



## ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

Greetings and peace in Christ our Lord!

We took a brief detour last month from our look at the Divine Service to consider the place of Fasting in the Lutheran celebration of Lent. This month, we delve again into the Lord's Service to consider one of the two central pillars by which it is upheld. The first of these two pillars is the Word of God. I've spoken and written in the past how the services which we are gathered to each Wednesday and Sunday are built up entirely from the scriptures. If you open your hymnal and look at all that the congregation and the pastor speak back to one another, it all comes with the scriptures references from whence they are drawn.

But we look now towards the readings themselves. First, let us consider what Paul tells to young Timothy: "For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer." (1 Timothy 4:4-5, emphasis my own) I could cover the next few pages with an endless stream of scripture quotations speaking about the importance of God's word to all people, but I pray you don't need convincing on this issue. God's word plays a central role in our service simply because it plays a central role in our lives! It is through the Word itself that we "live, move, and have our being (Acts 17:28), and by "the power of His word" says Paul, "He upholds the world." (Hebrews 1:3).

The truth is, that God calls on us to put aside our fleshly eyes that are unable to see the truth in, with, and under those leather covers and red letters. God's word is the true sustaining bread which upholds each and every one of us, even if we think we uphold ourselves by our own will, eating, and drinking. Let us listen closely to the words of Paul: "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall." None of us is our own, we all breath, walk, work, act by His power. It is this word, although humble in appearance, that makes the world go round. So let us not put anything before it, but throw ourselves down before our Holy God who desires to make us holy too, through His word and through *His work alone*.

To God alone be the Glory,

*Pastor Brandmahl*

## LANDSCAPE FUND

Janet Kalies, in memory of Jules Clausing

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## TRANSFER

Rev. Mark & Kris Krueger to St. Peter, Hilbert

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## KINGDOM WORKERS - MARCH

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

### Altar Guild

Feb. 28 & Mar. 3: Diane Zickert, Ashley Brandmahl  
March 6 & 10: Holly Schlender, Sue Behnke  
March 13 & 17: Ashley Brandmahl, Nancy Davidson  
March 20 & 24: Connie Koerth, Linda Breitzman  
March 28, 29 & 31: Renee Bonick, Sue Juno

Ushers: Wednesdays: None  
Sundays: Russ Boldt, Matt Juno

### Acolyte

March 3: Harper  
March 6: **(Lent)** Ashlynn  
March 10: James  
March 13: **(Lent)** James  
March 17: Braxton  
March 20: **(Lent)** Harper  
March 24: **(Palm Sunday)** Ashlynn  
March 28: **(Maundy Thursday)** James  
March 29: **(Good Friday)** Braxton, Harper  
March 31: **(Easter)** 7 a.m.—Ashlynn  
9 a.m.—James

### Worship Assistants

<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>Sundays</i>
Mar. 6: Gary K.	Mar. 3: Jeff
Mar. 13: <b>(Lent)</b> Lon	Mar. 10: Gary L.
Mar. 20: <b>(Lent)</b> Bob	Mar. 17: Dave

### *HOLY WEEK*

Mar. 24: **(Palm Sunday)** Tanner  
Mar. 28: **(Maundy Thursday)** Gary K.  
Mar. 29: **(Good Friday)** Jeff  
Mar. 31: **(Easter)** 7 a.m.—Lon/Dav  
9 a.m.—Tanner/Gary L.

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## Book Bags for Kids

There are book bags for children to use during the church service. They are located on a stand by the bulletin table.



## 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
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)

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## ELDER GROUPS

(A-G) Tanner Behnke	920-427-6201
(H-M) Lon Fels	920-655-8585
(N-Z) Jeff Schlender	920-588-7772

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### **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**



## Good Friday Fish Fry

Friday, March 29  
5:00 — 6:30 p.m.

(For members & guests only)  
Free Will Offering

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

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

Donations needed: coleslaw, cold potato salad, hot German potato salad, rye bread, fruit and veggie trays, applesauce, tartar sauce and desserts.

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

**THANK  
You  
SO VERY  
much**

Thank you to all who helped pay off the parking lot fund. It is now paid.

Thank you to the anonymous person who brought in chocolate candy to the office. It truly is a sweet treat.

## Gift Baskets

Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for people to donate gift baskets for the silent auction. Some ideas could be: sports themed basket (tickets to events, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, golf balls, tees, Packer or Brewer items etc.), child's basket (games, toys, books, movies, etc.), coffee basket (mug or two, flavored coffee, creamers, etc.), gift baskets & homemade items (blankets, wooden toys, outside garden items, etc.) Items can be dropped off on the table in the banner room. Donation deadline is March 10th. Items will be on display in the narthex. The silent auction will run

March 17—29. The money raised will go towards a new snowblower. If you have any questions or would like to donate any items for the silent auction, please contact Alice Koerth, Amy Krahn, Rhonda Geiger, or Brenda Geiger.



## Lenten Mission Project

### MILITARY BIBLESTICKS

From February 14 through March 31, we will be receiving funds to purchase Military BibleSticks for our troops at home and abroad.

\$25 sponsors one soldier and their family. The goal is to raise enough funds to supply at least 25 BibleSticks.



Your gift of \$5, \$25, \$100, or whatever amount can be put in an envelope marked "BibleStick" and placed in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to the church.

*Help share the Good News with our troops!*

## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS

Easter Flower order forms are available on the table in the narthex or in the church office. If you would like to donate your flower in memory or honor of someone/something there is a place on the order form to note that. Deadline to order is March 17.

Daylight Savings Time: Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9th.



## 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 2024 orders is April 28.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Kayla Woldt	18th	Josh Delvaux
2nd	Hilary Sonnabend	18th	Harper Horn
3rd	Sue Detert	18th	Faith Sonnabend
5th	Erin Zutz	19th	Russ Boldt
6th	Gary Koerth	19th	Lindsey Vechart
6th	Mitch Krahn	20th	John Levash
6th	Ron Zueske	21st	Jr. Doughty
7th	Emma Krahn	21st	Olivia Riemer
7th	Rick Riemer	22nd	Melissa Day
7th	Haley Graef	22nd	Kenzie Schneider
8th	Mike Delvaux	23rd	Ruth McDermott
8th	Micah Horn	25th	Brigette Sonnabend
10th	Meghan Propson	26th	Parker Sonnabend
11th	Pete Zarnoth	27th	Scott Eickert
12th	Jon Mignon	27th	Ben Kalies
14th	Cole Reinke	28th	Addison Grenzer
17th	Bob Koffarnus	28th	Renee Maeder

## ANNIVERSARIES

11th	Erin & Ken Zutz
28th	Scott & Mary Eickert

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



## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday

March 24 at 9:00 a.m.

### Maundy Thursday

March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

### Good Friday

March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday

March 31 at 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.

## JANUARY SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	800	12.00
Cobblestone	50	2.50
Econo	800	24.00
Exxon	100	5.00
Festival	200	6.00
Home Depot	200	8.00
Kwik Trip	625	25.00
Menards	100	3.00
Piggly Wiggly	200	6.00
Roundy's	200	8.00
Target	125	3.13
WalMart	275	6.88
TOTALS	3,675	109.51

\* Just a reminder that the Scrip profit goes toward the debt retirement.

## Chili Dinner Thank You

A very special thank you to all the ladies and men that came to help with the chili dinner on February 25.

We had a very successful day, and without your help we would not have done it.

Thank you for your donations of pies, tortes, and ingredients for the soup. To those who came to dine here, and for the many take outs.

Saint Bartholomew Ladies Aid

## 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 March.

