



The *GOOD NEWS*

To provide hope by Reaching out and Connecting people to Jesus through the Holy Spirit and Encouraging them to share the same Good News.

November 2021



From the desk of Pastor Brewer

In working through the book of 1 Corinthians in the Five Minutes of Hope videos I've come across two passages recently that really hit me where I am at today in the ministry. The first passage was from 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, "16 *Do you not know that you[c] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.*" The second is from 1 Corinthians 4:14-21, "14 *I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 16 I urge you, then, be imitators of me. 17 That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. 18 Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. 20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. 21 What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?"*

Twelve years ago, this past month you installed me as your pastor. I can honestly say that I don't know where the time has gone. There are a lot of new faces in our congregation, and I have seen a lot of faces go, either transfer to other congregations or sadly leave the Christian faith altogether. I still remember the faces of those who have fallen asleep in the faith, which pew was theirs and even some of the things they would always say. For instance, Ervine DeGrave would always tell me, "Don't get old pastor, it's hell." But the reason I brought up the two passages is the way they hit me as your pastor. For twelve years I've worked to not only point you to the cross of our salvation, but also to encourage you to live your life now in service to our Savior and Lord.

Paul was writing much as I am today to encourage his friends and family in the faith in the same way. As sinful human beings we need to be reminded daily of these truths. First that we are sinners in need of saving. Second that Jesus is the one who saves us. And finally, that we have a greater purpose now with what's left of our lives to help others to hear this same Word of God that can and will save them too. I know there have been times that I've been rough with you, and times that you think I'm too easy on people but know this I love all of you with the heart that Christ has given me to care for you as your pastor. Thank you for making it a joy to serve Him in this place. Amen. ✚



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Fall Worship Services

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

L.I.F.E. Hour

Sunday at 9:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion is served each week

We will continue to stream the 8am service each week on the St John Lutheran Church Facebook page.

Online giving is available!
Visit www.stjohnlux.com and
click on Online Giving – Your
Support Counts!



Advent by Candlelight 2021

HOSTESS SIGN-UP
begins OCTOBER 18TH (MONDAY)

LINK AVAILABLE THROUGH CHURCH WEBSITE
"SIGN UP GENIUS" OR
CONTACT INFO BELOW FOR LINK

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4AA4AB2FA5F94-hostess1>

Christmas is a season for faith, hope, love and joy. Our prayer is for you to join us with your friends and family in an evening of love, fellowship, and music to rekindle the Christmas spirit and the value and love of Jesus Christ this Christmas season

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

THURSDAY, DEC 9TH

4:00-6:00 Vendor shopping

6:00-6:30 Seating and viewing of tables

6:30-7:30 Dinner

7:30-8:45 Advent program

The cost is \$10 person. All proceeds to charity

There are 2 ways to be a part of this event!

- 1) Be a hostess for your friends: Decorate a table in the Christmas theme and invite 7-8 friends or family to join your table. Create a small meal or just hors d'oeuvres, sit back, and enjoy the evening while being waited on the remainder of the NIGHT. – Hostess is FREE
- 2) Be a hostess for the church: There are so many people that would like to attend the event but are not ready to take the plunge to make the meal. As option 2, you make the meal, we decorate the table, and we will fill your table with those guests that would like to attend on their own! We will also handle all payments from the guests for the table. You are the hostess so again your seat is FREE – if interested in this option, sign up in under tables 27-30 on the bottom of the form.

ALL TABLE RESERVATIONS (option 1) MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MONDAY DEC 6TH.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH/ABC"

**PAYMENTS MAY BE DELIVERED TO SANDRA HANMANN ON SUNDAYS BETWEEN 9-10:30am
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR CONTACT BY EMAIL OR PHONE at 920-304-0044 FOR OTHER
ARRANGEMENTS. DO NOT LEAVE MONEY IN HER MAILBOX!**

Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry – St. John's Site in Luxemburg has received notice of a donation increase from Ruby's Pantry Corporate Office. As of November, the donation price per share will increase from \$20 to \$22. This is the first increase Ruby's has passed along in over 8 years.

Each share will continue to contain some meat/protein, pizza, potatoes, dairy, bread and/or baked goods, vegetables, and a variety of other food products as well as paper goods and will have a retail value between \$100-150.

Ruby's Pantry is not government funded and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Each donation is used to cover operational costs like trucking, gas, and warehouse staff. All of the food is donated by corporate food donors making it possible to reach more families each month at locations across Minnesota and Wisconsin. Thank you for understanding.



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Ruby's PANTRY

November 13, 2021

Parking lot opens & In person registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Food Distribution from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

\$22 donation for an abundance of food.

Express Track: Reserve your bundles ahead of time with Express Track! Visit rubyspantry.org and create an account. If that time is full, try a different one. Come to Ruby's on the day of the pantry at the designated time. It's that simple! We apologize we do not have an express track pickup lane at this time.

You will receive an abundance of grocery items!
Drive-thru distribution at St. John Lutheran Church
700 Heritage Rd. Luxemburg WI



Have you heard of Operation Christmas Child? It's a ministry through Samaritan's Purse that allows us to send a shoebox filled with small items such as school supplies/toys/personal items to a child in a third world country. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. We participated in this outreach over the years, and it is something that we deeply enjoy doing together. We were able to pack 80 boxes last year and our goal this year is 150! We would love for you to participate. Boxes are located in the narthex and should be returned no later than November 15th. Donations are also being accepted and can be placed in drop box by the church office window. Please contact Sue Hanmann 920-845-5250 with questions.

Help us raise money for the Garage! Looking for 30 people for Lambeau Field seat pick up on the Monday November 15th and Monday, December 13th. Meet at Lambeau field at 4:15pm at the Fleet Farm Gate. They tell you to anticipate this taking a couple hours, but we've always been done in an hour. Wear comfortable clothing. Stairs and walking required. Not a difficult job and an easy fund raiser. We will be picking up the seats with other groups. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Contact Sandra Hanmann with questions (920) 304-0044.



New Members Class: If you are considering becoming a member of St. John and interested in learning more about the beliefs and teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, join us for a New Members Class on Sunday, December 5th from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Current members looking to refresh their knowledge on the teachings of the church are also welcome. Please contact Pastor Brewer to register.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Meeting October 26, 2021

Attended: Ken Batten, Pastor Carl Brewer, Kevin VandenBush

Opened with prayer

- Change in rates for the reservation of the fellowship hall
 - Members from \$50/4hr and \$25/hr thereafter to \$50/hr and \$10/hr thereafter.
 - Non-members \$100/4hr and \$25/hr thereafter to \$100/4h and \$20/hr thereafter.
- Check in with Journey's Club and discuss their lease agreement.
- Freezer is ordered, should be in 2nd – 3rd week of February
- Discussed furnace maintenance
 - Filters were replaced
- Discussed leveling east end condenser pad
- Discussed internet service, telephone service, sound system and key fobs
- Discussed installation of boiler for garage heat
- Discussed keys regarding new and outgoing board members
 - Each Board is responsible to collect key from outgoing member and issue to new member if needed.
 - Contact trustees for additional keys if needed

Closed with the Lord's Prayer