



The St. John's Communicator

May 22, 2020

Roser's Reflection . . .

Dear Friends,

It may seem a bit excessive each year that we begin publicizing our annual request for the names of graduates in March, but this is our best strategy for not missing anyone. In today's world, we are inundated with information and so it is easy to miss a request in a single bulletin or newsletter. Consequently, we like to place this request in our publications for a couple of months to make sure that we do not miss anyone. This matters to us not only because we never want to hurt anyone's feelings, but also because God hears our prayers and we want to lift up all of our graduates before Him. In addition to the prayers that we always offer on behalf of our graduates, we pray for a double measure of God's grace upon the Class of 2020. Not being able to participate in long-awaited public graduation ceremonies is painful for students and families alike. May the love of God in Christ Jesus encourage you even in the midst of great disappointment. In the Church, we don't give cheerful platitudes to people who are hurting - instead we acknowledge their pain and walk with them. Consequently, I do not offer you corny advice about looking on the "bright side." Instead, I have for you a message of hope from the God of eternity. Jesus, the man of sorrows, knew disappointment and loss first-hand and he is with you as you grieve for what should have been. I pray that in whatever accommodations are made for you to celebrate this wonderful achievement that you will experience joy. I thank God for all of the good things that He is doing in your life, and I know that He will bless you as you go forth to the next chapter.

Our congregation prays for and celebrates the following members of the Class of 2020:

High School:

Trey Griinke, Beloit Turner
Ashley Peterson, Beloit Memorial
Katrina Roser, Beloit Turner

College:

Matthew Carter, UW-Madison
Kc Crall, UW-Whitewater

Graduate School:

McKenna Hereford, Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University

Please join me in praying the following prayer from the *Lutheran Service Book*:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for graciously bringing Trey, Ashley, Katrina, Matthew, Kc, and McKenna to this point of formal education. For all of the efforts of parents and teachers through these years we praise You. We ask wisdom and guidance for them as they make decisions about their lives that will have implications for years to come. Give them a rich measure of Your Spirit as fields of study and opportunities for employment become available. Help them to accurately assess the gifts and abilities You have given them and bless the choices that they make. May they ever grow closer to You in faith and with their lives honor the name of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor



If you missed a service, or you would like to pass a recording of a service on to someone else, CDs through the start of this year are still available. Contact our Administrative Assistant, Berta Eddy, and she will mail a copy of your requested service to you.

Prayers for those in need of physical or spiritual healing: Carol Lowry, Paul Weber, Reverend Bill Wagner, Roger Nelson, Katherine Petitt, Ruth Peterson, Karen Nohr, Brad Carter, Lester Nyborg, 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, 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.



Pastor Dennis Roser and Pastor Dan Eddy together...and still 6 feet apart

St. John's Lutheran Church and Messiah Lutheran Church are streaming Worship live Sundays at 9:00 a.m.



Social-distancing or self-quarantining for safety doesn't have to mean giving up your time with God and His Word. The interactive parts of the service will be shown on screen, so everyone can easily follow along.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslutheranbeloit/>
 Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/stjohnsbeloit>

Please join us. Your prayer requests will be included DURING WORSHIP!! Please PM your prayers of concerns or thanks either through St. John's or Messiah's Facebook pages, before the Sunday Service.
 • Only first names will be used.

"Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25 EHV).

Our local food banks are experiencing *significant shortages* as individuals and families are impacted by the changes in work and school schedules.

The items most needed are:

- * Toilet Paper
- * Rice
- * Canned Meats/Tuna
- * Canned Hearty Soups or Mixes
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Dry Beans
- * Canned Vegetables
- * Baby food/diapers



All other items, of course, will be gratefully accepted as visits to the food banks are rising, and expected to continue to do so in the coming months.

St. John's Lutheran Church has a collection bin for the Salvation Army in the Narthex. If you would like to drop items off, our Administrative Assistant, Berta, is in the office Mondays and Fridays, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, or contact Pastor Roser to arrange a time. Thank you for your generous help.



Important Request

We don't have current email addresses for some of you. As right now we are communicating primarily by electronic means, it would be very helpful to update your information. If you have not been receiving emails from the St. John's office, I would ask you send your email address to me:

officestjohnsbeloit@gmail.com

I will then update your file immediately.

Thank you.
 Berta Eddy, Office Administrator



The CD ministry this week is sponsored by St. John's Church in memory of those who have passed away from COVID-19 or complications from the corona virus.



Win Delicious Culver's Food!

We have a number of avenues we use 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. We'd like to know if the announcements we're providing are getting through and being remembered.

And so, the last weekend of the month, we'll have 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 the previous 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!



The Rock county Department of Public Health order has been extended the Safer at Home Order. Because of that, we will be continuing our efforts to help contain the spread of COVID-19 by minimizing our contact with the public and with our congregation. I'll be maintaining my current schedule of only being in the office on Mondays and Fridays. On those days I will be concentrating on getting the audio out, producing the Communicator and the Messenger, and other tasks that cannot be done from home. However, I am available by phone if you have anything with which I can be of assistance.

Stay safe and well.

Berta Eddy, Administrative Assistant

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13 EHV)

