



## ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023

Greetings and peace from Christ our Lord!

In our last newsletter, we discussed who Christ is and how He desires to serve and not to be served in the divine service (Matthew 20:28). This week we will begin to look at the service itself to see how He longs to serve us. We start every service here at St. Bart's with a hymn. And there is a reason for this, and a reason for the singing of hymns. Hymns are meant to do a variety of things. In one way, they are suppose to give glory to God, to remind Him of who He is, our Lord and Savior, and who we are, His people who are in desperate need of Him. In this way, the hymn doubles as a prayer.

Take for instance the language found in hymn number 734 stanza two, "bow down your gracious ear to me and hear my cry, my prayer, my plea." Here the hymn writer, in borrowing from the psalms, is having us call out to God for help. The divine service itself is one continual plea to God that He come down and rule among His people.

In another way hymns are to set the mood in a sort of way for the service. It is often noted that Lutheran hymns tend to be a little more somber than the hymns and songs of other protestant denominations. This is a feature, not a bug of Lutheran hymnody. Because we believe as Lutherans that, when we worship, we are approaching God on His divine throne to beg Him for mercy, protection, and forgiveness, we carry out this request as we would to any other king or ruler. No one asks for forgiveness with clapping and stomping and shouting, but instead, that forgiveness is sought for somberly.

For this is what we come to seek from the Lord as we shall see over the coming months, forgiveness. Every element of the liturgy, from the general confession, to the benediction, is centered on this one goal, to receive from God what really matters, the heavenly riches, namely, the good will of our God.

God's richest blessing be to you all,

*Pastor Brandmahl*

## FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

September 2023

Year-to-date Income:	\$120,464.24
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$115,121.91
Year-to-date Budget:	\$123,153.75

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### Profession of Faith

Karen Juno

### Landscape Fund

Janet Kalies in memory of Marjorie Horn



## KINGDOM WORKERS - NOVEMBER

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

### Altar Guild

November 1 & 5: Connie Koerth, Linda Breitzman  
November 8 & 12: Sharon Wenzel, Faith Sonnabend  
November 15 & 19: Andrea Grenzer, Rhonda Geiger  
November 22 & 26: Janet Kalies, Sue Graf  
Nov. 29 & Dec. 3: Judy Baer, Roger & Carolyn Bladow

Ushers: Wednesdays: Lon & Lori Fels  
Sundays: Duane Loose

Greeters: Wednesdays: None  
Sundays: None

### Acolyte

November 5: Harper  
November 12: Ashlynn  
November 19: Braxton  
November 22: (Thanksgiving Eve) Harper  
November 26: Ashlynn  
November 29 (Advent): Braxton

### Worship Assistants

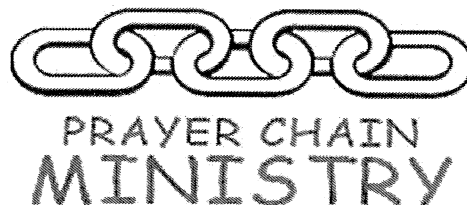
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>Sundays</i>
Nov. 1: Jeff	Nov. 5: Bob
Nov. 8: Gary K.	Nov. 12: Dave
Nov. 15: Lon	Nov. 19: Tanner
Nov. 22: Gary L.	Nov. 26: Craig
Nov. 29: Rick	



## 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)

### Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 22  
7:00 p.m. with Communion

### **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**

## Cookout and Bake Sale

Stewardship  
will be hosting  
a cookout and  
bake sale on  
Saturday November 4  
from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Proceeds will go towards  
building improvements.

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### Attention all Thrivent Members

We will be renovating the women's bathroom. We are able to use Thrivent Action Cards from members. There are 3 areas where we can use a card. Paint, sinks & vanity, and high rise toilet. All Thrivent members are eligible to apply for the action team cards. You can do this by going to the website and choose Thrivent Action Teams and click apply now. If you are interested in using your action team card for these projects, please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

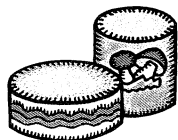


DON'T FORGET TO  
TURN YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK 1 HOUR BEFORE  
YOU GO TO BED ON  
NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>.

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### SHARE YOUR BOUNTY!

#### Food 'N More



Bring non-perishable food items, toiletries, and/or paper products. Items collected will be given to the Food Pantry at Holy Family Church in Brillion.

*(Box is located in the coat room.  
Deadline is Sunday, November 26th.)*

### POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR



If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the altar this Christmas season, forms are available on the table in the narthex or in the church office. The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, December 3rd.

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### Christmas Cookie Sale

December 10 & 13 (after services)  
Sponsored by Ladies Aid

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you wish to help by donating homemade Christmas cookies. Bring them to church by 9:00 a.m. on December 9. PLEASE ATTACH A NOTE TO YOUR COOKIES IF THEY CONTAIN NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER TO INFORM THOSE WHO ARE ALLERGIC TO THESE INGREDIENTS. Thank you for your help! (Profits will go toward the Boiler & Blacktop Funds).

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### DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS...

On December 2nd beginning at 9:00 a.m. we will need volunteers to help with decorating the tree and church as well as putting up the outdoor Christmas display. Please consider helping even if you can only give an hour of your time. *Thank you!*



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### CHURCH CLOSINGS

Before you know it, winter will be upon us. We ask that you let us know your email address if you want to be notified of any church closings this winter season due to inclement weather. Thank you. You can also check our church FaceBook page, tune into radio station Y100 100.3 FM or turn your TV to WBAY Channel 2 for any worship service cancellation.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



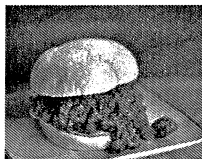
1 <sup>st</sup>	Duane Loose	13 <sup>th</sup>	Clay Brehmer
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bailee Schlender	15 <sup>th</sup>	Emmeline Hurda
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheri Levash	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Sonnabend
4 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Horn	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Geiger
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dale Streck	20 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Kabat
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Lemke	21 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Horn
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jody Denor	21 <sup>st</sup>	Dwane Kalies
9 <sup>th</sup>	Patsy Wendling	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Derek Koffarnus
9 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Gade	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Joan Lemke
10 <sup>th</sup>	Harlen Krahn	25 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Fels
11 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Woldt	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Krahn
13 <sup>th</sup>	Kelvin Gilbertson		



## ANNIVERSARIES

8 <sup>th</sup>	Simon and Rhonda Geiger
14 <sup>th</sup>	Andy & Cara Geiger
14 <sup>th</sup>	Joel & Connie Koerth
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pete & Judy Vechart

## ADVENT MEALS 2023



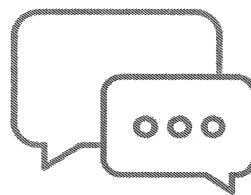
The dates for the meals are December 6, 13 and 20. The sign-up sheets with the menus for the meals will be posted on the bulletin board. The meals are a free will offering. Please join us for fellowship before the Midweek Advent services.

## ALTAR GUILD HELP IS NEEDED

Women, men, or couples to serve on the Altar Guild for 2024. In fact, any confirmed member can serve. If you are interested, contact the church office and we will put your name on the list. We will also begin contacting the current Altar Guild members sometime in November to determine your willingness to serve.



## 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.*

## Bakery Surplus Table

We will be starting a bakery surplus table. The table in the coatroom will be used as a bakery table. If you are baking and have extra and would like to share, please have your bakery wrapped and on a plate and dated to when you made your food and bring it to the table. Items need to be non refrigerated. They can be dropped off or picked up after church services or anytime during the week. If you have any questions with this please contact the church office. *Enjoy!*



We will be adopting families for Christmas. More details to come.

## VOTERS MEETING MINUTES

If you would like to receive the minutes from the October voters meeting, you can pick up a copy from the small table in the narthex, or you can email the office at [sblcoffice105@gmail.com](mailto:sblcoffice105@gmail.com) and we will send you a copy via email. *Thank you!*

## ELDER GROUPS

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