

ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

As we make our way through the month of May, we look forward to the end of the Easter season and the beginning of Pentecost. Pentecost is simply a fancy word which means “50.” On it we remember how God sent his Spirit down upon the disciples 50 days after his resurrection, beginning the “great commission” in full force. The disciples, starting there in Jerusalem, were given the gift of tongues, which they used to preach God’s grace to all nations.

We’ve looked over the last year at the different disciples and the many sacrifices, and especially the ultimate sacrifices, which they made in carrying out this great commission. We consider these men, whom we also call martyrs, not simply out of historical interest, but we consider them as a reminder that the church which we enjoy today was founded on the blood of many faithful Christians, who were willing to put all on the line to spread Christ’s gospel to all nations.

We consider all these men to remember that when we speak of “our church” we ought not to be thinking about ourselves, our own local congregation, but instead be thinking of, as the prayers goes, us along “with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.” For the church existed before us and has a long history, full of twists and turns, tragedy and joy, death and ultimate life in Christ. It is our duty to receive this history with reverence, remembering from whom we received the church that we have to day, and always remembering that we ourselves are to one day hand the church down to others. If we try to reshape the church in our own image, doing away with all the “old fashioned” things our fathers handed us, we will be setting a precedent of destruction, giving those who follow us the permission to do away with all our works, just as we have done to our Fathers.

So, brothers and sisters in Christ, let us remember the men who came before us, holding their memories sacred, as they were chosen vessels who partook in Christ’s suffering, to spread the good news of Christ’s salvation to all, and last of all to us.

Pastor Brandmahl

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

March 2023

Year-to-date Income:	\$42,402.33
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$36,369.18
Year-to-date Budget:	\$37,178.52

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Debt Retirement Fund

Norman Krahn, in memory of Don Baer (Judy Baer's husband)

Banner Fund

Janet Kalies

KINGDOM WORKERS - MAY

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

Altar Guild

May 3 & 7: Judy Baer, Roger & Carolyn Bladow
May 10 & 14: Sharon Wenzel, Faith Sonnabend
May 17 & 21: Andrea Grenzer, Rhonda Geiger
May 24 & 28: Diane Zickert, Ashley Brandmahl
May 31 & June 4: Holly Schlender, Sue Behnke

Ushers: Wednesdays: Dave & Debbie Kamps

Worship Assistants

Wednesdays

May 3: Jeff Schlender
May 10: Rick Riemer
May 17: Bob Behnke
May 24: Gary Koerth
May 31: Lon Fels

Sundays

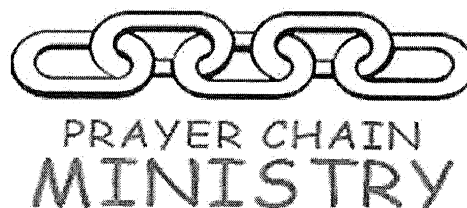
May 7: Tanner Behnke
May 14: Dave Sonnabend
May 21: Gary Lemke
May 28: Craig Scharbarth



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

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

Happy Mother's Day

ONLINE giving

You can now manage your electronic giving by going to our website www.stbartbrillion.org and clicking the member resources tab and choose electronic giving and click on the link. **Please note:** if you are currently doing electronic giving and want to manage your account online, you MUST contact the church office to cancel your current account. You do not have to go online and manage your electronic giving. You have the option of coming to the office and filling out a form. If you have any questions with this please contact the church office.

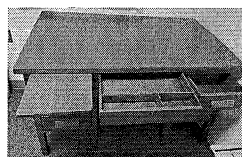
MITE BOX—The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone wishing to put their change in throughout the year. Our mites go toward many different mission grants to help those in need. Check out some of them on the list by the mite box. A little bit goes a long way. . . Together we can make a big impact. Please help to proclaim the Gospel with your mites!



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.

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.

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 like 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

Voters Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the voters 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.*

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.



BIRTHDAYS

1st	Benjamin Krahn	10th	Philip Klepps
1st	Nicholas Krahn	11th	Matt Denor
1st	Rhett Lamers	11th	Cheyenne Schleis
1st	Gary Streck	14th	Carolyn Bladow
4th	Alison Gade	14th	Zach Zoellner
4th	Hunter Gade	15th	Pyper Nenahlo
4th	Lori Krueger	15th	Drake Propson
4th	Elaine Zeamer	16th	Spencer Gilbertson
5th	Tanner Behnke	17th	Mariana Vargas
7th	Samantha Bonick	18th	Joan Prigge
7th	Norma Drumm	18th	Dana Irish
8th	Paula Kalies	20th	Jim Wendling
9th	Cassandra Bonick	21st	Joshua Krahn
9th	Steve Juno	24th	Jacob Wendling
9th	Karly Woldt	25th	Linda Breitzman
10th	Ben Michael	30th	Kay Koffarnus



Anniversaries

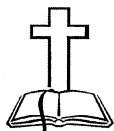
2nd	Gary & Linda Streck
5th	Brandan & Jennifer Bowe
19th	Todd & Jody Lau
19th	Lon & Lori Fels
25th	Matt & Jody Denor
25th	Pastor & Kris Krueger
29th	Bob & Sandi Koffarnus

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

Portals of Prayer

If you have not received a Portals of Prayer and would like to receive a copy, please contact the church office.

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 June.

MARCH SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Bed Bath	25	1.75
BP	350	5.25
Dairy Queen	25	5.00
Econo	1,650	49.50
Exxon	400	20.00
Festival	250	7.50
Fleet Farm	200	10.00
Kohls	200	8.00
Twik Trip	700	28.00
Piggly Wiggly	300	9.00
Roundy's	100	4.00
VISA	50	0.63
WalMart	200	5.00
TOTALS	4,450.00	153.63

MOTHERS DAY ROSE SALE



This year we will again be selling roses for Mother's Day on May 14th. Cost is \$3 each. The money raised in the project goes to Mothers and unborn baby care in Appleton, and the Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet Country Fair. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase a rose. Deadline is Sunday May 7th.

WE ARE IN NEED OF USHERS & GREETERS for the following months

Greeters

May & July (Sundays)

August—December (Wednesdays & Sundays)

Ushers

May, June & July (Sundays)

August & September (Wednesdays & Sundays)

October & November (Sundays)

Please consider serving . . . Sign up on the bulletin board TODAY!!!