

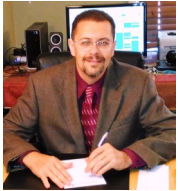
St. John's Messenger

Our Monthly Newsletter



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

February 2018



From the Pastor's Study

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Dear Friends,

Our Church Council has approved the creation of a new part-time staff position of a Director of Communications. This position is being created to assist me in preparing the print and web publications of our congregation. When Stateline Literacy could no longer financially sustain their presence here, we found ourselves with significant cashflow problems. The only way for us to remain solvent was to eliminate our secretarial position. I had initially thought that I could complete the duties of that position in addition to my own, but unfortunately this has been more overwhelming than I expected. Additionally, it has prevented me from moving forward on projects such as the puppet ministry, live-streaming our Divine Service, etc. This new position will be for seven hours per week and will include the following responsibilities: preparing and printing the weekly worship bulletin, editing and printing the monthly newsletter, checking the congregation's voicemail, checking and responding to emails in the congregation's office account, checking the altar flower chart in the narthex and ordering altar flowers, maintaining the congregation's website, posting events and items of interest to the congregation's Facebook page, duplicating and preparing the CD's of the congregation's weekly service, duplicating board & council minutes for the monthly Council packet, duplicating Sunday school lesson materials when needed, collating and duplicating the annual report, filing of bulletins and other documents both electronically (Google Drive) and in print, maintaining the congregation's Gmail calendar - birthdays, anniversaries, and other events, and preparing and sending out limited correspondence - acknowledgements of gifts, baptismal information, etc.

In order to attract a highly-qualified candidate who may already be serving in such a capacity in a full-time position, this position provides flexible hours and the ability to perform certain tasks from home. The Legacy Fund Committee has approved the funding of this position from the Legacy Fund. The Board of Personnel and Planning will be carrying out the search process for candidates. We are looking for candidates with experience in website publishing and expertise in using Microsoft Office (Word and Publisher). We are seeking someone who is able to take initiative and can create well-crafted messages from input provided by boards and committees. Please keep this process in your prayers.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor



Treasurer's Report

January 2018 Expenses

Church Mutual Ins.	\$0	Charter Internet	\$38.99
Concordia Pub.	\$83.44	TDS Phone Service	\$96.29
Beloit Utilities	\$169.43	Alliant Energy	\$2859.37
Beloit Daily News	\$81.82	Father & Son Cleaners	\$800.00
S. Wis. District	\$2,474.00	Badgerland Disposal	\$60.00
Concordia Plan Svc.	\$2,667.16	Missionary Support	\$750.00
Jay's Big Roll	\$83.00	Website	\$125.31
Communion Wine	\$57.92		



Birthdays

2/1 Daniel Giannone and Bill Cunningham
 2/2 Daniel Bottoms and Ruby Rosales
 2/8 Sidney Roser
 2/11 Brian Giannone
 2/14 Mindee Larson
 2/16 Dorothy Smith
 2/17 Oscar Wedel
 2/18 Mike Monroe
 2/19 Pam Levan
 2/21 Beverly GeRue
 2/22 Ashley Peterson and Bob Bue
 2/25 David Carter
 2/27 Kayla Thompson
 2/28 Annika Gill, Kylie Thompson, and Marlene Nolte (2/29)

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

Christine Ruckert, Premier Skilled Nursing

Ed Spychalski, Home

Elinor Swain, Alden Meadow Park

Oscar & Mildred Wedel, Home

Kay Wells, Cedar Crest Apartments

Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

Ivan Drake, Home

Peter Fast, Pioneer Court

Joanne Hildebrandt, Azura Memory Care

Ray & Shirley Mathewson, Beloit Sr. Living

Ione Reetz, Home

Anna Rumery, Willowick Assisted Living

Betty Steuck, Riverside Terrace

Marilyn Treder, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

Audrey Weiss, Riverside Terrace

In our thoughts and prayers . . .

Mahlon Hemerley, Jennifer Ramsey, Pastor Novelli, Ione Reetz, Amara Rindfleisch, Josiah Carter, Keith Stowers, Joaquin, Elisabeth Kassal, Becky Potter, Joyce Monroe, Sandy Smith, Ruth Peterson, Marcie Moore, Colleen Begonia, Jean Bickford, Rev. Roy Jacob, Donna Hall, Bruce Mielke, 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.

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 11:30a Lunch				1 1:00p Women's Guild mtg. 5:30p Bible Class 7:00p Worship Sp.	2	3 10:30a Choir Rehearsal
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11 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 11:30a Lunch	12 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Catechism Class (Messiah)	13 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Trustees 7:00p Dartball	14 9:00a Sewing Guild 6:30p Ash Wed Service	15 5:30p Bible Class 7:00p Worship Sp.	16	17 10:30a Choir Rehearsal
18 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 11:30a Lunch	19 10:00a Board of Finance Mtg., 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Elders' Mtg.	20 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Personnel 7:00p Dartball	21 5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:30p Lenten Service	22 10a Women's G Board mtg., 5:30p Bible Class, 7:00p Worship Sp.	23	24 10:30a Choir Rehearsal
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It could have been THE COLD or A COLD that was the reason that we had only 9 members show up for our January 4th Women's Guild meeting! The devotion was given by Doris Rindfleisch who also served as a hostess. Thank you notes for cookies and donations made were read from homebound members, Chris Ruckert and Marilyn Treder and also from Pastor Roser and Caritas. We discussed and signed up to serve our first fund raiser of 2018, a pancake breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, January 20th.

*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.

Rising Above Discouragement

"We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on their way out." This is what Decca Recording Company said in 1962 when they turned down a recording contract with a new singing group called "The Beatles".

"That kid can't play baseball. He can't pull the ball." This is what the manager of the Brave's Triple A team said about Hank Aaron in 1952. Aaron went on to hit 755 home runs, breaking all previous records.

Sir Isaac Newton, the scientist who discovered gravity, did so poorly in school that he was called "unpromising" by his teacher.

Albert Einstein, when he was 10 years old, was told by the headmaster of his school, (translated from German), "You will never amount to very much."

Thomas Edison was told in grade school that he was too stupid to learn anything

Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor because he "lacked imagination and had no original ideas."

Winston Churchill failed the 6th grade because he could not pass the standardized tests.

Babe Ruth - the greatest baseball player of all times - struck out 1,300 times - a major league record

Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team.

Remember - no matter what the critics say, in God's economy, everybody has a purpose, everyone has a talent, everyone has a spiritual gift and everybody has something of value to offer. Never give up until you know what your purpose is; allow God to develop and sharpen your talents and your spiritual gifts in your life. Dedicate your talents and abilities to God. Take courage. Nothing you ever do for God will ever be in vain. Remember, too, that one of the greatest ways we can serve God is simply by helping others - and every one of us can do that every day. Also, as long as what you are doing is in harmony with God's will, then dream big dreams, because God will use your talents and spiritual gifts in His Kingdom work. Know your God-given dreams and keep hope alive, no matter what the setbacks - and never, ever, ever give up.

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**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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