St. John's Messenger



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

2021





From the Pastor's Study

Dear Friends,

During the pandemic, the members of our congregation have worked very hard to provide for the worship of God's house, the financial affairs of the congregation, upkeep of the real property here at 1000

Bluff Street, and the safety of all participants in the life of St. John's. While the pandemic is not yet fully in our rearview mirror, there are hopeful signs that we can - like so many other organizations - resume more of our normal activities.

While we have limited our in-person activities to public worship, Church Council meetings, and a few urgent board meetings - these stopgap measures do not represent how all God's gifts to His people here at St. John's are exercised for the building up of the congregation. God continues to provide for His Church through the gifts of her members and we do not want to pause the exercise of these gifts indefinitely. As it becomes safe to do so, it is a matter of faithful stewardship for us to restore the full functioning of our congregation. While it is perhaps a bit premature for us to return to the altar rails for the reception of the Lord's Supper and to increase the number of people whom our worshipers interact with in the Divine Service (ushers, greeters, communion assistants, acolytes, etc.); it is quite safe for us to resume the full functioning of our boards. Our boards are the backbone of our congregation's life together, and in their absence our life together is muted.

Beginning May 1, our boards are invited to resume their normal meetings and whatever activities that can be carried out in ways that honor social-distancing and proper safety practices. To that end, we ask each board to meet in the Fellowship Hall until which time we may safely meet without the need of social distancing. Our conference room simply does not offer the same amount of space to spread ourselves out as the Fellowship Hall.

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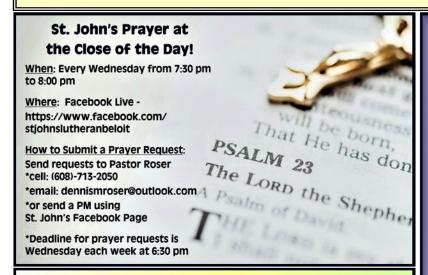
Our boards meet once per quarter according to the following schedule:

- **The Board of Elders** will meet on the third Monday of January, April, August, and November at 6:00 pm.
- The Board of Finance will meet on the third Monday of January, April, August, and November at 10:00 am.
- The Board of Membership & Evangelism will meet on the second Wednesday of January, March, June, and October at 6:30 pm.
- The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of February, May, September, and December at 6:00 pm.

If a board member does not yet feel ready to return to in-person meetings here at the church, we will honor that decision. We recognize that everyone is at a different place in these matters.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor



This week's Worship service bulletin is available for you on our website on the Digital Church page.

It will be used for both the in-person and on-line Worship. https://www.stjohnsbeloit.com/connect-with-us.html



Calling All High School and College Graduates!

Is this your year for a diploma? Please let us know so we can include you in our upcoming special service.

Email your information (name, school/college) to:

officestjohnsbeloit@gmail.com

Time Off for Good Behavior

Pastor Roser will be taking off from Friday, April 30 through Thursday May 6th. He will be back on Friday, May 7th.

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

Because Pastor Roser is off, there will be no Prayer At the Close of the Day on Wednesday, May 5th.

Two Alternative Ways to Experience the Word of God!!



Two weekly video programs are easily available to you, giving you the opportunity learn more about the Word of God, as an individual or as a family! One program is for children of all ages and one is for adults. Both of these video programs are uploaded to Youtube

and shared on Facebook each week.

The program for young people is "CATechism and Dog" and is <u>uploaded every Wednesday</u>. In this program, Belle and Pastor Roser work through a section of the catechism at a level that connects with young children and their families.

The program for adults is "Catechism for Life" and is uploaded on Saturdays. In this program, Pastor Roser reviews a section of the catechism, discussing how it applies to our every day lives.

Join us on-line for these programs, as well as our weekly Worship services, streamed live each Sunday at 9:00 a.m., and also recorded so you can watch them anytime!

Look for the links on our Facebook page, subscribe to our Youtube channel, or find the links on our Webpage under Digital Church!

BELOIT LEARNING CENTER

WHO WE ARE: The Beloit Learning Center is a group of volunteers invested in helping your children succeed. We are teachers, professionals, musicians, college professors, and business owners who are donating their time and are offering one on one tutoring to assist your child in achieving excellence in education.

WHO CAN ATTEND: We work with students from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

LOCATION AND HOURS: We are located at 1000 Bluff St., Beloit, Wisconsin, in the classrooms of the St. John's Lutheran School building. Our hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

HOW TO ENROLL: Contact us either by email or phone:

(608)-363-1150 or wmclawyer428@gmail.com

We'll have you fill out an information sheet and you'll be set to go.

Women's Guild News Respectfully submitted by Betty Pearson +



Mustard Seed Daily Devotions Simple Trust

The End, Yet the Beginning

In the Word

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth." Job 19:25

Of the Word

Whose voice became famous for saying, "That's all, folks!"? Mel Blanc

Mel Blanc became so famous for saying those words at the end of Porky Pig cartoons that he even had them inscribed on his tombstone. How sad it would be if "That's all, folks!" were true at life's end. How wonderful it is to know that life's end is just the beginning of our eternal life!

Cartoons are fun fiction. They can be trusted to entertain us, but nothing more. The Bible is God's certain Word. It can be trusted to be totally true. By faith we can join Job in saying, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes - I, and not another" (Job 19:25-27a).

That is not a cute phrase written on a tombstone somewhere. It is the promise of the living Rock Himself. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer ... (Psalm 18:2a)

Walking with my Lord

Thank you God, that You have assured me that life on earth isn't all there is. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, I look forward to eternity with You. In His name, Amen

(Mustard Seed: Simple Trust, Elaine Bickel, author. www.lwml.org)

May Birthdays

- 1 Todd Peterson
- 2 Jeanne Ludeman
- 5 Harold Bauling
- 6 Sydney Mikkelson
- 8 Shirley Mathewson
- 11 Dawn Roser

Lydia Wildauer

- 19 Delores Scharff
- 21 Grace Griinke

Katherine Swain

- 24 Jacki Day
- 27 Jessica Ramsey
- 31 Sandy Saunders





Wedding Anniversaries

- 21 Nelson and Leah Cruz-Morales
- 28 Paul & Roxanne Klingenmeyer

Peter & Adriana Nattinger

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

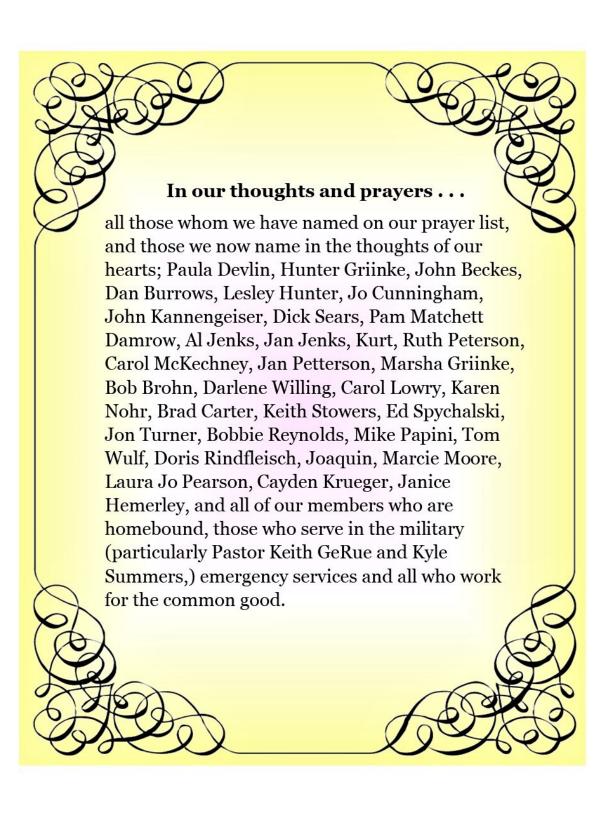
Hebrews 13:16

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.





Our Homebound Members

Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
Beverly Bottoms, Riverside Terrace
Dan Burrows, Skaalen Nursing & Rehab, Stoughton
Carol Gusk, Home
Donna Hall, Willowick, Clinton
Janice Hemerley, Suites at Beloit
John Kannengeiser, Home
Shirley Mathewson, Beloit Sr. Living
Katherine Petitt, Green Knolls at Beloit
Ione Reetz, Home
Christine Ruckert, Autumn Lake, Beloit
Ed Spychalski, Home

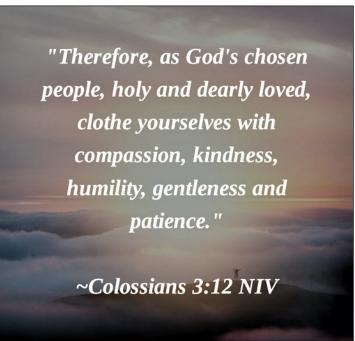
"And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up." (James 5:15 ESV)

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.





Our local food banks are experiencing significant shortages as individuals and families are impacted by the changes in work and school schedules.

The items most needed are:

- * Toilet Paper
- * Rice
- * Canned Meats/Tuna
- * Canned Hearty Soups or Mixes
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Dry Beans
- * Canned Vegetables * Baby food/diapers

Giving Hope

All other items, of course, will be gratefully accepted as visits to the food banks are rising, and expected to continue to do so in the coming months.

St. John's Lutheran Church has a collection bin for the Salvation Army in the Narthex. If you would like to drop items off, our Administrative Assistant, Berta, is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, or contact Pastor Roser to arrange a time.

Thank you for your generous help.



The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



FOR SALE - Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell, Reason for sale.. resident was resurrected.

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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