, etc. for our Christmas Cookies, Candy, & other Sweet Treats Sale. We truly appreciated your help and couldn't have done it without your tasty donations.

Ladies Aid

THANK YOU We would like to thank the entire congregation for all the gifts and support you have shown us over this holiday season. You have all made our first Christmas here very memorable.

Pastor Brandmahl & Family

THANK YOU to those who donated gifts for the adopt-a-family program. This would not be possible without your help.

Stewardship/Evangelism

THANK YOU to Sue Graf for donating some artificial bouquets for on the altar. They are given in memory of her mom, Carol Boldt.



Adopt-A-Family Presents

NOVEMBER SCRIP TOTALS

| CARD NAME | TOTAL | PROFIT |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Amazon | 200 | 5.00 |
| Bed Bath & Beyond | 50 | 3.50 |
| BP | 800 | 12.00 |
| Cobblestone | 75 | 3.75 |
| Culver's | 50 | 2.50 |
| Dairy Queen | 25 | 5.00 |
| Econo | 1,925 | 57.75 |
| Exxon | 200 | 10.00 |
| Festival | 100 | 3.00 |
| Fleet Farm | 75 | 3.75 |
| The Granary | 775.00 | 77.50 |
| Home Depot | 230 | 16.10 |
| Michaels | 50 | 2.00 |
| Piggly Wiggly | 750 | 22.50 |
| Roundy's | 150 | 6.00 |
| Starbucks | 25 | 1.75 |
| WalMart | 950 | 23.75 |
| TOTALS | 6,430.00 | 255.85 |

WORSHIP SERVICE CANCELLATION

In the event of bad winter weather conditions, please check TV Channel 2, Facebook, or your email for any worship service cancellations.

Members, if you've had a recent email change, please make sure the church office is aware of it.

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.

*- Stewardship and
Evangelism Committee*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Becky Krahn | 24 th | Nicole Gifford |
| 4 th | Julie Boldt | 24 th | Randy Rahn |
| 4 th | Amber Lau | 26 th | Nicole Koerth |
| 5 th | Nathan Delvaux | 26 th | Joan Zutz |
| 8 th | Brian Krahn | 28 th | Alan Klepps |
| 13 th | Janet Kalies | 29 th | Ashley Bowe |
| 16 th | Caleb Delvaux | 31 st | Bill Drumm |
| 17 th | Diane Buboltz | 31 st | Chris Levash |
| 24 th | Renee Bonick | 31 st | Hadley Boldt |

ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Craig & Jamie Moline

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

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 February.

New Offering Envelopes

If you didn't receive a box of offering envelopes for 2023 and need one, please contact the church office.

Church Undecorating

On Saturday January 7 at 9:00 a.m. we will be taking down the Christmas trees and indoor church decorations.

On Saturday January 14 at 9:00 a.m. we will be taking down the outdoor nativity display.

We would appreciate any help you can offer.
Thank you!



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.

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| 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)

2022 GIVING RECORDS

If we have an email address for you, you will receive your 2022 Giving record electronically. If you need a hard copy, please contact the church office. For those of you we do not have email addresses, you will receive your giving record in your church mailbox by the week of January 1.

Address, Phone, or Email Changes?

We will be updating our church directory soon and need any changes you may have had recently in your address, phone, or email.

You may update these changes by emailing the church office at sblcofice105@gmail.com.