



# St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church  
V. 26, No. 3

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923

April, 2021

What Easter gift would you love to receive on Easter day? (which by the way is April 4<sup>th</sup>) Or what gift would you dearly love to give on that day? A huge chocolate bunny or cross? Peeps? A Cadbury Egg? Jelly beans? A beautifully decorated egg? Gifts say a lot when given or received. Therefore, it is important that you make the best choice. As good as candy is, I'd like to discuss for a minute the best gift to receive and give. The Bible says this:

***But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*** Romans 4:24-25

***Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law....That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith-*** Galatians 3:13-14

***But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God-*** 1 Corinthians 1:24

Easter season is a time to remember the death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins and His victorious resurrection from the grave. Furthermore, Easter day is a time to celebrate our freedom from the oppression of Satan. It's a time to remind the enemy that we are free from his authority and to take back all that he stole from us. Our Lord, Jesus Christ paid the price for whatever we may have owed. Legally, the devil has nothing to accuse us of. The blood of Jesus has washed us clean. We have now His perfect righteousness covering all our imperfect sin.

So what Easter gift can you possibly receive and give, that you will consider as the best gift? Jesus Christ, of course! Yes, giving the gift of Jesus Christ at Easter is as simple as telling someone the Easter story. You see, Jesus is the answer for the world today. He brings peace, direction, wisdom and the power of God. He brings spiritual healing and eternal victory, just to mention a few of the blessings God has in store for His believers. Jesus is the answer to that challenge you have or your friend has. Put your trust and faith in Him today and you will see the difference. And don't forget to share His love with that friend of yours and he or she will be ever grateful to God that you did!

Therefore, while others are looking for Easter gift to buy, look for whom to give this perfect gift. The Good News is that it is free! Freely you receive, freely you give. Salvation is for everybody, even those whom we don't think deserve it. (It's especially for them!) But what if they reject this free gift, you may ask? Don't be bothered about that. Just share the love of Jesus with the person and leave the conviction part to the Holy Spirit. You would have sown a seed that may still yield fruit months or years later.

Are you still considering the best gift to receive and give this Easter day? Jesus is the best choice. He turns whoever receives Him into a new creature, much to be desired. Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 & 9:30 AM. And don't forget to invite a friend! Have a blessed and happy Easter!

Pastor Munding





## +In Our Prayers

Duane Schmudlach

Leo Sperberg – father of Daniel  
Sperberg

Martha Pieper – Bonnie Sperberg's  
sister

Kris Hribik

The Family of Bill Snow

Ken Schuett

Karen Bell – Aunt of Amy Dament

Our Shut-In and Homebound members

Minnie Blackmore

The Family of Margaret Ceman

Connie Simson

Marie Chellow

Kathy Wiese

Dolly Doan

Orville Behm

Pastor Paul Pett

Betty Freimark

Gary Eggert

Joan Parsons

Janet Ryerson

Mark Schubert

Ricki Schubert

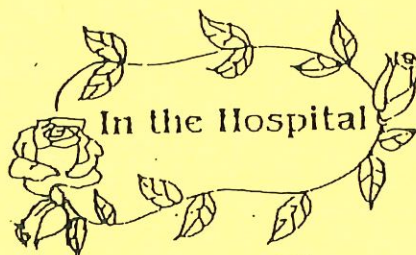
Tara Schubert

Jaxson Schnubert

Jaden Schubert

Taylor Ramsey

The Family of Ed Lohela



Minnie Blackmore

Mark Schubert

Ricki Schubert

Tara Schubert

Jaden Schubert

Jaxson Schubert



### Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday service with  
Communion

Thursday, April 1st 6:30 pm

Good Friday Services on  
Friday, April 2nd

Afternoon Service 1:00 pm

Evening Service 6:30 pm

Saturday April 3rd

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 am @ School

Easter Sunday April 4th

Sunrise Service with Communion  
6:30 am

Easter Breakfast after sunrise service  
in lower level

Morning Service with Communion  
9:30 am





## Quarterly Voter's Meeting Sunday April 25th

Between the 8 am and 10:30 am  
services. Church basement.

## From the President...

Members and Friends,

Thanks to all who attended our call meeting for our next 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. As of this writing we have not received her reply.

The Quarterly Voters meeting is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> between services. The Church Council decided to try having the meeting between services in hopes of improving attendance. The proposed 2021-22 budget will be presented at the meeting.

Attendance is up and I am encouraged by the number of people who are coming to our Wednesday Lenten services and look forward to celebrating Easter back in church.

I thank the Lord daily for your support for our Church and for His continued blessings and guidance.

Rich



Ryan Stauske  
603 E. Ann St.  
Weyauwega, WI



**Jace Curtis Snow**

Son of Brent and Cassandra Snow  
Grandson of Curt and Julie Snow



Duane & Carolyn Schmudlach  
708 Broadway #3  
Berlin, WI



**BENEFIT FOR  
THE  
SCHUBERT  
FAMILY**

**SUNDAY MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Benefit to be held at **CorNutrition** at 227  
N. Washington St. in Berlin.

**Brat Fry from 10 am – 4 pm.**  
**There will be Basket Raffles and a DJ.**

Proceeds will go toward the medical and  
transportation expenses of family members  
who were in the auto accident.

If you have any questions, please call  
Deb Schubert at 361-4737.



# From St. John Lutheran School



Happy April to you all. He is risen! He is risen indeed! (I know this newsletter will be in your mailboxes on Palm Sunday, and Jesus had a lot to go through to get us to Easter on the first Sunday of the month.) I'm going to pretend that you are reading this on the April 4<sup>th</sup>.

April is a month of newness. Spring is arriving. The snow is leaving. The grass is greening up. Flowers bring color to our drab lawns and flower beds.

Best of all, we get to celebrate the new life we have thanks to suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What great news. Let's share the message with others who may not know.

Many of know my father passed away, early in March, after several months of dealing with a variety of medical issues. I would like to thank everyone who was praying for him. I would also like to thank everyone who shared kind thoughts and words of support. The Board and staff of St. John was wonderfully flexible in allowing time for Julie and I to attend to him during his illness and for the funeral. It is a great comfort to know that, because of Jesus's Easter victory, my earthly father is now with our Heavenly Father (and my mom).

Our school participated in a nation-wide reading challenge with other Lutheran schools. I am pleased to report that our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Our 1<sup>st</sup> grade finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade took a 9<sup>th</sup> place finish. This put our school in 7<sup>th</sup> position over-all. Good reading, students!

Our congregation has called a teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom for next year when Mrs. Schram begins her retirement. Her name is Mrs.

Anna Joy Cargin. She lives in Fond du Lac with her husband who is a DCE at Hope Lutheran Church. Please pray for her as considers the Call of the Holy Spirit to and through our congregation.

Offerings from our weekly chapel service are collected and sent on to various mission projects. This year we have sent \$400+ to the St. John Human Care Committee and \$500 to Camp LuWiSoMo. We pray that our donations will help these groups share the love and knowledge of Jesus with those they come into contact.

We have been doing Achievement Testing during the week of March 22.

School Choice applications are being accepted through April 15. Families who qualify receive a tuition free Christian education. Please contact the school office (920-361-0555) with questions or help in filling out the on-line application.

The school received \$1500.00 grant from the Webster Foundation for technology. This Foundation is part of Webster's Marketplace in Ripon. They fund "humanitarian and educational projects in Ripon and surrounding communities, especially those with a Christian focus".

All school staff who wanted the COVID vaccine have received at least one dose. Several are fully vaccinated.

Have a fantastic April.

I am yours in Christ's service.





## THANK YOU!

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to my St. John family for remembering me with your thoughts, prayers and kind gestures over the past several months. Your cards, visits, care packages and kind words helped uplift me more than you will ever know. Pastor, your home visits were greatly appreciated and helped me sustain during my long absence from corporate worship.

Even though I'm not moving very fast, it is good to be able to get back to worship services and see you all again.

God's Blessings to you all  
Gary Eggert



## Ladies Aid News...



President Robin Henriksen opened the March 4 meeting with a devotion on the "power of prayer". Prayer is not a complicated process.

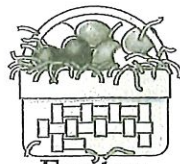
The secretary's report was read and approved. Many, many thank yous were read. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Dues are due at this time.

Easter was discussed. The Ladies Aid will purchase two azaleas for the altar.

The birthday song was sung for the January, February and March birthday gals.

Since April 1 is Maundy Thursday, it was decided to have the next meeting on Thursday, April 8.

Thanks to our hostesses: Betty, Lucie and Judy.



## Easter Egg Hunt

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the community on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the school play ground. All ages 4<sup>th</sup> and under are invited. There will be eggs filled with candy and surprises. Please invite family and friends!

## Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 4th

*Following the 6:30 am Sunrise Service in the Church lower level.*



Scrambled Eggs  
Pancakes  
Ham  
Fruit  
Juice and Coffee  
Sweet Rolls

**Free Will Offering**



## Sympathy

Bill Snow  
Father of Curt Snow

Ed Lohela  
Died - March 3, 2021

Margaret Ceman  
Died - March 5, 2021  
Funeral - March 12, 2021





## LWML News

The LWML met on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Spring Rally is coming up on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Mount Morris, we are asking the congregation to donate to our In-Gathering. We are looking for men's, women's, and children's underwear in all sizes for the Orphan Grain Train. It can be colored, BUT NO cartoon characters or other designs. Please put your donations in the card room in the bin marked In-Gathering. Thank you for your support.

There is a Heart to Heart Sister's Virtual Event on Facebook this year. You can watch on the LWML South Wisconsin District Facebook page starting on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

There is a Young Women's Event on April 17<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Dells. It will run from 10am to 1pm. If you are interested, contact an LWML member.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 19 at 6:30pm at church. We are very informal and meet in the conference room closest to the side door on the north side of the church. We start with a Bible study and then have our business meeting.



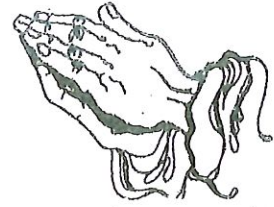
### Be a caremonger

At the start of the coronavirus pandemic, a mutual-aid movement dubbed as "caremongering" quickly spread throughout Canada. Within 72 hours, 35 Facebook groups were launched so people could request and offer assistance.

This altruistic effort is essentially the opposite of fear-mongering. "We wanted to switch that around and get people to connect on a positive level," says Mita Hans, who helped set up the first group. The movement, she adds, "spread the opposite of panic in people, brought out community and camaraderie, and allowed us to tackle the needs of those who are at-risk all the time — now more than ever."

One disabled man in Halifax who received aid through a caremongering group said it felt "like a hug." That's intentional, says participant Valentina Harper. "I think it is really showing people there is still hope for humanity." When the pandemic is history, may we all continue to be caremongers in our communities.

## Memorials



### IN MEMORY OF GRANDPARENTS OTTO and HEDWIG KORWITZ

For Hwy. 49 Church Sign

From Kevin & Deb Koch.....\$ 390.00

### IN MEMORY OF LORRAINE WESSE

For General Fund

From Fred & Pat Langenberg.\$ 100.00

### IN MEMORY OF MARGARET CEMAN

For General Fund

From Wilfird & Carolyn Polk...\$ 20.00

From Russ & Robin Henriksen.\$ 25.00

For Senior Choir

From Janet Ryerson.....\$ 20.00

From Cindy Schuett.....\$ 20.00

### IN MEMORY OF ED LOHELA

For General Fund

From Bob & Betty Dewhurst...\$ 25.00

### DONATIONS

For Hwy. 49 Church Sign

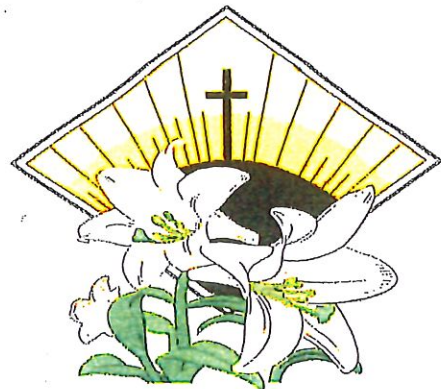
From Tom & Liz Butterbrodt

.....\$ 427.00

For Maintenance & Repair Fund  
(school dishwasher)

From Tom & Liz Butterbrodt

.....\$2,000.00



## DID YOU KNOW.....



Sometimes when I meet with a church member for this column, I'm quite certain I already know most of the information I'm going to receive. That however was not the case when I talked with Gary Eggert.

Gary Allen Eggert was born at Berlin Memorial Hospital on September 13<sup>th</sup> 1952. His dad, "Sam" was president of the Mid-Western/Berlin Glove CO. and mother Ruth, a stay-at-home mom of 3; Gary plus 2 younger sisters, Terri and Sherry. His parents belonged to St Paul's Lutheran Church-Wisconsin Synod in Fairburn. Gary was Baptized there by Rev. Paul Eggert, his grandfather and minister of the church.

It was important to Gary's dad that his children attend a parochial school, however at that time Kindergarten was only offered in the public school so that's where Gary began his education. When it came time for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, another problem arose: the only Lutheran school in the area was at St John: a Missouri Synod Church. In those days, it was uncommon to move from one synod to another and a difficult decision was made when the Eggert family decided to leave St Paul's and join our church. Gary thrived here at St John where his favorite teacher was Delores Rung Kafer. He played basketball, sang in the school choir, and in 1966 was Confirmed by Rev. Arthur Schedler. Gary's first job was delivering the Northwestern. To deliver 2 of his papers, his route took him north over Spoehr's Bridge where 1 paper went to the Beamans and the other to the Luttropp farm. A difficult ride for a boy on his bike loaded with newspapers.

At Berlin High School Gary enjoyed playing trombone in the band. After graduating in 1970 he attended UW-Oshkosh as an undeclared freshman. At the beginning of his Sophomore year he chose the sciences and graduated in 1974 with a Major in Biology and Minor in Chemistry. He considered a degree in veterinary medicine but, at that time, many states did not have veterinary classes. The University of Minnesota did but would only accept the 12 most qualified applicants from Wisconsin and unfortunately Gary was #18. His cousin suggested Gary consider Dentistry and that's exactly what he did. He was accepted at Marquette University and after 4 more years of study graduated in 1978 with a DDS (Doctor of Dental Surgery). Gary returned to Berlin and opened a practice across the hall from Dr Teske's dental office in the Wepner Chiropractic building. There he slowly absorbed Dr Teske's patients when Howard Teske retired.

Jackie Fox, from Chippewa Falls, WI was hired as a Medical Lab Technician at Berlin Hospital. Gary became her dentist and one day he asked her out on a date. She said "Yes!" and on June 28<sup>th</sup> 1985 they were married at St John by Pastor David Meyer. In 1987 Gary and Jackie built their new Dental Clinic on Memorial Drive. Soon after, Jackie enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program at MATC; earning an RDH (Registered Dental Hygienist) degree. She and Gary worked together until 2017 when they both retired.

Well, up until now it all sounds pretty normal, right? I thought so too, but there's much more to Gary's story.....



## Gary Eggert Continued

Gary loves to scuba dive and has been on many fun dives to view ship wrecks all over the world. He also did many ice dives on Green Lake and in area quarries. His very favorite trip was to the Truk (Chuck in the native language) Lagoon. Located in the southern Pacific about 1,100 miles NE of New Guinea, this protective reef encloses a natural harbor of 820 square miles and was Japan's main naval base during WWII. In February of 1944 the US and its allies attacked this base and more than 50 Japanese ships and 400 aircraft were sunk to a depth of 100 to 200+ feet. Today, this area supports a vast array of marine life, soft corals and schools of small fish along with a never-ending supply of WWII artifacts, airplanes and war ships and provides a perfect diving site for scuba divers from all over the world. In 1992, Gary spent 2 weeks at the Lagoon. He went diving every day and slept in an old Canadian Whaler at night.

This is just the beginning of Gary's interests. He has been sky-diving. "I only went once but loved every minute of it!" He took a week long rafting trip down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon. He's tried Spelunking (One who makes a hobby of exploring and studying caves) These caves are not lit so everyone carries their own light

source. Gary has explored a few caves including the Black Hill's Jewel Cave and Wind cave and once cracked a rib crawling through a very tight underground passage. "He came out, covered in mud, and a big smile on his face!" Jackie remarked. Another on his list is down-hill skiing. In the winter, the Rocky Mountains called to Gary and his ski buddies to come out and hit the slopes.

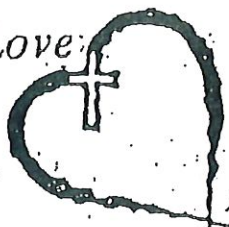
In addition, Gary and Jackie love to travel. Places they have visited include Paris, Honduras, Peru, Cuba, Costa Rico, Egypt, Alaska, the Canada Rockies and the Western United States including many of our National Parks. Gary is also a deer hunter, has a big garden at home, enjoys a good craft beer and, of course, is a Badger and Packer fan. At St John, Gary bowled in the old St John Bowling League, served on call committees and on the church's decor committee and has helped with landscaping and pruning projects. Currently he serves on the Board of Elders.

Recently Gary underwent some extensive surgery. His recovery has been slow but promising. Gary, everyone at church is praying for your complete recovery, so that you can get back to doing all the things you love. God Bless You





Divine Love:



Human Care

When Ross and Sherrill Cryder arrived at the daycare center to pick up their 8-month-old daughter, Riley (not their real names), a staff member told the Cryders that Riley seemed to be having trouble breathing. At first, Ross and Sherrill were not too concerned. It was probably asthma, a condition which runs in their family.

But Riley didn't improve. They rushed to the ER, but her condition worsened. Only a few hours after midnight, doctors ordered her to be transferred to Children's Hospital. As the ambulance drove furiously through the city streets, EMTs worked on the little girl. But by the time they reached the ER, she had stopped breathing.

Her parents watched as CPR was performed. It must have been the scariest thing they'd ever witnessed, and the worst experience they'd ever had to endure.

Riley recovered. Tests showed that she did not have a respiratory problem, but a rare heart condition known as mitral valve stenosis. (The mitral valve allows blood to flow through the heart's upper and lower chambers and to the rest of the body.) This valve had tightened up; blood was barely flowing, and instead, it was backing into her lungs and filling them up. Riley was stabilized and two months later, when she was 10 months-old, she had open heart surgery and the valve was fixed.

Her parents called her "the comeback kid," and there are thousands of stories like hers.

In fact, people from all walks of life make comebacks every day. Although hit with adversity, they find a way to survive and thrive.

We love comeback stories.

But today, we praise God for the greatest comeback story of all time.

We should not be surprised. Jesus was always coming back from attacks from his enemies, until, finally, they put him on a cross and then put him in a grave. That's that, they thought.

But Jesus came back. He came back to a new, resurrected life. And, as he said to his disciples, someday he is coming back again!

He is risen! The comeback story of the Bible!

*Prayer: Loving and powerful God, thank You for reaching out to restore Jesus to life. On this glorious Easter Sunday, may I be grateful for my new life in Christ. Amen.*



April 1, 1958 - Donald & Barbara Rosher  
April 9, 2005 - Darriel & Nancy Kumbier  
April 11, 1959 - Duane & Caroline Schmudlach  
April 12, 1980 - Don & Jayne Beier  
April 12, 1958 - Walter & Marilyn Schmudlach  
April 13, 2015 - Tyler & Jennifer Kettlewell  
April 19, 1969 - Russell & Kathleen Thom  
April 20, 2002 - Doug & Lynnette Wilde  
April 22, 1967 - Robert & Karen Wendt  
April 23, 1988 - Bill & Amy Brooks

## St. John Lutheran School MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

Sunday, May 9th

8am to noon

St. John Lutheran School

We will be selling flats of:

Tomatoes

Peppers

Petunias

Pansies

Geraniums

Gerbera Daisies

Plus - hanging baskets

Plan your garden needs now





# April Birthdays

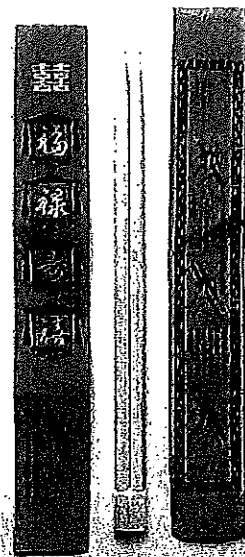


Kimberly Hameister	4/01	Christine Dretske	4/15
Darriel Kumbier	4/01	Ralph Wilson	4/15
Mary Ann James	4/02	Minnie Blackmore	4/16
Jacqueline Albert	4/03	Tina Markowski	4/17
Terri Billington	4/03	Mark Piechowski	4/17
Brooke Hess	4/03	Caitlyn Ramsey	4/17
Livianna Larson	4/03	Mike Schrader	4/17
Katie Beier	4/04	Orville Behm	4/18
Isaac Dament	4/04	Angie Browning	4/18
Wayne Kaufman	4/04	Jessa Schilder	4/18
Mitzi Putzke	4/04	Carlene Merrick	4/19
Corrin Ewald	4/06	Kelli Mundinger	4/19
Solomon Gilmour	4/07	Darwin Krause	4/20
Barbara Krause	4/07	Joshua Dament	4/21
Karen Rowen	4/07	Darleen Klemp	4/21
Oliver Billington	4/08	Gordon Lewis	4/21
David Dretske	4/10	Sharon Dehn	4/23
Brett Dawson	4/11	Duane Nitz	4/24
Donald Dretske	4/11	Addison Resop	4/24
Mary Kracht	4/11	Nathan Wendt	4/26
Mary Lou Yerk	4/11	Barry Rodensal	4/27
Elaine Achterberg	4/12	Ken Schuett	4/27
Judy Mehn	4/13	Dean Snow	4/27
Chantal Fay	4/14	Dick Zable	4/27
Kristy Herbst	4/14	Noah Bending	4/28
Gary Podoll	4/14	Jordon Podoll	4/28
Richard Ryckman	4/14	Mark Podoll	4/29



# St. John Lutheran Chop Suey Supper

Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
St. John Lutheran School Gym  
146 Mound Street, Berlin



**DRIVE-THRU ONLY!!!**  
**Enter on SW Ceresco St.**

Tickets:

\$10.00 in Advance  
\$12.00 at the Door

Tickets available at:

Farmers & Merchants Bank      Lady Bug Floral  
Krause's Service                      State Farm Insurance  
Shell on Broadway                      The Mop Shop  
St. John School Office

*Additional funding Applied for from:  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*

**REMEMBER!!**

**WE DELIVER!!**

**Call Nancy Wallner at 361-  
4179 if you want your meal  
delivered.**





# 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 Garbage Collectors

Imagine what it would be like to live in a large city where the garbage collectors went on strike for a year. We have been in a few places where there had been a strike for a few days, and the odor and potential for disease was absolutely horrendous. Some of us may rank garbage collecting as one of the least likely careers that we would want to go into, but mankind is faced with major ecological and space problems with his own waste. Think of how much greater that problem is in the natural world. How do you dispose of an elephant when it dies? Think of the problems involved when there is a mass die-off of almost any group of animals due to a disease or a natural disaster. Humans take huge bulldozers and practice mass burials to avoid the epidemic of disease that a disaster like a tsunami or a flood brings, but the natural world outside of man has nothing quite like that.

In reality there are a number of different garbage collectors that handle the deaths of living things--worms, dung beetles, and some mammals like hyenas. Most of us know that one of the most efficient and useful workers in the disposing waste is the vulture, but what we may not realize is how incredibly well designed the vulture is to do what they do. The turkey vulture's real name is *Cathartes aura* which is Latin for "cleansing breeze." That really is a good description of what the vulture does.



The easiest way to spot a vulture is the presence of a bald head. The bald eagle is not really bald, but the turkey vulture is. The head is free of feathers and has an oily material on the skin that prevents any carrion (dead meat) from sticking to the bird as it eats. Vultures cannot kill anything. Their feet are not made to be a weapon and cannot cut or tear things. Vultures are designed to eat dead things within 24 hours of when it dies, and their sense of smell cannot detect something dead if it is

over 24 hours. Vultures heat their bodies by spreading out their wings while in a tree to warm up, and they cool themselves by defecating on their feet.

The vulture is designed to keep a big area free of dead things, so it is specially designed to soar on thermals. An adult vulture with a six-foot wingspan will only weigh about three pounds. They will catch thermals and ride them up as high as 20,000 feet so they can monitor the area that they serve. Groups of vultures spiraling to gain altitude are called kettles because they look like water boiling in a pot. Hawks watch vultures to find thermals, and vultures can soar for hours using their design for staying aloft to keep the earth clean by God's "cleansing breeze."

## Thanks from the Seminary!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your wonderful gift of \$750 to Concordia Seminary! Your donation during these challenging times will advance our mission of preparing future pastors, deaconesses, missionaries and leaders for many years of dedicated service to the church. Thank you once more for your generosity.


Most cordially yours,  
Vicki Biggs

Senior Vice President, Seminary Advancement  
Concordia Seminary - St. Louis

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18)



## St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: March 18, 2021

The March meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Adam Ewald. Adam opened with prayer.

Present: Debra Thiel, Amy Radliff, Kevin Koch, Bill Brooks, Rich Wallner, Adam Ewald and Curt Snow

Absent: Bob Radliff and Pastor Munding

### Secretary's Report submitted by Amy Radliff

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

### Financial Secretary's Report submitted by Bob Radliff

	<u>February 2021</u>	<u>February 2020</u>
General Fund	\$72,484.00	\$43,989.64
Children's Fund	\$ 6,565.48	\$ 1,298.13
Elderly Fund	\$ .00	\$ .00
Memorials	\$ 586.32	\$ 2,099.74

Attendance	144 per week	180 per week
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Motion by Koch/Brooks to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion approved.

### Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

#### Square Account February 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$1,323.18	Income:	\$ 37.24
Expenses:	\$ .00	Ending Balance:	\$1,360.42

#### Hot Lunch Account February 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3,976.29	Income:	\$37,155.19
Expenses:	\$37,272.86	Ending Balance:	\$ 3,858.62

#### Elderly Fund February 2021:

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

#### Children's Fund February 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$78,869.51	Income:	\$ 317.23
Expenses:	\$ 370.17	Ending Balance:	\$78,816.57

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

### Board of Trustees Report by Bill Brooks

- AED Equipment inspection request was reviewed. All units have been updated.
- The school dishwasher is scheduled to be replaced in April. 2 days are required for the work to be completed including electrical and plumbing needed.
- Inspection and repair of removable pews in church was completed.
- Inventory of official documents in safe deposit box was completed.

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

### Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

#### **Official Acts:**

Baptism – Jace Curtis Snow, son of Brent and Cassandra Snow.

Transfer In – Vicky Borgens, from Calvary, Princeton, WI.

Deaths – Arnold Kirst. *Arnold lived in Missouri and St. John was notified of his death.*

Non-Member Burial – Graveside service for Lorraine Wesse, a former member.

Communicant Members 476

Baptized Members 557

Church Families 296

Motion by Ewald/Brooks to accept the Board of Elders Report. Motion approved.

## Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- We have reached our 7<sup>th</sup> month of in-person classes. Thank-you to Mr. Snow for his leadership. Thank you to teachers and Mrs. Schrader for their efforts in working together.
- At the recommendation of the board, Chapel Money collected, has been donated to Camp LuiSoMo, Human Care of St. John and to the Ewald Book Project sending copies of, "Buddies" to children's treatment centers around Wisconsin.
- Call paperwork has been sent to Mrs. Anna Joy Cargin to fill the position of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher following the retirement of Mrs. Schram at the end of this school year.

Motion by Brooks/Thiel to accept the Board of Education report. Motion approved.

### Old Business:

- Vimeo streaming service used for worship service will be updated. Camera replacement is pending.

### New Business:

- (none)

**Meetings next month:** Trustees – Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> -6:30pm. Board of Education – Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 6pm.

Elders – Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>- 6pm. **Council – Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> -- 6pm.**

**Quarterly Voter's Meeting – Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> between morning services**

Motion by A Radliff/Snow to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 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.*



## **Special Voters (Call) Meeting      March 14, 2021**

Meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by Chairman Rich Wallner. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer. 30 voting members were present.

Kevin Koch Co-Chair of the Board of Education, presented written information to all voting members present which contained summaries of the (3) candidate finalists that the Board, serving as the Call Committee for a new teacher, had compiled. No questions were raised with regard to the candidates.

A MOTION was made by Bill Brooks, seconded by Deb Koch requesting the Board of Education's recommendation of a candidate based on their process and interviews, motion approved. Candidate, Anna Joy Cargin was their recommendation. She offered strengths and the enthusiasm for teaching they are looking for. Amy Brooks, Co-Chair of the Board of Education also spoke favorably of the other two candidates offering strengths important to the school and classroom.

Ballot voting proceeded. Candidate Mrs. Anna Joy Cargin received the majority of the voter's approval and thus became the candidate we will Call. A MOTION by Curt Snow, seconded by Kevin Koch to unanimously move forward with the Call of Mrs. Anna Joy Cargin was approved.

Voters were asked to turn in paperwork before leaving. To preserve privacy, the information sheets handed out are to be collected and destroyed. Ballots will also be destroyed.

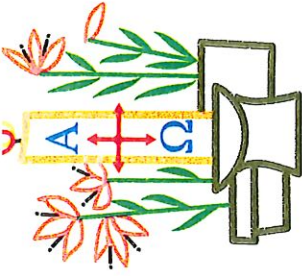
MOTION to adjourn made by Curt Snow, seconded by Tim Pett. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm, closed with The Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Radliff, Secretary*





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4 EASTER</b> 6:30 Sunrise Service/HC Easter Breakfast after sunrise service 9:30 Worship/HC No SS or Bible Class	5	6	7	<b>1 MAUNDY THURS.</b> 6:30 pm Maundy Thurs. Service/HC	<b>2 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 1:00 pm Good Friday afternoon service 6:30 pm Good Friday evening service	3 10 am Easter Egg Hunt
11 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship/HC	12	13	14	8 1:00 pm Ladies Aid 6:30 pm Worship/HC	9 16	10 17
18 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship/HC	19	20	21	22 6:30 pm Worship/HC	23 24	
25 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Voters Meeting 9:15 Sunday School No Bible Class 10:30 Worship/HC	26	27	28	29 6:30 pm Worship/HC	30	

