



# St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church  
V. 28, No. 1

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923

February, 2023

Well, the big day is just about here. It's time to make all of the necessary arrangements for the big party! Like getting all of the food ready - which should probably consist of several different party trays of subs, chips, meat & cheese, veggies, and various baked goods for dessert. Then it's necessary to make sure the TV is working OK. And if the TV is even a bit wonky, then perhaps we need to consider spending \$1500 on a new 75" wide screen television set. After all, this is the Super Bowl we're talking about. And it should be nothing but the best for the Saints and Colts. Let's face it, the Packers fell short once again so we had better root for the team with the most Packer connections, right? (I'll let you decide who that is.) And if the game turns out to be lousy, we still need a good TV so that we can watch all of the funny Super Bowl commercials!

Who says football isn't a religion? They certainly never lived anywhere near Green Bay! Now don't get me wrong, I love football. Just ask my wife. She'll tell you I love football. She's amazed that I can remember little details regarding a Packer loss to Denver in 1984 in a blizzard at Denver's Mile High Stadium where the Packers fumbled twice in the opening minute to fall behind 14-0 and eventually went on to lose 17-14 (Lynn Dickey was the quarterback). She's equally amazed I can't remember to pick up milk at Kwik Trip on my way home from work. And to be perfectly honest, I don't think there's a thing wrong with enjoying a good football game with family and friends (just be sure to keep a finger on the remote button at half time if the kids are present!)

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to harness the passion and devotion that people have for

football and turn it towards Jesus Christ? Can you imagine people showing up for church a couple of hours early so that they can meet in the parking lot for fun and fellowship? Can you imagine a waiting list some 60,000 people long to get into church each Lord's Day? Can you imagine people singing as loud on Sunday morning as they scream on Sunday afternoon? Can you imagine the wonderful things that could happen if everyone loved the Lord as much as they loved Aaron Rodgers?

You and I are in the unique position to make great things happen here at St. John. God has blessed us with many wonderful opportunities to grow in our faith and in turn share that faith with others. Another new year has begun and with it there are many opportunities to grow in Christ. In just a few weeks we will once again begin the season of Lent. This year we will focus our attention on the theme "Chronicles of the King" during our mid-week services. Prayerfully plan to make this mid-week journey a part of your weekly routine. There's no better way to remain connected to our Lord and His life and death for us that during our annual Lenten journey.

As we hear in Daniel 12:3, ***"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."*** Enjoy the Super Bowl and all of the fun associated with it. But enjoy even more the salvation we have in Jesus Christ. Make the most of the opportunities God has given you to grow in your faith, and then shine like the brightness of the heavens, so that others can see Christ in you and know Him as their Savior too!



*Pastor Mundinger*

## +In Our Prayers

Sandy Gregor

Jackie Albert

The Family of Frank Weiss

Ken Fink

Carolyn Schmudlach

Duane Schmudlach

Cathy Steinke – June Richter's  
Daughter

Joan Parsons

Gerald Krause

Brenda Podoll

Dave Chappa

Sylvia Wells

Gary Eggert

The Family of Nelma Stertz

The family of Ralph Fredrick, father of  
Perri Fredrick

Olivia Stacy – granddaughter of Bonnie  
Schumacher, great-granddaughter of  
Arden Patchett

Vern Lichtenberg

Allie Wendt – going to Spain for 5  
months

Ed Marks

*Sending Our*  
**SYMPATHY**

Frank Weiss

Father of Kelli Munding



## In the Hospital

Jackie Albert

Sandy Gregor

Ken Fink

Ed Marks



January 26, 2023

**Aza Rae Mittelstaedt**

Daughter of Alex and Samantha  
Mittelstaedt



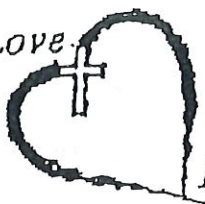
February 4, 2011 - Adam & Julie Deibert

February 4, 2005 - Jayson & Rebecca Mosier

February 8, 1964 - Gordon & Jean Manske

February 10, 1973 - David & Deb Johanknecht

February 14, 2014 - Kendrik & Tiffani Chappa



St. John Carling Ministries

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

There is an old Spanish saying which goes, "Por la boca muere el pez." Literally, this means "the fish dies by its mouth." If the fish had kept its mouth shut, he would not have ended up in the frying pan or mounted on a wall.

We can get into a lot of trouble sometimes because we open our big mouths. Truth is, it is more important that we *do* the right thing, than say the right thing. We are defined by what we do, not what we say.

Let's say that a man comes home one day, and his wife, who had arrived from her job only minutes earlier, notices that the expression on his face is grim. He marches past her on his way to the kitchen. He opens a cupboard and slams it shut. He rattles a drawer looking for some- thing. He kicks at the dog. She asks him, "What's the matter?"

"Nothing."

"How was your day at the office?"

"Fine."

Do you suppose the wife believes the *words* her husband chooses, or the *behavior* he has acted out since he came home? *The behavior*. The *non-verbal action* will always be believed rather than the verbal when the two are in conflict. Truly, actions do indeed speak louder than words.

Francis of Assisi once invited a young monk to join him on a trip to preach in a nearby town . . The monk was honored and readily accepted the invitation. All day, the two monks walked through the streets and alleys of the town and even ventured into the suburbs. They rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people.

At the end of the day, the two headed to a monastery for the night. The young monk was puzzled that Francis had not even once addressed a crowd, nor had he talked to anyone about the gospel. Greatly disappointed, his young companion finally said to Francis, "I thought we were going into town to preach."

Francis responded, "Oh, but we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. Many saw us and our behavior was closely watched. It is of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk!"

*Prayer: May my life, O God, be a living witness to Your love, grace and mercy. Help me to act out the good news so that both my words and my life are in harmony. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



MEMORIALS



IN MEMORY OF ORVILLE BEHM

For General Fund

From Arden Patchett.....\$20.00

From Dave & Kay Niven.....\$ 30.00

For Human Care

From Russ & Robin Henriksen

.....\$25.00

From Rich & Nancy Wallner

.....\$60.00

IN MEMORY OF FRANK WEISS

For Human Care

From Russ & Robin Henriksen

.....\$25.00

IN MEMORY OF KIM MULDWIN

For Maintenance & Repair

From Bob & Karen Wendt..\$25.00





## Filling the Candles... and that's not all

Ever wonder who fills the candles, puts out the communion ware, changes the banners and adds flowers or plants to beautify the Church Altar?

The Altar Guild serves by preparing the altar and sacraments for Worship Services as well as preparations for: baptisms, weddings and funerals.

If you have questions about what we do, contact Amy Radliff or another member, names are posted in the card room next to the flower sign-up poster.

Would you like to learn how YOU can serve the church with our lively group of ladies? The Guild meets quarterly, join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30pm.

New members welcome!



## 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.

### Musical Tree

It is the tallest species of spruce and one of the tallest species of trees in the world. These trees are commonly used as tonewood for various musical instruments. The Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*) lives to be very old and outrageously tall.




Sitka spruce trees grow along the western coast of North America from Sitka, Alaska, to northern California. The tallest specimen is 315 feet tall (96 m) and resides in Olympic National Park, Washington. Old trees may not have branches lower than 98–131 feet (30–40 m). They

have thin scaly bark, and their needles are arranged spirally along the twig.

Sitka spruce is the most important timber species in Alaska. The wood is valuable for use as turbine blades for wind-driven electrical generators and masts for sailboats as well as musical instruments. Sitka spruces are also a critical component of the health of the ecosystem. Sitka spruce forests provide habitat for a large variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. The forests foster hiding places, thermal cover, and a natural snow screen. Many species would be in jeopardy of habitat loss without the towering trees and vast forest canopy.

Because Sitka spruce is fast-growing, it is a top choice for reforestation efforts. When the tree is reintroduced to regions, it has massive effects on other organisms. Sitka spruce trees remind us that healthy, plentiful forests are part of God's design for the Earth. He provides for both man and animals within His creation. The tree's structure and wood type create excellent acoustic properties for use in guitars, violins, and pianos. Sitka spruces are beautiful trees that give us beautiful forests and help us create beautiful music.



# **FEBRUARY**

## ***Birthdays***

Jonathon Schilder	2/01
Jace Snow	2/01
Jonathon Bruss	2/02
Robert Bunn	2/03
Lynette Wilde	2/03
Brad Vergin	2/04
Dennis Winkler	2/05
Cathy Herbst	2/06
Adam Deibert	2/08
Marion Kobishop	2/09
Jeff Wasniak	2/09
Susan Wendt	2/12
Gabrielle Scheps	2/13
Liz Butterbrodt	2/14
Breanna Polk	2/16
Nicole Schumacher	2/17
Alan Boehlke	2/19
David Beardsley	2/20
Don Beier	2/22
Michael Brooks	2/22
Jadon Vergin	2/24
Donna Dutcher	2/25
Dale Bruss	2/26
Jennifer Dewhurst	2/27
Hannah Lare	2/28
Keith Krenke	2/28
Karen Saunders	2/28
Mara Ferron	2/29
Darrell Mischka	2/29



## **LENTEN SUPPERS**

The Lenten suppers will begin on Wednesday, March 1. Food, salads, desserts and beverages will be provided.

March 1 - PTL

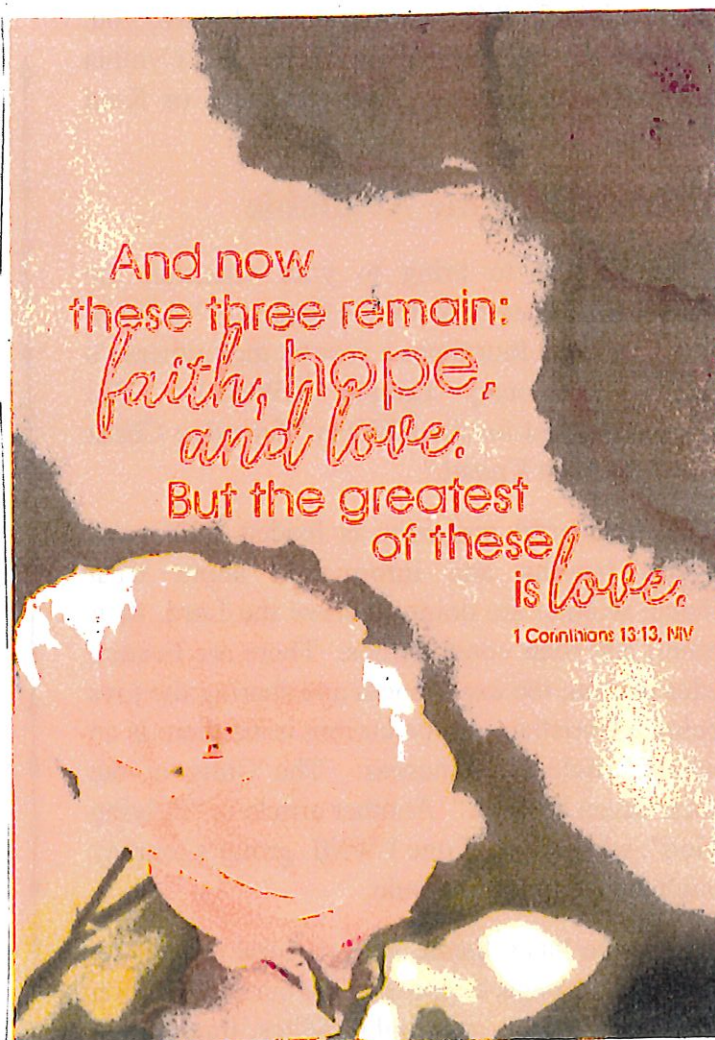
March 8 - Ladies Aid

March 15 - Senior Choir

March 22 - Altar Guild/LWML

March 29 - Church Council/Boards

Supper begins at 5:15 with church services at 6:30 pm. A free will basket will be on each table. Any questions or concerns, please contact Nancy Wallner @ 361-4179. Thank you!





There will be a Prayer Lunch at Messiah Lutheran Church in Ripon on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30am. All are welcome to attend.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church if you would like to join us.

The Spring Rally will be on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Morris if you would like to attend.

Our National Mite goal has been met, and even a few months early. Thank you to everyone who donates to our Mites!!! For our South Wisconsin District, we have funded six of our eleven mission grants so far.

Come and join LWML, we would love to have you. If you have any questions about LWML, see Cynthia Schuett, Bonnie Sperberg, Deb Schrader or Kelli Munding.

## LWML Magazine Available

I would like to bring to your attention the publication "Lutheran Woman's Quarterly" (LWQ). This is published four times a year by the Lutheran's Women's Missionary League (LWML). The mission statement for the LWQ is "Knowing Christ and Making Him Known".

This wonderful magazine is loaded with good Christian reading and information about what Lutheran women are doing to serve the Lord, their families, and their communities. There are Feature articles relating the experiences and sharing the joys of being a Christian. In the current issue there is an excellent article on "Oneness: The Unity of the Church Given by God." Another article is "Relying on God", which tells of one LWML group's journey through the COVID pandemic.

Each issue has a theme with pastoral devotions, the President's Page, a report on the current Mission grants supported by our mighty Mites, three Bible

studies, as well as the LWML Shop where you can order resources and other things that reflect your Christian faith. There is no advertising to get through, just wholesome reading about real people like yourself.

St. John LWML members receive the LWQ as a group, and we do order extras. Check the Resource Rack in the Narthex for past issues. If you would like to receive one for yourself, you can let one of the LWML officers know: Cindy Schuett (920-203-6763), or Deb Schrader (920-539-5289). We will be submitting our yearly order at our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Too much paper cluttering up your home? There is also an online eQuarterly, which can be ordered by going to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).



Would you like your stewardship to be automated? St. John enables you to give your church offering by using electronic funds transfer (EFT).

You may already be using EFT to have your mortgage, car payment and bills automatically paid using this method. Now your gift to God can be regular and "off the top," just like these other commitments.

There is no cost to you for this service. Just think – you won't have to write 52 checks a year! And you won't have to wonder where you put your church offering envelopes.

If you would like to participate, contact Amy Radliff by phone 920-361-1437 or by email at [theradliffs@gmail.com](mailto:theradliffs@gmail.com) for an enrollment form.

You can give weekly or monthly. Your giving is recorded at the church office and will reflect on your annual statement.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

# *40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention*

Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Celebrate the  
*Lord of the Nations*

Psalm 33:12-13



**June 22-25, 2023**

# Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Invites you to the

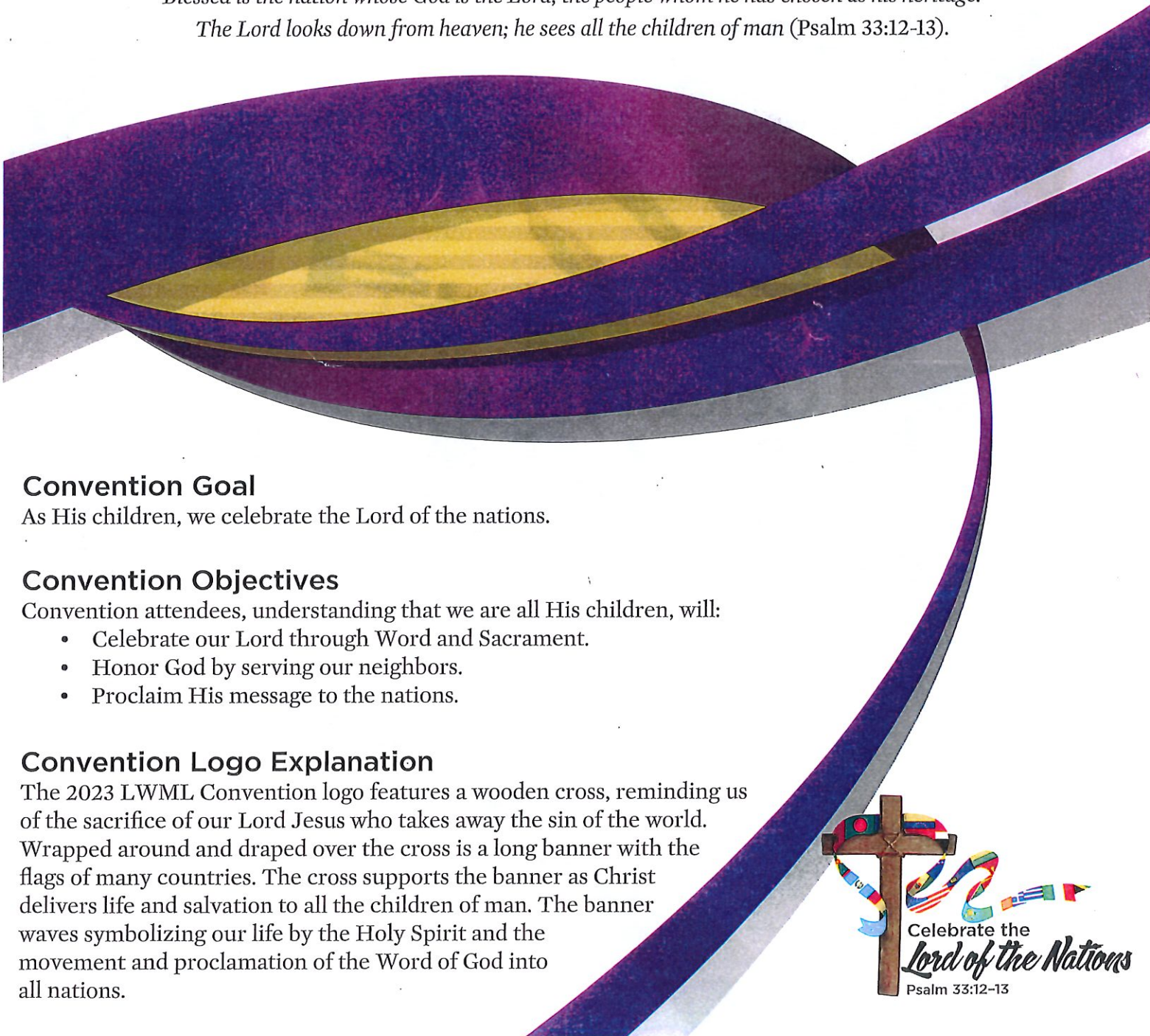
## *40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention*

**June 22-25, 2023**

Wisconsin Center — Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## Celebrate the Lord of the Nations

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!  
The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).*



### Convention Goal

As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.

### Convention Objectives

Convention attendees, understanding that we are all His children, will:

- Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament.
- Honor God by serving our neighbors.
- Proclaim His message to the nations.

### Convention Logo Explanation

The 2023 LWML Convention logo features a wooden cross, reminding us of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus who takes away the sin of the world. Wrapped around and draped over the cross is a long banner with the flags of many countries. The cross supports the banner as Christ delivers life and salvation to all the children of man. The banner waves symbolizing our life by the Holy Spirit and the movement and proclamation of the Word of God into all nations.



# From St John

## Lutheran School

February is the month connected with love. Society would have us think of chocolates, flowers, and romantic dinners. Real love is God sending His Son into the world to redeem us.

We just finished celebrating Lutheran Schools Week. We returned to the YMCA for a day of fun. We went bowling and even brought back the schoolwide Olympics after a 2-year hiatus due to covid. The Lutheran Charities Comfort Dogs even paid us a visit. We continued our tradition of special dress up days. Monday was twin day, Tuesday was crazy hair day, Wednesday was dress your best day, and Thursday was pajama day. Lutheran Schools Week began with our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade choir singing in church on the 22<sup>nd</sup> along with the handbells playing and concluded with our 4K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade choir singing on the 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun week to take note of what is special about St John Lutheran School. We thank this congregation for providing all the support to operate our school.

We will be participating in the Wisconsin School Choice Program again this year. Families, who qualify financially, can send their child(ren) to St John tuition free. The application window opens on February 1 and closes on April 20. 4K students can also participate in this program. If you know of a family that might be interested in sending their child to a Christian day school, but didn't think could afford tuition, please let

them know that they can call the school office for more information. 920-361-0555

To best meet the needs of our church and community families we will be transitioning to an all-day 3K and 4K program. Families will have to option to select full or half day.

Our students are participating in two different reading challenges right now. In one they have set goals in four two-week periods. If they reach those goals they will earn a ticket, hot dog, and a soda for a Timber Rattler game. Our school will have family day on Saturday May 20. The second challenge is to see how many Accelerated Reader points our classes can rack up each week. We are competing with a variety of other Lutheran schools in this challenge.

Our wellness committee is doing a wellness bingo challenge this month to encourage healthy habits.

Our school's basketball tournament is at the high school of February 25<sup>th</sup>.

After a two-year hiatus from covid our Father/Daughter dance is returning on February 18<sup>th</sup>. All ages welcome (entertainment is geared towards 2-14 year olds) and dress as fancy as you please. Girls may be escorted by dad, grandpa, uncle, or any other person that fits that role. \$15 per father/father figure (daughters free)

I am yours in Christ's service.



## Thanks from the Seminary!

Dear Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berlin,

Thank you so much for the gift of money to help with our emergency expenses!

Last November, on Thanksgiving break, Mark and I went home to Minnesota to spend a couple of days with our families. We were almost to our first destination when we hit a deer. It smashed one of the headlights, making the car unsafe to drive the 600+ miles back to Fort Wayne. We were forced to leave the car at my parent's home, and have it fixed at a local shop there. We rented a car to finish our trip and make it back to Fort Wayne in time for me to get to work.

Your gift will allow us to pay the deductible to fix the car. Thank you!

Receiving the gift from you makes it even more special because I have deep roots in your congregation. My great (x3) grandparents, August and Minnie Moldenhauer were charter members of your congregation. My great grandparents, Ernest and Lena Kretzmann were long time members later in their lives and lived on the same street as the church. My grandparents, Arnold and Jeannette (Moldenhauer) Kretzmann were pretty much lifetime members and also lived down the street for many years. My father, Alan Kretzmann, was born and raised in Berlin; baptized and confirmed in your church.

I have many fond memories of attending the church, both the old and new buildings, whenever I have been able to come visit. I was last able to come visit on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, when I was in town for a family gathering.

My husband Mark is a first-year seminarian at CTSFW, having completed summer Greek and fall quarter so far. He's currently in the midst of winter quarter, studying the Gospels, specifically Luke and Mark. He's also studying the Augsburg Confession, and the apology to the Confession. He's learning how to write a sermon, and relearning Hebrew.

I work as a Patient Care Technician at Parkview Hospital Randallia in Fort Wayne. That keeps me

busy, along with managing the household and supporting Mark in his studies. I participate in seminary activities when I can, including singing in the Schola Cantorum choir.

Thank you again for your generous gift!  
Mark and Jennifer Langton



### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL invites you to our OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 16, 2023

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

146 Mound Street, Berlin

**Now enrolling 3K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and offering  
ALL DAY 3K and 4K for 2023 – 2024 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](mailto:school@stjohnberlin.org)



## St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: January 18, 2023

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

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

### Secretary's Report by Amy Radliff

Motion Wallner/Koch to accept the December minutes. Motion approved.

### Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>December 2022</u>	<u>December 2021</u>
General Fund	\$155,134.86	\$86,722.05
Children's Fund	\$ 1,289.43	\$ 1,664.82
Elderly Fund	\$ .00	\$ .00
Memorials	\$ 79.53	\$15,990.98
Attendance	264 per week	274 per week

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

### Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

#### Square Account December 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$160.85	Income:	\$ .00
Expenses:	\$ .00	Ending Balance:	\$160.85

#### Hot Lunch Account December 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$13,718.27	Income:	\$ 3,087.66
Expenses:	\$ 2,809.77	Ending Balance:	\$13,996.16

#### Elderly Fund December 2022:

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

#### Children's Fund December 2022:

Beginning Balance:	\$182,783.07	Income:	\$ 1,289.93
Expenses:	\$114,641.00	Ending Balance:	\$68,432.00

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

### Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Two toilets at school ran over during the holiday break. School was alerted by the city utilities due to unusual water consumption.
- Waiting on quote for 100' fence for the school
- Rebate received through Focus On Energy program for lighting upgrades
- Playground – pads need to be tightened or adjusted near the teeter-totter equipment. The vendor has been contacted.
- All fire alarms have been inspected.
- Habitat for Humanity will be picking up unused desks and chairs
- Request for funding of a controller used to program heating and A/C will be presented to the voters at the quarterly meeting. Estimated cost of \$4,900.
- Board elects Keith Krause as Trustees Chairman and Bill Brooks as Secretary

Motion by Koch/Thiel to accept Trustees report. Motion approved.

## **Board of Elders Report & Pastor's Report by Rich Wallner**

- Informational meeting will be held January 31<sup>st</sup> for anyone interested in learning about the call process.

### **Official Acts:**

Baptism – Hadley Helena Lare, daughter of Zachary and Hannah Lare.

Affirmation of Faith – Lucy Borndahl Cole

Transfer In – Jeffrey and Debra Spritka, from Emmaus, Poy Sippi, WI.

Deaths– Bertran (Orville) Behm.

**Communicant Members 483**

**Baptized Members 576**

**Church Families 300**

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

## **Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch**

- Interviews are underway for the replacement teaching positions.
- Board elects Kevin Koch as Chairman and Terri Billington as Secretary
- Amy Brooks will be substitute teaching for Mrs. Cargin while she is on maternity leave.
- School open house will be held February 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm
- Father-Daughter Dance will be held, Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Dedication of the new playground was held
- Staffing reviewed with scenarios appropriate to increased enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. Kevin Koch made a motion to add one teacher position to maintain optimal classroom size. Second by Keith Krause. Motion was approved.
- Working on advertisement to promote registration for School Choice program for 2023-2024 school year.

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

### **Old Business:**

- Call meetings for new pastor to begin soon after informational meeting is held January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **New Business:**

- Trustees, Peter Gravunder and Keith Krause have inventoried the safe deposit box at the bank. Mostly historical materials are secured within the box. It is asked that the names listed as having access to view the contents of the safe deposit box be updated to include both Peter and Keith.
- Rich Wallner brought up that we need to designate a vote for Synod President and Vice-President in February, prior to the 2023 LCMS Convention . Pastor Mundinger will be representing the congregation, Kevin Koch will be the lay-person for the congregation.

**Meetings next month:** Trustees – Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm. Board of Education – Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> - 6pm. Elders – Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> – 6pm. Council – Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 6pm.

**Quarterly Voters Meeting – Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>** following service (approx. 10:30)

Motion by Linse/B Radliff to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 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.

## **St. John Quarterly Voters Meeting**

**January 29, 2023**

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order at 10:23 am by Chairman Rich Wallner. 40 voting members present. Pastor Mundinger opened with prayer.

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes** (November Meeting)

Motion by Adam Ewald to accept the minutes. Second by Debra Thiel. Motion approved.

### **New Voting Members:** (none)

### **Board of Education Report** – by Tina Markowski

- Playground equipment installation has been completed.
- Letter received from Wisconsin State Representative, Alex Dallman recognizing St. John School for their continued good work in the community.
- School open house is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Applications for School Choice Program open February 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Curt Snow to accept Board of Education report. Second by Melissa Linse. Motion approved.

### **Trustee Report** – by Mike Schrader

- By replacing lights with LED bulbs, a rebate check was received from the power company.
- Batteries in the AED units were replaced as required every 4 years.
- Soccer field fence will be replaced
- Phone system updates are being explored. It was explained that some phones or phone numbers were not actively working for incoming or outgoing calls. The phone company investigation suggested the issue is related to a software updated needed.

Motion by Karen Wendt to accept Board of Trustees report. Second by Rebecca Mosier. Motion approved.

### **Treasurer's Report** – by Debra Thiel

#### Square Account Q2 FY 2022/2023:

Beginning Balance: \$111.59  
Total Expenses: \$ .00

Income: \$ 49.26  
Ending Balance: \$160.85

#### Hot Lunch Q2 FY 2022/2023:

Beginning Balance: \$ 78,401.25  
Total Expenses: \$141,189.88

Income: \$76,784.79  
Ending Balance: \$13,996.16

#### Elderly Fund Q2 FY 2022/2023:

Beginning Balance: \$7,702.28  
Total Expenses: \$ .00

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

#### Children's Fund Q2 FY 2022/2023:

Beginning Balance: \$173,449.85  
Total Expenses: \$123,713.61

Income: \$19,695.76  
Ending Balance: \$69,432.00

Motion by Cindy Schuett to accept Treasurer's report. Second by Rebecca Mosier. Motion approved.

### **Elder's Report** - by Rich Wallner

#### **Official Acts:**

**Baptisms** Hadley Helena Lare, daughter of Zachary and Hannah Lare.

**Affirmation of Faith** – Clayton and Haley Webb with children James, Sawyer and Hudson. Lucy Borndahl Cole.

**Transfer In** – Jarold Barth, from Immanuel Lutheran, Auroraville. Jeffrey and Debra Spritka, from Emmaus, Poy Sippi.

**Transfer Out** – Linda Hertzberg, to Grace Lutheran, Omro.

**Weddings** – Megan Marks and Jonathan Huser. Benjamin Piechowski and Emily Cottello.

**Deaths** – Bertran (Orville) Behm.

**Non-Member Funeral** – Ruth Pellerino, mother of Mitzi Putzke.

**Communicant Membership** 483

**Baptized Membership** 576

**Church Families** 300

### **Pastor's Report** (none)

Motion by Gordy Lewis to accept Elder's/Pastor's report. Second by Tina Markowski. Motion approved.

### **Reports of Committees**

#### **A. Reserved Fund Report – by Rich Wallner**

- Transfer of Children's Fund to General Fund to cover costs for the playground project.
- Cindy Schuett requests to move Hymnal Fund to Music Ministry Fund.
- Total reserve funds available at the end of the quarter is \$318,545.44.

Motion by Debra Thiel to accept the Reserved Funds report. Second by Rebecca Mosier. Motion approved.

### **Old Business** (none)

### **New Business**

- Mike Schrader spoke on behalf of the Trustees regarding the need to replace a controller for the HVAC system at church. Cathy Young explained that the current system installed when the church was built (1999) to control HVAC on/off and temperature settings is experiencing delays and requires manual resets. While the systems have been updated, the technology associated with its operation was not. Mike Schrader made a motion to update the controller for the HVAC, at a cost of \$4,900. Cathy Young seconded. Motion was approved.
- Rich Wallner explained Pastor Munding represent the congregation at the LCMS Conference and any election of officers thereof. The congregation also needs to designate a lay person voter for the election of Synod President and Vice President. Kevin Koch has volunteer to be the lay person. The deadline for submitting the vote to be counted is February 28, 2023. Rebecca Mosier made a motion to nominate Kevin Koch, second by Tina Markowski. Motion approved.
- Federal Mileage Rate for 2023 is \$0.656 per mile.
- Tina Markowski spoke on behalf of the Board of Christian Education with regards to hiring staff replacement following the resignation of Mrs. Cargin as the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. The Board is recommending Rachel Barry who has 20+ years of experience in both public and parochial school settings. She is synodically trained and currently rostered, requesting to be considered a called teacher. Motion by Debra Thiel to extend a call to Rachel Barry, second by Adam Ewald. Motion approved.
- Tina Markowski also spoke to the need to consider adding another classroom to accommodate the increase in enrollment of the lower grades. Currently, there are 26 students in the combined 1st and 2nd grades. Five families with children were turned away this school year due to classroom size being at capacity. The board is recommending to split the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades into two classrooms, converting the former computer lab into a regular classroom. With that, it's recommended that we hire an additional contracted teacher. There were questions about the difference between a Called or Contracted teacher, enrollment trends, availability of teacher candidates, budget planning. In answer to those questions, the historical 6 year enrollment has been increasing, we have reserved funds available to assist with salary increases and additional staff, should it be needed. Motion by Terri Billington, second by Debra Thiel to approve the hiring of an additional teacher. Motion approved. Mrs. Jayne Kersten has agreed to return next school year, filling in as 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. The board continues to explore candidates to permanently fill this position as well.

Motion to adjourn was made by Curt Snow, second by Debra Thiel. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:16 am, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

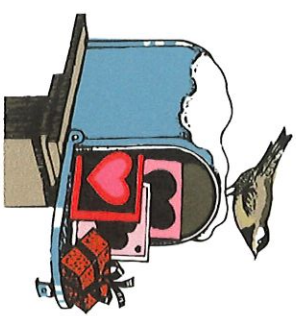
Respectfully submitted,

Amy Radliff, Secretary

\*\*\*\*These minutes have not yet been approved and are subject to revision and change at the next congregational meeting\*\*\*\*



# February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:00 Worship/HC 10:15 Sun. School 10:15 Bible Class	6	7	1 3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir	2 1 pm Ladies Aid 6:30 Worship/HC	3	4
12 9:00 Worship/HC 10:15 Sun. School 10:15 Bible Class	13	14	8 3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir	9 6:30 Worship/HC	10	11
19 9:00 Worship/HC 10:15 Sun. School 10:15 Bible Class	20	21	15 3:45 Public Confirm 7 pm Sr. Choir	16 School Open House 4-7 pm 6:30 Worship/HC	17 No School	18 Father-Daughter Dance 6-8 pm
26 9:00 Worship/HC 10:15 Sun. School 10:15 Bible Class	27	28	22 3:45 Public Confirm 6:30 pm Ash Wed. Service/HC	23 No Thursday service	24	25 Basketball Tournament

