St. John's Messenger

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

September 2020

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

Dear Friends,

Every year, since late August 2002, I have invited the children and teens of my congregations to come forward to God's holy altar to be prayed for and to receive a special blessing as they begin a new year of school.

Like nearly everything else in the year 2020, we were not able to do this today. However, I have prayed this prayer on behalf of our young people and I ask you to do the same. Parents and other grownups, I invite you to gather your students and pray this prayer, or one like it, over them. May God be merciful to them - especially in difficult days.

Let us pray . . . .

Kind Father, in the new school year ahead, please grant your abundant blessings upon students and teachers alike. May it be a year of joyful beginnings for some, and fresh starts for others. May the friendships of classmates and colleagues refresh their spirits in ways that honor You. Give to all students a desire to grow in knowledge and understanding as they receive wisdom from You all the days of their lives. Father, we ask You on behalf of our nation's schools, for the safety of each student and every classroom and for mutual respect for every student and teacher. May there be enough challenges to call forth the best efforts of every student, and enough accomplishments to encourage and delight them. We ask You to bless all students everywhere, particularly these students who now stand before your holy altar those students who comprise the youth of St. John's. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor

If you've recently been inside our church building, you've probably noticed the new hand sanitizer dispensers conveniently located near doors in the entryway and by exits, and one free-standing in the narthex. These necessary health and safety precautions were funded through a generous donation from William Wedel in memory of his uncle, Oscar Wedell. In addition to the sanitizer dispensers, the gift also covered the products that we're using: special sanitizing mixtures for hand soap, hand sanitizers, a general surface cleaner, and a floor cleaner, as well as special soap dispensers in each of the restrooms, the sacristy, and the nursery. We were also able to purchase 8 to 12 months of soap and sanitizing products. We're very appreciative of thoughtful bequest.

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)

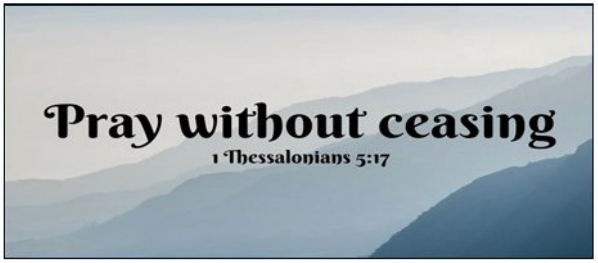
Live-stream service Sundays at 9:00 am on both Facebook and YouTube

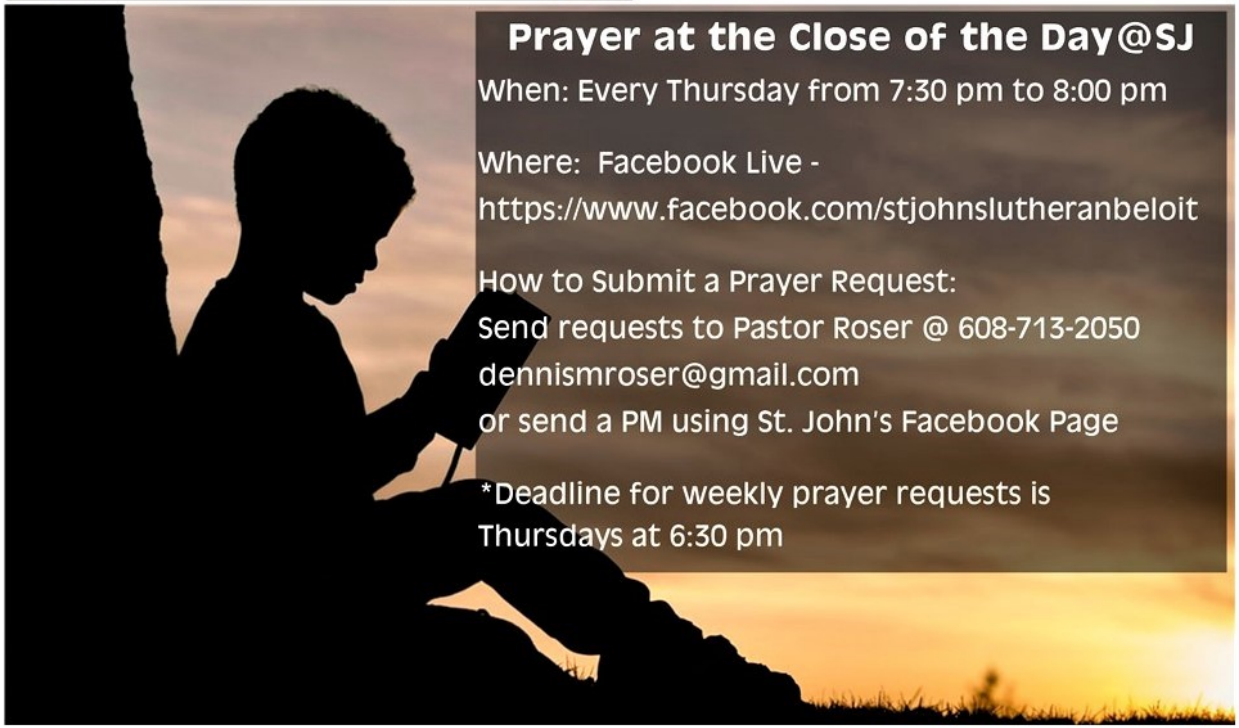
and

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.)

There will be no Communicator on Friday September 4, 2020, as your Office Administrator will be on vacation from Thursday, September 3rd through Wednesday September 9th, 2020.

The weekly Worship bulletins are available for you on our website on the Digital Church page on our website.





Prayer at the Close of the Day@SJ

When: Every Thursday from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslutheranbeloit

How to Submit a Prayer Request:
Send requests to Pastor Roser @ 608-713-2050
dennismroser@gmail.com
or send a PM using St. John's Facebook Page

*Deadline for weekly prayer requests is Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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; Amy Tracy, Dan Burrows, Bob Brohn, Cherie Curtis, Darlene Willing, Lee Stewart, Beverly Bottoms, Carol Lowry, Ruth Peterson, Karen Nohr, Brad Carter, Paula Devlin, Keith Stowers, Ed Spychalski, Jon Turner, Bobbie Reynolds, Mike Papini, Tom Wulf, Doris Rindfleisch, Carl Colby, Joaquin, Sandy Smith, Marcie Moore, Laura Jo Pearson, Cayden Krueger, Janice Hemerley, Lauren Mae, and all of our members who are homebound, those who serve in the military (particularly Pastor Keith GeRue, Kyle Summers and Logan Davies), emergency services, and all who work for the common good.

Our Homebound Members

Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
Beverly Bottoms, Home
Dan Burrows, Skaalen Nursing & Rehab, Stoughton
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

LWML
South Wisconsin District

The Word: Simple Trust - Future Plans

In the Word

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Of the Word

What do Robin Williams, Tom Cruise, and Dr. Seuss have in common? They were all voted least likely to succeed by their high school classmates.

People sometimes think they are able to accurately predict a person's life by judging visible talents or abilities. People are quick to judge others by the way they perform on tests, how they get along with others, or by their appearance. Many times this is not accurate, nor is it fair.

While people will try to predict our future, only God knows the plans He has for us. He reminds us, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

When we allow someone else to determine our value and worth, we will either be falsely led to believe we are better than others or that we are not as good as others.

When we remember who created us, we can ignore the judgment of others and trust His plan for our future. He wants us to enjoy discovering the uniqueness God has created in us.

Walking with my Lord

Dear God, thank You for making me and for planning my future. When I feel worthless and unsuccessful, help me trust in You. In Jesus' name. Amen

(Mustard Seed: Simple Trust. Elaine Bickel, author. www.lwml.org)

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.

September Birthdays

2 Bill Pearson
7 Wally Prins
10 Jerrilyn Larson
11 Steven Bottoms
13 Debra Peterson
Jacob Mears
Levi Bartz
14 Kim Wolter
15 Judy Niedermeier
17 Kimberly Baker
18 Amy Tracy
Jamison Rogers
23 Ethan Burns
Ione Reetz
Paul Klingenmeyer
25 Hannah Curtis
28 Tanya Peterson
30 Alexa Larson

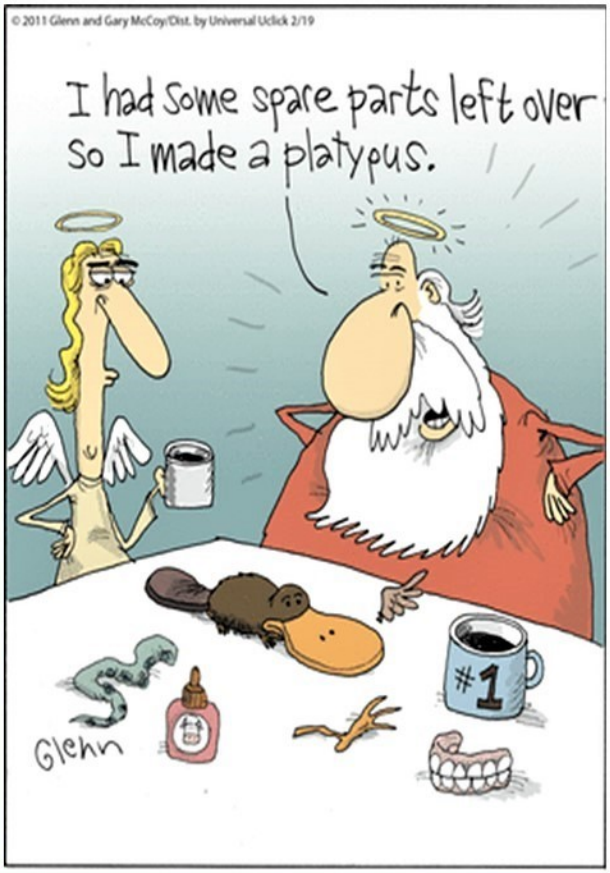
Wedding Anniversaries

7 Jack and Kathleen Fielder
15 Bill and Tami Bartz
30 Bill and Jo Cunningham
Richard and Doris Rindfleisch

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 usually 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 planned 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.



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 August 28, 2020 Communicator for the current quiz. Get your answers in by noon on September 11, 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.

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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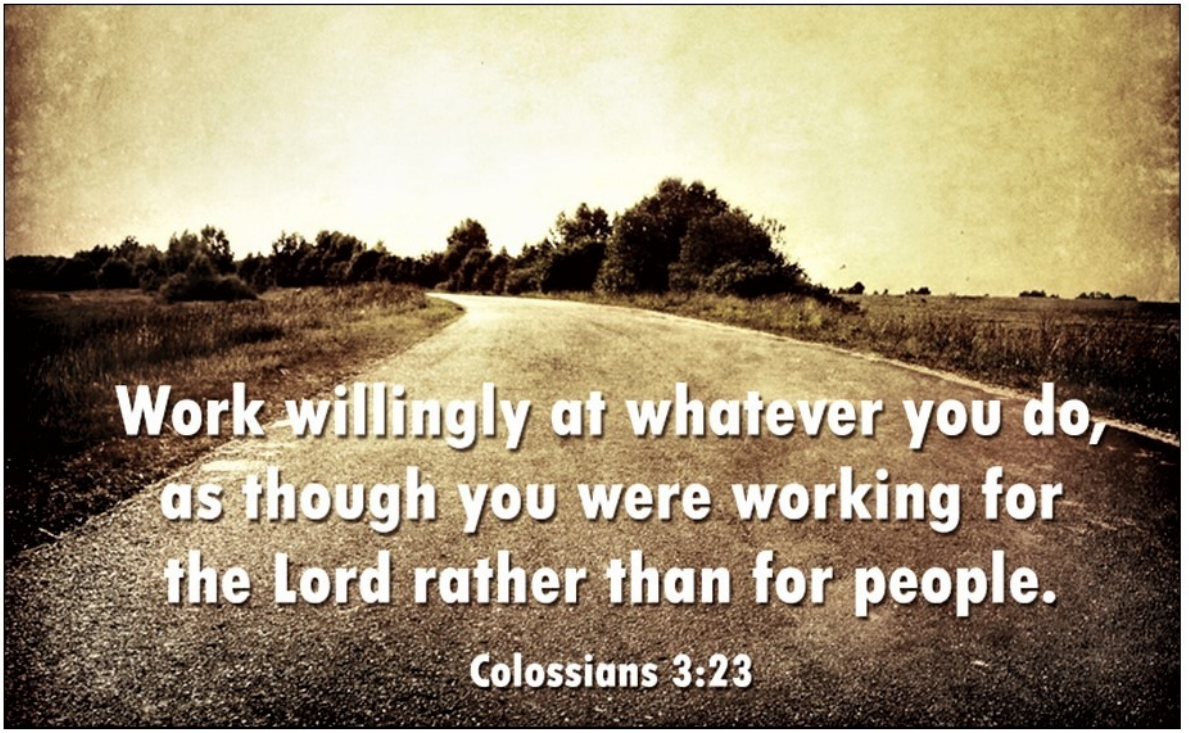
Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.
Colossians 3:23

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