



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
V. 26, No. 6

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923
July, 2021

As the 4th of July looms ahead of us in just a few short days, we'll hear plenty of choruses of "God Bless America" sung and spoken by many and varied individuals from politicians to celebrities. Which begs the question: is America really blessed? Are we even rightly to be called a Christian nation anymore? Some are sure that it is, some are just as adamant that it is not. The term has sometimes been elevated to the status of a magic phrase whereby merely attributing it to America somehow assures us of God's protection and blessing. However, can America rightly be called a "Christian nation"? The answer to this question hinges on the definition we assign to the phrase "Christian Nation." The simple definition of what it means to be 'Christian' is "one who believes in Jesus Christ as their Savior and follows Him." Let us use that definition of a Christian and look at the issue.

America is not a "Christian Nation" merely because the founders of our country may, or may not, have been Christians. Living in a nation founded by Christians does not make one a Christian any more than standing in the garage makes one a Corvette. For America to be a "Christian Nation" in any real sense, a majority of Americans would have to be true believers and followers of Jesus Christ. Judging by the consistent moral decline in both public and private affairs, this would not seem to be the case. It appears that most Americans live by their own standards instead of God's.

Therefore; if the individuals of our nation live according to the rule of self (doing what is right in their own eyes) while refusing to honor and obey the God who created them and presently sustains them, how can America possibly be legitimately called a "Christian Nation"?

Many people say and sing "God bless America" while living as if God does not exist. His existence means little or nothing to their daily lives. They give lip service to God as if they love Him, but spend little or no thought on Him at all. God is certainly not seen as King,

Creator, or ruler to be worshipped. As Paul Copan writes in his book, *Is God a Moral Monster: "We've gotten rid of the God who presents a cosmic authority problem and substituted controllable gods of our own devising. If we take God seriously he will most certainly mess up our lives, make us uncomfortable, and even disorient us. The atheist has it almost right: humans regularly do make gods in their own image. Yet the biblical God isn't the kind we make up. He refuses to be manipulated by human schemes."* (pp. 192-193)

America will only be "God blessed" if individual Americans will believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin, death, and the devil and commit their lives to serving God. If we do not realize that God deserves our worship, love, obedience, and devotion we will continue the downward moral spiral that we are currently experiencing. We will become a nation where anything goes, a nation that thumbs its nose at God, His Son, and His rule. In addition, we will suffer the consequences of our actions (or inactions.)

As America becomes less and less a God-fearing people, the moral climate of our society continues to cheapen. I'm sure I'm not alone when I look around and wonder what has become of the world I grew up in? Gay marriage is the law of the land. If you haven't noticed yet, June was Gay Pride Month. It seems almost every company and advertisement in June was telling us we had to take pride in something the Bible clearly speaks against. In addition, we somehow can no longer decide how many genders there are in the world. People are identifying as "they" or "them" and not "his or "her". Transgender men are allowed to compete against biological girls and women in sporting events which doesn't seem too fair to me. These changes are confusing and unbiblical, and there seems to be little we can do to change the trajectory of future events.

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I don't believe these "issues" would be thrust upon us today if not for the fact that far too many Americans have forgotten about the God that created and sustains them in their daily lives. The Bible has become a forgotten book, relegated to the status of obsolete literature which was meant for an ancient people 2000 years ago. Without adherence to God's unchangeable moral standard, human behavior automatically degrades to a substandard which is ultimately destructive in nature. Just look around if you doubt me.

God will not allow us to rebel against Him forever. We cannot ignore God and expect Him to tolerate our rebellion indefinitely. Jeremiah 18 has much to say concerning how God deals with nations. God does not bless or curse a nation arbitrarily; He deals with each nation in accordance with how they respond to Him. God, through the prophet Jeremiah, spoke these words to the nation of Israel: ***7 If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, 8 and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. 9 And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, 10 and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.*** (Jeremiah 18:7-10 NIV)

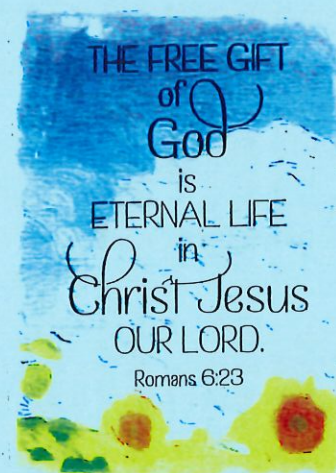
James 1:17 tells us that the character of God is the same today as it has ever been. Although God dealt with Israel in a special way, He still deals with nations today as He did in the Old Testament times. Again, Paul Copan writes, *"What's more, we moderns shouldn't think that severe divine judgment was only for biblical times, as though God no longer judges nations today."* (Copan, p. 160)

Even the church, which should be spreading the news of God's love, has lost much of its zeal. Christians have allowed the pursuit of the American dream to eclipse the priority of their relationship with God. Craig Groeschel writes: *"In churches, normal is lukewarm Christianity, self-centered spiritual consumerism, and shallow, me-driven faith. God has become a means to an end, a tool in our toolbox to accomplish what we want. The majority of people claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him"* (p. 19). Many Christians have usurped God's rightful place as ruler in their lives and are actually living selfish lives while proclaiming to love and serve God.

More and more, America is disconnecting itself from the God who not only created us, but also created the standard by which we should live. This standard is not merely an arbitrary list of rules and regulations we must follow in order to boost the ego of a selfish deity. The rules and regulations that God provides stem from His great love for us and they are designed so that we might, through a relationship with Him, live the fullest, most satisfying life possible. In other words, these standards are not meant to be oppressive, but rather they are given to us that we might experience true freedom.

We must wake up and take seriously our predicament, both as individuals and as a nation. We should humble ourselves before God, repent of our failure to live as he would have us live, and commit ourselves to the task of searching for the lost with the Good News of the Gospel. As we seek to become God's "representatives" on earth, not only will we be blessed but so will those who hear and believe the Gospel of God's forgiveness for all people. Then, and only then, will people really know what true independence is. Independence from the world, our sinful natures and the devil. That's what God offers to all people through Jesus Christ. Forgiveness, life and salvation in Jesus is the Independence Day we Christians ultimately long for. May God bless each of us as we strive to be evermore dependent on God and His Word in our lives, for Jesus' sake!

Pastor Munding



+In Our Prayers

Carolyn Schmudlach

Duane Schmudlach

Mark Schubert

Ricki Schubert

Tara Schubert

Jaxson Schubert

Jaden Schubert

Minnie Blackmore

Wilfird Polk

The Family of Kevin Ponto – brother of
Pam Ponto

Esther Nehring – mother of Joann
Behm and Carlton Nehring

Dolly Doan

Orville Behm

The Family of Pastor Ronald Schultz

Martha Pieper – Bonnie Sperberg's
sister

Ken Schuett

Our Shut-In and Homebound members

Ken Hansen

Joan Parsons

Janet Ryerson

Matt Parsons

Frank Weiss – father of Kelli
Mundinger



In the Hospital

Wilfird Polk

Matt Parsons



July 5, 1986 - James & Mary Lou Yerk

July 13, 1996 - Josh & Amy Dament

July 18, 1981 - Mark & Bonnie Schumacher

July 21, 2018 - Steven & Melanie Brooks

July 22, 1994 - Gary & Mary Kracht

July 22, 2017 - Ryan & Crystal Stauske

July 28, 1979 - Jeff & Cathy Herbst

July 30, 1994 - Doug & Kathy Wiese



Rev. Ronald Schultz



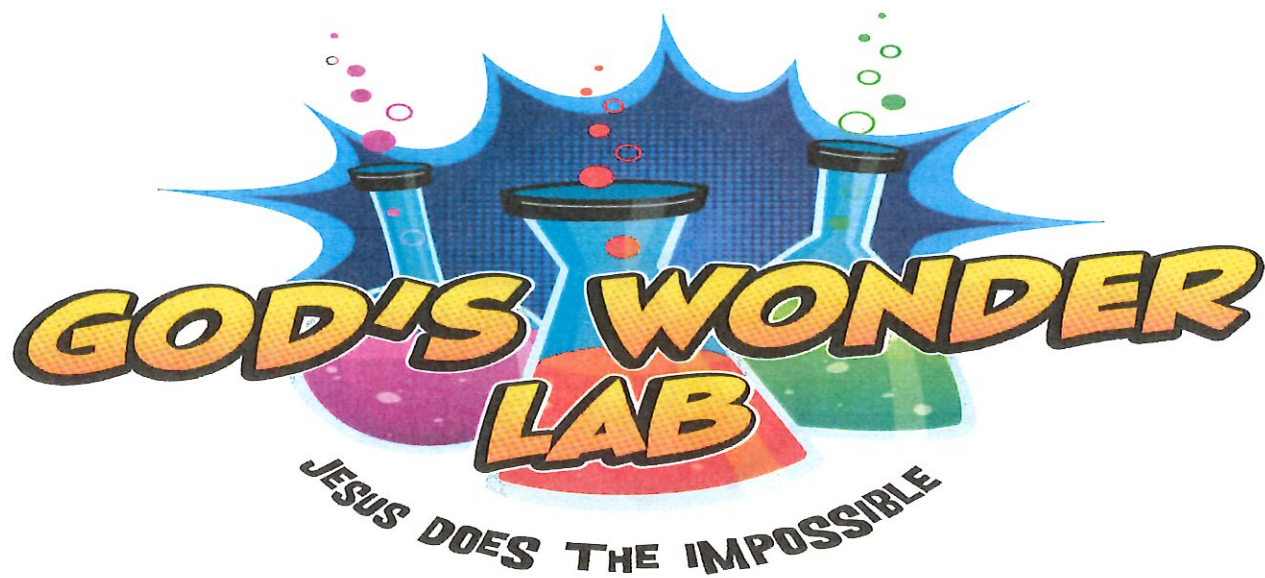
Dear St. John Congregation,

A heartfelt thank you to St. John Congregation. You are an amazing group of people and it has been a blessing to be your parochial school teacher.

I received your Call in the summer of 1981 to teach kindergarten/pre-school and moved to Berlin to begin my teaching career at St. John. Fast forward 40 years and I am forever grateful this congregation helped me to succeed in my role as a teacher.

Thank you to all who were involved with the retirement reception and making my retirement day so joyful with your heartfelt wishes, cards, and gifts. I pray God will always be near you showering His blessings on this congregation. Thank you for making this great place possible.

God Bless,
Candy Schram



Vacation Bible School 2021

When: Sat. August 7th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: St. John Lutheran Church & School (Berlin)

Who: All Children Age 3 through Grade 6

Why: To have a day of fun learning about the love of Jesus and to see all that God has done for us and continues to do for us throughout our lives!

We will enjoy a day of games, songs, crafts lunch (and snacks) as well as learning a lot of fun things about Jesus and the amazing things he did in the Bible and continues to do for us today!

Sign up sheet is in the church narthex or call 361-9935



LWML News

The LWML met on Monday, June 21st. The LWML National Convention is June 24-27 in Lexington, KY. The National Convention is held

every 2 years, it is when officers are voted in and mission grants are selected, among other things. Bonnie Sperberg is our delegate and she will be attending, Leitha Kraus will also be attending.

We would like to thank everyone who gave monetary donations towards our In-gathering for the National Convention. Thanks to members of St. John Lutheran Church we were able to purchase \$275.00 worth of gift cards for the Concordia Seminaries in Fort Wayne and St. Louis.

Upcoming Events:

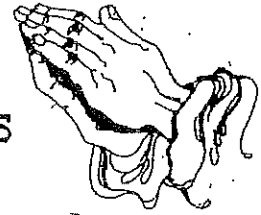
- There is a Young Women's Event on August 14th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Dells. It will run from 10am to 1pm. You can attend in person or virtually.
- Our Fall Retreat will be in Oshkosh on September 17th & 18th.

There is a full sheet in the newsletter with more information about both of these events. There will be registration forms in the card room if you are interested in attending either event. If you are interested please contact a LWML member for more information, Cynthia Schuett, Kelli Mundinger, Deb Schrader or Bonnie Sperberg.

We will have an In-Gathering for the Fall Retreat in AUGUST, we will be collecting the following items: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Lotion, Feminine Hygiene Products, Granola Bars, Peanut Butter and Jelly. Please put your donations in the totes in the card room labeled LWML In-Gathering.

We take the months of July and August off, so our next meeting will be Monday, September 20th at 6:30pm at church. We always welcome guests.

Memorials



IN MEMORY OF HILDEGARDE KRAUSE

For Human Care

From Russ & Robin Henriksen.....\$ 25.00

From Judy Mehn.....\$ 20.00

From Rich & Nancy Wallner.....\$100.00

From Family & Friends.....\$145.00

For Maintenance & Repair

From Joyce Parsons.....\$ 25.00

For Organ Fund

From Vernon Lichtenberg.....\$ 25.00

For General Fund

From Family & Friends.....\$465.00

IN MEMORY OF RAY FAY

For Maintenance & Repair

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

IN MEMORY OF PASTOR RONALD SCHULTZ

For General Fund

From Arden Patchett.....\$ 20.00

For Maintenance & Repair

From Rich & Nancy Wallner.....\$ 50.00

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

From Joyce Parsons.....\$ 25.00

For Human Care

From Judy Mehn.....\$ 20.00

From Delbert & Barbara Krause.....\$ 25.00

IN MEMORY OF WALTER, ALICE and MATTHEW SCHUBERT

For Exterior North Lighting

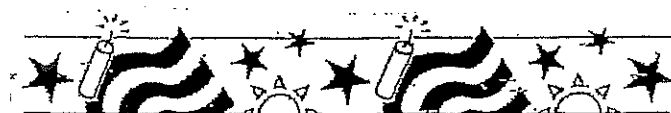
From Debra Schubert.....\$500.00

DONATIONS

For General Fund

From Ed & Dorothy Lohela Estate

.....\$3,777.94



From St. John Lutheran School



Happy July to you all. This is the month we celebrate our nation's birthday. God has blessed us with a truly wonderful country. It is awe inspiring to travel from state to state to witness the variety of beauty found in the croplands of the Midwest, the mountains and forests, the lakes, rivers, and oceans. You can see that The Creator has a creative and artistic flair. We surely should take care of this gift that He has given us. We also need to keep those who are entrusted to run it in our prayers.

We have certainly seen plenty of challenges of late. With COVID, race relations, gender confusion, election law debates, and foreign relations to name a few, we need to keep God at the center- and not push Him aside as so many would have us do. God has blessed us in the past. He will continue to do so going forward, but we need to share His good news with a world that needs to hear it. God bless America.

July is also the midway point of summer. We have been staying busy at the school over the summer.

We have a steering committee that is working on the re-accreditation of our school. We are planning on hosting a validation team visit in the spring.

Book orders and supplies have been ordered and are coming to be sorted and stocked.

The Trustees are planning to paint several classrooms this summer. They have floor stripping and waxing scheduled for this month. They have been very busy with shed repair and landscaping improvements. Things are shaping up nicely. We thank these dedicated volunteers for all their hard work.

The Board of Education continues its work on policy manual updates. We are also keeping updated on recommendations and guidelines on what "school" will look like in the coming year.

I would like to thank everyone who were part of the retirement celebration for Mrs. Schram. It was a nice day that was well attended. We wish her all the best, and we look forward to seeing her regularly at church.

We received a donation of 19 laptops and two metal charging cabinets from Badger Mining Corp. They will be used in various locations throughout the building. We thank them for their generosity.

We have also been notified that our school has \$39,000 allotted to us through the EANS Federal Relief package. (That stands for Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools.) We can purchase and be reimbursed for cleaning and disinfecting supplies, technology upgrades, and a variety of other categories during these challenging and everchanging times.

The Board has approved a new tuition category this year. It creates a new rate between member and non-member for families that belong to a LC-MS congregation other than St. John. If you know of other Missouri Synod Lutheran families who might benefit from a Lutheran education, please let them know of this potential opportunity.

That is about all for this month. Enjoy your celebration on the 4th with family and friends. God bless you, and God bless the USA.

I am yours in Christ service.





Today, Americans all over the world are waving the flag of the United States of America. Our country is 245 years old! The flag is a symbol of our freedom. But it is not the same flag that the signers of the Declaration of Independence flew on July 4, 1776.

When the flag was officially adopted on June 14, 1777 (June 14 is now known as Flag Day), Congress accepted the colors of red, white and blue, not because they had any special meaning, but because they were familiar colors. The flag of Great Britain from whence most of the colonists had emigrated was also of red, white and blue.

It was not until the Great Seal of the United States was established five years later (in 1782) that Congress assigned clear meaning to the colors of red, white and blue. Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, explained the symbolism of the colors:

White signifies purity and innocence.

Red, hardiness and valor, and

Blue, vigilance, perseverance and justice."

This is an impressive set of virtues toward which all patriotic Americans should aspire.

But they are not just secular virtues; they are sacred ones as well, because they dovetail with our aspirations as Christians, especially the last three: vigilance, perseverance and justice. Here is a Bible verse about each of these virtues:

Vigilance: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8, KJV).

Perseverance: "We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4, NIV).

Justice: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

As we wave our flag today to celebrate liberty and freedom, let's remember the meaning of the colors assigned by our country's founders. Even better, rather than just remembering, let's express these virtues every day of our lives.

Prayer: O God, we thank You for our freedom. Thank You for those who gave their lives that we might enjoy liberty. Help me today to live out the virtues symbolized in the colors of our flag. Amen.

**WARM UP
THOSE
VOICES!**



THE CHOIR WILL BE SINGING for the worship service in the park on July 25. We welcome **ALL** singers for this special occasion. There will be practices on Sundays

July 11 & 18 after the 9am worship service. If you can't make it for all practices that is OK. Questions? Please call Cindy Schuett at 920-203-6763.

Church Picnic

Sunday, July 25

At Riverside Park

North Shelter House

10:30 am church service

Picnic to follow

Bring a dish to pass.

The plates, silverware and napkins will be provided, along with the beverages.

There will be games for the kids!

Fun and games for all!!





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| Josepha Hartzke | 7/01 | Nathaniel Nighbor | 7/18 |
| Carol Kosterman | 7/01 | McKenna Berzyk | 7/18 |
| Gloria Rodensal | 7/01 | Michelle Techlow | 7/18 |
| Allison Wendt | 7/01 | Cavin Oppor | 7/18 |
| Phillip Marschall | 7/05 | Nancy Albright | 7/19 |
| Brenna Mosier | 7/05 | Kathy Wiese | 7/20 |
| Belva Rux | 7/05 | Vincent Rowen | 7/22 |
| Dean Sales | 7/05 | Maren Krause | 7/24 |
| Sydney Radke | 7/06 | Ryan Wendt | 7/24 |
| Jennifer Billington | 7/06 | Sara Chier | 7/25 |
| Renee Van Ornum | 7/06 | Cheryl Hoffman | 7/25 |
| Brenda Achterberg | 7/07 | Thomas Hopp | 7/25 |
| Jane Mittelstaedt | 7/07 | Mia Schubert | 7/25 |
| Melissa Linse | 7/08 | Robert Young | 7/25 |
| Pat Siegmund | 7/08 | Ricki Schubert | 7/26 |
| Clinton Drover | 7/09 | Eileen Boehlke | 7/27 |
| Perriann Fredrick | 7/09 | Russ Henriksen | 7/28 |
| Tara Schubert | 7/09 | Pat Metzler | 7/28 |
| Tammy Bertzyk | 7/10 | Kathleen Nechkash | 7/29 |
| Jennifer Wollert | 7/12 | Cody Juedes | 7/31 |
| Ken Mittelstaedt | 7/14 | Presley Wollert | 7/31 |
| Bonnie Simson | 7/14 | | |
| Connie Simson | 7/14 | | |
| Sonia Wasniak-Bohn | 7/14 | | |
| Gerald Dutcher | 7/15 | | |
| Carol Gelhar | 7/15 | | |
| Kathy Anderson-Kemnitz | 7/17 | | |
| Gary Boehlke | 7/17 | | |



Did You Know



There are many volunteers who silently donate their time and talents to keep things working smoothly here at St John and one of those individuals is Joyce Parsons. If you need a pie for the Chop Suey Supper, a salad or dessert for a funeral lunch or treats on Sunday morning, Joyce is there to help. When it's time to decorate the church for Christmas and Easter, she's there. In the past, she has served on the new church Building Committee, Bell Tower and Church Directory committees. Joyce joined the Altar Guild in the early 60's, served as president for 11 years and is still very active today. She is also a past member of the LWML.

Joyce Elma Prachel was born on the family farm just outside of Princeton on October 27 1942 and was raised with a younger sister Lois, and 2 older brothers, Donald and Norman. On November 15th 1942, her parents, Esther & Elmer took their baby girl to St John's Lutheran Church in Princeton where she was Baptized by Pastor Harold Warnke. Joyce attended Princeton's Lutheran Grade School for 1st through 8th grade. There she played basketball and was also a cheerleader for the boy's team. One summer afternoon, Joyce and her cousin sat down and ate an entire jar of pickles. From that day on, she acquired the nick-name "Pickles" and recently, a dear friend Joyce has known for years asked, "Hey Pickles, what is your real name?" Joyce spent a lot of time babysitting for the neighbor's 5 children. One of them was Pat McConnell who later started Flash Trucking. As adults, Pat and Joyce became good friends and always joked about those baby-sitting years. On March 25th 1956 Joyce was Confirmed by Pastor Walter Stroschein. "He was a very stern Pastor but I respected him and I probably learned all I did because he scared it into me!!"

At Princeton High School, typing and Science were Joyce's favorite subjects. She participated

in Band, Glee Club, Forensics and also joined the Dance Club where lucky winners moved on to Green Bay for more dance challenges and awards. Back at home, while her Dad ran the family Farm, Joyce's Mother ran the bakery at the Green Lake Conference center (Then called the American Baptist Assembly) Esther was a wonderful cook and baker; a talent she passed on to both her daughter Joyce and her grandson Todd. Because her Mother worked most Saturdays Joyce, the oldest girl, was put in charge of the family's meals. "I was so little I had to stand on a chair to reach the stove. I liked trying new recipes but sometimes they wouldn't turn out very good and I would bury the mistakes out in the garden so my brothers wouldn't tease me." Joyce's first job was waitressing at the Baptist Assembly for \$1.00/hour. "I loved it there! Especially when the Future Farmers of America group came for dinner. (All boys!)" Joyce graduated in 1960 and that fall she enrolled at the Milwaukee School of Cosmetology to be a beautician. However, plans changed in a hurry when she met the love-of-her-life, Paul Parsons. He had been dating a girl-friend of Joyce's when cupid intervened. Paul & Joyce were married on December 10th 1960 by Pastor Stroschein and shortly after she joined our church.

Joyce and Paul were a good match and shared many interests; They loved boating, water and snow skiing, golfing, snowmobiling and dinners at Silver Cryst They both enjoyed trout fishing and deer hunting. "My father-in-law called me "One-Shot!" Their marriage was blessed with 3 children, Todd, Tracie and Tammy who all attended our Lutheran School. Their family loved playing cribbage, sheepshead and a word guessing party game called Catch Phrase. In the summer-time, they rented cottages so their kids could enjoy the water. When their children got older, they traveled to Hawaii, Jamaica and

enjoyed a cruise which included a week in Barbados.

For a time, Joyce worked at Mid-Western Sport Togs. Then, in 1970, they opened "Paul's Liquor and gift Shop" in down-town Berlin. The business also included a wholesale distributorship of beer and soda so Joyce manned the store while Paul made deliveries. They were in business for 18 years. After their store closed, both Paul and Joyce took a computer class to learn all the new technology. Her new computer knowledge helped Joyce land a job at Berlin's Community Health network where she was chosen over 42 other applicants because of her recent class. She retired after 20 years at the hospital.

As their children began "leaving the nest" Paul and Joyce enjoyed quiet vacations in the Caribbean and also visited Berlin Germany, Ireland and Alaska. They were some of the lucky Packer fans who had season tickets and attended games regularly. GO PACK!! Every year Paul planted a big garden and Joyce filled their pantry

and freezer with the results. One year, friends invited them to spend their winter in Texas. They bought a lot while there and in 2009 added a house. They spent their next few winters there until Paul was tragically killed by an inattentive driver in an auto accident near Milwaukee.

Today Joyce's son Todd and his wife live in California where he owns a Technology Service Co. They have twin girls and a younger daughter. Tracie and her husband own a plumbing business in Wisconsin. Tracie is also a Dental Hygienist and they have a boy and a girl. Tammy, a Nurse Anesthetist at Froedert Hospital in Milwaukee has 2 boys.

Joyce's family would like her to move to the Oconomowoc area where she would be closer to them. She however is reluctant. "I love St John because of the Minister and all the wonderful people who are members. The main reason I am still in Berlin is because of my church and the good friends I have here."



Jonathan and Payton Phelps and
children Timothy, Nova, Cameron and
Teddy
448 North Rodgers Road
Coloma, WI 54930



You are Invited!!!!
-To A-
Day of Relaxation and Fun for the Whole Family

Hosted by the Young Women of the LWML

Moms bring the kids (and Dad too) and join us in for a few hours of servant events and spiritual growth.

Verse: "...my hope is in You all day long." Psalms 25:5

SERVANT EVENTS:

- Lap Blankets for local nursing home residents
- Cards/bookmarks coloring for local nursing home residents
- Witness bracelets for MOST Ministries.

EVENT DATES: April 17, 2021 -or- August 14, 2021

TIME: 10am-1pm (both dates)

LOCATION (both dates):

#1: In-Person at Trinity Lutheran

728 Church St, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

#2: Attend via Zoom-

Meeting link will be sent after registering

You will need to buy supplies for servant events

CONTACT: Amy Tikkanen at 608-369-2059 -or- atikkanen.lwml@gmail.com



South Wisconsin
District

***Registration due one week prior to event ***

April 10 or August 7

Please contact Amy if after these dates

LWML South Wisconsin District

Fall Retreat- September 17 & 18, 2021

Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel
& Convention Center
1 North Main Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:5 ESV



Retreat Speaker: International Hymnal Consultant

Deaconess Sandra Rhein

- Deaconess Rhein will share how the Lord has called her to this unique ministry and how the hymnal process works
- Assisted in the development of the Kenyan Hymnal, Ethiopian Hymnal, Chinese Hymnal and currently the Indonesian Hymnal



Servant Events:

- Packing homeless hygiene kits for Milwaukee Urban Ministry
- Tying fleece hats and scarves
- Cutting out greeting card crosses

Gifts from the Heart to benefit: Lutheran Food Pantry-Oshkosh

- Personal Care items (Regular & travel size): toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, lotion
- Feminine hygiene products, Granola Bars, Peanut Butter & Jelly

Offering Recipients: 3/4-Deaconess Training in Latin America & 1/4-Female Church Worker Scholarship Fund



Deaconess
Rhein asks that
you bring along
your Bible &
hymnal

Registration \$60 per person

More information available at www.lwml-swd.org

To encourage our Deaf LWML sisters, a grant to assist in costs for Deaf Interpreters has been applied for through Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: June 15, 2021

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

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

Absent: Debra Thiel

Secretary's Report by Amy Radliff

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

Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

| | <u>May 2021</u> | <u>May 2020</u> |
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| General Fund | \$85,656.51 | \$100,691.72 |
| Children's Fund | \$ 6,225.37 | \$ 2,023.71 |
| Elderly Fund | \$.00 | \$.00 |
| Memorials | \$13,135.76 | \$ 1,001.61 |

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| Attendance | 179 per week | 0 per week |
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- 2020 attendance numbers reflect Covid-19 restrictions.
- 2022 Envelopes have been ordered (400 units)

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

Treasurer's Report submitted in writing by Debra Thiel

Square Account May 2021:

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| Beginning Balance: | \$1,360.42 | Income: | \$ 25.25 |
| Expenses: | \$.00 | Ending Balance: | \$1,385.67 |

Hot Lunch Account May 2021:

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| Beginning Balance: | \$ 2,890.55 | Income: | \$37,764.18 |
| Expenses: | \$36,757.49 | Ending Balance: | \$ 3,897.24 |

Elderly Fund May 2021:

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

Children's Fund May 2021:

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|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$79,266.85 | Income: | \$ 6,225.37 |
| Expenses: | \$ 445.42 | Ending Balance: | \$85,046.80 |

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

Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Summer project of removing trees and trimming bushes and plants has been completed.
- Quote accepted for grinding and removal of 10 stumps.
- The South parking lot has been sealed and striped.
- Quote from Don Konen to replace upstairs school hallway flooring was approved and is scheduled to be completed this summer.
- Review and discussion around replacing aging A/C window units in the school classrooms. Information will be reviewed at next meeting based on price and feasibility of roll-away units as a solution.
- Quote estimate of \$1,850 received to remove the large maple tree at the back of the church lot and teacherage area.

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

Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

Official Acts:

Baptism – Nolyn Timothy-James Stauske, child of Ryan & Crystal Stauske. William Vincent Rowen son of Vincent Rowen. Baptism (children not added to church roll) Paisley Lynn Strebelinski, child of Brandon & Sadie Strebelinski. Lillian Mildred Schmidt. Guardians: Brandon & Sadie Strebelinski
Junior Confirmation Class – Autumn Hartzke, Brandon McCormick, Dominick Nechkash and Kaylee Vergin.
Transfer In – Vincent Rowen, from Immanuel, Auroraville, WI.
Deaths – Hildegard Krause.

Communicant Members 479

Baptized Members 562

Church Families 295

- Anticipate being able to hold communion as normal (at the rail) beginning in July with common cup available.
- July 25th Sunday's worship will be held at the North Shelter House at Riverside Park.

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

Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- Welcomed new Board member, Allie Henke.
- Accreditation process for 2021-2022 school year has begun. Surveys of parents, teachers and other boards will be evaluated. All required documentation is due February 2022. Work groups have been established to coordinate efforts in completing the standards required as part of the accreditation.
- Reception scheduled for June 20th following the 9am worship service in honor of Mrs. Schram's retirement.
- EANS funds granted in the amount of \$39,000. Approved items such as teacher laptops, student masks and a host of other products associated with Covid-19 relief get approved, purchased and delivered to St. John by CESA. The value of the purchased products is deducted for the awarded running balance.
- School calendar has been set for next (2021-2022) school year.
- Decision to start 3K program in fall is delayed, pending Green Lake County Health guidance.

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

Old Business: (none)

New Business: (none)

Meetings next month: Trustees – Monday July 12th -6:30pm. Board of Education – Tuesday, July 13th - 6pm.
Elders – Tuesday, July 13th - 6pm. **Council – Monday, July 19th – 6:30 pm.**
Voters Meeting – Sunday, August 1st (following 9am worship service)

Motion by B Radliff/Krause to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

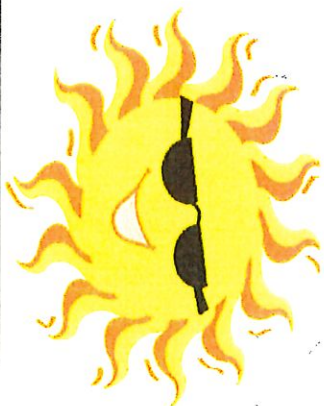
*Respectfully submitted,
Amy Radliff, Secretary*

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





July 2021



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 6:30 Worship/HC | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:00 Worship/HC | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 6:30 Worship/HC | 9 | 10 2:00 pm Wallner-Krueger Wedding |
| 11 9:00 Worship/HC | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 6:30 Worship/HC | 16 | 17 2:00 pm Freimark-Bloch Wedding |
| 18 9:00 Worship/HC | 19 6:30 Trustee Mtg. | 20 6:00 Bd. of Ed. 6:00 Bd. of Elders | 21 | 22 6:30 Worship/HC | 23 | 24 |
| | 6:30 Council Mtg. | | | 29 6:30 Worship/HC | 30 | 31 |
| 25 Worship in the Park 10:30 Service Picnic after | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | |

