



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

Even though America is becoming more and more secular, the most recent Gallup Poll indicates that 77 percent of the people in America still identify with Christianity. Gallup also reports that 40 percent of our citizens attend church, although not necessarily on a weekly basis.

The purpose of this article is to help you understand that there is a difference from being a church member, even one who attends church regularly, and being a disciple for Jesus. Many members are on a spiritual journey to becoming disciples but are not there yet. A church member could be seen as a person who has more of a relationship with the congregation rather than with Jesus. Members are much more comfortable talking about church activities than how Jesus is active in their lives. Being a member isn't a bad thing, but Jesus wants more for us than just attending church. Disciples are followers of Jesus and learners from Him and their primary relationship is with Jesus. The goal of disciples is to help make more disciples. Their desire is focused on sharing the Gospel and serving others rather than discussing or complaining about the pastor, staff, and/or the church.

The following may help you see some of the distinctions between the thoughts and attitudes of members and those of disciples:

1. Members give money to support others who do ministry. Disciples also give to support others, but they are also personally involved in ministry. They see themselves in partnership and believe that ministry belongs to all God's people.
2. The focus of the members is to maintain the institution. Members give to maintain the church because the building needs to be heated, lighted, and maintained. They want to make sure that committees are staffed and Sunday school is taught. Disciples give for these reasons as well and also see giving as part of a growing relationship with Jesus and a means to reach out to others with the Gospel.
3. Members are happy just to attend church without any additional commitment. Disciples get involved in using their time, talents, and money to help extend God's kingdom.

In the life of disciples, the mission field begins as they leave the parking lot of the church. Take note of the signs the next time you leave the church parking lot! Disciples will daily spend time in prayer and reading God's Word. They will attend church weekly, grow in the grace of giving,



serve others, and share the Good News of Jesus love with others. May God help us all become His disciples so we can be His channels of love, grace, and mercy to those in our midst.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Kueger

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

August 2016

Year-to-date Income:	\$107,751.29
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$ 99,582.65
Year-to-date Budget:	\$103,808.00

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Rhys Carrick Moline

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KINGDOM WORKERS - OCTOBER

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): Bob Behnke
(Sundays): Matt Denor

Altar Guild: Carolyn Bladow, Jody Denor

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

Acolytes: Oct. 2 – Evan
9 – Ashley
16 – Spencer
23 – Amber
30 – Rachel

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 Sundays in November and December. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex – please sign up for one Sunday at a time. Please consider helping us. Thank you!

Voter's Meeting
October 30

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Election of Officers and 2017 Budget

Sunday School (all grades) will sing in the worship service on Sunday, October 9th!!



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!

CHURCH POSITIONS OPEN

The following positions will be open to serve on the Church council as well as several of the boards beginning January 2017.



Vice President	Trustees (1)
Elders (2)	Stewardship/Evangelism (2)
Christian Education (1)	

The nominating committee will be seeking capable and dedicated members to fill these positions of service. Please prayerfully consider where you might serve.

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

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.

Mark of a True Disciple

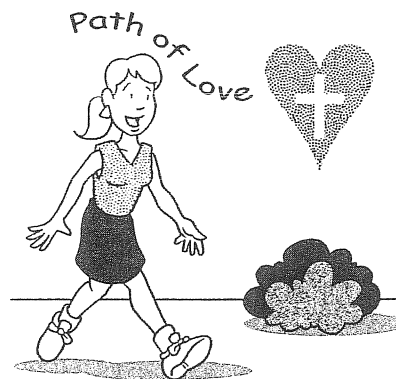
In John's Gospel Jesus said, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will now that you are My disciples, if you love one another"* (John 13:34-35). Our genuine love for Jesus shows itself in brotherly love. Loving one another is an expression of true faith. Love gives evidence that we are disciples of Jesus.

As God's disciples, filled with His love, we will be compelled to do acts of love for others. *"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again"* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NIV). Through our acts of love, we will be obeying Jesus' commandment to love one another.

Our neighbors are our brothers and sisters in Christ and God's love within us is to overflow into them. The gifts given to us are to be passed on to others.

We can love our neighbors because love originates in God. God empowers us to love.

The relationship that each of us has with Jesus is rooted in love. John 3:16 tells us that it was because of His love for us that God gave His only Son to die for our sins. In spite of our wicked and sinful ways, God demonstrated His love for us by giving His only Son to die on the Cross. In response to His tremendous love for us, we can do nothing but share His love with others. Because He has first loved us (1 John 4:19), we are empowered to share His love.



"God is love, and whoever lives in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 John 4:16). When we love others, God's love is made complete. Love is the distinguishing mark of God's followers. We are called to model Jesus' love. Filled with God's love, we can give and serve others.

Interesting Church Signs:

- Autumn leaves. Jesus doesn't.

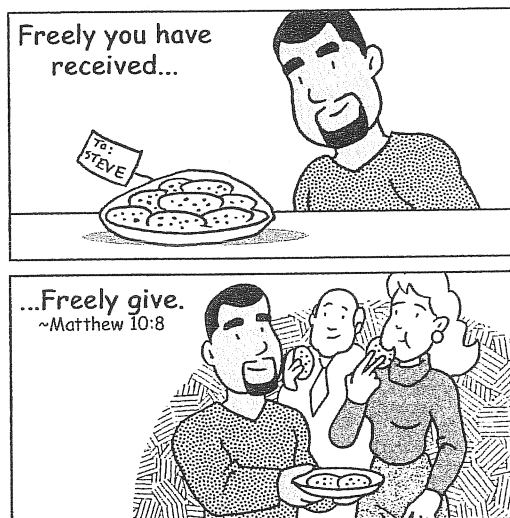
- Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
- Jesus saves...passes to Moses...he shoots! he scores!
- Is your life running on empty? Free fill-ups here every Sunday!
- Help is just a prayer away.
- God loves us the way we are, but too much to let us stay that way!

A Stewardship Seed

The world asks, what does a man own?
Christ asks, how does he use it?

The world thinks more about the money getting; Christ, about the money giving.
And when a man asks, what does he give? Christ asks, how does he give?

(Andrew Murray)



Putting on the New Self

A theme the Apostle Paul returns to often throughout his letters in the New Testament is that of putting off the Old Adam and putting on the New Self. Get rid of those things that are a hindrance to your life in Christ. "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that

are on earth. And be thankful" (Colossians 3:2, 15). Focusing on temporal problems, we tend to get bogged down. Setting our minds on things above, however, we cannot but be thankful for who God is and all He has done and continues to do for us in Christ.

Supporting our 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 things among you, is it too much if we reap material things 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!

Finding our Strength in Jesus

Those who watched Jesus carry His cross to Golgotha saw a broken, weak man, so weak, in fact, that another had to be enlisted to finish the walk with Jesus' burden. Ridicule was heaped on Him, even as He hung there. "...let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God" (Luke 23:35), they jeered. But in His weakness, He paid the penalty for our sins. His only possessions, His clothing, were taken from Him. Yet He had everything, for He had the pleasure of His Father resting on Him. No wonder Paul wrote, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content...For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Blessings as you Live Generously!

Guest musician coming October 9!



St. Bartholomew will welcome LC-MS singer/songwriter Wendysue Fluegge on Sunday, October 9th to share her music and testimony during our 8 a.m. Bible class time, and in the morning's worship service @ 9 a.m. The theme for the

day is "Stewards Transformed by Faith." Wendysue will be a good addition to the day's celebration with her passionate heart for Jesus and stories and songs of witnessing for Him "anytime, anywhere with anyone" during her travels all around the country. Over the past 19 years, she has partnered with hundreds of Lutheran churches in 26 states for worship services, concerts, and conferences. Her recorded music will be available for purchase that day. Please plan to attend! See more info about Wendysue @ www.wendysue.com

BIBLE STUDY IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER 2 – "Stewards Transformed by Grace"

OCTOBER 9 – Wendysue Fluegge will share music and testimony

OCTOBER 16 – "Stewards Transformed by Faith"

OCTOBER 23 – No Bible class

OCTOBER 30 – "Stewards Transformed by Love"



Engaging Your Community Workshop

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bonduel
Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Register by Oct. 7



LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission and the LCMS North Wisconsin District invite you to attend an Engaging Your Community event Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bonduel.

Join us for a full schedule of events, including Bible studies, community demographic studies, presentations, roundtable discussions, community outreach ideas and fellowship.

Each congregation will receive personalized community demographics and practical approaches for engaging community members with the Gospel.

The cost is \$25 per participant; registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 7. Early registration is appreciated, so demographic studies can be prepared for your congregation.

To register, visit regonline.com/eyc-bonduel-wisconsin, call 888-463-5127 or email rstm@lcms.org.

In Christ,

Rev. Dwayne Lueck, president, LCMS North Wisconsin District
Rev. Todd Kollbaum, director, LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN



2016-17 Academic Year Theme (136th)

Steadfast Service

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

Corinthians 15:57-58

Thank you for helping prepare students
for service to Christ in the Church and the world.



Inspiration in Action™

August 30, 2016


Rev. Mark Krueger
St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
105 Horn St
Brillion, WI 54110-1547

Dear Rev. Krueger,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$152.00 for the Friends of Concordia Pastoral Training Endowment! Your generosity and investment through Concordia is mission in action—shaping, molding, and developing "students in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the world." It is a mission that cannot be fulfilled without your generosity.

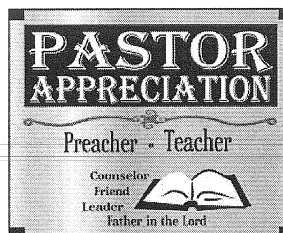
On behalf of our students, faculty, staff, and Boards, please accept our thanks!

Gratefully,


Rev. Dr. Roy Peterson
Vice President of Advancement

Thank you!

Want to see current projects or events that the Concordia community is involved in? Check out the University's new online platform for non-budgeted faculty, staff and student projects and events at: <https://www.crowdfunder.com/concordiauniversityw1>



Clergy Appreciation Day is observed on the second Sunday in October (Oct. 9, 2016) Clergy Appreciation Day is a time to recognize the work of ministers, pastors, and priests in the United States. Thank our Pastor for the work he does and remember him in your prayers.

ENGAGING QUOTES.....

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and then to have the two as close together as possible.

-George Burns

Retirement is a transition to a new lifestyle as well as from your career. Make a smooth transition by conducting a dress rehearsal.

-Rick Kahler

Jesus became like us, so that we could become like Him. He loves each one of us like there was only one of us to love.

-Max Lucado

Research suggests that combining thoughts of gratitude with daily meditations is especially effective for positive living.

-Dr. Fricchione

Grandchildren are the crown of the age; and the glory of children is their parents.

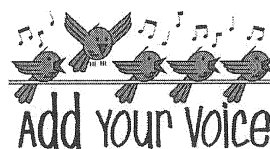
-Proverbs 17:6

Active music making and passive listening – among older adults – is medicine for body and soul.

-Robert Bergner



If interested in being a part of the church choir, please sign up by Sunday, October 2nd. The first practice will be on Sunday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m. after the worship service. Any questions, please contact Devin Zahringer at 853-7192.



Donation Summary				
Please keep for your IRS tax records.				
DONOR ID	GIFT AMOUNT	DATE	PAYMENT TYPE	DONATION ID
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No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation.				
Tax ID: 39-6077337			Please call 262.243.4423 with questions.	
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Stewards Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love

The theme for this year's stewardship emphasis is titled **Stewards Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love**. We will begin this emphasis on September 28 & October 2. As God's people, we have been given the high honor of being His stewards. As His stewards, we are called to manage faithfully all that we've been entrusted with according to God's will and benefit. Because of God's generous gifts of grace, faith, and love, we can accomplish all that God asks us to do. God works in and through us as we become His hands, feet, and mouth. Each week during this three-week emphasis, we will be focusing on one of the three virtues, grace, faith, and love.

In week one, our focus is on God's undeserved kindness and love which the Bible calls grace. God's grace comes from God through Jesus and His work for us. It's not something we have a right to. Jesus obtained it for us. We get it freely because of the obedience and sacrifice of Jesus. This saving

grace also enables and motivates us to be God's stewards. The power of God's grace in our lives compels us to use our time, talents, and money in ways that glorify God.



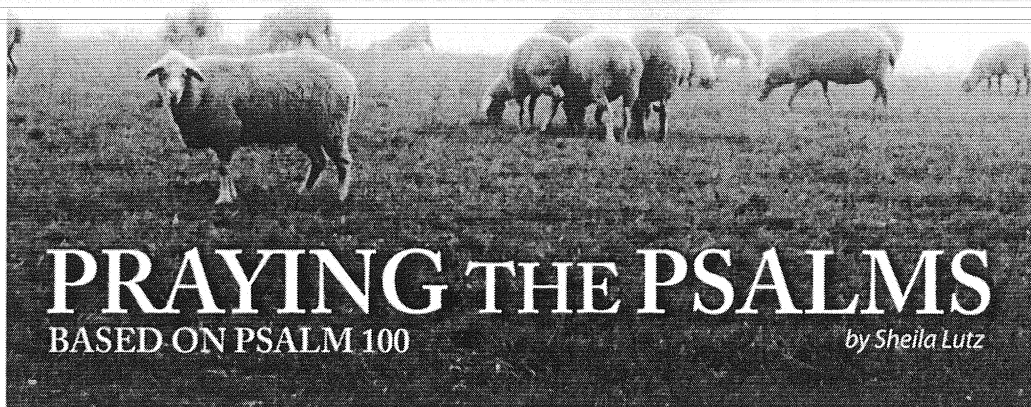
In week two, we're reminded that it's through faith that we have access into God's grace and a new relationship with Him. Through faith, God changes us, and we are born anew of Him. Not only does faith justify us and give us peace with God (Romans 5:1), we are told by James and other writers that faith produces works (James 2:18). Faith leads to action. Through faith, we're empowered to fulfill God's purposes. Our deeds as stewards are evidence of our faith.

The third week we will focus on the virtue of love. Love ought to follow faith. Love seeks the welfare of others. *"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us"* (1 John 4:11-12). God's love in Christ will compel us to do things that appear foolish to unbelievers. God's love prompts us to give freely of our time, talents, and treasures to help others and extend His kingdom.

I hope and pray that God will use the sermon messages on **Stewards Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love** to draw you closer to Him. I also urge you to make every effort to attend the Bible studies as we focus on grace, faith, and love.

Also, you're not going to want to miss the first week as a **free gift** will be given to everyone in attendance.

Pastor Krueger
For the Board of Stewardship/Evangelism



PRAYING THE PSALMS

BASED ON PSALM 100

by Sheila Lutz

Dear God, You tell me ...

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Sometimes my heart soars with the beauty of Your creation.

My heart sings when I remember Your overwhelming love.

Know that the LORD, He is God!

Sometimes I think I know what's best and forget to ask You.

I am in awe when I see how You lead me.

It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Am I the sheep that You have to carry back to the fold — repeatedly?

Sometimes I marvel that You call us Your sheep — I'm so sheepish.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Praise be to You, O God. I have a church that preaches the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

I can sing and worship with all the saints, angels, and the company of heaven.

For the LORD is good;

I know there is none good but You, O Lord. You seek me, forgive me, bless me.

You sanctify me; You give me a robe of righteousness and see me as good.

His steadfast love endures forever

O Lord, Your love is perfect and marvelous.

Your love is unlike any other I have known.

and His faithfulness to all generations.

I am not always faithful, but You always are.

Your love — in eternity — reunites generations, and we will experience Your love forever.

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

I can recount all my blessings from You, Lord.

I bless Your Name and Your Word for You are Love and Truth.

Thank You for friends who support me, a family to love, a church in which I can worship.

You bless me with Christ's example to follow and Your Holy Spirit's power.

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

I love to praise You! It puts joy in my heart and songs on my tongue.

I seek Your face because You are the water of life for my soul.

May I ever serve You with the abundant joy You give me.

Singing in Your presence, I worship You with my life!

Amen

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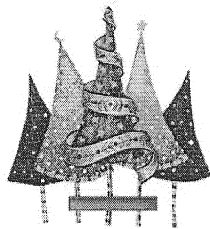
Update

St. Bartholomew is no longer collecting the Kwik Trip Milk Moola milk caps/bag tops due to the amount necessary to collect to send in for reimbursement.

The Labels for Education program has been disbanded by Campbell's therefore we will no longer be collecting these labels either.

We will continue to collect Tadych's Econofoods receipts, Our Family labels, Box Tops, and stamps.

Please plan ahead.....Christmas tree sellers will be needed in November & December! St. Bartholomew will once again be selling Christmas trees with sales beginning Friday, November 26th. Watch for the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in mid-October. If you would like to help sell trees, pick a date and time. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



A reminder for all youth Grades 6-12 that the youth group meets the 3rd Sunday of the month

at 6:30 p.m. Please join us Sunday, October 16th for our meeting.

"On this past Reformation Sunday, grandma was sitting in the pew with her 8-year-old grandson, Luke. After the children's sermon about the Reformation, grandma pointed out to Luke in the hymnal the song we were going to sing, 'A Mighty Fortress is our God.' At the bottom of the page, Luke read: 'Text by Martin Luther.'

"Luke innocently exclaimed, 'You mean I can text Martin Luther!'" He was ready to do so with his cell phone in hand."

-via *The Joyful Noiseletter*
Rev. Dr. Clifton J. Suehr

Looking ahead.....the Ladies Aid will be hosting a Cookie walk this December. More details will follow in the November newsletter. A cookie sign-up sheet will also be posted on the bulletin board at that time.



It has been calculated that if the widow's mite had been invested in the First National Bank of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago at 4% interest compounded semi-annually, the \$4,800,000,000,000,000,000,000 now in the account could pay off several national debts.

-via *The Joyful Noiseletter*

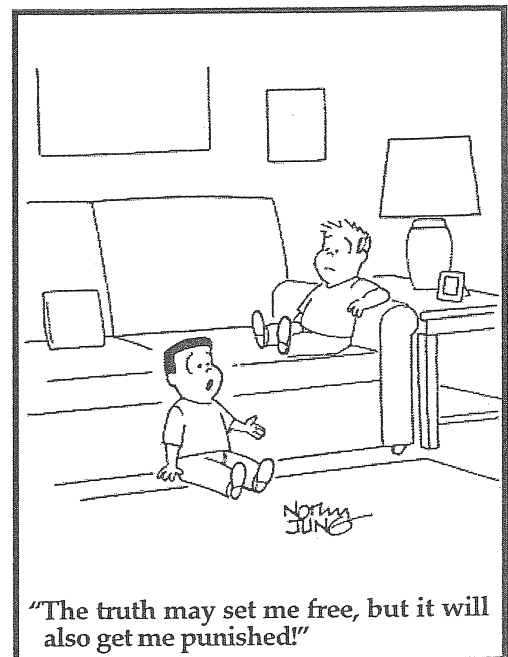


A grandmother was going to church one Sunday when she got a call from her daughter. The daughter said she and her husband were going on a five-day holiday trip, and asked grandma whether her three little grandchildren could stay with her while they were gone.

Grandma was so delighted that she put five dollars in the collection basket at church and thanked the Lord.

The Sunday after the grandchildren had returned home, grandma put \$20 in the collection basket.

-via *The Joyful Noiseletter*
Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft



"The truth may set me free, but it will also get me punished!"

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*
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Thank You!

to Terry Zeamer for the use of the sound equipment for our outdoor service on September 11th.

Prayerfully consider serving on the Altar Guild for 2017.

Women, men, or couples; in fact, any confirmed member can serve. If you are

interested, contact the church

office and we will add your name to the list. We will also begin contacting the current Altar Guild members early November to determine your willingness to serve in 2017.



AUGUST SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	250	3.75
Buffalo Wild Wings	50	4.00
Cobblestone	25	1.25
Dairy Queen	50	10.00
Econo	2275	68.25
Exxon	450	45.00
Exxon (Presto)	200	3.00
Festival	100	3.00
Home Depot	200	8.00
Kwik Trip	675	27.00
McDonalds	25	1.00
Piggly Wiggly	250	7.50
Shell	800	80.00
Shopko	700	35.00
Starbucks	20	1.40
WalMart	800	20.00
Woodmans	500	25.00
TOTALS	7170	343.15



Pastor on vacation.....

Pastor Krueger will be on vacation October 17-24. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Patrick Niles from Trinity, Rantoul at

853-3656 or his cell (660)-641-6320. You may also contact one of the elders.

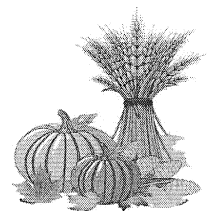


BIRTHDAYS

4 th	Joel Koerth	15 th	Seth Riemer
6 th	Lon Fels	17 th	Denise Emmer
6 th	Brenda Geiger	17 th	Karey Schultz
6 th	Elijah Graf	19 th	Craig Scharbarth
8 th	Michael Fels	24 th	Linda Giese
11 th	Alandra Grenzer	24 th	Abby Krahn
11 th	Michelle Krueger	24 th	Leslie Kremer
11 th	Betty Zarnoth	26 th	Myron Peter
12 th	Deacon Bonick	27 th	Creighton Moline
12 th	Beth Gilbertson	28 th	Nathan Levash
12 th	Grant Propson	28 th	Vanessa Reinke
14 th	Jennifer Bowe	29 th	Kim Rahn
14 th	Mary Eickert	30 th	Bill Schmidt
15 th	Debi Polkinghorne		

ANNIVERSARIES

3 rd	Hank & Lori Horn
3 rd	Todd & Renee Maeder
5 th	Pat & Barb Kupsky
9 th	Gary & Joan Lemke
10 th	Mitch & Morgan Krahn
17 th	Rich & Sandy McWilliams
19 th	Gary & Dori Reidy
19 th	Tom & Sandi Zahringer
20 th	Steve & Norma Latvala
24 th	Justin & Andrea Chupita
25 th	Hank & Kit Horn
26 th	Dwane & Paula Kalies



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



Save the Date: DQ Family Fun night is Tuesday, November 1st from 4 -7 p.m.

We had such a tremendous turnout

last year and are hoping we can do even better this year. We will post a sign-up sheet for workers for one hour shifts- only 3 per shift; no more due to space limitations. Bring your family, friends, enjoy a night out and help raise funds for you church.



This year we will be adopting 2 families for Christmas. Details will follow in the November newsletter.