

# St. John's Messenger

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

**JULY** 2021



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

Dear Friends,

Have you ever attended a book signing or "meet the author" event?

I love to see "book signings" when I am perusing bookstores. I always walk over to that general area - not so close that I feel obligated to purchase the author's book, but close enough to see people interacting with the author. It's fun to see people who have actually read the books getting the rare opportunity to speak with the author. If we think about it, reading always involves a dialogue between the author and reader even though it typically only takes place in our minds. After having engaged with the author in the course of reading their books, it is an amazing thing to be able to meet them in person.

My favorite author - outside of nonfiction titles - is Charles Dickens. While it has been a while since he was available for book signings, he has taught me so much about what it means to be human and to live in a fallen world. Every time I read one of his novels - and yes, they are quite long and dusty [I trust that you and I also are engaged in a dialog as you read this] - Dickens challenges me to acknowledge the power of sin over this world and the depths of human misery.

A couple of months ago, I had the opportunity to meet the author of a book that impacted me deeply. His name is John Schmidtke [you're right, the Schmidtke's are from Sheboygan] who is the pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Louis. His book, *A Place Not Forgotten*, was recommended to me by a friend. In the early pages of the book, he dedicates an entire essay to "transiency." You probably know that my greatest joy in ministry is teaching children about Jesus who has died to save them.

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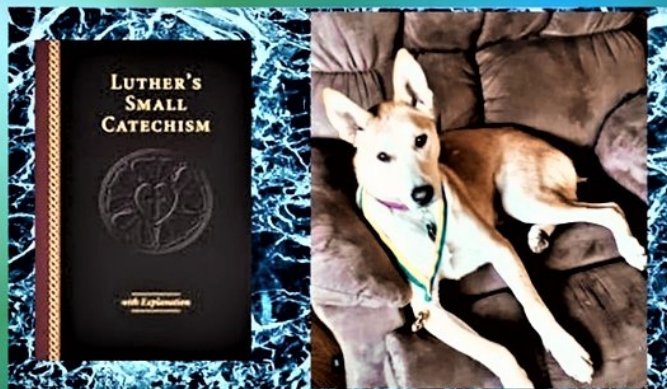
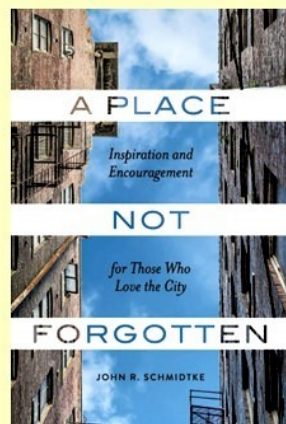
You may not know that the deepest pain I endure in ministry is when children whom we have connected with move. On my worst days, I sometimes feel like Beloit is where you live before you move to Rockford or Chicago. That's not true but is a part of how I cope when children tell me "we're moving to Rockford" or "we're moving to Chicago." John's essay on "transiency" hit me hard because he acknowledged my pain while challenging me to see the work of God in the seeds we have planted in young souls that will go onto be watered by other churches in Rockford and Chicago.

To make a long story a bit more bearable, I'll get to the point. We have put *A Place Not Forgotten* into the hands of our members who serve on council and our boards. We also want to make it available to anyone else who would like to read it. If you don't have the book and would like to read it - please tell me and I will get you a copy ASAP.

On Wednesday, July 7, at 5:30 pm, we are having our own "meet the author" event in our church sanctuary. That's right, Pastor Schmidtke will be with us in-person to talk about neighborhood ministry and to answer questions that you may have. I hope that you will join us whether you have read the book or not. Again, if you would like to read the book and you do not have a copy, please tell me and I will get one for you!

In Christ Jesus,

*Pastor*



**St. John's Lutheran Church presents**

## **CATechism and Dog**

with Pastor Dennis Roser and Belle

Scripture, lessons, meditations, and prayer

We welcome your prayer requests

**When:** Every Sunday from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

**Where:** Facebook Live -

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslutheranbeloit>

**How to Submit a Prayer Request:**

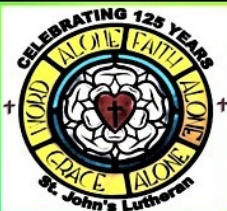
Send requests to Pastor Roser

\*cell: (608)-713-2050

\*email: [dennisroser@outlook.com](mailto:dennisroser@outlook.com)

\*or send a PM using St. John's Facebook Page

\*Deadline for prayer requests is  
Sundays each week at 4:00 pm



**Community Fun-Day**  
Saturday, August 14, 2021  
1:00 until 4:00 pm.  
(rain date is Saturday, August 21, 2021)  
The Beloit Community  
is invited!

Tour the St. John's Worship space  
Have a snack  
Enjoy some music

There will be a professional face-painter, a bouncy house, and games for our members and guests to enjoy. We'll also have some giveaways provided by local merchants.

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Beloit**  
**Free Snowcones!!!**  
**Saturday, July 10th**  
**1:00 - 3:00 pm**  
**at the corner of**  
**Bluff and Merrill**

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

As most of you already know, Pastor Roser recently read the book *A Place Not Forgotten* by Pastor John Schmidtke of St. Louis, and has found great inspiration within it. He's met with Pastor Schmidtke and has formulated a plan how many of the same approaches used at Bethlehem Lutheran could be effective for reaching out to the community which surrounds St. John's. What you may not know is that I've known Pastor Schmidtke for years.

When my husband Dan was at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, he was assigned to Bethlehem Lutheran for his field congregation. For three years we were a part of this active, innovative, unique parish. The area and the people surrounding the church had been neglected for a long time before Pastor Schmidtke's arrival. Their revival and renewal were well underway when we arrived, but while we were there I witnessed firsthand how Pastor Schmidtke's creative ideas, when put into action with the help of the church members, were able to transform the neighborhood and, more importantly, change hearts. It would be amazing to see a similar spiritual rebirth within our own neighbors. If we hope to accomplish that, we will all need to actively participate in these outreach efforts.

Pastor Schmidtke will be here, in person, Wednesday, July 7th at 5:30pm. Let's use him as a resource, asking questions and learning, so that we may do as Christ instructed us.

**"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (Mark 16:15 EHV)**

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

Berta Ingham Eddy

# Women's Guild *News*



*Respectfully submitted by Betty Pearson*

**Mustard Seed Daily Devotions**

***Living in Joy***

## **Joy in Weakness**

### ***In the Word***

**I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**

**Phillippians 4:13**

### ***Of the Word***

What is the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Divorce? Unemployment? Moving from familiar surroundings? Sending a son or daughter off to war? When Paul wrote the words of this text, he had experienced hatred, imprisonment, beating, lies, misunderstandings, and impending death. In all things, God gave him strength to face the future. He knew with certainty that his ultimate future was in heaven with Jesus, the One who had spoken directly to him on the Damascus road.

Paul's words encourage us in our darkest moments. In the midst of unrest, grief, and uncertainty, God's comforting arms reach out to surround us with love and hope. By His grace, we can echo Paul's inspired words, I can do everything through him.

(Philippians 4:13)

### ***Walking with my Lord***

Lord, You know my hurts and weaknesses, for You know all things. Help me to remember You in my darkest moments. Help me to rely on You without any doubts or fears. In Jesus' powerful name. Amen



*(Mustard Seed: Living in Joy. [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org))*

## July Birthdays

1 Garnet Bauling  
2 Elizabeth Larson  
4 Ryder Klingenmeyer  
5 Connie Fast  
6 Mark Baker  
8 Donna Hall  
14 Ben Vigliarolo  
16 Roxanne Klingenmeyer  
18 Beulah Knutson  
Neil Walter

19 Leah Cruz-Morales  
21 Novalee Vander Heyden  
22 Daniel Bielharz  
23 Roger Nelson  
25 Bernadine Crall  
Kathleen Fiedler  
Larry Nolta  
29 Beverly Bottoms  
Marilyn Fassett



## Wedding Anniversaries

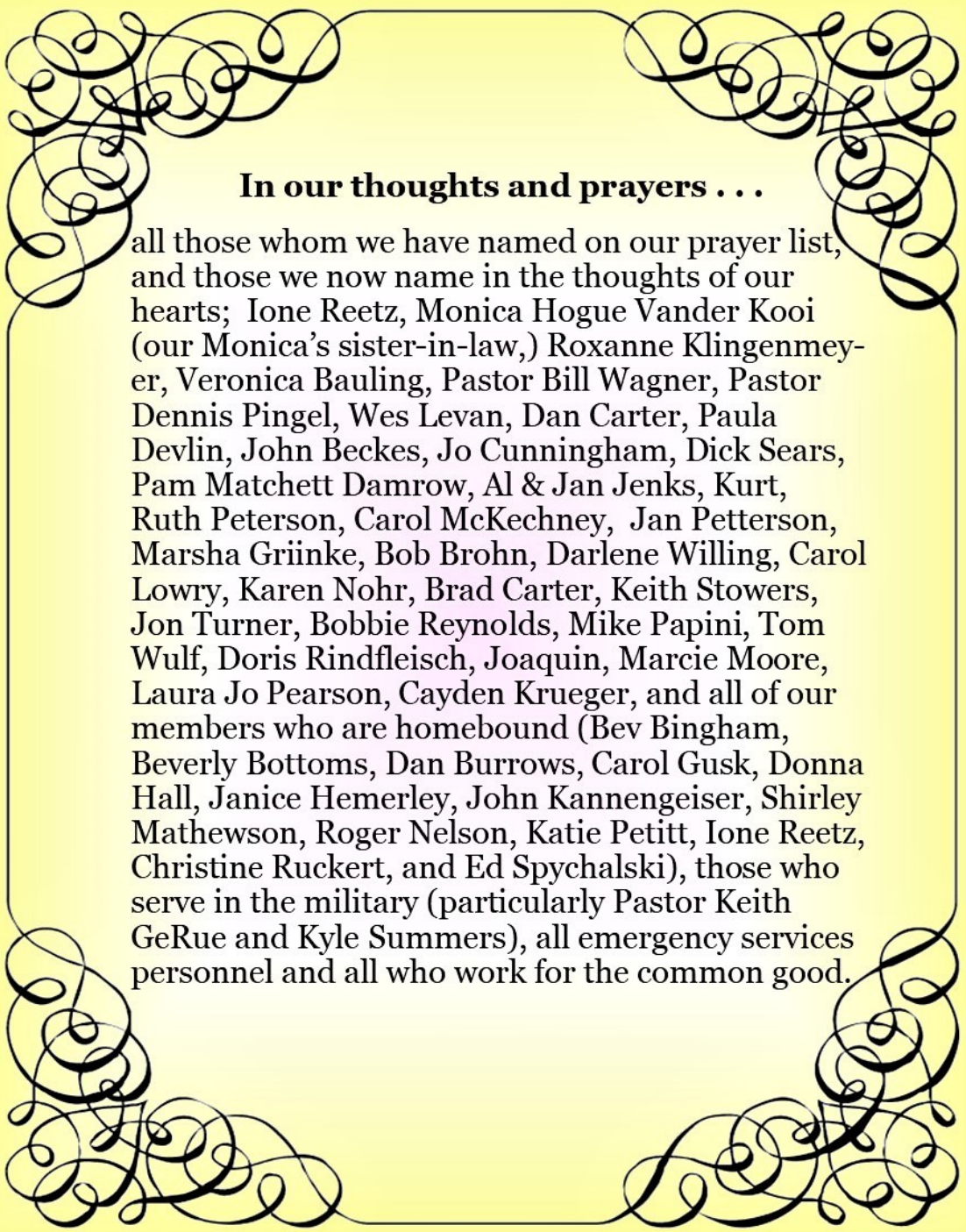
3 Bob and Lynda Bue  
19 Lee & Marilyn Fassett

*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.





**In our thoughts and prayers . . .**

all those whom we have named on our prayer list, and those we now name in the thoughts of our hearts; Ione Reetz, Monica Hogue Vander Kooi (our Monica's sister-in-law,) Roxanne Klingenmeyer, Veronica Bauling, Pastor Bill Wagner, Pastor Dennis Pingel, Wes Levan, Dan Carter, Paula Devlin, John Beckes, Jo Cunningham, Dick Sears, Pam Matchett Damrow, Al & Jan Jenks, Kurt, Ruth Peterson, Carol McKechney, Jan Petterson, Marsha Grinke, Bob Brohn, Darlene Willing, Carol Lowry, Karen Nohr, Brad Carter, Keith Stowers, Jon Turner, Bobbie Reynolds, Mike Papini, 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, Carol Gusk, Donna Hall, Janice Hemerley, John Kannengeiser, Shirley Mathewson, Roger Nelson, Katie Pettitt, Ione Reetz, Christine Ruckert, and Ed Spsychalski), those who serve in the military (particularly Pastor Keith GeRue and 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

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.



## Sunday Morning Streamed Worship CATEchism and Dog

Like St. John's on-line videos?

We encourage you to share them on your own Facebook page, and with your family and friends. It's a great way to invite people to learn more about the Word of God!



Our local food banks are experiencing *significant shortages* as individuals and families are still struggling with changes and challenges.

The items most needed are:

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

FOOD COLLECTION  
FOR THE  
SALVATION ARMY



Giving  
Hope  
Today

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 off items at a time other than Sunday morning, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Berta Eddy, to arrange a time.

Thank you for your generous help. (608)-362-8595



Stay connected to St. John's Lutheran Church, Beloit!

Our podcast stream is available on the iHeart radio app!

<https://www.iheart.com/podcast/269-st-johns-lutheran-church-l-76708569/>

Or try our Podbean website or app:

<http://stjohnbeloitmedia.podbean.com/>

You can also find our podcasts at  
iTunes, Spotify, and the Google podcast app!

Our livestreaming and recorded Worship services are still found  
on our Facebook page and on YouTube.

Take the Word of God with you wherever you go!!



**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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