St. John's Messenger

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



2020



From the Pastor's Study

Dear Friends,

I am excited to report to you that on Wednesday, August 26, our scholars will report back to St. John's Lutheran School for year two! As you will no doubt expect, we will be returning with social distancing protocols in place, and some of our scholars will be participating in online education for at least the first trimester. I

am delighted to share that LUMIN Schools has assembled a faculty who will be responsible for our online learning component. What this will mean is that our teachers will not be stretched between teaching our students in-person and also those who are learning online. Instead, our online students will be gathered together with all of the other online students throughout the LUMIN network and taught together during the day, just as if they were attending in-person classes. Of course, you may well ask "how will those students who are learning online be able to plug into our in-person classes during the second or third trimesters?" In the LUMIN system, scholars at St. John's, St. Martini, Pilgrim, etc. in their respective grade levels are all learning the same material each day. Conceivably, a first-grade student from Ascension Lutheran in Gary, Indiana could plug into our first-grade class on October 24th and he or she will have had the same prerequisite lessons on October 23rd in Gary, IN as our students had here in Beloit. Therefore, our online scholars will be studying the same lessons each day as our in-person students.

Since I am very passionate about our school, I could fill up pages of information about what is planned for the new school year. However, that misses the point of a simple newsletter article and so I will present the rest of the information I want to share with you in bullet points.

* We currently have 53 students enrolled, with additional families submitting registration applications weekly.

* We will have four classrooms with scholars in 4K through the 5th grade. Four new teachers have been hired. Three of our classrooms will include two grade levels.

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* Our school will host a Headstart classroom whose students will join our 4k classroom the following year. We anticipate 15 students in this program. Their program will be administered by the county.

* One of the social distancing protocols is that our classrooms will not have the opportunity to mingle with one another. Accordingly, the students will be

eating breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.

* I will be offering individual chapels each week to all students within their classrooms. This, however, will not include the Headstart program. Once social distancing is no longer required we will return to regular chapels in the nave.

Our school will be complying with all Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction mandates and guidelines. If you have additional questions about the school, please do not hesitate to call or email me. Please be in prayer for our scholars, faculty, support staff, and administration. We will be developing creative ways to minister to our scholars, staff, and families that respect our current circumstances. I will update you soon with opportunities to serve! The question before us is: "what does this new situation make possible?" Our God is the Author of creativity and ability.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor



St. John's Lutheran Church Beloit

Now offering multiple ways for you to worship

In-person services Sundays at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

(seating is limited; please reserve your place by contacting Pastor Dennis Roser,

608-713-2050 or dennismroser@gmail.com)

Live-stream service Sundays at 9:00 am on both Facebook and YouTube

and

Live-stream Prayer Service Thursdays at 7:30 pm (submit your prayer requests by contacting Pastor Roser or PMing them to the St. John's Beloit Facebook page.) You are cordially invited to share in our celebration of Trey Griinke's Graduation

Saturday, August 8th, beginning at 1:00 pm

Welty Center in Big Hill Park Beloit WI 53511

We will be practicing social distancing and we will have a time from Noon to 1pm for those who have health concerns or prefer to come before the crowds.

We are excited to celebrate with Trey and his exciting new adventure at Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

Congratulations!

Our prayers and congratulations are with Patty and Kevin Divine and their family as they welcome their new great-granddaughter!

Leini Elizabeth was born on Monday, July 20th to Patty and Kevin's granddaughter, Raven.

Leini weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. and is 22 inches in length. Mother and baby are both doing well!



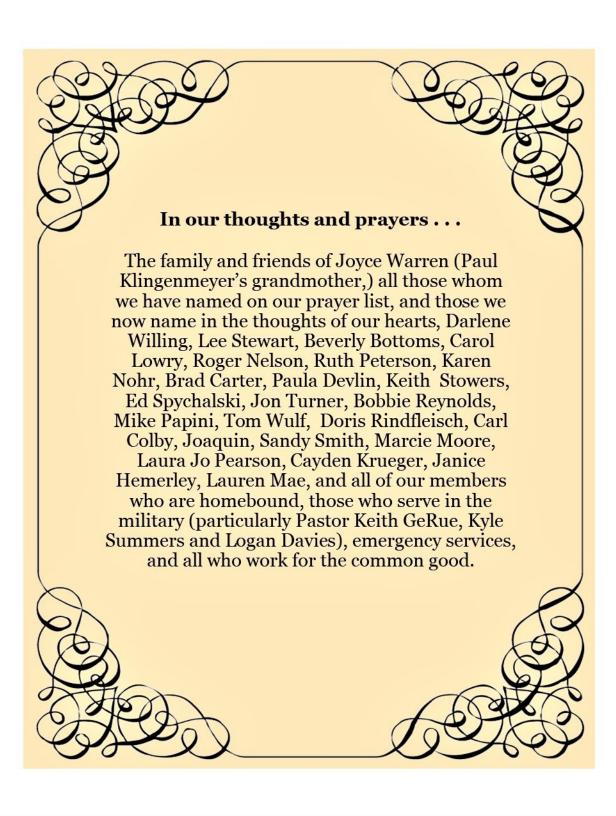
This week's worship service bulletin in available for you on our website on the Digital church page.

COME to me, all you who are WEARY and BURDENED, and Juill give you REST.

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Mark your calendars!!

Women's Bible Study resumes IN PERSON 1:00 pm Monday, September 14, 2020.



Our Homebound Members

Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

Beverly Bottoms, Home

Dan Burrows, Alden Meadow Park, Clinton

Carol Gusk, Home

Donna Hall, Willowick, Clinton

Janice Hemerley, Autumn Lake, Beloit

John Kannengeiser, Home

Shirley Mathewson, Beloit Sr. Living

Vallie Nolta, Fair Oaks Rehab.& Health Care

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)

Women's Guild News



Respectfully submitted by Betty Pearson

The Word: Wisdom for Living...The Choice is Mine

In the Word

"The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the bones."

Proverbs 15:30

Of the Word

Without a doubt smiling faces make us happy, and good news makes us feel better. A twinkle in the eye and a cheerful greeting can give others a feel-good day. People with positive attitudes are a joy to know. The truth is, our outlook on life is a matter of choice. No one can force us to have either a good or a bad attitude.

So what will the choice be today? Will people be pleased to see us or will they try to avoid our presence? Will we speak words of encouragement or discouragement? Will the light of Jesus shine from our eyes? Will the sweet words of the Gospel of grace, love, and forgiveness we share with someone be refreshing to them?

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say rejoice (Philippians 4:4). Will the joy of knowing Jesus Christ as the Savior, who lovingly died for our sins, come through in all we say and do? A Point to Ponder: How will the light in my eyes reflect the love of Jesus Christ today?

Walking with my Lord

Father, I ask for an attitude like that of Jesus whatever my circumstances may be. Help me to greet others with sweet words that reflect my love for You. In Jesus' name. Amen

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.

August Birthdays

8 Daniel Bauling

Randy Bauling

9 Monica Vander Kooi

12 Elinor Swain

Pat Wolter

16 Betty Pearson

21 Collin Gill

22 Robin Wildauer

23 Cheryl Curtis

Kathleen Bauling

24 Jeff Crall

Zach Nohr

26 Don Nohr

Karen Knutson

27 Dorothy Gustina

28 Dolores Steil

Sofia Nattinger

31 Gloria Hereford

Samuel Wildauer





Wedding Anniversaries

- 17 Jeff and Monica Vander Kooi
- 19 Pastor Dennis and Dawn Roser
- 20 David and Kathy Carter

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 to Pastor Roser'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 usual 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.

Time Off for Good Behavior

Pastor Roser will be taking off the week of August 17 - 20, although the Thursday Prayer At the End of the Day service WILL be broadcast as regularly scheduled.

Bible Clips for Kids and Reading the Bible will resume the following week!



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

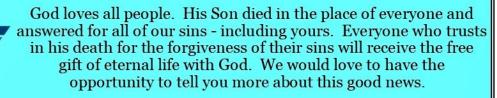
How about by playing a little game each month!

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 July 31, 2020 Communicator for the current quiz. Get your answers in by noon on August 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.



Where everyone is invited, and Jesus is Lord!

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.

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