

# St. John's Messenger

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

November 2021



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## *From the Pastor's Study*

### Friendship Sunday

On Sunday, November 14, we will celebrate friendship Sunday! Please invite a friend or two to join you for worship that morning. However, I hope that you don't invite them because St. John's needs more members. During the Twentieth Century, congregations grew so rapidly that it was difficult to keep up with the growth, both in terms of space and staffing. As this trend reversed during the last 30 years or so, many congregations have found it increasingly difficult to maintain buildings and staffing that were needed by larger congregations. Consequently, much of what passes for outreach is nothing more than attempts to replenish the ranks of church members. These attempts mostly fail, perhaps because our motives are wrong. God calls us to reach our neighbors with the good news of Jesus Christ for their sakes – not ours. We invite the people we know to worship, not because we need them to refill our shrinking congregations, but in order that they may receive the precious gifts of God granted in the Divine Service. Christian outreach is rooted in our desire to bless our neighbors, not so they can be a blessing to us. Who are the people in your life whom you would love to see our Savior welcome into His fold? If it's possible, please ask if you can pick them up or meet them in the parking lot, as it can be pretty daunting to visit a church for the first time.

### Advent Series: "Angels of Christmas"

While I sometimes tease that God must have made my guardian angel during the war, *when He was having trouble getting parts*, angels are as real as you and me. The Bible doesn't teach us that each of us has a guardian angel assigned to us, but this does not mean that angels are nonexistent in our lives. The Bible has much to say about angels, particularly in the passages leading up to the birth of our Lord. Please join us for worship during the Sundays of Advent as we study the following passages and learn what God has revealed to us about these heavenly messengers.

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November 28 - "The Angel Gabriel Appears to Zechariah," Luke 1:5-25

December 5 - "The Angel Gabriel Appears to the Virgin Mary," Luke 1:26-38

December 12 - "An Angel Appears to Joseph in a Dream," Matthew 1:18-25

December 19 - "An Angel & the Heavenly Army Appear to the Shepherds," Luke 2:8-14

In Christ Jesus,

*Pastor*



## St. John's Lutheran Church Kids' Service



1000 Bluff Street  
**Every Sunday at 2 pm**  
**in the St. John's Gym**

(located on the Merrill side of the building.)

**All Kids are invited!**

**God's Word - Prayer - Singing  
Crafts - Food - Gym Time**

**Non-members are welcome!**



### Time Off for Good Behavior

Pastor Roser will be taking off from Wednesday, November 10th through Friday, November 12th.

He will be back on Saturday, November 13th.

He will also be off from Tuesday November 16th through Thursday, November 18th. He will be back Friday, November 19th.

If you require pastoral assistance during his absence, Pastor Dan Eddy (Messiah Lutheran) will be happy to help. (314-775-7371.)

The St. John's Youth will be having a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 21, to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering.

The first serving will be right after service from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, The second serving will be from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

There will be salad, spaghetti, bread, and a beverage for a donation of \$10. There will also be bake sale items. Carry-outs will be available!

**We need your help!**

Do you have Thrivent investments? Would you be willing to use your available Thrivent gift card to help with the Youth's spaghetti dinner? If yes, please contact Christi Bickford.

**Thank you!**



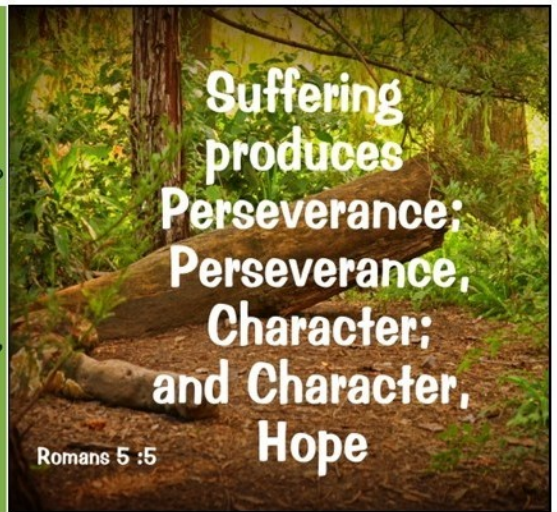


Did you miss your chance to purchase one of the limited edition wood St. John's Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary Christmas Ornaments? Good News!! We have a few left, and they make wonderful gifts!!

You may purchase them in the church office during regular hours, Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 10 am and 2 pm

Or if you're out of town, we can arrange to mail an ornament.

\$10 each (\$15 if you would like it mailed)



## From the Administrative Assistant's Desk....

My apologies for the delay on getting this started. I am, as they say, experiencing technical difficulties. However, in the next weeks St. John's will begin offering a new method for giving your offering to the church: Vanco (kind of like PayPal, but for church giving.) Right now I'm working with our Treasurer Monica Vander Kooi to get our account set up, learn how to use it, and then find the easiest ways for our members to access this new process.

I want to emphasize a few things. First, this site is a SECURE website, and we are partnering directly with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund to make sure the system is effective for St. John's. Second, and I cannot stress this enough: If you DON'T want to use electronic giving for church, that is perfectly fine!! We don't want anyone to feel like they're being forced to use something that makes them in any way uncomfortable. Rather, we're presenting options for those who find electronic giving to be easier, or who want to cut down on handling envelopes, paper, and pens in a public setting due to health concerns. If Vanco appeals to you, and you want to use it, we'll be here to help you. If it's something you want to try later on, we'll be happy to assist you then. And if you have no desire ever to add another app to your life, that's no problem. We never want you to feel pressured in this process. The idea is to make things easier for people; not to add a burden to anyone's life.

Be watching. I'll be sending out complete information on how to create an account, and how to use it. I will also be adding a quick-link button for Vanco to our Facebook page and our website.

God's blessings as we move forward, spreading His Word and His love.

Berta Ingham Eddy

**VANCO**  
FAITH





**Mustard Seed Daily Devotions**  
**In Times of Need: The Healing Touch**

***In the Word***

And behold, a leper came to him and knelt down before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed (Matthew 8:2–3).

***Of the Word***

Can you imagine what it would be like to not be touched? When you reached out your hand, no hand would reach back to touch yours. When you were overwhelmed or frightened, no arm would come around your shoulder to bring comfort. That was the lot of lepers in Jesus’ day. They were ravaged by disease, labeled unclean, and faced a lonely life.

Jesus did an amazing thing when He healed the leper. He touched him to bring healing. Jesus not only cleansed him of disease, He sent him back to his community clean. The touch of Christ reunited the leper with his friends and family.

The Savior does no less for us. He cleanses us with the healing of His Gospel and takes our lonely place of judgment on the cross. From that cross He draws people to Him from everywhere.

***Walking with my Lord***

Lord, thank You for Your healing touch that has the power to renew me. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Mustard Seed: In Times of Need. Authors: Rev. Larry Krueger, Rev. Mike Mattil, & Rev. Kris Whitby. 28/30 ©2015 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

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## November Birthdays

4 Dan Burrows

5 Emma Roser

7 Alexa Gill

Sam Burns

Tami Bartz

8 Pastor Roser

13 Lynda Bue

15 Elizabeth Wildauer

James Nohr

17 Audrey Weiss

Janice Hemerley

18 Berta Eddy

22 Jim Crall



## Wedding Anniversaries

22 Mahlon and Janice Hemerley

24 Bill and Betty Pearson

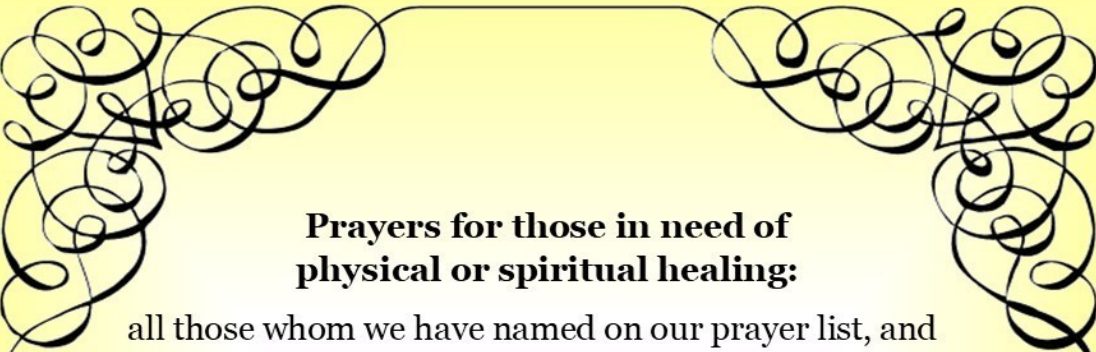
*Each week's Worship service bulletin is available for you in its entirety on our website on the On-Line Resources page. It will be used both for streaming Worship and in-person worship. If you don't wish to use the service book, you may use an electronic device or print a copy for yourself.*

*<https://www.stjohnsbeloit.com/connect-with-us.html>*

Please be aware, we have chosen when the office is "unmanned" to forward calls directly to Berta's cell. If she is unable to answer, you are welcome to leave a message, and she will help you as quickly as possible. Thank you.

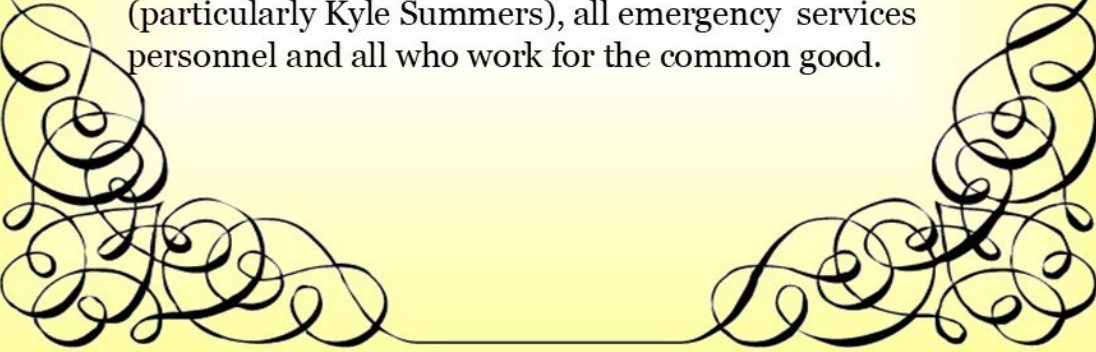






**Prayers for those in need of  
physical or spiritual healing:**

all those whom we have named on our prayer list, and those we now name in the thoughts of our hearts; Wally Latzke, Beulah Knutson, Bill Cunningham, Ruth Podest, Liam, Trey Grinke, Les Stewart, Keith Ingham, Ione Reetz, Veronica Bauling, Wes Levan, Dan Carter, Paula Devlin, Dick Sears, Pam Matchett Damrow, Al & Jan Jenks, Ruth Peterson, Carol McKechney, Jan Petterson, Marsha Grinke, Bob Brohn, Carol Lowry, Karen Nohr, Brad Carter, Keith Stowers, Jon Turner, Bobbie Reynolds, Tom Wulf, Doris Rindfleisch, Joaquin, Marcie Moore, Laura Jo Pearson, Cayden Krueger, and all of our members who are homebound (Bev Bingham, Beverly Bottoms, Dan Burrows, Dorothy Bushaw, Carol Gusk, Janice Hemerley, John Kannengeiser, Shirley Mathewson, Roger Nelson, Katie Petitt, Ione Reetz, Ed and Linda Spychalski,) those who serve in the military (particularly Kyle Summers), all emergency services personnel and all who work for the common good.



## **Our Homebound Members**

Beverly Bingham, Home

Beverly Bottoms, Riverside Terrace

Dan Burrows, Skaalen Nursing & Rehab, Stoughton

Dorothy Bushaw, Home

Carol Gusk, Home

Janice Hemerley, Suites at Beloit

John Kannengeiser, Azura Memory Care

Shirley Mathewson, Beloit Sr. Living

Roger Nelson, Home

Ione Reetz, Home

Ed and Linda Spychalski, Home

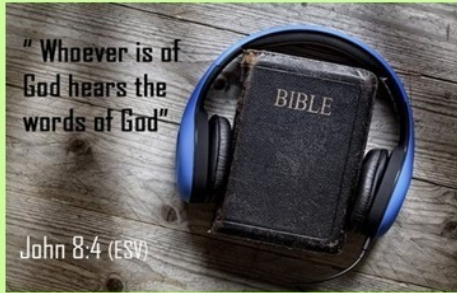
“And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick,  
and the Lord will raise him up.”

(James 5:15 ESV)

Miss a sermon?

Want to share a particular message with family or friends?

All Sunday services from October of 2019 through the most recent Sunday are available to you on CD or MP3. You need only ask Berta Eddy, and she will provide it for you.



*Office Hours for the church have changed slightly:*

*Normally Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from*

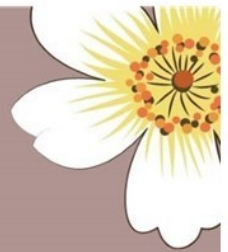
*10:00 am to 2:00 pm*

*(they may change occasionally for a personal appointment or illness.)*



*Messiah Lutheran Church  
Food Pantry*

New Pantry located at 1531 Townline Ave  
Open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month  
from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.  
For all residents of the Greater Beloit Area!



HE WILL GIVE HIS  
PEOPLE STRENGTH.  
HE WILL BLESS  
THEM WITH PEACE.

PSALM 29:11

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from the list in this month's St. John's Messenger, please notify the church office.  
Thank you.



**We gather for worship every Sunday morning at 9 am,  
whether in-person or on-line, 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!

### **Stay Connected!**



Did you know if you miss a regular Sunday Worship Service, you can watch it in its entirety on YouTube!

Just use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw9-9SrlBpZwdB2bPj-7Stg>



If you would like see links to Pastor Roser's blog, uplifting posts, occasional humorous posts, and reminders of upcoming events, check out the St. John's Facebook page.

The posts are public, so you don't even have to be a Facebook member to see what's happening. The links are also available on our website.

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