



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
V. 26, No. 9

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923

October, 2021

Doctor: I have good news and I have bad news.
Patient: What's the good news? Doctor: The good news is that the tests showed you have 24 hours to live. Patient: That's the good news? What's the bad news?

Doctor: The bad news is I forgot to call you yesterday!

"Gospel" means "good news." And yet so many people have an incorrect understanding of what the Gospel is so let's set the record straight about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- The Gospel is simple enough for a child to understand: ***but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."*** (Matthew 19:14)

- yet complex enough to fill thousands of books: ***Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.*** (John 21:25).

- The Gospel is eternal, from eternity past: ***"[Christ] was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you"*** (1 Peter 1:20).

- The Gospel is powerful: ***"[I]t is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes"*** (Romans 1:16).

- The Gospel is not popular: Jesus warned, ***"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you"*** (John 15:18).

- The Gospel is exclusive: ***"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"*** (Acts 4:12).

- The Gospel is controversial: ***"While some said, 'He is a good man,' others said, 'No, he is***

leading the people astray'... So there was a division among the people over him" (John 7:12, 43).

- The Gospel is universal: ***"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"*** (John 3:16).

- The Gospel is life-changing: ***"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? ...But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God"*** (1 Corinthians 6:9,11).

- The Gospel is unchanging: ***"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed"*** (Galatians 1:8).

- The Gospel has rewards: ***"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates"*** (Revelation 22:12).

- The Gospel is absolutely free: ***"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"*** (Romans 6:23). It requires no custom, no compulsion, no cash, no performance, no partnership, no particular posture. It's free for one and all.

The opening joke highlights one important truth: We don't know when our time will come. We are all recipients of the bad news of the death penalty for our sin. The good news is that we freely receive an eternal, complete, irrevocable pardon from all our sins thanks to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus from the dead. That's the Gospel! Believe it. Receive it. Live it! Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

Pastor Mundinger

+In Our Prayers

Wayne Fink
Candy Schram
Carol Krause
Carol Kosterman
Jaden Schubert
Minnie Blackmore

Wilfird Polk

Joan Parsons

Janet Ryerson

Matt Parsons

Carolyn Schmudlach

Duane Schmudlach

Ken Schuett

Janet Allen – Tina Markowski's
grandmother

Billi Jo Sperberg – sister-in-law of Dan
Sperberg

Martha Pieper – Bonnie Sperberg's
sister

Our Shut-In and Homebound members

Joann Fink

Orville Behm

Dustin Reilly

In the Hospital

Wilford Polk

Candy Schram



THANK YOU!

I would like to give a "Special THANK YOU!"
to my church family and Pastor for his visits
and prayers.

My many blessings for everyone's prayers,
phone calls, visits, cards, gift cards, flowers and
many hugs!

All is much appreciated!

Thank you with God's many blessings,
Carol Krause



New Members

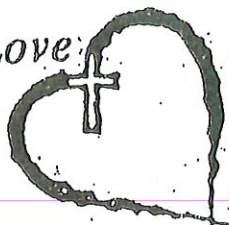
Ronald Beardsley
256 Jasmine Dr.
Berlin

Bob and Jayne Kersten
208 S. Washington
Berlin, WI



Nathan Wendt
N1167 Cty. Road A
Waupaca, WI





St. John Caring Ministries



Have you done much cooking lately?

If not, perhaps you can remember the days when you did a lot of cooking. If you had a job outside the home, you may have cooked up something for the family when you got home from work. If you were a stay-at-home spouse, then you may have had things in the oven throughout the day, so that at dinner time the food would be ready.

I was thumbing through a cookbook recently that featured some "old-fashioned" homemade recipes. One of these was a recipe for biscuits. I looked at the ingredients, and to tell you the truth, it just didn't look all that appetizing.

The ingredients for biscuits include a couple cups of flour, some baking powder, four tablespoons of shortening, some salt and milk.

I like milk. But you know what? Have you ever tasted flour? How did it taste? Not so good.

Ever taste baking powder? It doesn't taste very good either.

Ever had a tablespoon of shortening? Doesn't taste good.

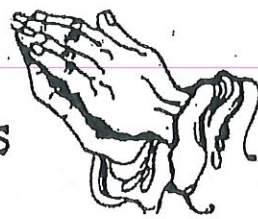
Ever put a teaspoon of salt in your mouth and let those crystals melt in your mouth before you swallowed? Doesn't taste good at all!

So how can biscuits, fresh out of the oven, taste so good when made from ingredients that taste so bad?

I think life is like biscuits. Sometimes the individual crises we go through from time to time don't taste so good. But later, after we've come out of the "oven" or the fire, we realize that just maybe they were necessary to make us into a pleasant and healthy "biscuit Christian" - that is, someone who "tastes good"; someone who has something to offer to others.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You have given me everything in my life I need to be molded and "baked" into just the person You want me to be. Sometimes I think I am too old to be growing spiritually anymore. Help me to understand that there is always much to learn; that there's always room for growth. Amen.

Memorials



IN MEMORY OF DOLLY DOAN

For General Fund

From Family & Friends.....\$ 675.00

DONATIONS

For Communion Wafers

From Delbert & Barbara Krause

.....\$ 68.97

For Electronic Sign

From:

Anonymous.....	\$2,000.00
June Richter.....	\$ 40.00
Harlan Groskreutz.....	\$1,000.00
Ralph & Phyllis Van Dellen...	\$ 10.00
Don & Donna Dretske.....	\$ 100.00
Pastor & Kelli Munding	\$ 200.00
Jayson & Rebecca Mosier....	\$ 500.00
Dale & Sara Bruss.....	\$ 500.00
Sylvia Wells.....	\$ 1,000.00
Anonymous.....	\$ 100.00
Arden Patchett.....	\$ 100.00
Doug & Linda Dewhurst.....	\$ 100.00
Anonymous.....	\$ 2,000.00
Pete & Missy Gravunder.....	\$ 100.00
Gary & Jackie Eggert.....	\$ 1,000.00
Russ & Robin Henriksen.....	\$ 200.00
Daniel & Bonnie Sperberg..	\$ 200.00
Anonymous.....	\$ 500.00
Matching Funds Donor.....	\$ 2,500.00

For St. John School

From Russ & Lanette Pomplun

.....\$300.00



From St. John Lutheran School



Happy October to you all. Now we are getting into my favorite season of the year. I love the fall. Farmers are gathering in the harvest that God has sent. The leaves are changing colors. The temperature is cooling a bit. The Packers are playing (most Sundays). The hunters out there are starting to get itchy. The duck hunters are already at it along with the bow hunters. You gotta love this time of year.

Our theme for the school year is the same as South Wisconsin's: "In All Things....."

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by^[a] him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:15-20

Our enrollment is up a bit to 83. This number includes 29 4K students. It also includes 23 "School Choice" students. We praise the Lord for this increase the number of students with whom we can share the Good News of Jesus.

We thank the Lions Club of Berlin for doing vision screening for our students during the last week of September. They have a high-tech camera that takes a picture of the student's eye. That picture can tell if they are near or farsighted,

have astigmatism, and how the eye track together. They then run reports for students that are identified to recommend that they refer to an eye doctor for further evaluation. It is a great, free service that they provide our students.

The Board of Education is in the early stages of looking to do some upgrades on our playground. We thank Allie Henke for donating several pieces of playground equipment. We had a group of volunteers spend a Saturday morning digging and pulling the pieces, which were hauled and stored until the final design is approved.

We thank everyone who have donated toward the new LED school sign. We are just a bit short of having the whole project paid for. All the permits have been obtained. The plans are approved, and the order is submitted. The check is being readied to send off soon. The company said it should take around seven weeks for production. This is exciting news. Thank you all!

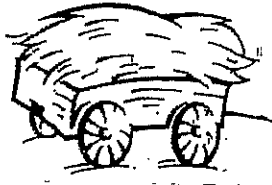
As a result of all the COVID issues, the state is running a relief program that allows all our students to receive free hot lunches for this school year. It is a great benefit to those families who choose to participate.

On a final note- Julie and I have announced that we will be retiring after this school year. We have been blessed to serve this congregation for the past 32-33 years. You have been loving and supportive partners in our ministry together. We pray for God's continued blessing on this congregation. (We plan to stay in Berlin. You can't get completely rid of me. Bad penny- you know.)

Have a great month. I am yours in Christ's service.



DID YOU KNOW.....



Warm Greetings to Anna Cargin; our new 3rd and 4th grade teacher.

Anna is the 4th child born to Pastor Scott and Lorie Hirssig and made her grand entrance at Theda Clark Hospital on July 2nd 1993. She was welcomed into the family by her siblings Ben, Libby and Julia. At the time, her Dad was the Director at Camp LUWISMO. (1980-1996) and Anna's Mother a teacher. Anna was Baptized July 26th 1993 at the Lutheran Church in Wild Rose. A second career Pastor, Scott Hirssig then finished his studies at Concordia St Louis when Anna was 3 and 4. His first call was to Immanuel Lutheran in Plainview, Minnesota. It was there that Anna began her school years, attending Kindergarten through the 8th grade at Immanuel Lutheran School. She was a very involved student playing her flute in the band, singing in the choir and active in all sports and drama. Her favorite teacher was her Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Lindamon. On May 10th 2007 she was Confirmed by her Dad at Immanuel Lutheran.

Anna was home-schooled by her Mother for her 9th and 10th grades and earned 60 college credits with Post-

Secondary Education at the Community College during her 11th and 12th grades. As she began planning her future, her Dad remained an important influence in her life. Also, when she was 20, her love of young children was enhanced when she began working week-ends in a Day Care. Anna now knew she wanted to be a teacher and in 2012 she began moving toward that goal; graduating from Concordia College in Mequon with a Bachelors in Educational Studies and then studying for 1 year at Concordia-Seward Neb. graduating with a Certification to Teach.

While in college, one day she walked into her D.C.E. Class and there he was.....the man of her dreams, looking right back at her. "It was love at first sight and we began dating two months later!!" On July 1st 2017 Anna and Alex Cargin were married at Good Earth Village, Minnesota.

Their 1st call was to sunny Las Vegas where they served for 2 years at Lamb of God Lutheran Church. From there they moved to Fond du Lac. Alex has a degree in Christian Education Leadership and is presently the Director of Christian Education at Hope Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac.

He does all the education for young members of Hope from birth to young adult. Alex and Anna live in Fond du Lac where they enjoy long walks and taking LADY, their cute dalmatian, to the dog park.

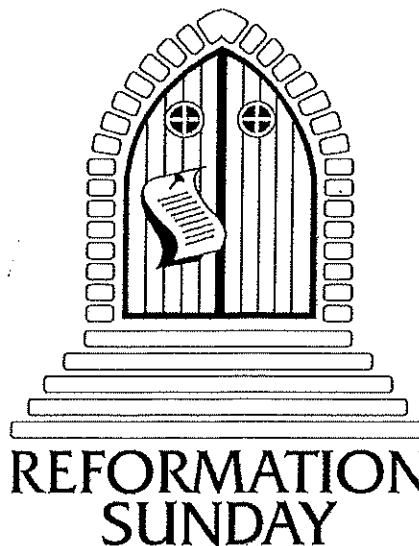
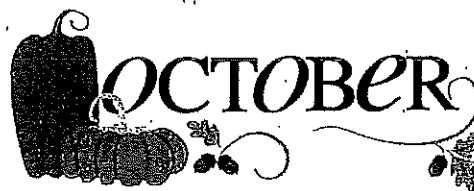
Anna's favorite grades to teach are 2nd through 5th and she was thrilled to be offered the job of teaching 3rd and 4th grade at our school. She plays guitar, enjoys singing in the choir, playing basketball and volleyball and is looking forward to contributing her talents to the sports, drama and music programs at St. John. Meanwhile, her Dad is now a minister in Manitowoc and her Mother is retired. Anna has a special talent - she can whistle like a bird. "It's fun to call to the birds and have them answer me with their tweets"

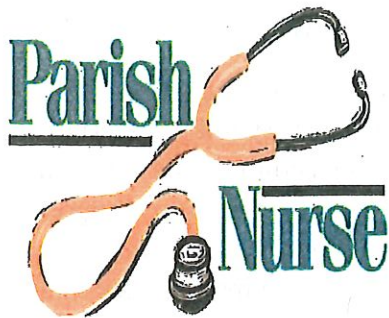
At home, Anna does the cooking. She and Alex love to travel "So far, Australia and New Zealand are our favorite places to visit. Our dream vacation would be a month-long trip to Europe." Anna loves pizza, the song "Even Me" movies with Hugh Jackman and the singing group "I am They" "I already love St John Lutheran School. It's such a rare find to be at a school that is centered on Christ!!"

Anna, welcome to St John. We pray your teaching here at St John will give you great pleasure. God Bless!!



October 3, 1964 - Henry & Bernice Lemke
 October 6, 2001 - Adam & Elissa Ewald
 October 8, 2005 - Nathan & Brianne Hess
 October 9, 1954 - Orville & Joann Behm
 October 11, 1980 - Brian & Cindy Drews
 October 11, 2014 - Charles & Kathleen Nechkash
 October 12, 1985 - Kevin & Joan Parsons
 October 15, 1994 - Michael & Laurie Radke
 October 16, 1982 - Bruce & Marion Kobishop
 October 18, 1980 - David & Gail Chappa
 October 18, 1991 - Keith & Anita Krenke
 October 19, 1996 - Troy & Judy Uchytíl
 October 19, 2002 - Kevin & Rachel Vergin
 October 24, 1964 - Bob & Betty Dewhurst
 October 24, 1981 - Lyle & Dorothy Schrank
 October 27, 1979 - Larry & Sara Chier
 October 27, 1962 - Darwin & Donna Krause
 October 29, 2005 - Mike & Katie Mehn
 October 29, 1971 - Gary & Julie Olson
 October 30, 2009 - Dale & Sara Bruss





"I am so OVER this COVID thing!" "I will not be forced to wear a mask!" "Why even get the vaccine if I can still get COVID anyway?"

It is easy to get frustrated with seeming contradictions about this pandemic. It's almost as if there so much information that we have trouble processing it all. It seems so much easier to look away and take a chance that it doesn't affect us directly. "I'm not going to die from it."

In Paul's letter to the Galatians Chapter 6 he encourages us to carry the burdens of others. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Gal 6:9-10)

The harvest may be a special occasion in the company of family and friends without the worry of spreading COVID, it may be a shorter list of people we are praying for daily, it may be a week where we don't mourn the passing of someone "too young", "too beloved".

The science of COVID prevention reveals that SOCIAL DISTANCING (6 feet or more), adequate HAND WASHING/SANITIZING (after coughs and sneezes especially), wearing MASKS indoors or when in close contact with people and VACCINATION of all eligible people can save lives of not only those we love, but those we don't even know as we pass them in the grocery store.

Remember that infected people may have symptoms so mild that they don't even recognize them as COVID. You may even be one who can spread it without knowing!

The CDC lists the following symptoms to watch for as potential signs of COVID.

- *Fever or chills *Cough *Shortness of breath
- *Fatigue *Muscle, body aches
- *Headache *New loss of taste or smell
- *Sore throat *Congestion, runny nose
- *Nausea or vomiting *Diarrhea

Additionally if you are diagnosed with COVID and have any of these symptoms, seek emergency medical care immediately.

- *Trouble breathing *Persistent chest pain
- *New confusion *Inability to wake or stay awake
- *Pale, gray or blue skin, lips, nail beds

Our community is being greatly impacted by this disease. The number of COVID cases in Green Lake County are now some of the highest in the state. Our healthcare facilities are seeing numbers of patients that are quickly overcoming our ability to adequately care for them. It is time for us to step up and do as our Lord has directed.

"Do not merely look out for your own personal interests but also for the interest of others" (Phil 2:4)

Blessings and prayers for good health,
Maren Krause RN, BSN
Parish Nurse





LWML NEWS

We will be celebrating LWML Sunday on Sunday, October 17th. Did you ever wonder what LWML is, here is more information for the LWML.org website:

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 77 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

We have invited guest Pastor Myers to participate in the worship service on October 17th and lead and the Bible study, we hope you can all be there. Pastor Myer is with the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, there mission statement is:

Through the mission gifts of people like you, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven.

We want to thank everyone who donated to the ingathering last month. We took 3 large boxes to the Fall Rally from our congregation. Also, thank you to everyone who donated money towards the scrip gift cards we sent to the National Convention. We collected \$275.00 for the purchase of gift cards. These gift cards will be given to the 2 seminaries for the students. Thank you for your generosity.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 18th at 6:30, all are welcome to attend.

HOW DOES THE LWML OPERATE?

LWML is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). It was started in 1942 by mission-minded women across the synod. We collect mites to support mission grants that are voted on in convention. We also have ingatherings and participate in servant events to benefit those in need.

It all starts at the individual church level. Our society/group meets once a month on the 3rd Monday at 6:30pm. We have Bible study, then collect our mites and conduct a business meeting.

Churches are grouped together into Zones. We are Zone 12 which includes the churches of West Bloomfield, Poy Sippi, Auroraville, Ripon, and Omro. Zones hold rallies and a prayer breakfast. **Our Fall Rally will be held on Saturday morning, October 23, at Grace Lutheran Church, Omro.** The theme is "Turn your face toward the SON", based on John 6:40: "For this the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." Registration will begin at 8:30 with the program starting at 9:00. Bible Study will be led by Pastor Mundinger and the Servant Event will be assembling hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train. A soup and salad luncheon will conclude the morning. There is no charge for the rally, but a free will offering will be taken.

Zones are grouped together into districts. We are the South Wisconsin District (SWD). Districts hold retreats, training workshops, and conventions. We just had the Fall Retreat in September which included Bible Study, inspirational speakers, and servant events. Our next retreat will be in February, and the biennial convention will be in June 2022.

All the districts across the US make up the national LWML. They hold biennial conventions on the opposite years from district conventions. This past June, Bonnie Sperberg was a delegate to the convention in Lexington, KY. Ask her about it! The next national convention will be held in Milwaukee in 2023.



October

BIRTHDAYS



Laura Touray	10/02
Nathan Hess	10/04
Kent Kamps	10/04
Zachary Wilson	10/05
Ronald Beardsley	10/06
Richard Block	10/07
David Chappa	10/07
Justice Keller	10/07
Kelsey Nighbor	10/07
Audrey Krueger	10/08
Katie Mehn	10/08
Ashleigh Schubert	10/11
Amy Brooks	10/12
Haley Kaufman	10/12
Sophia Snow	10/12
Laurie Siegmund	10/14
Darlene Strey	10/14
Donna Krause	10/15
Bob Radliff	10/16
Roger Wagner	10/16
Vicky Bergens	10/17
Ben Piechowski	10/17
Dawn Schroeder	10/17
Nathan Chier	10/18
Eugene Thom	10/18
Joshua Schubert	10/19
Conrad Van Ornum	10/19

Paul Olson	10/21
Ashley Ryckman	10/21
Cynthia Schuett	10/22
Luke Hartzke	10/23
Richard Kraus	10/23
Dominic Schubert	10/23
Mike Hess	10/24
Harlan Groskreutz	10/25
Joyce Parsons	10/27
Emily Giebink	10/28
Nancy Kumbier	10/28
Ashley Gravunder	10/29
Martha Maas	10/29
Anna Scheer	10/29
Gretchen Chier	10/30



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 Not So Common, Common Pigeon



You may think that pigeons are more of a nuisance than anything else. Many of us have had to scrub pigeon droppings off of statues or home decorations. The sheer number of pigeons that we see in our cities can make us take these birds for granted. *Discover* magazine for August 2018 published a dossier of the unique features of the common pigeon that show it is incredibly well-designed to survive in almost any environment on Earth. Here are some interesting characteristics:

- Pigeons are one of only three kinds of birds that have an enlarged crop which is an extension of the esophagus. They use this crop to store food which they eventually give to their young.
- Most birds drink by taking in water and then putting their heads back to allow the water to run into their stomach. Pigeons have a unique beak that acts like a straw enabling them to suck up the water.
- Wing muscle makes up about 60% of a pigeon's body weight so they can cover 500 miles a day and reach speeds of 50 mph.
- Experiments have shown that pigeons can navigate by sound, magnetic fields, landmarks, the Sun, and even smell. Like the Arctic tern, the common pigeon seems to possess multiple navigational tools.
- Pigeons have a concept of self and can recognize themselves in a reflection. There are only six other animals that can do that.
- Pigeons can recognize letters of the alphabet better than babies and toddlers.
- Pigeons have a "fright molt" ability to shed feathers when attacked.

Humans have used pigeons for food, for carrying messages, and for psychological testing. In fact, the

famous psychologist B. F. Skinner taught pigeons how to play Ping-Pong. Our most abundant birds like pigeons and crows were designed to do remarkable things. God frequently advises us to learn from his creation—including all life forms. We can learn from the common pigeon which is not so ordinary after all.



Appreciating your pastor

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.



Mixed signals

A newcomer approached the pastor after worship and said, "I'd like you to pray for my hearing."

Placing hands on the man's ears, the pastor said a very passionate, earnest prayer and then asked the visitor, "How's your hearing now?"

With a confused look, the man said, "Well, it's scheduled for tomorrow."



St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: September 20, 2021

The September meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Rich Wallner. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.

Present: Adam Ewald, Amy Brooks, Keith Krause, Deb Thiel, Rich Wallner, Amy Radliff, Bob Radliff and Pastor Mundinger.

Absent: Curt Snow

Secretary's Report by Amy Radliff

Motion by B Radliff/Thiel to accept August minutes. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>August 2021</u>	<u>August 2020</u>
General Fund	\$71,780.79	\$57,697.48
Children's Fund	\$ 115.49	\$21,836.25
Elderly Fund	\$.00	\$.00
Memorials	\$ 4,060.49	\$ 4,377.65
Attendance	158 per week	120 per week

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

Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

Square Account August 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,385.67	Income:	\$11,507.83
Expenses:	\$11,460.70	Ending Balance:	\$ 1,432.80

Hot Lunch Account August 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$3,448.19	Income:	\$1,639.35
Expenses:	\$1,450.74	Ending Balance:	\$3,636.80

Elderly Fund August 2021:

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

Children's Fund August 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$83,914.95	Income:	\$ 115.49
Expenses:	\$.00	Ending Balance:	\$84,030.44

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

Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Representative for electronic sign will be on-site 9/22. Needs to have one-half down payment at the time of contract signing. Balance paid upon completion. To date, \$10,000 has been received for the project.

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

Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

Official Acts:

Baptism – Anastasia Leanne Hansen, daughter of Scott and Stacey Hansen.

Affirmation of Faith – Adam Deibert and children Wyatt and Weston.

Adult Instruction Class – Adam Gilmour and Julie Deibert.

Transfer In – Carlton and Bonnie Nehring, from Emmaus, Poy Sippi, WI.

Weddings – Kathy Anderson and Timothy Kemnitz. Anna Gravunder and Dillon Scheer.

Affirmation of Holy Marriage – Payton and Jonathan Phelps.

Board of Education Report by Amy Brooks

- Most of the 2021-2022 tuition received using the early pay discount.
- Current enrollment is 83 students including 4K classrooms. 23 families qualified for School Choice program.
- Accreditation groups meeting monthly with various boards for input.
- In process of updating the personnel handbook, includes both school and church staff.
- Mr. Pett will be the youth leader.
- Improved playground equipment has been received. High end equipment is from a day care that recently closed their doors. Set up will take place in Spring of 2022.
- Special thanks to the Trustees for all their hard work in readying the school for this year.
- Covid update: St. John will follow recommendation of Green Lake County Health Department to public instruction regarding masking.
- Mr. Curt Snow and Mrs. Julie Snow have submitted their retirement effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Old Business:

- Regarding Electronic School/Church sign, Rich Wallner made a motion to authorize the Trustees to move forward with the sign project securing the best suited option of resolution available. Seconded by Deb Thiel. Motion approved by council.

New Business:

- Recommendations for teacher and/or principal replacements to be evaluated. Board of Education is considering extending a teaching contract now to secure a 4K teacher for the next school year. All options will be evaluated.

Meetings next month: Trustees – Monday October 11th -6:30pm. Board of Education – Tuesday October 12th - 6pm. Elders – Wednesday, October 13th - 6pm. **Council – Tuesday October 19th - 6 pm.**

Motion by B Radliff/Krause to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7 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.

Kid Jokes: Here are a few riddles to tell your grandchildren or a little kid you might run into:
Question: What do whales like to chew? Answer: blubber gum!
Question: How do rabbits travel? Answer: by hareplane!
Question: I have a tail and a head, but no body. What am I? Answer: a coin.
Question: What two things can you never eat for breakfast? Answer: lunch and dinner.
Question: Which word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? Answer: the word "short."
Question: I can fill a room, but I take up no space. What am I? Answer: light.



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:00 Worship/HC 10:15 Sun School 10:15 Bible Class	4	5	6 3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir	7 1 pm Ladies Aid 6:30 Worship/HC	8 No School Parent Teacher Conferences	9
10	11	12	13 3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir	14	15	16
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17 LWML Sunday	18	19	20 3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir	21	22	23
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