



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
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Berlin, WI 54923
July, 2022

On April 23, 1891, in Philadelphia, a 24 page hand-written book was purchased at public auction. It was valued because of its author. The book was titled The Daily Sacrifice. It was a book of prayers that also contained petitions for morning and evening of each day of the week.

Here are a few of the prayers contained in the book: *"Pardon, I beseech Thee, my sins. Remove them from Thy presence as far as the east is from the west, and accept me for the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ."* Another prayer said this: *"Remit my transgressions, and cover them with the absolute obedience of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, offered upon the cross for me."* One more: *"I humbly beseech Thee to be merciful to me in the free pardon of my sins, for the sake of Thy dear Son, my only Savior, Jesus Christ, who came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."*

Who do you suppose wrote these reverent prayers? Was it some great preacher? No, these prayers were written by George Washington at age 20. These prayers reveal Washington's personal faith in Jesus as his Savior and his gratitude for the grace of God that brought him into God's kingdom.

When people become citizens of the United States, they renounce loyalty to the land of their birth and pledge allegiance to the United States and its Stars and Stripes. That can be an emotional experience. In some cases it means a dramatic move from tyranny and dictatorship to the assurance of rights and freedoms in the land of the

free. They are happy to be a part of what makes America so great!

We are proud to call George Washington the "Father of our Country." We are thankful for all his effort and sacrifice in leading the colonies to independence and into their first years as the United States of America. He is an example to all of us in his dedication to the principles that have made our country great.

On the basis of his book of prayer and other indications, Washington was also dedicated in his relationship to God through Jesus Christ. He had renounced sin and self and had given his allegiance to God's kingdom of grace. In this, he also stands for us as a good example.

St. Paul, grateful for his own release from sin, wrote, **"Give thanks to the Father, who delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us to the kingdom of his dear Son."** The Greek word for "delivered" indicates an exercise of strength which makes one sweat and become exhausted. It points to the cost of God's Son for delivery.

Our political freedoms and especially our spiritual freedom in Christ did not come easily. Jesus gave us everything so that we could have "freedom" in Him. As we rejoice and celebrate our freedoms this 4th of July, let's never forget the most important freedom of all – our salvation through faith in Jesus Christ! Have a blessed 4th of July!

Pastor Mundinger

+In Our Prayers

Rena Pett

Muriel Kroening

Donna Dretske

Hank Mattice – brother of Sharon
Stumpner

Walter Schmudlach

The Family of Delores Clark

Laura Touray

Bonnie Simson

Doria Disterhaft

Joan Parsons

Mark Schubert

Orville Behm

Vicky Clark

Deb Schubert

Jaden Schubert

Minnie Blackmore

Tyler Schubert

Gerald Krause

Carolyn Schmudlach

Duane Schmudlach

Kathleen Thom

Tom & Liz Butterbrodt – 60th
anniversary

Mark Selzler – grandson of Ken &
Shirley Keenlance

Quarterly Voter's Meeting Sunday July 31st

Following the 9 am
worship service
Begins approx. 10:30 am

In the Hospital

Laura Touray
Muriel Kroening
Donna Dretske
Walter Schmudlach
Bonnie Simson



Sending Our
SYMPATHY

Delores Clark
Sister of Cindy Drews and Ray Clark
Died - June 5, 2022
Funeral - June 11, 2022



June 19, 2022

Zachary David Stracy
Son of Justen and Kristin Stracy

Our Shut-In and Homebound members



*Thanks,
Everyone!*



Dear Members of St. John,

Julie and I would like to express our appreciation for all the prayers, love, and support that the congregation has shown us and our family over the past 33 years of service here at St. John.

We thank everyone who made the retirement recognition brunch/reception possible on Sunday, June 5th. The kind words, cards, gifts, and the meal were appreciated. Thank you all.

We look forward to serving Him as members of this congregation for the years to come.

*God Bless you.
Curt and Julie Snow*



Dear members of St. John,

The hoopla is over. Thank You cards have been sent to those who wished me well with cards and gifts. This thank you is to all the members who gave cash at the reception at church. Your generousness to me was well received. I will be busy with EAA, traveling and the many, many jobs Anita has planned for me. Thanks again to all of you.

*God be with you all!
Keith and Anita Krenke*

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and cards sent to me during my recent surgeries.

I appreciate your kindness and concern. Thank you!

Laura Touray



July 5, 1986 - James & Mary Lou Yerk
July 8, 2013 - Brad & Aimee Vergin
July 13, 1996 - Josh & Amy Dament
July 17, 2021 - Richard & Bridget Block
July 18, 1981 - Mark & Bonnie Schumacher
July 21, 2018 - Steven & Melanie Brooks
July 22, 1984 - Gary & Mary Kracht
July 22, 2017 - Ryan & Crystal Stauske
July 28, 1979 - Jeff & Cathy Herbst
July 30, 1994 - Doug & Kathy Wiese



Church Picnic

Sunday, July 24

**At Riverside Park
North Shelter House**

10:30 am church service

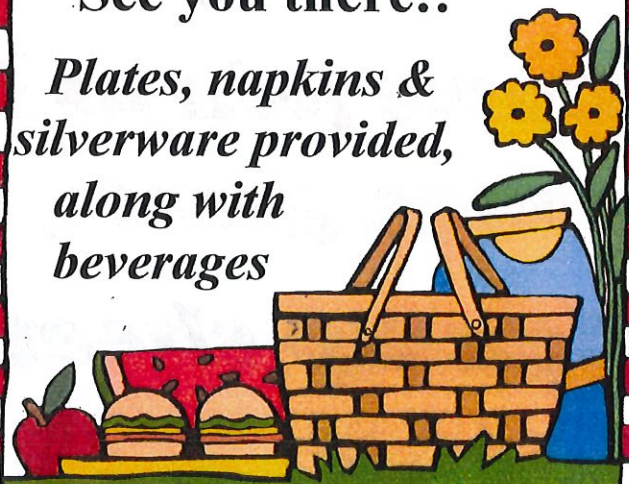
Picnic to follow

Bring a dish to pass.

***Bring your own lawn chairs
if you'd like***

See you there!!

***Plates, napkins &
silverware provided,
along with
beverages***



Save the Date

Rainforest Explorers

Jesus Leads the Way
+

WHAT: St. John Lutheran VBS

WHEN: Saturday, August 13th

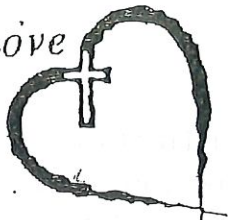
TIME: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

AGES: Age 3 thru 6th grade

***Come join us for Bible stories,
songs, games, snacks, and fun!***

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Divine Love



Human Care

Scott Powell, Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute in Seattle, reports that most people are unaware that when the 56 members of the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, "they were in fact signing their death warrants." The British regarded the declaration as treason, and the penalty was death.

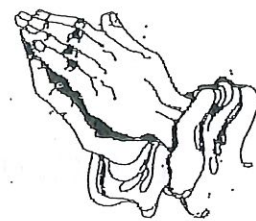
This is why the identities of the signers, except for John Hancock and Charles Thomson, were withheld from the public for more than six months. Powell continues: "What prompted the Continental Congress to begin displaying all 56 signatories of the Declaration can be traced to Washington's determination and success three months later at the Battle of Trenton in December 1776 ... Perceiving this a miracle and harbinger of more victories to come, and perhaps with apparent taking to heart of the last sentence in the Declaration that 'with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor,' the Continental Congress ... began posting the fully-signed copies of the Declaration throughout the 13 colonies in January, 1777."

Our forebears of 246 years ago "placed everything on the line and trusted the Almighty for the results." Powell cites the eminent British historian, Paul Johnson, who observed: "The Americans were overwhelmingly churchgoing, much more so than the English, whose rule they rejected. There is no question that the Declaration of Independence was, to those who signed it, a religious as well as a secular act."

Today, we are blessed as a nation, although we are not perfect. We still strive for fairness and justice. We still try to lift up the fallen and give hope to the downtrodden. I firmly believe that most Americans would give their neighbors or even a stranger the shirts off their backs. Yet, we also know that the struggle for freedom continues, and it should never stop. Only in a great country does such a quest endure.

Prayer: O God, today I give thanks for the freedoms I enjoy. Help me to enjoy this freedom responsibly, and always be respectful to others. Amen

MEMORIALS



IN MEMORY OF ELAINE ACHTERBERG

For Playground Equipment

From Rosebud Homemaker Club.....\$ 20.00

IN MEMORY OF DELORES CLARK

For General Fund

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

DONATIONS

For Playground Equipment

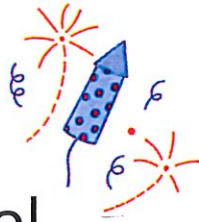
From Kathleen Nechkash.....	\$ 100.00
From Weiland Real Estate.....	\$ 500.00
From Recharge Nutrition.....	\$ 344.00
From Julie Behm.....	\$ 50.00
From Ken & Leanne Hansen.....	\$ 100.00
From Gary & Jackie Eggert.....	\$ 1,000.00
From Rick & Kimberly Gehrke.....	\$ 200.00
From Allie Henke.....	\$ 200.00
From Linda Hertzberg.....	\$ 100.00
From Kathleen Rodencal.....	\$ 500.00
From Lemonade Stand.....	\$ 449.25

For Communion Wine

From Delbert & Barbara Krause.....\$ 143.92



From St John Lutheran School



Happy July! This month we celebrate our nation's birthday. God has blessed us with a beautiful country for which we are extremely grateful. We need to take care of the gift God has given us and pray for those that are entrusted to run it.

We are continually faced with challenges as of late. With gender confusion, race relations, and foreign relations taking center stage in our society we need to keep God at the center of all that we do. We cannot push Him aside as so many would have us do. God has always taken care of us, and He will continue to do so. We need to share His news with a world that needs to hear it and not remain silent.

July is also the midpoint of summer. We have been very busy at school preparing for next year.

We completed our accreditation this past spring and we are tackling projects left and right to stay current for accreditation in the future.

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

The playground project is underway. The old equipment has been removed and the site preparation will be happening towards the end of this month. The 4K classroom has gotten a new coat of paint and the other painting projects are also underway. The floor stripping and waxing is scheduled

for this month and the trustees are tackling many other projects around the building to keep it looking sharp. We thank the dedicated volunteers for all their hard work thus far and yet to come.

The Board of Education continues to work on policy updates and staying up to date on the recommendations and guidelines for what "school" will look like this coming year.

Thank you to everyone that was a part of the retirement celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Snow and Mr. Krenke. Thank you to the Board of Education, Deb Schrader, Nancy Wallner, and the Daments for arranging and preparing the celebration brunch. The food was delicious, and the event was well attended. We wish the Snows and Mr. Krenke all the best.

We welcome Allie Henke and Jayne Kersten to our staff for the coming school year. Allie will be teaching 4K in the morning and Kindergarten in the afternoon. Jayne will be our new fifth and sixth grade teacher. I will be stepping into the role of interim principal while teaching morning Kindergarten. Please keep our staff in your prayers as we embark on these new roles.

We are having a Brat Fry at Crossroads Market July 9th from 11 – 2 as a fundraiser for the new playground. You are all invited to attend.

That is all for this month. Enjoy celebrating the Fourth of July with family and friends. God bless you, and God bless the USA.

In service to Christ,

Miss Melissa Linse



Did You Know...



One of the newer members of our church is Wingate Barraclough. Wingate was born on October 14 1973 in San Jose, California. His father, Harold, was in the Marine Corps and Mother, Kathleen, a violinist, music teacher and director. Wingate grew up with one older brother Roark. Their military family moved often and young Wingate was able to experience many interesting things our planet has to offer. He earned money by picking berries and also had a paper route. In school, he was especially interested in history and also learned to play the bagpipes.

After his Dad left the Marine Corps, he worked for the Hewlett Packard CO. in Bellingham Washington. There, Wingate attended Bellingham High School graduating in 1992.

In 1994, at age 20, Wingate Rex Julian Barraclough was Baptized in Idar Oberstein, Germany by

Father Jerry Dale and then in April of 2001 was confirmed by Pastor Iben at Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS in Bellingham Washington.

He continued his studies at Whatcom Community College, later transferred to Concordia College in Portland, Oregon and then on to Concordia Mequon WI. He graduated in 2003 with a degree in Theology. He lived in West Allis, and Grafton after graduating from Concordia: then returned to the West and Sand Point, Idaho for a while. He transferred to our church from Christ Our Redeemer in Sand Pint.

Sadly, Wingate's parents and his brother all passed away much too early. An inheritance from them has given him an opportunity to do some very interesting things. He has visited many places in the world but the trip that stands out is a hiking trip through the Grampian Mountains in Scotland.

Being of Scottish decant made that trip very special.

Wingate is what I like to call a "Jack of all Trades" He has worked as a Janitor, Hotel Clerk, Carpet Cleaner, Security Guard, Construction Worker and in Property Management. In Berlin, he has invested in some property including the building where the Ladybug Floral is located. (Yes, that was very interesting to me!!)

He chose St John because we are an LCMS church and Wingate would like to thank our members for the warm welcome extended to him. He is enjoying singing in our Choir and is looking forward to more Sunday Morning Bible Classes in the Fall.

Wingate is still very interested in History; he also enjoys target shooting, reading, listening to Pod-Casts walking and spending time with his two dogs; Petey, "the old Geezer" and Shelley.

Welcome to St John Wingate. We are so very happy to have you with us. God Bless You!!



LWML News

The LWML met on Monday, June 20th. We want to thank everyone donated to the Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County. Bonnie Sperberg and Cindy Schuett took 4 big boxes and a bag of supplies to the South Wisconsin District Convention on June 18th.

In June we also did a servant event, we used a Thrivent Action Team grant to purchase items to make gift bags for the residents of Edgewater apartments in Berlin. We included a card with our worship times and we went to Edgewater on June 15th and knocked on each door and handed out the gift bags.

Please note the Fall Retreat information in the newsletter. If you are interested in going, please see any LWML member for a registration form. If you would like to apply for financial aid for the Retreat, you can also see an LWML member, all financial aid applications need to be in by August 1st.

Mark your calendars, we are hosting the Fall Rally on Saturday, October 29th. Registration will begin at 8:30am and the rally will start at 9am. We will have a Bible study and a light lunch will follow. More information will be coming.

We take off the months of July and August so our next meeting will be Monday, September 19th at 6:30pm 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.



Make a joyful noise
unto God, all ye lands.

Psalm 66:1, KJV

St John Sunday Evening Club 1938 – 1999

By Karen Wendt

The St. John Sunday Evening Club was organized by a group of members seeking Christian Fellowship and an opportunity to provide service to their St John congregation. Under the direction of Pastor Martin Strasen, the very first meeting occurred on Sunday October 30th 1938 at the home of Erwin and Linda Ehrlich. Elections were held at that meeting with Erwin Ehrlich elected President; Erle Vanderhoff Vice President; Laura Neitzke Secretary and Frieda Ludwig Treasurer. Pastor Strasen would be the Spiritual Advisor for the Club. The last Sunday of the month was chosen as the meeting night, dues would be 10 cents a month and Forty-seven people became charter members.

From the very beginning, the Club was concerned with assisting the church and school. At the second meeting, a Constitution was drawn up and accepted. It listed four objectives:

1. To assist, in any way, the home congregation.
2. To promote growth in Christian knowledge through educational programs.
3. To foster Christian love and fellowship, and provide material for wholesome entertainment.
4. To encourage and support missions and charitable endeavors within the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

The meetings always began with the singing of a hymn followed by the Pastor's talk on church related topics. A business meeting followed and lastly a guest speaker would give a talk. When all the business was finished, the playing cards were brought out for some wholesome entertainment. In the beginning, SCOT was the popular game for men while the ladies preferred Smear. Sometimes Cootie, Mouse, Court Wisk, Bunco, or Yahtzee replaced the cards. In later years, Sheephead was played by all; in fact, 15 decks of cards were purchased during this period and marked "For Sunday Evening Club Members ONLY"

Clarence Braun was elected as the 2nd President of the club. Pastor Strasen received a call and left for Ebenezer Lutheran in Milwaukee. We called Pastor William Eggers from Cleghorn WI who arrived in 1940 and became the Club's 2nd Spiritual Advisor. Before Pastor Eggers arrived, four rooms in the parsonage were wallpapered by the Sunday Evening Club members.

The first church picnic was held at the cottage of Otto & Frieda Ludwig on Hills Lake and all members of St John were invited. This became an annual affair until the death of Mr. Ludwig in the late 1950's. After that, picnics were held at the Mt. Morris Retreat where the young member's Walther League Society was usually challenged to a friendly game of baseball or basketball by other church members.

Sunday Evening Club members held Halloween parties, hay rides, housewarming parties and snow mobile parties. Christmas Parties were held each year with special entertainment and invited guests. For many years, Erwin Ehrlich dressed up as Santa Claus, passing out gifts for the

children and guests. With the arrival of Pastor Schedler in 1955 it was quickly discovered that he was very sensitive to what he called "Satan Claus" or "Santa Flush" and Santa never again appeared at the club's Christmas Party.

The Club always followed the goals set forth in its Constitution. The first being "To assist in any way the home congregation." The first assistance occurred shortly after organizing when the Sunday Evening Club purchased a new light for the school hall at a cost of \$17.82. The 2nd project was a light for the pulpit.

Through the years, the St John Sunday Evening Club has purchased or built many items for our church including the very first Communion railing used in church and a new lectern. Both were built by a carpenter from Westfield and the lectern is still being used in our altar area. A guest registry was purchased and club members built a stand to set it on; they also built wooden candelabras that attached to the ends of each pew down the churches center aisle. These could be used for weddings and other celebrations. A vacuum cleaner for the church was donated as well as 50 steel folding chairs to be used for extra seating when the pews were full. A new typewriter was donated for Pastor and the Host Box and Flagen used for Communion were re-silvered. The Club donated \$500 to the organ fund in 1968 and also contributed to the church's indebtedness. Members built a handicap ramp on the north side of the church; new hymnals were purchased and old ones were repaired by Club members. Card tables were purchased, \$700 was given for the new organ chimes and for St John's 75th Anniversary, the Club purchased a copy of "The Lutheran Handbook and Agenda" which they gifted to the church. In 1966 the Club donated \$4000 to the church centennial fund and paid for new carpeting in the church.

In December of 1948, Pastor Eggers accepted a call to St Paul's in Oconomowoc and Pastor Herbert Baker from Symco, came to Berlin. He became the Club's third Spiritual Advisor and also became famous for his rendition of a "HoBo" at one of the club's Halloween parties.

To raise money for their many projects, the Club held regular Bake Sales, Rummage Sales and Paper Drives. In 1951, they were seeking new ways of raising funds when two very active members, Minnie Keehn and Mrs. John Krause suggested the Club consider having a Chop Suey Supper. Minnie was the head cook at the famous Whiting Hotel in downtown Berlin and Mrs. Krause was known for making the best coffee in Berlin. She always used the old-fashioned coffee pots and added an egg or two for the proper taste. Their suggestion was accepted and the first Chop Suey Supper was held in the school cafeteria. The event was open to the public; tickets were \$1.00 for adults, 50 cents for children and approximately 100 people were served. It was quickly decided to make the Chop Suey Supper the Club's annual event and the last Wednesday before the start of Lent was chosen as the date. The second year's profit was \$86.43 and the third \$218.24. By the late 1980's between 700 and 800 people were being served. with an average profit of around \$3000.

Many school projects were also supported by the Sunday Evening Club. In the early years, they shared a bill for decorating the school hall and kitchen with the Ladies Aid; the work being done

by volunteers. They donated 85 new hymnals to the school, made hangers so the children could hang their coats up, purchased a mimeograph machine and a new electric typewriter, built some carts for storing folding chairs and bicycle racks for the children. The Club refinished the school floors, purchased new lights, installed a new hot water heater in the kitchen, donated a dishwasher, a steam table, commercial gas stove, new dishes & silverware including 10 dozen teaspoons to replace those resting in the landfill and helped pay for a set of encyclopedias. They removed overgrown shrubs and barberry bushes around the flag pole so the school children could raise and lower the flag each day without becoming injured: then planted new shrubs to beautify the school. They hired Schmude Electric to update the wiring in the kitchen, built cupboards and storage space in the cafeteria and donated money for computers and software. They also built 30 banquet tables out of plywood with metal legs. These tables were all made in Clarence Braun's basement with Arnold Harke supervising. The tables are still being used today.

In 1955 Pastor Baker accepted a call to Koehler, WI and the Cub's new Spiritual Advisor became Pastor Arthur Schedler, from St Johns' Lutheran in Shawano. It was decided to drop the 10 cents a month-dues in 1958, allowing members to make a free-will offering instead.

In 1959 the basketball program was started at St John. Garvin Shields was the coach until 1961 when he left for the service. Bill Handrich took over for him. The team competed against other Berlin City teams and with parochial schools in the area. In 1970 The Sunday Evening Club sponsored the East Central Wisconsin Lutheran Basketball Tournament netting a profit of \$2574.36. The club then painted the gym, purchased bleachers, added acoustics and still had enough money left to donate \$300 for driveway repair. Later, the Club purchased playground equipment and a fence for around the play area. They gave \$150 for new mats in the gym, \$50 for new sports uniforms and paid for the removal of asbestos panels in the gym. Then they gave money to purchase new panels and in 1987 paid \$324.55 for an energy control air compressor.

In 1963 The Sunday Evening Club celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a potato pancake supper and a delicious Anniversary Cake made by club member Alice Janes. On another occasion, the men of the Club decided to treat their ladies to a pancake supper. The men did all the cooking and to serve them, a waiter in a tuxedo, complete with a white napkin draped over his sleeve was there to help.

The 2nd and 3rd goals of the Constitution are "To provide Christian Knowledge, foster Christian Fellowship and wholesome Entertainment." These goals were constantly met at every club meeting and on hay rides, Halloween costume parties, picnics, bowling, playing basketball against the youth of the church and staging 1 act plays in the early years that were open to the public. Bill and Donna Moldenhauer arranged for a visit from Berlin's first AFS student and that tradition continued for many years.

In 1973, Pastor Schedler accepted a call to LaValle WI and Pastor David Meyer, Clara, their 3 boys and Shep the dog moved into the Parsonage. Pastor Meyer immediately became very active as the new Spiritual Advisor for the Club.

The Sunday Evening Club started the church Newsletter in 1973 and paid for all Newsletter expenses, including postage to mail the newsletter to every member's home until mailboxes were installed in the new church. In 1974 they helped to purchase new carpeting, storm windows and paint for the vicarage and some new flooring and counters were also installed in the parsonage. Many "house-warmings" were held during the 60's and 70's when club members building new homes were honored with a visit from the Club and a living tree or shrub that could be enjoyed for years to come was given as a house-warming gift.

To "Encourage Missions and other Charitable Endeavors" The Sunday Evening Club donated to the Gerhardt Kirst Education Fund and in an effort to bring Christ to thee nations, became a loyal supporter of the weekly broadcasts of "The Lutheran Hour" and "This Is the Life" television program. The Club joined the Lutheran Layman's League, which member Arnold Lohse was a big supporter of. He found many speakers who came to Berlin and talked at their meetings. The Club paid for LLL broadcasts on Ripon's WCWC radio as well as Pastor Meyer's "Morning Meditations" over WISS. They held LLL Rallies and placed Lutheran Hour welcome signs at the entrances to Berlin, giving visitors directions for getting to St John church and donated to the Lutheran Hour float in the Rose Bowl Parade.

On Confirmation Sunday, during the church's centennial year, The Sunday Evening Club paid for flowers on the altar and purchased an LLL membership for each Confirmand. They also gave a \$1000 to a new mission church in Plainfield.

In 1985, Pastor Burnell Eckardt was called as our Associate Pastor. He, his wife Carol and their sons became the first to purchase their own home in Berlin rather than live in the Parsonage. After Pastor Meyer retired in July of 1997, the parsonage sat empty for almost a year. It was then cleaned in preparation for St John's last Vicar, Clark Brown, his wife Martha and family. Soon after they left the parsonage was sold.

On October 30th 1988, the Sunday Evening Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Almost 80 people attended including 7 charter members. After a buffet supper, a nostalgic program called "This is your Life" complete with skits was presented by Arnold Kretzmann and various club members.

In 1990, the Club and the Ladies Aid shared the cost in purchasing St John placemats to be used for the Chop Suey Suppers and other events and in 1993 they donated \$1000 toward a computer for Pastor Eckardt. A new \$3200. back door addition for the school was paid for by the Club and the banquet tables were refinished.

In 1996 Pastor Kenneth Heinrich from Spooner, WI replaced Pastor Eckardt as the new Assistant Pastor. A contribution of \$700 was made to the Organ Chime Fund in 1997. Also thee sign on Hwy 49 south was replaced and another \$300 given for "The Lutheran Hour" broadcasts on WISS radio. Pastor Meyer retired in July of that year and moved to West Bend leaving Pastor Heinrich as the sole Pastor at St John and the Club's final Spiritual Advisor. In 1998, \$3000 was contributed for kitchen renovation and another Nesco Roaster was purchased for the chop Suey suppers.

On Sunday October 18th 1998, the Sunday Evening Club celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a party at Berlin's Mascoutin Country Club. All past and present members were invited to the celebration and dinner. Anniversary Committee members were: Arnold & Jeanette Kretzmann, Bill & Donna Moldenhauer, Merlyn & Vera Soda and Bill & Shirley Handrich. As the evening drew to a close, President Bill Handrich stated. **"THERE YOU HAVE IT!! BUSY – YOU BET! FUN – AND HOW! BUT MOST IMPORTANT WAS THE PLEASURE OUR CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVED IN MONITETARILY SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH, SCHOOL, OTHER FACILITIES AND MISSIONS IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP"** The entire assembly then rose, joined hands in a large circle and sang the beautiful old hymn, "God Be with you till we meet again." The last meeting of the St. John Sunday Evening Club was held in January of 2000. Shortly after, the Club closed their books and disbanded.

St John Church will forever be grateful to the members of The Sunday Evening Club for all they did for the betterment of our church and school. Not just for the financial assistance but also for their Christian love and dedication to serving God and their church.

LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY LEAGUE
SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT



Fall Retreat 2022

September 23 and 24, 2022

Radisson Hotel and
Conference Center

625 West Rolling Meadows Drive

The Fall Retreat committee invites you to gather with us at the 2022 Fall Retreat under the theme *Empowered by God's Grace* based on Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

God's Grace will be revealed through:

- KAROL SELLE, an educator, editor and graphic design editor. She is employed by the North Wisconsin District as editor of *The Lutheran Witness* supplement and is a substitute teacher for St. Paul Lutheran School in Stevens Point. Her focus will be knowing our God-given gifts and using them to enrich the lives of others as well as our own.
- YOU will bless others with your offering for the LCMS Sheboygan County Hispanic Ministry and Gifts from the Heart to Bless the Fondy Food Pantry.

- YOU will have the opportunity to create banners for the Hispanic Outreach Ministry
- YOU will have the opportunity to make coloring bookmarks and cards
- YOU will have the opportunity to participate in a servant event that will recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Registration forms and posters are available on our district website www.lwml-swd.org/events/retreat

Get that registration in now! Invite a friend to attend! Continue to pray for this event!

Thank you & Blessings on your summer
See you in the Fall!
2022 LWML SWD Fall Retreat Committee



Josepha Hartzke	7/01	Nathaniel Nighbor	7/18
Carol Kosterman	7/01	Cavin Oppor	7/18
Gloria Rodensal	7/01	Nancy Albright	7/19
Allison Wendt	7/01	Kathy Wiese	7/20
Phillip Marschall	7/05	Vincent Rowen	7/22
Brenna Mosier	7/05	Maren Krause	7/24
Belva Rux	7/05	Ryan Wendt	7/24
Dean Sales	7/05	Sara Chier	7/25
Sydney Radke	7/06	Cheryl Hoffman	7/25
Jennifer Billington	7/06	Thomas Hopp	7/25
Renee Van Ornum	7/06	Mia Schubert	7/25
Brenda Achterberg	7/07	Robert Young	7/25
Luke Frauenhoff	7/07	Ricki Schubert	7/26
Jane Mittelstaedt	7/07	Eileen Boehlke	7/27
Melissa Linse	7/08	Russ Henriksen	7/28
Pat Siegmund	7/08	Pat Metzler	7/28
Clinton Drover	7/09	Kathleen Nechkash	7/29
Perriann Fredrick	7/09	Presley Wollert	7/31
Tara Schubert	7/09		
Jennifer Wollert	7/12		
Ken Mittelstaedt	7/14		
Bonnie Simson	7/14		
Connie Simson	7/14		
Sonia Wasniak-Bohn	7/14		
Tiffani Chappa	7/15		
Gerald Dutcher	7/15		
Carol Gelhar	7/15		
Anastasia Hansen	7/16		
Kathy Anderson-Kemnitz	7/17		
Gary Boehlke	7/17		

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St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: June 22, 2022

The June meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Adam Ewald. Pastor opened with prayer.

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

Secretary's Report by Amy Radliff

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

Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>May 2022</u>	<u>May 2021</u>
General Fund	\$102,023.35	\$85,656.51
Children's Fund	\$ 18,208.28	\$ 6,225.37
Elderly Fund	\$.00	\$.00
Memorials	\$ 902.40	\$13,135.76
Attendance	192 per week	179 per week

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

Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

Square Account May 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1.76	Income:	\$373.59
Expenses:	\$329.73	Ending Balance:	\$ 45.62

Hot Lunch Account May 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 9,386.57	Income:	\$52,025.81
Expenses:	\$50,239.61	Ending Balance:	\$11,172.77

Elderly Fund May 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$7,702.28	Income:	\$.00
Expenses:	\$.00	Ending Balance:	\$7,702.28

Children's Fund May 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$133,768.72	Income:	\$ 25,651.50
Expenses:	\$ 684.69	Ending Balance:	\$158,735.53

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

Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Playground equipment has been removed from the school. The fence will be removed in July.
- Summer painting and repair projects at the school are planned for the summer.
- (3) A/C units have been replaced in various classrooms.
- Status update for the air compressor unit for the school ordered in April is that it has been shipped.
- The boiler located in the church failed its recent inspection. Replacement parts have been ordered to fix the unit.

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

Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report

- Pastor Mundinger has announced his plan to retire at the end of July 2023.

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

Official Acts:

Baptism – Jackson Curtis Rohde, son of Shawn Rohde and Haley Kellogg.

Junior Confirmation – Taylor Beza (Poy Sippi Member), Maura Willis (Aurora Member), Ashley Dretske, Evion Lemke Larson, Brookelynn McCormick, Blake Mertens, Conrad Van Ornum, Caleb Voigtlander and Adeline Boomgard.

Communicant Members 482

Baptized Members 569

Church Families 296

Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- Following removal of playground equipment, reviewed area for grading to be completed by Egbert Excavating.
- Teacher training took place at Trinity of Menasha
- EANS funds available will be used for computer equipment in the classroom. Looking into improved smart board that are directly connected to the PC.
- Jayne Kersten requests to be considered a Called 5th and 6th grade teacher.
- Melissa Linse participated in Future Lutheran Administrators-Midwest Educators (FLAME) as part of leadership training.

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

Old Business:

- Budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is set.

New Business :

- Flowers have been placed on the Cluppert grave for 2022.
- Rich Wallner will assemble a call committee in preparation for our next pastor.
- Pastor Mundinger received a request for financial support from Josh Piechowski toward mission trip with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru). Motion by Wallner/Koch to approve donation for Josh/Cru up to \$800. Motion approved.
- Kevin Koch provided a report from recent District Conference he attended with Pastor Mundinger. A private donor has offered to match \$25,000 and Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has offered to match an additional \$10,000 of new money raised by the South Wisconsin District no later than June 30, 2022 for mission starts (e.g., Church Planting). Koch/Thiel motion to designate \$1,500 in Mission toward planting churches and schools of the South Wisconsin District. Motion approved.
- With Mr. Snow's retirement, accounts and signer designee will need to be updated. Motion by Wallner/Koch to change the signee on the Hot Lunch, Square and Class Trip accounts from Curt Snow to Melissa Linse. Motion approved. Motion by Wallner/Krause to change primary cardholder name on Visa Card/Farmers & Merchants Bank from Curt Snow to Debra Schrader, School Admin. Motion approved. Motion by Wallner/Thiel to change main point of contact on accounts held at Fortifi Bank from Curt Snow to Rich Wallner. Motion approved.

Meetings next month: Trustees – Monday July 11th – 6:30 pm. Board of Education – Tuesday July 12th - 6pm.

Elders – Tuesday, July 12th - 6pm. Council – Wednesday, July 20th – 6 pm.

Quarterly Voters Meeting – Sunday, July 31st (following the 9 am Worship Service)

Motion by Snow/B Radliff to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 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.

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.

Designing Pearls

When a grain of sand or a tiny bit of debris enters a mollusk's shell, such as an oyster or mussel, the creature goes into a defensive action to protect itself from the irritating particle. As a result, the oyster deposits a crystalline form of calcium carbonate known as aragonite. The smooth layers of minerals and protein that the mollusk deposits on the foreign particle are called nacre (pronounced NAY-ker). The layers of nacre take on a beautiful, iridescent, and shiny appearance that gives pearls their beauty.



The question that has bothered scientists for more than a century is how the oyster can change a jagged or lopsided fragment of grit into a perfectly round and smooth pearl. Recently, a research

team studied pearls from Akoya pearl oysters (*Pinctada imbricata fucata*) in Australia. First, they used a diamond wire saw to slice the pearls in half. Then they polished the cut surfaces and used various electron microscopes to study them more carefully than anyone had done before.

One pearl they studied had 2,615 layers of nacre deposited over 548 days. The pearl was only 2.5 mm in diameter, so the layers were extremely thin. They found that the mollusk modulates the thickness of the nacre layers according to "power-law decay across low to mid frequencies, colloquially called 1/f noise." That means the mollusk uses math to adjust the thickness of the layers to compensate for irregularities.

One of the researchers, Laura Otter, a biogeochemist at the Australian National University, said: "These humble creatures are making a super light and super tough material so much more easily and better than we do with all our

technology." Using calcium carbonate and protein, oysters make nacre 3,000 times tougher than the raw materials. Understanding how mollusks make pearls could lead to a new generation of super materials for use in spacecraft or solar panels. Once again, design in nature gives us some valuable insights. Thanks to the Designer of nature, even lowly mollusks can teach humans some lessons.

Thanks from the Seminary!



May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in the sight of our Lord!

I have known many challenges and many blessings, but none of them compare to the great joy that I've known while walking

down this path to the holy ministry. Thank you for your support and encouragement. I am especially thankful for a recent response that one of you sent me. Your stories and those of the rest of our great Family are precious to me. I am always thankful and filled with encouragement just to know when someone is enjoying Bible study or fellowship or mission work. Thank you!

I continue to be amazed at the depth of passion that I am realizing for serving our God and His people. This semester continues to open my eyes in terms of the profound pleasure of receiving some new teaching from God's Word, or even some intricacy of Luther's works. Just in the past few days, while burning the midnight oil to accomplish other work, I was simply amazed at the depth of logic in 1st Thessalonians. It is impressive to realize the great care that God through Paul put into the thanksgiving, teaching, chastisement, and exhortation of that epistle. I am thankful for a God who cares enough to come not just once in the flesh for our faith, but who continues to build us up in His Word, regardless of how many years we may study His Truth. Thank the Lord for this class called Pauline Epistles!

Last, but certainly not least, you and my home congregation continue to be very supportive. I am very thankful to know continuing support through letters and other support. I am taking great delight in growing to be a part of the Emmaus Lutheran Church family in Dorsey, IL. They have shown me so much love and encouragement, through feeding me on occasional Sundays and Pastor Kern giving me helpful advice around worship services and being blessed with ever more opportunities to proclaim the Good News in word and deed. Homiletics (preaching) and Pauline Epistles are now my favorite courses.

Thank you for investing the time of reading these words. I hope and pray that all I say and do may bring glory to God. May these words be a special comfort and support for your faith. To God be all the glory forever!

Your servant in Jesus Christ
Matthew Wilson

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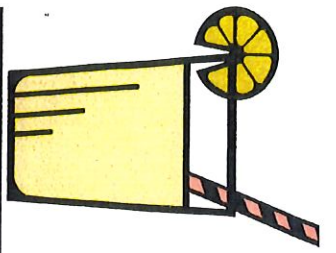
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3 9:00 Worship/HC	4	5	6	7 6:30 Worship/HC	8	9
10 9:00 Worship/HC	11	12	13	14 6:30 Worship/HC	15	16
17 9:00 Worship/HC	18 6:30 Trustee Mtg.	19 6:00 Bd. of Ed. 6:00 Bd. of Elders	20	21 6:30 Worship/HC	22	23
24 10:30 am Worship in the Park Picnic after service	25	26 11 am Prayer Group	27 6 pm Council Mtg.	28 6:30 Worship/HC	29	30
31 9:00 Worship/HC Voters Meeting after service						

