



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE CHRIST-CHILD BORN IN BETHLEHEM!

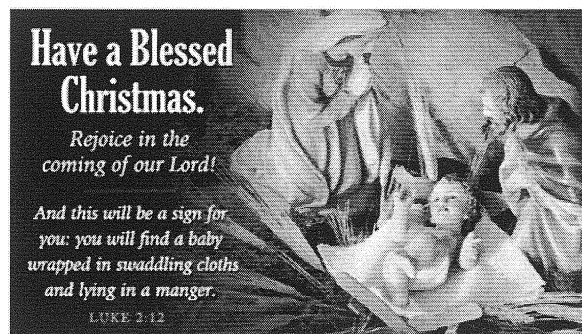
How much do babies appreciate the gifts they receive when they are born? Did Jesus, being the Son of God as well as the son of Mary, value the gifts the Magi brought? We would think those gifts impractical for a baby, but then this was not an ordinary baby. That gold bought food and lodging and everything that was needed by the holy family as they fled to Egypt and then got established in a new home. The incense was burned as their prayers ascended to the Father in heaven, and the myrrh was used some thirty years later to anoint the body later of the baby grown to be our Savior.

"The gifts are traditional gifts of the East," the Concordia Commentary on Matthew 2:11 tells us. We can be sure that these gifts were appreciated by our Lord, for St. Paul writes, "For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Corinthians 8:12).

Were the gifts of the shepherds that first Christmas night acceptable as well? What did the shepherds bring? The Bible does not record their bringing any gift at all - except, that is, the gift of their running to the stable with anticipation, the gift of their humble worship as their anticipation turned to realization, and the gift of their "mak[ing] known the saying that had been told them concerning this child" by the angels as they returned to their flocks, "glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen" (Luke 2:17, 20). It is obvious the willingness was there as the shepherds brought gifts according to what they had. Therefore, according to Scripture, their gifts were acceptable.

We, too, can be sure that our gifts are appreciated by our Lord - the gifts of our treasures - our gold and silver and the gifts of our praise and adoration as we witness to what we have heard and seen. Like the Magi and the shepherds, we are drawn to the manger bed. Like them, we kneel in awe and adoration. Like them, we use the gifts God gives us, wherever we are, wherever God places us, to spread the Good News just as the Shepherd did.

Come and worship the Christ-child and then share the joyous news with those you meet at work, at school, on the street, and in the store!



Kris and I and our family would like to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas as we hear once again how God kept His promise and sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior from sin. Let's share the joyous news! Merry Christmas!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Kueger

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

October 2016

Year-to-date Income:	\$133,112.48
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$134,560.35
Year-to-date Budget:	\$129,760.00

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Wilfred Boldt in memory of Win Riemer (no designated fund)

Pamela & Michael Kolodziej in memory of Win Riemer

Organ Fund

Delvaux Family in memory of Dallas Niemuth

Janet Kalies in memory of Lois Breitzman

Janet Kalies in memory of Win Riemer

Pastor & Kris in memory of Lois Breitzman

Hearing Loop Fund

Delvaux Family in memory of Lois Breitzman

DEATH

Win Riemer

10/23

KINGDOM WORKERS - DECEMBER

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): Joel Koerth, Deb Koerth
(Sundays): Hank Horn, Hank Horn VII
Christmas Eve (4 pm): no one listed
Christmas Eve (8 pm): no one listed
Christmas Day (9 am): no one listed
New Year's Eve (5:30 pm): no one listed

Altar Guild: Janet Kalies, Sue Juno

Greeters: (Wednesdays): Hugo & Joan Zutz
Dec. 4 – Ron & Nancy Davidson
11 – Tony & Susan Wittmann
18 – Tony & Susan Wittmann
25 – Janet Kalies

Acolytes: Dec. 4 – Amber
7 – (Wed.) – Rachel
11 – Bailee
14 – (Wed.) - Hilary
18 – Meghan
21 – NO SERVICE
24 – (4 p.m.) – Evan
(8 p.m.) – Ashley
25 – Spencer
28 – NO SERVICE
31 – (5:30 p.m.) - Amber

Children's Christmas Service
December 18th practice 7:45 a.m. until
Worship service



Children's Christmas Service
Sunday, December 18 – 9:00 a.m.

Children's service reminders:

- * No pictures are to be taken during the service
- * Be respectful when children are reciting their parts.
- * REMEMBER – this is a *Worship service* in which the children are sharing the message of Christ's birth with you.



There will be a time of Fellowship with donuts and muffins after the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18th.



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	(920) 524-2016
Kris Krueger	756-3912
Jean Peter	(920) 875-0164
Faith Sonnabend	756-2779
Joan Zutz	756-2501

All requests will remain strictly confidential!

POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR



Reminder: If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the altar this Christmas season, the deadline for ordering will be Wednesday, December 7th. Please drop your form off in the church office along with your payment.

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.

**Have a Blessed
Christmas!**

Be Prepared

The church year begins with the four Sundays of Advent. The purpose of Advent is not only to prepare us to celebrate the birth of Jesus which occurred over two thousand years ago but also to prepare us for His second coming. Jesus, Who came to us in a stable, will come again when the trumpet sounds in glory on the Last Day.

The New Testament stresses that Christians must be ready at all times for the second coming. We are to live expectantly. In the same way the Boy Scouts use the motto "Be Prepared," we as Christians are to be prepared for Jesus' coming. Jesus has not told us when He will return so we must always be prepared.

God prepares us for His second coming when we spend time reading and studying His Word, conversing with Him in prayer, and participating regularly in Holy Communion. We prepare our hearts and minds by spending time with Jesus.

During this Advent season, may God prepare our hearts and minds so that we stand steadfast in faith, seek to do His will, and serve Him faithfully.



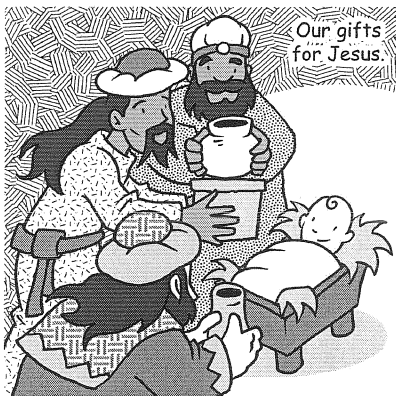
Those Whom God Chooses

The Gospel of Matthew records the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child (Matthew 2:1-2, 11). Who were these Magi? Research indicates that they were probably Gentiles from present-day Jordan. It is unlikely the Jews would have gone to Herod to ask about a king who could possibly challenge his rule. It is very interesting to note that Gentiles were those who brought gifts to the king of the Jews! At that time, there was widespread disdain, even hatred, for Gentiles. Yet, these visitors were those whom God chose to present gifts to His Son.

We aren't chosen because we're worthy of the honor. St. Paul writes, "*For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards; not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth*" (1 Corinthians 1:26). God

things of this world in order to manifest His wisdom, His strength, His power through us (1 Corinthians 1:27-29).

What we must keep in mind is that Christ died for all. *“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, and therefore all have died”* (2 Corinthians 5:14). God does the choosing; in fact, He has chosen all of us. *“The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, that all should reach repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9). Like Christ, let us eagerly seek out the lost and welcome them to the family of believers. Like the Wise Men, let us bring our gifts before our Lord in humble, joyful gratitude for Who He is and what He has done and continues to do for us and in us and through us.



Boastful Giving

It was time for the yearly congregational meeting. A very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith.

“I’m a millionaire,” he said, “and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar, and I went to

church that weekend. The speaker was a missionary who told me about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God’s work or nothing at all, so, at that moment, I decided to give my whole dollar to God, and I believe that God has blessed that decision and that is why I am a rich man today.”

As he finished, there was an awed silence at this testimony, and he moved toward his seat. As he sat down, a lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him, “I dare you to give it all away again.”

God dares us to trust him with our money. “Do it again,” He says. “Do it again.”

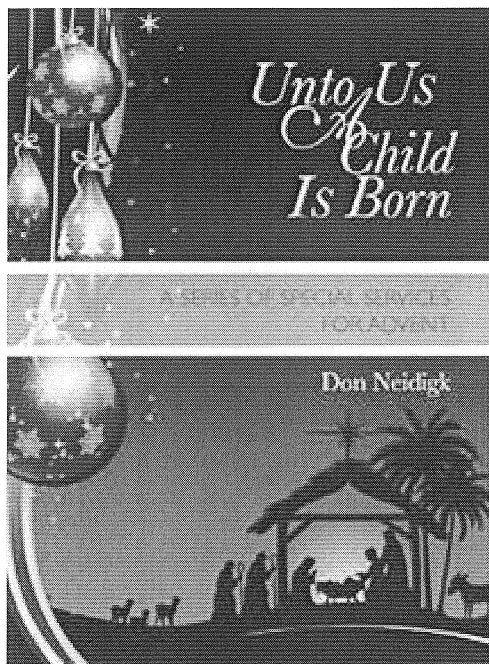
“When wealth is lost, nothing is lost, when health is lost something is lost, when character is lost, all is lost.” (Billy Graham)

More Blessed to Give

Giving gifts can be fun, and it is an activity that as Christians we are called to do. Jesus said, *“It is more blessed to give than to receive”* (Acts 20:35). Giving is part of life. Parents constantly give to their children. Teachers give care, attention, wisdom, and information. God created things in nature for your use and enjoyment that keep on giving: the sun gives energy, the clouds give moisture, cornfields share their substance, and apple trees bear their fruit.

God uses us to help provide for the needs of others so that we, too, may experience the joy of giving. As His stewards, we are merely His conduits through which He feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, and clothes the cold. Through His grace, He will give us all that we need so that we *“may abound in every good work”* (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Blessings as you Live Generously!



Unto Us A Child Is Born

Midweek Advent Worship

Based upon Isaiah 9:1-7

Wednesday, November 30 – 7 p.m.
"Great Light"

Wednesday, December 7 – 7 p.m.
"Wonderful Counselor"

Wednesday, December 14 – 7 p.m.
"Everlasting Father"

Saturday, December 24 – 4 p.m. & 8 p.m.
"Prince of Peace"

Sunday, December 25 – 9 a.m.
"One of Us"

Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas and the weekdays that follow them. Advent, which means "coming," points us to the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas, His coming to us today, and His coming at the end of time. Advent provides opportunities to pause in the pressure of the season to worship Jesus. Advent reminds us to celebrate Christmas as the *"birth of the Light of the world, who shines in our lives with His forgiving love."*

Why Not Call December 25th Santaday?

If the original Santa (Saint Nicholas) were available for comment, he might share with us a passage from the book of Hebrews: "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:7).

Santa would be quick to remind the world that he was, first and foremost, a faithful follower of the Babe of Bethlehem. He would insist, that if he is to be remembered at all, it should be as a man saved by Jesus.

If church tradition is correct, Haglos Nikolaos (Saint Nicholas) was born around A.D. 300 in Patara, Turkey. As a young man, he traveled the Holy Land to find out more about the Savior he loved so much. These same traditions say that Nicholas gave away his family fortune (wrapping his gifts in stockings, and anonymously dropping them through windows or down a chimney) to help the needy. Santa's gifts were given as a thank you to Jesus for the many blessings God had graciously given him. That Saint Nicholas would want people to recall the words of his Savior, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Saint Nick would be sure to say to everyone, supporters and detractors alike, "if you think about me, remember I was imprisoned and suffered persecution under the Roman Emperor Diocletian. But, I suffered gladly, because I know Jesus suffered, died, and rose for me."

Santa would continue, "If you remember me, recall that I went to Nicea to help write a creed that pointed believers to Jesus. If you wish to imitate my life and give gifts, do it in thanks to Jesus, who is the greatest gift this world has ever seen.

(from a tract written by Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus)

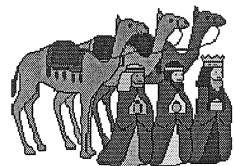
ADVENT MEALS 2016



The dates for the meals are November 30, December 7 & 14. The sign-up sheets with the menus for the meals are posted on the bulletin board. Cost is \$4/person. Children K and under as well as confirmation students eat Free. Please join us for fellowship before the Midweek Advent services.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating the tree and church as well as putting up the outdoor Christmas display on Saturday, December 3rd beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please consider helping even if you can only give an hour of your time. We will get a head start moving things around, etc. on Wednesday, November 30th after worship service you are unable to come on Saturday. Thank you!



"COOKIE WALK"

Saturday, December 3, 2016
from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in
fellowship hall. *Sponsored by Ladies Aid.*

Walk through and pick out the cookies of your choice for \$3.00/dozen. Proceeds will go to the Haiti victims. Everyone welcome!



DONATIONS OF COOKIES ARE STILL NEEDED from all members of the congregation for our upcoming "Cookie Walk".

Please help us by signing up on the easel in the narthex for one or more of the cookies listed. Recipes for some of the newer cookies we added this year are provided in the envelopes by the sign-up sheet. **ONLY** take a recipe if you are signing up for that particular cookie. Any questions, call Sue Detert (756-3439).

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR HELP!

ALLELUIA! IT'S CHRISTMAS!

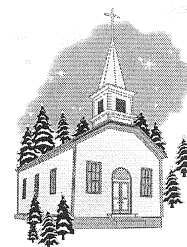
You are cordially invited to visit Alleluia Lutheran Church in Greenleaf on Thursday, December 8, to enjoy "Alleluia! It's Christmas!" formerly known as "Christmas at the Barn" which was held at the Rock K Ranch. Come anytime between 5:00 & 8:00 p.m. to this free community event and celebrate the reason for the season. Enjoy caroling by the fire with S'mores and participate in our events: live, indoor Christmas Nativity Walk, enjoy the sounds of Christmas through local choirs and musicians, cookie decorating, ornament making and face painting. Help yourself to complimentary hot dogs, chips, cookies, hot chocolate, cider and coffee. It's a great event for families and groups.



The Youth group will be going Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 p.m. All members of the congregation are invited to join them. The more the merrier! After caroling, there will be pizza and games at church. A sign-up sheet will be located in the youth group room.

There will be no C.H.A.O.S. meeting in December!

The Annual German Christmas Service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 824 Wisconsin Avenue, Sheboygan is Sunday, December 11 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The guest preacher is Rev. Don Hougard of Benediction Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. The voices of the Trinity Mixed Choir will join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior. A time of fellowship and German treats will follow the service in Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall. The service is handicap accessible.



St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
Voters Meeting
October 30, 2016

The Meeting was called to order by President Joel Koerth at 10:16. Pastor led in opening prayer.

Members Present: 26

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept meeting minutes as printed in the Newsletter made by Roger and 2nd by Deb. MC

Membership Gains and Losses

Gains:

1. Philip Daniel Klepps by Baptism
2. Mike & Terri Delvaux (Joshua, Nathan, Caleb, Hannah) by transfer from St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hilbert
3. Lori Krueger (Ashley, Kyle) by transfer from St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hilbert
4. Craig Moline by transfer from Good Shepherd LCMS, Lincoln, NE
5. Jamie Moline by transfer from Good Shepherd LCMS, Lexington KY
6. Creighton Moline by transfer from Alleluia LCMS, Greenleaf, WI
7. Pyper Lynn Nenahlo by baptism
8. Rhys Carrick Moline by baptism

Losses:

1. Harriet Heimke by transfer to the Church Triumphant
2. Marshall Wittman (Alyssa) by transfer to Trinity Lutheran Church, Rantoul, WI
3. James Wyngaard by removal due to joining another denomination
4. Shannon Peter (McKenna Schmidlin) by removal upon request
5. Nikolas Klepps by removal due to joining another denomination
6. Win Riemer by transfer to the Church Triumphant
- 7.

Motion to accept Gains and Losses made by Roger and 2nd by Ralph. MC

Treasurer's Report: At the end of September we were \$23,301.17 in the black. As October 24th we were \$11,180.89 in the black. We just made our loan payment that's why we are low. It was brought up to do something for the committee that helped us realize our Financial situation. It was also brought up that some people do not understand the dedicated funds. Pastor explained it as a savings account.

Board Reports

Stewardship and Evangelism:

1. We need greeters for December especially for Christmas day.
2. Grace Faith and Love just finished up. The gifts cross in my pocket have been passed out.
3. DQ Family Fun night is on Tuesday November 1st. We are still looking for 3 more people to help out on the 5-6 shift and 1 more person on the 1st and 3rd shift.
4. Adopt a family and Food and More will be put up in the next couple of weeks. Jo Ann Mignon is going to get the families wish lists. There will be 2 families for Adopt a family.
5. Lon and Lori Fels are going to be on the board.

Trustees:

1. The Parsonage Bathrooms sink and countertops need to get fixed. It will cost \$1500. \$775 for the countertops and \$325/sink for plumbing. Which was approved by the Board.
2. Getting quotes on parking lot. To seal the parking lot it will cost \$7895. For blacktop it will cost around \$90,834-\$95,900. To chip seal it will cost \$1500 and then to crack seal \$2000-5000. We don't need to act now just start to think about it.
3. Gary made a motion to start a fund to chip seal the parking lot and Deb 2nd it. MC
4. Some bad spots on the canopy roof don't know cost yet.

Elders:

1. Paid WendySue \$350.
2. Music for next year: Haven2Go, Dave Horn, Garms, and WendySue
3. Bible study Age of the Earth meet for the first time on Sunday and 13 people showed up. It is a very kid friendly Bible Study.
4. Terri will be the choir director and Devin will be the accompanist.
5. Haven't found anyone to fill vacancies yet.(2)

Board of Education:

1. Beth Gilbertson will fill the vacancy
2. We brought the 3 yr. - old program back and now have 4 groups of Sunday school.
3. Christmas Program will be held on December 18.

Pastors Report:

1. As of today we have 359 Souls and 310 Communion
2. We have had 3 Baptisms, 2 Confirmations, 12 Transfers in, 2 Transfers out , 4 Removals, and 2 Deaths.
3. Pastor did a Funeral for a non-member.
4. Thanksgiving worship November 23 @ 7pm
5. Mid-week Advent will start on Wednesday November 30th at 7pm
6. Advent Sign-up sheets will be going up soon
7. Church decorations November 30th after church and Saturday December 3rd at 9am
8. The Cookie walk has a sign up in the Narthex to bring in cookies.
9. We need to vote on the Synod constitution Pastor sees no problems with the changes. Ralph made the motions to accept the Changes and Gary 2nd it. MC

Unfinished Business

Nothing

New Business:

1. The Council approved the budget we just need membership approval. Deb made a motion to accept the Budget and Gary 2nd it. MC
2. Nominations:
 - Stewardship/Evangelism- Lon and Lori Fels
 - Board of Christian Education- Beth Gilbertson
 - Trustee- Rich Gustafson
 - Vice President- Open but Mike will interim until we find someone.
 - Elder- open
 - Elder- openRalph made a motion to accept Nominations and Deb 2nd.

*Amend ballot to Appoint Debbie Kamps as Treasurer and Linda Streck as Financial supervisor.

*Amend the corrected ballot to add Joel Koerth as President and Amanda Krahn as Secretary.

2017 Budget approved in the amount of \$173,183.

Adjourn: Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 and Roger 2nd it. MC

Pastor led in closing prayer.

Amanda Krahn
Secretary



"Tomorrow night they'll all sing Auld Lang Syne! That's the New Year's Eve carol."



As Christmas approached, a grandma gave directions to her adult grandson, who was coming to visit:

"You come in the front door of the condo and go to the panel on your left. Push 2B with your elbow. I'll buzz you in. Then get on the elevator, and push the button for floor 2 with your elbow. When you get off the elevator, go to your right and when you find 2B on the door, push the doorbell with your elbow."

"Grandma, that sounds pretty easy," replied the grandson, "but why am I hitting all those buttons with my elbow?"

"What?" she exclaimed. "You're coming to visit empty-handed?"



"Gold... Frankincense... Myrrh... why wouldn't wise men bring diapers?"

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Ohio State Football Coach Urban Meyer on one of his players: "He doesn't know the meaning of fear. In fact, I just saw his grades and he doesn't know the meaning of a lot of words."

-via The Joyful Noiseletter



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"That quote came from Santa Claus. Right, Mommy?"

EXIT 2016 ON A POSITIVE NOTE

Can another year possibly be gone already? Here are some helpful hints to end the year on a positive note:

1. Eat healthy. Plan ahead when going to parties and dinners. Avoid a lot of snack foods. Take small helpings. DO allow yourself ONE dessert.
2. Avoid the holiday rush when shopping. Make a list of what you need and start now. Take a friend with you so shopping will be an enjoyable outing.
3. Type a letter to go into your Christmas cards so you do not become so weary writing a note in every one.
4. Take some time out every day for yourself. Read a book, listen to music, or do whatever will help you relax.
5. Get enough sleep. Being tired increases stress and darkens your mood.
6. Exercise regularly. Walking relieves stress as well as promotes good health.
7. Stay in the Word of God DAILY. Worship and commune regularly. God is our strength and a very present help in trouble.
8. Enjoy. Take time to appreciate your friends and relatives. Take time to enjoy all of the holiday decorations. Hum holiday hymns and carols.
9. Don't forget to count your blessings. This is a time for memories. Don't focus on what you have lost but be thankful for what God has given you this year and that He holds you in His Hands.
10. Focus on JESUS-He is the reason for the season. Share His love with everyone you come into contact with.

-via The Jewels, Crown of Life Lutheran Church

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

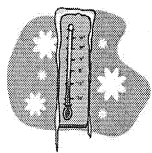
"END OF YEAR" CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2016 'end of year' statements will be emailed to those members whose email addresses we have on file. If you need a hard copy please let the church office know. For those members without email addresses, your statements will be in your church mailbox by Friday, January 6th. Please remember to pick them up for tax purposes! Thank you.



CHURCH CLOSINGS

Before we know it, winter will be upon us. We will be notifying members of any church closings this winter season due to inclement weather via email for any of those members whose email addresses we have on file. You can also tune into radio station Y100 100.3 FM for any worship service cancellation.



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



Thank you to everyone that made our DQ Family Fun Night a success! The posters made by our Sunday school, the Eaters that came with an appetite, and the workers who contributed their time to help us. All were greatly appreciated!!

The Board of Stewardship & Evangelism

LCMS Joint Seminary Fund

Concordia Theological Seminary — Fort Wayne
Concordia Seminary Saint Louis

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
1333 S. Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122



November 14, 2016

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

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

I want to thank you for sharing your intention to support pastoral formation at our LCMS seminaries during the coming year through The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund.

What a blessing you are to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and to our seminaries, their faculty and staff, but particularly the students enrolled in programs leading to a first call!

Your partnership in the formation of our next generation of pastors, deaconesses, ordained missionaries and theological leaders will make a DIFFERENCE! You are part of God's answer to the prayers of all who teach, learn, and serve at our seminaries, and to the congregations or mission stations waiting to receive a new seminary graduate who will vigorously make known the love of Jesus through word and deed in their communities and throughout the world.

With the many worthy mission and ministry opportunities available for you to touch with your gifts, THANK YOU for your generosity to the essential work of our two world-class seminaries.

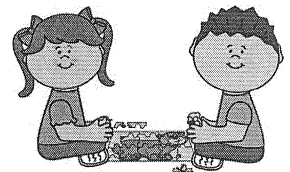
May the Lord of the Church continue to bless you in the work He has entrusted you to do in service to Him and in His name!

Most cordially yours,

Cindy Simpson
Director, LCMS Pastoral Formation and Care
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



Looking for something to do to pass the time on those cold winter days/nights? How about picking up a puzzle or two from the church to work on? If you have puzzles you no longer need, bring them to church and exchange them for another one. Puzzles are a good family activity to do together as well!



THANK YOU

Thank you to our lay readers for contributing to our Stewardship Emphases services: Stewards Transformed by Grace, Faith, & Love! Readers: Bonnie Smith, David Sonnabend, Faith Sonnabend, Bonnie Zeamer, Terry Zeamer, Peter Kittel, & Terri Riemer.

Thank you to Ron Detert and Steve Juno for putting up the boxes for our Adopt-A-Family and Food 'n More drives.

2017 FLOWER CHART

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar during the year, be sure to sign up on the bulletin board. If you are placing an arrangement for a special occasion, in memory of someone, etc. please be sure to indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to sponsor bulletins for 2017. Cost is \$10/week.

When signing up, please indicate if it is for a special occasion, in memory of someone, etc.

Put your sponsorship money in an envelope with your name, mark it for Bulletins and put it in the collection plate or drop it off in the office.

ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2017



Reports will be needed from the following Boards/Committees:

Board of Elders
Board of Stewardship/Evangelism
Board of Trustees
Board of Christian Education
Tree Committee
Altar Guild
Ladies Aid
Youth Group
Sunday School

Thank you for your assistance! It is greatly appreciated.

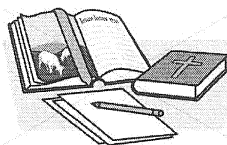
2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Your next year's envelopes will be available on the table in the coat room soon. Do not start using them until the January 1, 2017. *Thank you.*

**Offering
Envelopes**

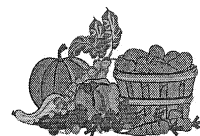


ADULT INFORMATION CLASS



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.

Thank you to everyone who brought in your garden produce this past summer and fall to share with others in the congregation. It was greatly appreciated!



Electronic Giving

In this season of gift giving to family, friends, and those less fortunate, we hope you will also consider your gift to St. Bartholomew. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. To help us achieve a more consistent level of funding, we encourage you to use electronic giving for your regular offerings. Please complete an authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you.

ALTAR GUILD REMINDER

For those of you currently on Altar Guild and willing to serve again in 2017, if you haven't already notified the church office of your commitment, please remember to do so as soon as possible so the 2017 schedule can be finalized. We are always looking for new volunteers to be a part of the Altar Guild. Any confirmed member who is interested, please let the office know. *Thank you for your consideration!*



"Blessed by Christmas sunshine, our natures, perhaps long leafless, bring forth new love, new kindness, new mercy, new compassion."

-Helen Keller
-via *The Joyful Noiseletter*

OCTOBER SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
BP	300	4.50
Buffalo Wild Wings	50	4.00
Cobblestone	100	5.00
Dairy Queen	40	8.00
Deer Run	50	5.00
Econo	2250	67.50
Exxon	250	25.00
Exxon (Presto)	200	3.00
Festival	900	27.00
Fleet Farm	200	10.00
Gordmans	50	3.50
Kohls	200	8.00
Kwik Trip	800	32.00
McDonalds	125	5.00
Menards	225	6.75
Piggly Wiggly	350	10.50
Qdoba	25	1.75
Red Robin	50	4.50
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	50	4.50
Roundy's	250	10.00
Shell	425	42.50
Shell (Presto)	200	4.00
Shopko	900	45.00
Starbucks	25	1.75
Subway	50	5.00
Walgreens	100	6.00
WalMart	125	3.13
Woodmans	700	35.00
TOTALS	9240	387.88

There was an additional deposit of \$32.69 in Scrip profit from Great Lakes for this month.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Don't forget to stop by the tree lot to purchase your Christmas tree. Lot hours are as follows:



Tree Lot Hours

Monday-Friday	3-6 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sundays	Noon-6 p.m.

Proceeds from our sales will go to 'Food for the Poor' to build a house in a Caribbean or Latin American country.

There are still a few dates open to sell trees. Please check the chart on the bulletin board. Thank you!

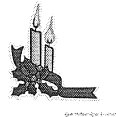


BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Ashlyn Chupita	20 th	Laurie Behnke
2 nd	Jean Peter	20 th	Millie Behnke
3 rd	Tom Irish	20 th	Lillian Maas
3 rd	Rebekah Krahm	21 st	Sharon Urban
3 rd	Elyssa Schleis	21 st	Emily Wyngaard
5 th	John Moede	22 nd	Abram Geiger
7 th	Alice Koerth	22 nd	Steve Plate
7 th	Levi Peter	25 th	Kyle Kittel
8 th	Melissa Pope	26 th	Hannah Delvaux
12 th	Dave Eichhorst	26 th	Isaac Graf
13 th	Jules Clausing	26 th	Bonnie Smith
15 th	Kurt Propson	27 th	Mark Evel
15 th	Richard Schwan	27 th	Gary Woldt
17 th	Mark Wittman	28 th	Kasie Bailke
17 th	Diane Zickert	28 th	Rich McWilliams
18 th	Carol Clausing	29 th	Jerry Urban
18 th	Ashlynn Hurda	30 th	Krystal Klepps
19 th	Rich Gustafson		

ANNIVERSARIES

4 th	Eric & Amanda Graf
4 th	Rick & Terri Riemer
17 th	David & Diane Buboltz
17 th	Mark & Jan Wittman
18 th	David & Brigitte Sonnabend
29 th	David & Robin Eichhorst



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



Adopt-a-Family

Our Adopt-A-Family "ornaments" are on the tree in the coatroom. We have 2 families. The

"orange" ornaments are for a family of four: dad and his three daughters. The "yellow" ornaments are for a family of five: dad, mom, 2 boys, and a newborn girl. Items are noted on the ornaments. Please attach the ornament to the **unwrapped** gift. The families did not indicate many "likes" so use your discretion. If you prefer to donate a gift card, they are also welcomed. We will have a wrapping party after worship on Sunday, December 11th.

"Today give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine they see all day."

-via George Goldtrap
The Joyful Noiseletter