



St. John Messenger

St. John Lutheran Church
V. 28, No. 3

168 Mound St.

Berlin, WI 54923

April, 2023

Alleluia! Christ is Risen...

It's that time of year again. Our garages are full of junk. Our basements need to be spruced up again. Storm windows (if you have them) must come down and replaced by screens and windows need to be washed again. All of the clutter that has accumulated over the year needs to be dealt with. And is there anyone out there who doesn't have a drawer in their kitchen called the "junk drawer?" It's that dreaded time of the year called spring cleaning time!

Some of us dread spring cleaning (myself included) while others seem to look forward to it. I guess it is kind of nice to get outside again and enjoy something other than cold winter blasts. When we do our spring cleaning, we recognize that there are some things that we stopped doing when winter came and we've never got "back into the swing" now that spring has come.

I'm sure we could all make a list of various things we need to put back into our daily routine, but I wonder how many of us have gotten out of the swing, out of the habit of regular worship and Bible study? We all know how easy it is to stop and we also know how difficult it can be to start up again. Routines creep up on us just like habits. Statistics say that it takes three weeks for a person to get out of the routine of worship or Bible study.

We all have daily and weekly routines. We also have the time and the ability to alter our routine. But the only way our routines change is by recognizing that there's something missing in our lives, and by doing some spring cleaning of our spiritual lives.

This spring cleaning may lead us to continue in our regular routine, provided we are already active in worship and Bible study.

But it may also show us it's time to change the pattern, time to do that spiritual spring cleaning and return once again to regular worship and study of God's Word.

Our Lord promise blessings to those who remain in God's Word. He says, **"Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it."** He also says, **"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be tired."**

Doesn't that sound nice? He promises that we'll be blessed by Him, that we'll have renewed strength, that we'll run and not grow tired. That sounds like an offer too good to be true, but it's a promise from God, a promise He will keep, and a promise we can enjoy when we do that spiritual spring cleaning!

The crowds of Easter Sunday are tremendous to see. Wouldn't it be nice to see those same crowds every Sunday? Wouldn't it be nice to know that everybody who worshiped on the resurrection of our Lord was present again and again to have their faith strengthened and receive God's forgiveness throughout the year? Ask God to help you make that commitment to worship and Bible study. He'll be happy to do so! May God richly bless you and keep you in your resurrection faith.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor Mundinger

+In Our Prayers

Darwin Krause
Vern Lichtenberg
Bob Kersten
Sandy Gregor
Jackie Albert
Carolyn Schudlach
Duane Schudlach

Cathy Steinke
Joan Parsons
Gerald Krause
Brenda Podoll
Sylvia Wells

The Family of Tom Hopp
The Family of Nicole Schumacher
Joan Parsons
Karen Rowen

Bev Weiss – mother of Kelli Mundinger
Harry Nimme

In the Hospital

Joan Parsons
Karen Rowen



Nicole Schumacher
Daughter of Bonnie Schumacher
Granddaughter of Arden Patchett

Tom Hopp
Died - March 15, 2023
Funeral - March 25, 2023



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday service with Communion

Thursday, April 6th 6:30 pm

Good Friday Services on Friday, April 7th

Afternoon Service 1:00 pm

Evening Service 6:30 pm

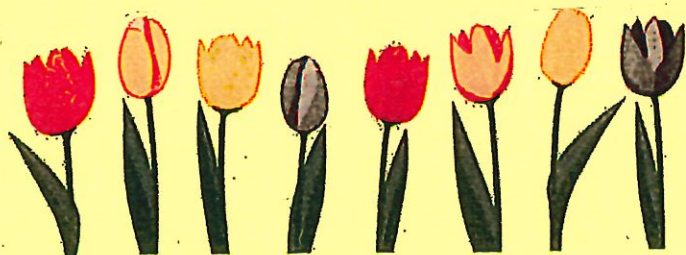
Easter Saturday
Journey to the Cross
Children's Event
9:30 – 11:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 am

Easter Sunday April 9th
Sunrise Service with Communion
6:30 am

Easter Breakfast after sunrise service
in lower level

Morning Service with Communion
9:00 am



Thank You!

A very special "Thank-You" to all of you who have been with me and my family during this difficult time in our lives.

Thank you for your caring concerns, cards, phone calls, visits and especially all your prayers.

"God's Blessings"
Gerald Krause and Family



April 1, 1958 - Donald & Barbara Rosner
April 9, 2005 - Darriel & Nancy Kumbier
April 11, 1959 - Duane & Carolyn Schmudlach
April 12, 1980 - Don & Jayne Beier
April 13, 2015 - Tyler & Jennifer Kettlewell
April 19, 1969 - Russell & Kathleen Thom
April 20, 2002 - Doug & Lynnette Wilde
April 22, 1967 - Robert & Karen Wendt
April 23, 1988 - Bill & Amy Brooks



New Members

Susan Kulka

Robert Reinbold and son Kyler

Sandra Lee Schubert Smoody



Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th

Following the 6:30 am Sunrise Service in
the Church lower level.



Scrambled Eggs

Pancakes

Ham

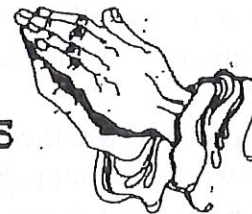
Fruit

Juice and Coffee

Sweet Rolls

Sponsored by Sunday School
Free Will Offering

Memorials



IN MEMORY OF FRANK WEISS

For General Fund

From Mike & Deb Schrader.....\$ 40.00

IN MEMORY OF JUDY TETZKE

For General Fund

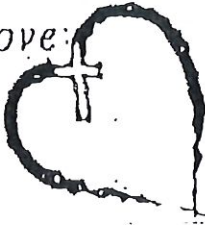
From Jean Dretske.....\$ 15.00

IN MEMORY OF NICOLE SCHUMACHER

For Maintenance & Repair.....\$200.00



Divine Love:



Human Care



Throughout history, erroneous reports of people's deaths have popped up with exasperating regularity, most notably, the humorist Mark Twain, who remarked that "reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

On Friday of Holy Week, all the acquaintances of Jesus, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a safe distance from the cross and watched Jesus die (Luke 23:44-49). A righteous man named Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus off the cross, wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb. The women saw the tomb, and then they prepared spices and ointments to put on the body (23:50-56).

They wondered whether Jesus was dead.

Yes, he was. No doubt about it. Jesus died on a Roman cross. And when he was placed in a tomb, he was dead. Historically, the church has always considered any belief to the contrary to be heresy. Jesus had not fainted on the cross. He had not swooned. He was not in a state of suspended animation.

Jesus was dead. Jesus did not have a pulse. No brain wave activity. Nothing. Jesus was dead. He was so dead that the soldiers who were about to break his legs to hasten a death by suffocation, decided not to waste their time and energy on a dead man.

And remember, the people of Jesus' day lived with death. These were rough times. They knew what "dead" looked like. They weren't fooled.

His death was not just a rumor. This was not fake news. Jesus was quite emphatically dead, wrapped in a linen cloth and laid in a tomb.

Then they rolled a massive stone over the entrance to the tomb, effectively sealing it. Even if there were a strong, alive man inside, that stone was going nowhere.

Jesus was dead.
And then he wasn't!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heave in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

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



Ladies Aid News...

President Robin Henriksen opened the March 2 meeting with a devotion on "reflect His love by serving.....hang in there doing good works."

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved as read. The birthday song was sung to the March birthday gals.

The Bloodmobile on February 28 went well. Thanks to the workers: Robin, Luci, Carolyn and Deb.....also to all who made cookies and bars. Thanks to Peggy Seaman for making the barbecue.

The Ladies Aid will host the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 8. Barbecues will be made by Linda, Carol, Deb and Judy. A sign-up sheet was passed for salads, desserts, and workers.

The Ladies Aid will again purchase two plants for the altar on Easter Sunday. Robin was take care of this.

Since the next meeting scheduled falls on Maundy Thursday, it was decided to have the April meeting on April 13.

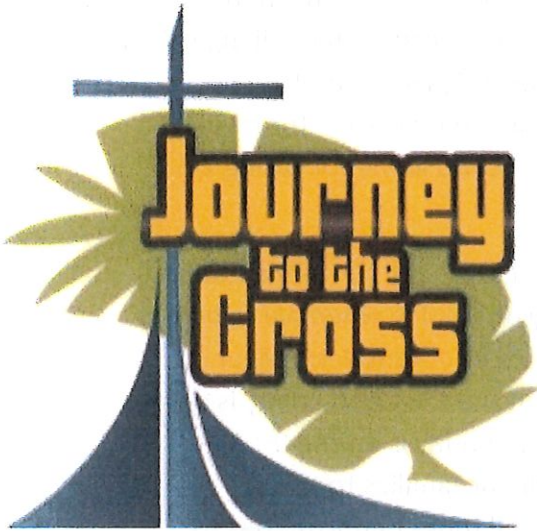
Members were reminded the Chop Suey Supper will be April 19.

Maren Krause was welcomed as a new member. Welcome!

Keith and Maren Krause gave an interesting presentation on CPR.

We thank hostesses: Eleanor, Joan and Anita for refreshments.

St. John Lutheran Church hosts
Journey to the Cross



Saturday, April 8

At the School

**146 Mound Street,
Berlin**

920-361-9935

9:30-11:30 am

For Children age 3 thru grade 6



**Easter Egg Hunt will
immediately follow on
the school grounds**

***Please join us for a Saturday
morning full of learning about
Jesus and fun!***

From St John



Lutheran School

Welcome to April. We look forward to the April showers that will bring us May flowers. We are blessed by God with another growing season and soon new life will be all around us.

This is also the time of year that we celebrate the new life that we have in Christ Jesus. We will be concluding the penitential season of lent where we remember all that Christ suffered to obtain eternal life for us. Then, on Easter morning, we celebrate His victory over sin, death, and the devil when He rose from the grave to show us that His promises are true. Alleluia!!!!

It is amazing that we are entering our final two months of the 2022-2023 school year. We just finished our spring break on March 20-24. Our third quarter wrapped up on Friday, March 17 and reports cards went home on Wednesday, March 29.

We thank everyone who supported our 7th/8th graders as they held several fund raisers in preparation for their class trip in May. On Saturday, April 1 we will be making up the pizzas that you may have ordered. They should be delivered that same day.

Our 7th and 8th graders will be going back to Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) on Catalina Island off the coast of Long Beach, California. Our middle school students are excited that this trip is being offered again after a 3-year hiatus due to covid. They will

get to participate in many marine life studies and activities.

We completed our achievement tests for this year during the week of March 13-17.

We also received the results from the National Lutheran School AR Challenge. As a school we took 9th place overall.

Congratulations to first grade for taking 3rd place and to second grade for taking 2nd place.

Holy week kicks off with the celebration of Palm Sunday on April 2, when we rejoice in Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday is on the 6th. Good Friday is on the 7th and Easter Sunday is on the 9th. We encourage all our families to take advantage of all these opportunities to worship our Lord and all He has done to earn our salvation for us.

There will be no school on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

The open enrollment window for School Choice applications remains open until April 20th for the 2023-2024 school year.

Seraphim choir and handbells are scheduled to aid in worship on April 23rd.

Chop Suey drive-through dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th.

Have a wonderful April. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

I am yours in Christ's service.





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**EACH TICKET
INCLUDES \$15 FOR
CONCESSIONS
AND RETAIL**

Brewers Game - Friday, June 9th - 7pm

Coach Bus Transportation by Kobussen, departs St. John at 2:30.

Tickets - \$72/person includes Game, Bus Ride, Parking and Tailgate Lunch

Only 56 tickets available. Must be purchased by 5/1 or until sold out.

Contact Amy Radliff with questions or to purchase your ticket. Cash, check or Venmo accepted. Phone: 920-361-1437 or email theradliffs@gmail.com

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older. Tailgate lunch includes: brats, burgers, chips and bottled water. You are welcome to bring snacks for the bus or dish to pass for tailgating. Alcohol is allowed no kegs or glass allowed on bus, cans and plastic only. Lawn chairs or accessories can be stowed in the bus's undercarriage. Tailgating ends 30 minutes after game starts. Group needs to be packed up and exiting the parking lot prior to 1 hour following the end of the game.





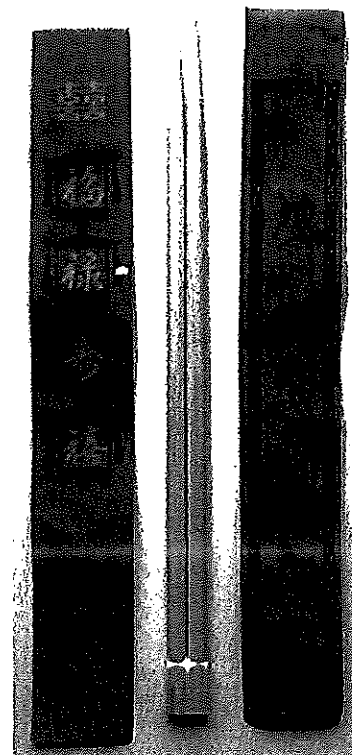
Kimberly Hameister	4/01	Christine Dretske	4/15
Darriel Kumbier	4/01	Ralph Wilson	4/15
AJ Wood	4/01	Charles Huibregtse	4/17
Mary Ann James	4/02	Tina Markowski	4/17
Nichloas Williams	4/02	Mark Piechowski	4/17
Jacqueline Albert	4/03	Caitlyn Ramsey	4/17
Terri Billington	4/03	Mike Schrader	4/17
Brooke Hess	4/03	Angie Browning	4/18
Livianna Larson	4/03	Jessa Schilder	4/18
Katie Beier	4/04	Carlene Merrick	4/19
Isaac Dament	4/04	Kelli Munding	4/19
Wayne Kaufman	4/04	Darwin Krause	4/20
Mitzi Putzke	4/04	Joshua Dament	4/21
Corrin Ewald	4/06	Darleen Klemp	4/21
Solomon Gilmour	4/07	Gordon Lewis	4/21
Barbara Krause	4/07	Sharon Dehn	4/23
Karen Rowen	4/07	Duane Nitz	4/24
Oliver Billington	4/08	Lucas Parker	4/24
David Dretske	4/10	Addison Resop	4/24
Brett Dawson	4/11	Finnley Vergin	4/26
Donald Dretske	4/11	Nathan Wendt	4/26
Mary Kracht	4/11	Barry Rodensal	4/27
Mary Lou Yerk	4/11	Dean Snow	4/27
Li'onna Chappa	4/12	Dick Zable	4/27
Judy Mehn	4/13	Noah Bending	4/28
James Fischer-Webb	4/13	Jordon Podoll	4/28
Chantal Fay	4/14	Mark Podoll	4/29
Kristy Herbst	4/14		
Gary Podoll	4/14		
Richard Ryckman	4/14		



St. John Lutheran Chop Suey Supper

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

**St. John Lutheran School Gym
146 Mound Street, Berlin**



4:30 until Out

DRIVE-THRU ONLY!!!

Enter on SW Ceresco St.

Adult Tickets:

\$12.00 in Advance

\$15.00 at the Door

Children's Tickets:

\$ 8.00 in Advance

\$12.00 at the Door

Tickets available at:

Farmers & Merchants Bank

Krause's Service

Berlin Oil

St. John School Office

Lady Bug Floral

State Farm Insurance

The Mop Shop

Thrivent Berlin Office

*Additional funding Applied for from:
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*



A WORLD FOR CHRIST!!!



South Wisconsin
District

LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD;
LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU!
PSALM 67:3



HEART TO HEART- SISTERS OF ALL NATIONS
ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL EVENT

APRIL 15TH, 2023

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

13445 HAMPTON RD, BROOKFIELD, WI 53005

Registration	8:30AM - 9:00AM
Exhibits	9:00AM - 10:00AM
Service	10:00AM - 10:45AM
Luncheon	11:00AM - 12:00PM
Program/ Speech	12:00PM - 1:00PM
Closing	1:00PM - 1:30PM

A freewill offering will be collected

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: March 21, 2023

The March meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Rich Wallner. Pastor Munding opened with prayer.

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

Absent: Adam Ewald

Secretary's Report by Amy Radliff

Motion Koch/Thiel to accept the February minutes. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary's Report by Bob Radliff

	<u>February 2023</u>	<u>February 2022</u>
General Fund	\$98,957.79	\$98,089.11
Children's Fund	\$ 4,082.64	\$ 1,648.73
Elderly Fund	\$.00	\$.00
Memorials	\$ 117.37	\$ 1,874.33

Attendance 179 per week 173 per week

- Income received from School Choice, Tuition and Playground.

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

Treasurer's Report by Debra Thiel

Square Account February 2023:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1.76	Income:	\$ 61.59
Expenses:	\$.00	Ending Balance:	\$ 63.35

Hot Lunch Account February 2023:

Beginning Balance:	\$14,587.15	Income:	\$66,328.85
Expenses:	\$64,825.51	Ending Balance:	\$16,090.49

Elderly Fund February 2023:

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

Children's Fund February 2023:

Beginning Balance:	\$75,169.55	Income:	\$ 4,082.64
Expenses:	\$ 2,135.58	Ending Balance:	\$77,116.61

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

Board of Trustees Report by Keith Krause

- Bob Wendt volunteered to organize janitor closet and basement workroom at church.
- Quote received in the account of \$2,019 for the 100' x 6' fence on north side area of school
- The phone system has been repaired and working properly.
- Controller for the HVAC system at church has been installed. An updated PC was required for HVAC operation, Cliff Nitz made a donation of the PC.
- Failed motor of the school boiler system has been replaced.
- Fire inspections have been completed and passed at both the church and school.
- Pete Gravunder and Keith Krause did an inventory of the safe deposit box at the bank. Some contents are outdated or no longer need to be kept. There was a discussion to digitize old church records as the paper records are becoming worn or deteriorating.
- Flooring quotes for the classroom renovation have been received from 2 sources with 2 different options. Option 1) Laminate flooring, approximately \$10,000. Option 2) Industrial Carpet Squares, approximately \$5,500. Rich Wallner made a motion to recommend to the voters the first option of laminate flooring because of the durability and ease of cleaning. Kevin Koch seconded. Motion was approved.

Motion by B Radliff/A Radliff to accept Trustees report. Motion approved.

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

- Did not have enough members present for a quorum.
- Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 9th.

Official Acts:

Deaths – Lyle Smerling.

Transfer Out – Ronald Beardsley, to Mountainside Lutheran, Linville, NC.

Communicant Members 481

Baptized Members 575

Church Families 298

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

Board of Education Report by Kevin Koch

- Call documents have been submitted to the Synod District Office for Mrs. Rachel Barry. Contract documents have been completed for Mr\$. Janel Wenzel. Both will begin teaching at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Classroom changes will include Mrs. Char Fritsch/2nd Grade, Mrs. Janel Wenzel/1st Grade, Mrs. Rachel Barry/3rd and 4th Grades.
- Mrs. Fritsch will be stepping down from coaching girls' volleyball, we thank her for her many years of leading. With the combined team of St. John and All Saints, All Saints will provide the coach for the team going forward.
- The schools Emergency plans were approved by qualified personnel and meet the criteria for accreditation.
- Training requirements are being added to the Teacher's Handbook.

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

Old Business:

- Rich indicated there are a few changes to the budget, will be ready for the voters meeting.

New Business: (none)

Meetings next month: Trustees – Monday April 10th – 6:30 pm. Board of Education – Tuesday April 11th - 6pm.
Elders – Tuesday April 4th – 6pm. Council – Tuesday, April 18th – 6pm.
Quarterly Voters Meeting – Sunday, May 7th following the 9 am Worship Service (approx. 10:30)

Motion by Linse/Krause to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 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.*





April 2023



EASTER SUNDAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 PALM SUNDAY 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 Sun. School 10:15 Bible Class	3	4 6 pm Bd. of Elders	5 3:45 Public Confirm	6 MAUNDY THUR. 6:30 pm Maundy Thurs. Service/HC	7 GOOD FRIDAY 1:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Worship NO SCHOOL	8 9:30—11:30 am Journey to the Cross Easter Egg Hunt to follow
9 EASTER 6:30 Sunrise Service/HC Easter Breakfast after sunrise service 9:00 Worship/HC	10 NO SCHOOL 6:30 Bd. of Trustees	11 6 pm Bd. of Ed.	12 3:45 Public Confirm	13 1:00 pm Ladies Aid 6:30 Worship/HC	14	15
16 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 Sun. School 10:15 Bible Class	17 6:30 LWML Mtg.	18 6 pm Church Council	19 3:45 Public Confirm CHOP SUEY SUPPER Drive Thru 4:30 till out	20 6:30 Worship/HC	21	22
23 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 Sun. School 10:15 Bible Class	24	25	26 3:45 Public Confirm	27 6:30 Worship/HC	28	29
30 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 Sun. School 10:15 Bible Class			Quarterly Voters Meeting Sunday, May 7			

