St. John's Messenger

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



2019



From the Pastor's Study

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe it's already Advent. Judging by the outdoor temperatures it is also difficult to believe that it's not really February. As we celebrate Advent, and Christmas approaches, I invite you to place the following events on your calendar. The

New Testament teaches us that collectively we are the body of Christ and it's no secret that our time together is much more complete when we all gather together.

December 4, 5:30 pm - Advent Supper

December 4, 6:30 pm - Advent Service - "Zechariah & Elizabeth"

December 8, 10:30 am - Decorating the Church for Christmas

December 8, 12:30 pm at St. Andrew in Rockton - Youth Group

December 11, 5:30 pm - Advent Supper

December 11, 6:30 pm - Advent Service - "Joseph"

December 15, 9:00 am - Special Service for Church and School

December 15, 10:30 am - School Program in the gym

December 18, 5:30 pm - Advent Supper

December 18, 6:30 pm - Advent Service - "Mary"

December 22, 10:30 am - Voters' Meeting in the Nave

December 24, 6:30 pm - Christmas Eve Service

December 25, 9:00 am - Christmas Day Service

January 5, 10:30 am - Undecorating from Christmas

Blessings to you as we prepare to receive our Lord in the manger, through the Lord's Supper, and in His victorious return on the Last Day.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor

Christmas Poinsettia

We invite you to assist us in decorating our chancel for Christmas by



sponsoring a poinsettia. If you would like to participate, please complete the form found in the Sunday bulletin. Return your form by placing it in the offering plate with your payment. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 1st. The plants will be available to take home following Divine Service on Christmas Eve. When filling in your form, it is important that you PRINT so your information is legible. Also, please be specific in your dedication (in honor/celebration/memory of...)

Thank you.

Christ Our Savior Youth Group Bowling night!

The Christ Our Savior Youth Group is inviting the youth of other area Lutheran churches to join them for an evening of fun and fellowship:

Bowling at Viking Lanes in Beloit.

Friday, December 6, 2019 at 6 PM – 9 PM

Viking Lanes 210 Oak Grove Ave, South Beloit, Illinois 61080

If you're interested in joining, please

log onto Facebook and let Carissa know your intent!

https://www.facebook.com/events/2657292140983443/?active_tab=about





Annual Voters' Meeting

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

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study will be on break until January 7, 2020



The new year is nearly upon us. In preparation for that, the 2020 CD Ministry and Altar Flower sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

As always, PLEASE PRINT, and be specific about how you would like your sponsorship acknowledged. Thank you.



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.

Women's Guild News Respectfully submitted by Betty Pearson



Garnet Bauling called our Women's Guild meeting to order on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019. Doris Rindfleisch gave the devotion titled In God's House. Kathy Carter reported that our Sewing Guild has a lot of purchased materials to work on now and also some ready made donations.

Christmas giving was discussed and a list was made of people and organizations we would like to honor. It was unanimously decided to have our Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 3rd at 11:30 am at the Road Dawg. Everyone will bring 2 dozen cookies to pack and deliver to our shut-ins. Guests are welcomed to join us.

With the early winter we are having we want everyone to be careful. If our meeting happens to be on a stormy, freezing or icy day we will automatically cancel and will meet the following Thursday. Stay warm!

From Quiet Times to Noisy Love...Choosing Contentment

In the Word

"...for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content."

Philippians 4:11

Of the Word

"Time for bed," his mom called. Rushing into his room, he piled four pillows on the bed along with five books, twelve stuffed animals, seven toy cars, and two blankets. Just as his parents entered the bedroom for prayers, he gathered three action figures into his arms. "Now I have enough!" he sighed.

Do we struggle to obtain enough in life to be satisfied? If only I had this job...house... brand-name clothing...amount of money, then I would be able to rest. The apostle Paull experienced both abundance and need in life, yet proclaimed...for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content (Phillippians 4:11). He trusted God to supply his every need, and accepted each circumstance with gratitude.

We will face situations and circumstances that are not as we had hoped. We can fret and fuss, or we can choose to accept the present for what it truly is - a gift. The gift of God's grace through Jesus Christ's death on the cross is more than sufficient. It is what we need. It is enough! We can be content.

Walking with My Lord

Lord may I always find contentment at the foot of the cross, trusting that you will provide all I truly need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Mustard Seed: From Quiet Times to Noisy Love. 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.



December Birthdays

25 Hunter Griinke

4 Dan Rogers

Pam Lathro

10 Debbie Niman

Presley Theisen

- 11 Andrew Bartz
- 15 Alex Nohr





Wedding Anniversaries

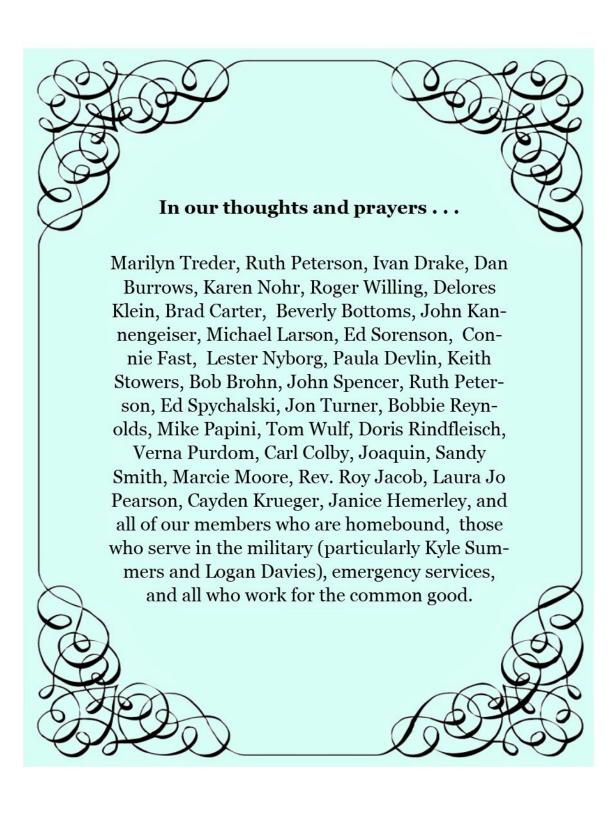
16 Wally and Kathy Prins

18 Roger and Marcia Stenberg

26 Kevin and Patty Divine

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32



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

Vallie Nolta, Fair Oaks Rehab. & Health Care

Katherine Petitt, Green Knolls at Beloit

Ione Reetz, Home

Christine Ruckert, Autumn Lake at Beloit

Ed Spychalski, Home

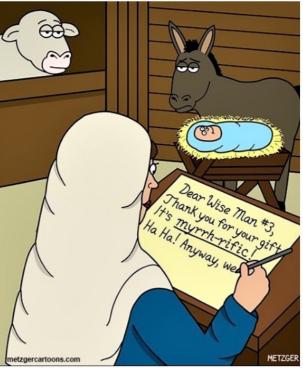
Elinor Swain, Alden Meadow Park

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)





Advent season is here, and with it comes special Wednesday services. Beginning December 4th, please plan to join us for supper at 5:30 pm, and stay for Worship at 6:30 pm.





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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