St. John's Messenger

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



2020



From the Pastor's Study

Dear Friends,

The other evening, Pastor Eddy, our confirmands, and I began our new series of catechism classes for this year. One of the things that I like to share with the students is that I study the catechism every single day. I figure that if Luther, himself, studied the catechism every day that I can do no better than to do the same. I want our students to see the catechism, like the

Bible, as an essential part of how they live out their faith in Christ Jesus. Luther's *Small Catechism* teaches us what the Bible teaches in a very succinct way.

If one knows their catechism, they also know the primary teachings of the whole Bible. While reading the catechism should never be a substitute for reading the Holy Scriptures themselves, the one who reads their catechism regularly is better prepared to understand what they are reading in their Bible study. You can study the catechism for free online by going to http://catechism.cph.org. Concordia also makes the catechism available for free in their apps on Android and iPhone.

As we begin the new Church Year on November 29, I will be launching two new weekly video programs - one for children of all ages and one for adults. Both of these video programs will be uploaded to Youtube and shared on Facebook. The program for young people will be called "CATechism and Dog" and will premier every Tuesday, beginning on December 1. In this program, Belle and I will work through a section of the catechism at a level that connects with young children and their families. Our program for adults will be called "Catechism for Life" and will premier on Thursdays, beginning on December 3. In this program, we will work through a section of the catechism and discuss how it applies to our lives.

Beginning on Wednesday, November 11th at 7:30 pm, our Prayer at the Close of the Day service will move to Wednesday evenings. In addition to praying the prayers of

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the Church, we study a different section of the catechism each week. This service occurs only on Facebook Live on the congregation's Facebook page. Moving this service to Wednesday's will allow me to take Thursday as my day off. Friday has not been a good day for me to take a day off, as it is normally needed to get caught up on things in preparation for the weekend. I am hoping that I will be more inclined to take a day off if I know that I will have one more weekday available for dealing with things that need accomplished.

Since we will not he hosting our annual in-person worship service for Thanksgiving this year, Belle and I will include a special Thanksgiving emphasis in the service of Prayer at the Close of Day on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:30 pm (our usual time).

ay God bless you as the weather gets colder and the Church Year comes to a close.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor

On **Sunday, November 1**, our congregation will observe the **festival of All Saints**. The following is our list of those who have died since last year's All Saints' Sunday.

Cameron Larson

Riley Larson

Connie Fast

Sonia Walter Pastor Roy Jacob

Ivan Drake

Marilyn Treder

Oscar Wedel

Roger Willing

John Marquardt Jeremy Pearson

Lester Nyborg

Vallie Nolta

If there are names that you would like for us to add to this list, which will be read in worship that Sunday morning, please email or call Pastor Roser.

Time Off for Good Behavior

Pastor Roser will be taking off from Monday, November 2nd through Friday, November 6h. He will be back on Saturday, November 7h. If you require pastoral assistance during his absence, Pastor Dan Eddy (Messiah Lutheran) will be happy to assist. (314-775-7371.)

While Pastor Roser is off, there will be no Prayer At the Close of the Day.

Additionally, Berta Eddy, his Administrative Assistant, will be off (and the office closed) on Friday, November 27th and Monday, November 30th.

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

For your calendar:

the Ordination of Vicar Rick Sears

Is set for 11-8-2020 at 1:30 pm

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

2015 Kellogg Ave., Janesville

Our Church Council has called a special meeting of the Voters' Assembly of St. John's for Sunday, November 1, at 10:30 am in the Church Nave.

The purpose of the meeting will be for the congregation to consider extending a call to a Reverend David Warner to become our Associate Pastor.

To prepare for the meeting, you are encouraged to read the Self Evaluative Tool forms (SET forms) for Pastor Warner, which are available in the church office.

Please feel free to stop by (Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays) and look them over. Between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm works best for Berta, but if you need another day or time, she will be happy to accommodate you.

Women's Guild News Respectfully submitted by Betty Pearson



In the Word

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever. Psalm 30:12b

Of the Word

A young couple came home every day tired and ready to unwind. They shared their tales of woe about jobs and co-workers. After a while, they realized their continual complaining was not healthy for their relationship. They decided on a new plan: they would still share their heartaches, but each would be required to share one joy from the day, too. What a difference it made for them!

Similarly, conversations with friends and co-workers can turn into gripe sessions which leave everyone feeling disgruntled. How easy it is to do nearly the same thing in prayer. It is not difficult to bring troubles, heartaches, illnesses and death to the Lord's attention. He does want us to do that, and He promises to hear and help. Beyond that He also wants our thanks and praise. He says, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me. (Psalm 50:15).

Walking with my Lord

Lord, forgive my complaining and unthankfulness. Help me to cultivate an "attitude of gratitude" both to You and to those whose lives touch mine. Make my life a life of service and thankfulness. In Jesus' name.

(Mustard Seed: Living in Prayer by Christian Life Committee. (www.lwml.org)

Notice: The Sewing Guild is in need of used sheets of any size to use for quilt making. Also needed are small baby jackets and sweaters. Please bring your donations to the sewing room in the church basement.

November Birthdays

- 4 Dan Burrows
- 5 Emma Roser
- 7 Alexa Gill
 - Sam Burns
 - Tami Bartz
- 8 Dennis Roser
- 13 Lynda Bue
- 15 Elizabeth Wildauer
 - **James Nohr**

- 17 Audrey Weiss
 - Janice Hemerley
- 18 Berta Eddy
- 21 Christine Ruckert
- 26 Mark Urbonya
- 30 B.J. Steiner





Wedding Anniversaries

- 22 Mahlon and Janice Hemerley
- 24 Bill and Betty Pearson

The Office Phone

We've had some challenges with finding a way to keep the church office phone attended in a manner that best serves the needs of the congregation. Maintaining a line for voice mail with our current service was cost prohibitive, and varying combinations of phones and answering machines proved futile, as something in building's lines blocks those systems. (Believe us...we've tried everything.)

To best serve you, we have chosen when the office is "unmanned" to forward calls directly either to Pastor Roser's or Berta's cell. If you need to talk to Berta, she is <u>usually</u> in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week from 9:00 am (give or take) until at least 1:00 pm (often later.) Her schedule is sometimes a little fluid, but those are the planned office hours. If she doesn't pick up right away, try again in a few minutes, or if it is something which needs immediate attention, you may contact her at (314)-775-7372.





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

Elinor Swain, Alden Meadow Park

Mildred Wedel, Home

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

St. John's Prayer at the Close of the Day is moving to Wednesday!

When: Every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm,

beginning November 11, 2020

Where: Facebook Live -

https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslutheranbeloit

How to Submit a Prayer Request:

Send requests to Pastor Roser @ 608-713-2050 dennismroser@gmail.com or send a PM using St. John's Facebook Page

*Deadline for weekly prayer requests is Wednesday each week at 6:30 pm

Who Wants to Win a Culver's Gift Card?



We have a number of avenues to keep you apprised of the opportunities and events here at St. John's: The monthly Messenger, the weekly Communicator, the Facebook page, the Web page, the Sunday Bulletin, and (first and foremost) the Worship service. Many times we will repeat the information in more than one of the venues in an effort to make sure the information is reaching eve-

ryone. But how can we tell if the announcements we're providing are getting through and being remembered?

How about by playing a little game each month!

The last weekend of the month, watch for a list of four questions whose answers can be found in the one or more of the Messenger, Communicator, Sunday Bulletin, Facebook page, Web page, or during the Worship Service during that month. Submit the answers either in writing or by email to the church's Administrative Assistant by noon the following Friday, and a winner will be drawn from the entries with the correct answers. The winner gets a gift card for some delicious Culver's food!

See the October 30, 2020 Communicator for the current quiz. Get your answers in by noon on November 6, 2020 to be in the drawing for the Culver's Card!

We gather for worship every Sunday morning at 9 am and 11:00 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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