



# St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church  
V. 26, No. 2

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923

March, 2021

On the fateful night that President Abraham Lincoln was shot, the assassin, John Wilkes Booth, having suffered a broken leg in jumping from the presidential box unto the stage of Ford's Theatre, rode off into Maryland. There a country doctor, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, set the leg, apparently without asking any questions. For aiding and abetting a criminal, Dr. Mudd was sentenced to prison. A few years later, when an epidemic broke out at Fort Jefferson in the Florida Keys, Dr. Mudd rendered heroic service. For his efforts, Dr. Mudd was given a presidential pardon in 1869 by President Andrew Johnson. In a way, you could say that Dr. Mudd was making up for his misdeed, if such it was.

We tend to think along those lines in everyday life, don't we? A baseball player makes a serious error in one inning, yet can make up for that error by driving in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth. The punt returner fumbles one punt in the first quarter yet can atone for his mistake by returning another punt for a touchdown with two minutes left to play to win the game.

In the Bible, sins are sometimes called errors. The psalmist writes, *"Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden thoughts."* Again St. James says, *"Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his ways will save him from death."*

Sins, errors, trespasses, transgressions (or whatever we call them) – can we ever really make up for them or atone for them by doing good? In the beautiful hymn, *"Rock of Ages,"* we hear these words: *"Not the*

*labors of my hands, Can fulfill Thy Law's demands...All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone."* The bad news is we can't do one thing to "fix" our sins and errors. They condemn us. The Good News is that Jesus did save us by offering Himself as a ransom for all sinners. Our redemption was complete when Jesus died on the cross and rose again from the grave. There's nothing we can do to add to our salvation. It's like trying to pour water into a glass that's already full!

As you read this letter we will be well into our Lenten journey. The theme "Return to the Lord" reminds us of the sorry state of us sinners and the need to return to God with repentant hearts. But the Good News is the wonderful love that God had for us when He sent Jesus to die in our place 2000 years ago. Jesus' incredible journey to the cross on our account totally and fully satisfied the demands of God's Law. Our punishment was meted out to Jesus and we received His righteousness. Please join your fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord as we continue to focus our hearts and minds on the passion of Christ, our Savior. God grant a meaningful and enriching Lenten season to all of you.



*Pastor Munding*

## +In Our Prayers

Marie Chellow

Kathy Wiese

Dolly Doan

Orville Behm

Pastor Paul Pett

Betty Freimark

Gary Eggert

Joan Parsons

Janet Ryerson

Ken Schuett

Karen Bell – Aunt of Amy Dament

Bonnie Simson

Connie Simson

Maas Family – mourning the death of  
Paul's mother Dorothy

Lipke Family– mourning the death of  
Ramona Hribik's mom Verona

Duane Schmudlach

Leo Sperberg – father of Daniel  
Sperberg

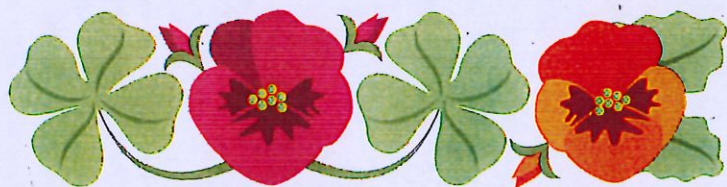
Martha Pieper – Bonnie Sperberg's  
sister

Kris Hribik

Bill Snow

Schram Family as they mourn the  
death of Candy's brother-in-law  
Richard

Our Shut-In and Homebound members



## HOSPITAL *List*



Connie Simson

Minnie Blackmore

Margaret Ceman



Arnold Kirst

Died - December 2, 2020

Dorothy Maas

Mother of Paul Maas

Richard Schram

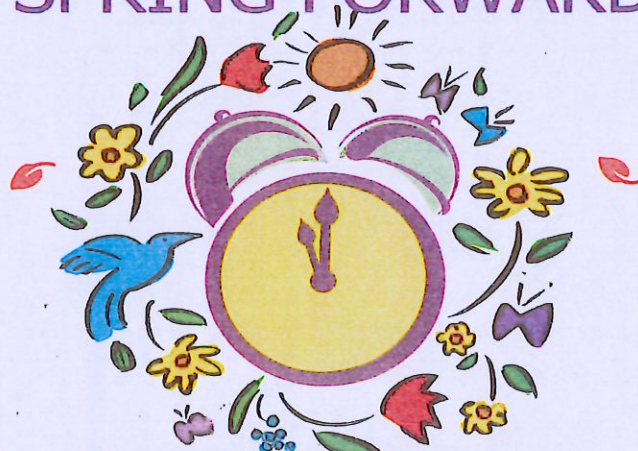
Brother-in-law of Candy Schram

Verona Lipke

Mother of Ramona Hrebik



## SPRING FORWARD



DAYLIGHT-SAVING  
TIME BEGINS March 14th

## Thank You!

Thank you so much for all those who have remembered me with cards, gifts and prayers, phone calls, e-mail messages and the list seems endless. You have made my "stay home" tolerable.

Thank you to Linda and Shirley who so faithfully deliver the bulletins. Thanks to my neighbors and friends who shop for groceries and other needs and provide transportation so willingly.

Thank you to Bob and Cathy (my adopted family.) You are a special blessing to me in more ways that I can count.

Thank you to Keith and Anita who watch over me and are always there when needed.

Thank you to Pastor Munding who brings me the Word and communion which means so much.

It is indeed a blessing to have a loving church family who makes it possible for me to remain in my own home. I am so blessed!

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

June Richter



Perri Fredrick  
117 W. Marquette St.  
Berlin, WI

Vicky Borgens  
W4815 Kristine Ct.  
Princeton, WI



March 5, 1988 - David & Christine Dretske  
March 18, 2000 - Bill & Debbie Wissell

## Memorials



### IN MEMORY OF RICHARD SCHRAM

For General Fund

From Arden Patchett.....\$20.00

### IN MEMORY OF DON FORTNUM

For Repair & Maintenance

From Bob & Karen Wendt.....\$25.00

### IN MEMORY OF GARREL (TUFFY) KEMPE

For Repair & Maintenance

From Bob & Karen Wendt.....\$25.00

### IN MEMORY OF LYNETTE HESS

For Repair & Maintenance

From Bob & Karen Wendt.....\$25.00

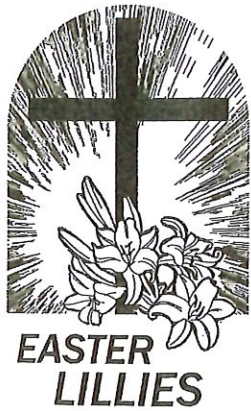
### IN MEMORY OF MARION PARSONS

DUTCHER/KRUEGER

For Repair & Maintenance

From Bob & Karen Wendt.....\$25.00





St. John Altar Guild  
would like to carry on  
the tradition of banking  
the Altar and the cross  
with masses of Easter  
Lilies or Spring plants  
to commemorate the  
resurrection of Jesus  
Christ.

If you would like to share your Easter flower, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. **Deadline for signing up and having your dedication in the Easter morning bulletin is Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.** Anyone signing up after that will have their dedication appear in the bulletin the week following Easter, when we will reprint all of the flower memorials.

**You may bring your plant to the church on Saturday, April 3rd, between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.** You may take your flower(s) home following the service on Easter morning. **Please LABEL your flower with your name so you can identify it to take home!**

If it would be more convenient for you to bring your flower at another time, please feel free to set it in the Altar Guild workroom. You should check with Cathy in the office (361-9935) or a committee member to make sure the church will be open when you want to bring it. Also, a reminder, the church is always open at least thirty minutes before a service begins.

Altar committee ladies for the month of April are Robin Henriksen (361-2863) and Joyce Parsons (920-369-6828.) If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of these ladies. Thank you for your help in beautifying the church at this special time.



On Feb. 16, 2021 St John's Altar Guild was brought to order by President Amy Radliff. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Thank you notes were read from several congregation members for their Christmas gifts.

There was no old business.

Under new business we were reminded that in calendar months with 5 Sundays there is no communion on that 5th Sunday. This year that occurs in May, August and October.

We were informed that the Cluppert and Jones graves will be decorated prior to Memorial Day.

The congregation will again have the opportunity to donate Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. They are asked to sign up in the Narthex by March 28th. and to bring the flowers by Saturday April 3 between 9 am and 11 am. Robin Henriksen (361-2863) and Joyce Parsons (920-369-6828) will be available for questions on this. There will be notices in both the newsletter and the bulletin.

We discussed the palms for the Altar and it was decided to wait until closer to the date to get either real or artificial ones. The spray of lilies will be used again above the cross on Easter.

There was a discussion about the wine and wafers on the altar, reminding guild members on procedure for these.

The pulpit's white paramount has to be cleaned so Joyce will take it in to take care of it before Easter.

After a collection of mites, we adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted by  
Judy Mehn



# From St. John Lutheran School



Greetings from your school across the street. We thank you for your prayers and support.

March brings many changes for us. We have entered the Lenten Season. This is a time to remember all of the things that Christ had to endure in order to secure our eternal salvation. I encourage you all to take advantage of extra worship opportunities this season offers.

Our basketball season has come to a close. We are thankful that we did not have any Covid related issues or quarantining connected with the sport. We thank students, parents, and coaches for observing our safety protocols in order to provide this mentally and physically healthy opportunity for our players.

This past month we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of in-person school. We thank the Lord for blessing us. We have had no student and only one staff member to test positive for Covid. Not too many schools can say that.

We have several staff members who have received their Covid vaccinations. The county is hoping to have doses for the rest of the staff in March.

The second trimester of our school year will end on March 5. One third of the year is still in front of us.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders have met with high school counselors to start mapping out their classes for next year.

The School Choice enrollment window is now open. If you know of a family who would benefit from the Christian education offered at St. John, please encourage them to contact the school

office for more information. The application window remains open until April 15.

Our Board of Education is working to fill 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position that will be open next year due to the retirement of Mrs. Candice Schram. We thank the Lord for her years of dedicated service.

The Board of Education and the staff have been working on the accreditation "self-study" process. In this process we take a look at our school in comparison to seven national standards and sub-standards of quality schools. We have to document how we meet those standards. Then we host a team of visitors who verify all our documentation as accurate and make recommendations for improvement. This an involved and valuable process.

We thank everyone who purchased flowers from this year's Hanging Flower Basket sale. We appreciate your support.

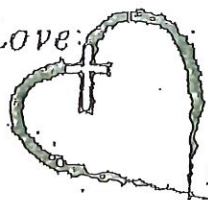
Our students are participating in a national Accelerated Reader competition with other Lutheran schools. We will report the results when the competition is complete in early March. We currently have four grades with top-10 standing so far.

I would thank all of you who have been praying for my dad. He has been dealing with infections and a gall bladder removal. He has become quite weak and needs assistance moving about. I thank the Board for allowing me time to spend a week helping out with Dad at my brother's house in Chaska, MN. I thank Mrs. Schrader for keeping everything running around the school and Mr. Krenke for attending to my classes.

Have a wonderful March as we look forward to winter loosening it's grip and Easter approaching.

I am yours in Christ's service,





*St. John Caring Ministries*

**Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**

"Forget," says the apostle Paul to the church in Philippi.

And we might respond, "Finally! Something we're good at!"

Who can go one day without forgetting something? From little things like where we left our car keys, to not so little things like the date of our anniversary, even the best of us forget.

And it's not for lack of trying. We can post sticky notes on the mirror, keep day-timers, and even program electronic reminders on high-tech gadgets, yet appointments still get missed and birthdays pass unacknowledged. Forgetting is an easy thing to do.

Ah, but it's a different story when it comes to forgetting the past, which, of course, is what Paul has in mind. Some things are not so easy to forget. A painful memory, a thoughtless remark, a regret, a failure, a missed opportunity, a wrong done to us, a sin long repented - all these we may remember in vivid detail. Although years go by, they refuse to leave our thoughts.

Yet, it's not impossible to break free from the past. Paul seems to be saying it's a matter of focus. We can choose to dwell on the past, or we can look ahead and set our minds on where God wants us to go. It's an either/or sort of thing. We cannot do both at the same time. So it comes down to a matter of what we decide to think about. Will we rehash that which is done and cannot be changed or will we focus instead on where and what we want to be when our days on this earth are done?

We can forget those things that hold us back when we strive to attain God's purpose for our lives.

*Prayer: God of the past, present and future, help us say goodbye to yesterday so we can set our focus on where You're leading us. Amen.*

# March Birthdays

April Lueck	3/01
Sylvia Wells	3/01
Karissa Dallman	3/02
Russ Pomplun	3/03
Waylon Nechkash	3/04
Dorothy Schrank	3/04
Matthew Bolen	3/05
Joshua Henriksen	3/05
Aspen Kettlewell	3/05
Maria Krueger	3/05
Debra Thiel	3/05
Jerrold Lueck	3/06
Julie Snow	3/06
Judith Uchtyl	3/06
Gail Chappa	3/07
Casey Wollert	3/07
Muriel Kroening	3/08
Barbara Rosner	3/10
Peter Gravunder	3/11
Cindy Hartzke	3/11
Sharon Stumpner	3/12
Russell Thom	3/12
Brianna Beier	3/13
Terry Krueger	3/14
Sara Verch	3/14
Douglas Wiese	3/14
Darrell Dretske	3/16
David Johanknecht	3/17
John Kobishop	3/17
Elaine Gates	3/18
Andrew Wallner	3/18
Samantha Henriksen	3/19
Delbert Krause	3/19
Anita Krenke	3/19
Carolyn Polk	3/19
Tammy Wood	3/19
Jean Hoffman	3/20
Corey Bertzyk	3/21
Candace Joram	3/24
Jayson Mosier	3/24
Brad Resop	3/24
Sophia Nechkash	3/24
Adam Ewald	3/25
Brenda Marks	3/26
Margaret Retzlaff	3/28
Peggy Seaman	3/28
Lyle Smerling	3/29
Austin Wilson	3/29
Nancy Wallner	3/31



## DID YOU KNOW.....



The constitution of St John Lutheran Church states that the Board of Trustees are the legal representatives of the church and the custodians of its property. At this time, 5 people serve on the Trustee Board (They are short 1 member and hoping a volunteer will soon come forward) The Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30pm. At this time the Chairman of the Board of Trustees is Keith Krause.

Keith Anthony Krause (pronounced Kraus) was born on September 1<sup>st</sup> 1955 in Watertown, SD. His father, Clinton was a dairy farmer and mother Norma, a stay at home mother of 2 boys and 2 girls. Keith is the oldest. He was Baptized at St Peters Lutheran Church WI Synod, in Godwin SD. Keith began his schooling in a 1-room country school, then transferred to St Martins Lutheran school for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He was confirmed in April of 1968 at St Martins. He then continued at Watertown Junior High for 9<sup>th</sup> grade followed by 3 years at Watertown Senior High School. Keith graduated in the spring of 1973 and then worked as a farm hand through that summer and fall earning a whopping \$100.00 a week.

In January of 1974 he enlisted in the United States Army and after completing basic training was stationed as a Corps Man at Ft Bragg N.C. In September of 1977, after his Tour-of-Duty was completed, he enrolled as a freshman at South Dakota State University. During his Sophomore year, Keith met Mary K. Brehmer: a fellow student in his Physiology class. Love bloomed and they married in June of 1980. Keith and Mary had 2 children; Jeremy and Stephenie who both

now live in South Dakota. Keith graduated in May of 1981 with a degree in Nursing. His first Nursing position paid \$3.00/hour with a 25-cent increase after passing his Boards.

In August of 1981, Keith returned to the Army as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. After Officer Basic Training he was stationed at Ft. Simons Army Medical Center (FAMC) Aurora, Colorado; studying at their Intensive Care School. "Many people are surprised to hear that I was also Jump Qualified while I was in the Army." He spent the next 3 years at Ft. Bragg NC and then to Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio Texas where he completed phase 1 of his studies.; training at the US Army Nurse Anesthesia School.

In 1986 he transferred to the Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington. He spent the next 3 years there graduating in December of 1988. His next stop was Landstuhl, Germany in October of 1989 and after 3 years he transferred back to the United States, finishing his Army career at as a Major at Ft. Gordon, Georgia. He retired from the Army in November of 1996.

During his years of medical training, Keith made lasting friendships with two other male students. The first of the three to be discharged found civilian work at our own Berlin Hospital and when Keith retired from the army, he was also offered a job as a Nurse Anesthetist in Berlin. He accepted and moved to Wisconsin with Mary. Sadly, in September of 2014 Mary passed away from a recurrence of breast cancer. At Berlin Hospital, Keith and Maren Diamon worked

together for many years. Her husband unexpectedly passed away in 2012 and after some time had passed, Keith asked Maren if she would like to go out for dinner. They enjoyed each other's company and cupid worked his magic. They were married in March of 2016. Keith gained 2 step-sons and a step-daughter. He also has 7 grandchildren; 6 girls and 1 boy. This past January Keith retired from Berlin Hospital Theda Care.

Keith first met Pastor Mundinger when he was Pastor in Omro. He and Maren liked Pastor's personality and very much enjoyed his sermons so in the fall of 2018 they decided to join St John. Maren now sings in our choir and Keith joined the Trustees.

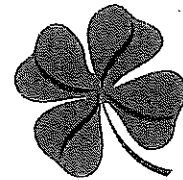
Keith and Maren enjoy gardening and trying new restaurants. "We haven't chosen a favorite yet." They also love to travel. Three years ago, they explored both Canada and the US on a trip to Maine. They try to go somewhere warm every winter and have visited Mexico, Aruba, Texas and California.

"I have been to Europe and we hope to go back in the near future. We are still trying to find our niche in retirement."

Keith will be the first to tell you that life as a Trustee is never boring. Some recently completed projects include bringing much appreciated warm water to the church bathrooms, installing a new boiler and replacing some windows in the school. On the list for the near future: a new dishwasher for the school kitchen, upgrading the parking lots and new church signs on hwy 49 both north and south of town.

Did you know that St John has a Repair and Maintenance fund? If you would like to contribute to this fund simply put your donation in the collection plate. Mark it to be used for repair and maintenance and be sure to include your envelope number with the donation.

**Thank You**



## Think Spring!

S R E T A W L A R E N I M Y H  
V N N D U O L C Y E O J T E C  
R G O F T E E L S P I U U G W  
H E Q W L M W E A H T C N M X  
Y T G G E J N Z U F A I A T I  
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B U Z V V V G K D C P A Z R W  
T L Z E Y J I D E G R Q N R E

**This is the time of the year when snow is melting and rain begins to fall. Find the following forms of water in the word search puzzle to the left:**

cloud	reservoir
dew	river
fog	sleet
frost	snow
geyser	spring
glacier	steam
hail	vapor
humidity	waterfall
hydrate	ice
iceberg	lake
ocean	perspiration
rain	
artesian well	
mineral waters	

Dear Mission-Minded Partners in Christ,  
Greetings in the Name of our Savior, Jesus,

I write to you because of needs in my parents' lives that will impact my ability to continue serving with the LCMS Office of International Mission. Both of my parents are in their late 80s and experiencing serious health challenges. They need my help and support in many ways. In recent weeks Karen and I have been searching intently for a facility that can provide appropriate medical and memory care to meet their needs. COVID-19 restrictions severely limit communication (brief visits from an outside window), and both are distraught by a lengthy separation after a strong 65-year marriage.

I believe that my first duty is to honor my father and mother according to the Fourth Commandment, especially at this difficult juncture in their lives. I plan to resign my position as a full-time career missionary with the LCMS Office of International Mission on Feb. 1. I thank God for the opportunities I've had to teach Old and New Testament at the Lutheran seminaries in Uganda and Kenya. Students there are so eager to grow in their understanding of God's Word as they prepare for pastoral ministry. Karen let her "Gospel light shine" frequently among young children at an orphanage in Uganda. She made the most of opportunities to lead home Bible studies and encourage deaconess students during our time in Kenya.

We are very, very grateful for your prayers and generous support that enabled us to serve the Lord with gladness as missionaries in Africa. Neither Karen nor I anticipated that our time in Africa would be cut short due to COVID and my parents' needs. Proverbs 16:9 declares, "The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." I believe that our loving heavenly Father does indeed direct our steps more wisely than the plans we lay. I ask for understanding and your prayers as we conclude our service as LCMS missionaries and focus our energies on serving my parents' needs.

Serving the Savior,  
Rev. Michael Schempf



We have some exciting news to share: The LWML National Mite goal has already been met (over a month early) 2.1 million has been collected, all grants that have been selected will be funded!!!!

The LWML met on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who came out in the cold to attend our Prayer Breakfast on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

We also want to thank everyone who donated in our large mite boxes on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. All funds go to support our mission projects. Information about our mission projects can be found on the bulletin board in the card room.

We would like to welcome our new member, Linda Hertzberg.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



Jesus Cleanses the Temple

# Creation Corner

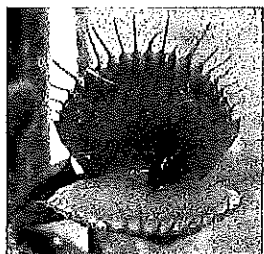
From the Bi-Monthly Journal

*"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 Design of Plants with No Soil

There are some environments where there is no soil. In other words, the ground is sterile in the sense that there are no nutrients plants need to grow. Severe forest fires can destroy the nutrients plants use. Plants are essential to the ecology of an area. How do you grow a plant without nutrients in the soil? Some of the most highly designed plants get their nutrients from eating insects. There are over 500 species that get their nutrients in this way. The Venus flytrap is the classic example.



The flytrap has sensitive hairs which are interconnected. When something touches a hair, a signal is sent through the cells. If nothing hits another hair, the plant remains inactive. That is because things like dust and air-blown

debris are usually not food sources. If a second hair is struck, the two sides of the flytrap snap closed in less than one-tenth of a second trapping the insect. The bigger the insect is, the more chemical is required to digest it. The plant counts how many hairs are struck. When the fifth hair is struck, 37,000 glands that line the two sides begin to activate. The number of glands that secrete chemicals is determined by how many hairs were struck which is determined by the size of the insect.

Amazing as the design to catch and digest the insect is, the chemistry used is even more complex. Normal plants get nitrogen and phosphorus from the soil. Nitrogen is needed to make proteins for cell structures as well as to make enzymes. Phosphorus is needed to make ATP and DNA. Carnivorous plants get these nutrients by ingesting the biologically active molecules from their prey. Protein segments containing nitrogen and DNA

backbone materials containing phosphorous are gained from the insects eaten.

Scientists have copied the flytrap's system to devise methods of controlled injection of medicines inside the human body. They do this using silicone polymers with small pockets containing medication. Many other uses of the flytrap's design are coming to light. Hongrui Jiang of the University of Wisconsin-Madison says "Learning from nature can actually teach us how to come up with something more functional." God has much to teach us if we will just listen and learn through the things He has made.

## Thanks from the Seminary!

St. John's,

Thank you again for your continued generosity towards me. I received another donation towards my education from you all and I so greatly appreciate that. It is just so incredibly kind of you all – Thank You!

I am happy to report that my second quarter is wrapping up in just a couple of weeks. I cannot believe how fast time has gone since Christmas break! Things have been very good here, school hasn't been overly difficult. I have been learning a lot and I even had a little time to do some extra reading that I've been wanting to get to for a while. God has been good!

I hope all is well at St. John's also. Than you again for your support. Paige and I want to wish you all God's blessings and great faith.

Seminarian Rob Schrader



## **St. John Quarterly Voters Meeting**

**January 31, 2021**

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order at 11:42 am by Chairman Rich Wallner. 22 voting members present. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes** (November Meeting)

Motion by Deb Thiel to accept the minutes. Second by Keith Krause. Motion approved.

### **New Voting Members:** Tina Markowski.

Motion by Deb Schrader to accept the new voting member. Second by Keith Krause. Motion approved.

### **Board of Education Report - by Kevin Koch**

- Motion by Kevin Koch to appoint Tina Markowski to serve as a member of the Board of Education. Second by Karen Wendt. Motion approved.
- Motion by Kevin Koch to extend a call to current 7th/8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mr. Timothy Pett. Second by Debra Thiel. Motion approved. Formal paperwork will be processed for acceptance by Mr. Pett.
- In-person instruction continues to work at the school with safety precautions being followed.
- Living Nativity was a success with a large food collection being donated to the Berlin food pantry.
- Candidates are being accepted from Concordia and member suggestions for the replacement of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher following Mrs. Schram's retirement at the end of the school year.

Motion by Cynthia Schuett to accept the Board of Education report. Second by Adam Ewald. Motion approved.

### **Trustee Report – by Keith Krause**

- The dishwasher at the school has met its life expectancy. Cost to purchase and install a new model with the same functionality is \$11,452.00, including installation. Motion by Jason Wendt to approve purchase using funds from the undesignated memorial account. Second by Kevin Koch. Motion approved.
- Church (billboard) signs on Hwy 49 South and North will be replaced with a 4'x8' reflective vinyl on metal base. Each sign will cost \$427.

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

### **Treasurer's Report – by Debra Thiel**

#### Square Account Q2 FY 2020/2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$1,293.82	Income:	\$1,764.92
Total Expenses:	\$1,735.56	Ending Balance:	\$1,323.18

#### Hot Lunch Q2 FY 2020/2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$46,325.39	Income:	\$38,643.93
Total Expenses:	\$81,752.00	Ending Balance:	\$ 3,217.32

#### Elderly Fund Q2 FY 2020/2021:

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

#### Children's Fund Q2 FY 2020/2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$81,901.05	Income:	\$ 9,341.14
Total Expenses:	\$12,530.11	Ending Balance:	\$78,712.08

Motion by Kevin Koch to accept Treasurer's report. Second by Adam Ewald. Motion approved.

## **Elder's Report - by Rich Wallner**

- Pastor addressed LCMS Convention Referendum to delay the 68<sup>th</sup> regular convention scheduled for 2021 to 2022 and moving the district convention to 2023. Due to the expense involved to reschedule and rebook facilities, the Elders voted, no. The question before the congregations is this:  
**Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019-2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod convention from 2022 to 2023? Yes or No**  
Motion by Mike Schrader for a congregational vote of no. Second by Keith Krause. Motion approved.

## **Official Acts:**

**Weddings** – Greg Larson and Cheryl Lee Eigner.

**Affirmation of Faith** – Tina Markowski, with son Owen.

**Transfer In** – Antonette Kracht, from Trinity Lutheran, Borth, WI.

**Transfer Out** – Mary Becker, to Good Shepherd, Oshkosh, WI.

**Deaths** – Raymond Fay and Donna Jones.

**Communicant Membership** 477

**Baptized Membership** 556

**Church Families** 293

Motion by Curt Snow to accept Elder's report. Second by Keith Krause. Motion approved.

## **Pastor's Report** (none)

## **Reports of Committees**

### **A. Memorial Fund Report** – by Rich Wallner Current fund balance: \$405,397.81

- Consolidation of funds as previously discussed are noted on the report.
- Bell Tower funds have all been dispersed, the project is complete.

Motion by Debra Thiel to accept the Memorial Fund report. Second by Adam Ewald. Motion approved.

### **B. Congregational Fund Report** - by Rich Wallner

- CD matured in 10/2020 with the proceeds deposited in the Memorial Fund and included as income on the report.
- LCMS Foundation distribution with balances invested into School Endowment fund.

Motion by Curt Snow to accept the Congregational Fund report. Second by Keith Krause. Motion approved.

## **Old Business**

- The Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan has been fully forgiven. \$94,500 has been included in the Undesignated line of the Memorial Account. It would be beneficial to use these funds to raise current salaries in line with district guidelines and to offset calling new teachers. This recommendation will be included in the budgeting for future teacher salaries.

## **New Business**

- Housing Allowances are as follows: Pastor Mundinger 50%, Mr. Snow 50%, Miss Linse 25%, Mr. Pett \$1,000 per month.
- Federal Mileage Rate for 2021 is \$0.56 per mile
- Audit: Major accounts are already audited as part of School Choice. Motion by Curt Snow to waive the 2021 audit of minor accounts. Second by Kevin Koch. Motion approved.
- Preliminary budget will be presented at the next voters meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Curt Snow, second by Keith Krause. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 12.10 pm, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Radliff, Secretary

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## St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: February 18, 2021

The February meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Adam Ewald. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.

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

Absent: Curt Snow

### Secretary's Report submitted by Amy Radliff

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

### Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>January 2021</u>	<u>January 2020</u>
General Fund	\$59,765.40	\$45,701.73
Children's Fund	\$10,113.29	\$ 1,633.84
Elderly Fund	\$ .00	\$ .00
Memorials	\$ 660.59	\$ 162.87

Attendance	122 per week	195 per week
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Motion by A Radliff/Krause to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion approved.

### Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

#### Square Account January 2021:

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

#### Hot Lunch Account January 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$3,217.32	Income:	\$2,538.97
Expenses:	\$1780.00	Ending Balance:	\$3,976.29

#### Elderly Fund January 2021:

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

#### Children's Fund January 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$78,712.08	Income:	\$ 157.43
Expenses:	\$ .00	Ending Balance:	\$78,869.51

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

### Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Church's roadside signs are completed and ready to be installed once the weather allows. The Kevin & Debra Koch family have offered to cover the cost of the sign being installed along Hwy 49S.
- Metal signage on the marquee below the bell tower have been installed.
- Light bulbs were replaced in Church chandeliers as needed
- Update on the school dishwasher. New venting, water supply lines and updated electrical to 240V will be required for installation. These upgrades have significantly impacted the original cost of the project. Nothing has been ordered at this time until further options can be explored. The current dishwasher needs to be replaced as it is leaking and is overall worn out.

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

## Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

### Official Acts:

Affirmation of Faith – Allie Henke and children Jaycee and Braxton.

Transfer In – Darrell Mischka, from Beautiful Savior, Paris, TX, Dennis Winkler, from Trinity, Borth, WI.  
Perriann Fredrick, from Trinity, Borth, WI.

Deaths – Larry “Jess” Piotter.

Transfer Out – Richard and Rita Weisjohn, to Zion Lutheran, Clyman, WI.

Released by Request – Brian and Sara Resop, Ella Resop, Melanie Resop.

Communicant Members 476

Baptized Members 556

Church Families 296

Motion by Koch/A Radliff to accept the Board of Elders Report. Motion approved.

## Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- Approval to extend call to Mr. Timothy Pett as 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher was passed by the voters. Accepted by Mr. Pett. Appropriate paperwork is in process to complete the call.
- Staff salaries are being reviewed and will be incorporated into the annual budget before the next voters meeting.
- Interviews are being conducted for potential candidates to replace the retiring Mrs. Schram. Recommendations for candidates were received through Concordia College, South Wisconsin District LCMS and fellow members.

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

### Old Business:

- Payroll Protection Program loan has been completely forgiven. The amount received will be considered a donation to the church and appears in the memorial account, undesignated.

### New Business:

- Pastor would like to update the Vimeo (video streaming service). He's going to look into the possibility of payment thru a technology grant.

**Meetings next month:** Trustees – Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>-6:30pm. Board of Education – Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - 6pm.  
Elders – Tuesday, March 9- 6pm. **Council – Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> – 6pm.**

Motion by A Radliff/Thiel to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

*Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Radliff, Secretary*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 3:45 Public Confirm 6:30 Lent Service Sr. Choir follows	4 1:00 pm Ladies Aid	5	6
7 <b>LENT III</b> 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Sun. School 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 Worship/HC	8 6:30 pm Trustees	9 6:00 Bd. of Ed. 6:00 Bd. of Elders	10 3:45 Public Confirm 6:30 Lent Service Sr. Choir follows	11	12	13
14 <b>LENT IV</b> 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Sun. School 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 Worship/HC	15 6:30 pm LWML	16	17 3:45 Public Confirm 6:30 Lent Service Sr. Choir follows	18 6:00 Council Mtg.	19	20
21 <b>LENT V</b> 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Sun. School 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 Worship/HC	22	23	24 3:45 Public Confirm 6:30 Lent Service Sr. Choir follows	25	26	27
28 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8 am Worship/HC 9:15 Sun. School 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 Worship/HC	29 School Easter Break	30 School Easter Break	31 <b>NO CONFIRM</b> School Easter Break			

