

ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

Last year, we considered the lives of the saints, and in particular the martyrs celebrated each month, who gave their lives to Christ in the manner of Paul: “But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.” (1 Tim 1:16) Each of the martyrs who came before serve us still today as images or examples of the work of God in their lives, the putting to death of the sinful flesh and the raising up again with Christ in glory. They serve us as constant reminders of what it looks like to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him (Matt 16:24), and finally, to thank God for the great patience he has shown and continues to show us when we are found unwilling to do what he has called us to do.

But we’ve been given other examples to follow as well. One of the chief examples of the Christian life is found in the liturgy which we experience each week. The liturgy is that thing through which we are, in a way, “transformed” as Paul says, “by the renewal of your mind.” (Romans 12:2) That is, Paul wants us to unlearn the ways of this world around us (“Do not be conformed to this world”) and to learn the ways of God. This renewal and transformation has been done through the liturgy well before our time, we could make the argument (as Lutherans often have), that it began all the way back in the first book of the Bible, Genesis. There we see altars built continuously and people “calling on the name of the Lord.”

Throughout this next year we will consider the liturgy which we speak and sing through together each week, its history, reason for being, and how it helps us today, to get a better appreciation for why the church has worshiped this way, almost since its inception, and what great benefits it brings us! Until then, Christ’s blessings be on you all,

Pastor Brandmahl

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

May 2023

Year-to-date Income:	\$71,293.51
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$60,684.37
Year-to-date Budget:	\$61,964.20

June 2023

Year-to-date Income:	\$83,549.48
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$75,275.41
Year-to-date Budget:	\$74,357.04

July 2023

Year-to-date Income:	\$100,042.16
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$93,510.09
Year-to-date Budget:	\$86,749.88

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TRANSFERS

Dave & Debbie Kamps to Zion Lutheran, Wayside
Dave & Debbie Kalies to St. Peter, Hilbert

WEDDING

Michelle Krueger & Brock Reisler 7/29
Matt Juno & Karen Suess 8/19

TREASURER

We have a new treasurer. We want to thank Debbie Kamps for her many years of service as our treasurer. As she has stepped down from this position, Bob Behnke has volunteered to be our new treasurer. *Thank you Bob!*



ELDER GROUPS

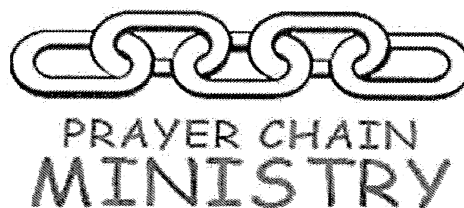
(A-G) Tanner Behnke	920-427-6201
(H-M) Lon Fels	920-655-8585
(N-Z) Gary Lemke	920-464-1050



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 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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS

Sunday School & Bible Class
will begin on Sunday
September 17th

Sunday School at 8:00 a.m.
Bible Class at 10:15 a.m.

the **WORD**
of **GOD**

Pastor Gone on Vacation

Pastor will be on vacation
from September 4th
through September 10th.

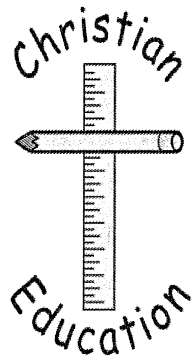
If a pastoral emergency
should arise, please
contact Pastor Brett

Simek at 618-410-9827 or one of the elders.

**PASTOR'S
VACATION
DATES**



Sunday School Staff



Superintendent

Amanda Zoellner

Teachers

Tanner Behnke

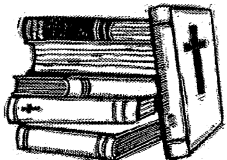
Becky Krahn

Emma Krahn

Natalie Krahn

God is with you in all that you do.
- Genesis 21:22

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



**WOMEN'S
Bible Study**

Women's bible study will
begin again. They will
meet the first and third
Thursdays of the month at
7 p.m. The first date will
be September 21st. The
discussion will be women

of the Bible. You can either
bring your own Bible or you
can borrow one from
church.

*Women
of the Word*

MAY SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	600	9.00
Cobblestone	100	5.00
Culver's	50	2.50
Econo	1,700	51.00
Festival	400	12.00
Fleet Farm	25	1.25
Kwik Trip	550	22.00
Piggly Wiggly	150	4.50
WalMart	225	5.63
TOTALS	3,800	112.88

JUNE SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	350	5.25
Dairy Queen	20	4.00
Econo	950	28.50
Festival	200	6.00
Kohl's	250	10.00
Kwik Trip	100	4.00
WalMart	100	2.50
TOTALS	1,970	60.25

JULY SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	900	15.30
BP	950	14.25
Cobblestone	100	5.00
Culver's	50	2.50
Dairy Queen	35	7.00
Econo	1,750	52.50
Festival	400	12.00
Fleet Farm	200	10.00
Home Depot	600	42.00
Kwik Trip	1,100	44.00
McDonalds	10	0.40
Menards	100	3.00
Piggly Wiggly	500	15.00
Starbucks	20	1.30
Subway	10	1.00
WalMart	450	11.25
TOTALS	7,175.00	236.50

KINGDOM WORKERS – SEPTEMBER

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

Altar Guild

Aug. 30 & Sep. 3: Norma Drumm, Lori Fels
September 6 & 10: Renee Bonick, Sue Juno
September 13 & 17: Janet Kalies, Sue Graf
September 20 & 24: Judy Baer, Carolyn & Roger Bladow
Sep. 27 & Oct. 1: Sharon Wenzel, Faith Sonnabend

Ushers: Wednesdays: None
Sundays: None

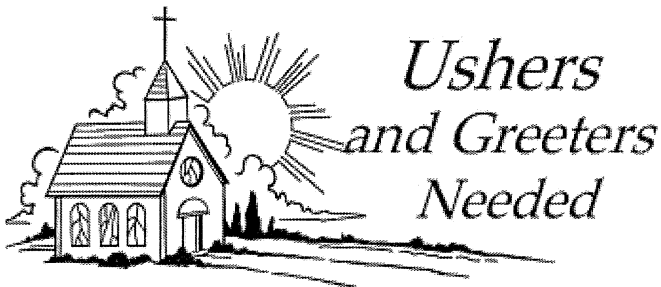
Greeters: Wednesdays: None
Sundays: None

Acolyte

September 3: Harper
September 10: Ashlynn
September 17: Braxton
September 24: Harper

Worship Assistants

<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>Sundays</i>
Sep. 6: Lon	Sep. 3: Tanner
Sep. 13: Tanner	Sep. 10: Dave
Sep. 20: Gary L.	Sep. 17: Craig
Sep. 27: Gary K.	Sep. 24: Tanner



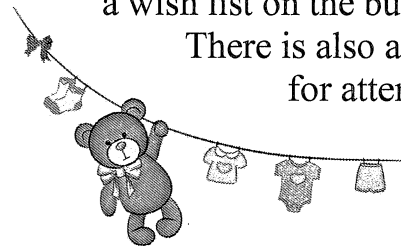
We are still in need of ushers and greeters for the 2023 year. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board if you are willing to help out.



Brunch & Baby Boy Shower Sunday September 24th 10:15 a.m.

St. Barts is having a baby shower for Pastor and Ashley Brandmahl. Brunch will be served at 10:15 a.m. There is no cost for the brunch. Please bring a gift. There is a wish list on the bulletin board.

There is also a sign-up sheet for attendance.



Choir

Choir will once again be starting. New members are always welcome. Watch the bulletins for the start up date. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Riemer.

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)

PUZZLE EXCHANGE



The puzzles have been moved to a new room. They are one door down from the old location. The puzzles have been sorted by number of pieces. When bringing a puzzle back, please be sure to put the puzzle back in the correct section.
Thank you!



September

BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Craig Moline	18 th	Olivia Boldt
3 rd	Kayla Krahn	18 th	Norma Latvala
4 th	Kristen Woldt	22 nd	Molly Gifford
8 th	Lori Horn	24 th	Tim Eickert
8 th	Ashley Beil	26 th	Dori Reidy
12 th	Norman Krahn	27 th	Michelle Schleis
14 th	Emma Levash	27 th	Russell Kiefer
17 th	Sandra Koffarnus	28 th	Maya Emmer
18 th	Matthew Boldt	29 th	Elliot Gifford

ANNIVERSARIES

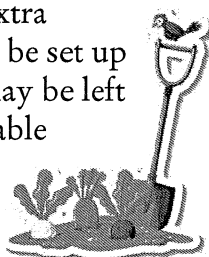
1 st	Thomas & Danielle Schneider
2 nd	Jerry & Sharon Urban
3 rd	Jon & JoAnn Mignon
4 th	Adam & Abigail Geiger
12 th	Gary & Sue Graf
14 th	Kurt & Erin Propson
17 th	Thomas & Shelly Jost
18 th	Duane & Karen Loose
20 th	James Jr. & Tracy Hurda
21 st	Bud & Elaine Zeamer
22 nd	Jay & Amy Krahn
23 rd	Leo & Lyn Skattebo
29 th	Buddy & Brenda Geiger

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



PRODUCE TABLE

The table in the coat room for extra garden produce will continue to be set up during the Fall months. Items may be left on or taken from the produce table throughout the growing season.

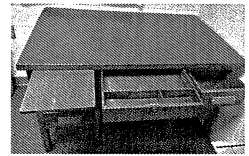


ADULT INFORMATION CLASS



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 October.

Desk for Sale

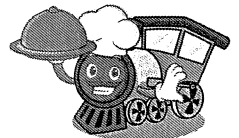


Church has an antique solid wood desk for sale. You can look at it in the youth group room, which is the room behind the mailboxes (left side of the room). The cost is \$200 or best offer. If interested, please contact Alice Koerth.



Lori Krueger is battling ALS disease. There is a meal train site set up for Lori & John Krueger for anyone who would like to help out with meals for them. You can use the link listed to get to the site to sign up for meals.

<https://mealtrain.com/r5nnmw>



THANK YOU

Thank you to Sue Juno for taking care of all the outdoor plants during the summer. And thank you to Carolyn Bladow for taking care of the indoor plants.

