

St. John's Messenger

Our Monthly Newsletter



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Sharing the good news of forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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From the Pastor's Study

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Dear Friends,

Dawn and I absolutely love serving here at St. John's. The foremost reason is your encouragement and love. Your warm reception of us has made it very easy to love you. A second reason is the many opportunities which exist here for Gospel-centered mission. I am excited about our new Sunday school, the possibilities for a puppet ministry, and our discussions about how we may bless the Beloit community. I am also very excited about our partnership with Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN).

We have only been a part of CPTLN for a couple of months and already we are moving forward with developing an outreach here at St. John's to welcome and share the good news of Jesus with our Spanish-speaking neighbors. Pastor Germán Novelli Machado, director of CPTLN, is committing a significant amount of his time to St. John's for the coming year. He and I have visited a number of Hispanic businesses in Beloit, and through his conversations with merchants and customers he has begun to establish contacts with our Hispanic neighbors. We also attended the Latino Community Fair (held at Beloit Memorial High) together. This event was a real opportunity for Pastor Novelli to meet people. St. John's Lutheran Church—Iglesia Luterana San Juan will have a booth at their next event in order to let people know what we have to offer.

On Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Pastor Novelli and other members of CPTLN will be offering a workshop here at St. John's on Hispanic ministry. This is an event that I am asking all of our members to attend. I rarely make such requests of my congregations—but this event is vital for our congregation. We will be having a potluck luncheon from Noon to 1 pm that day, and so we are asking members to bring a covered dish to share. More details about the meal will be announced in the service bulletins. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us for what could be a real turning-point for our congregation.

On Saturday, March 4, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, we will be offering a free workshop for our Hispanic neighbors

to attend. This event will consist of four break-out sessions that will rotate every 40 minutes so that everyone who attends can participate in each station. The four presentations are: Legal Issues, led by an attorney specializing in immigration law; Health Issues, let by a physician; Marriage Issues, led by a Spanish-speaking pastor, and Who Are St. John's, led by Pastor Novelli and me. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with our Hispanic neighbors and talk with them about what St. John's has to offer.

On Friday, April 14, beginning at 6:30 pm, Pastor Novelli and I will be offering a Good Friday service in Spanish.

On Sunday, April 16, beginning at 6:30 pm, Pastor Novelli and I will be offering an Easter service in Spanish.

We are also hoping to host some type of Christian day camp at St. John's for Spanish-speaking families in the community.

While we are doing a lot of work on this, if any fruit is to come from our labors it will be by the Holy Spirit working through the Gospel, and so I invite your prayers for this important mission. It is also important for me to emphasize that this is only one part of our strategy for renewing our congregation. There is also much work to be done in reaching out to our English-speaking neighbors, as well. We are still very interested in hosting a director of Christian outreach intern when the funds become available.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor



Treasurer's Report

September 2016 Expenses

Church Mutual	\$1,298.66	CPH	\$10.64
Advanced Disposal	\$88.00	Father & Son Cleaning	\$772.80
TDS	\$92.81	Beloit Utilities	\$103.13
Alliant Energy	\$559.70	Charter	\$38.99
Great Amer Financial	\$266.09	SWD of the Lutheran Church	\$758.00
Concordia Publishing	\$120.09	Beloit Daily News	\$22.00
Big Radio	\$400.00	Concordia Plan Services	\$2,423.85
Together in Mission	\$750.00	Road Dawg Advertisement	\$200.00
Stamps	\$184.00	Church Dart Ball League	\$30.00
SWD Pastor Conference	\$313.00	Jays Big Rolls	\$114.50
Ink Smart	\$60.00		

Birthdays

10-8

Mahlon Hemerley
Richard Rindfleisch
Taytum Drager

10-11 Bill Bartz

10-12

Nancy Nohr
Natalie Burns

10-16 Aubree Mears

10-17 Linda Gage

10-24 Marilyn Treder

10-30 Thomas Gage

Anniversaries

10-6

Jerry & Marilyn Straw

10-13

Todd & Debra Peterson

10-15

Paul & Pat Weber

Women's Guild News



We all know what waiting is like. Parents waiting for children out past curfew know it. Couples having trouble conceiving a child know it. A family separated by overseas military service knows it. A person needing an organ transplant knows it. A candidate for law or medical school knows it. A pregnant mom 10 days past due knows it. A person struggling to be hired for a job knows it. In fact, at one time or another, most of us come to know this brooding beast. It's the long wait -- that drawn out time of fretful anticipation and extended longing.

None of us like to wait. We like to think that those with power and position don't have to wait like we do. "They" get to move to the head of the line. "They" get to throw around their weight and get what they want when they want it. But, that isn't true, we all have to wait.

The Waiting

"but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31 ESV)

"Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength..."

Often, this is easier said than done. Before we get to "mount up on wings like eagles," we often have to obediently grind away through the brutal passage of agonizing time. Before we can "run and not grow weary," we have to trudge on as anticipation dims and hope's flickering flame fights against the winds of despair. Many times, we just have to keep walking and trust that some hidden grace will help us "not faint."

This is a reminder that Jesus is there for those who wait. It is a renewal of the ancient hope that God will act for those who don't give up during the long wait. You see, the issue isn't the wait. Instead, it is all about refusing to give up hope when the journey seems so long.

Maybe you face the long wait right now. Maybe your heartbreak or shame or disappointment or loss seems insurmountable. If so, you are encouraged to remember the place where broken hearts meet, the place where broken dreams are mended, and the place the long wait ends. Know that place is really a person, and his name is Jesus.

Phil Ware

www.heartlight.org



We extend our congratulations and prayers to Kathy & Jack Fiedler on the birth of their grandson, Owen Lee Thomas. He was born on August 28, 2016, and weighed 8lbs. 9 oz. and is 22 inches long. Proud great-grandma is Jeanne Ludeman.

We extend our congratulations and prayers to Lisa and Arlo Hartley on the birth of their grandson, Dean Christopher Mullins. He was born on August 16, 2016, and weighed 8lbs. 5oz. and is 22 inches long.

On August 28, we were delighted to receive Ron Kassal back into the membership of St. John's!

We extend our congratulations and prayers to Ione Reetz on the birth of her new great-granddaughter, Grace Reetz! Grace was born on September 12, 2016.

Our new Young People's Choir begins on October 5th at 6:00 pm. This choir, led by Bill Cunningham and Pastor is for all youth ages 7-14. The choir will offer an anthem during worship on one Sunday per month. Participants will receive basic music instruction, learn how to read music, and have the opportunity to present music for friends and family. The students will begin with Thanksgiving and Christmas selections and then learn other seasonal music throughout the school year. One does not need to be a member of St. John's in order to participate, and so please invite your friends to attend!

October 18th is the LWML Scoopie Night at Culvers. This is a great fundraiser so please plan on working and/or attending.

October 19th is the Fall Rally of the LWML in our Zone. It will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with registration at 8:30 am and beginning at 9 am. The Bible Study will be by Rev. Dale Blanchard and the speaker is from Tree House Child and Family center, in Walworth County. The ingathering is for Tree House children ages 2-18. Items needed are hats, mittens, gloves, and socks. Teenagers like \$5 or \$10 gift cards to fast food places. Please plan on attending.

Catechism Classes this year will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The classes will begin on Monday, October 24th and continue through May.

On November 6, we will welcome President John Wille back to St. John's as the preacher for our All Saints' Day service! During the Sunday school hour, the adult class will have the opportunity to talk with President Wille about the continuing mission of the South Wisconsin District. Following Sunday school, we will all gather in the fellowship hall for a potluck luncheon. Please review the following list of members, and friends whose funerals I have officiated, who have died since November 1, 2015, and please let us know if we have missed anyone. We will be remembering them by name during the service that day and want to make sure that our list is correct.

Marianne Berg, Marie Chandler, David Swain, Lucy Dreher, Iva Austin, Gerry Brohn, Lani Johnson, Jeff Niman, Sydnee Urbonya, LeRoy Mathewson, Margarete Voigt, Ann Walter, Dolores Wittnebel, Bill Peterson, Russ Wolter, Deloris Garber, and June Feldon.

On Sunday, November 20, during Divine Service, we will rededicate our Stained Glass Windows. We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed to this project, and we thank God for your generosity. It is thus appropriate for us to observe this joy at the outset of the week in which our nation pauses to offer God our thanks. We hope that everyone who contributed will be able to join us for this special worship service!



St. John's
Lutheran Church
Women's Guild



Craft Boutique/EXPO

Saturday
November 5th
9am - 3pm
1000 Bluff Street
Beloit, WI



Wide variety of vendors,
Bake Sale, Raffles, White
Elephants, Lunch and our
famous, freshly-baked
Cinnnaon Rolls!

Free Admission



Eleanor Backhaus, Home

Ivan Drake, Home

Peter Fast, Pioneer Court

Marie Hefty, Premier Skilled Nursing

Lois MacGowan, Premier Skilled Nursing

Ray Mathewson, Beloit Senior Living

Nadine Polzin, Home

Josephine Rhode, Alden Meadow Park

Anna Rumery, Willowick Assisted Living

Marilyn Treder, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

Audrey Weiss, Riverside Terrace

Dan Burrows, Alden Meadow Park

Connie Fast, Home

Donna Hall, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

Joanne Hildebrandt, Riverside Terrace

John Marquardt, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

Joyce Nelson, Willowick Assisted Living

Ione Reetz, Home

Christine Ruckert, Premier Skilled Nursing

Marcella Savage, Home

Russell Ultsch, Home

Kay Wells, Cedar Crest Apartments



Joanne Skede, Laura Jo Pearson, Marilyn Straw, Ruth Kanneiser, Marjean Rath, Nicole Cox, Cayden Krueger, Joyce Monroe, John Matthews, Marlene Nolta, James Swain, Nadine Polzin, Janice Hemerley, Joanie Genz, Kateri Bartz, Cory Bartz, Hope Ann Block, Terry Scribner, Marilyn Straw, and all of our members who are homebound. Additionally, please pray for the protection of all of those who serve in the military.



Dear Friends,

I am absolutely delighted by the participation in our Sunday school program! We have classes for all ages and we encourage you to invite others to join us. The program is held every Sunday (unless otherwise indicated in the previous week's announcements) from 10:30 to 11:15 am.

1. Preschool/Kindergarten – the students and their parents/guardians/grownups meet in the nursery downstairs – where they are escorted by my wife, Dawn, to the Art Room where Randy Bauling will be waiting for them to lead them in crafts and skits. They begin with crafts and skits for the first 20 minutes, and then are led by me back to the nursery where they have 20 minutes of Bible learning with Lori Dotson and me.
2. Grades First through Sixth – the students meet with me in the Conference Room (across the hall from Lisa's office) for the first 20 minutes of Sunday school for Bible learning, and then I escort them to the Art Room for 20 minutes of crafts and skits.
3. Grades Seven through Twelve – the students meet with Christi Bickford in room 201 in the school building for their class. The curriculum engages the students in discussing how the Bible lessons speak to their daily lives. Concordia have provided YouTube videos to go along with the sessions, and so there is a multimedia component to the classes.
4. Adult Class – the adults will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) to study the same lesson that the other classes are looking at. Many thanks to Don Nohr and Jeff Vander Kooi for their willingness to lead the class.

In order to reinforce our learning and help all of our members grow in their engagement with the Bible, our Divine Service each week focuses upon the same lesson as that studied in Sunday school.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9AM Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School	3 1PM Women's Bible Study	4 9:30 Women's Bible Study	5 6:00 PM Young People's Choir	6 1 PM LWML Women's Guild Meeting	7	8
9 9AM Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School	10 1PM Women's Bible Study	11 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6PM Board of Trustees	12 9AM Sewing 2PM Board of Elders 6:00 PM Young People's Choir	13	14	15
16 9AM Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School	17 1PM Women's Bible Study 10 AM Finance Board Meeting	18 9:30 Women's Bible Study	19 6:00 PM Young People's Choir 7PM Board of Membership & Evangelism	20	21	22
23 9AM Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School	24 1PM Women's Bible Study 6PM Catechism	25 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6PM Parish Council Meeting	26 9AM Sewing 6:00 PM Young People's Choir	27 10:00 AM LWML Board Meeting	28	29
30 9AM Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School	31 1PM Women's Bible Study					



**We gather for worship every Sunday morning at 9 am,
and everyone is welcome!**

You have a savior who is Christ the Lord, and we invite you to join us in receiving the gifts which God delights in giving you through His Son.

God loves all people. His Son died in the place of everyone and answered for all of our sins - including yours. Everyone who trusts in his death for the forgiveness of their sins will receive the free gift of eternal life with God. We would love to have the opportunity to tell you more about this good news.

Where everyone is invited and Jesus is Lord!

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