St. John's Messenger

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

2018

From the Pastor's Study

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share with you that the plans for our new school are progressing nicely.

- We are publicizing information about the school in a wide variety of ways. Online and flyer publicity has already begun, we had a booth at the Ribfest on the Rock event, we will be distributing flyers during Messiah's Trunk or Treat and the City of Beloit's Trick or Treating, and many other promotions are being planned.
- The architects have submitted the building renovation plans to the leadership of LUMIN Schools.
- LUMIN has received employment applications from qualified candidates for the position of community outreach director and founding staff member. The successful applicant will be joining us here at St. John's by the end of the year.
- We have community outreach events planned for December 15, January 12, and February 1.
- We will be setting up a classroom very soon to showcase what the St. John's Lutheran School learning environment will look like and many of the high-tech tools that will be employed in classroom learning. While traditional methods of instruction will also be utilized, many parents today expect that their young people will learn how to use cutting-edge technology.
- Shaun Luehring, the soon-to-be President of LUMIN Schools, and I meet via video conferencing each week to discuss our common work of preparing to launch our new school next August.
- Shaun Luehring and Rebecca Ehlers, the new Vice President for Marketing at LUMIN, spent some time with me this past Monday in order to tour Beloit and learn more about the opportunities which exist in our city.
- I have given our web page a complete overhaul in order to accommodate its service as the web home for both the church and school. If you have not visited our page recently, please take a look. Our address is www.stjohnsbeloit.com.
- Shaun Luehring offered a presentation following Divine Service on Oct. 21, regarding the new school and answered members' questions. He described the partnership between St. John's and LUMIN, outlined the enrollment process, and spoke about upcoming renovations to the buildings.

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- While LUMIN will be operating the school, St. John's will be providing spiritual care for students and staff during the school week. We will also have the opportunity to minister to and serve them in a myriad of ways. To that end, we invite you to be engaged as much as possible in its launch. This is your school!

The three most important things that you can do are: (1) tell your neighbors and friends about the new school, (2) distribute flyers (located on the table in the narthex), and most importantly, (3) pray for its successful launch. Apart from the Holy Spirit's work nothing good comes to us. I cherish your support of this new ministry initiative.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor

LUMIN Schools
St. John's Lutheran

DartBall

There is a full schedule of dartball games, opponents, and locations posted on the bulletin board in the office.

October 2018 Expenses

Church Mutual Ins.	$ 924.12
Charter Internet	$ 38.99
Great America	$ 81.74
TDS Phone Service	$ 94.71
Beloit Utilities	$ 171.35
Alliant Energy	$ 484.28
Father & Son Cleaners	$ 800.00
S. Wis. District	$ 984.00
Badgerland Disposal	$ 60.00
Concordia Publishing	$ 10.64
Concordia Plan Svc.	$2623.00
Flowers	$ 50.00
Printing Brochures	$ 563.35
Power Church	$ 455.00
Together in Mission	$ 750.00

Special For Our Youth

Additionally, Pastor Roser will be taking a group of youth from St. John's to the **LCMS National Youth Gathering** in **2019**. St. John's will most likely be registering with some other congregations in the Stateline area. While the cost of registration is $365.00, plus transportation, lodging, and meals, families will only be asked to pay a $25.00 registration fee per youth member attending. All other monies will come from fundraising. The event will be held from July 11 - 15, 2019. It is open to students entering 9th grade (or age 14) in the 2019-2020 school year through age 19. **The FAQs are located at https://lcmsgathering.com/faq/**

Mark You Calendar

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

"I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever."

(Psalm 82:12 ESV)

Women's Guild News

Respectfully submitted by Betty Pearson

Women's Guild

St. John's Women's Guild met on Thursday, October 4. The devotion, *An Unchanging God* was given by Betty Pearson. Hostesses were Beth Schmuck and Dolores Steil. The guest speaker was Tammy DeGarmo of Project 16:49. It is so named as the time between school ending one day and starting the next. They help unaccompanied homeless teens who are working on completing their high school education. We donated $100.00 to help support this worthy cause. Kathy Carter reported that 20 baby kits and 14 quilts were packed and sent to Lutheran World Relief by the Sewing Guild. Two quilts were kept to sell at the Craft/EXPO. A grant request to Thrivent for sewing needs was written by Marilyn Fassett. We were grateful to receive a check from Thrivent for $250.00 to buy material. We were reminded that LWML Sunday will be on October 7th, to wear purple and that the congregation would be joining us in adding to our mite collection. The Fall Rally's date is October 17 at Christ Lutheran Church in Clinton. The ingathering of personal hygiene items will be for the Clinton Food Pantry. Rev. Dennis Roser, the Zone 20 Counselor will give the Bible Study and Rev. Next was a discussion about fund raising. We will continue to work to support church needs and other organizations such as, Lutheran World Relief, the Salvation Army, Bethesda, Caritas, and now Project 16:49. Something new that we would like to support in the future is the National Youth Gathering where Pastor Roser will be taking a group of youth from St. John's to the LCMS National Youth Gathering on July, 11-15, 2019. We ask that the members of our congregation will support us by attending upcoming events.

With the Lord, we face a bright tomorrow!

Let not your heart envy sinners; let but continue in the fear of the Lord all the day. Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off. Proverbs 23: 17-18 ESV

Of the Word

Carol was prepared for her class reunion. Her designer outfits had been carefully selected. Photos of her beautiful children and grandchildren were tucked in her Armani bag. Brochures depicting her family's prosperous resort business were packed in her suitcase with enough copies to distribute to old classmates. She planned to point out the family yacht pictured on the front. Surely she would be the envy of all her friends. With confidence in all she had acquired, Carol expected a bright future.

Christians need not envy people like Carol. They trust God's promises:
Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:3a, 4-5 ESV)

Prayer: Lord, with You I face a bright future. You provide all I need. You walk with me every day. I surrender myself to You, Lord. My joy is in You. Amen

Mustard Seed: Walking with My Lord. Author: Donna Streufert. 2007 Lutheran Women's Missionary League www.lwml.org

November Birthdays

11-4 Dan Burrows
11-5 Emma Roser
11-7 Alexa Gill
Sam Burns
Tami Bartz
11-8 Dennis Roser
11-13 Lynda Bue
11-15 Elizabeth Wildauer
James Nohr
11-17 Audrey Weiss
Janice Hemerley
11-18 Berta Eddy

Wedding Anniversaries

11-22 Mahlon and Janice Hermerley
11-24 William and Betty Pearson

Annual Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 2, at 10:30 am.

Dr. Martin Luther questioned at the Diet of Worms

New Date for Everyone His Witness Workshop

Jonah Burakowski will be the facilitator for the Saturday, December 1, 2018, Everyone His Witness Workshop at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1531 Townline, Beloit, WI 53511.

General Schedule:

8:00 AM – Registration/Coffee/Fellowship

8:30 AM – Begin Workshop

11:30 AM – Lunch (approximate)

12:15 PM – Resume Workshop

4:00 PM – Complete Workshop (approximate – may complete earlier) Jonah will provide additional workbooks for $11.00 per participant above the initial kit you buy for your church. He will collect the money that morning.

Creation Seminar

You are invited to a Creation Seminar sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 210 S. Ringold, Janesville and led by LCMS educator Brian Young of Creation Instruction Association. Parents, family, youth, and confirmation students are invited to this faith-strengthening event to be held on Saturday, November 17th from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The total cost is $5.00. For more information contact Kathy Pingel at 754-4471 or kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com

Holy Socks!!

The "Holy Socks Puppet Ministry" at St. John's is off to a very good start.
We've even uploaded our first video to YouTube.
In the coming months, we're hopeful that we will be able to offer periodic presentations during Divine Service.
We meet every Sunday after worship. Children and youth of all ages are invited to join us.
If you would like more information, please let Pastor Roser know.

In our thoughts and prayers . . .

Kathi Mielke, Bobbie Reynolds, Joan Topham, Larry Nolta, Mike Papini, Berta Eddy, Tom Wulf, Doris Rindfleisch, Jenny Wedel, Jessica Ramsey, Verna Purdom, Rev. Scott Hebert, Alexa Gill, Jerry Straw, Lisa Russell, Ed Spychalski, Carl Colby, Frank Voss, Joaquin, Elisabeth Kassal, Sandy Smith, Marcie Moore, Jean Bickford, Rev. Roy Jacob, Bruce Mielke, Laura Jo Pearson, Cayden Krueger, Janice Hemerley, and all of our members who are homebound. Additionally, please pray for the protection of those who serve in the military (particularly Kyle Summers and Logan Davies,) emergency services, and all who work for the common good.

Our Homebound Members

Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
Sandy Buresh, Fair Oaks Health Care Center
Dan Burrows, Alden Meadow Park
Ivan Drake, Home
Connie Fast, Home
Donna Hall, Willowick in Janesville
Joanne Hildebrandt, Azura Memory Care
John Marquardt, Home
Ray & Shirley Mathewson, Beloit Sr. Living
Ione Reetz, Home
Christine Ruckert, Premier Skilled Nursing
Anna Rumery, Willowick in Clinton
Ed Spychalski, Home
Betty Steuck, Riverside Terrace
Elinor Swain, Alden Meadow Park
Marilyn Treder, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
Oscar & Mildred Wedel, Home
Audrey Weiss, Riverside Terrace Apts.

"And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick,
and the Lord will raise him up."
(James 5:15 ESV)

Beginning, Monday, November 5, we will be launching a new men's ministry called Men's Bible Fellowship. This program, which will be held on the first Monday evening of every month from 6 to 8 pm, will consist of sharing a meal and studying the Bible together. Our young men who are attending high school are encouraged to join us. There is no cost to participate, but a free-will offering will be received to help defray the costs of the meal. Pastor Roser and Dawn will take care of providing the meal so that participants can simply come and be fed in body, mind, and spirit.

"'Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
(Matthew 4:4 ESV)

All Annual Reports Are Due
Friday, November 9, 2018

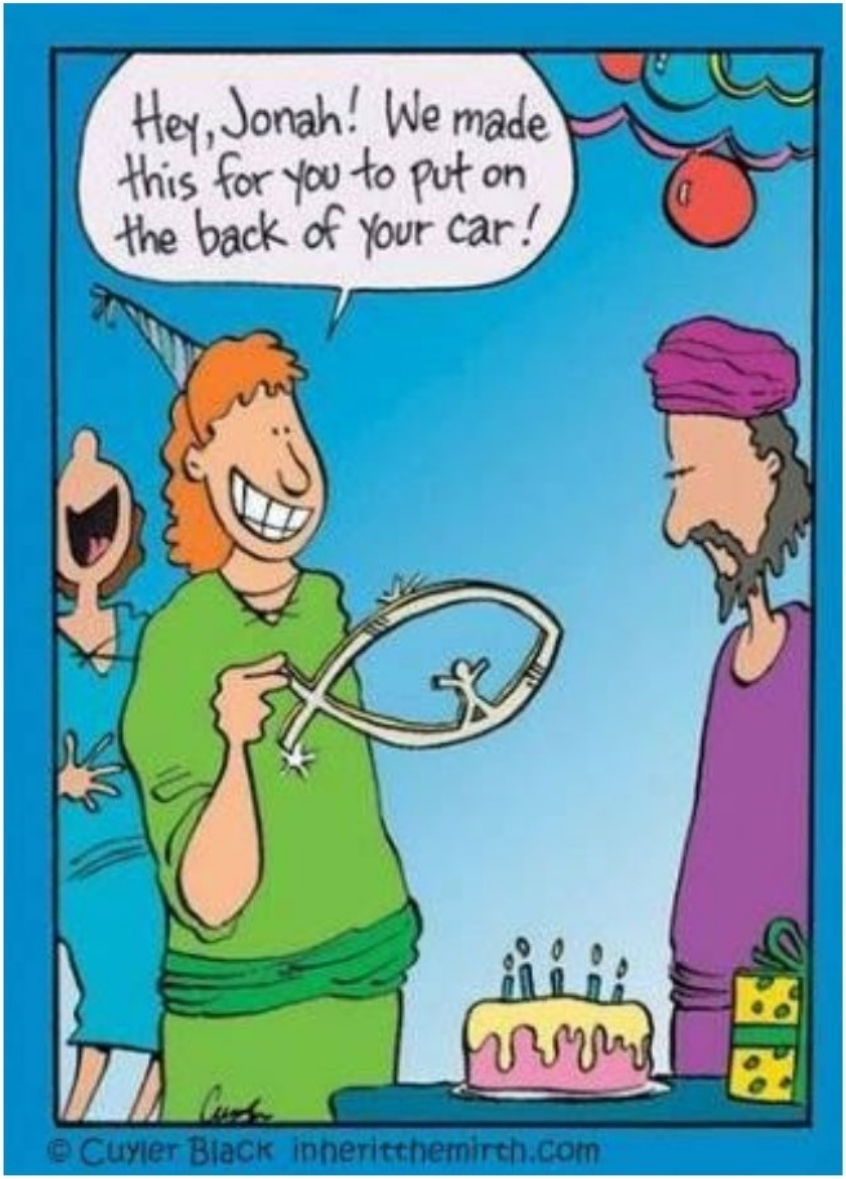
✞We will be having a **Community Christmas Party for Families** on **Saturday, December 15**, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the gym. This will be an outreach for the school but also an activity for our congregation's children and their families.

✞Similarly, we will be having a **Winter Carnival for Families** on **Saturday, January 12**, from 2 to 4 in the gym.

Put the dates on your family calendars, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us as we put the Gospel into action.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. "

(Hebews 10:24-25 ESV)



Saturday, November 3, 2018

3:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Sun Valley Presbyterian Church

Other foods will also be available

Eat, vote, and enjoy members of the community.

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

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.

Thank you for prayers and cards during my recovery from the hand and wrist surgery that I had September 12. I'm continuing to follow my surgeon's directions, and he remains optimistic about my recovery. I hope to start physical therapy the first week of December. I truly appreciate the notes and cards with blessings and encouragement.

Berta Ingham Eddy, Director of Communications

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Do you need help getting meals or know someone who does?
Contact Beloit Meals on Wheels

Beloit Meals on Wheels delivers nutritious meals directly to our client's homes. We serve clients age 60 and older, who are home bound and not driving, and live in the Beloit area. Depending on the need, home-delivered meals can be on a short- or long-term basis. Menus are developed by a registered dietician to ensure meals meet 1/3 of the Recommended Daily Allowance for seniors and our food is prepared by Best Events Catering. In addition to home-delivered healthy meals, our clients receive a daily visit from our friendly volunteers. Signing up is easy! For more information, contact us at 608-362-3683 or visit us online at www.beloitmealsonwheels.org

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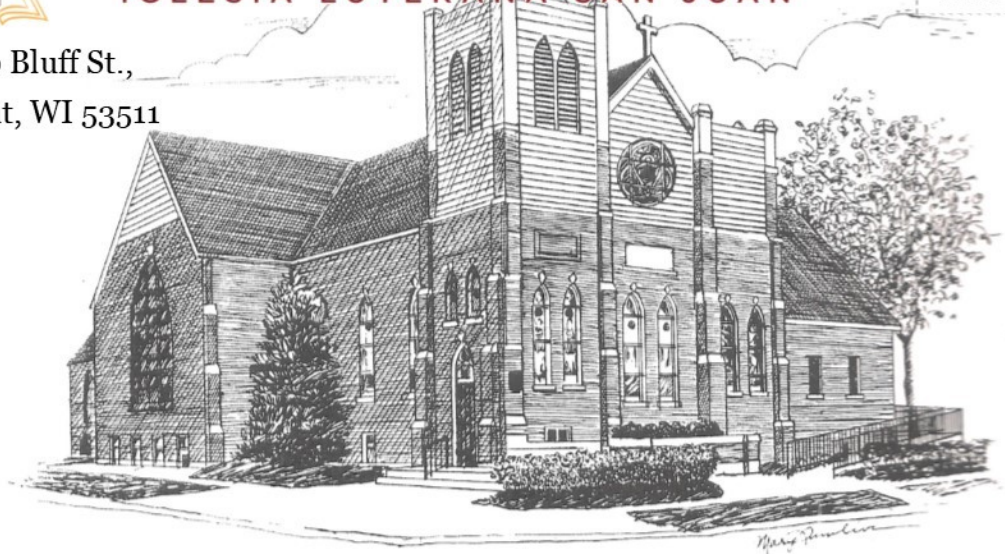
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