



ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

For most of February, we continue in the season of Epiphany, which comes from a Greek word meaning “to appear.” Epiphany more properly refers to the time in which Jesus first chose to reveal himself to the world, around 30 years of age. It is a short season, having only six Sundays in all for 2023, but it is short because it corresponds to the short ministry Jesus carried out before his death and resurrection. All the many works we watched Christ do throughout the gospels took place over a short 3 years. That’s all the time it took for Jesus to so anger the authorities that they felt the need to remove him from the picture entirely!

When we enter the season of Lent, and our sanctuary is covered in blue, we begin with Christ that slow march up mount Golgotha. The first Sunday in Lent, on February 26th, begins with the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. Here marks the beginning of the Devils work, a mad desire to snuff out the light of the world. He begins by assaulting Jesus face to face, believing that he can tempt the writer of the law to break his own laws. For forty days Jesus fasts and is tempted. But Jesus is never broken.

We slowly watch as Jesus continues to strike at the kingdom of the devil, not with man made arms, but with the sword of his mouth, his very word, he casts out diseases and turns sinners from their ways. All of Lent leads to Holy week and Good Friday, the day on which our Lord would die. Good for us, for on that day our sins died with him, bad also in that our Lord had to suffer for our sake. But rejoice and be glad, for Good Friday inevitably leads unto Easter, the day on which our Lord is raised from the dead.

We begin, then, this long journey soon. I pray the Lord bless all of you This February, and grant you the steadfastness of our Lord, so that you might weather every trial of the devil as he did, even that final trial death. For although death is fearful, Christ has taken from it all power, all sting. Let us all rejoice in that coming resurrection.

Pastor Brandmahl

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

December 2022

Year-to-date Income:	\$174,141.59
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$167,884.45
Year-to-date Budget:	\$172,242.00

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Boiler/Furnace Fund

Norman Krahn, in memory of Lillian Maas
Pastor & Kris Krueger, in memory of Lillian Maas

KINGDOM WORKERS - FEBRUARY

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

Altar Guild: New schedule coming. Check your mailbox and the bulletin board.

Acolytes: Feb. 5 - Haylee
12 - Kelvin
19 - Simon
22 - (Ash Wednesday) Ashlynn
26 - Natalie

Ushers: Wednesdays: Kelly Behnke, Simon Geiger
Sundays: Russ Boldt

Greeters: Sundays: Gary & Joan Lemke

ELDER GROUPS

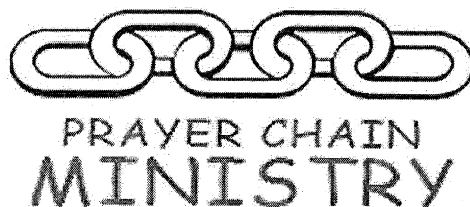
(A-G) Tanner Behnke	920-427-6201
(H-M) Lon Fels	920-655-8585
(N-Z) Gary Lemke	920-464-1050



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)

welcome

We welcome our newest member Johnlee Kiesow, son of James & Shawna Kiesow. He was baptized on January 29, 2023.

Treasurer's Notes

Great news to start the new year!! We didn't quite make it into the black but we are so close. We started the year over almost \$7,000 in the red and ended just under \$1,000. Going forward we need to keep going in this direction. As the trustees reported at the Voter's meeting many repairs are coming the next few years. Thank you to everyone and God's blessing to each of you.

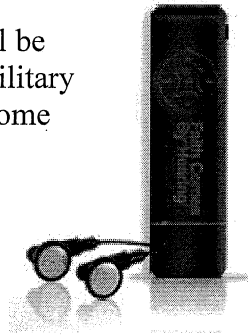
Debbie Kamps, Treasurer

Military BibleSticks

Lenten Mission Project

Just \$25 provides God's Word on a Military BibleStick to 1 family. Together we can get God's Word to our servicemen and women!

February 22— April 9, we will be receiving funds to purchase Military BibleSticks for our troops at home and abroad. \$25 sponsors one service member and his/her family.



The goal is 60 BibleSticks.

Your gift of \$5, \$25, \$100, or more can be put in an envelope marked "BibleStick" and placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office. Please make checks payable to the church.

Share the Good News of salvation with our troops!

No Matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people tells all.

- Author unknown

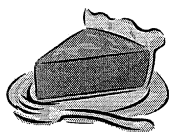
ANNUAL CHILI DINNER



Ladies Aid is planning their Chili Dinner for February 26th. You can eat here or take out after service on that day. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container.

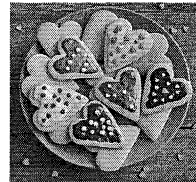
Ladies Aid is requesting your help with the Chili Dinner. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can give an hour or two of your time either Saturday, (Feb. 25) or Sunday (Feb. 26) in the morning.

Sign-up sheets are also on the bulletin board if you would like to help with the purchase of some of the ingredients that are needed or bake a pie for dessert.



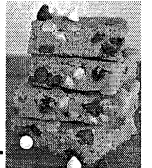
Valentines Day Cookie & Bake Sale

February 12 & 15 after services



Stewardship/Evangelism 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 by Saturday the 11th. For more details see bulletin board or contact Kayla Behnke.



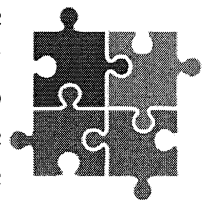
Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the Annual meeting are available upon request. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office. We can either email them to you or place a hard copy in your church mailbox. *Thank you.*

PUZZLE ROOM



The puzzles have been moved to the second 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.



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

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

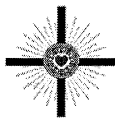
2 nd	Cheryl Kittel	18 th	Wilfred Boldt
3 rd	Judy Vechart	18 th	Austin Schneider
11 th	Andrea Grenzer	21 st	Charity Plate
12 th	Terri Riemer	24 th	Denise Fallier
12 th	Leo Skattebo		

(No Anniversaries this month)

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

Thank you.

Visit our
website



St. Bartholomew
Lutheran Church
Brillion, Wisconsin

Many changes have been made to our church website, and more changes to come. Members can keep track of upcoming events by checking the website. You can visit the site at www.stbartbrillion.org

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

- via Joan Pfister
Portage, MI

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.



DECEMBER SCRIP TOTALS

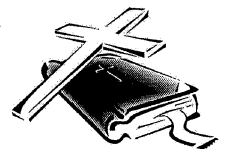
CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Ace Hardware	750	30.00
Amazon	100	1.70
Bath & Body Works	25	4.25
BP	150	2.25
Cabelas	100	11.00
Econo	1,600	48.00
Exxon	50	2.50
Fleet Farm	225	11.25
Home Depot	150	10.50
Kohls	75	3.00
Kwik Trip	950	38.00
Macy's	150	15.00
Menards	50	1.50
Piggly Wiggly	200	6.00
Roundy's	50	2.00
Starbucks	50	3.25
Target	25	0.63
WalMart	150	3.75
TOTALS	4,850.00	194.58

Be A Greeter!



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.

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 (920-756-3031) so a class can be set up beginning in February.