



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
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168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923
February, 2021

I know it seems like we just celebrated Christmas, but the season of Lent is right around the corner. That's what happens every few years when Easter is earlier (April 4th) As we approach our Lenten season, I'm reminded of a story of a Christian man who lay in a hospital bed awaiting surgery. The man was a faithful believer whose daily prayers and devotions eventually ended with what he called the "prayer above all prayers: ***'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'***"

This was the prayer that was on his heart and lips as he went into surgery. It was his petition as he passed through "the valley of the shadow of death" and drew near to receiving his "crown of glory." During this Lenten season, we focus our thoughts on our Lord's bitter suffering and death as He traveled along the *Via Dolorosa*, "The Way of Sorrows," to His appointment on a cross at Calvary. And it should be the one goal of each of us this Lenten season to be led to pray this prayer above all prayers: ***'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'***

This little prayer comes to us from the lips of the tax collector in Jesus' parable, "*The Pharisee and the Tax Collector in the Temple*" (Luke 18:10-14). In this parable, we hear the Pharisee pray about how good he was and about how much he had done for God. When the Pharisee left, he was still full of himself. The tax collector, on the other hand, prayed humbly for mercy and forgiveness.

As Lent focuses our attention even more sharply on the cross, we recognize that it stands as an awful condemnation of sinful human pride. The cross speaks to us of

death, the consequence of sinful humanity's willful separation from God. On the cross we see the suffering that was required of the Son of God as God's atoning sacrifice for our sin. When we hear Jesus cry out to His Father, ***"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"***, we know this cry should have come from our lips. And so we are led to humbly pray, ***"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."***

God wants nothing more than to give us His mercy. The theme for our Lenten journey this year is ***"Return to the Lord."*** God wants us to return from all the sin in our lives and come to Him for mercy. And when we do, He promises us forgiveness, life and salvation.

Join with us this year as we once again prepare our hearts to acknowledge the awesome act of mercy and grace that God gives to us on account of Jesus' death on the cross. Our mid-week Lenten services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 P.M. beginning on February 17th (Ash Wednesday) and will continue for the five Wednesdays that follow. Learn how this call to return to the Lord is played out in practical ways for those who walk alongside Christ! We will encourage each other in this journey as we see Christ take God's wrath upon Himself causing God to ***"turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him."*** (Joel 2:14)

Pastor Mundinger



+In Our Prayers

Betty Freimark

Gary Eggert

Joan Parsons

Janet Ryerson

Bonnie and Connie Simson

Ken Schuett

Marie Chellow

Kathy Wiese

Dolly Doan

Orville Behm

Pastor Paul Pett

Jennifer Dopke

Donald Siegmund – father of Pat
Siegmund

Family of Jess Piotter

Julie Snow

Verona Lipke – mother of Ramona
Hrebik

The Family of Laverne Lipke – father of
Ramona Hrebik

Leo Sperberg – father of Daniel
Sperberg

Martha Pieper – Bonnie Sperberg's
sister

Alice Parsons – 104th Birthday

Bill Snow

Brian Hartzke

Our Shut-In and Homebound members



HOSPITAL *List*



Gary Eggert



*Our
Heartfelt
Sympathy*

Larry (Jess) Piotter

Laverne Lipke

Father of Ramona Hrebik



New Members

Darrell Mischka
584 N. Wisconsin St.
Berlin, WI

Dennis Winkler
1408 Oregon St.
Oshkosh, WI

Allie Henke and children Jaycee and
Braxton
W1794 Puchyan Rd.
Berlin, WI



From the President...

Friends and Members of St. John,

Our Church continues to hold weekly in person worship services as well as recording services for radio broadcast and download from the internet. Our Christian day school is open and has avoided shutdown.

We have suffered no major financial setbacks. I see nothing but proof of the Lord's guiding hand and His everlasting love for all of us during the continuing pandemic.

We still have an opening on the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in serving please let me know or contact one of the Trustees listed on the back of the Church Newsletter.

Yours in Christ,
Rich



Sonia Wasniak-Bohn, Adeline and
Caleb Voigtlander
468 Leskey St.
Berlin, WI

Nicholas and Christine Carriere and
children Elizabeth and Abigail
W2635 Princeton Rd.
Green Lake, WI 54941



February 4, 2005 – Jayson & Rebecca Mosier

February 8, 1964 – Gordon & Jean Manske

February 10, 1973 – David & Debra Johanknecht



From St. John Lutheran School



Welcome to February 2021! This is the month where the Groundhog will tell us how much more winter we have coming (Feb. 2). Super Bowl LV will be played on the 7th. (Oh, so close. The Packers had a pretty good year.) February is probably best known as the month that we celebrate Valentines Day. When you search that history, you get a variety of articles. One of the three St. Valentines who were martyred, one was executed for performing weddings for young couples. (The Roman Emperor Claudius was trying to increase the size of his army, but was having a rough time because many young Roman men were attached to their wives and didn't want to leave. The Emperor outlawed marriage, and when Valentine kept doing them secretly, he got beat to death and beheaded.) It is held that he left a note for the jailer's daughter who had become a friend and signed it "your Valentine". So that is one of the stories.

I think is just one more month for us to thank God for all the blessings He continues to shower on us (like the loved ones that he puts in our lives). It comes with more opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those whom we come into contact and others around the world.

We continue to be busy at the school. We praise the Lord "in-person" classed all year so far. We feel blessed to say that.

We spent the last week in January celebrating National Lutheran School's Week. It also coincides the National "School Choice" Week. We were not able to all of the activities from previous years due to COVID restrictions (like the YMCA day, bowling, and the Olympics). We still had our theme dress-up days (school spirit day, PJ day, dress to the nines, favorite sports team

day). Everyone enjoys the creative outfits. Many of the classrooms participate in a virtual mission trip to Thailand with a Lutheran Hour Ministry program. It is nice to share with the students how God's Word is being spread around the world. Mr. Pett made arrangements for a visit and chapel presentation from the Lutheran Comfort Dogs. They, and their handlers, go into disaster and grief situations around the nation to share the comfort and love of our Savior. We finished off the week with a Thursday afternoon sledding trip at Zobel park.

We thank the PTL for remembering our staff during Lutheran Schools Week with a Thursday morning breakfast purchased from local small businesses (Riverside Coffee Company and Baked).

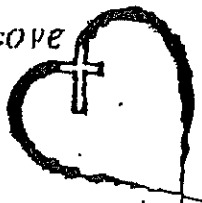
We were also excited to recognize several teaching anniversaries at Wednesday's chapel service during NLSW. Mrs. Schram was recognized for 35 years in Lutheran Schools. Mrs. Fritsch has given 30 years of service in the ministry. Mrs. Snow has worked with God's children for over 15 year in the classroom. This recognition was supposed to have been last spring, but we had no public worship in which to celebrate them. We thought recognizing them in conjunction with the celebration of our school would be appropriate. We thank God for His gift of these dedicated workers to His church in general and our congregation specifically.

I would like to thank Mr. Krenke for filling in in the classroom for several days after my first dose of the vaccine. I had temperature that would not allow me in the classroom according to our guidelines. I did test negative for the virus. I would especially thank Mrs. Schrader and the teachers for running everything seamlessly in my absence. Our congregation and I am blessed to have these wonderful servants.

Have a marvelous February. I am yours in Christ's service, Curt Snow.



Divine Love



Human Care



We have a neighbor who is a car salesman. He told me the following story. An older couple in town had bought a brand new car from him about eight weeks before. The car was well built and had many safety features. The car beeped when it veered over a right white line or a center yellow line. It had an automatic braking system. The driver's side mirror lit up when a car was in the blind spot. And the vehicle was connected via GPS to "someone" up there "in the cloud."

Recently, said my neighbor, this couple was on the highway and slowed down to make a left turn. Their turn signal was on as they waited for oncoming traffic to go by so that they could make the left turn.

But suddenly a pickup truck slammed into them from behind at about 40 mph. and the car was pushed into oncoming traffic! Fortunately, the elderly man was able to steer back to his lane, avoiding a 20-foot truck. He pulled their car over to the side of the road. In his rearview mirror, he saw the pickup still partially on the highway.

He and his wife were okay. They were stunned. Their new car! It was surreal. Suddenly, there was a voice as from heaven! A woman was speaking! Was it an angel? She said, "I believe you have had an accident. Am I correct?"

Still not understanding what was happening, the old man shouted, "Yes, yes, we have a problem here!"

The "angel" said, "I am going to call 9-1-1 for you, and stay with you while you talk to them, and then I will talk to you and stay with you until the police come to help you. Okay?"

And that's exactly what happened. The "angel" voice stayed with them, and promised not to leave them. She was a huge help. The couple did not need to get out of their car or even make a phone call.

When my neighbor told me this story, of course I thought about the parallels between what the "angel" had been able to do for this couple and what God does for us in our times of need.

How many times has God broken into our human experience to say, "I believe you are having some trouble right now! Am I right?"

This story reminded me of how thankful I am that God is with me in my sleeping and when I arise, during the morning and at noon and at eventide.

Prayer: Thank you, steadfast God, for your watchful eye over me. Amen.



February Birthdays

Jonathon Schilder	2/01
Jonathon Bruss	2/02
Joseph Bertzyk	2/03
Lynette Wilde	2/03
Samuel Kettlewell	2/05
Cathy Herbst	2/06
Marion Kobishop	2/09
Jeff Wasniak	2/09
Susan Wendt	2/12
Gabrielle Scheps	2/13
Liz Butterbrodt	2/14
Breanna Polk	2/16
Billi Jo Kaufman	2/17
Nicole Schumacher	2/17
Alan Boehlke	2/19
David Beardsley	2/20
Don Beier	2/22
Michael Brooks	2/22
Allison Marks	2/22
Jadon Vergin	2/24
Donna Dutcher	2/25
Dale Bruss	2/26
Jennifer Dewhurst	2/27
Hannah Kobishop	2/28
Keith Krenke	2/28
Karen Saunders	2/28





LWML News:

The LWML will be hosting a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 6th here at St. John beginning at 9am. We would love for you to attend, just contact Deb Schrader (920-539-5289) if you plan to join us. We will have a light breakfast and then a service led by Pastor Mundinger.

After church services on Sunday, February 21st we will have the large mite boxes out to collect for our mission projects. Thank you in advance for your support.

LWML Magazine Available

I would like to bring to your attention the publication "Lutheran Woman's Quarterly" (LWQ). This is published 4 times a year: Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter, by the Lutheran's Women's Missionary League (LWML). The mission statement for the LWQ is "Knowing Christ and Making Him Known".

This wonderful magazine is loaded with good Christian reading and information about what Lutheran women are doing in our church. There are Feature articles written by very skilled writers telling of experiences and the sharing joys of being a Christian. In the current issue there is an excellent article on prison ministry: "Forgiven! Restored! Transformed!" Another article is "God's Amazing Hand of Grace", which tells the story of a recovering addict and the Hope Movement of LakePointe Lutheran Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Each issue has a theme with columns written by pastors, the President's Page, a report on the current Mission grants supported by our mighty Mites, as well as the LWML Shop where you can order resources and all kinds of things that reflect your Christian faith. There is no advertising or "junk" to get through, but there is wholesome reading about real people just like yourself. It is always interesting to know what other Lutheran women are doing to serve the Lord, their families and their communities.

Three Bible Studies are included in each issue that you can do in the quietness of your living room or join us at the church, at 6:30 every third Monday of the month (except July & August). All articles and Bible studies are reviewed by LWML Pastoral Counselors and approved by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

St. John LWML members receive the LWQ as a group, and we do order extras. Check the Resource Rack in the Narthex for past issues. If you would like to receive one for yourself, you can let one of the LWML officers know: Cindy Schuett (920-203-6763), Kelli Mundinger (608-797-9162), or Deb Schrader (920-539-5289). We will be submitting our yearly order at our February meeting. There is also an online e-Quarterly, which can be ordered by going to www.lwml.org.



Heavenly appearance

Our omnipresent God shows up in some unexpected places. People have "miraculously" seen Jesus' face on everything from junk food to a rusty water tank. We don't know what Jesus looked like, of course, but Scripture indicates his appearance was rather ordinary: "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him" (Isaiah 53:2, NIV).

On one occasion, however, Jesus' face was majestically transformed. At his Transfiguration, observed by many churches on the Sunday before Lent, Jesus' "face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light" (Matthew 17:2, ESV). Some disciples witnessed Jesus' glory — which will be ours, thanks to his death and resurrection. As 1 John 3:2 (NIV) promises: "When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."



DID YOU KNOW



Laurie Siegmund received a very special Christmas gift the year she was in 1st grade. Her parents gave her piano lessons. For the next 14 years her teacher, Myrtle Hinrichs, gave Laurie the gift of music; not only using the piano but also with guitar and in their church choir, which Myrtle also directed. Music has been a very important part of Laurie's life ever since.

Laurie Norslien was born in Madison on October 14th 1958 and Baptized by Pastor Alvin Pinke at Immanuel Lutheran ELC in Mt Horeb. Her parents, Arnold and Laura were both teachers in the Mt Horeb school District; Arnold, high school math and Laura, a 1-room rural school teacher. She later taught 2nd grade in Mt. Horeb after the country schools closed. "My Mother sang in the church choir. We sang in the car whenever we took longer drives. I remember there was a hymnal in the glove box so we could sing multiple verses."

An only child, Laurie liked to keep busy. In grade school, along with her music instruction she joined the Brownies. She began playing the violin in 4th grade and the flute in 6th. Every summer Mt. Horeb held a community production of "Song of Norway" and Laurie was part of that group for 12 years. She also enjoyed playing in the community band and as a 4-H member, participated in the County Fair talent shows either as a singer or as part of a string ensemble. In middle school Laurie was in band, orchestra and chorus. She played her flute and piano for solo-ensemble competitions and was a member of the Student Council in 7th grade. She also joined

her church choir when she was 12 and continued being very active in 4-H at the local, county and state level until she was 18. "Outside of school, my most memorable events involved 4-H. I was lucky to be able to attend events around the state, along with trips to Chicago and Washington DC."

In high school, Laurie had to make a difficult decision. Like Berlin, students in Mt Horeb could only take 2 music classes so along with chorus, she had to choose either orchestra or band. She chose band which included concert, jazz and pep band. In May of 1974, the end of her freshman year, Laurie completed her 3 years of study and was Confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran by Pastor Gary Burkum. Still enjoying her busy life, she joined the year book staff, and the pom-pom squad: acted in plays and did gymnastics. She joined Swing Choir and Chamber Choir her Junior year and continued entering solo-ensemble competitions throughout high school. Laurie was also in the musical each year singing away in Carousel, Sound of Music and No No Nannette; and playing the piano for Finian's Rainbow.

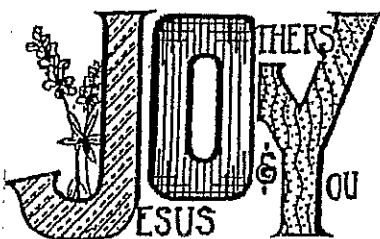
Laurie graduated in 1977 and was off to UW-Oshkosh where she earned a degree in Library Science with a minor in history and music. "When I got to College, I really missed my music involvement. That led me to my music minor." She met Pat Siegmund at a resident's assistant training session while attending UW-O. They were married on August 15th 1981 in Mt Horeb. For the next 37 years, Laurie was the Library Media Specialist for the Princeton School System. Pat worked for WISS Radio for 13 years

before moving to Walmart where he worked another 28 before retiring. Happily, Laurie's involvement in music continued at Princeton when she volunteered to accompany students for solo-ensemble during her first year of teaching and continued for the next 37 years. After accompanying a friend's children in Berlin word spread quickly and she continues playing for Berlin's students to this day. Accompanying students for solo-ensemble led to playing for our musicals beginning in 2001. She has also played flute with the Berlin Community Band and plays for services at Calvary Lutheran, in Princeton, once or twice a month.

Pat and Laurie joined St John in 1982 when Pastor Meyer was our minister. They bowled on the St John Bowling League for many years. Pat served on the Board of Elders and Laurie helped with the Bazaar and added her musical talents including the flute and piano accompaniment to our choir and music dept. Pat also has a beautiful voice and he and Laurie have sung for us on several occasions.

Today Laurie and Pat are both retired. They have traveled through the western states especially enjoying Yellowstone National Park, The Grand Canyon and Utah's "Mighty Five" (Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Zion and Arches National Parks.) At home, Laurie also enjoys knitting, crocheting, reading, spending time with Pudlot the cat and of course, music.

Laurie, your musical talents bring much happiness to all of us at St. John Thank you for all you do to beautify our services.



From the Board of Trustees



Taking care of the Lord's house and property can be a daunting task. The Trustees have been given this task. There are projects that have been proposed for the church. Some of the projects would require manpower, others will require extensive planning. The Trustees are asking the members of St John Lutheran Church to assist in the listed projects. We know that there are members of the church that have expertise in many areas. The following projects have been submitted to the trustees:

- * Add canopy to the circle drive.
- * Upgrade sign signs on Hwy 49.
- * Upgrade sign on NW side of school.
- * Clean and preventive maintenance of HVAC on north side of school.
- * Inspect and repair external electrical outlets.
- * Wash narthex windows.
- * Landscaping projects
 - improve existing beds remove stone and fabric and replace stone.
 - Put stone around bridal wreath on north side of church.
 - Replace large overgrown trees
 - Edge sidewalk.
 - Remove large maple tree.
- * Lighting on north side of church.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects please contact one of the Trustees. Whether it is assistance with phone calls, planning, or manpower all help is welcome.

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.

Why Don't Roosters Go Deaf?



Roosters are loud! They can hit volumes as high as 140 decibels which is the level of sound on an aircraft carrier deck. For humans, a noise above 120 decibels, about the level of a chain saw, can cause permanent hearing damage. So

you may wonder why roosters do not go deaf.

Belgian researchers writing in the journal *Zoology* have the answer. They examined the skull structure of the birds. The researchers found that they have a built-in defense against loud sounds in the form of a sound barrier. When a rooster adjusts its head and neck to crow, small flaps of tissue close the ear canal. They effectively act as earplugs to dampen the noise significantly.

On top of that, the study reveals that roosters can regenerate the tiny hair cells deep within the ear that can become damaged by loud noises. Humans cannot do that, which is why deafness caused by loud sounds is permanent for us. For roosters, a degree of deafness would likely only be temporary if it happened at all.

"Micro-CT scans of a rooster and chicken head show that in roosters the auditory canal closes when the beak is opened," the researchers wrote. "In hens the diameter of the auditory canal only narrows but does not close completely. A morphological difference between the sexes in shape of a bursa-like slit which occurs in the outer ear canal causes the outer ear canal to close in roosters but not in hens."

So now you know why roosters do not go deaf. God's design in every living thing on Earth shows wisdom and an exceptional understanding of the problems that each species faces. The more we learn about the creation, the more we understand the wisdom and creative nature of God. We can know there is a God through the things He has made (Romans 1:19-20).

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

First Corinthians 13 is a popular Scripture reading at wedding ceremonies. The so-called "love chapter" provides an extended definition of what Paul calls "the greatest" gift (verse 13).

Which of the following characteristics of love isn't found in 1 Corinthians 13?



- A. Love is patient.
- B. Love rejoices in the truth.
- C. Love believes all things.
- D. Love is childlike.

Answer: D

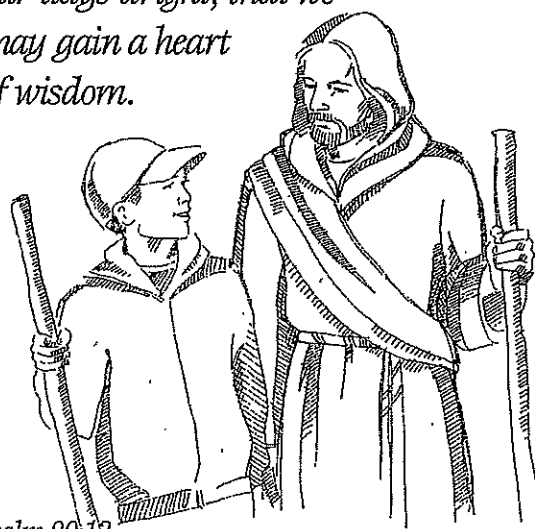
Equal opportunity

When young Kelli said her prayers each night, she would bless every family member, every friend and every pet (current or past). Toward the end of her prayers, she'd say, "And all girls."

One night her father asked his daughter why she always ended that way.

"Because," she replied, "everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying, 'All men.'"

*Teach us to number
our days aright, that we
may gain a heart
of wisdom.*



Psalm 90:12

BELL TOWER DONATIONS

**The following people were
memorialized by contributions to
the bell tower fund**

1. Martin Barnhardt
2. Mel & Joanne Behm
3. Brian Bergens
4. Dennis Brooks
5. Pete Ceman
6. Pamela Cook
7. Stephani Dahl
8. Shirley Davis
9. Herbert Dehn
10. Albert Ewald
11. Barbara Ficken
12. Gary Gelhar
13. Joe Greening
14. Tom Gregor Sr.
15. Evelyn Haase
16. Shirley Handrich
17. Lois Happersett
18. Donald Hertzberg
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20. Angela Schrank Hoyt
21. Elaine Humphrey
22. Tom Jezwinski
23. Carol Karalewitz
24. Clarence Kasubaski
25. Dean Klauer
26. Eugene Klimke
27. Otto & Hedwig Korwitz
28. Jodi Koscher
29. Leona Krause
30. Larry Langenhorst
31. Partti Lewwellyn
32. Elroy Maas
33. Rose Manthe
34. Paul Marshall
35. Donald Mehn
36. Pam Mehn
37. Pastor David Meyer
38. Jeanette Kretzman Mitchelly
39. Bill & Donna Moldenhauer
40. Gordon Moldenhauer
41. Marion Neitzke
42. Bill and Mary Ann Parsons
43. Don & Alice Parsons
44. Paul Parsons
45. Jean Patchett
46. Ardene Prien
47. Vernon & Helen Podoll
48. Mele Resop
49. Henry & Anna Reuther
50. Bernie & Carolyn Rodensal
51. Craig Schmidt
52. Jim Schmidt
53. Shirley Schroeder
54. Matthew Schubert
55. Walter & Alice Schubert
56. Leona B Sloan
57. Mary Spoehr
58. Terri Eggert Tatje
59. Mary Thoma
60. Donald Trampf
61. Robin Treder
62. Richard (Dick) Wang
63. Arvilla Watkins
64. Alfred & Edna Wendt
65. Joanne K. Wendt
66. John F. Wendt
67. Edward Wert

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: January 20, 2020

The January meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Adam Ewald. Pastor Munding opened with prayer.

Present: Pastor Munding, Adam Ewald, Curt Snow, Kevin Koch, Rich Wallner, Debra Thiel, Keith Krause, Bob Radliff and Amy Radliff.

Secretary's Report submitted by Amy Radliff

Motion by Krause/B Radliff to accept December minutes. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>December 2020</u>	<u>December 2019</u>
General Fund	\$63,566.02	\$92,389.67
Children's Fund	\$ 1,469.05	\$ 8,882.34
Elderly Fund	\$.00	\$.00
Memorials	\$ 1,525.96	\$ 575.00
Attendance	234 per week	306 per week

Motion by Koch/Wallner to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

Square Account December 2020:

Beginning Balance:	\$1,323.18	Income:	\$.00
Expenses:	\$.00	Ending Balance:	\$1,323.18

Hot Lunch Account December 2020:

Beginning Balance:	\$4,294.52	Income:	\$1,162.83
Expenses:	\$2,240.03	Ending Balance:	\$3,217.32

Elderly Fund December 2020:

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

Children's Fund December 2020:

Beginning Balance:	\$77,600.07	Income:	\$ 2,370.14
Expenses:	\$ 1,258.13	Ending Balance:	\$78,712.08

Motion by A Radliff/Krause to accept Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Quinn Plumbing provided a quote in the amount of \$2,195 for on-demand hot water system in Church. Main unit will be installed near the current HVAC systems. The system will be programable to coordinate with peak usage times and events going on within the Church.
- The dishwasher in the school cafeteria has met its life expectancy. A bid was received from Warehouse Restaurant Equipment in the amount of \$11,452. Motion by Koch, second by Krause for council's approval of the bid, using funds from the undesignated memorial account with motion being brought before the voter's meeting. Motion approved.
- School parking lot light was replaced with LED energy efficient bulb.
- Update on church's roadside signs on Hwy 49, an illustrator is currently working on design.
- Church marquee at the base of the bell tower is being updated with a metal backer allowing the signage to be flipped with change of service times.

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

Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

- New camera mounting equipment for recording the service has been set up.
- Recommend congregational vote not to delay the 2021 or 2022 SWD District and Synodical Conventions.

Official Acts: Affirmation of Faith – Tina Markowski, with son Owen. Weddings – Greg Larson and Cheryl Lee Eigner. Deaths – Ilene McDougal. Transfer Out – Mary Becker, to Good Shepherd, Oshkosh, WI

Communicant Members 477

Baptized Members 556

Church Families 293

Motion by Snow/Krause to accept the Board of Elders Report. Motion approved.

Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- Total of 800+ lbs of food was collected during the Live Nativity and donated to the Berlin Food Pantry.
- Activities planned for Lutheran Schools week, January 25th thru 29th.
- Names are being accepted for the teaching position of 3rd/4th grade following Mrs. Schram's retirement at the end of the school year.
- Recommendation to extend a call to Mr. Pett, to continue as 7th/8th grade teacher. This will be brought before the voters at the quarterly meeting in January.
- Kevin Koch and Amy Brooks will co-chair the Board of Christian Education.
- Open position on the board has been accepted by Tina Markowski.

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

Old Business:

- Still waiting on response for Payroll Protection Plan forgiveness. [update: Notice received of Forgiveness Payment plus interest, 1/22/2021].

New Business:

- LWML will be hosting Prayer Breakfast on February 6th. Serving will follow CDC guidelines.

Meetings next month: Trustees – Monday, February 8th-6:30pm. Board of Education – Tuesday, February 9th - 6pm.

Elders – Tuesday, February 9th- 6pm. **Council – Thursday February 18th – 6pm.**

Annual Voters Meeting – Sunday, January 31st following the 2nd service (approx. 11:45am)

Motion by Snow/Koch to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

*Respectfully submitted,
Amy Radliff, Secretary*

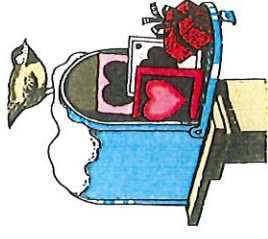
****Note:** These minutes have not yet been reviewed by the Council and are subject to revision and correction at the next meeting.

Verse to Remember

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house
of the LORD my whole life long. –Psalm 23:6*



February 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir	1 pm Ladies Aid 6:30 Worship/HC		9:00 am LWML Prayer Breakfast
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00 Worship/HC 9:15 SS/BC 10:30 Worship/HC	6:30 pm Trustees	6:00 pm Bd. of Ed. 6:00 pm Elders	3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir	6:30 Worship/HC		
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