



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR!

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate" (Genesis 3:6).

Matt Bell thought himself lucky when a fellow worker discovered the Civil War cannonball at the construction site where both of them worked. The cannonball weighed in around 32 pounds. To stop it from rolling all over, Bell used his vehicle's seatbelt to strap it down snugly. As he drove, a desire to learn more about the artifact took him to the Civil War museum close to his home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. At the museum he was surprised to learn the relic was *not* a solid Civil War cannonball. Not knowing exactly what he had, Bell drove home and called the police. The police called the Little Rock Air Force Base. The Air Force sent out a squad to investigate. They soon discovered that

1. the device wasn't solid; it had a hollow core;
2. the hollow core wasn't empty: it was still packed with explosives;
3. the device Bell had been carrying - the device he had strapped into his truck wasn't a cannonball - it was a landmine that was set to explode when pressure was placed on it.

The Air Force personnel immediately evacuated 20 homes in Bell neighborhood. Then they took the mine to the Garland County landfill where it was destroyed.

Right now you're probably saying, "Well, that was an interesting story, and I'm glad everything worked out all right, but what does this story have to do with my daily walk with the Lord?" Good question.

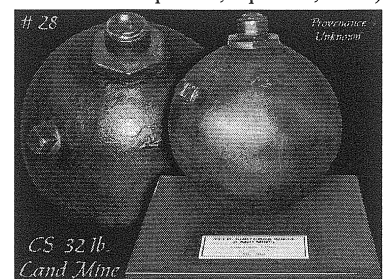
Here's the answer: the story of Bell with his *cannonball* and Eve with her *forbidden fruit* have many similarities. For example, both Eve and Bell looked upon their own particular item and found it to be a delight to the eye. But there's more. In their ignorance, both grossly misjudged the danger of their item. Finally, both took that dangerous item and brought it into their lives.

The great difference in the two stories is this: Bell didn't die because of his action, while Adam and Eve, along with their descendants, did.

Oh, there's one other thing that needs to be said. Bell's story is also *our* story. On a regular basis this sinful world offers us things which seem to be safe, but are not. More often than not those things appear to be fascinating, interesting, and harmless. With these dangers all around, our daily prayer ought to be in harmony with the Savior who taught us to ask that God should "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13). Only the all-knowing God can say what is good, right and safe for us. Having seen His love for us in Jesus' great sacrifice, we ought to trust Him and be sure He will keep safe those who pray, "His will, not ours, be done."

Dear Lord, lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. This we ask in the name of our Savior who gave His life that we might have life. Amen.

(Dr. Ken Klaus, former Lutheran Hour Speaker, April 16, 2016)



Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

March 2016

Year-to-date Income:	\$ 46,183.12
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$ 41,256.95
Year-to-date Budget:	\$ 38,929.60

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Landscaping Fund

Ron & Sue Detert

Organ Fund

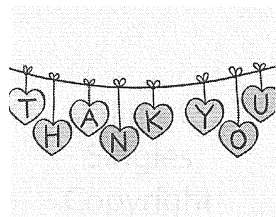
Kay Koffanus in memory of E.J. (Gene) Draheim

TRANSFER OUT

Mara Fredrick to Zion Wayside

RELEASE

Ben & Joanne Moehr (Ian, Connor) to
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, De Pere



Thank you to the Pope, Bonick, and Krueger families for hosting the Haven2Go band members in their homes Saturday night..

A combined free will offering of \$430 was collected for Haven2Go from their concert Saturday evening and worship service on Sunday.

KINGDOM WORKERS - MAY

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): Ron Detert, Bill Schmidt
(Sundays): Peter Kittel, Craig Scharbarth

Altar Guild: Janet Kalies, Kris Krueger, Sue Graf

Greeters (Wednesday): None listed
(Sundays): Janet Kalies

Acolytes: May 1 – Meghan (light Paschal candle)
15 – Evan
29 – Meghan

ELDER GROUPS

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



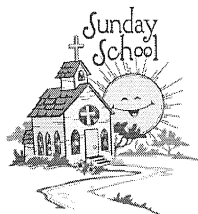
WE ARE IN NEED OF GREETERS for the following months: May (Wednesdays)...June (Wednesdays & Sundays)...August (Wednesdays & Sundays)...September (Wednesdays & Sundays)...October (Wednesdays & Sundays)...November (Sundays)...December (Sundays). PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING.....sign up on the bulletin board TODAY!!!

If you haven't had your picture taken for the Church Directory there is still time.



We still have openings available for Monday, May 16 between 2 – 9 p.m.. Go to the church website at www.stbartbrillion.org and click on the Portrait Sign-up link on the bottom right side. In less than 5 minutes, you can have your appointment set.

If you need assistance setting up your appointment, contact the church office.



Reminders for May

May 8: All S.S. Grades Sing
May 22: Youth Sunday (Last Day of Sunday School)

Gordy Gasch will speak on Youth Sunday regarding his trip to Haiti and his work with Pens for Hens.

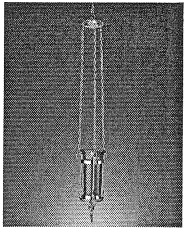
A brunch will follow the worship service on Youth Sunday. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board soon. It is very important that you sign up so there is an accurate count for food preparation. All are invited!

On Youth Sunday, please have your child(ren) wear their tie-dye shirts.



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F.Y.I. Sanctuary or Eternal Light



In the Old Testament God commanded that a lamp filled with the purest oil of olives should always burn in the Tabernacle of the Testimony without the veil (Exodus 27:20, 21). The Church prescribes that at least one lamp should continually burn not as an ornament of the altar, but for the purpose of worship to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ and is a profession of their love and affection.

In Judaism, the sanctuary lamp is known by its Hebrew name, *ner tamid*, which is usually translated as “eternal flame” or “eternal light”. Hanging or standing in front of the ark in every Jewish synagogue, it is meant to represent the menorah of the Temple in Jerusalem as well as the continuously burning fire on the altar of burnt offerings in front of the Temple. It also symbolizes God’s eternal presence and is therefore never extinguished. It is also intended to draw parallels between God and fire, or light, which is emphasized throughout the book of Exodus in the Torah.

Traditionally in the Roman Catholic churches this was a protective light when people entered the church at all hours to worship at the altar where the reserved host was kept.

In Lutheran and other Protestant churches the Eternal Light recalls God’s abiding presence as the Light of the World.

Engaging Quotes A Senior Citizen’s Confession

I am the life of the party...even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I am very good at opening childhood caps...with a hammer

I am awake before my body allows me to get up

I am smiling all the time because I cannot hear what you are saying

I am sure everything I cannot find is in a safe place somewhere

I am wrinkled, saggy, lumpy and that is just my left leg

I am beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps

But as a senior citizen I think I am having the time of my life

Spread the laughter—Share the cheer—Let’s be happy—
While we are here!



The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband’s occupation.

“He’s a funeral director.” she answered.

The newsman then asked her if she wouldn’t mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. A smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20’s, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40’s, and a preacher when in her 60’s, and now – in her 80’s – a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked her why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

“I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go,” she replied.

-via Joyce Keyser, *The Joyful Noiseletter*

If you are planning a meal or refreshments at the church – please check in with Terri at the church office prior to the event so we can avoid confusion as to who is sponsoring the event. Terri will keep a list of what is planned. If you have any questions, contact the church office.



Thank you, Board of Stewardship & Evangelism



Thank you for supporting the Concordia Psychology Class Peanut Butter Drive. Our group will be taking the peanut butter to a Milwaukee Food Pantry on April 30th and be working there for the day. –Megan Boldt

C.H.A.O.S

A big shout out to all those who have supported the youth with their fundraising efforts. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We have a couple more fundraisers planned before our trip July 16-20 to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Brat fry June 10th at St. Bartholomew from 3-7:30 pm. (before the Brillion Light parade).



Homemade cookie dough sale: Watch your church mailbox for information regarding our cookie dough sale. Details will be coming soon.

BASKETS OF PROMISE



Through your generosity, we were able to assemble 64 Baskets of Promise

Personal Care Kits. With the help of a Thrivent Action Team, we were able to assemble 22 additional kits (for a total of 86) and ship all of them to people in need.



Thank you to Pastor and Kris for their donation of a fertilizer spreader for the church and parsonage lawns.

The Shepherd's Attic in Chilton needs workers for the Holiday, Health & Beauty aids and Office Supplies departments. Cashiers and sorters always wanted. Flexible schedules. Stop in to get more information from store manager, Carl Siebert or call him at the Shepherd's Attic 849-9250 or home 849-4632. Store profits support Lutheran Counseling & Family Services.



FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.

6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073 • 800-487-1158 • 954-427-2222 • Fax: 954-570-7654

"As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matt. 25:40

www.FoodForThePoor.org

April 12, 2016

St Bartholomew Lutheran Church
105 Horn St
Brillion, WI 54110-1547

Dear Friends in Christ,

I can't stress enough how important you are to the poor. In responding to our "4-for-1" Speaker's Matching Challenge, your generous gift is enabling four destitute families in Honduras to enjoy the benefits of a sturdy home with hygienic sanitation.

Thanks to your compassion, \$3,200.00, Food For The Poor is able to build miracles in the Lord's name, and four families are rejoicing in their wonderful new home. Because you decided to act on behalf of the poorest of the poor, tonight there will be four less families sleeping in a garbage dump, in a slum or in a leaky shack.

I've enclosed a special packet just for you. The portfolio contains photos of the families in their new homes. *(Sometimes not all family members are available at time of photo).*

"I trust in your faithfulness. Grant my heart joy in Your help, that I may sing of the LORD, 'How good our God has been to me!'" (Psalm 13:6)

The good we can accomplish together when God's people work to create miracles in His name is amazing. Through collective Christian charity, we will continue to build miracles, one family at a time. We are truly grateful for your decision to join with us in this effort to house the suffering poor. Thank you and may God invoke the richest blessings upon you and your family.

A servant of the poor,

Robin G. Mahfood

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WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST



We will celebrate Pentecost Wednesday, May 11 & Sunday, May 15. The liturgical color of the day is red which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. You are encouraged to wear red. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. It occurs 50 days after Easter and comes 10 days after the ascension of Jesus Christ.



BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Benjamin Krahn	11 th	Matt Denor
1 st	Nicholas Krahn	11 th	Cheyenne Schleis
1 st	Gary Streck	14 th	Carolyn Bladow
4 th	Allison Gade	14 th	Kenney Curtis
4 th	Hunter Gade	15 th	Drake Propson
4 th	Jerome Kremer	16 th	Spencer Gilbertson
4 th	Lori Krueger	17 th	Mariana Vargas
4 th	Elaine Zeamer	18 th	Dana Irish
5 th	Tanner Behnke	19 th	Dyllan Eichhorst
7 th	Samantha Bonick	20 th	Jim Wendling
7 th	Norma Drumm	21 st	Howard Heimke
8 th	Paula Kalies	21 st	Joshua Krahn
9 th	Cassandra Bonick	24 th	Jacob Wendling
9 th	Steve Juno	28 th	Sara Greil
9 th	Karly Woldt	29 th	Denise Scharbarth
10 th	Ben Michael	30 th	Kay Koffarnus

ANNIVERSARIES



2 nd	Gary & Linda Streck
5 th	Brandan & Jennifer Bowe
8 th	Jim & Florence Behnke
19 th	Don & Judy Baer
19 th	Todd & Jody Lau
25 th	Matt & Jody Denor
25 th	Pastor & Kris Krueger
26 th	Derek & Faviola Emmer
29 th	Bob & Sandi Koffarnus

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

Mother's Day Rose Sale

There will again be a Mother's Day Rose Sale on May 8th. Money goes to Mothers and Unborn Baby Care in Appleton as well as the Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair in Chilton. Cost is \$2.00 each. Please take a stand and fight for those who are unable to fight for themselves. Roses signify "Thanks Mom for giving me life!"



Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Deadline to have a rose reserved for you is May 1st. All other roses will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTIONS

"I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

-Abraham Lincoln

"Some mothers are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together."

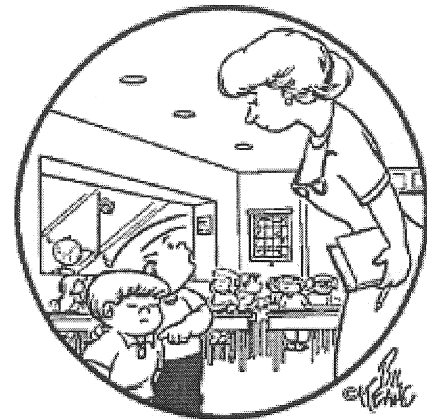
-Pearl S. Buck

MARCH SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	150	4.50
BP	200	3.00
Buffalo Wild Wings	25	2.00
Cobblestone	100	5.00
Dairy Queen	25	5.00
Disney	25	.50
Econo	1525	45.75
Exxon	200	20.00
Exxon (Presto)	200	3.00
Festival	450	13.50
Fleet Farm	50	2.50
Gordmans	50	3.50
ITunes	50	2.50
Kohls	125	5.00
Kwik Trip	350	14.00
McDonalds	25	1.00
Menards	25	.75
Piggly Wiggly	100	3.00
Roundy's	125	5.00
Shell	275	27.50
Shell (Presto)	200	4.00
Shopko	975	48.75
Starbucks	25	1.75
T.J. Maxx	150	10.50
WalMart	325	8.13
Woodmans	400	20.00
TOTALS	6150	260.13

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

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bill Keane



"Could you let Kevin and me pray in school today? His grandma is in the hospital and she's very sick."

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