



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
V. 27, No. 11

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923
December, 2020

So many of us can get lost in the hustle and bustle of buying gifts, attending parties, and preparing our homes for family that we forget to keep Christ at the center. We can easily lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas, and before long end up stressed and overwhelmed from the barrage of things to get done before December 25th. It is important to slow down, balance your schedule, and reflect on why this day even exists.

Through my past experiences with trying to manage visiting all our relatives in different towns, buying a gift for everyone, and preparing our home for family visits; I simply got lost in the busyness of it all. I want to share with you 10 tips on how to manage your time and keep the focus of Christmas.

1. Set aside a special time to read with your family the Christmas story in Luke 1:5 through 2:20.

2. Read the true story of Saint Nicholas, a real life person who lived in the 4th century and who was instrumental in the development of the Nicene Creed we confess today.

3. Set up a nativity scene in your home or front yard as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Put up Christ centered decorations and ornaments through your home, and place lights on your Christmas tree to symbolize the "light of the world."

4. Play Christ-centered Christmas music as a way to focus on Christ and the miracle of His birth. Secular Christmas music is fun, but too much of it can take the true meaning away from Christmas.

5. Attend a Christmas service at church, and worship the Lord for sending His Son into the world for us.

6. Send Christmas cards with a spiritual message. This can be a great way to share the birth of Jesus Christ with others.

7. Make a birthday cake for Jesus. You can even sing happy birthday to Jesus.

8. You can even show the love of Christ to your neighbors by baking them homemade treats.

9. Instead of giving so many gifts each year, consider volunteering as a family in a food bank or helping a needy family enjoy Christmas by buying them gifts..

10. Watch the Nativity story and choose other Christmas movies that you can watch that incorporates Christian values.

As we enter into this season of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, may you be encouraged to consider these and many other ways to include Christ into your family's festivities. Teach your children and talk to them about why Christmas is celebrated. Start important traditions with your family that include Christ and the true meaning of this wonderful season. And by all means enjoy this wonderful time of peace and goodwill that is only possible because of the Babe of Bethlehem who came to earth to become one of us so that He could save us. And in the process, have a very blessed and merry Christmas!

Pastor Mundinger



December Services and Programs for St. John Lutheran Church and School



Wednesday Evening
Advent Services will
be held on
Wednesday nights,
starting at 6:30 pm:
Wed. December 2
Wed. December 9
Wed. December 16

Sunday, December 20th

8:00 & 10:30 am

CANTATA by Sr. Choir
during service

Thursday, December 24th

Children's Christmas Program
at 4:00 pm

Candlelight Service on Christmas
Eve at 6:30 pm

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day service with Holy
Communion at 9:00 am

Thursday, December 31st

New Year's Eve Service with Holy
Communion at 6:30 pm



Please Join Us...
The Altar Guild
is decorating the church
on **Saturday,**
December 12th
at 9:00 am.

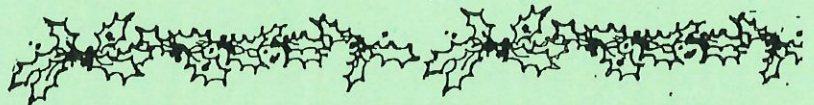


Please consider coming and helping
out – the more hands, the easier the
load. *See you there!*



Christmas is coming.....a reminder about the
Angel trees at Christmas. There are two trees in
the Narthex of church at Christmas and it is filled
with angel ornaments in memory of loved ones.

If you need to purchase or make an angel in
memory of a loved one, please have it in a
marked box and put it in the card room at church
before December 8.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH

2020 - Altar Guild
2021 - LWML
2022 - Senior Choir
2023 - PTL
2024 - Ladies Aid



+In Our Prayers

Gary Eggert

Joan Parsons

Janet Ryerson

Maren Krause

Billi Kaufman

Laverne and Verona Lipke – parents of
Ramona Hrebik

Leo Sperberg – father of Daniel
Sperberg

Martha Pieper – Bonnie Sperberg's
sister

Betty Freimark

Ken Schuett

Marie Chellow

Kathy Wiese

Ramona Hrebik

Orville Behm

Bob Young

The Family of Raymond Fay

Bernice Lemke

Brian Hartzke

Pastor Paul Pett – Uncle of Timothy Pett

Jennifer Dopke – Sister of Timothy Pett

Dolly Doan

Scott and Crystal Krenke upon the
death of Crystal's father Dave Henke

The Family of Donna Jones

Connie Simson



Ray Fay

Father of Gary Fay

Died - November 8, 2020

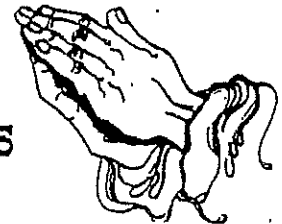
Donna Jones

Sister of Ricki Schubert

Died - November 17, 2020



Memorials



IN MEMORY OF MERLE RESOP

For Organ Maintenance Fund

From Deb Schubert.....\$40.00

DONATIONS

For General Fund

From Bob & Jayne Kersten

.....\$800.00

For Communion Wafers

From Delbert & Barbara Krause

.....\$64.50



Antonette Kracht

N1920 County Road S

Wautoma, WI



Remember Our Shut-Ins

IN-HOME SHUT IN LIST

1. Fink, Wayne and Susan
315 Broadway, Berlin, WI 54923
2. Hall, Gladys
277 Jackson St. Apt. 4 Berlin, WI
3. Langenhorst, Laura
Heritage Court, 600 West Packer Ave.
Apt. 218 Oshkosh, WI 54901
4. Richter, June
147 Eastridge Dr. #10, Berlin, WI
5. Ryerson, Janet
281 Jackson St. Apt. #5, Berlin WI
6. Pastor/Mrs. (Lovella) Schultz (non-member)
236 E. Park Ave. Berlin, WI 54923
7. Strey, Cliff and Darlene
274 N. Wisconsin St. Berlin, WI 54923
8. Stumpner, Ray
412 N. Washington St. Berlin, WI 54923

METTA HOMES

W3490 Forest Trail, Montello, WI
LuAnn Johnson

AMERICAN HOUSE 123 S. Pearl St., Berlin
Dennis Hoffman Room 04 – 2nd Floor

PATRIOT PLACE ASSISTED LIVING

609 Broadway, Berlin, WI 54923

Alice Parsons	Apt. 20
Alice Janes	Apt. 48
Ed Lohela	Apt. 31
Duane & Carolyn Schmudlach	Apt. 57
Hildegard Krause	Apt. 30
Erv Gallert	Apt. 55
Walter & Marilyn Schmudlach	Apt. 50
Dolly Doan	CBRF
Walter Parsons (non-member)	Apt. 38
Dolly Paull (non-member)	Apt. ???
Virginia Dittman (non-member)	Apt. ???

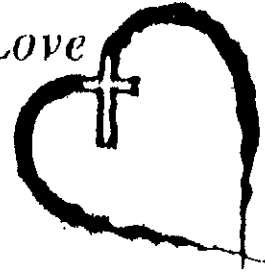
SILVER LAKE MANOR

N2641 17th Lane, Wautoma 54982
Margaret Ceman

EVERGREEN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

1130 N. Westfield, Oshkosh, WI 54902
Ruth Eggert Room #72

Divine Love



Human Care

A letter has been preserved, from the year 1827, in which an American bishop made the following observation: "The devil has stolen Christmas from us. The devil has stolen Christmas, the day of our spiritual redemption, and converted it into a day of festivity, shooting and swearing."

To which, quite recently, someone added these words: "If the bishop thought the situation bad in 1827, he should see us now! December is an absolutely chaotic month! Frantic shopping, double and triple parking, office partying, and all the rest. The devil has stolen Christmas from us, too!"

We can understand the sentiments of the bishop and the writer, but truth is, the devil did not steal Christmas from us.

We ourselves are the thieves.

Christians know that there are two Christmases: the secular version and the sacred. Actually, the secularists don't even want to call it Christmas anymore. They'd prefer to call it simply "the holidays" or the "holiday season." They don't want people in public and government places to say "Merry Christmas," but to say instead, "Happy Holidays."

Fine. It's fine because while we may take part in the secular "holiday," we can still celebrate Christmas, the sacred and holy observance of the birth of the Savior of the world.

If we can't find Christmas, it's because Christ can't find us. The devil didn't steal anything we weren't willing to have stolen.

Let's hang on to the true Christmas. No one can take it away from us if we don't want it taken away. And we don't.

Prayer: Loving God, thank You for loving us so much that You gave Your only Son. As I approach Christmas, I am thankful that because Jesus was born, and born anew in my heart, I have an abundant and full life. In Jesus' name. Amen.





From the President...

Friends and members,

Thank you to all who attended our November 8th Voters meeting. It is vital that we continue the administrative tasks that keep our Church functioning and enable us to continue our mission of spreading the Word of God and administering the Sacraments.

We elected members to fill many of our openings for Church Officers and Boards, but we still need one member for the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Trustees.

Thanks to outgoing Board of Ed member Kate Mehn for her service.

Thanks also to Vice President Bob Young, who has been a great help in many areas especially as a sounding board and advisor regarding financial matters.

I am concerned that there are so many faithful members that I have not seen in Church for a while. I know that there are many who have pre-existing conditions that cannot attend because they believe that the risk is too great, and I understand that.


I have a harder time understanding those who avoid Church but are otherwise healthy. We continue to practice social distancing and ask everyone to wear masks. We wipe down surfaces between services. We have changed Communion distribution practice to make it as safe as possible. I believe it is safer to come to a Church service at St. John than it is to go to Walmart, Kwik Trip, your gas station, or work.

Our Church continues to do fine financially thanks to your generous support, but I fear it will be too easy for those who are not attending to slip into the habit of just watching services on YouTube when it's convenient rather than joining the rest of us at Church.

Please consider joining us for worship during Advent season.

Yours in Christ,
Rich

Drive-Thru Live Nativity
St. John Lutheran Church
Saturday, December 12, 2020
4pm to 7pm



*Come Join Us for our COVID safe -
FREE Drive-Thru Live Nativity
146 Mound Street, Berlin.*

*Come explore and remember the true
meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ!*

*We will be collecting non-perishable food for the food
pantry if you wish to donate.*

Berlin Area Food Pantry Collection... During the month of December we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Berlin Area Food Pantry. Canned goods, boxed goods, and toiletries will be collected and delivered to the pantry at the end of December. There will be a collection point designated in the front of the church for these items. The school will also be doing a collection as well as the Living Nativity on December 12th. Thank you in advance for your donations!



WISHING YOU A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Offering Envelopes 2021

Note: We hope to have them in your mailbox by Sunday, December 13th!!

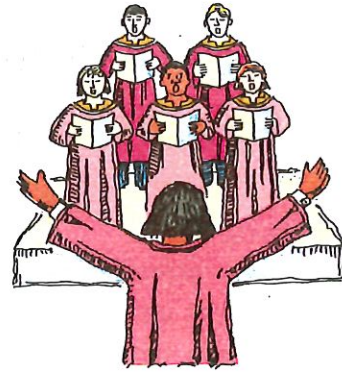
Your new 2021 offering envelopes will be in your mailboxes this month. Please note the following as you pick them up:

1. **Your mailbox slot is ABOVE the label of your name.** Make sure you pull out of the correct mailbox.
2. **CHECK the label on the envelope box immediately** as you pull it out of your mailbox. If the envelope box is not yours, notify Pastor, an Elder or the church office.
3. Only one envelope box fits in the mailbox. If your family has more envelope boxes, check the table in the Narthex.
4. **Begin using your 2021 envelopes on Sunday, January 3rd.**
5. If you desire a contribution to be on your 2020 statement, please make sure it gets to church by December 31st. **All offerings given after December 31st will be on your 2021 statement.**

Practice for the Children's Christmas Program

The 2 practices will be held Sundays, December 13, 20. From 9:15 – 10:15 am. Practices will be held in church.

The Children's Christmas program will be held on Thursday, December 24th at 4:00 pm in the church.



CHOIR CANTATA

Sunday, December 20th
At 8:00 and 10:30 services



December 5, 1992 - Ken & Cynthia Schuett
December 6, 1975 - Cliff & Darlene Strey
December 8, 1990 - Russell & Lanette Pomplun
December 13, 1997 - Gerald & Carol Krause
December 23, 1961 - Russ & Robin Henriksen
December 23, 2000 - Matt & Kristen Mertens
December 31, 2009 - Nicholas & Christine Carriere
December 31, 1989 - Pastor & Kelli Munding



I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID TO ME,
"Let us go to the
house of the LORD!"

PSALM 122:1

From St. John Lutheran School



Happy December to all of you.

As I type this, we are still gearing up for our Thanksgiving celebration. This means we are trying to decide if we can see our families for big family gatherings as usual, or if those gatherings are not appropriate due to Carona-19 protocols. I know that we were blessed to spend time with our children and grandchildren during the opening weekend of the deer season. God has blessed us with family.

This brings us to the end of the church year. Now, we are entering into the season of Advent. We look forward to the birth of our Savior in the stable of Bethlehem. This will be a year, like no other, to celebrate His coming.

We have been blessed, at the school, to be spared from closure due to the virus. We look forward to in-person instruction as we move forward.

We are currently conducting our annual PTL fruit sale at the school. If you have ordered fruit, your order can be picked upon the 16th of December.

We have come to the end o our first trimester of the school year. Report cards will go home on Wednesday, December 3.

The school is sponsoring a Live Nativity scene on the ballfield behind the gym on December 12 from 4-7pm. Please plan to do the drive-through event with us. We will also be including a nonperishable food drive in

connection with the event to benefit the Berlin Food Pantry. Please plan to bring a donation if you wish.

Our school is also sponsoring a Christmas tree in the park again this year. We invite you to drop by and check it out in the by the northeast corner of Nathan Strong Park. We are the 7th tree from that corner.

Our students will be collecting donations for the county's Angel Tree program again this year. We will buy gifts to donate to children in our community who are "less fortunate than we".

Basketball season is beginning in the month of December. We will begin practice this month. Games will begin in January if all goes as planned. Please watch for further details.

We wish you a blessed Advent and Christmas season as we prepare for the birth of our Savior and thank Him for all blessings that He bestows on all of us.

I am yours in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carl Larson".



"THERE WAS NO ROOM
FOR THEM IN THE INN."
—LUKE 2:7B

COMING LATE OCTOBER

NEW APP EXCLUSIVE

Families get gift cards shipped to home

Families will have the option to get physical gift cards from select brands delivered right to their doors—only in our mobile app, RaiseRight™. It's a safe way to get gift cards to families during COVID-19, and now, families can earn more by conveniently getting eGift cards and physical gift cards from the comfort of home.



100+ brands

HOW IT WORKS:



Shop 100+ brands

Families shop gift cards from select brands—only in our mobile app. They're labeled "Ship to Home Eligible."



Earn on every order

Orders must be paid for with a bank account or credit card, earnings apply as usual. Families pay a small shipping fee. Your organization pays nothing.



Get gift cards at the doorstep

Standard shipping is through USPS and there's an option to upgrade. Delivery times depend on the shipping method families choose.

Get more details by visiting the What's New page on **Shop.ShopWithScrip.com**.

Prep for the new shipping option

Subscribe to emails and watch the ShopWithScrip Facebook Fan Group to get the latest updates. Plus, tell families to download the app so they can get gift cards delivered starting late October.



Get the app
www.RaiseRight.com



DID YOU KNOW.....



Our new 7th and 8th grade teacher, Timothy Pett, was born on November 2nd 1969 at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. On November 23rd his proud parents, Wayne and Robin, took their new-born son to Good Shepard Lutheran Church in East Troy where he became the very first baby to be Baptized in their brand-new church. Later a little girl named Jennifer and then a son, Benjamin completed the Pett family. Sadly, Tim's Mother Robin passed away on August 24th 1992 after a long battle with cancer. Later, his Dad married Rena, the organist from his church.

Tim attended Eagle Elementary School in Eagle Wisconsin. Then Eagle Middle and High School in the combined Eagle/Palmyra School District. In middle School he played basketball and, while in the 6th grade, was editor of the school newspaper. On May 20th 1984, he was Confirmed at Good Shepard and graduated from High School on June 2nd, 1988. Tim's very first job was working for his Grandma Jensen in the cafeteria at Alpine Valley; he made \$3.35/hour. He always enjoyed cooking and attended Waukesha County Technical College where he earned a degree in Hospitality Management in June of 1990. Later, he worked for Amazon for 5 years as a tour guide, Ambassador and in the Receiving Dept.

Always comfortable working with kids, Tim sought advice from his Uncle, Reverend Paul Pett, and his Grandma Pett. They were all in agreement; Tim should become a teacher. He enrolled at Concordia College, Mequon, where he especially enjoyed working with the Children's Ministry and graduated in

December of 2002 with a major in Secondary Education and a minor in Social Studies. Tim began his teaching career as a substitute teacher, then taught at East Troy Middle School followed by St John's Lutheran School in Racine. Of course, Social Studies is his favorite class to teach.

In the summer of 2020, Timothy Pett accepted our call and moved to Berlin with his 2 cats, Herbie and Sport. He quickly became involved in life at St John, joining the choir and working with Pastor Munding to establish a youth group. "I am ready for whatever God wants me to do!" His top priority right now is to have a "Living Nativity" which will be presented on Saturday December 12th from 4-7pm. All members of St John are encouraged to attend this unique event.

Tim has one 16-year-old son named Parker and 5 Godchildren. He LOVES to fish, collects Hot Wheels cars, Star Wars toys, and sports memorabilia. He's a big fan of the Green Bay Packers: also enjoys watching Badger football and basketball, Marquette basketball, the Brewers and Pro-Wrestling. "I like to cook and I'm very good at it. My Dad's favorite saying is "Never Trust a Skinny Chef!"

When finances permit, Tim loves to travel and has been to Atlanta, New Orleans and Ft Meyers Beach, Florida. His movie favorites are "Smoky and the Bandit" and "Remember the Titans", he listens to Bruce Springsteen and Matt Maher and will never turn down an invite to have lunch at Red Robin, Kopp's Frozen Custard or a Mongolian BBQ.

Tim Pett continued

"If I wasn't a teacher, I would probably own my own restaurant or be working in a gold mine like on the TV show "Gold Rush.".

"Berlin is a very nice small town and the people are so friendly. I am thankful to God for placing me here. He has a plan and a reason. I want to thank all those who offered help during my transition to St John. I'm very thankful for those who helped me move into my 2nd floor apartment and everyone who stocked my pantry." Thank you all.



Ladies Aid

President Robin Henriksen opened the November 5, 2020 meeting with a devotion on thankfulness. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. The election of officers stands at: president – Robin Henriksen and treasurer – Luci Verheyen. The birthday song was sung to Robin Henriksen.

Breads will be made for the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 25.

Thursday, December 3 we will have a short meeting and a cookie exchange instead of the usual Christmas potluck luncheon with guests. Christmas bags will be made for the shut-ins.

We thank Linda Nitz and Nancy Wallner for the refreshments and games.



December BIRTHDAYS

Jaden Schubert	12/01
Adeline Voigtlander	12/01
Case Kaufman	12/02
Timothy Phelps	12/02
Gavin Merrick	12/04
Ethan Schubert	12/04
Jon Brisky	12/08
Kevin Koch	12/08
Bill Thoma	12/10
Tedd Henriksen	12/11
Ralph Ewald	12/12
Sara Resop	12/12
Rebecca Ewald	12/16
Andy Ryckman	12/17
April Ryckman	12/17
Michael Stertz	12/17
Alice Janes	12/19
Lyle Schrank	12/19
Rebecca Hubatch	12/20
Michael Radke	12/21
Marshall Mehn	12/22
Cathy Young	12/22
Stacey Shafer	12/23
Karisa Wiese	12/23
Julie Behm	12/25
Robert Dewhurst	12/25
Bruce Kobishop	12/25
Karson Kaufman	12/27
Bill Wissell	12/27
Amy Radliff	12/28
Marie Chellow	12/29
Dillon Nighbor	12/29
Caroline Schmudlach	12/31



Joyce Parsons called our November 17, 2020 Altar Guild Meeting to order with the Altar Guild prayer. The secretary, treasurer and sunshine reports were given. Thank yous from several congregation members were shared for the gift bags we made for them with funds from our cancelled soup supper.

We discussed decorating the church for Christmas. Karen Wendt has provided wreaths and red and gold bows for us to use. Members to check out the decorations prior to decorating will meet the Saturday before and see what is available to use.

Our election results are Amy Radliff will be our president and Sandy Gregor our vice president and sunshine person.

Our white grape juice was discussed and is available in smaller size bottles at Websters in Ripon.

LWML has offered a quarterly newsletter to share with all members of the guild if they would like.

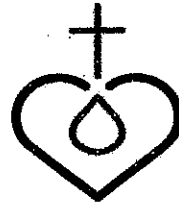
We spoke of LED lights for the Christmas trees as when a string goes out replacing with these would be desirable.

Our meeting time was changed to 6:30 pm for the new year. Please mark it on your calendars.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

We enjoyed a pumpkin cake roll in honor of Robin Henriksen's birthday.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Mehn



LWML News

The LWML met on Monday, November 16th at church. We would like to thank everyone who donated toiletries for our in-gathering. After our Bible study and regular meeting, we assembled bags that will be distributed to Juliette Manor and Omro Care Center.

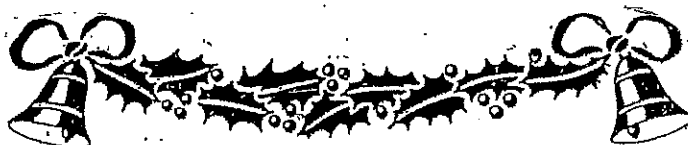
Our December meeting will be Monday, December 14th at 6:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will have a Bible study and short business meeting. We are also asking members to bring individually wrapped treats and their own beverage as we will have a small Christmas party.

Our Winter Get Away is still planned for Jan. 29-30 in WI Dells. Registration information is on the website or there is a form in the card room at church

We will be hosting a prayer breakfast on February 6th at St. John. Watch the bulletin for more information in the future.

Spring Rally is April 27th at Mount Morris

39th LWML Biennial Convention will be in Lexington, KY June 24-27, 2021



Creation Corner

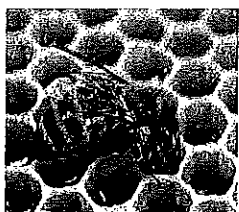
From the Bi-Monthly Journal

"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 undeniable existence of our Creator.

The Mathematics of the Honeycomb

Honeybees are master engineers of the storing of dense fluids. Their fluid is honey, and they store it in an amazing way. Worker bees gorge on honey and excrete slivers of wax. Other workers take that wax and position and mold it into columns of six-sided cells. The bees cluster to keep the temperature of the wax at 35 degrees C (95 degrees F) so that it is firm but malleable. Each wax partition is less than .1 mm thick with a tolerance of .002 mm. The cell walls must be at a 120-degree angle in relation to each other to make a lattice of regular hexagons.

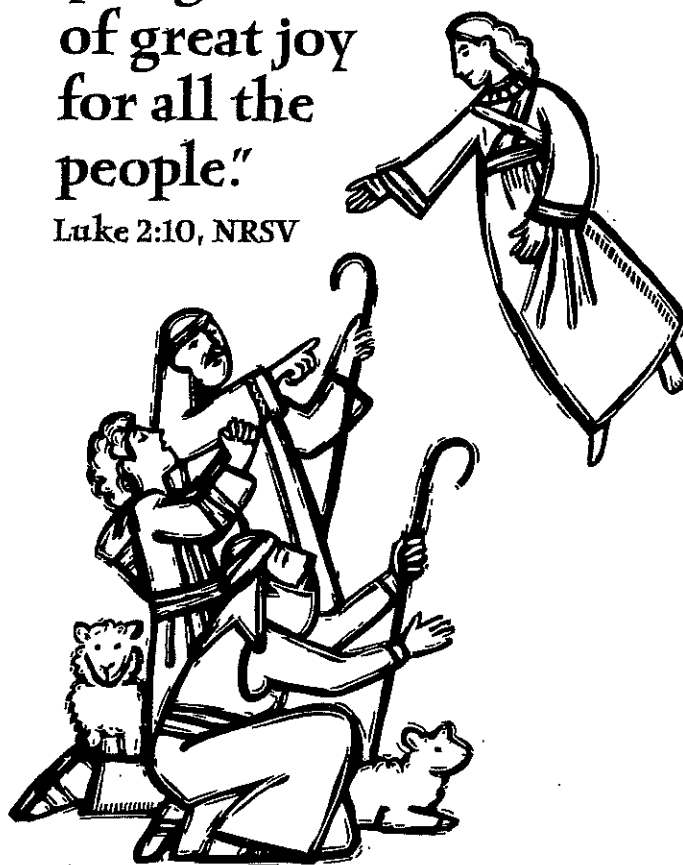


There are only three regular polygons which pack together snugly without leaving gaps — equilateral triangles, squares, and regular hexagons. The perimeter of a hexagonal cell that encloses an area is less than that of a square or a triangular cell, making it the most economical shape. Mathematicians have tried other options, such as using curved sides or a mixture of polygons. They have confirmed that curved polygons could not do as well as straight line hexagons. The cells are tilted upward at an angle of 13 degrees from the horizontal. That is exactly the angle needed to stop the honey from dripping out. There is one more problem. How can the bees seal off the bottom of the columns? They construct the bottom with three, four-sided diamond shapes that meet in a point. Two rows of cells are placed back-to-back and offset, so they interlock. With the cells backing each other up, only one layer of wax serves as the bottom of both cells.

It is difficult to believe that structures such as these are accidents or the final product of trial and error. Mistakes are usually lethal or at least result in a loss of vital energy resources. We think the honeybee engineers learned the principles of structural design from their Creator who is the Master Engineer.

**"I am bringing
you good news
of great joy
for all the
people."**

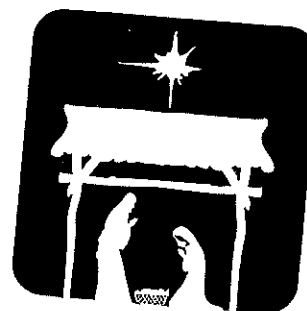
Luke 2:10, NRSV



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Which of the four Gospels name(s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus' birth?

- A. Only Luke
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7.)

**Welcome
2021!**

St. John Quarterly Voters Meeting

November 8, 2020

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order at 11:43 am by Chairman Rich Wallner. 30 voting members present. Pastor Munding opened with prayer.

Reading and Approval of Minutes (August Meeting)

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

New Voting Members: Timothy Pett and Maren Krause.

Motion by Cynthia Schuett to accept the new voting members. Second by Debra Thiel. Motion approved.

Board of Education Report - by Kevin Koch

- All classes continue to be in-person
- Fruit Sale Fund Raiser is currently in progress
- Technology improvements of microphones in the classrooms. Esser Funds were used to purchase laptops and computers.
- Mr. Pett the 7th/8th grade teacher is planning a Living Nativity for December.
- Mrs. Amy Brooks accepted nomination to continue on the board of Christian education.

Motion by Karen Wendt to accept the Board of Education report. Second by Keith Krause. Motion approved.

Trustee Report – by Keith Krause

- Thank you to the Wendt family for the puzzle wall project.
- Bell tower area has been landscaped, waiting for stone sign to be set to complete the project.
- Back lights of the church were replaced, thanks to Bill Brooks.
- New janitor is working very well.
- Church sign on Hwy 49 is under review to be replaced.

Motion by Debra Thiel to accept Board of Trustees report. Second by Karen Wendt. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – by Debra Thiel

Square Account Q1 FY 2020/2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$3,173.57	Income:	\$5,405.10
Total Expenses:	\$7,284.85	Ending Balance:	\$1,293.82

Hot Lunch Q1 FY 2020/2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,941.14	Income:	\$43,384.25
Total Expenses:	\$.00	Ending Balance:	\$46,325.39

Elderly Fund Q1 FY 2020/2021:

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

Children's Fund Q1 FY 2020/2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$80,734.99	Income:	\$ 4,217.57
Total Expenses:	\$ 3,051.40	Ending Balance:	\$81,901.05

- Our faithful members have continued to support the church financially with 3 services or mail in contributions.

Motion by Bill Brooks to accept Treasurer's report. Second by Mary Becker. Motion approved.

Elder's Report - by Rich Wallner

- Thanks to everyone who cleans between services.
- Elders will contact members with non-attendance

Official Acts:

Baptisms – Annie Lee Schuster and Millie Mae Schuster, daughters of Evan and Lisa Schuster. **Adult Baptism** – Jonathan Phelps.

Adult Confirmation – Jonathan Phelps. Patricia Thompson.

Affirmation of Faith – Korin Larson and children Evion and Livianna.

Transfer In – Timothy Pett, from Prince of Peace Lutheran, Racine, WI.

Released by Request – Tara Chesebro and children Deegan and Rossi McCutcheon.

Communicant Membership 479

Baptized Membership 557

Church Families 295

Motion by Kevin Koch to accept Elder's report. Second by Amy Brooks. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report (none)

Reports of Committees

A. Memorial Fund Report – by Rich Wallner Current fund balance: \$312,807.47

- Activity for quarter was bell tower funds transferred and health reimbursement fund.

Motion by Bill Brooks to accept the Memorial Fund report. Second by Keith Krause. Motion approved.

B. Congregational Fund Report - by Rich Wallner

- School Endowment fund has had good returns for the quarter
- Restricted Funds Policy proposal was presented. The policy was suggested by our auditor. Purpose of the policy is to establish controls for 1) Designated by the donor for specific purposes generally not part of the Operating Budget, 2) funds established by the Congregational Fund Committee, Church Council or the Voters Assembly, 3) Undesignated funds that are not classified as operating or endowment funds. Our current policy does not have any provision for accounts without activity for 2 or more years. Policy approval would require Congregational Funds by-laws to be rewritten. Motion by Bob Wendt to approve the Restricted Funds Policy. Second by Tom Butterbrodt. Motion approved.

Motion by Cynthia Schuett to accept the Congregational Fund report. Second by Bob Radliff. Motion approved.

Old Business

- Rich Wallner reported the Church as filed for forgiveness of the Payroll Protection Payment. If forgiven, the funds would be viewed as a donation to the church.

New Business

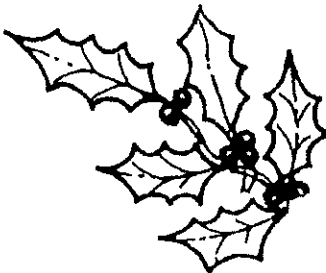
- Nomination of officers and board members:
Treasurer: Mrs Debra Thiel. Council Secretary: Mrs. Amy Radliff.
Boards – Elders: Mr. Michael Herbst. Board of Christian Education: Mrs Amy Brooks. Trustees: Mr. Mike Shrader and Mr. Peter Gravunder. Motion by Kevin Koch to approve nomination as elected. Second by Bob Wendt.
Open offices and board positions: Vice Chairman. (1) Board of Christian Education (1) Trustee
- Bob Wendt made a suggestion to form a Church Care committee to oversee special projects involving maintenance or new structures in and around the property. It was suggested he bring his ideas to the Trustees meeting.
- Maren Krause brought to light that although we have been able to continue with in-person classroom and worship service to note healthcare workers are very overwhelmed by Covid-19 cases. Continue to be vigilant.

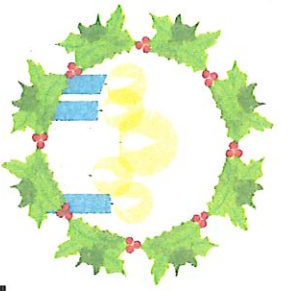
Motion to adjourn was made by Curt Snow, second by Amy Brooks. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 12.16 pm, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Radliff, Secretary

****These minutes have not yet been approved and are subject to revision and change at the next congregational meeting****





December 2020



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		1	2	3	4	5
		6 pm Bd of Elders	3:45 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service Senior Choir after	1:00 pm Ladies Aid Regular meeting—no luncheon		
6 ADVENT II 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Bible Class 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/HC	7 6:30 pm Trustees	8 6 pm Bd of Ed.	9 3:45 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service Senior Choir after	10	11	12 9:00 am Church Decorating Living Nativity 4:00-7:00 pm
13 ADVENT III 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Children's Program Practice 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 Worship/HC	14	15	16 3:45 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service Senior Choir after	17	18	19
20 ADVENT IV 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Bible Class Children's Prog. Practice 10:30 Worship/HC CANTATA at BOTH services	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4 pm Children's Christmas Program 6:30 Candle Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9 am Worship/HC	26
27 8 am Worship/HC NO Sunday School or Bible Class 10:30 Worship/HC	28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE 6:30 New Year's Eve service/HC		

