



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
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168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923
March, 2022

March madness is upon us. Now I suppose the phrase March madness can mean many things to different people. My first response to March madness has to do with basketball. The High School tournaments are gearing up as well as the NCAA college hoops spectacle known as "March Madness." Our Wisconsin Badgers have an excellent chance to be a #3 or #4 seed in the tourney and perhaps better if they can win the Big 10 tournament. Other people might look at the weather we've been having and say it's March madness. No way should we have to blow snow, scrape ice, and deal with below zero temperatures in March. This whole winter has been nothing short of "madness" some might say. It's probably caused some people to go "mad" with cabin fever while we wait for warmer weather to come our way and stay for more than one day!.

Still others might take a look at the world around us and see nothing short of madness wherever they look. We've got Russia invading Ukraine. Really? What's that all about? Just what we need is another region of the world that can't get its' act together and behave like decent human beings. But I guess we could say that about any of the regions in the Middle East. War and violence over there has become so commonplace that it hardly gets our attention anymore. Throw in the theatrics of the North Koreans and the hatred of the Taiwanese by the Chinese and we've got a world gone mad. March madness. It's a good thing we've got things under control in our country! Oh, if it were only so. We may not be at war with another country along our border, but we've got plenty of warfare to contend with on our own.

There may not be bullets flying by our heads but there are spiritual bullets flying right and left. The devil is alive and well and waging an all out war against Christians and their faith. Political correctness and "wokeness" may seem like the major battles facing us today but those are just the symptoms. The real battle is unbelief. Satan has convinced more and more people that faith in an unseen God is ridiculous and preposterous. Satan has convinced the people of this world that they are the "boss" of their own lives and can do as they please. There is no heaven and there is no hell to worry about. Live your life to the fullest and don't get sucked into that religious trap that says you need a god of some kind to help you in life. Yes, it's a battle we are all in and it's not one we can win on our own. Thankfully we don't have to fight it on our own. Our heavenly Father has given us the victory by sending His Son, Jesus Christ to die on the cross and defeat the power of the devil in all his forms.

I invite you to join us this Lenten season as we journey together to the cross of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We will be focusing this year on the theme "Witnesses to Christ: People of the Passion." We will once again see the sinfulness in our lives and we will see our forgiveness in the perfect sinless life of our Savior. Please join us each Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. Beginning March 9th, we will be having Lenten suppers before each worship service at 5:00 PM. May God richly bless your Lenten journey in His name!



Pastor Munding

+In Our Prayers

Gerald Krause

Carolyn Schmudlach

Duane Schmudlach

Yvonne Wustrack

Mark Schubert

Orville Behm

The Family of Marilyn Schmudlach

Dan Freimark - Betty Freimark's son

The Family of Connie Hardel,
daughter-in-law of Joan Hardel

Thanksgiving for the birth of
twin granddaughters for
Kevin and Deb Koch

The Family of Elaine Achterberg

Riley Jane Meyer

Jaden Schubert

Minnie Blackmore

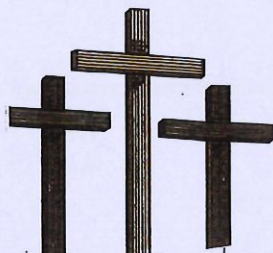
Tyler Schubert

Our Shut-In and Homebound members



Richard Zabel

N9357 Eastridge Dr. #6
Berlin



Marilyn Schmudlach

Wife of Walter Schmudlach

Died - February 2, 2022

Funeral - February 8, 2022

Connie Hardel

Daughter-in-law of Joan Hardel

Died - January 29, 2022

Funeral - February 12, 2022

Elaine Achterberg

Mother of Tim Achterberg

Died - February 19, 2022

Funeral - February 26, 2022



New Members

Maxine Ferron and daughter Mara
W3102 Deer Run
Pine River

Lucas, Morgan and Lincoln Parker
W3512 Beechnut Lane
Pine River, WI

Karen Jari
Berlin, WI





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



LENTEN SUPPERS

The Lenten suppers are back! We will begin the suppers again on Wednesday, March 9.

Wed. March 9 - Ladies Aid will host with barbecue sandwiches, salads and desserts.

Wed. March 16 - Senior Choir will host with hot turkey sandwiches, salads and desserts.

Wed. March 23 - Altar Guild and LWML will host with chili, chicken noodle soup and desserts.

Wed. March 30 - PTL will host with brats, hot dogs, baked beans, salads and desserts.

Wed. April 6 - Council/Boards will host with Taco Night.

Along with the food, beverages will also be provided. A free will basket will be on each table.

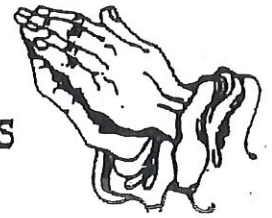
Remember, there is no meal on Ash Wednesday.

Supper will begin at 5:15 with church services at 6:30 pm. Any questions or concerns, please contact Nancy Wallner @ 361-4179.

See you there!!



Memorials



IN MEMORY OF KEN SCHUETT

For General Fund

From Sylvia Wells.....\$ 20.00

IN MEMORY OF BRENNEN THOMA

For General Fund

From Sylvia Wells.....\$ 20.00

IN MEMORY OF CONNIE HARDEL

For General Fund

From Sylvia Wells.....\$ 20.00

For Human Care

From Russ & Robin Henriksen
\$ 25.00

IN MEMORY OF MARILYN SCHMUDLACH

For Human Care

From Alice Janes.....\$ 25.00

From Rich & Nancy Wallner
\$100.00

DONATIONS

For Communion Wine

From Delbert & Barbara Krause
\$143.92

For Playground Equipment

From Cliff & Darlene Strey
\$100.00

THANK YOU!

Dear friends of St. John, Thank you so much for all the love and support given to both myself and Michelle, You carried us through a difficult time and sent us forward with blessings. We thank God for you!

Pastor Brian and Michelle Beardsley



President Amy Radliff asked all 12 members of the Altar Guild to join in prayer as we opened our Feb. 15, 2022 meeting. After the reading and approval of both the secretary and treasurer's reports.

Sandy Gregor our sunshine chairman read thank you's from several congregation members for the Christmas gift bags. A sympathy card was also sent to Joan Hardel in remembrance of her daughter in law.

The two new banners have arrived; one is displayed on the north wall in the church and the other one is a cross with Grace on it which will be used in the Lenten season. We were reminded that the new Lutheran School banner is to be stored in a tube rather than on the banner rack because of its type of fabric.

There has been an updated information sheet posted in the guild room for monthly servers' reference.

We were reminded to let Linda Nitz or Cathy Young know when we are getting low on communion wafers or cups because we have a new supplier.

Our dry cleaner is now in Oshkosh by Festival Foods. After you pick up articles and pay for them submit your bill to the treasurer for reimbursement. We were reminded there are pictures as to how the individual cups are to be placed, putting 2 cups of grape juice with a drop of wine on only top two trays and 2 gluten free wafers on separate plate.

Children snacks were also discussed.

As new business there is a women's event being planned for April 30th here at our church. It will be sponsored by the LWML and the Altar Guild. It is open to all women and girls from our church as well as ladies who are their guests. There will be entertainment and also refreshments also.

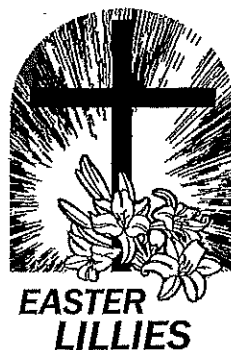
Lenten suppers were discussed. We will co-hostesses a supper on March 23 with the LWML. We plan to have Chicken Soup and Chili with crackers and cheese and cookies..

A sign-up sheet for Easter flowers will be again put in the entry at church. More information about this will be in the newsletter and in the church bulletin.

We also plan a cleaning day at church on April 2.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Judy Mehn



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

If you would like to share your Easter flower, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. **Deadline for signing up and having your dedication in the Easter morning bulletin is Palm Sunday, April 10th.** Anyone signing up after that will have their dedication appear in the bulletin the week following Easter, when we will reprint all of the flower memorials.

You may bring your plant to the church on Saturday, April 16th, between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. You may take your flower(s) home following the service on Easter morning. **Please LABEL your flower with your name so you can identify it to take home!**

If it would be more convenient for you to bring your flower at another time, please feel free to set it in the Altar Guild workroom. You should check with Cathy in the office (920-361-9935) or a committee member to make sure the church will be open when you want to bring it. Also, a reminder, the church is always open at least thirty minutes before a service begins.

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



LWML News

The LWML met on Monday, February 21th. We are working on updating our bylaws and we thank members, Leitha Kraus, Bonnie Sperberg, and Cynthia Schuett for working on this big project, we will be voting on the changes at our March meeting.

We will be hosting a Lenten Soup Supper with the Altar Guild on Wednesday, March 23rd before the Lenten service. We would like everyone to come out and join us for food and fellowship.

Mark your Calendars for Saturday, April 30th. We will be hosting a Ladies Event with the Altar Guild. Much more information will be coming soon, be on the lookout!

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 21th at 6:30 pm at church. We are very informal and meet in the conference room closest to the side door on the north side of the church. We start with a Bible study and then have our business meeting, all are welcome to attend.



*For he will
command his
angels concerning
you to guard you
in all your ways.*

PSALM 91:11, ESV



Ladies Aid

President Robin Henricksen opened the February 3 meeting with a devotion on "love one another." God is love – put love into action by reaching out to others.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. Many, many thank yous were read.

The birthday song was sung to Debbie Wissell and Liz Butterbrodt.

The Ladies Aid is in charge of the refreshments for the Berlin Bloodmobile on Tuesday, February 22. Barbecues and egg salad sandwiches will be served. A sign-up sheet was passed for workers and cookies/bars.

The Lenten suppers were discussed. Ladies Aid will host on Wednesday, March 9. Barbecues will be served along with salads and desserts.

Thank you to Debbie Wissell, Linda Hertzberg and Leitha Kraus for the refreshments and the lovely table decorations. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 3.



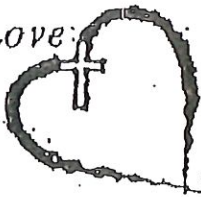
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND WEDNESDAY LENT SUPPERS AND SERVICES

On Wednesday, March 2nd. We will have our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm.

Between Ash Wednesday and Easter, there will be NO THURSDAY SERVICES except for Maundy Thursday during Holy Week.

Starting on Wednesday, March 9th, we will have special Lent Wednesday services at 6:30 pm. Also starting March 9th, there will be Lent suppers served in the fellowship hall on the lower level. Suppers will start at 5:15 pm.

Divine Love:



Human Care

St. John Caring Ministries

In Luke 15, Jesus tells several stories about objects that are lost.

First, there is the shepherd who has 100 sheep, but notices that one is missing. What does the shepherd do? He "leaves the ninety-nine in the wilderness and goes after the one that is lost until he finds it" (vv. 4-5).

Second, there's a woman with 10 coins, but she loses one of the coins. What does she do? She sweeps and cleans and cleans and sweeps until she finds it! (vv. 8-10).

Third, there's a father with two sons. One of the sons, the youngest one, makes some terrible choices. He asks for his part of the father's inheritance, and then leaves home and lives a life of sin and degradation.

We know this story as the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

The young man comes to his senses. He repents of his sin, decides to throw himself on the mercy of his father, willing to work for him as a servant.

Overjoyed, the father sends orders that a huge feast be prepared. Everyone is happy except the older brother, who has worked long and faithfully for his father. No banquet has been prepared for him! It is not fair!

Rob Bell, in his book, *Love Wins*, notes that at this point the father interrupts his eldest son: "The father redefines fairness. It's not that his father hasn't been fair with him; it's that his father never set out to be fair in the first place. Grace and generosity aren't fair; that's their very essence. The father sees the younger brother's return as one more occasion to practice *unfairness*. The younger son doesn't deserve a party - that's the point of the party. That's how things work in the father's world. Profound unfairness. People get what they don't deserve. Parties are thrown for younger brothers who squander their inheritance."

This is an excellent insight. God does not give us what we deserve! Instead, God treats us unfairly by bestowing grace, love and mercy.

The psalmist makes this very point:

*He does not deal with us according to our sins,
Nor repay us according to our iniquities ...
(Psalm 103: 10)*

Let's thank God for God's amazing unfairness.
It's called grace!

Prayer: God, Your love and mercy are beyond understanding. I am humbled in Your presence and offer myself anew in Your service. Amen.



Prayer Group... Please join us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (March 15th) at 11:00 AM for our new Prayer Group. We will gather together to lift in prayer the needs of our St. John members and any others that have special needs and concerns. You won't be required to pray "out loud" but we pray together for whatever concerns are placed before us. There will be a prayer "box" in the narthex for anybody to place a prayer request inside. We will keep all prayer requests confidential unless specifically asked to pray publicly on Sunday for a person. If you have a heart for prayer and helping others, this new prayer group is for you. We will keep our meeting time to an hour or less. Thank you!



*I will
praise you
as long as I live.*

PSALM 63:4, NIV

Board of Education

From the Board of Education
There will be an opening on the Board of Education to fill a 1 year and 9 month opening. Please contact any current member if you are interested in running.



St. John Lutheran School
invites you to attend our

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 3, 2022

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

146 Mound Street, Berlin

Now enrolling 4K – 8th Grade for 2022 – 2023 School Year

**You and your child are welcome to take a tour,
meet our teachers, and ask questions.**

St. John offers just some of the following for a quality, caring Christian Education:

- Joyful Christ-Centered Classrooms
- Academic Excellence
- Accredited School through NLSA
- All Teachers have State of Wisconsin License
- Active & Engaging Learning Environment
- Technology Integration in All Grades
- After School Sports Program
- Affordable Tuition
- Wisconsin Private School Choice Program

St. John Lutheran School | 146 Mound Street Berlin, WI | 920.361.0555 | school@stjohnberlin.org



7TH AND 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISING FOR CLASS TRIP:

The seventh and eighth grade class will be having a series of fundraisers to cover the costs of a class trip in May. The first of which is from Threads of Hope that protects children and families in the Philippines from exploitation. They also have a booth at the Wisconsin State Fair that sells different hand-crafted items that are sold to support their cause. We will be selling bracelets from this organization. We have the Gospel and Believe style bracelets in which each color is paired with a Scripture verse to explain the meaning of it. We also will have different color schemes of some of the local sports teams we love to support including one in St John school colors. The cost per bracelet is \$2 per bracelet.

We will also be selling Kwik Trip car washes. It will be five washes for \$36. This is a savings of \$4 if you were to purchase them at Kwik Trip. We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church (or see anyone of Mr. Pett's students). Payment will be due when you place your order.

As more fundraising activities come along, we will keep you advised. Thank you for your support and God bless. In His service, Mr. Pett



From St John Lutheran School



Greetings from your Lutheran school from across the street. We praise God for the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our students and their families every day in our school. We thank our congregation for supporting us in this mission. God bless you.

As many of you know the public school has decided to take the 4K program away from a community-based effort with All Saints and us and bring it back to an in-house plan with all classes in Clay Lamberton. In response, our Board of Education has decided to offer a Christ-centered option to the parents of our community. We will be offering an AM 4K class at St. John next fall that will be a Christian option for those families wishing to take advantage of that opportunity. It will also be available as part of the School Choice program to those families that qualify financially. If you know of a family who would like to take advantage of this Christian option, please have them contact our school office.

We will be holding an open house on Thursday, March 3 at our school for families who are considering a Christian education for their children. We will have staff, Board members, and parents in our building from 4pm to 7pm to give tours and answer questions about our programming. If you know of a family who might benefit from a Christian education, please encourage them to attend or call the office for more information.

The School Choice application window is now open for families who wish to take advantage of a Christian option for the education of their children. This application window is open until April 21 for those families who qualify financially. Call the office for more information or if you have questions. (920-361-0555).

Spring break is scheduled for March 21-25.

We took our 5th and 6th graders on an outdoor education trip on February 10-11 at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction. This over-night field trip offers the opportunity for our students to learn about Wisconsin winter animals and environment. It was chilly, but we had a good time learning about God's wonderful creation.

Our steering committee has been working very hard to prepare for our accreditation visit on April 21-22. A six-person team will visit our school to verify that St. John offers a quality Christian education.

The 7th and 8 graders are doing several fundraisers to finance their spring trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Experience. We thank you for your support.

We thank everyone who have ordered from our hanging basket plant sale.

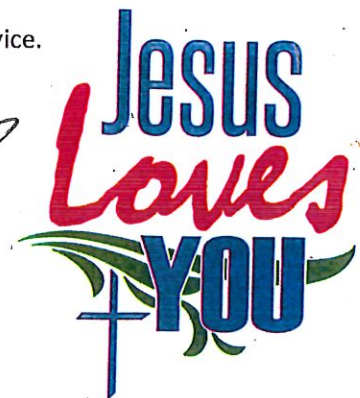
Achievement tests are scheduled for the week of March 21.

Our students are participating in a reading challenge with other Lutheran schools across the country. At this point, our first graders are in 2nd place and our 2nd graders are in 4th place. Way to go kids.

The Board of Education has been doing interviews to fill teaching positions for next year. Miss Linse will be our interim principal and AM kindergarten teacher. Allie Henke will be our AM 4K teacher and PM kindergarten teacher. Now we must fill the vacancy in 5th and 6th grade classroom.

We thank you all for your prayers and support as we share the love of Jesus with our students and families entrusted to us.

I am yours in Christ's service.





Many of us have medicine cabinets that are overflowing with bottles, jars, tubes of various medications. How long have they been in there? Who knows. Expiration dates? We can barely read them; some are worn off, some with print so small our eyes won't even allow us to read them, some for people who don't even live here any more.

What to do with it all is the question. Do we really need to do anything with them now? What harm is there if they're just sitting there behind closed doors?

"It is reported that accidental exposure to medicines in the home is a major source of unintentional poisonings", according to. The Mayo Clinic. The safest way to avoid these adverse events is to regularly monitor medicines in your home and dispose of them properly when you are no long using them.

The process of monitoring medications starts with **PROPER STORAGE**. Remember that toddlers and pets may "get into" meds innocently but some other meds (narcotics, opiates, post operative pain medications, for example) may also be a temptation for teenagers and even house guests who recognize a "street value" of these medications. Pick a storage location that is cool and dry and out of site and reach of children and guests. Remember that theft and abuse of prescription meds, especially pain medication and ADHD meds is a growing problem.

Every six months, you should **TAKE AN INVENTORY** of your medications. Check expiration dates to help insure effectiveness. Remember that solutions and ointments (eye drops, ear drops, for example) can be a breeding ground for bacteria and fungus.

DISPOSE OF LEFTOVER, OUT OF DATE MEDICATIONS from previous illnesses or conditions. Don't ever "share" prescribed medications with others. Many pharmacies offer drug take-back programs, including bins that you

can dispose your meds into directly. Remember needles and "sharps" have special handling rules and must not be placed in drug bins. When using drug take-back bins you should place loose medications into clear plastic bags (bubble wrapped meds can stay in their "container"). Some pharmacies will take back inhalers; otherwise they can be placed directly into the trash.

When a drug take-back program is not available, most over the counter and prescribed meds can be placed directly into the trash or flushed. It is recommended that you place loose meds into a clear plastic bag and add dirt, clean cat litter or used coffee grounds in with the meds to make them unuseable by others.

Take special care when disposing of narcotics, opiates. The FDA recommends that you flush unused fentanyl patches down the toilet.

Medication bottles should have labels removed or important information blacked out. Labels may more easily be removed by filling them with water and placing them in the microwave for 30-45 seconds (be careful when removing them from the microwave due to the HOT water!). The Second Time Around shop collects old medication bottles.

In 2Kings 20:1-7 the story of Isaiah using figs to cure King Hezekiah's boils and Luke's treatment of the Samaritan's wounds with olive oil and wine and bandages (Luke 10:33-34) are examples of God's intent for us to use our skills to heal people.

Let us follow the direction of our Lord, but do it safely!

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. 1Cor 3:16-17

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





March Birthdays



April Lueck	3/01	Samantha Henriksen	3/19
Morgan Parker	3/01	Delbert Krause	3/19
Sylvia Wells	3/01	Anita Krenke	3/19
Karissa Dallman	3/02	Carolyn Polk	3/19
Russ Pomplun	3/03	Tammy Wood	3/19
Waylon Nechkash	3/04	Jean Hoffman	3/20
Dorothy Schrank	3/04	Corey Bertzyk	3/21
Matthew Bolen	3/05	Maximus Chappa	3/23
Joshua Henriksen	3/05	Candace Joram	3/24
Aspen Kettlewell	3/05	Jayson Mosier	3/24
Maria Krueger	3/05	Brad Resop	3/24
Debra Thiel	3/05	Bonnie Nehring	3/24
Jerrold Lueck	3/06	Sophia Nechkash	3/24
Julie Snow	3/06	David Brown	3/25
Judith Uchytel	3/06	Adam Ewald	3/25
Gail Chappa	3/07	Brenda Marks	3/26
Casey Wollert	3/07	Margaret Retzlaff	3/28
Muriel Kroening	3/08	Peggy Seaman	3/28
Jenna Gehrke	3/09	Lyle Smerling	3/29
Julie Deibert	3/10	Austin Wilson	3/29
Barbara Rosner	3/10	Nancy Wallner	3/31
Peter Gravunder	3/11		
Cindy Hartzke	3/11		
Sharon Stumpner	3/12		
Russell Thom	3/12		
Brianna Beier	3/13		
Terry Krueger	3/14		
Sara Verch	3/14		
Douglas Wiese	3/14		
Darrell Dretske	3/16		
David Johanknecht	3/17		
John Kobishop	3/17		
Elaine Gates	3/18		
Andrew Wallner	3/18		
Adam Gilmour	3/19		



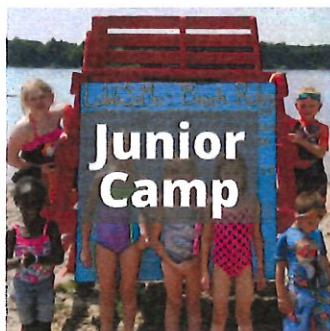
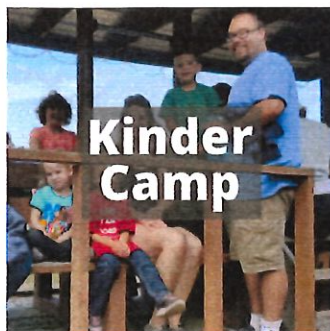


Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® from 2021 have until **March 31, 2022**, to direct them.

Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to
St John Lutheran Church, Berlin WI
St John Lutheran School, Berlin WI

Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more.
Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice"
after the prompt.



Camp LuWiSoMo Summer 2022 Youth Camps

LuWiSoMo Youth Camps provide campers with faith-growing opportunities and unique learning experiences while having fun in a beautiful Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting.

KinderCamp

For campers Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 1 preferring to spend the weekend with their parents or grandparents

JuniorCamp

For campers in Kindergarten to Grade 3 ready to spend a weekend away from their parents

Youth Camp

A 5-night camp for campers in Grades 2-8
Age groups vary for each camp week

Lutheran Band Camp

A 6-night camp for students in Grades 5-9 with experience playing a band instrument

High School Camp

A 5-night camp for students in Grades 8-11

CIT Program

For high school students wanting to be leaders at camp

Details & Registration Information @
www.luwisomo.org

St. John Quarterly Voters Meeting

February 13, 2022

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order at 10:34 am by Chairman Rich Wallner. 45 voting members present. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.

Reading and Approval of Minutes (November Meeting)

Motion by Bill Brooks to accept the minutes. Second by Adam Ewald. Motion approved.

New Voting Members: Bonnie and Carlton Nehring, Charlie Huibregtse.

Motion by Curt Snow to accept the new voting members. Second by Keith Krause. Motion approved.

Board of Education Report – by Kevin Koch

- Accreditation process nearing completion, report will be submitted by Mid-April 2022.
- An adjustment to Miss Melissa Linse's call will be made for the 2022-23 school year. She will be the interim principal and teach Kindergarten half-time.
- Berlin Area School District has voted to move all 4K classes to Clay Lamberton. 2 sessions (one AM one PM) was held at St. John. We will be offering our own 4K class as a half-day session in 2022-23. Additional School Choice Program seats have been made available for qualified applicants. Mrs Allie Henke will be teaching 4K and half-time Kindergarten.
- Allie Henke will be stepping down from Board of Education, anyone interested in filling that position is asked to contact Kevin Koch, Curt Snow, another board member or the school office.
- Currently reviewing several candidates for the 5th and 6th grade teaching position.
- There will be an open house at the school for all grades, March 3rd from 4-7 pm.

Motion by /Bob Young to accept Board of Education report. Second by Karen Wendt. Motion approved.

Trustee Report – by Keith Krause

- Electronic sign board has been installed and is up and running. Landscaping around the sign will be completed this summer.
- 2 boiler pumps have been replaced at the Church.
- Plan to clean area behind the stage in the lower level of church. Some items have been made available to anyone having interest. Other non-usable items are being disposed of.
- Volunteer (Stan Hartzke) has offered to do the lawn mowing at church and school. Estimated cost to contract this job out last year was over \$2,500. Decision has been made to purchase a lawn mower, walk behind mower and weed trimmer. Have received quotes between \$4,500 - \$5,800 for a 54" zero-turn mower. Motion by Jackie Lewis to allow Trustees to spend up to \$6,000 for lawn equipment. Seconded by Adam Ewald. Motion was approved.

Motion by Kevin Koch to accept Board of Trustees report. Second by Gordy Lewis. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – by Debra Thiel

Square Account Q2 FY 2021/2022:

Beginning Balance: \$1,432.80
Total Expenses: \$ 348.77

Income: \$ 409.34
Ending Balance: \$1,493.37

Hot Lunch Q2 FY 2021/2022:

Beginning Balance: \$ 3,717.39
Total Expenses: \$61,116.91

Income: \$63,096.37
Ending Balance: \$ 5,696.85

Elderly Fund Q2 FY 2021/2022:

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

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

Children's Fund Q2 FY 2021/2022:

Beginning Balance: \$86,447.16
Total Expenses: \$ 4,637.89

Income: \$ 34,691.68
Ending Balance: \$116,500.95

Motion by Bill Brooks to accept Treasurer's report. Second by Keith Krause. Motion approved.

Elder's Report - by Rich Wallner

- Elders have reviewed the list of members who have not attended church in more than 4 years. Motion by Rich Wallner recommending to drop: Alexander Beier, Brianna Beier; Joseph Bertzyk, Tammy Bertzyk, Corey Bertzyk, Rachel Bertzyk, Matt Bolen, Hallie Coronado, Emily Giebink (Beier), Cassi Jones, Cody Juedes, Matt Kobishop, Audrey Krueger, Gavin Merrick, Kaylie Merrick, Michelle Techlow, McKenna Barzyk (Techlow). Seconded by Cathy Young. Motion approved, one opposed.

Official Acts:

Baptisms (children not added to church roll) – Lincoln Daniel Parker, son of Lucas and Morgan Parker (parents are taking member class). Elana Louise Dawson, child of Ashley Hoppa and Trevor Dawson.

Affirmation of Faith – Wingate Barraclough.

Transfer In – David Brown, from Trinity, Wautoma. Conrad and Becky Nisiewicz, from Mt. Olive, Milwaukee. Richard Gehrke and children Jacob and Jenna, from Grace, Omro, WI.

Transfer Out – Donald Riedel, to Good Shepherd Lutheran, Oshkosh, WI.

Deaths – Alice Parsons. Orlow Sommerfeldt, Wayne Fink Jr., Janet Ryerson, Kenneth Schuett, Wilfird "Bud" Polk.

Non-Member Funeral – Donald Krueger (non-member committal) at Oakwood Cemetery.

Communicant Membership 484

Baptized Membership 571

Church Families 301

Pastor's Report (none)

Motion by Jackie Lewis to accept Elder's/Pastor's report. Second by Bob Radliff. Motion approved.

Reserved Fund Report – by Rich Wallner

- Donations received for playground project are included in Children's Account Fund.
- Pastor sold his home and repaid loan, listed in Parsonage Fund.
- Any remaining funds from the completed school sign project will be moved to playground equipment.
- Total reserve funds available at the end of the quarter is \$381,728.01.

Motion by Bob Young to accept the Reserved Funds report. Second by Bill Brooks. Motion approved.

Old Business (none)

New Business

- Mr. Mark Podoll has been appointed by the Chairman to serve on the board of Elders. Motion by Gary Podoll to accept the appointment of Mark Podoll to the board. Second by Curt Snow. Motion approved.
- Federal Mileage rate for 2022 is \$0.585 per mile.
- Kevin Koch explained replacement of school playground equipment in 2 phases. Phase 1 would include removal of existing equipment and replacement of industrial grade materials with an estimated cost up to \$80,000. Phase 2 would allow for additional equipment with estimated cost \$34,000. There were questions and discussion around cost, security, liability, vandalism protection and equipment options. Project board will be updated and available in the narthex for visual display of playground equipment. Motion by Adam Ewald to approve creation of line item under Reserved Funds for Playground Equipment with a maximum amount of \$100,000. Second by Melissa Linse. Motion approved.
- Modification of Melissa Linse as a called teacher for 3K/Kindergarten to half-time Kindergarten and half-time interim principal for 2022-23 school year. Motion by Kevin Koch to make the modification to Miss Linse's call. Second by Cathy Young. Motion approved.

Motion by Curt Snow to accept nominations and elections as stated. Second by Adam Ewald. Motion approved

Motion to adjourn was made by Curt Snow, second by Keith Krause. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Radliff, Secretary

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St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: February 16, 2022

The February meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Rich Wallner. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.
Present: Rich Wallner, Debra Thiel, Amy Radliff, Kevin Koch, Bob Radliff, Pastor Mundinger, Mike Schrader, Curt Snow.
Absent: Adam Ewald

Secretary's Report by Amy Radliff

Motion by Koch/B Radliff to accept January minutes with amendment to new business; Payroll Reserve Funds will be moved to interest bearing account, authorized signers are Keith Krause/Trustees and Rich Wallner/Chairman. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>January 2022</u>	<u>January 2021</u>
General Fund	\$62,317.46	\$58,756.40
Children's Fund	\$ 5,345.85	\$ 1,116.43
Elderly Fund	\$.00	\$.00
Memorials	\$ 6,229.00	\$ 1,669.59

Attendance	146 per week	122 per week
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- Ordering 400 envelope boxes for 2023 calendar year.

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

Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

Square Account January 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$1,493.37	Income:	\$.00
Expenses:	\$.00	Ending Balance:	\$1,493.37

Hot Lunch Account January 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$5,696.85	Income:	\$2,900.07
Expenses:	\$1,871.61	Ending Balance:	\$6,725.31

Elderly Fund January 2022:

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

Children's Fund January 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$116,500.95	Income:	\$ 5,376.15
Expenses:	\$ 1,472.82	Ending Balance:	\$120,404.28

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

Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Clean up continues behind stage of church's lower level.
- The church roof was inspected from the ground, opinion is likely 5 more years of wear. A more thorough evaluation will be made in the spring.
- Small A/C unit at church that supports the office and conference room area was inspected. It's recommended a replacement should be of higher capacity output. Unit is working ok now, estimated replacement cost would be more than \$9,000. A check of cold air by some registers in church is connected directly to the outside air intake.
- Fire extinguishers were inspected.
- Lawn mower has been ordered from Bohn's of Berlin.

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

Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

- List of delinquent members that have been inactive for 4+ years was approved to be dropped at the February voters meeting.
- Beginning in Fall of 2022, Confirmation class will be held Wednesdays after school. Class will be combined of 7th and 8th grade St. John students and public school students who desire to be confirmed.

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

Official Acts:

Adult Confirmation Class – Kendrik and Tiffani Chappa and children Li'Onna and Maximus. Charles Huibregtse. Maxine Ferron and daughter Mara. Lucas and Morgan Parker with son Lincoln.

Transfer In – Robert and Janet Bunn, from Our Savior Lutheran, Carol Stream, IL.

Released by Request – Karen Maas, to Living Word Lutheran (WELS) in Oshkosh, WI.

Communicant Members 491

Baptized Members 573

Church Families 305

Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- All tuition fees are up to date.
- EANS Funds available is approximately \$400, have purchased Ozone cleansers. Next EANS funds of roughly \$40,000 will be available for direct services over 2 year period.
- Have conducted some interviews for the teaching position of 5th and 6th grades.
- School open house for all grades will be held March 4th from 4-7 pm.
- Donation of \$500 from Emmaus Church will be designated for the playground equipment
- Increase of \$50 will apply to all 3 tuition tiers for the 2022-23 school year.
- 4K program will be offered as one-half day in the mornings, bussing will be available.
- Playground equipment fund was approved by voters, up to \$100,000 over 2 phases.

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

Old Business:

- Motion by Amy Radliff to approve updates to Personnel Manual for Church and school. Second by Kevin Koch. Motion approved.

New Business:

- Preliminary budgets will be sent to boards for input at next council meeting.

Meetings next month: Trustees – Monday March 14 – 6:30 pm. Board of Education – Tuesday March 8th - 6pm.
Elders – Tuesday, March 8th - 6pm. Council – Tuesday, March 22 – 6 pm.

Motion by Snow/Koch to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

*Respectfully submitted,
Amy Radliff, Secretary*

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VERSE TO REMEMBER

*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep
these words that I am commanding you today in your
heart. —Deuteronomy 6:5-6*



March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 ASH WED. 3:45 Public Confirm 6:30 pm Ash Wed. Service/HC	3 1:00 pm Ladies Aid	4	5
6 LENT I 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 Bible Class 10:15 Sun. School	7 6:00 Bd. of Ed. 6:00 Bd. of Elders	8	9 3:45 Public Confirm 5:15-6:15 Lent Supper 6:30 Lent Service Sr. Choir follows	10	11	12
13 LENT II 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 Bible Class 10:15 Sun. School	14 6:30 pm Trustees	15 11 am PRAYER GROUP meets	16 3:45 Public Confirm 5:15-6:15 Lent Supper 6:30 Lent Service Sr. Choir follows	17	18	19
20 LENT III 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 Bible Class 10:15 Sun. School	21 6:30 pm LWML	22 6:00 pm Council	23 3:45 Public Confirm 5:15-6:15 Lent Supper 6:30 Lent Service Sr. Choir follows	24	25	26
27 LENT IV 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 Bible Class 10:15 Sun. School	28	29	30 3:45 Public Confirm 5:15-6:15 Lent Supper 6:30 Lent Service Sr. Choir follows	31	CHOP SUEY SUPPER WEDNESDAY APRIL 27TH	

