



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
V. 27, No. 8

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923

September, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters at St. John:

Please read the following article written by Helen Murray. She touches on some important concepts facing our church and nation today. It's especially pertinent in light of the violence and rioting we've seen across our nation and in Kenosha in particular. *"Western society is so immersed in a delusional concept of freedom that it is permitting all manner of abuses in its name! The original concept of "freedom" is biblical, and it is to that source that we owe that particular value. The original biblical concept of freedom has so much more to do with freedom from the influence of lies and delusions than with the ability to do or say whatever one wishes and consider it of equal importance with every other person's opinion. Consider the words of Jesus: **"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,'³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*** (John 8:32 ESV)

The issue has become the more confused because of convenient beliefs that everything is relative. If the law of gravity were relative to the temperature of the day, the whole world would disintegrate on the first temperature change.

Spiritual laws do not vary from generation to generation. Like natural laws they remain

steadfast whether we like it or not. For example the law of consequence is like the physical law $F=ma$. What I do today has a consequence that has far-reaching effects both now and down the road. If it were not so we could have no effect on our world at all. Yet today our concepts of freedom refuse to acknowledge the parallel laws of consequence.

Thus people expect to speak their mind (fly a swastika or burn the national flag) with no consequence at all, or play schoolboy pranks with no consequence, or give overly light sentences in court without the consequence of informing people that they can get away with anything if there is enough money to pay the right lawyer.

There are consequences to us permitting such "freedoms", namely the gradual development of a violent society that is way out of control. Children have 'freedom' to threaten adults who try to discipline them, because they expect entertainment, not discipline. What consequence will eventuate from this? If you try and teach them manners they respond that they will not be your friend.

If you do not train a horse or a dog, then it is dysfunctional in society and no-one will want it. Train it to a high standard and it's in great demand. It's exactly the same with the future generation. We've taken religion, nationalism, and idealism out of the system

and the current consequences reflect that in the major disrespect for anything over the age of twenty and outside the sexually driven rock 'n roll culture.

We've taught them to be "green", and that has some value, but won't make heroic citizens out of them. The reading material in the school libraries (not St. John) favors various forms of witchcraft, piracy etc. and the excuse is that it generates interest in reading for the children. It also generates... a lot of other things which will have degenerative consequences for society. I look for reading material in the school library and find almost nothing I'd dream of reading to my own children. I'll end up having to write my own stories with proper heroes who stick up for right values if I don't get thrown out first.

The stories I looked at this week had the seeds of pornography. Hardly suitable for a primary school child. It seems that shock value is the great inspiration in literature and media these days, and it's harder and harder to increase the shock value of literature/drama/lyrics after so many years.

Short of re-thinking the whole of our social and education system from the very beginning, it is not rocket science to see that the future is going to be very violent. Already we are dealing constantly with elder abuse (people used to look after their aging parents!) Few children have normal mother and dad family stability and we are teaching them about condoms, not about sexually generated disease and the freedom of monogamous marriage and healthy, emotionally strong children.

Time to face a few facts and get real. Freedom is about dealing with the facts and

consequence, and not about spurious rights that enable people to manipulate the system. Time we spoke of privileges, and not rights. Governments offer privileges that need to be appreciated, not rights that offer means of manipulation. Yes, I know there'll be backlash from humanitarianism, but they've had a fair go for forty years, and the culture has degenerated fast. We need to make alternative plans for the future."

I've included this article because I believe it speaks in large part to the cultural abyss our nation has fallen into. It also explains in part why the church is having so much trouble retaining our youth and young adults. Is it any wonder why our world seems to be falling apart at the seams? We can't fix everything that's wrong with the world but we can make sure the problem doesn't originate in our own families. Parents, bring your children to church...regularly.

Bring them to Sunday School (which starts Sept. 13th) as well. Immerse them in God's Word daily and when they are old they will not turn from it. And parents, bring yourself to Bible class while you kids are in Sunday School. You might very well enjoy our time together and you will learn something. Model for your children the importance of putting God first in your life and the life of your family. May God bless us all as we begin another year of learning and growing in our faith together.

Pastor Mundinger



+In Our Prayers

Marie Chellow

Dolly Doan

Delores Clark

Orville Behm

Ken Schuett

Janet Ryerson

Kathy Wiese

Betty Freimark

Ramona Hrebik

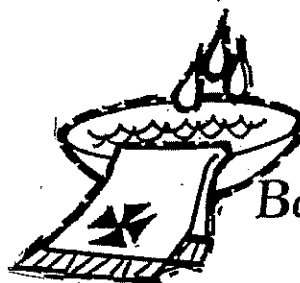
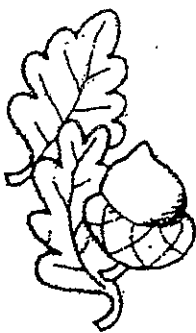
Joan Parsons

Vern Lichtenberg

Tom Butterbrodt

Maren Krause

Billi Kaufman



Baptisms

August 2, 2020

Annie Lee Schuster

Millie Mae Schuster

Daughters of Evan and Lisa Schuster

Grandchildren of Candy Schram



Welcome

New Members

Timothy Pett (7/8 teacher)

117 E. Waushara St. #15

Berlin, WI



Vern Lichtenberg

Tom Butterbrodt

Billi Kaufman

Maren Krause



Address Changes

Richard Zabel

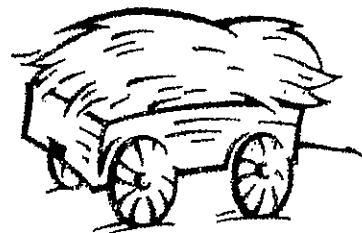
704 Broadway Apt. #4

Berlin, WI

Mary Becker

120 Wyldewood Dr. B-105

Oshkosh, WI 54904



Ladies Aid Fall Meeting

Thursday, September 3

1:00 pm

NO POTLUCK – Regular Meeting



Divine Love



Human Care

They still tell the story at the College of William & Mary of daffy, magnificent President Ewell. For a century and a half, this prestigious Virginia school had been a leader among American universities. Then came the Civil War. In the hard days of reconstruction that followed, William & Mary went bankrupt. Soon it had a deserted campus, decaying buildings, and no students.

As with so many Southern schools after that tragic war, everyone wrote it off as dead.

Everyone, except its president; he had given his best years to advancing the liberal arts through that school. He refused to give up now. So, every morning, President Ewell went to the deserted campus, climbed the tower of its main building, and rang the bells, calling the school to class.

He behaved as though the school was still there.

People thought he was crazy. Nevertheless, every day for seven years, President Ewell rang the bells at William & Mary, in defiance of the despair and hopelessness that would destroy everything he held valuable. Eventually and miraculously, it worked. Others caught his vision. Students, teachers, and money returned. Today, America's second-oldest university thrives again, because of the hope of a single man.

Today, many people are struggling with signs of decay, disease and a bleak future. But they persist.

They work. They go about their business. They meet with friends for support and encouragement. They worship God. They read their Bibles. They pray on bended knee. They give thanks. They help others in their time of need. They walk humbly with God.

They're ringing the bells of hope.

And someday, they shall have their reward.

Prayer: God of grace and mercy, You are our hope. I cast myself upon You in utter faith and confidence. There is none besides You! In Jesus 'name. Amen.



September 3, 2002 - Wade & Haley Kaufman
 September 7, 2017 - Derrick & Rebecca Hubatch
 September 9, 1967 - Duane & Linda Nitz
 September 12, 1987 - Mark & Lori Piechowski
 September 12, 1997 - Thomas & Yvonne Wustrack
 September 17, 2004 - Carlo & Amy McCormick
 September 20, 2013 - Terri & Jennifer Billington
 September 20, 1969 - Robert & Sandy Londowski
 September 22, 1984 - Robert & Cathy Young
 September 24, 1988 - Robert & Amy Radliff
 September 25, 1993 - Doug & Linda Dewhurst
 September 26, 1998 - Shawn & Billi Kaufman
 September 28, 1996 - Mark & Mitzi Putzke
 September 29, 2012 - Casey & Jennifer Wollert
 September 30, 2000 - Darrell & Ronda Dretske
 September 30, 1972 - Eugene & Kathy Thom
 September 30, 1989 - Rich & Nancy Wallner



LWML News



Our LWML South Wisconsin District 2020 Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 11 & 12, 2020 and we need your help! We are asking for donations for our Ingathering to Benefit: Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op

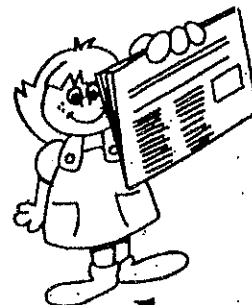
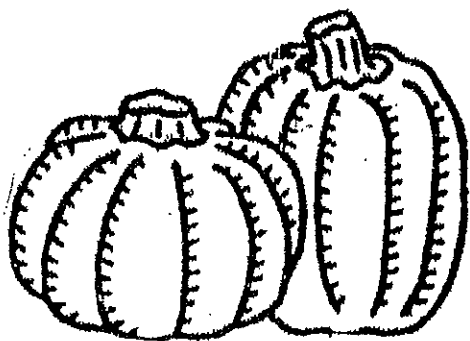
- Over the counter children medication
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Baby shampoo and soap

There will be a bin in the card room for you to drop off your donations. Thanks in advance for your help.

DO YOU LOVE MUSIC?

Are you wondering what is to become of singing in this "new normal"? Well, the choir is forging ahead and we can use You! We will be starting practices on Wed, Sept 9, at 7pm. We will practice social distancing and wearing of masks is encouraged. Hopefully, by the time of Reformation, we will be able to sing without masks.

Singers of all ages & abilities are welcome. You don't have to be able to read music. Psalm 98:4 says "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" Singing to the glory of God is our goal. A variety of musical styles is being planned for this fall/Christmas so there will be something for everyone. Contact Cindy Schuett (920-203-6763) if you are interested in joining the choir. Hope to see all music lovers there!



Sunday School News

Here we go! Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 in the school gym.

All children ages 4 through 6th grade are encouraged to attend. There are three classes: ages 4 - 1st grade, 2nd - 4th grades and 5th and 6th grades.

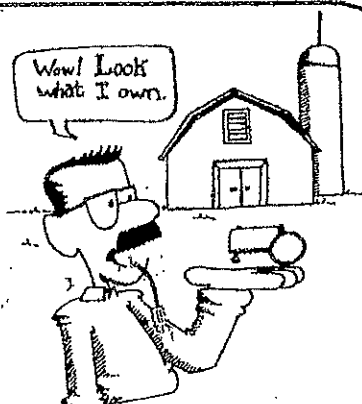
This year Mr. Pett is having a youth group class for the teens this year. This will include high school students and the 7th and 8th graders. Watch for upcoming announcements on this.

Again, the children will meet every Sunday at 9:15 in the school gym for opening devotions and singing.

We are still in need of teachers and subs along with the superintendent. If we could get a number of volunteers, not everyone would have to teach every Sunday, thus making it easier on everyone's schedule. Please seriously consider helping our little lambs. Call Nancy Wallner at 361-4179 if you can help. Thank you!

CHRISTIANS ARE NOT TO SEEK THINGS OF THIS WORLD, BUT WE ARE TO SEEK ETERNAL THINGS.

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).





Altar Guild Meeting
Tuesday, September 15th
7:00 pm Church Lower Level

This will be a regular meeting this year.
NO POTLUCK.

We would love to have you join us.

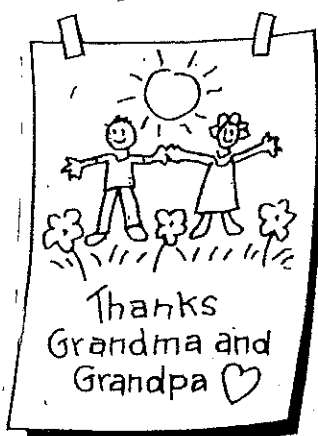
Serve the Lord with gladness.

?? **Bible Quiz** ??

Who came to Jesus by night to ask him questions, and what famous Bible verse was part of Jesus' answer?

- A. Martha; "I am the resurrection and the life ..."
- B. Peter; "Do to others what you would have them do ..."
- C. Thomas; "I am the way and the truth and the life ..."
- D. Nicodemus; "For God so loved the world ..."

Answer: D (See John 3:1-16.)



Memorials



IN MEMORY OF DON HERTZBERG

For St. John School

From Family & Friends.....\$2,233.00

For Bell Tower

From Bob & Karen Wendt.....\$ 20.00

IN MEMORY OF JEANETTE MITCHELLY

For General Fund

From Yvonne Gerth.....\$ 25.00

PUZZLE

WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

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| school | —○— — — |
| paper | —○— |
| wisdom | — —○— |
| read | — — —○ |
| play | — — — — — |
| learn | ○ — — — — |
| grow | —○— — — — |
| pencils | — — — — — |
| pray | —○— — — |
| art | — — — — — |
| student | — — —○— — |
| kids | — — —○— — — |
| apple | — — —○— — — |

"... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful."

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

From St. John Lutheran School



Happy September to the members of the St. John family. This summer has really flown by. We have been zooming and google meeting and planning all summer long. There have been multiple Board meetings and extra meetings. We have had meetings with Berlin Public School leadership team members. We have been educated on ESSER funds from the Federal Government to order cleaning supplies and equipment. It has been a summer of switching direction. Every time you have a plan, it seems like something happens or a decision is made to make you throw it away and start over. It is great to know that we have a God who does not change. His love is always there. "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called to His purpose" Romans 8:28

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Timothy Pett to our church family and our school teaching staff. He will be our new 7th and 8th grade teacher. He comes to us from the Racine area. Pastor, Kevin Koch, and I drove down to help family load the U-Haul truck. We drove back to Berlin. We were joined by Deb Schrader, Bill Brooks, and Bob Wendt for the unloading. I thank everyone for helping with this project. Mr. Pett will work with the church's youth group in addition to his teaching responsibilities. We pray God's blessings on his time of service with us.

We also welcome Mrs. Fibiger to our staff as our new custodian. She has started cleaning our school and getting all shined up for the return of our students. We look forward to working with her.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for all their hard work this summer. They interviewed and hired our new custodian. They planted flowers, killed weeds, built coat cubbies and had the floors stripped and waxed. They also spent quite a bit of time moving things back and forth between the church basement and the school. We had to remove fabric items and tables due to cleaning and social distancing requirements. They brought lots of desks over to facilitate the social distancing. They even arranged

training for our teachers and new custodian with cleaning and sterilizing supplies and equipment. We appreciate all their efforts to get the school ready to welcome our students back safely.

We thank the Schraders and Dewhursts for constructing individual student desk barriers for our children. They are trifold plastic corrugated material with a clear front window. They are very nice and bright and will reduce masking when the Governor's order expires.

Another group that was very busy was our Board of Education. These volunteers spent hours and hours in meetings in person and virtually and through email. They interviewed and hired our new teacher. They worked on plans and policies to reopen safely. They really took this responsibility seriously. These issues are difficult ones, and I appreciate this group's thoughtful dedication.

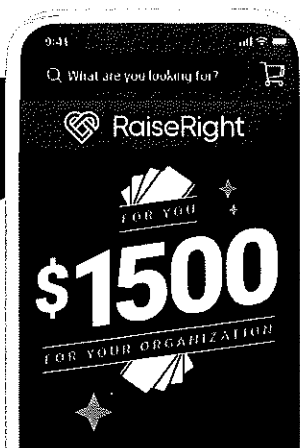
As I write this article, we are days away from welcoming our students back for another exciting academic year. Our first day is Tuesday, September 1. We have been doing "home visits" at school by appointment. 4K will enter through the north door. Grades K to 4 will come in the south door by the parking lot. Grades 5 to 8 come in through the front door (west side). We plan on social distancing, desk barriers, staggered recesses, lots of disinfecting and hand washing and sanitizing, lots of cleaning and disinfecting. We even have a new electrostatic spray gun for an extra level of disinfecting.

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our students and their families. We know His love never changes even though everything else around us seems to be changing all the time.

I am yours in Christ's service



**\$1,500 for a family.
\$1,500 for your
organization.**



**BACK TO
SCHOOL
GIVEAWAY**

One of your families could win a \$1,500 gift card package for themselves plus a \$1,500 gift card package for your organization. Or, the runner-up wins a \$550 gift card package for themselves plus a \$550 gift card package for your organization.



How it works:

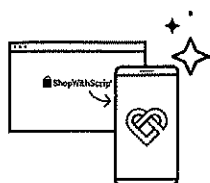
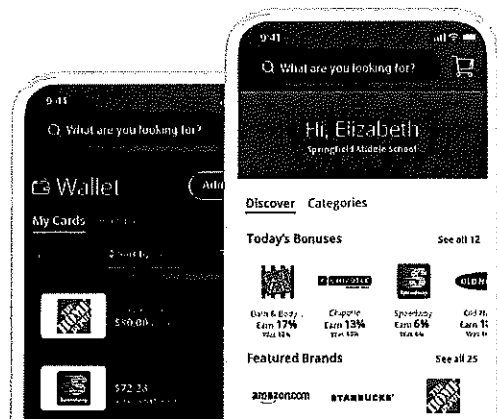
- Every family order placed in our new mobile app, RaiseRight, from Aug 15 – Sep 12 is an entry to win. The more orders your families place, the higher your organization's chances of winning. There's no limit on number of entries.
- Shop any brand. Any gift card type. Any amount.
- 2 families will be randomly selected. Only 1 family per organization can win. The winners and the organization they earn for will be awarded with gift cards.

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Discover new earning opportunities every day

Add brands you love to your Favorites for faster shopping

Manage your gift cards in one place: your Wallet



Pick up right where you left off

- Use the same sign-in information
- Your gift cards and payment information automatically transfer



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Scrip Program

What is it:

Scrip is a program where vendors sell their gift cards/certificates to organizations at a discounted rate. The organizations sell them to members at face value. Cards can be purchased between services on Sunday. After the 8:00 and before the 10:30 services.

Why:

This helps raise money for our church and school. It can offset tuition costs for school families. It provides a convenience for the members and promotes local businesses.

How you benefit:

You can send your order form to school to Mrs. Snow and usually have your gift cards in 1-2 days if they are in stock. (No extra trips to the store). We carry local vendors that Wal-Mart does not carry (Christianos, Jeff's, Shepards, and Websters).

Scrip will put ½ of the rebate amount into the school account of your choice:

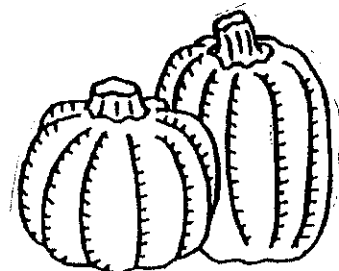
- Your child's tuition account (or you can designate a family)
- 7/8 grade class trip
- Technology fund
- Floor replacement
- General operating expenses

Are just a few of the options.

See attached form for gift cards we carry on hand.

Thank you,

Julie Snow



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL - SCRIP ORDER FORM

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| Name _____ |

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| Pick-up Options |
| _____ Pick up _____ Send home with _____ Parent Signature |

| On-Hand Inventory | | | | |
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| Retailer | % | Value | Qty | Total |
| ACE Hardware | 4% | \$25 | | |
| Amazon | 2.5% | \$25 / 100 | | |
| Applebee's | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Barnes & Noble | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Bath & Body Works | 13% | \$10 | | |
| Best Buy | 4% | \$25 | | |
| BP | 1.5% | \$50 | | |
| Buffalo Wild Wings | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Burger King | 4% | \$10 | | |
| Chili's | 11% | \$25 | | |
| Christiano's | 15% | \$20 | | |
| Crossroads | 2% | \$25 | | |
| Culver's | 8% | \$10 | | |
| Domino's Pizza | 8% | \$10 | | |
| Fazoli's | 7% | \$25 | | |
| Festival Foods | 3% | \$25 / 50 | | |
| Fleet Farm | 5% | \$25 / 50 | | |
| Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic | 14% | \$25 | | |
| iTunes | 5% | \$15 | | |
| Jeff's | 20% | \$25 | | |
| Kohl's | 4% | \$25 / 100 | | |
| Kwik Trip | 5% | \$25 | | |
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| On-Hand Inventory | | | | |
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| Retailer | % | Value | Qty | Total |
| Marcus Theatres | 9% | \$25 | | |
| Menards | 3% | \$25 / 100 | | |
| Noodles & Company | 8% | \$10 | | |
| Olive Garden | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Panera Bread | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Piggly Wiggly | 3% | \$25 / 50 | | |
| Qdoba | 7% | \$25 | | |
| Red Lobster | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Red Robin | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Scheels | 8% | \$25 | | |
| Shell | 1.5% | \$25 | | |
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| Starbucks | 7% | \$10 | | |
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Please make checks payable to: "St. John SCRIP Account"

Note: Special rules, conditions and restrictions established by participating retailers are subject to change without notice. All certificates are subject to availability.

St. John Lutheran School is not responsible for lost or stolen SCRIP certificates.

7/17/2019

Thanks from the Seminary!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of **\$750.00** to Concordia Seminary! Your donation, in the midst of these unprecedented and uncertain times, is a special blessing, as is your partnership in the Seminary's mission of preparing students for the Holy Ministry.

This month, with safety guidelines in place, students will be on campus to start their Greek and Hebrew courses. Every summer we look forward to welcoming new and returning students to campus, but it is particularly gratifying today after the dramatic changes wrought by the pandemic. As we welcome these future servants in Christ, we pray for their health and well-being - and for that for all in our community and in yours.

I thank you once more for your caring gift to Concordia Seminary. May God bless you richly in your support of this vital ministry.

Most cordially yours,

Vicki Biggs

Senior Vice-President, Seminary Advancement
Chief Communications Offices
Concordia Seminary - St. Louis

Dear St. John's

I really would like to thank you all very much for your generous gift to assist me with my seminary education! You all have been so supportive of me and my time there and you have been an enormous blessing. I am looking forward to going back to the Sem for my final year. My vicarage was great and I learned and experienced very much - God taught me a lot! I know that he has much more to teach me going forward and I'm excited to learn once again from all the excellent faculty at the seminary. Thank you all again for your kindness and generosity.

Have a great day and God bless!

Rob Schrader



Creation Corner

From the Bi-Monthly Journal

"Does God Exist?"

A regular feature of the journal *"Does God Exist?"* is a section entitled *"Dandy Designs."* Here are various examples from God's creation pointing to

The Design of Tears

The human body is amazing. Things we take for granted or try to explain in simple ways turn out to be incredibly complex when we fully understand how they work. Tears are a classic example. Most of us do not realize why we need tears and that we have three different kinds.



Basal tears lubricate our eyes. They are generated in the lacrimal gland, which sits just above the eye and just under the eyebrow. The word *"lacrimal"* comes from the Latin word for tear, which is *lacrima*.

Reflex tears form in response to irritants. You are most familiar with them when you cut an onion or are exposed to smoke or dirt. These tears have a complex mix of saltwater mixed with antibodies, oils, and enzymes that are not present in basal tears.

Emotional tears carry protein-based hormones, including leucine-enkephalin, which is a natural pain killer released when the body is under stress. Crying causes the release of oxytocin and endorphins, which are chemicals that help us feel better. Crying also may generate social support, depending on the situation.

Interestingly, babies do not produce tears until they are seven or eight months old. The average human produces 15 to 30 gallons of tears a year. It is incredible that such a simple thing as tears has such a complex design and serves so many different purposes. It is easy to see why we need tears.

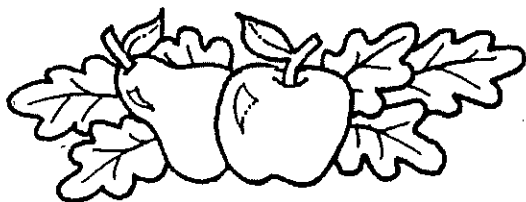
The more we learn about God's design of our bodies, the more we appreciate the statement of David: "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works" (Psalm 139:14 KJV).



September Birthdays



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| Tara Chesebro | 9/01 | Ashlyn Ballard | 9/11 |
| Darlene Doan | 9/01 | Trinity Abitz | 9/12 |
| Keith Krause | 9/01 | Debra Schubert | 9/12 |
| Madison Mertens | 9/01 | Rachel Bertzyk | 9/13 |
| Connor Techlow | 9/01 | Gary Eggert | 9/13 |
| Heidi Beardsley | 9/02 | Pamela Ponto | 9/13 |
| Jane Olson | 9/02 | Carol Krause | 9/14 |
| Glenda Schmidt | 9/02 | Ervin Gallert | 9/15 |
| Alyssa Thiel | 9/02 | Michael Herbst | 9/15 |
| Gary Kracht | 9/03 | Linda Hertzberg | 9/15 |
| Ryan Henley | 9/03 | Henry Lemke | 9/15 |
| Jeff Degener | 9/04 | Vernon Lichtenberg | 9/15 |
| Jackie Lewis | 9/04 | Donna Jones | 9/16 |
| Alexander Nighbor | 9/04 | Karen Vergin Krause | 9/16 |
| Jordyn Putzke | 9/04 | Karen Maas | 9/17 |
| Jennifer Beier | 9/05 | LeRoy Larson | 9/18 |
| Jackie Eggert | 9/05 | Gordon Manske | 9/18 |
| Dennis Hoffman | 9/05 | Ed Marks | 9/18 |
| Gerald Krause | 9/05 | Sara Bruss | 9/19 |
| Violet Lueck | 9/05 | Orlow Sommerfeldt | 9/19 |
| Ray Fay | 9/06 | Sara France | 9/20 |
| Kathleen Thom | 9/06 | Alex Beier | 9/21 |
| Phyllis Van Dellen | 9/06 | Jeremy Wissell | 9/21 |
| Katie Wiesensel | 9/06 | Betty Freimark | 9/22 |
| Kody Wiese | 9/06 | Amy Dament | 9/23 |
| Vickie Clark | 9/07 | Jennifer Kettlewell | 9/23 |
| Stacey Polk | 9/07 | Tyler Schubert | 9/23 |
| Wilfird Polk | 9/07 | Lucille Verheyen | 9/23 |
| Marilyn Schudlach | 9/08 | Ashley Dretske | 9/24 |
| Cassi Jones | 9/09 | Jason Weiland | 9/24 |
| | | Makenzie Fox | 9/24 |
| | | Rich Wallner | 9/25 |
| | | Abigail Carriere | 9/26 |
| | | Sawyer Hess | 9/29 |
| | | Rebecca Mosier | 9/29 |



St. John Quarterly Voters Meeting

August 2, 2020

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order at 11:15 am by Chairman Rich Wallner. 28 voting members present. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.

Reading and Approval of Minutes (February Meeting)

Motion by Bill Brooks to accept the minutes. Second by Mary Becker. Motion approved.

New Voting Members: Allison Wendt, Payton Phelps, Tom and Liz Butterbrodt.

Motion by Bob Young to accept the new voting members. Second by Kevin Koch. Motion approved.

Board of Education Report - by Kevin Koch

- Preparing for the opening of 2020-2021 School year. As of this meeting, the plan is to reopen with in-person classroom amid the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Working with the Green Lake County Health Nurse for safety in the classroom requirements.
- Debra Schrader has been hired as the Administrative Assistant.
- Mr. Timothy Pett has accepted the position of 7th/8th grade teacher and will be moving to the area early August.

Motion by Cathy Young to accept the Board of Education report. Second by Debra Thiel. Motion approved.

Trustee Report – by Bill Brooks

- Summer cleaning and special projects are underway.
- Secretary's office window was replaced.
- Fencing around the school yard was repaired.
- Cleaning and disinfecting practices have been updated with CDC guidelines in mind.
- A part-time janitor has been hired (approximately 25 hours) per week.

Motion by Bob Young to accept Board of Trustees report. Second by Kevin Koch. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – by Debra Thiel

Square Account Q4 FY 2019/2020:

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$1,276.46 | Income: | \$1,897.11 |
| Total Expenses: | \$.00 | Ending Balance: | \$3,173.57 |

Hot Lunch Q4 FY 2019/2020:

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$ 4,341.03 | Income: | \$35,202.51 |
| Total Expenses: | \$36,602.40 | Ending Balance: | \$ 2,941.14 |

Elderly Fund Q4 FY 2019/2020:

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$5,702.28 | Income: | \$1,000.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$.00 | Ending Balance: | \$6,702.28 |

Children's Fund Q4 FY 2019/2020:

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$75,785.85 | Income: | \$ 7,823.03 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 2,874.00 | Ending Balance: | \$80,734.99 |

- During this time of Covid-19, our faithful members have continued to support the church financially.

Motion by Bill Brooks to accept Treasurer's report. Second by Karen Wendt. Motion approved.

Elder's Report - by Rich Wallner

- Service times on Sunday (8 and 10 am) will continue through summer.
- Worship times will change in September on Sunday to 8 and 10:30 am to allow time for Sunday School and Bible Class
- Due to Covid-19, anyone who is was listed as delinquent will be reset to zero until we can return to normal activity.

- Stan Hartzke was welcomed as a returning Elder.

Official Acts: (January-June)

Baptisms – Adeline Rose Beardsley, daughter of David and Heidi Beardsley. Klorissa Leigh and Chasity Maree Abitz.

Weddings – Peter Schrader and Jade Wilds.

Transfer In – Richard and Leitha Krause, from Emmaus, Poy Sippi, WI. Daniel and Bonnie Sperberg, from Emmaus, Poy Sippi, WI. Richard and Rita Weisjohn, from Trinity, Wautoma.

Released by Request – Jane Nowicki

Junior Confirmation Class – Trinity Abitz, Noah Bending, Kasten Ewald, Karsen Kaufman, Adeline Voigtlander, Kody Wiese and Brock Wilde.

Deaths – Elaine Humphrey, Ardene Prien, Donald Hertzberg, Jeannette Mitchelly.

Communicant Membership 476

Baptized Membership 552

Church Families 292

Motion by Bob Radliff to accept Elder's report. Second by Debra Schrader. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report (none)

Reports of Committees

A. Memorial Fund Report – by Rich Wallner Current fund balance: \$329,807.55

- Karen Wendt of the Bell Tower Committee announced the structure should be completed by September 1.

Motion by Debra Thiel to accept the Memorial Fund report. Second by Karen Wendt. Motion approved.

B. Congregational Fund Report - by Rich Wallner

- The School Endowment Fund has returned to "pre-Covid-19" earnings

Motion by Bill Brooks to accept the Congregational Fund report. Second by Cathy Young. Motion approved.

Old Business

- Bill Brooks reported that the Audit Committee consisting of Kevin Koch, Steve Bolen, Bob Radliff and himself, audited the books in March. Everything is transparent and in good order. No other findings. Motion to approve/accept the audit by Karen Wendt, seconded by Bob Young. Motion was approved.

New Business

- Federal Mileage Rate 2020 – 57.5 cents per mile
- Motion by Kevin Koch to approve appointment of Payton Phelps to the Board of Education and Stan Hartzke to the Board of Elders. Second by Bob Radliff. Motion approved.
- Rich Wallner advised that although the 2020-2021 budget was approved by Council when we were unable to assemble as Voters during Safer at Home orders, the budget may need to be reviewed based on hiring of new teacher and number of students enrolled in School Choice program. If changes are needed, a special voters meeting may be announced.
- Payroll Protection Program update: We anticipate not having to pay the loan back. The program rules at this time are unclear or if there will be any changes in the future.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Young, second by Bill Brooks. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Radliff, Secretary

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VERSE TO REMEMBER

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless his holy name.*

—Psalm 103:1

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: August 19, 2020

The August meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by Bob Young. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.

Present: Kevin Koch, Bob Young, Pastor Mundinger, Curt Snow, Debra Thiel, Bill Brooks, Rich Wallner, Bob Radliff and Amy Radliff.

Secretary's Report submitted by Amy Radliff

Motion by Brooks/Koch to accept July minutes. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

| | July 2020 | July 2019 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$36,200.29 | \$87,398.33 |
| Children's Fund | \$ 1,766.65 | \$ 1,677.36 |
| Elderly Fund | \$.00 | \$.00 |
| Memorials | \$ 605.12 | \$10,016.97 |
| Attendance | 139 per week | 177 per week |

Motion by Brooks/Thiel to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

Square Account July 2020:

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$3,173.57 | Income: | \$.00 |
| Expenses: | \$1,881.60 | Ending Balance: | \$1,291.97 |

Hot Lunch Account July 2020:

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$2,941.14 | Income: | \$ 500.00 |
| Expenses: | \$.00 | Ending Balance: | \$3,441.14 |

Elderly Fund July 2020:

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$6,702.28 | Income: | \$.00 |
| Expenses: | \$.00 | Ending Balance: | \$6,702.28 |

Children's Fund July 2020:

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$80,734.88 | Income: | \$ 1,766.65 |
| Expenses: | \$ 2,368.40 | Ending Balance: | \$80,133.13 |

Motion by Koch/Brooks to accept Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Board of Trustees Report by Bill Brooks

- Getting the school ready for the start of class.
- New janitor, Cynthia is being trained for her role. She lives in close proximity to the school and is available to clean as needed during the school day while children are in class.

Motion by A Radliff/Wallner to accept Trustee's report. Motion approved.

Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

Communicant Members 476

Baptized Members 552

Church Families 292

- Sunday worship services will change to 8 and 10:30 am, beginning September 6th
- Sunday School begins Sunday, September 13th
- Adult Bible study begins Sunday, September 20th

Motion by Thiel/Brooks to accept Elder's and Pastor's report. Motion approved.

Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- School is being prepared for the start of class. Plan for reopening has been reviewed and approved by the Green Lake County Health Nurse.
- New report from Department of Public Instruction (DPI) with suggested recommendations for in-person class during the pandemic. Curt is working with the public school for clarification and standard protocol should someone test positive for Covid-19 while on school premises.
- New teacher, Mr. Pett is settling into his classroom.
- Past due tuition discussed for families who no longer have children enrolled.

Motion by B Radliff/Wallner to accept the Board of Education report. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- Budget is being reworked for 2020-2021, changes based on new teacher salary and number of students enrolled in School Choice program.

New Business:

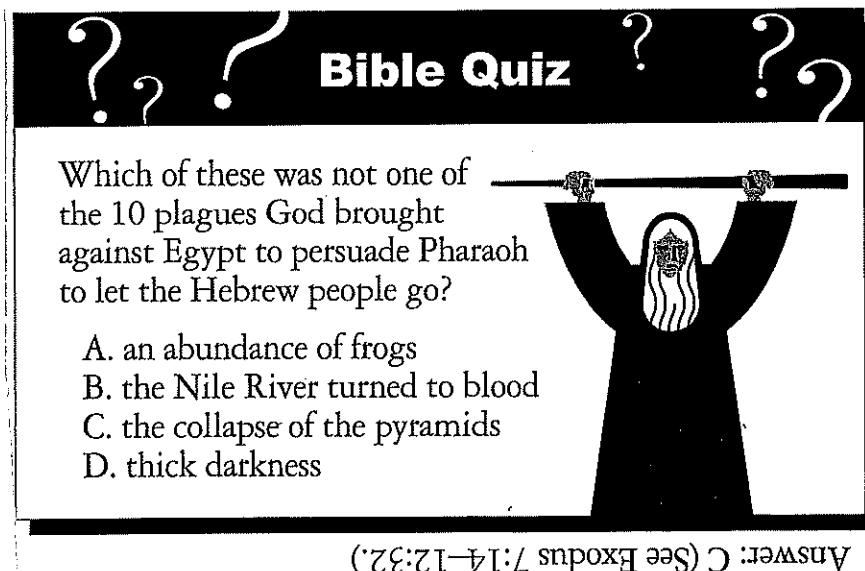
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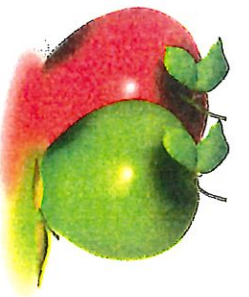
Meetings next month: Trustees – Monday, September 14th. Board of Education – Wednesday, September 9th. Elders – Tuesday, September 8th. **Council – Wednesday September 16th– 6pm.**

Motion by Snow/Brooks to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

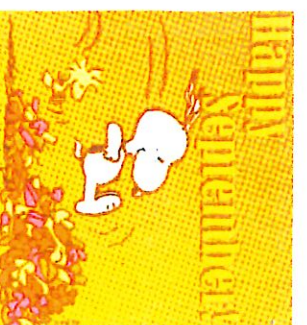
*Respectfully submitted,
Amy Radliff, Secretary*

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September 2020



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 1 pm Ladies Aid NO POTLUCK | 4 | 5 |
| 6 8:00 Worship/HC 10:30 Worship/HC | 7 LABOR DAY | 8 6:00 Elders | 9 6:00 Bd. of Ed. 7 pm Sr. Choir | 10 6:30 Worship/HC | 11 | 12 |
| 13 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Sun. School No Bible Class today 10:30 Worship/HC | 14 | 15 7:00 pm Altar Guild NO POTLUCK Church lower level | 16 3:45 Public Confirm 6 pm Council Mtg. 7 pm Sr. Choir | 17 6:30 Worship/HC | 18 | 19 |
| 20 RALLY DAY 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Sun. School 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 Worship/HC | 21 6:30 pm LWML | 22 | 23 3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir | 24 6:30 Worship/HC | 25 | 26 |
| 27 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Sun. School 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 Worship/HC | 28 | 29 | 30 3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir | | | |

