



ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

Greetings in Christ!

In the last newsletter, we had a brief introduction to our topic for this new set of newsletters; the liturgy. Now first, we ought to state the meaning of the word liturgy. Liturgy means nothing other than the “order” of a service, how it is set up, what is said or sung where, and so forth. With this definition, we see that every church has a sort of “liturgy,” an order that they use for all of their services.

In the LCMS, our most common and encouraged form or order of worship is called the *divine service*, or in German, the *Gottesdienst*. These two really mean the same thing, but I include here the German because it is a little clearer. *Gottesdienst* is a compound of two words *Gottes* which means “God’s”, and *dienst*, which means service. All together it means God’s service to us. And this really is what sets apart Lutheran worship from many other forms of worship you’ll find in America today.

Christ says that “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28, ESV) And this is what Christ still does today, He still gives of himself to His people. He sits upon a princely throne of command, but every longs to come down and serve among His people. And there is a very specific way in which He has commanded that we be served: through His word and through His sacrament. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 26:26-28) And this, brothers and sisters, is what we do. We gather together and receive the many gifts which he has given us for the forgiveness of all our sins. For in each of these we have sure signs of that forgiveness, and His everlasting love for us.

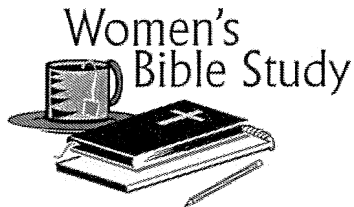
In Christ,

Pastor Brandmahl

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

August 2023

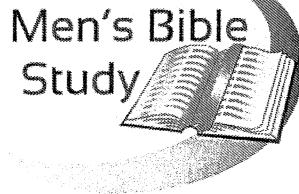
Year-to-date Income:	\$111,056.70
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$104,679.09
Year-to-date Budget:	\$109,470.00



Women's bible study will meet again on Thursday October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

The discussion will be women of the Bible. You can either bring your own Bible or you can borrow one from church.

A Men's Bible Study will begin on Thursday October 19th beginning at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. They will meet every other Thursday. The topic of discussion will be Biblical manhood. All men are welcome to come.



We will be electing new officers at the voters meeting on October 29th. Please prayerfully consider one of these positions. The positions available are:

- Stewardship Evangelism (1)
- Elder (2)
- Trustee (1)

If interested, please contact either Gary Koerth or Rick Riemer.

ELDER GROUPS

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



KINGDOM WORKERS - OCTOBER

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

Altar Guild

October 4 & 8: Andrea Grenzer, Rhonda Geiger
October 11 & 15: Diane Zickert, Ashley Brandmahl
October 18 & 22: Holly Schlender, Sue Behnke
October 25 & 29: Pastor/Ashley, Nancy Davidson

Ushers: Wednesdays: Bud Zeamer, Jeff Schlender
Sundays: Steve Gilbertson

Greeters: Wednesdays: None
Sundays: None

Acolyte

October 1: Ashlynn
October 8: Braxton
October 15: Harper
October 22: James
October 29: Braxton

Worship Assistants

Wednesdays

Oct. 4: Bob
Oct. 11: Jeff
Oct. 18: Rick
Oct. 25: Gary K.

Sundays

Oct. 1: Lon
Oct. 8: Dave
Oct. 15: Gary L.
Oct. 22: Craig
Oct. 29: Tanner

Voter's Meeting

October 29

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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)

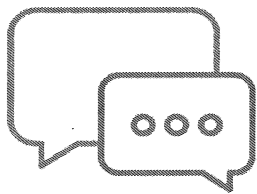
SHARING, BELIEVING, LIVING AND CARING

New Baby Boy Coming Soon...

Pastor and Ashley's son will be born soon. Pastor will be on paternity leave for awhile. After their baby is born, he will be off for one week. Then he will work from home for two weeks. If there is a pastoral emergency you can reach Pastor on his cell phone.



CHURCH TEXTING



Currently the church office is unable to send or receive text

messages. If you need to contact the office please call or email.

Thank you.

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.

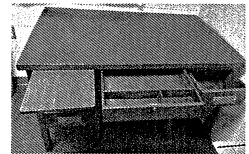
Thank you!

clergy appreciation month

Clergy Appreciation Day is observed on the second Sunday in October (Oct. 8, 2023).

Clergy Appreciation Day is a time to recognize the work of ministers, pastors, and priests in the United States. Thank Pastor Brandmahl for the work he does and remember him in your prayers.

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.

Choir

BEGINS on
Wed. Oct. 4th

Choir practices are on Wednesday's at 6 p.m. All are welcome to join. For any questions regarding choir please contact Terri Riemer.
"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."
Psalm 100:1

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.*

St. Bartholomew has several special project/memorial funds set up to contribute toward.

These funds include:

- Landscaping
- Hearing Loop
- Concordia Scholarship Fund
- Improvement Fund
- Decorating
- Banners

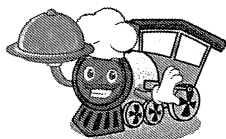


If you would like to contribute to any of the above funds please place your contribution in an envelope and mark it with your name and envelope number as well as the name of the fund you want the contribution assigned to. You may also use the specially marked envelopes in the literature rack.



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.

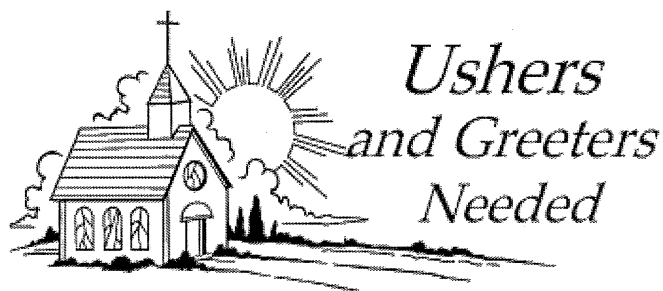
<https://mealtrain.com/r5nnmw>



Happy Times

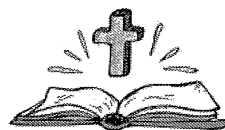


There are extra copies of the children's Happy Times magazine. They are on the small table in the narthex. They are free for the taking. Take one for you kids or your grandkids.



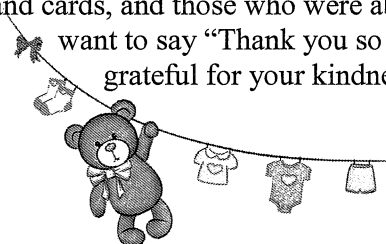
We are still in need of ushers and greeters for the 2023 year. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board if you are willing to help out.

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 November.

THANK YOU – Dear Members of St. Bartholomew. We want to thank all of you who helped us celebrate the upcoming arrival of baby Brandmahl. From those who helped plan and set up to those who gave gifts and cards, and those who were able to attend, we want to say "Thank you so much!" We are so grateful for your kindness and support.

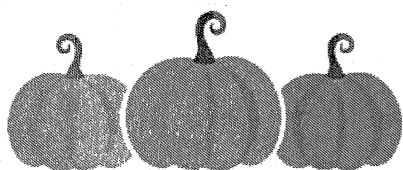


In Christ,
Pastor, Ashley,
Josephine and
Violet Brandmahl



Birthdays

1st James Campbell-Nenahlo	15th Debi Polkinghorne
2nd Adelyn Geiger	15th Sebastian Gifford
4th Joel Koerth	15th Seth Riemer
6th Lon Fels	19th Craig Scharbarth
6th Brenda Geiger	22nd Brandan Bowe
8th Michael Fels	24th Abby Krahn
11th Alandra Grenzer	25th Bret Brehmer
11th Betty Zarnoth	27th Creighton Moline
12th Deacon Bonick	28th Nathan Levash
12th Beth Gilbertson	28th Vanessa Reinke
12th Grant Propson	29th Kim Rahn
14th Jennifer Bowe	30th Jennifer Aman
14th Mary Eickert	



ANNIVERSARIES

3 rd	Hank & Lori Horn
3 rd	Todd and Renee Maeder
9 th	Gary & Joan Lemke
9 th	Shawna & James Kiesow
10 th	Mitch & Morgan Krahn
12 th	Dallas & Sharon Wenzel
19 th	Gary & Dori Reidy
19 th	Tom & Sandi Zahringer
20 th	Steve & Norma Latvala
25 th	Hank & Kit Horn
26 th	Dwane & Paula Kalies
29 th	Megan & Andrew Kiefer

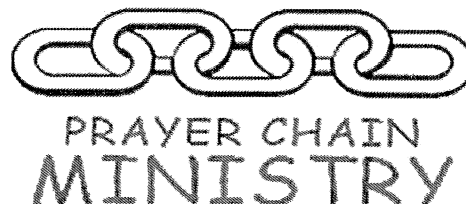
Please forgive us and politely notify us if an anniversary or birthday is missing from the list. Thank you.



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)

AUGUST SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	25	0.43
BP	500	7.50
Dairy Queen	20	4.00
Econo	1,725	51.75
Exxon	100	5.00
Festival	100	3.00
Home Depot	600	42.00
Kwik Trip	275	11.00
Menards	100	3.00
Piggly Wiggly	300	9.00
Subway	50	5.00
WalMart	275	6.88
TOTALS	4,070.00	148.55