



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
V. 26, No. 11

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923
December, 2021

The story of Christmas focuses on the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. This is no ordinary child, however. Matthew 1 sheds much light on the identity of this baby through the names and titles He is given in the first chapter of the New Testament.

Jesus is the Christ (Matthew 1:1,16-18):

The word "Christ" comes from the Hebrew word for "Messiah", which literally means "the anointed one". In the Old Testament, this is a reference to the promised King of Israel who would come to establish God's kingdom on earth and reign over all nations. Matthew wants us to know that this Jesus is the long awaited Messiah. The king has arrived! The Messiah is born! This is reason to celebrate with much joy and thanksgiving, and this is why Christians around the world love to sing about the birth of King Jesus.

Jesus is the Son of David (Matthew 1:1,17):

"Son of David" was a well-known messianic title among God's people. If Jesus is the Messiah, then he must come from the royal line of David. In 2 Samuel 7:5-16, one of the most important passages in the Bible, God told David that one of his descendants will have an eternal kingdom **"I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever . . .**

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever" (2 Samuel 7:13,16). Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise, for the New Testament tells us repeatedly that Jesus is King of kings and Lord of Lords. After His death and

resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of God, the place of honor, to rule the world forever.

This is why Matthew begins his Gospel with the genealogy of Jesus. This record provides the documentation that any Jew would want to see to verify Jesus' claim to be the Messiah. Matthew traces Jesus' family line back through Joseph all the way to David.

Jesus is the Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1,17):

Matthew goes even further back than David, for Jesus is not only the "Son of David", he is also the "Son of Abraham". Abraham was the father of the Jewish people, the man God called to leave his native land of Ur and head west. In Genesis 12:1-3, God made three promises to Abraham. He promised to give him the land of Canaan; he promised to create a great nation from his descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and he promised to bless all nations of the world through him.

Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham that **"all peoples on earth will be blessed through you"** (Genesis 12:3). As Paul makes clear in his letter to the Galatians, Jesus is the descendant of Abraham who brings blessing to all peoples. **"Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his offspring . . .**

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referring to one, And to your offspring, who is Christ" (Galatians 3:16).

And what is this universal blessing of Jesus? The provision of salvation from sin through the death and resurrection of the Messiah.

Jesus is God (Matthew 1:23):

Matthew 1:23 is a quotation of Isaiah 7:14

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel which means "God with us."

Jesus was God in a human body -- this is one of the foundational truths of biblical Christianity. When Jesus was born, God came to live among men by becoming a man. The element of mystery here is great, and this truth can be seen only with the eyes of faith. Unfortunately, the deity of Christ is a much-maligned doctrine; yet it is the clear teaching of Scripture.

Jesus is Savior (Matthew 1:21):

Why did the angel tell Joseph "you are to give him the name Jesus"? Because the name "Jesus" literally means "the Lord is salvation" or simply "Savior". And so Joseph gave him the name Jesus ***"because he will save his people from their sins."*** This, too, is a foundational truth of Christianity. Jesus was born to die, and through his sacrificial death he, and only he, is able to save us from our sins and their devastating consequences in both this life and the next. Those who receive this salvation by repenting of sin and embracing Christ as Savior and Lord know the joy of forgiveness and the hope of eternal life. We cannot help but sing praises to God for we love to testify that ***"the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world"*** (1 John 4:14).

Jesus is the Christ, Son of David and Son of Abraham, God and Savior. This is the true meaning of Christmas. And this is why we sing, "O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord."

Join us for Advent worship this year under the theme: "Symbols of Salvation" Our mid-week Advent services will be on December 1st, 8th, and 15th at 6:30 PM. Our Christmas Choir Cantata will be at 9 AM on Sunday, December 19th. Christmas Eve worship will be on December 24th at 4:00 PM (children's program) and candlelight service at 6:30 PM. Christmas Day worship on December 25th will be at 9:00 AM. May the Lord bless your Advent and Christmas worship as we once again welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives.

Pastor Mundinger

HE shall be
the one of
PEACE.

Micah 5:5, NRSV



+In Our Prayers

Wilfird Polk

Carolyn Schmudlach

Duane Schmudlach

Kevin & Joan Parsons

The Family of Orlow Sommerfeldt

Janet Ryerson

Orville Behm

Arnie Dittman

The Family of Wayne Fink

Carol Krause

Carol Kosterman

Ken Schuett

Jaden Schubert

Minnie Blackmore

Janet Allen

Mark Schubert

Ben and Courtney Munding-married

11/5/21

Our Shut-In and Homebound members

Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen – 67th
wedding anniversary

Marilyn Schmudlach

In the Hospital

Arnie Dittman



Orlow Sommerfeldt

Father of Diane Gable

Died - November 4, 2021

Funeral - November 12, 2021

Wayne Fink

Husband of Susan Fink

Died - November 16

Funeral - November 28, 2021



New Members

Wingate Barraclough

463 Hillside Dr.

Berlin

David Brown

Heartsong Assisted Living

Berlin



Bonnie & Connie Simson

935 Newbury Street Apt. 104

Ripon, 54971



Remember Our Shut-Ins This Christmas!



SHUT IN LIST

1. Blackmore, Minnie
354 SW Ceresco, Berlin
2. Fink, Susan
315 Broadway, Berlin
3. Gates, Elaine
412 N. Capron, Berlin
4. Hall, Gladys
277 Jackson St. Apt. 4 Berlin
5. Langenhorst, Laura
Heritage Court, 600 West Packer Ave.
Apt. 218 Oshkosh, 54901
6. Richter, June
147 Eastridge Dr. #107. Berlin
8. Schmudlach, Caroline
708 Broadway #3, Berlin
9. Strey, Cliff and Darlene
274 N. Wisconsin, Berlin
10. Stumpner, Ray
412 N. Washington, Berlin

METTA HOMES

W3490 Forest Trail, Montello 53949
LuAnn Johnson

JULIETTE MANOR 482 Oak Street, Berlin
Duane Schmudlach



If only ...

LOVE
YOUR neighbor
AS YOURSELF.
Mark 12:31

There are many of you ... who think to yourselves: "If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby! I would have washed his linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!"

Yes, you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time, you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. ... Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him; for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself.

—Martin Luther

HEARTSONG 123 S. Pearl St., Berlin
Dennis Hoffman Room 04 – 2nd Floor
David Brown

PATRIOT PLACE ASSISTED LIVING
609 Broadway, Berlin, WI 54923

Carol Kosterman	Apt. 4
Alice Janes	Apt. 48
Erv Gallert	Apt. 55
Walter & Marilyn Schmudlach	Apt. 50
Walter Parsons	Apt. 38
Dolly Paull	Apt. 7
Mrs. Klawitter	
Ruth Pellerino	

EVERGREEN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
1130 N. Westfield, Oshkosh, WI 54902
Ruth Eggert Room #72

PRAIRIE PLACE ASSISTED LIVING
749 E Oshkosh Street, Ripon, WI 54971
Janet Ryerson



I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID TO ME,
"Let us go to the
house of the LORD!"

PSALM 122:1

**St. John Lutheran
Church and School
168 Mound Street Berlin**



**Wednesday Evening
Advent Services
will be held on
Wednesday nights,
starting at 6:30 pm:
Wed. December 1
Wed. December 8
Wed. December 15**

**Saturday, December 11th
4:00-7:00 pm**

**Living Nativity Drive-thru
St. John School Soccer Field**

**Sunday, December 19th 9:00 am
CANTATA by Sr. Choir during service**

**Friday, December 24th
Children's Christmas Program
at 4:00 pm**

**Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve
at 6:30 pm**

**Saturday, December 25th
Christmas Day service
with Holy Communion at 9:00 am**

**Friday, December 31st
New Year's Eve Service
with Holy Communion at 6:30 pm**

**St. John School Christmas Program
**Available ON-LINE ONLY starting
Dec. 18****

www.stjohnberlin.org



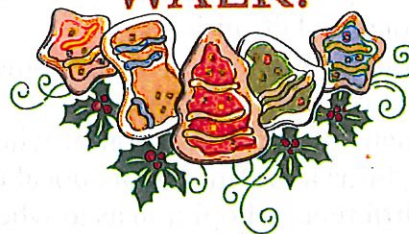
Please Join Us...

**The LWML is
decorating the church
on Saturday,
December 11th
at 9:00 am.**

**Please come and help out – the more
hands, the easier the load.**

See you there!

**COOKIE
WALK!**



**Sunday December 12, 2021
Ladies Aid/P.T.L.**

COOKIE WALK

**After the 9:00 am worship service in the
church lower level.**

**Come and choose your Christmas
goodies from the large array of beautiful
homemade cookies!**

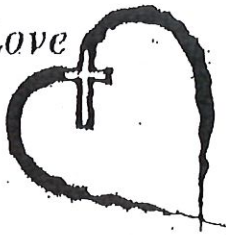
Verse to Remember

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see
— I am bringing you good news of great joy for all
the people: to you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."*

—Luke 2:10-11



Divine Love



Human Care



We're in the season of Advent, counting the days until Christmas. It's a festive season, but it can also be a stressful time. Tempers can run short.

Most of us have said things we wish we had not said. In the heat of the moment, our passion takes over and leaves our brains behind. One website posted an article in which people identified topics about which an argument ensued. These heated disagreements included:

- A discussion of which weighed more, a pound of bricks or a pound of feathers;
- A disagreement over who painted the Mona Lisa, one person saying the artist was Leonardo DiCaprio;
- An argument because of what someone did to the other in a dream;
- A brouhaha over the question of whether frosting turns a muffin into a cupcake;
- And a difference of opinion as to whether salsa and picante are the same thing.

Here's a reminder to help us as we engage with others during Advent. These principles are not original with me, and perhaps you've read them before. They bear repeating. Before saying something you might regret later, ask yourself three questions:

- Does this need to be said?
- Does this need to be said *by me*?
- Does this need to be said by me, *now*?

If you can't remember these rules, remember what the Bible says:

- "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6).
- "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29).

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to refrain from being hurtful today, and to use my words to bless others. In Your name. Amen.

Memorials



IN MEMORY OF ALICE PARSONS

For Human Care
From Orville & Joan Behm.....\$ 35.00
From Delbert & Barbara Krause\$ 20.00
For Organ Fund
From Vernon Lichtenberg.....\$ 26.50
For General Fund
From Sylvia Wells.....\$ 20.00
For Playground Equipment
From Kevin & Debra Koch.....\$ 150.00
From Trustees.....\$ 50.00
For St. John School
From Family & Friends.....\$1,915.00

IN MEMORY OF ORLOW SOMMERFELDT

For Repair & Maintenance
From Bob & Karen Wendt.....\$ 25.00

IN MEMORY OF ROSEANN TREDER ZINKE

For Repair & Maintenance
From Bob & Karen Wendt.....\$ 50.00

IN MEMORY OF SCOTT BARTOL

For St. John School
From Cynthia Schuett.....\$ 20.00

IN MEMORY OF BETTY SZEZEPANSKI

For Children's Christmas Sacks
From Debbie Maben.....\$ 100.00

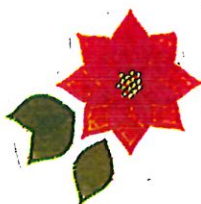
DONATION

For Electronic Sign
Anonymous.....\$ 200.00

Practice for the Children's Christmas Program

The 3 practices will be held Sundays, December 5, 12, 29 After the 9:00 worship service.
Practices will be held in church.

**The Children's Christmas
program will be held on
Thursday, December 24th at 4:00
pm in the church.**





On Nov. 16, 2021 Amy Radliff opened the Altar Guild meeting with prayer. She welcomed Jane Kersten as a new member. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. A thank you note and donation was given from the family of Alice Parsons.

As old business a discussion about some new banners began. There are two that are being considered that are 3 x 5 ft. and made of satin. There will be further information coming on these banners.

Our member information list was updated as well as next year's serving committees list.

There has been 2 new candles donated for the altar. They are appreciated by all.

It is to be noted that we provide gluten free wafers and grape juice as an alternative to the regular wine and wafers for those with special dietary needs. The grape juice is in the center of the tray of individual cups and is light colored.

Our president Amy Radliff and secretary Judy Mehn will continue in their respective offices for another term.

Sandy Gregor will address Christmas cards for the shut ins to be included with the Ladies Aides Christmas goodie bags.

Dues were collected for the year 2022.

We were reminded to let Linda Nitz and Cathy Young know when we need more wafers and individual communion cups as they are now order from Concordia.

Next year the LWML has invited us to help with a ladies event such as Mother/Daughter Tea or party so the ladies of St. John's may get acquainted. We felt it would be a good way to mingle and get to know more of our members at St. John's

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Dec. 11. Many hands make less work so any one who can help, there is always something to be done.

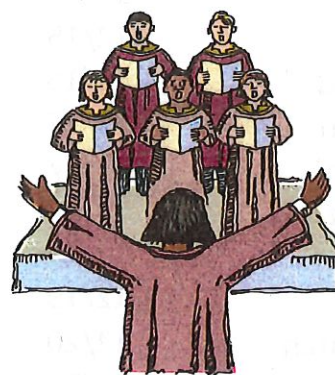
We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Judy Mehn



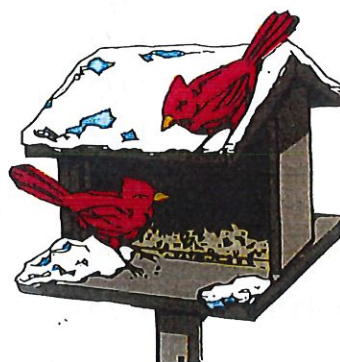
December 5, 1992 - Ken & Cynthia Schuett
 December 6, 1975 - Cliff & Darlene Strey
 December 8, 1990 - Russell & Lanette Pomplun
 December 13, 1997 - Gerald & Carol Krause
 December 23, 1961 - Russ & Robin Henriksen
 December 23, 2000 - Matt & Kristen Mertens
 December 31, 2009 - Nicholas & Christine Carriere
 December 31, 1989 - Pastor & Kelli Munding



CHOIR CANTATA

Sunday, December 19th

At 9:00 am service





Jaden Schubert	12/01
Adeline Voigtlander	12/01
Case Kaufman	12/02
Timothy Phelps	12/02
Gavin Merrick	12/04
William Rowen	12/04
Ethan Schubert	12/04
Ollin Draeger	12/07
Jon Brisky	12/08
Kevin Koch	12/08
Bill Thoma	12/10
Braxton Henke	12/11
Tedd Henriksen	12/11
Ralph Ewald	12/12
Ryan Stauske	12/15
Rebecca Ewald	12/16
Andy Ryckman	12/17
April Ryckman	12/17
Michael Stertz	12/17
Alice Janes	12/19
Lyle Schrank	12/19
Rebecca Hubatch	12/20
Owen Markowski	12/21
Michael Radke	12/21
Marshall Mehn	12/22
Cathy Young	12/22
Stacey Hansen	12/23
Karisa Wiese	12/23
Julie Behm	12/25
Robert Dewhurst	12/25
Bruce Kobishop	12/25
Karson Kaufman	12/27
Bill Wissell	12/27
Amy Radliff	12/28
Marie Chellow	12/29
Dillon Nighbor	12/29
Megan Draeger	12/30
Caroline Schmudlach	12/31

Christmas is coming.....a reminder about the Angel trees at Christmas. There are two trees in the Narthex of church at Christmas and it is filled with angel ornaments in memory of loved ones.

If you need to purchase or make an angel in memory of a loved one, please have it in a marked box and put it in the card room at church before December 8.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH

2021 - LWML
2022 - Senior Choir
2023 - PTL
2024 - Ladies Aid



Thanks from the Seminary!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift of **\$1,650.00** to Concordia Seminary. Your partnership in our ministry of preparing future pastors, deaconesses, missionaries and other leaders for service to the church is a special blessing!

Since its founding in 1839, the Seminary has prepared more than 13,000 graduates to serve our Lord and His people. On behalf of our students, I would like to express profound gratitude for your support that enables them to fully prepare themselves to answer God's call.

Thank you again for your caring gift in support of your Seminary, and may the Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones!

Most cordially yours,
Vicki Biggs, Senior Vice President, Seminary
Advancement, Chief Communications Officer

From St. John Lutheran School



Welcome to December! This is a favorite time of year for many people. They get excited about the gifts, the lights, parades, decorating, special family traditions and gathering, shopping, Christmas caroling, travel, to name a few. There is a real danger that we can get all caught up in all these things. Sometimes family issues can arise. We also hear that depression tends to rise during this season.

We want to focus on the real reason for the season, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God sent Him to be one of us and pay for our salvation. We can enjoy all the other good things of the season, but we need to Jesus at the center of all we do.

As usual, there is a lot of activity around the school. We just completed our pizza sale. We made over 350 pizzas. Those profits will help fund the 7th/8th grade spring trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter.

If you ordered fruit during our PTL fruit sale, that is scheduled to arrive on December 16. Thank you for your support.

We will be presenting a "drive-through" live nativity again this year. We will also be holding a food drive in conjunction with this event. This will take place on Saturday, December 11 from 4 until 7pm. Please plan to join us (and think about bringing some food items for us to donate to the Berlin Food Pantry).

The basketball teams have been practicing. Games will begin in January.

Our classes are donating money to purchase gifts for our Angel Tree children. It is a good object lesson to teach the children about sharing the

love of Jesus with those who are less fortunate by sacrificing something of ours.

The Board of Education and a steering committee of other volunteers have been holding extra meetings to prepare for our accreditation visit this spring. We thank all these dedicated people who give of their time to benefit our school and the children we serve.

The Board will, once again, be packing treat bags to give out after the Sunday School's Christmas Eve service.

We ordered some new desks before the school year. I am happy to announce that they have just arrived. I would like to thank Mrs. Schrader and the trustees, who gave up an evening to install legs and adjust desk heights. We were able to replace desktops on some of our existing desks as well. Then we transferred student books to the new desks and take out the older desks. When the students arrived on Tuesday morning, they were surprised the new improvements.

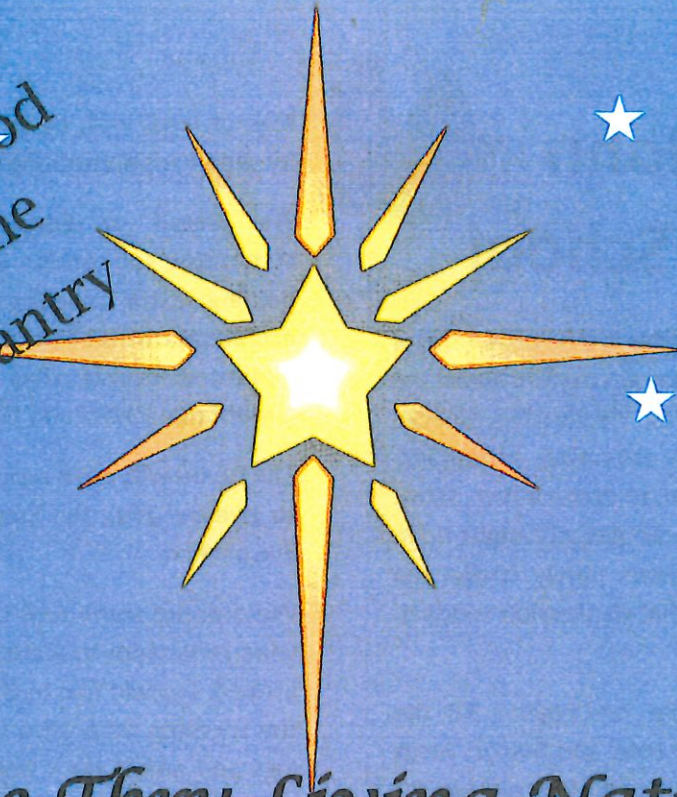
We are in the initial planning stage of a big improvement project. We are dreaming to replace our 30+ year-old playground equipment. It has served us well for all these years, but it is showing its age. We are getting the plans and drawings ready to share at the church. If you would like to help us reach our dream, you can place a donation (marked playground) in the plate at church. We hope that congregation members get excited about this big improvement project.

Have a great December as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Babe in Bethlehem.

I am yours in Christ's service.



Bring your
non-perishable food
donation for the
Berlin Food Pantry



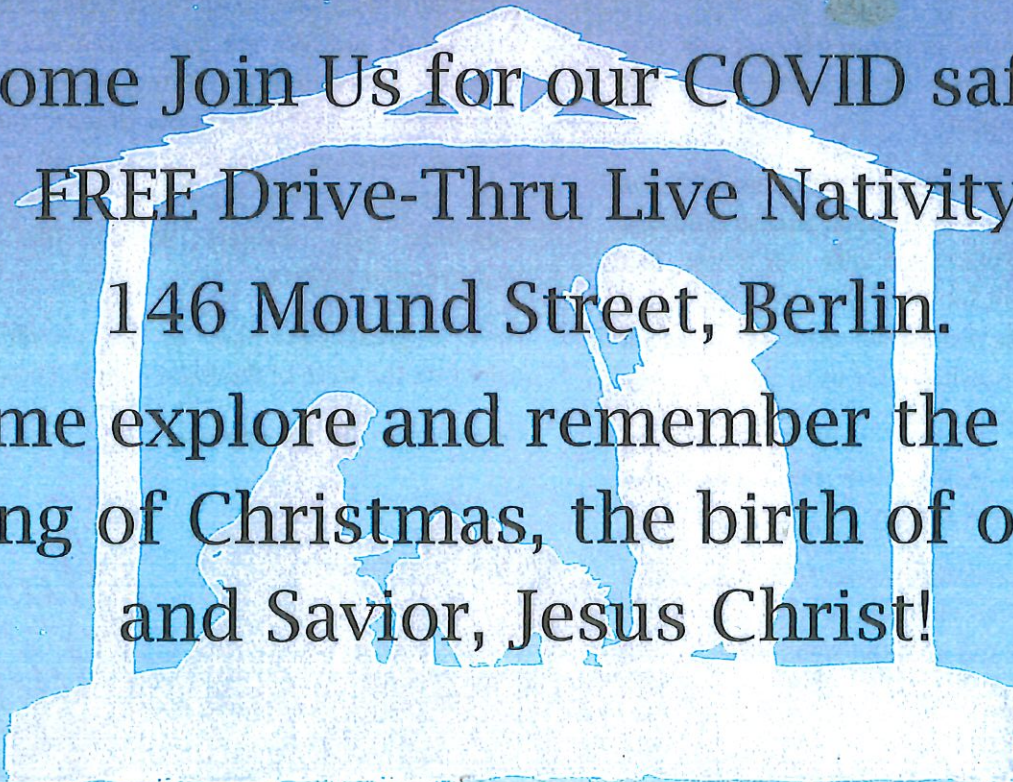
Drive-Thru Living Nativity
St. John Lutheran School
Saturday, December 11, 2021
4pm to 7pm

Come Join Us for our COVID safe -

FREE Drive-Thru Live Nativity

146 Mound Street, Berlin.

Come explore and remember the true
meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ!





DID YOU KNOW.....

"It's not so much about the cases you've worked on, but how you treat the people. This world has changed so much. We put our law enforcement personnel in situations that no one should have to deal with. It's not, however, about yourself. It's about how you can make someone's day more special."

Mark Allen Podoll was born at Berlin Hospital on April 29th 1961. His mother Helen was a stay-at-home-mom and babysitter for neighborhood children. Vernon, his father, worked at Berlin Foundry. Mark was welcomed into the family by one older brother. "Yes, I only have one brother, Gary. When you have the best, you don't need any more."

Vernon and Helen belonged to St John and brought their new little boy to our Baptismal font where he was Baptized by Pastor Arthur Schedler. Mark attended public school Kindergarten, then transferred to St John for 1st through 8th grades. Here he played basketball under coach James Wudy, whose St John Badgers enjoyed many successful seasons during the mid-70's. Mark was Confirmed by Pastor David Meyer in 1976. His very first paying job was working on his Uncle's farm. "I vividly remember sitting at my Grandma's kitchen table when my Uncle Eric came in and paid me for a week's work on the farm. He gave me a whole dollar and I was so happy! I was rich!"

In the fall of 1976 Mark attended BHS and also began working nights and week-ends at Dale and Jim's Super Valu. (Where Second Time Around is now.) Mark graduated from BHS in 1980: then furthered his education at Fox Valley Tech graduating in 1982 with an

Associate degree in Criminal Justice. Further study in Basic Law Enforcement, Instructor Development, Tactical and Administrative classes was done through the National Sheriff's Academy.

In 1982 Mark began working for the Berlin Police Dept and in the 90's also worked part-time for Dretske Construction. In 1998, after a short stint with the Wild Rose PD, he began working for the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office. Mark was elected Green Lake County Sheriff in 2007 and has held that position for the past 14 years. The last 2 years have been difficult. "During this pandemic, it's been a challenge to keep the Sheriff's Dept running smoothly and giving people hope" What are his plans for the future? Mark hasn't decided yet. "My employees want me to run for another term. I am still praying about it." Mark continues to be active, serving as Vice president of the Badger State Sheriff's Assoc. in 2017-2018 and President in 2019-2020. Since 2010 he has also been a member of the National Sheriff's Assoc. serving on their Education and Teaching Committee.

Mark met Brenda Freimark here at church. They were married on November 29th 2008 by Pastor Bryan Lundquist. He has one daughter, Jordan, from a previous marriage and three step-children Greg, Chase and Bridget. He and Brenda also have 2 Grand kids: Lincoln and Brooks. For his entire life, Mark has been a member of our church. "I am very grateful to the members of St John who have always supported me in everything I do" He has served as Vice President and President of our congregation. (One of our youngest elected Presidents)

Mark has also been Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and a faithful usher whenever needed.

Today Mark and Brenda like taking trips with their family, spending time with their grandkids and bringing them to church. Mark is a Packer Fan, of course, and also follows the Brewers and Bucks, likes to watch Adam 12 and Emergency Squad 51 on TV and have lunch at Culvers. He also enjoys biking, cooking, grocery shopping, working in his yard and "Quiet time". (When I keep hoping my phone doesn't ring.) "I tell Brenda it's OK to do nothing. Quiet is beautiful!"

"When you think you're at the bottom of life, you are not. You are ready to build a new foundation with your life and it must start with God." Mark Podoll



LWML News:

The LWML meet on Monday, November 15th.

We continued our new Bible study that we are enjoying. You can join us any month, the Bible study is new each month, so you won't be behind. We will be meeting on Monday, December 13th at 6:30pm. We are meeting one week early in December because of the holidays. We are going to have a Bible study and treats for our December meeting so it would be a great time to check us out!

The LWML is decorating the Christmas trees in the front of church this year, we are exciting to help decorate the church for our Savior's birth.

Our Winter Getaway is scheduled for February 4th and 5th in Wisconsin Dells, and we will have a Prayer Lunch on February 12th at Grace in Omro.



Ladies Aid

President Robin Henriksen opened the November 4 meeting with a devotion on "Take my Life & Let it Be" by Frances Havergal. The song was then sung by all.

The secretary's and treasurer's report were read and approved. Election of officers was held and Anita Krenke is vice-president and Nancy Wallner is secretary.

The happy birthday song was sung to Robin Henriksen.

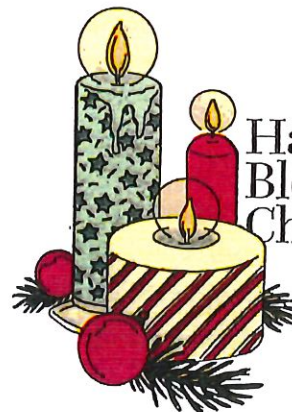
The Ladies Aid will again make breads for the congregation for the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on November 24.

Thursday, December 2 will be the Christmas Luncheon with guests invited at 1pm in the church lower level. Everyone is to bring a dish to pass. We are packing Christmas sacks for the shut-ins and cookies will be needed with two or three in a snack bag to be put in the sacks.

Sunday, December 12 will be the Ladies Aid/PTL Cookie Walk after the 9am worship service. Members are asked to bring 6-8 dozen homemade cookies to sell.

We will be watching for the Berlin Bloodmobile schedule for 2022.

Thanks to the hostesses: Betty Dewhurst, Judy Mehn, Carol Gelhar and Linda Nitz.



Have a
Blessed
Christmas

St. John Quarterly Voters Meeting

November 7, 2021

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Chairman Rich Wallner. 37 voting members present. Rich opened with prayer.

Reading and Approval of Minutes (August Meeting)

Motion by Jackie Lewis to accept the minutes. Second by Deb Thiel. Motion approved.

New Voting Members: Allie Henke, Wingate Barraclough, Ron Beardsley, Jayne and Bob Kersten.

Motion by Bob Young to accept the new voting members. Second by Kevin Koch. Motion approved.

Board of Education Report – by Kevin Koch

- Accreditation in process, due to be completed by Mid-April 2022.
- Currently accepting applications for 4K and 5th/6th Grade teachers to replace retiring Curt and Julie Snow.
- Looking at replacing the playground equipment at school. Working with outside vendors on design and style options.
- Teachers conference Monday and Tuesday, Nov 8 and 9th, no classes.
- Policy handbook is being reviewed and updated.
- 8th Grade pizza sale has concluded, a school fruit sale will begin soon.

Motion by Gordy Lewis to accept Board of Education report. Second by Adam Ewald. Motion approved.

Trustee Report – by Mike Schrader

- Electronic sign board has been ordered.
- Light bulb replacement project underway including a stained-glass window at the front of the church.
- New light has been placed on the north side of the church to illuminate the sidewalks.
- Plan to clean area behind the stage in the lower level of church.

Motion by Wingate Barraclough to accept Board of Trustees report. Second by Karen Wendt. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – by Debra Thiel

Square Account Q1 FY 2021/2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$1,385.67	Income:	\$13,292.78
Total Expenses:	\$13,245.65	Ending Balance:	\$ 1,432.80

Hot Lunch Q1 FY 2021/2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,663.10	Income:	\$54,090.26
Total Expenses:	\$53,035.97	Ending Balance:	\$ 3,717.39

Elderly Fund Q1 FY 2021/2022:

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

Children's Fund Q1 FY 2021/2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$83,783.66	Income:	\$ 2,663.50
Total Expenses:	\$.00	Ending Balance:	\$86,447.16

Motion by Cathy Young to accept Treasurer's report. Second by Jackie Lewis. Motion approved.

Elder's Report - by Rich Wallner

- Currently reviewing the list of delinquent members. The list has grown, the Elders are asking for help in identifying individuals who may view the services online or are unable to attend in person.

Official Acts:

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

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

Weddings – Andrew Wallner and Elizabeth Krueger. Bridget Freimark and Richard Block. Kathy Anderson and Timothy Kemnitz. Anna Gravunder and Dillon Scheer.

Affirmation of Holy Marriage – Payton and Jonathan Phelps.

Adult Instruction – Adam Gilmour. Julie Deibert.

Transfer In – Carlton and Bonnie Nehring, from Emmaus, Poy Sippi, WI. Ronald Beardsley, from Immanuel, Auroraville, WI. Robert and Jayne Kersten, from St. Paul, Aurora, IL.

Deaths – Darlene (Dolly) Doan.

Non-Member Funeral – Kathy Young at funeral home.

Communicant Membership 486

Baptized Membership 572

Church Families 298

Pastor's Report (none)

Motion by Curt Snow to accept Elder's/Pastor's report. Second by Deb Thiel. Motion approved.

Reports of Committees

A. Reserved Fund Report – by Rich Wallner

- School Endowment had minor losses this past quarter
- Electronic sign balance will cover installation costs.
- Total reserve funds available at the end of the quarter is \$330,050.32.

Motion by Jackie Lewis to accept the Reserved Funds report. Second by Cathy Young. Motion approved.

Old Business (none)

New Business

- Nominations and elections of: **Officers** – President, Rich Wallner. Financial Secretary, Bob Radliff. **Board of Trustees**, Josie Hartzke and Keith Krause. **Board of Elders**, Rich Wallner. **Board of Education**, Allie Henke.
- Special thanks to those completing their terms, Rebecca Mosier, Walter Schmudlach and Gary Eggert.

Motion by Kevin Koch to accept nominations and elections as stated. Second by Adam Ewald. Motion approved

Motion to adjourn was made by Curt Snow, second by Jackie Lewis. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Radliff, Secretary

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St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: November 15, 2021

The November meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Adam Ewald. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.

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

Secretary's Report by Amy Radliff

Motion by Koch/Wallner to accept October minutes. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>October 2021</u>	<u>October 2020</u>
General Fund	\$111,584.75	\$79,557.41
Children's Fund	\$ 5,763.30	\$ 6,565.48
Elderly Fund	\$.00	\$.00
Memorials	\$ 7,556.67	\$ 586.32
Attendance	182 per week	123 per week

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

Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

Square Account October 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,432.80	Income:	\$.00
Expenses:	\$.00	Ending Balance:	\$ 1,432.80

Hot Lunch Account October 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$3,717.39	Income:	\$5,857.97
Expenses:	\$4,286.19	Ending Balance:	\$5,289.17

Elderly Fund October 2021:

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

Children's Fund October 2021:

Beginning Balance:	\$86,447.16	Income:	\$ 5,763.30
Expenses:	\$ 284.65	Ending Balance:	\$91,925.81

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

Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Eave on southeast side of the church have been replaced.
- Electronic sign is scheduled to be installed before the end of November.

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

Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

- List of delinquent members has been reviewed. At the next voters meeting, recommend absentee/delinquent members that have not attended church in the past 4 years to be removed from the membership list.

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

Official Acts: (none)

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Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- St. John will be represented in the holiday parade and with a tree in the park.
- Looking for new full-time 5th/6th grade teacher upon the retirement of Mr. Curt Snow.
- Students will have Christmas program on Friday December 17th. Tickets will be limited per student. Attendance will be split between performances to allow proper distancing protocol.
- It has not been determined if Live Nativity will take place.
- Christmas sacks will be put together and handed out during Children's program.
- Wellness committee asking for budgeted funds for activities to promote healthy lifestyles
- Working on quotes for playground equipment replacement.

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

Old Business:

- Financial Controls Audit went well overall.

New Business:

- Recommendation from audit: Changes to staff compensation agreements with incremental percentage increases also needs to be recorded in actual dollar amount on the contract.

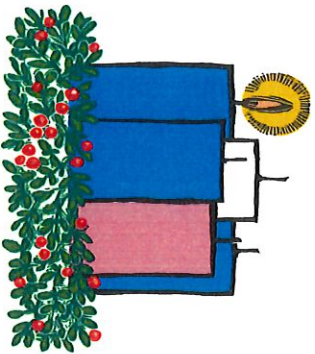
Meetings next month: Trustees – Monday December 13th -6:30pm. Board of Education – Tuesday December 14th - 6pm. Elders – Thursday, December 9th - 6pm. **Council – Wednesday, December 22nd – 6:30 pm.**

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Amy Radliff, Secretary*

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December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:45 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service Senior Choir after	2 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon	3	4
5 ADVENT II 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 Bible Class SS Program Practice	6	7	8 3:45 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service Senior Choir after	9 6:00 Elders Mtg.	10	11 9 am Church Decorating 4-7 pm @ School Living Nativity
12 ADVENT III 9 am Worship/HC Cookie Walk after NO Bible Class SS Program Practice	13	14	15 3:45 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service Senior Choir after	16	17	18
19 ADVENT IV 9 am Worship/HC CHOIR CANTATA 10:15 Bible Class SS Program Practice	20	21	22 No Confirmation until 2022 6:30 pm Council	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4 pm Sunday School Christmas Program 6:30 Candle Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9 am Worship/HC
26 9 am Worship/HC NO Sunday School or Bible Class	27	28	29	30 NO THURSDAY CHURCH Resumes next week	31	

