

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

### NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

Christ is risen! Dearly beloved, this month we celebrate a day that surpasses all others! Paul makes clear in 1 Corinthians that Easter and the resurrection are cornerstones of our faith when he says: “And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.” (1 Cor 15:14, ESV). We are now in a time when the church feels great pressure from all about to abandon many of our beliefs as “old fashioned,” “illogical,” or even as many say today, “bigoted.” It is therefore all the more important that we hold to those words of Paul: “For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (1 Cor 1:25) For what we hold to, although despised by the world, is life eternal found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the darkness of Lent now draws to a close therefore, I pray each and every one of us can better meditate on the numerous gifts that we have in Christ. For the light of Christ shines far brighter than any gifts the world can offer us. The voice of Christ speaks far louder, and far lovelier than any voice found here upon this ball of dirt. For what voice could be found that speaks words like “your sins are forgiven,” and “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,” and “Lazarus, come forth!” This is the voice that calls unto us, dearly beloved, the voice that calls us out of this land of shadows and into the land of light. Let us all this Easter hear that voice and pray that it drown out the droning of this world, which insists that our faith is purposeless, and that Christ is worshiped in vain, and let us finally say with Job in the midst of trouble: “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!” (Job 19:25-27).

*Pastor Brandmahl*

## FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

February 2023

Year-to-date Income:	\$27,143.97
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$21,881.40
Year-to-date Budget:	\$24,785.68

### KINGDOM WORKERS - APRIL

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

#### Altar Guild

April 6, 7 & 9: Connie Koerth & Linda Breitzman  
April 12 & 16: Norma Drumm & Lori Fels  
April 19 & 23: Renee Bonick & Sue Juno  
April 26 & 30: Janet Kalies & Sue Graf

Acolytes Apr. 2 - (Palm Sunday) Natalie  
5 - (Lent) Kelvin  
6 - (Maundy Thursday) Kelvin  
7 - (Good Friday) Simon, Ashlynn  
9 - (Easter 7 a.m.) Natalie  
(Easter 9 a.m.) Haylee  
16 - Kelvin  
23 - Simon  
30 - Ashlynn

Ushers: Wednesdays: Roger Bladow  
Sundays: Pete Vechart



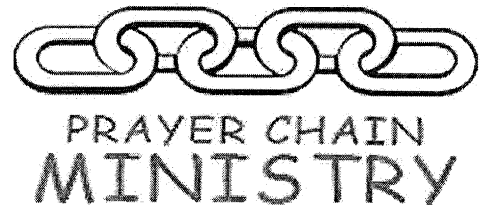
VOTERS MEETING  
Sunday April 23rd  
10:00 a.m.  
In the fellowship hall



## 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 Sonnabend	920-756-2779
Diane Zickert	920-841-8951



"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)

### ELDER GROUPS

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

## Treasurer's Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! This may seem like a strange beginning to the Treasurer's Notes but it has been a Happy Year so far. We are out of the red and beginning the first quarter of the year in a good position. Our income has been above our expenses but we need to remember that there are many improvement projects that need to be done in the next few years. Thank you and God's Blessing to each of you.

*Debbie Kamps, Treasurer*



**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** – Sign up for your portrait session by either using the QR code on the banner or stop by the table in the narthex after any Wednesday or Sunday services (except for week of Easter).

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY GREETERS** are needed May 4 – 6. There is a schedule on the bulletin board. It would be greeting and signing in families as they arrive for their portrait sessions. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Koerth.

## LOOKING FOR GRASS CUTTERS



We are looking for volunteers to do the grass cutting at church and the parsonage. You can sign up for just a week, or a month, or more. If you are interested, you can contact any of the trustees— Russ Boldt, Mike Delvaux, or Tony Wittmann.



## 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.

## 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 at 920-756-3031 so a class can be set up beginning in May.



## Good Friday Fish Fry

Friday, April 7  
5:00 — 6:30 p.m.

(For members & guests only)  
Free Will Offering

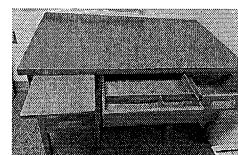
Menu: Pan fish, walleye, coleslaw, potato salad, rye bread, fruit, veggie tray, and dessert

Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Donations needed: coleslaw, potato salad, fruit, veggies, dessert

Sign-up sheet for the donations is also on the bulletin board.

## Desk for Sale



Church has an antique solid wood desk for sale. You can look at it in the youth group room, which is the room behind the mailboxes (left side of the room). The cost is \$200 or best offer. If interested, please contact Alice Koerth.

## PAVERS

If you would like to place a paver in our Memorial Garden, pick up a form in the church office or literature rack. Cost is \$40-\$44 each.

You can purchase a paver in memory of or in honor of someone or some event.

We only place one order during the year so be sure to order now. Deadline for 2023 orders is April 30.



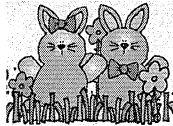


## BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Amber Klepps	17th	Mark Krahn
4th	Simon Geiger	20th	Cara Geiger
5th	Stephanie Petersen	20th	Jess Wendling
5th	Gunner Schlender	23rd	Amy Krahn
7th	Parker Gade	24th	Megan Kiefer
7th	Tracy Hurda	25th	Linda Streck
9th	Lillian Petersen	25th	Sharon Wenzel
10th	Savannah Day	27th	Sue Graf
13th	Roger Bladow	27th	Collin Maeder
13th	Dave Buboltz	27th	Hannah Maeder
13th	Debbie Kamps	27th	Jacob Maeder
15th	Adolfo Vargas	28th	Bryce Michael
16th	Bob Behnke		

## ANNIVERSARIES

19th	Dan & Patsy Geiger
20th	Elliot & Dorothy Maile
20th	Tony & Susan Wittmann
21st	Zach & Amanda Zoellner
24th	Clay & Wendy Brehmer
30th	Russ & Mary Boldt



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

*He is risen*

### 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 SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	25	0.43
BP	300	4.50
Culver's	50	2.50
Econo	1,125	33.75
Exxon	50	2.50
Twik Trip	475	19.00
Piggly Wiggly	100	3.00
Roundy's	50	2.00
Subway	30	3.00
WalMart	200	5.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,405.00</b>	<b>75.68</b>

### Holy Week Schedule

#### Palm Sunday

April 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

#### Maundy Thursday

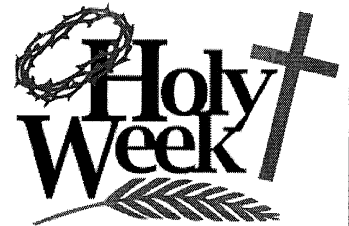
April 6th at 7:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday

April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday

April 9th at 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.



### Special Funds Contributions

We have several special funds set up at St. Bartholomew that you may like to contribute to for memorials, gifts, etc. or in addition to your regular contribution. If you would to contribute to any of the following funds, place your contributions in an envelope and mark it with your name and envelope number as well as the name of the Fund you want it to go toward or you may use the specially marked envelopes in the literature rack.

These funds include: Concordia Scholarship  
Hearing Loop  
Landscaping  
Banners  
Debt/Retirement Fund