

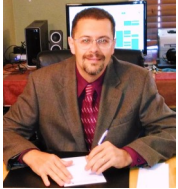
St. John's Messenger

Our Monthly Newsletter



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

January 2018



From the Pastor's Study

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Dear Friends,

Dawn and I want to extend to each of you our sincere thanks for the many cards, gifts, and goodies which you gave to us at Christmas. It is a tremendous privilege to serve as your pastor and I am grateful for your loving kindness. We cherish your thoughtfulness and generosity.

The start of a new year brings with it the promise of new adventures and initiatives. Here at St. John's, we will be launching a new Bible Class in English and a Divine Service in Spanish.

On Thursday, January 11, at 5:30 pm, our new Bible Class will begin in the sanctuary of the church. This weekly class will cover the highlights of the whole Bible over the course of approximately a year and a half. These classes are designed to engage those who are just beginning to learn about the Scriptures and also those who have been studying them for years.

On Thursday, January 25, at 7:00 pm, Vicar Rosales and I will be launching a Divine Service in Spanish. This weekly service is intended to meet the needs of our neighbors whose primary language is Spanish. While Vicar Rosales and I can share in the conduct of the service, I will need his assistance in translating for me on the Thursdays when I preach. Hopefully, in the coming year, this will become less necessary. The Lord's Supper will not be celebrated at these services initially, but only after the attendees have been catechized and prepared to receive with us. Please share the enclosed flyer with your neighbors.

On Sunday, January 28, Pastor Burakowski will be leading worship in my stead. I will be preaching that morning at Santa Cruz in Racine, where Vicar Rosales serves. Pastor Burakowski will preach on missions during the service and make a presentation on the District's initiatives following the service. We will not have Sunday School that day. Since this is something which I want to do, and not something directly related to the ministry of St. John's, I will be using one of my vacation Sundays.

May God bless you in the coming year!

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor



Treasurer's Report

December 2017 Expenses

Church Mutual Ins.	\$1,215.74	Charter Internet	\$38.99
Concordia Pub.	\$96.00	TDS Phone Service	\$92.60
Beloit Utilities	\$194.43	Alliant Energy	\$1773.30
Beloit Daily News	\$21.86	Father & Son Cleaners	\$800.00
S. Wis. District	\$1073.00	Badgerland Disposal	\$60.00
Concordia Plan Svc.	\$2,578.84	Moffett Advertising	\$100.00
Toner	\$93.61	Nolte Organ Service	\$1,260.00



Eleanor Backhaus, Home
Dan Burrows, Alden Meadow Park
Connie Fast, Home
Donna Hall, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
John Marquardt, Home
Joyce Nelson, Sun Valley Terrace
Ione Reetz, Home
Anna Rumery, Willowick Assisted Living
Betty Steuck, Riverside Terrace
Marilyn Treder, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
Audrey Weiss, Riverside Terrace

Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
Ivan Drake, Home
Peter Fast, Pioneer Court
Joanne Hildebrandt, Azura Memory Care
Ray & Shirley Mathewson, Beloit Sr. Living
Charlene Ostenson, Premier Skilled Nursing
Christine Ruckert, Premier Skilled Nursing
Ed Spychalski, Home
Elinor Swain, Alden Meadow Park
Oscar & Mildred Wedel, Home
Kay Wells, Cedar Crest Apartments

In our thoughts and prayers . . .

Keith Stowers, Mrs. Rath, Deborah Turner, Joaquin, Elinor Swain, Elisabeth Kassal, Becky Potter, Joyce Monroe, Les Stewart, Zain Tracy, Bill Cunningham, Sandy Smith, Ruth Peterson, Beverly Bottoms, Darlene Willing, Peter Fast, Marcie Moore, Charlene Ostenson, Colleen Begonia, Jean Bickford, Rev. Roy Jacob, Donna Hall, Bruce Mielke, Joyce Nelson, Laura Jo Pearson, Cayden Krueger, Janice Hemerley, Hope Ann Block, and all of our members who are homebound. Additionally, please pray for the protection of those who serve in the military (particularly Kyle Summers), emergency services, and all who work for the common good.

Birthdays

1/1: Ruth Kannengeiser
 Marissa Vander Kooi
 1/5: Linda Spychalski
 Jeff Vander Kooi
 1/11: Kathy Gruber
 Tyler Thompson
 1/12: Aubriella Hyde
 Peter Nattinger
 1/14: Melodee Rearden
 Vallie Nolte
 1/15: Jerry Straw
 1/19: Jeanine Thompson
 Roseann Hemerley
 1/21: Kathy Carter
 1/31: Adriana Nattinger

Anniversaries

1/5: Roger & Joyce Nelson
 1/11: Tom & Linda Gage
 1/29: Ray & Shirley
 Mathewson

Culto Divino en Español
Todos los Jueves @ 7:00 pm
Comenzando el 25 de Enero
Iglesia Luterana San Juan



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St. John's Women's Guild held their annual Christmas Luncheon at the Road Dawg restaurant on Thursday, December 7th. Fourteen members attended with all bringing cookies to pack for shut-ins. Pastor Dennis Roser, Vicar Edmundo Rosales and Dorothy Smith joined us as guests. Pastor Roser led us in prayer.

No business meeting was held as the only thing on the agenda was the Advent soup supper on December 20th which our Women's Guild was scheduled to serve. A sign-up sheet was passed around and we soon had volunteers to bring and serve two kinds of soup, sandwiches, salads and desserts before the 6:30 Advent service.

Following lunch, the packing began and a Christmas card was included with the cookies to be delivered within the next few days by our members. There were a lot of happy smiles from the shut-in's who received a visit plus a plate of Christmas cookies.

December is a busy month and everyone looked forward to the different events scheduled to take place in our beautifully decorated church.

**Our Sewing Guild is collecting dark hand towels, baby shirts 6 months & up, baby socks, large pieces of flannel & cotton fabric for quilts, and monetary gifts to purchase needed items and fabric.*

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""... as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me"" (Matthew 25:40b ESV).

Who did Jesus mean by the least of these? When you work at the community pantry, feed the hungry, or bake cookies for vacation Bible school, you are serving the least of these. When you pour cold water for your toddler, aged parent, or nursing home resident, you are serving the least of these. When you donate time and money at the homeless shelter or the pregnancy center, you are serving the least of these.

When you volunteer your time at the local thrift shop or when you make warm quilts for the needy, you are serving the least of these. When you send a card, make a hospital call, or sit with a dying friend, you are serving the least of these. When you mark Bibles for prisoners or pray for those who are incarcerated, you are serving the least of these.

Serving the least of these may be no more than lending a hand, giving a smile, or sharing a burden. The service is a heartfelt response to the love Jesus has poured on us.

Mustard Seed: Living as a Woman in Mission. Author: Myrna Lou Meyer. 6/32 © www.lwml.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Dartball	3	4 1:00p Women's Guild Meeting	5	6
7 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 11:30a Lunch	8 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Catechism Class (St. John's)	9 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Trustees 7:00p Dartball	10 9:00a Sewing Guild 7:00p – Evangelism Mtg.	11 5:30p – Bible Class	12	13
14 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 11:30a Lunch	15 10:00a Board of Finance Mtg., 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Elders' Mtg.	16 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Personnel 7:00p Dartball	17	18 5:30p – Bible Class	19	20 8:00a-10:00a Applebee's Pancake Breakfast
21 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 11:30a Lunch	22 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Catechism Class (St. John's)	23 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Dartball	24 9:00a Sewing Guild 6:00p – Bethesda Presentation	25 10a – Women's Guild Board Mtg. 5:30p – Bible Class 7:00p – Worship -S	26	27
28 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Present. by Pastor Burakowski	29 1:00p Women's Bible Class	30 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Council Mtg. 7:00p Dartball	31			



**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!

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