

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023

“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; *for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*”

(Genesis 3:19)

As the saying often goes, we, as Christians, are called to be “in the world, but not of it.” To be not *of* the world, is nothing other than to be different from the world. What then makes us different from the world? Is it nothing more than that the world gets to sleep in on Sundays and we don’t? Dearly beloved, by no means! While a book could be written on the many different differences, the most important one for this month is Lent itself.

Lent is a time of self-denial, a time to look to God and to say to Him, “you are all in all, I shall die, but in you I have life.” The world on the other hand says, “I have been given 60-80 years of life on this earth, and I will live it to its fullest.” For those fleshly minded, to set aside a time of their year for fasting, for self denial, is an absurdity. There is no later joy, it is brightness today and tomorrow the darkness of the grave. But Christians proclaim the opposite. Darkness is today, for today the light of God’s face does not shine down upon us. Darkness is today because “The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.” (Luke 5:35) Tomorrow is light for, “they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (Matt. 24:30)

Lent is the time where we shout up into the heavens, “O God, our lives are empty and nothing without your presence.” The world does not understand this, it cannot understand it. The world cannot understand because it is without *real* hope. Their hope is wrapped up in the now. Wrapped up in what little joy they can squeeze out of this life before the grave. But for the Christian, hope is found in eternity, it is found in our God.

*Pastor Brandmahl*

## FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

January 2023

Year-to-date Income:	\$13,294.49
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$8,866.54
Year-to-date Budget:	\$12,392.84

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### NEW MEMBERS

Jeff, Holly, Mattea, Tanner, Gunner, & Bailee  
Schlender by transfer from Zion Lutheran, Wayside

### BAPTISM

Dante Everson Gifford	2/5
Aria Jo Levash	2/12

### KINGDOM WORKERS - MARCH

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

#### Altar Guild

March 1 & 5: Sharon Wenzel & Faith Son nabend  
March 8 & 12: Andrea Grenzer & Rhonda Geiger  
March 15 & 19: Diane Zickert & Ashley Brandmahl  
March 22 & 26: Holly Schlender & Sue Behnke  
March 29 & April 2: Debbie Kamps & Nancy Davidson

Acolytes Mar. 1 - (Lent) Haylee  
5 - Kelvin  
8 - (Lent) Simon  
12 - Ashlynn  
15 - (Lent) Natalie  
19 - Haylee  
22 - (Lent) Kelvin  
26 - Simon  
29 - (Lent) Ashlynn

Ushers Wednesdays: Dave & Debbie Kamps  
Sundays: Bryan Krepline

Greeters Sundays: Jeannine Krepline

### ELDER GROUPS

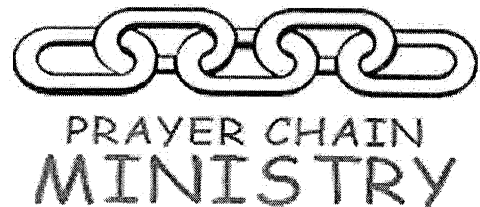
(A-G) Tanner Behnke	920-427-6201
(H-M) Lon Fels	920-655-8585
(N-Z) Gary Lemke	920-464-1050



## 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	920-756-2696
Renee Bonick	920-296-9164
Sue Detert	920-756-3439
Lori Fels	920-639-3792
Rhonda Geiger	920-371-7375
Sandy Haberland	920-524-2016
Kris Krueger	920-871-4039
Faith Son nabend	920-756-2779
Diane Zickert	920-841-8951
Joan Zutz	920-756-2501



"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)

### Tadych's Community Care Programs

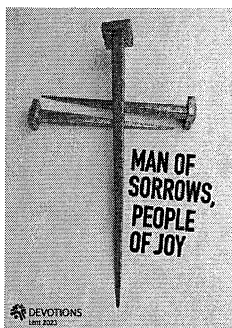
There are programs where St. Bartholomew can earn money from Tadych's Marketplace grocery store.

Register Grocery Receipts: Earn 1% back on your grocery receipts. Save your receipts from Marketplace and bring them to church. There is a bin on the shelf above the coat rack (to the left of the mailboxes). Alcohol, tobacco, lottery or gift cards cannot be included in the totals. Receipts must be turned in within 2 years of purchase date.

Best Choice UPC Save-A-Label: Earn a \$30 check for each 1000 bundle of labels (3 cents per label). Collect the Best Choice UPC barcodes from the items you buy and bring them to church. There is a bin next to the grocery receipts. Please make sure there is no tape, staples, or rubber bands on or around the labels.

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

## Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries



Man of Sorrows, People of Joy paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew's Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as teacher, healer, comforter, and Savior. Our Shepherd's crucifixion and resurrection now make joy and true life available to His followers—to those who through faith entrust their lives to Him.

Our Lord Jesus, through divine in nature, took on human form and thus became intimately acquainted with our griefs and sorrow (see Isaiah 53:1-6). That God would send His Son to bear our sins and die on our behalf is testament to God's unbounded love—a love that declares believers innocent through the Savior's triumphant resurrection.

Hard copies (regular and large print) are available in the narthex.

**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](http://www.stbartbrillion.org)

**Ushers  
&  
Greeters  
Ministry**

**We are in need  
of Ushers and  
Greeters.**

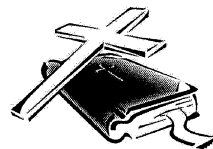
There are sign  
up sheets on the

bulletin board. Greeting and ushering periods are for the full month. Fill in which month you would like to greet or usher and which service.

*Thank you for your service.*



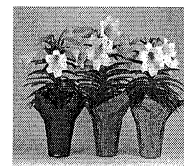
## ADULT INFORMATION CLASS



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 March.

## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS

Easter Flower order forms are in your church mailbox. If you would like to donate your flower in memory of someone there is a place on the order form to note that. Deadline to order is March 26.



## Gift Baskets

Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for people to donate gift baskets for the silent auction. Some ideas could be: sports themed basket (tickets to events, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, golf balls, tees, Packer or Brewer items etc.), child's basket (games, toys, books, movies, etc.), coffee basket (mug or two, flavored coffee, creamers, etc.), gift baskets & homemade items (blankets, wooden toys, outside garden items, etc.) Donation deadline is April 7th. Items will be on display at the fish fry. The silent auction will run through Easter. The money raised will go towards the furnace fund. If you have any questions or would like to donate any items for the silent auction, please contact Kayla Behnke, Alice Koerth, Amy Krahn, or Rhonda Geiger.



## 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**

# March BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Kayla Woldt	18th	Josh Delvaux
2nd	Hilary Sonnabend	18th	Harper Horn
3rd	Sue Detert	18th	Faith Sonnabend
5th	Erin Zutz	19th	Russ Boldt
6th	Gary Koerth	19th	Lindsey Vechart
6th	Mitch Krahn	20th	John Levash
6th	Ron Zueske	21st	Jr. Doughty
7th	Emma Krahn	21st	Olivia Riemer
7th	Rick Riemer	22nd	Melissa Day
7th	Haley Graef	22nd	Kenzie Schneider
8th	Mike Delvaux	23rd	Ruth McDermott
8th	Micah Horn	25th	Brigitte Sonnabend
10th	Meghan Propson	26th	Parker Sonnabend
11th	Pete Zarnoth	27th	Scott Eickert
12th	Jon Mignon	27th	Ben Kalies
14th	Cole Reinke	28th	Addison Grenzer
17th	Bob Koffarnus	28th	Renee Maeder

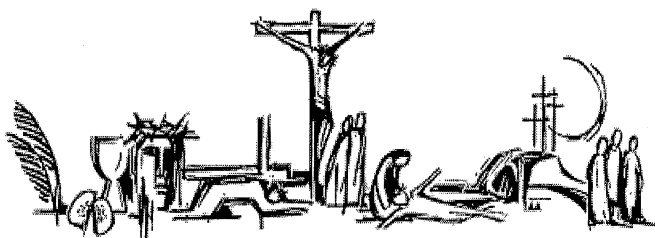
## ANNIVERSARIES

11th	Erin & Ken Zutz
18th	Dave & Debbie Kamps
28th	Scott & Mary Eickert

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



**Daylight Savings Time:**  
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.



## JANUARY SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	900	13.50
Econo	600	18.00
Exxon	200	10.00
Festival	100	3.00
Kwik Trip	900	36.00
Piggly Wiggly	150	4.50
Roundy's	100	4.00
VISA	400	5.00
WalMart	100	2.50
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,450.00</b>	<b>96.50</b>

## LENTEN MEALS

We are once again having Wednesday night meals during the season of Lent. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Hosts are still needed for a few weeks. If interested in hosting a meal, please contact the church office. *Thank you!*

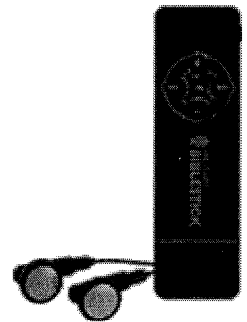


## Lenten Mission Project

## MILITARY BIBLESTICKS

From February 22 through April 9, we will be receiving funds to purchase Military BibleSticks for our troops at home and abroad.

\$25 sponsors one soldier and their family. The goal is to raise enough funds to supply at least 25 BibleSticks.



Your gift of \$5, \$25, \$100, or whatever amount can be put in an envelope marked "BibleStick" and placed in the offering plate or in the offering box found in the narthex. Please make checks payable to the church.

*Help share the Good News with our troops!*