# St. John's Messenger

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

November



2019



## From the Pastor's Study

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, December 15th, our congregation and school will come together to celebrate a Day of Thanksgiving for Our School. The day will begin with a special Divine Service, at 9:00 am, in which students will offer music selections and President Wille (of the South Wiscon-

sin District) will preach. Other leaders from our District and the leadership team of LUMIN Schools will also be in attendance. It will be a time to gather as the full St. John's community to thank God and celebrate His marvelous blessings shown to us in the launching of our new school. Following the service, everyone will be invited to join us for a school program to be held in the gymnasium. Refreshments will be served during the program, and we invite you to please bring a plate of cookies to share at the event. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a morning of joy and celebration for what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in the lives of His children.

During the winter months (which often feels like most of the year), we will not be having our regular weekly Bible class. However, I do want to provide opportunities for us to continue to study God's Word and go deeper in our discipleship. To that end, I want to begin a monthly book club beginning in December. The books that we will be using are published by Concordia Publishing House and readily available on the internet. Additionally, we are able to order books for members who would prefer that the church order them. In most cases, we will use two sessions to discuss each book. This is not to say that we are only capable of reading one book every two months, but that the titles I have selected are so important that I would like for us to get the most out of what we are studying. Over the course of the next few months, we will be taking a look at the following:

Dec 2019/Jan 2020 - Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey: Recover the Joys of Piety by William Weedon

Feb 2020 - 5 Things You Can Do to Have a Faithful Prayer Life by Robert Hiller

Mar/Apr 2020 - How to Read the Bible with Understanding by Lane Burgland

May/Jun 2020 - Hope When Your Heart Breaks: Navigating Grief and Loss, by Michael Newman

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The day and time for our monthly discussions have not been set as I would like for us to choose a time that fits a lot of people's schedules. Please let me know what times work best for you from the following. You can email me this information or circle the times here and return it to the offering plate.

Monday mornings - Tuesday afternoons - Wednesday mornings - Wednesday afternoons - Thursday afternoons

You can purchase "Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey"

on Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Thank-Praise-Serve-Obey-Recover/dp/0758658281/ref=tmm\_pap\_swatch\_o?\_encoding=UTF8&gid=1572026645&sr=8-1

on Kindle: https://www.amazon.com/Thank-Praise-Serve-Obey-Recover-ebook/dp/Bo76TYWTJZ/ref=tmm\_kin\_swatch\_o?\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1572026645&sr=8-1

on Barnes & Noble: https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/thank-praise-serve-and-obeywilliam-weedon/1127131088?ean=9780758658289

on Apple: <a href="https://books.apple.com/us/book/thank-praise-serve-and-obey-recover-the-joys-of-piety/id1301071660">https://books.apple.com/us/book/thank-praise-serve-and-obey-recover-the-joys-of-piety/id1301071660</a>

on CPH: https://www.cph.org/p-31340-thank-praise-serve-and-obey-recover-the-joys-of-piety.aspx

I do not want the cost of the books to be a barrier to anyone participating in our book discussions. If you find it difficult to afford the purchase of the books, please let me know privately. The church will simply purchase the number of copies needed for those in this situation and then add them to our church library following the person's reading of it.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service - a time to gather with family and friends and give thanks for all God has given you.

"I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify your name forever.."

(Psalm 86:12 EHV)

#### October 2019 Expenses

Not currently available. These will be included in the December Messenger. Thank you for your patience.



#### **Introducing: The EVH Holy Bible**

The EVH (Evangelical Heritage Version) of the Holy Bible has been released by the Wartburg Project, Inc. This version of God's Holy Word is faithfully translated from the original Greek and Hebrew, and proclaims the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. The expressions, imagery, and style of the original texts are there, giving readers a lasting picture of God's grace and mercy for a lost human race. This translation is what we'll now be using in the weekly Sunday Worship Service. For more information on this marvelous resource, please go to www.wartburgpproject.org "Listen to advice and accept discipline, so that you will be wise in the future. There

(Proverbs 19:20-21)

are many plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that will prevail."

## **Annual Voters' Meeting**

Our annual voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, December 22, beginning at 10:30 am.

Because the **reports** need to be released two weeks prior to the meeting, they will **need to be submitted** to our Administrative Assistant, Berta Eddy, **NO LATER THAN November 16th**.

<u>Please make all submissions in Word Document or</u> <u>Publisher, and all graphics in jpegs</u>. **NO PDFs, PLEASE**. Thank you.

## Women's Guild News Respectfully submitted by Betty Pearson



On Wednesday, October 16, 2019, Our Redeemer Ladies Aid in Delavan welcomed the ladies of the LWML SWD Zone 20 for the Fall Rally. The opening devotion was by Pastor Rickman of Our Redeemer Lutheran. Six women from St. John's attended along with Pastor Dennis Roser, the

Zone 20 counselor who gave the Bible study. The Theme was GRACE-FULL Women and the Bible verse was: Ephesians 4:32 "Be Kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

The Lutheran Special School & Education Services was chosen as the Mission to recognize. They fell that they are a resource in the South Wisconsin District that few people are aware of. The speaker, Amy Schultz serves as the Communications/Special Events Director told that the school exists to prepare students who struggle with unique learning challenges. They prepare students to maximize their potential and their God-Given spiritual, academic, emotional, and social potential. The in-gathering for school supplies was for items that any student could use and will be greatly appreciated.

At the business meeting it was announced that the Spring Rally will be on April 27, 2020 at Messiah Lutheran church in Beloit. We closed with a prayer by Pastor Ritter of Our Redeemer Lutheran.

A delicious luncheon was served following the meeting.

#### **Face to Face Moments**

#### In the Word

"Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete. "2 John 1:12b.

#### Of the Word

Your cell phone rings as you read emails. In the midst of the call, several beeps announce the arrival of a text in which your niece invites you to video chat on your laptop. Some call it instant connection while others worry human interaction is suffering.

The apostle John realized the importance of talking in person. He hoped to meet fellow believers...face to face, so that our joy may be complete (2 John 1:12b.) Nothing compares to the joy of personal fellowships. The wife reuniting with her military husband knows. Parents welcoming a child home from college know. Families at reunions know.

Why do we gather for worship, Bible study, and fellowship? Because we gain hope and strength by sharing our faith Nothing replaces the comfort that comes from praying together, discussing scripture in a small group, or sharing the peace of Christ with a handshake. We meet - face to face - to praise our Lord and share His love.

#### Walking with My Lord

Lord, thank You for the technology that allows us to share the Gospel with more people, but help us also cherish the moments we spend face to face with fellow believers. In Jesus' name. Amen

Mustard Seed Devotions: Jan Struck, author. www.lwml.org

Notice: The Sewing Guild is in need of used sheets of any size to use for quilt making. 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 Pastor Roser
- 13 Lynda Bue

#### 15 Elizabeth Wildauer

**James Nohr** 

17 Janice Hemerley

18 Berta Eddy

30 B.J. Steiner





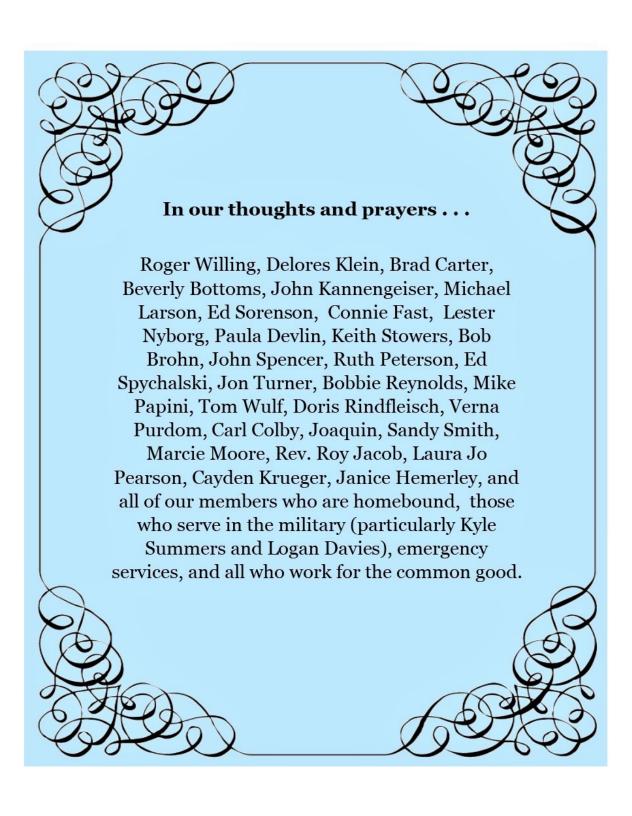
Wedding Anniversaries

22 Mahlon and Janice Hemerley

24 Bill and Betty Pearson

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERY SITUATION, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.

Philippians 4:6



## **Our Homebound Members**

Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

Dan Burrows, Alden Meadow Park

Ivan Drake, Home

Connie Fast, Home

Carol Gusk, Home

Donna Hall, Willowick in Clinton

John Marquardt, Home

Shirley Mathewson, Beloit Sr. Living

Katherine Petitt, Green Knolls at Beloit

Ione Reetz, Home

Christine Ruckert, Autumn Lake at Beloit

Ed Spychalski, Home

Elinor Swain, Alden Meadow Park

Marilyn Treder, Suites at Beloit

Oscar & 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) DUDE! I HAVE A TON OF ONLINE FOLLOWERS AND THEY ALL WANT TO HAVE ME OVER FOR DINNER!







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#### **Box Tops Program**

St. John's School is a part of the Box Tops for Education program!

If you buy any product with the box top logos, you can scan your receipt and earn cash for our school.

You can also still turn in box tops to the main office.

These funds will go to enhance the educational program for our scholars which include starting athletics, augmenting our new school library and field trips.

If you aren't receiving The Communicator by e-mail, there are extra copies each week in the Narthex.

#### We gather for worship every Sunday morning at 9 am, 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!



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



facebook. 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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