



# St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church  
V. 26, No. 7

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923

August, 2021

The NFL training camps are once more upon us and Aaron Rodgers is in Green Bay! The Milwaukee Bucks just won the NBA championship after an 8 month season. And the Milwaukee Brewers are in first place with half the season left to play. Perhaps the Packers will win the Superbowl and the Brewers will win the World Series and Wisconsin can celebrate three world champions at the same time! It could happen. After all there are Christians playing on all three teams.

But don't hold your breath. First, it is a misunderstanding to believe that Christians never have to face loss, tragedy, or heartache. The message of the Bible is not that those who follow God will have an easy life and win championships. The biblical record includes many instances of toil and sacrifice in service of the Creator. However, the rewards of that toil and sacrifice far outweigh the cost.

The apostle Paul (a man few could deny served God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength) experienced much trouble during his ministry. Paul writes, **"Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things,**

**there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches."** (II Corinthians 11:24-28 ESV)

Nevertheless, the apostle Paul could say with confidence: **"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."** (Romans 8:18 ESV)

Through the difficult times and the easy times, Jesus promises to be with believers every step of their walk. Jesus himself said that his followers will have difficulties in this life, but we should not worry, He is in control: **"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."** (John 16:33 ESV)

Is the point of Christianity merely the attainment of worldly successes? Should people line up at the church doors in hopes of securing financial stability, a successful love life, or a myriad of other selfish pursuits? Wanting to win football games is not a proper motivation for becoming a Christian. That is a selfish motive and in direct conflict with our real need for forgiveness of sin.

Actually, I'd assert that it's not possible that one could even truly become a Christian simply in order to win football games, be successful, or any other self-centered reason. If one comes to God seeking only to fulfill their own selfish desires, their heart is full of sinful self-centeredness.

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## +In Our Prayers

Andrew Waller and Elizabeth Krueger  
for their wedding day

Esther Nehring – mother of Joann  
Behm and Carlton Nehring

Bridget Freimark and Richard Block  
for their wedding day

Martha Pieper – Bonnie Sperberg's  
sister

### Our Shut-In and Homebound members

Carol Krause

Ken Hansen

Joan Parsons

Janet Ryerson

Matt Parsons

Carolyn Schmudlach

Duane Schmudlach

Ken Schuett

Dolly Doan

Orville Behm

Frank Weiss

Mark Schubert

Ricki Schubert

Tara Schubert

Jaxson Schubert

Jaden Schubert

Minnie Blackmore

Wilfird Polk

The Family of Dolly Doan



Consequently, this selfishness keeps them from the relationship with Jesus that assures them of forgiveness now and eternal life forever. A person who is motivated purely by selfishness finds humility an incredibly difficult pill to swallow.

In order to become a Christian, one must recognize his/her own sinfulness, his/her own inability to fix oneself, and Jesus Christ's payment on the cross for his/her sin. Then, only when one humbly trusts that Jesus paid the debt they owe but are unable to pay, will they be forgiven and begin living their lives as forgiven Christians.

What people really need is to be forgiven for the sin that prevents them from having a right relationship with God. Through all of life's ups and downs, God is still God and He still loves us. He either causes or permits everything that happens, and He does this for His own reasons - not ours. He also promises that He will be with every faithful believer through everything they experience. He will comfort and strengthen His people as only He can do.

So while it's a whole lot of fun to watch the Packers, Bucks, Brewers, and Badgers win games week after week, that can't hold a candle to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Certainly enjoy the success of your favorite sports teams. But rejoice always in the victory you have already won in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

*Pastor Mundinger*



## In the Hospital

Carol Krause

## Memorials



### IN MEMORY OF MARGARET CEMAN

For General Fund

From Don & Donna Dretske.....\$20.00

### IN MEMORY OF HILDEGARDE KRAUSE

For General Fund

From Don & Donna Dretske.....\$20.00

### IN MEMORY OF JEFF PUTZKE

For St. John School

From Bob & Betty Dewhurst.....\$25.00

### IN MEMORY OF NORMA VANDENBERGEN

For Human Care

From Delbert & Barbara Krause...\$25.00

### IN MEMORY OF EUGENE SATTLER

For Organ Fund

From Wilfird & Carolyn Polk.....\$20.00

From Rich & Nancy Wallner.....\$40.00

### IN MEMORY OF DOLLY DOAN

For Human Care

From Bob & Betty Dewhurst.....\$20.00

From Rich & Nancy Wallner.....\$40.00

### DONATIONS

For Communion Wine

From Delbert & Barbara Krause

.....\$71.96



Darlene (Dolly) Doan

Died - July 16, 2021

Funeral - July 21, 2021



July 10, 2021

**Andrew Wallner and Elizabeth  
Krueger**

July 17, 2021

**Bridget Freimark and Richard Block**

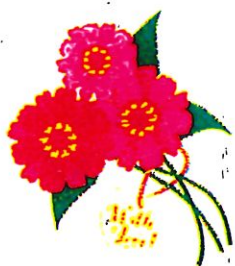


New Members

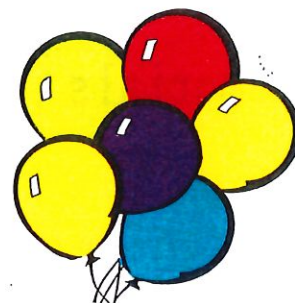
Richard Block

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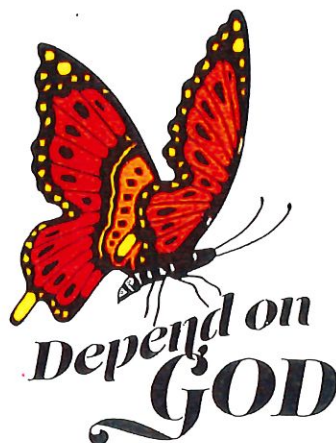
Berlin



# August Birthdays



Tim Achterberg	8/02	Elissa Ewald	8/22
Diane Gable	8/02	Shawn Kaufman	8/22
Ann Henriksen	8/02	Joshua Piechowski	8/22
Marlene Hobbs	8/02	Luke Piechowski	8/22
Owen Maas	8/02	Gary Olson	8/23
Sullivan Billington	8/03	Mark Schubert	8/23
Maurice Gallup	8/05	Anna Stertz	8/23
Leitha Kraus	8/05	Brody Weisensel	8/23
Joann Behm	8/06	Adam Wilson	8/23
Bridget Block	8/06	Steven Brooks	8/24
Nolan Stauske	8/06	Brian Hartzke	8/24
Terri Van Dellen-Rausch	8/06	Walter Schmudlach	8/24
Laura Langenhorst	8/07	Gwendolynn Draeger	8/25
Daniel Sperberg	8/07	Missy Gravunder	8/25
David Stertz	8/07	Gloria Larson	8/25
Jacob Henriksen	8/08	Jace Schilder	8/27
Amy McCormick	8/09	Bradley Thiel	8/27
Silas Gilmour	8/10	Dana Ballard	8/28
Blaine Hartzke	8/10	Evion Larson	8/28
Autumn Hartzke	8/10	Yvonne Wastrack	8/28
Konnor Mehn	8/11	Ruth Eggert	8/29
Kathleen Rodencal	8/12	Linda Nitz	8/30
Paul Maas	8/15		
Charl�e Scheps	8/17		
Mason Nighbor	8/18		
Tyler Radke	8/18		
Joan Hardel	8/21		
Mark Putzke	8/21		



# From St John Lutheran School



Welcome to August. This is the time that teachers start to gear up for the coming school year. Enrollment is becoming finalized. Desks are being arranged. Student name cards are being printed and laminated. The floors are all waxed. Final mopping and scrubbing is underway. Classroom painting is done. Cabinet doors are painted and rehung. The trustees have been very busy this summer. We thank them for all of their hard work.

We welcome Anna Cargin as our new 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She lives in Fond du Lac with her husband who is the DCE at Hope Lutheran Church. We look forward to her service in the years to come.

We also welcome Mrs. Jennifer Billington as our new 4K aide in the morning session.

We have used up the remaining ESSER grant funds by purchasing cleaning and disinfecting supplies for our school. EANS funds have reimbursed our school for internet service, desk shields, and janitorial supplies for the 2020-21 school year. We will also be using some of these funds to update student laptops.

The Board of Education has approved a "School Reopening" plan for the coming year. We will start the year similar to the end of last year. Students will enter the building using three doors (north, south and west). We will still try to keep the children in "cohorts" with little mixing of classes. We will continue our efforts of extra cleaning and reminding students about hygiene practices. The main difference this year will be that masks will be optional. We pray that the Lord will bless us again with a safe and face-to-face school year.

We are in the process of working through the accreditation self-study. We have a steering committee and sub committees to work on seven standards. We will plan for a validation team visit in the spring of 2021.

We thank the Markowski family for the donation of office chairs and Smart Board from Fortify Bank. We also thank Badger Mining for laptops and charging cabinets for the school.

Please remember Vacation Bible School is being held on Saturday, August 7 from 9am-3pm.

We are planning a School Kickoff Party on Sunday, August 29 starting at 11am. Students can drop off school supplies and families can get reacquainted. The PTL will provide brats, burgers, dogs, chips, and drinks. Members of the congregation are encouraged to join us for the fellowship and a "walk-through" of the school that you so generously support with your prayers and finances. Please bring a dish to pass if you are so inclined.

Our first day of school is set for Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:50 am. You are all invited to opening chapel service at 8:15 that day.

The school office is open from 8am to 1pm each Monday through Thursday in case you want to drop off payments, fill out paperwork, or if you have any questions.

We received a donation of new computer backpacks. If you would like one, please stop by the school and take a look at our selection.

Have a great month as the summer winds down.

I am yours in Christ's service.





# **St. John School**

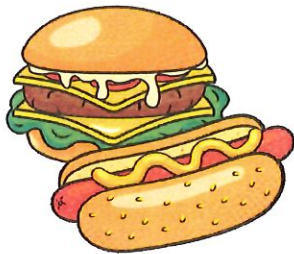


## **Back to School Kickoff!**

**Plan to join us as we “Kickoff”  
the 2021/2022 School Year.**

**When: Sunday, August 29th at 11:00am**

**Where: St. John Lutheran School Grounds**



**The PTL will provide Brats,  
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks  
and Tableware.**

**\*\*Please bring a Dish to Pass.\*\***

**There will be *games* for the kids!**

**Meet your teachers and bring your  
school supplies to set up your desk for  
the new school year.**



**Any Questions, please contact Brianne Hess, Amy Vetrone or Nancy  
Wallner**

Divine Love



Human Care

When I was a boy, our church used to have an end-of-the-year Sunday school picnic. This took place in late May or early June. When I was older, this picnic was often called the "All Church Picnic." We'd meet at the city park, usually following a Sunday morning worship service.

These were wonderful affairs, especially if you were a kid. Games were organized for the youngsters, but best of all was the food! Several tables were designated for different types of food: salads, casseroles, main dishes and desserts. Invariably, these tables were laden with fried chicken, baked beans, hot dogs, potato salad, any number of casseroles, homemade rolls, sliced tomatoes, pickles and olives. Then there were chocolate cakes, angel food cakes with a strawberry topping, and cherry, apple or lemon meringue pies, and homemade ice cream sometimes hand-cranked by the deacons.

Some people who came to the picnic potluck didn't come with much. This was because they didn't have much. One time, my friend's family didn't provide anything but a plate-load of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

But the beautiful thing about these picnics was that when you put all this food together, sharing it like that, everyone felt as rich as could be.

And the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches disappeared, along with most of the rest of the food.

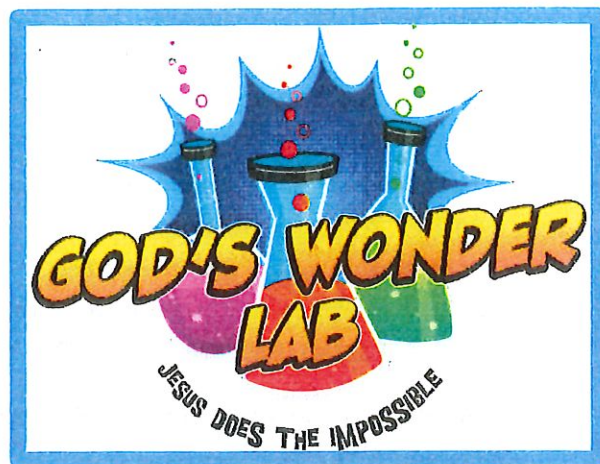
There's a lesson here. It's probably fair to say that most of us want to give to the Lord what we can, and we'd like to bring our finest. After all, look what God brings to the table! God has the food table overflowing with everything rich and blessed and desirable. There are plates overflowing with grace, mercy, faith and wisdom and much more.

And what do I have? Sandwiches!

But when it's put together, it's amazing. This reminds us that when we get together with God to do something, the result will often be surprising.

*Prayer: Loving God, I bring today for Your use these simple gifts of patience, a smile and a few acts of kindness. Be glorified in all that I do. Amen.*

## St. John Lutheran Church VBS 2021



**WHO: Kids Age 3 thru  
Grade 6**

**What:  
Vacation Bible School**

**Where:  
168 Mound Street  
Berlin, WI**

**When: Saturday,  
August 7<sup>th</sup>.  
9:00 am -3:00 pm .  
Lunch Included**

**Why: To learn about  
God's love  
for us in Jesus!**

## Did You Know...



Bill Thoma, a lifetime member of our church, was born on December 10, 1951. On February 24<sup>th</sup> 1952, he was Baptized William Arthur-after his grandfather Thoma by our Pastor Herbert Baker. Bill's Dad, Donald, did excavating and mechanical work and his Mother, Mary, worked at Lambskin Slipper Co. in Berlin. Mary was also a Nurse's Aide. Donald and Mary had 5 children: Dennis, Jim, Bonnie (Resop), Pat (Yonke) and Bill.

Bill attended Lincoln School for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, then switched to St John for 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. He also enjoyed being a Boy Scout during his grade school years. At our church he attended Sunday School and participated in the Christmas programs at church. He was Confirmed in 1966 by Pastor Arthur Schedler. Bill's very first job was working for Michael's Mink Ranch. He was paid 35 cents an hour. There, he discovered that he really liked to work.

Bill attended BHS where his favorite teacher was Ruth Krause. He also enjoyed all his Shop classes. Because Bill wanted to work, he always had a job while he was in High School, which left little time for extracurricular school activities. He graduated from Berlin High in 1970 and then put himself through 2 ½ years at Madison's Technical College earning a degree in Real Estate.

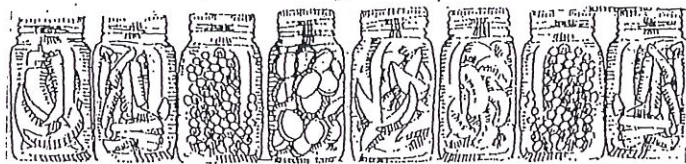
Around this time, while attending Phillip Marshall's wedding, Bill met Karen

Mastericola and love bloomed. They became a couple and Bill made some life-changing decisions concerning his future. In 1975, following in his father's footsteps, Bill started Thoma Excavating. Today, they also do soil testing, and install wells, pumps, and septic systems; and they will plow your snow in the winter.

After being together for a number of years Bill and Karen wanted to be married. Since neither wanted a big wedding, they decided Las Vegas was the place to go. They were married by Rev. Alberth Alalouf and later a small reception was held in Berlin. Today the Thoma's have 5 children: Anthony, Kelly, McKenzie, Brennan and Kaylla. They also have 3 grandkids: Addy, Alyssa and Hazelle. Bill and Karen enjoy spending time with their family, visiting an occasional casino, and traveling around the Mid-West.

"I'm not much of a sports fan but my wife is a big Packer Fan. I just like to work, then hang out at home and spend time with my family and grandkids; and,..... I like to fish!!

When he's not busy working, Bill very much enjoys fishing. He has made a few trips to Canada searching for "The big on!" He also likes to fish locally on Poygan, Big Green and for walleyes on the Fox. "I have one mounted and hanging on my wall. A 10 ½ pound walleye caught while ice fishing with my son. We kind of caught it together. "



## Running the Race...Looking to Jesus 2021 LWML Convention

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 2,787 people to the LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24-27, 2021. The convention theme was based on Hebrews 12:1-2. The voting body for the 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,150,000 mission goal for the 2021-2023 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 28 mission grants as women and men respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years.

Four offerings were collected at the Convention.

Preliminary totals for the offerings are:

Offering #1: LWML Mission Goal 2021-2023:

\$41,789.97

Offering #2: King's Community Outreach in Fort Wayne, Indiana: \$26,669.02

Offering #3: Gifts for All God's Children's Connecting Kids to Christ Center in Detroit, Michigan:

\$17,640.47

Offering #4: POBLO International Ministries in Clinton Township, Michigan: Sunday morning. Donations toward these offerings were being accepted until July 16<sup>th</sup> so the final totals should be available in August.

The Mission Pledge Walk was done Saturday after the business of the day. Almost 1,100 people were signed up to participate. Preliminary total pledged for the Walk is: \$88,417.42. These funds will go toward the 2021-2023 mission goal.

Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Outing was held on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sixty-nine golfers participated. Preliminary total contributions toward the new biennial mission goal are: \$23,046.

Servant Events were held on Thursday, before the official opening of the convention: Blessing bags were filled for Campus Ministries at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan and Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan; fleece blankets and pillows were made for Graceworks Lutheran Services in Dayton, Ohio; nutrient rich meals were packed for Love the Hungry; braille and large print materials were collated and bound with Lutheran Braille Workers; witness bracelets were assembled for MOST Ministries; backpacks with school supplies were filled for Orphan Grain Train; coloring and writing cards of encouragement for cancer patients through Phil's Friends; writing cards of encouragement for Refuge for Women; and donating blood through the American Red Cross.

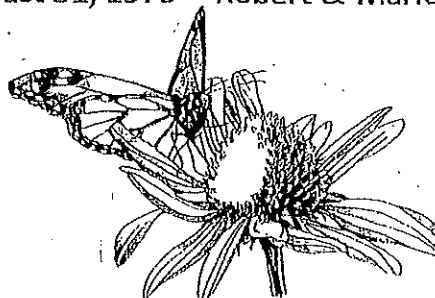
Gifts from the Heart (ingathering) received at the convention included: 14,921 total items received for Assurance for Life Ministries; 6,008 pairs of eyeglasses for MOST Ministries; \$33,270 in gift cards for food banks and co-ops of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (with addition 444 gift cards received with value not indicated).

Convention began and ended in worship. Bible study, Mites in Action speakers and an occasional "humorous interruption" kept our focus on our Lord as we conducted the business of the LWML. My prayer is that the work accomplished at convention help to strengthen and enable all the women of the LC-MS to serve the Lord with gladness through the 2021-2023 biennium and beyond.

Bonnie Sperberg



August 3, 2007 - Michael & Kristy Herbst  
August 5, 1995 - Richard & Lori Ryckman  
August 15, 1981 - Pat & Laurie Siegmund  
August 18, 2012 - Adam & Allie Henke  
August 18, 2000 - Jerrod & April Lueck  
August 20, 1976 - Harry & Gladys Nimmer  
August 20, 2016 - Jonathon & Payton Phelps  
August 22, 2015 - Joshua & Katie Weisensel  
August 24, 1974 - Ray & Vickie Clark  
August 25, 2012 - Ryan & Megan Draeger  
August 26, 1995 - Ed & Brenda Marks  
August 26, 1989 - David & Laura Stertz  
August 31, 1979 - Robert & Marie Chellow



# 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 Eyes Are Special



There are more than 450 species of mantis shrimp with many of the same features as the colorful peacock mantis. The mantis shrimp's amazing striking ability is evidence of engineering

design, but these shrimp also have the most elaborate visual system and complex eyes of any animal. Their compound eyes are mounted on mobile stalks they can move independently by specially-designed muscles. This allows the mantis shrimp to look in any direction with each eye and follow fast motion.

Human eyes have receptors for red, blue, green, and luminosity. This mantis shrimp's eyes have 16 color receptors. That allows them to see light spectra and colors which humans cannot see, including ultra-violet (UV) light. They can even tune the receptors for different spectral wavelengths depending on their environment, tuning in the colors they need to see and tuning out others. Each eye is divided into three regions like looking through three cameras. This gives these shrimp excellent depth perception which they need to accurately strike with supersonic speed.

Mantis shrimp eyes can also detect polarized light in different planes to help them see through water reflections. With so much visual data to transfer, these shrimp have multiple parallel data streams from their eyes to their brains. However, much of the data is processed in the eyes to prevent overloading the shrimp's tiny brain.

Further study of the mantis shrimp's ability may lead scientists to develop improved optical media scanners. Scientists also hope the mantis shrimp's

ability to detect circular-polarized light will lead to developing systems to detect cancer cells and to study the activity of neurons in humans. The amazing engineering design in the mantis shrimp could not have happened without an intelligent Designer.

*Thanks from the Seminary!*

Dear Friends in Christ,

**Thank you** for your wonderful gift of **\$1,500.00** to Concordia Seminary! Your partnership blesses and encourages our students as they prepare to go out into the world boldly proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ!

Our seminarians are truly inspiring in their passion and commitment to sharing the Gospel. Sustained by their deep faith, they study diligently, meet the challenges of their coursework and increase their theological knowledge each day. They are keenly aware that donations from caring Christians like you are key to making their education here possible, and I know they are grateful for and further encouraged by your generosity.

**I thank you again** for the great blessing of your gift and for keeping the Seminary and its future servants of Christ in your prayers.

Vicki Biggs

Senior Vice-President, Seminary Advancement  
Chief Communications Officer  
Concordia Seminary – St. Louis

Greetings in the Name of Christ Jesus,

*"We give thanks to God always/or all of you,  
constantly mentioning you in our prayers." 1  
Thessalonians 1:2*

We at the Seminary would like to thank you for your recent contribution.

Gifts, such as yours, allow us to provide the finest theological education to the future pastors, deaconesses, and missionaries who will serve The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and our partner churches worldwide. I thank God for you and ask for your continued support. Together we partner in an essential mission of forming servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.  
President, Concordia Theological Seminary  
Ft. Wayne

**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: ¾-Deaconess Training in Latin America & ¼-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](http://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: July 19, 2021

The July meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Adam Ewald. Rich Wallner opened with prayer.

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

Absent: Pastor Mundinger.

### Secretary's Report by Amy Radliff

Motion by B Radliff/Koch to accept June minutes. Motion approved.

### Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>June 2021</u>	<u>June 2020</u>
General Fund	\$44,469.98	\$38,674.16
Children's Fund	\$ 40.69	\$ 4,496.61
Elderly Fund	\$ .00	\$ .00
Memorials	\$ 2,268.68	\$ 4,930.20
Attendance	163 per week	165 per week

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

### Treasurer's Report submitted by Debra Thiel

#### Square Account June 2021:

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

#### Hot Lunch Account June 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$3,897.24	Income:	\$1,360.97
Expenses:	\$2,595.11	Ending Balance:	\$2,663.10

#### Elderly Fund June 2021:

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

#### Children's Fund June 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$85,046.80	Income:	\$ 40.69
Expenses:	\$ 1,303.83	Ending Balance:	\$83,783.66

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

### Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Light bulbs in the church narthex north side were replaced
- Quote from electrician John Lundt to install lighting on the north side of the church's sidewalk area. A donation has been received toward this project.
- Church's A/C unit repairs will be completed as replacement parts become available.
- New wiring is needed for cameras in the church, will be completed soon.
- Classrooms at school have been or are in process of being painted in preparation for the upcoming school year.
- Storage shed at the teacherage will be removed.
- Quotes have been received for large electronic church and school sign to be placed on the north side of school near Kwik Trip corner. More information needed before presenting to voters for approval.

Motion by Snow/A Radliff to accept Trustee's report. Motion approved.

## Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

### Official Acts:

Non-Member Funeral – Norma Vandenberg.

Communicant Members 479

Baptized Members 562

Church Families 295

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

### Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- 4K Aide, Ms. Gossens has resigned. Looking at possible changes to Mrs. Bruss's schedule to accommodate 4K class needs. An aide may be needed in the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom due to larger class size. Aide would split time between 4K and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades.
- Board agrees not to pursue 3K for the upcoming year, continue to follow cohort rules from last year.
- Lunch will be in the classroom at the start of school.
- Sports for the 2021-2022 year will be same as last year, masks will be optional.
- Spirit Wear of a polo shirt, t-shirt and annual credit to purchase additional apparel will be provided to each staff member to. Families will have the ability to purchase apparel as they choose.
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for hot lunch will be available. St. John will be providing hot lunch to students at no cost throughout the school year. This program was established by National School Lunch Program.

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

**Old Business:** (none)

### New Business:

- Voter's meeting Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> - Allie Henke, Board of Education appointment, Betty Dewhurst, Board of Trustees appointment.
- Financial Audit by Huberty will be on-site August 23rd and 24th.

**Meetings next month:** Trustees – Monday August 9th -6:30pm. Board of Education – Tuesday, August 10th - 6pm.  
Elders – Tuesday, August 10th - 6pm. **Council – Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 6 pm.**

**Voters Meeting – Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** (following 9am worship service)

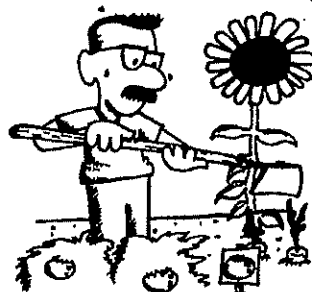
Motion by Snow/Koch to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

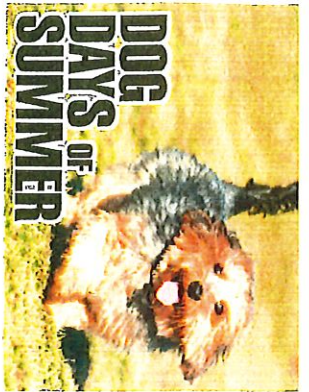
*Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Radliff, Secretary*

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

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HE GIVES US THE RESPONSIBILITY  
OF MANAGING IT FOR HIM.  
WHEREVER HE PLACES US, WE  
ARE TO BE HIS STEWARDS.**

**"The Lord took the man and put him in the  
Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it"  
(Genesis 2:15).**





# August 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship/HC 10:15 Voters Mtg.	2	3	4	5 6:30 Worship/HC	6	7 VBS 9:00 am—3:00 pm
8 9:00 Worship/HC	9	10 6:00 Elders 6:00 Bd. of Ed.	11	12 6:30 Worship/HC	13	14
15 9:00 Worship/HC	16 6:30 pm Trustees	17 6:00 Bd. of Ed.	18	19 6:30 Worship/HC	20	21
22 9:00 Worship/HC	23	24	25	26 6:30 Worship/HC	27	28
29 9:00 Worship 11:00 PTL Back to School Kickoff	30	31 6:00 pm Council				

