



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2016



*"To God be the Glory!"* (1 Peter 4:11)

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS WHO IS THE LIGHT TO  
LIGHTEN THE GENTILES AND THE GLORY OF HIS PEOPLE, ISRAEL!

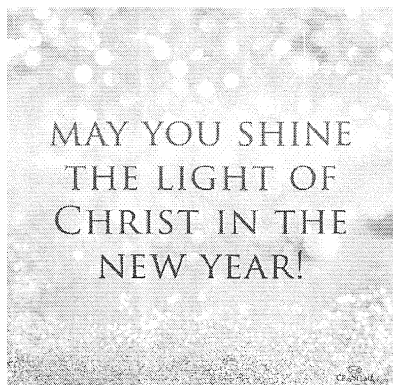
"Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year" (LSB #896)

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| 1 Now greet the swiftly changing year<br>With joy and penitence sincere.<br>Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace<br><b>Another year of grace.</b>     | 4 His love abundant far exceeds<br>The volume of a whole year's needs.<br>Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace<br><b>Another year of grace.</b>  |
| 2 Remember now the Son of God<br>And how He shed His infant blood.<br>Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace<br><b>Another year of grace.</b>           | 5 With Him as Lord to lead our way<br>In want and in prosperity,<br>What need we fear in earth or space<br><b>In this new year of grace!</b>      |
| 3 This Jesus came to end sin's war;<br>This Name of names for us He bore.<br>Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace<br><b>Another year of grace.</b>    | 6 "All glory be to God on high,<br>And peace on earth!" the angels cry.<br>Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace<br><b>Another year of grace.</b> |
| 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!<br>To all our pleas incline Your ear;<br>Upon our lives rich blessing trace<br><b>In this new year of grace.</b> |                                                                                                                                                   |

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I pray that the words and thoughts of this hymn be a blessing to you as we begin "**another year of grace.**"

A blessed New Year in Christ to you and your family!



Together in Christ,

*Pastor Kueng*

Sharing, **B**elieving, **L**iving, **C**aring

## FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

November 2015

Year-to-date Income:	\$152,099.13
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$143,241.27
Year-to-date Budget:	\$151,989.44

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### SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

#### AED Fund

Bonnie Smith

#### Camel Fund

Pete & Judy Vechart

#### Organ Fund

Janet Kalies in memory of Dorothy Koffarnus  
Kay Koffarnus in memory of E.J. (Gene) Draheim

#### NEW MEMBER

Linda Skaggs by Adult Confirmation 12/06

#### TRANSFER

Kathy Brown to Trinity Lutheran Church, Hilbert

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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

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### KINGDOM WORKERS - JANUARY

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): Roger Bladow, Simon Geiger  
(Sundays): Steve Juno, Steve Juno

Altar Guild: Debbie Kamps

Greeters (Wednesday): Simon & Rhonda Geiger  
(Sundays): Deacon & Renee Bonick

## ELDER GROUPS

(Baer-Geiger)	Gary Koerth	864-7714
(Giese-Krahn)	Rick Riemer	(920) 841-7365
(Kremer-Reinke)	Gary Lemke	853-3846
(Riemer-Zutz)	Tim Pope	756-2622



If you would like to have a prayer sent on the Prayer Chain, please contact any one of the Prayer Chain members:

Judy Baer	756-2696
Renee Bonick	(920) 296-9164
Sue Detert	756-3439
Ralph & Sandy Haberland	756-3247
Kris Krueger	756-3912
Jean Peter	853-3235
Faith Sonnabend	756-2779
Joan Zutz	756-2501

All requests will remain strictly confidential!

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### VOTER'S MEETING

January 31, 2016

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### WORSHIP SERVICE CANCELLATION



In the event of bad winter weather conditions, please tune into radio station Y100 100.3 FM for any worship service cancellations.

Members will also be notified via email, so if you have a recent email change, please make sure the church office is aware of it. The church office can also text those members who have cell phones. If you do not want to receive a text, please let the office know.

# Living Generously

The purpose of this newsletter is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this monthly publication will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

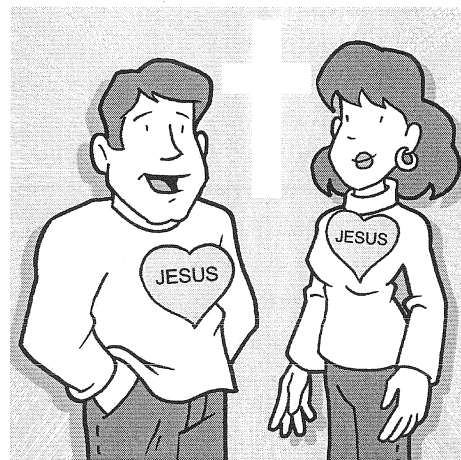
## Empowered by Jesus

Jesus said, *"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing"* (John 15:4-5). In Jesus' illustration, we are the branches, and He is the Vine. As branches on the Vine, we are totally dependent on Christ, the true Vine. We, as branches, are to bear fruit.

The Apostle Paul explained to the Galatians what that fruit is: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control"* (Galatians 5:22-23). Deeds done in faith are the fruit of faith resulting in good works. This fruit will be evident in the lives of Christians as a natural outcome of Christ living in us. We minister to the needs of others as Jesus, the Vine, did during His life on earth. We feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and the prisoner (Matthew 25:37-39), all in the name of Christ. In serving others, we bear much fruit and glorify God through our lives (John 15:8). We are not saved by the fruit we

bear, but we have been created by God and empowered by Him to bear fruit.

When we abide in Christ, the Vine, we as branches will be fruitful. Christ left the task of spreading the Gospel to eleven apostles, a small number, but, empowered by the Holy Spirit, a virtual army. Through the ages, Christ's followers, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, have continued to remain faithful.



## Becoming More Like Jesus

God created man and announced His creation to be *"very good"* (Genesis 1:31), but, because of self-will and pride, Adam and Eve sinned, causing man to be separated from God. To bridge that separation, God rescued us with the greatest gift of all: His very own Son. In Christ, God speaks to us, reaches out to us with forgiveness, and receives us in fellowship. All we have has been freely given to us, not because of who we are or what we do, but because of Whose we are. Through faith, we see God's redemptive grace in Jesus, and we are

motivated to live our lives for Him (Ephesians 2:8-10).

In Jesus, we see the attributes of God. In Hebrews 1:3 we read, *"[The Son] is the radiance of glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."* As true man, He lived the life of a perfect steward for the glory of His Heavenly Father. Jesus put aside his own interests and desires, He prayed, *"Not as I will, but as You will"* (Matthew 26:39). So also we are called to be obedient through faith to God's ways rather than the ways of the world and our own natures.



Jesus did what pleased the Father. *"And behold a voice from Heaven said, 'This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased'"* (Matthew 3:17). In Jesus, we have a model for our lives as stewards. Even greater, we have a Savior Who lived the perfect life in our places. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, our goal is to

follow the urging of the Apostle Paul who wrote, *"Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you"* (Colossians 3:5). To that end, we should saturate our minds with the truths in God's Word rather than the teachings of the world.

### **On the Lighter Side**

Years ago, a little boy had two quarters—one for ice cream and one for the church offering.

Unfortunately, he accidentally dropped one into the storm sewer.

"Well, Lord," the boy said, "there goes your quarter."

### **Supporting Church Workers**

It is our responsibility as stewards in the Body of Christ to ensure that the teachers and preachers of the Gospel are being fairly compensated for the work they do. The Apostle Paul asked, *"If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?"* (1 Corinthians 9:11). How grateful we can be for those who give their lives in service to minister to the flock and to reach out to the lost! What a privilege to have a part in their ministry by sharing our wealth in the funding of that ministry!

### **Three Levels of Giving:**

- You have to (law)
- You ought to (obligation)
- You want to (grace)

**Blessings as you Live Generously!**

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

1100 W. Ryan Street, Brillion WI 54110-1074

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

December 15, 2015

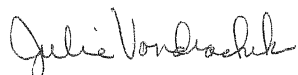
Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
Pastor Mark Krueger  
105 Horn Street  
Brillion WI 54110

Dear Friends,

We are sending a great big "Thank You" for your latest Christmas time food collection and for all the food that you donate all year long to support our local food pantry. You make it possible for us to serve many needy families in this area. They all appreciate your generosity, especially during this holy season. May God bless you!

Your kindness helps us to accomplish our mission, which is to respond to the Christian calling to find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived, so we may bring them Christ's love. We couldn't do this without the support of all our very generous benefactors.

Gratefully,



Julie Vondrachek  
St. Vincent dePaul

## Address, Phone, or Email Changes?



We will be updating our church directory soon and need any changes you may have had recently in your address, phone, or email.

You may update these changes through our website at [www.stbartbrillion.org](http://www.stbartbrillion.org) at any time. We will soon have sheets on a table in the narthex for you to make these updates as well.

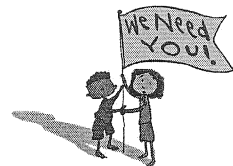
## PAVERS

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 \$25 each.

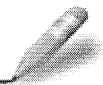
You can purchase a paver in memory of or in honor of someone or some event.

We only place one order during the year so be sure to order now. Deadline for 2016 orders is April 11.

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> right after the worship service, we will be taking down the outdoor Nativity display as well as the Christmas trees and indoor church decorations. We would appreciate any help you can offer. Thank you.



## Take note



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 contribution 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
- Organ
- AED

## PENNIES FOR LIFE!

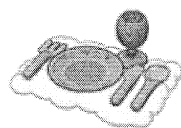


To help us in our right to education, Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin would like to ask you to donate one penny for each year you've been alive. For most of us, this is less than the cost of a coffee or soda.

Just as all of our individual voices can join together to defend the precious lives God has created, our pennies can be combined together to help fund the organization that helps defend life.

**Your pennies may be deposited in the jar in the narthex throughout the month of January.**  
**Please do not put in junk pennies or Canadian coins in the jar.**

## LENTEN MEALS 2016



We are in need of people to host a Lenten meal. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board. The dates for the meals are February 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, & 16. Anyone who volunteers to provide a meal can get reimbursed for the cost of the food. Please consider this as it is a great time for Fellowship. Watch for sign-up sheets with menus and meal cost on the bulletin board coming soon.

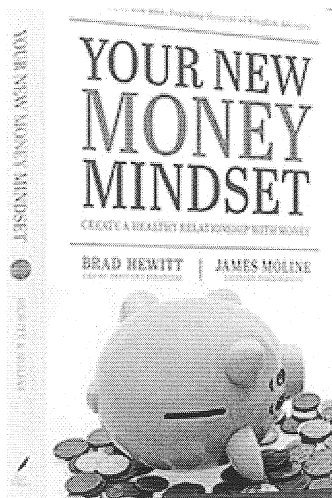
## LIVE GENEROUSLY

Thrivent Financial is promoting a new book titled *Your New Money Mindset: Create a Healthy Relationship with Money* that was just released in October of this year [2015]. It was written by Thrivent's CEO, Brad Hewitt, and James Moline, a licensed Psychologist. The focus is on the blessing and importance of living generously. It is a book worth reading. The following are a couple of quotes:

"The more we share our time, energy, and money, the more joy we discover in life."

"Put succinctly, you can have a high income yet struggle. Or you can have a modest income yet thrive ... Our relationship with money is not determined by how much money we have or don't have. While it can affect our money mindset, the amount is not as significant as what we do with what we have."

"By the way, generosity isn't just about money. It's also about sharing your whole self—time, energy, wisdom, talents, attention, compassion, empathy, and more. It's doing simple acts that make a difference for a neighbor nearby or on the other side of the world. You might feel like you don't have money to give. That's okay. Generosity is about far more than cash. It's a fundamental change from keeping everything for ourselves to finding ways to bless others."



## CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

### Mark Your Calendars

The Church Council has decided it is time that we have another professionally done church pictorial directory.

Here are the dates:

March 24, 25, 26

May 16

More information will be coming but for now plan on your family having their picture taken on one of those dates.

**HELP NEEDED:** Three individuals are needed to serve on the committee for the directory. You will be responsible for making some decisions about the directory and recruiting others to help. Contact the church office as soon as possible if you are interested. The plan is to have a meeting in January with the representative from LifeTouch.

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## CONTEMPORARY FAITH

### Weekly Bulletin Insert

A new weekly insert will be found in your bulletin beginning January 3. "Contemporary Faith" provides interesting faith discussion starters for the following week. Each issue gives a Christian perspective on current issues.

Topics for this quarter include:

- Growing in Wisdom and Stature
- True Identity
- Blessed to Enjoy Life
- Members of Christ's Body
- God's Words in Their Mouths
- God's Holiness for Our Benefit
- Welcome to the Land of the Living
- Church and Culture in Tension
- When Tragedy Strikes

## Resolve to Be Well In the New Year

The New Year often brings a desire to start new habits that will benefit your health. The key is to adopt one or two new routines (or recommit to old ones) and try not to change everything right away. Once the desired routine becomes a habit, then you can add another to expand your repertoire of healthful behaviors.

Try these strategies to improve your well-being in 2016:

### ***Fill Up on Fiber***

In a study published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, people who had a high-fiber cereal for breakfast ate 31 percent fewer calories during lunch than those who ate little or no fiber for breakfast. Your body takes longer to process fiber, and that can extend your feeling of being full so that you're not tempted to snack.

### ***Chew More & Eat Slowly***

In a study published in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, researchers noted how many times participants chewed while eating. Those who chewed twice as many times as normal ate 15 percent less food. Likewise, a study in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* found that participants who ate slowly consumed on average 73 fewer calories during the meal. As you eat, take frequent pauses or set down your fork and don't take another bite until you have completely chewed the food in your mouth.

### ***Dial Down Distractions***

Don't eat in front of your TV or computer. A review of 24 studies published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, found that being preoccupied while eating can increase your calorie intake by 39 percent.

### ***Stretch and Pray***

After a workout, as you are stretching your muscles, use that time to pray about the concerns on your mind, to ask for peace and guidance for the challenges of the day, or to say a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings already received that day.

Source: *Mercola.com, Eat This, Not That, and Mayo Clinic*

## Kale Meets the Competition

You've undoubtedly heard that kale is one of those "super foods," but what you may not have heard is that a dozen other vegetables may actually be better for you than kale. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) revealed that news recently as they ranked the top 41 "powerhouse fruits and vegetables."

To make the "powerhouse" list, the researchers calculated each fruit or vegetable's nutrient-density score based on the percentage of daily nutrients each food provides. The foods were scored by their content of fiber, potassium, protein, calcium, folate, vitamin B12, vitamin A, vitamin D, and other nutrients. The scores were also capped to make sure that a fruit or vegetable that provides a large amount of a single nutrient wouldn't receive a disproportionately high overall score. The list is intended to show how you can get the proper nutrients from a wide variety of foods to avoid chronic disease.

Here are the top 15 and their nutrient density score:

Watercress	100.00	Romaine lettuce	63.48
Chinese cabbage	91.99	Collard green	62.49
Chard	89.27	Turnip green	62.12
Beet green	87.08	Mustard green	61.39
Spinach	86.43	Endive	60.44
Chicory	73.36	Chive	54.80
Leaf lettuce	70.73	Kale	49.07
Parsley	65.59		

In case you were wondering, only seven fruits made the "powerhouse" list: lemons, strawberries, oranges, limes, white and pink grapefruit, and blackberries – although none were in the top 25. The complete list can be found at the CDC website: [www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2014/13\\_0390.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2014/13_0390.htm)

Source: *Fooducate.com, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

## Did you Know

Soft drinks, fruit drinks, and sports drinks are the #1 source of added sugar in the American diet. Startling fact: add one 12-oz. soft drink a day to your diet with no other changes in intake or physical activity, and you could gain up to 15 pounds per year.

## Brush Up on Mouth Health

Millions of germs can live on your toothbrush – mostly coming from your mouth. While those germs rarely make you sick, bacteria can find its way onto your brush through other means. You can avoid your toothbrush making you ill by following these suggestions:

- After brushing, rinse your toothbrush with warm water and store it upright to air-dry.
- Don't cover your toothbrush or store it in a plastic container until it is completely dry. A moist environment can promote bacterial growth.
- Store your toothbrush away from the toilet. Keep it in a medicine cabinet if possible. Studies by the University of Manchester in England and the University of Alabama at Birmingham found that open-air toothbrushes stored near toilets contained thousands of bacteria including fecal germs and E. coli. At the very least, close the lid when flushing.
- Don't share your toothbrush. Sharing can transfer saliva and bacteria – even the kind that cause tooth decay.
- Always replace your toothbrush after a cold or flu. Viruses and bacteria from your mouth can live for weeks on the toothbrush.
- Clean your toothbrush holder regularly to remove germs. A study by the National Sanitation Foundation found that toothbrush holders are the third-most germiest household item (behind dish sponges and kitchen sinks).

*Sources: Delta Dental & MedicineNet.com*

## Popping a Nutritious Snack

Popcorn is a healthful snack that is high in fiber and antioxidants. How you make the popcorn, however, determines how healthy the popcorn can be. By making it yourself, you control the amount of oil, salt, and additional calories (the toppings). Store-bought microwavable popcorn, on the other hand, may contain trans fats—even if the label says otherwise. Manufacturers are allowed to add up to a half gram of trans fat per serving without including it on the nutrition label (look for "partially hydrogenated oil" in the ingredient list to know for sure).

Making the popcorn yourself also helps you avoid potentially harmful substances associated with store-bought microwave popcorn. One such substance is perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). PFOA forms when the coating used in the popcorn bag breaks down when heated. The Environmental Protection Agency has identified PFOA as a "likely carcinogen." Several manufacturers now use PFOA-free bags: Jolly Time, Orville Redenbacher, Act II, Newman's Own Organics, Quinn, and Snappy.

Another substance found in microwave popcorn is diacetyl: a chemical in the fake butter flavoring. Some microwave popcorn factory workers have developed a rare lung condition due to long-term inhaling of the chemical's fumes during processing. As a result of consumer concerns, a number of microwave popcorn manufacturers have discontinued using diacetyl and now note that on the box.

If you prefer store-bought microwave popcorn, nutritionist Jill Castle and Prevention magazine list these three as the healthiest, popular name-brand microwave popcorns (in terms of calories and fat):

- Act II Light Butter
- Orville Redenbacher's Natural Butter 50% Less Fat
- Newman's Own Organics Pop's Corn Light Butter

You can also microwave your own:

1. Toss in a bowl ¼ cup popcorn with 1/4 teaspoon canola oil
2. Pour into a brown paper lunch bag. Fold over the opening twice, and tape the opening closed.
3. Place the bag in the microwave folded side up and "cook" for 2 to 3 minutes. Don't leave the bag unattended, and when you notice the popping slowing down, STOP.

Variation: Pop the corn in a glass bowl with a plate over the top.

*Sources: Care2.com, Prevention, and Livestrong.com*



# Men's Retreat

## Feb. 19-21, 2016

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Men's Retreat will be held at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc on the weekend of February 19-21. The retreat is organized by three congregations in the South Wisconsin District: First Immanuel in Cedarburg, Our Redeemer in Wauwatosa, and Divine Redeemer in Hartland. The theme for this year's retreat is, "Life Is \_\_\_\_\_" It is based on a book with the same title, written by Judah Smith who is pastor of City Church in Seattle, Washington. His first book was "Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_" and was the #1 best-seller of the New York Times and USA Today. In the book Pastor Smith shows men how to live life to the fullest. He also shows that God's love for us is beyond human logic and shows us the life God intends for us to live in our present day culture. He also shows us how to trust God in any situation life springs upon us and how to be at peace with God and enjoy God's presence in our daily lives.

Last year 127 men from 37 different congregations attended the retreat. Here are some comments from some of the men who attended last year's retreat: My faith was strengthened this weekend; major issues men face today were addressed; this weekend was a faith builder; outstanding breakout sessions; the weekend made me take an inventory of my spiritual life. Come to this year's retreat and learn how to live life to the fullest. If you have any questions about the retreat e-mail Jim at [jnrberg67@gmail.com](mailto:jnrberg67@gmail.com) or phone him 414-462-5871 or cell 414-469-0100.

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### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Three resolutions for 2016:

"I resolve, in 2016, to love the Lord my God with all that I am, and my neighbor as myself."

"In 2016, I will love the Lord my God with all that I am, and I will love my neighbor – all other people - as the precious child of God each one of them is."

"I resolve, in 2016, in everything to do to others as I would have them do to me."

"Lord, you give us this New Year. 2016, a gift of time, in which we can give ourselves to being the best 'me' each of us can possibly be, and the most like Jesus each of us can possibly be."

Via Poet Douglas Ridley of Cambridge, MD  
*The Joyful Noiseletter*

THANK YOU to everyone that showed how "Leading Generously" is evident in our congregation. Your response to our Adopt-A-Family program this Christmas was overwhelming. Due to the generosity of Thrivent Financial we also received additional funds to purchase basic necessities for the family. Together we were able to make this Christmas a very memorable time for a needy family. Thank you again.

### *Board of Stewardship and Evangelism*



The following is an email sent from Chief Jo Ann Mignon to Sue Juno, Stewardship & Evangelism Board member regarding the family St. Bartholomew 'adopted' this past Christmas:

*Thank you so much... the mom was in tears and could not say thank you enough.*

*I'm proud to be a member of St. Bart's. As she (mom) said "I thought it was going to be our worst Christmas and it might turn out to be our very best".*



Thank you to Lois Stache for her many years of service as organist at St. Bartholomew. Her hard work and dedication to our church has been greatly appreciated!

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5*

### Youth news:

Our last meeting held in November had a small group in attendance, we opened with a Bible study on serving the Lord and others in His word. After the Bible Study we prepared College/Military care kits and sent them off to members of the congregation currently in college and in the Military. This was made possible by a Thrivent Action Team, in where Thrivent gave us a prepaid visa card for the supplies and postage. We then shopped, packed and sent the boxes out.

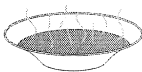
### National Youth Gathering News:



Plans are under way for "In Christ Alone", the National LCMS Youth Gathering, which will be held in New Orleans, July 16 -20, 2016. Held only once every 3 years, the National gathering gives youth an amazing opportunity to grow in their faith. St Bartholomew youth have been accepted into the National youth gathering; we will have 4 youth and 2 adult leaders representing our Church in New Orleans and are very busy with fundraisers. As of now they are about half way to New Orleans.

### Some upcoming fundraisers planned are:

Soup Luncheon on Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> following the service



Rummage Sale - The Youth will be conducting a rummage sale in the spring/summer, the same date as the Brillion wide sale. As the dates approach closer we will post times when items may be dropped off. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the National Youth Gathering trip and other activities the youth are involved in. Please remember to be setting aside items to donate to the rummage sale.

Lenten Fish Fry – held on Good Friday, along with the fish fry this year will be a silent auction.

And sometime in the spring our leaders have challenged the youth to a "Collection of the Coins"; where the not so fortunate group will have to wear some crazy costumes at the gathering for a few hours. Look for further details in upcoming newsletters, save your



coins and support your youth leaders (as they do not want to wear the crazy outfits – we want to see the youth in crazy outfits!)

THANK YOU for your support at our latest fundraisers – Advent meals and the casserole sale went well!

The youth group is open to any youth Grades 7 through high school, and we would love to have more in attendance at our meeting and activities. Check out our St. Bartholomew's Youth Facebook page to stay up to date and current with events.

### To the following .....



Howard Heimke, Craig Scharbarth, Bill Schmidt, Mark Wittman, & Bud Zeamer for organizing our Christmas tree sales.

Many thanks to all who helped pick up, unload, and sell the trees. The last lone tree was officially sold Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone who helped to decorate the church (inside and outside) for Christmas.

To the Youth Group for sponsoring the Advent suppers.

Jules Clausung for setting up and taking down the Adopt-A-Family and Food 'n More boxes; Sue Juno for organizing the Adopt-A-Family ornaments on the tree and those who helped wrap the presents. Also to everyone who donated gifts and foods for these 2 projects.

To the following who donated poinsettias for the church: Millie Behnke, Bob Behnke, Bonick family, Bill & Norma Drumm, Mary Eickert, Simon & Rhonda Geiger, Ralph & Sandy Haberland, Hank & Lori Horn, Gary & Alice Koerth, Norman & Caroline Krahn, Jon & JoAnn Mignon, Jeff & Holly Schlender, Bill & Dianne Schmidt, Wally & Faith Sonnabend, Gary & Linda Streck, Bud & Elaine Zeamer, Diane Zickert.

To Carolyn Bladow for keeping the church plants nourished throughout the year.

To **EVERYONE** who gave of their time during this past year!



I would like to thank everyone at St. Barts for the wonderful gift. I've enjoyed being an organist here. Everyone here is very dear to my heart and I will miss you all very much. God bless you all.  
*Lois Stache*

## 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 Krueger (756-3031) so a class can be set up beginning in January.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you didn't receive a box of offering envelopes and need one, please contact the church office.



## 2015 GIVING RECORDS

If we have an email address for you, you will receive your 2015 Giving record electronically. If you need a hard copy, please contact the church office. For those of you we do not have email addresses, you will receive your giving record in your church mailbox by the week of January 4.



Total profit from the Dairy Queen Family Fun night November 2 was \$239.86. Once again, thank you to all the volunteers and those who came to eat. It was greatly appreciated!

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



"Mommy, can I have a cup of kindness before I go to bed tonight?"

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Becky Krah	24 <sup>th</sup>	Renee Bonick
4 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Boldt	24 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Gifford
4 <sup>th</sup>	Amber Lau	24 <sup>th</sup>	Randy Rahn
8 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Krah	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Gustafson
9 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea Chupita	26 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Koerth
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kerry Kuehl	26 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Zutz
13 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Kalies	28 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Klepps
15 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Skaggs	28 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Reamer
17 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Buboltz	29 <sup>th</sup>	Ashley Bowe
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mattea Schlender	31 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Drumm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren Polkiinghorne	31 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Levash
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jeff Schlender		

## ANNIVERSARIES



16 <sup>th</sup>	Nikolas & Olivia Klepps
29 <sup>th</sup>	Carl & Margaret Zutz

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

## NOVEMBER SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	25	.75
BP	1000	15.00
BWW	35	2.80
Burger King	10	.70
Dairy Queen	50	10.00
Deer Run	75	7.50
Econo	2950	88.50
Exxon	900	90.00
Festival	400	12.00
Fleet Farm	375	18.75
Kohls	950	38.00
Kwik Trip	1050	73.13
McDonalds	75	3.00
Menards	100	6.00
Piggly Wiggly	200	6.00
Shell	550	55.00
Shopko	1300	65.00
Starbucks	10	.70
Subway	70	7.00
Target	100	2.50
WalMart	400	10.00
Woodmans	300	15.00
TOTALS	11125	523.33

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