


THE PULSE BEAT



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A Word from the Pastor

Here we are entering not only a new year but a new decade, in 2020. In these times our Christian holy Scriptures, the Bible, has things to tell us as we enter times like these.

Our faith gives us a hopeful outlook even when entering times of uncertainty and fearfulness, even when we are unsure of the future. Like our best president Abraham Lincoln said in a moment of great thoughtfulness, even when the pressure of a divided country weighed him down, he put his thoughts to paper writing: *"The will of God prevails. In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both may be, and one must be wrong. God cannot be for, and against the same thing at the same time.*

In the present civil war it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party --- and yet the human instrumentalities, working just as they do, are of the best adaptation to effect His purpose." . . .

The prophet Isaiah says of God: ***"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."***

It seems to me as we begin a new year and a new decade, that discernment is called for. The work of listening for God's voice and God's leading, must be paid attention to. For the Holy Spirit speaks, and teaches us ways we can serve God's purposes, and do God's work with the resources and people who are the church the "body of Christ," here where God has placed us.

As one example, If we are hearing God rightly in 2020, God may be calling us to a renewed relationship with Adult Day Care, through Prime Horizon, in the new year.

God also reminds us to trust him to bring about newness through the power of the Holy Spirit. God does not always reveal what this newness looks like. Just that we trust God to bring about what we need for new life. Like Isaiah again says: ***"I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight."***

So we pray for and await God's renewing presence in our lives and in the world. And we listen for God to speak to us anew; to show us how to keep on being and acting as God's people, God's children, here where God has placed us! Like St. Paul tells us (1 Corinthians 2:16) ***"For who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ." . . .***

And we go into the new year with faith, hope, and love, learning with "the mind of Christ." Trusting that God will lead us to where we need to go, by following the one who indeed is "The Way, the truth, and the life."

We do our listening and discerning under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Just like St. Paul says (Romans 12:2) ***"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God---what is good and acceptable and perfect."***

May you have a truly blessed new year of 2020!

Peace be to you! *Pastor Jim*

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

Do you make New Year's Resolutions? Maybe to lose a few pounds, or to eat better – to quit smoking or start exercising or going to the gym?

I've been thinking about my resolutions for 2020, and while losing a few pounds and getting a little healthier are on my list, I've been thinking about other things to put on my list.

I want to practice more random acts of kindness. There are so many ways we can do something simple to brighten someone's day. Compliment strangers – maybe you like their outfit or hairstyle. How about participating in a 5K run/walk that raises money for a charitable cause – and helps promote the getting healthier resolution at the same time!

How about giving some frazzled parents a couple hours of free babysitting? Or visiting shut-ins or homebound congregation members? St. John has some members that would love visitors. I finally found some time to do some holiday baking, and I'm hoping to turn that motivation into providing Sunday treats for fellowship in 2020.

In a society where we all seem to be in a hurry, I want to pay more attention to the people around me: to let that person in the checkout line with one item go ahead of me when I have a cart full of groceries. Have you ever gone through the drive thru to find out the person in front of you picked up your bill? I want to be the person who does that.

Winter is here, and the snow will be coming with it. It doesn't take that much extra effort to run that snow blower down my neighbor's sidewalk in addition to my own. And I know firsthand how appreciative I've been when my neighbors have done it for me.

Our actions on this Earth are meant to be reflective of God's love for us. We love because he first loved us. Opportunities are everywhere, and I want to be the one looking for them. Will you join me?

Sandy Allen

GENERAL INTEREST NEWS

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John Baretta (nephew of Art &
Audrey Crowell), Barb Beckner
(friend of Judy McMullin), Clarice
Buchholz (Mary Jaeger's mother),

Anna Bullio (great-granddaughter of
Florence Van Cleave), Mark Bullio (Florence Van
Cleave grandson-in-law), Chris Capelle (friend of Kay
Freyer), Emily Carney (friend of Kylene Wright), Jenny
Zarling Caesar (goddaughter of Marian Witte), Betty
David, Frank DeGaetano (Borgne McClelland's brother
-in-law), Roger Faretra (Doug's brother), Audrey
Fischer (sister of Monica Faretra & Donna Dowe),
Brian Gadzalinski (Suzette Travis' son), Sugeily Garcia,
Arleen Herman, Cheryl Isotalo (Robin Fatla's cousin),
Sue Larson (cousin of Kay Freyer), Jerry Litvinoff
(Jim's brother), Rosemary Litvinoff (Jim's mother), Al
Loebel (Sandy Allen and Kristin Schauer's father),
Joyce Maas (former member and friend of Don
Burhop), Ken Matthews (Kayla Matthews' father-in-
law), Joanne McClelland (Robert McClelland's sister-in-
-law), Ann & Ed (Anita Misun's family members), Sue
Ellen Nelsen, Gerri Noack (friend of Florence Van
Cleave), Sandy & Tom Nyenhuis (friends of Audrey
Crowell), Nellie Padilla (Sugeily Garcia's mother), Eric
& Karen Rautenberg (Sue Dowe's mother and step-
father), Kelly Robinson (friend of Don Burhop), Tom
Rogahn, Ginny Scarborough (sister of Jackie Rogahn),
Karen Schubert (friend of Sheila Kapke), Harry Seaman
(friend of Kay Freyer), Crystal Trinastic (niece of
Carole & Jim Litvinoff), Suzette Travis, Larry Van
Cleave (son of Florence Van Cleave), Kylene Wright

Military personnel: Kenn Matthews, Lisa & Jared
Nelson, Kyle Christenson, Andy David, Cooper Hunt,
Amber Martin, Brandon Trinastic **“Home away from
home” members:** Jeanine Burhop (sister of the late
Marilyn Speranza) – Lasata; Tim McClosky & John
Clasen – at home with sister Merry Lou Green; Joyce
Koss – Serenity Villa, Slinger



**Annual
Congregational
Meeting
Sunday,
January 26
11:00 am**

We hope to have the plans for the new church sign
and the proposed vertical lift to be installed,
available for approval. We will also be voting to
fill 3 vacant council positions.

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1/5 Lincoln Porth
- 1/5 Shamir Garcia
- 1/5 Asher Christenson
- 1/15 Pat Lampe
- 1/19 Kathie Viesselmann
- 1/19 Kathy Reindl
- 1/19 Cara McMullin
- 1/20 Bob Schmidt
- 1/20 Sarah Mentzel
- 1/22 Maren Foti
- 1/22 Carol Butt
- 1/23 Stacy Leedy
- 1/23 Roan Christenson
- 1/28 Kylene Wright

Please notify Church Office if we have missed someone. Thank you!

- 1/20/2001 Steven & Latasha Reindl
- 1/26/1972 Tom & Jackie Rogahn

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Epiphany Celebration

A Bilingual Worship Service/Una Misa Bilingue

Sunday, January 5/Domingo 5 de Enero

Christ the King Lutheran Church

420 W. Whitefish Rd.

Port Washington

5:00 pm - Supper/la Cena (sponsored by the Tello Family)

6:00 pm - Worship/el Servicio

Including: Music, Bible lesson, Drama, Pinata, Kings' Cake

General Interest



On Sunday, January 12th, Shawn Miles and his wife, Melanie Clausing-Miles from Prime Horizon, Inc will be attending worship at St. John and presenting a Temple Talk about the new adult day care center they are bringing to our building. They will be present after the worship service for a question and answer session as well. Plan to join us as we learn of the resurrection of an important mission of St. John.

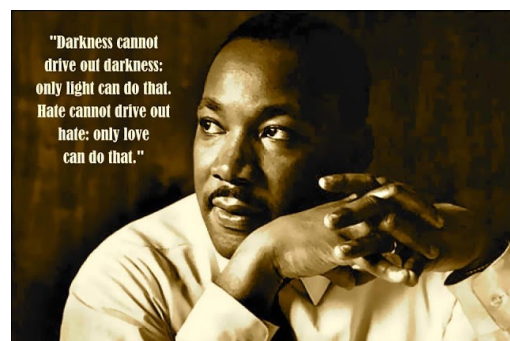
If you would like to learn about the organization before the 12th, go to their website at www.primehorizon.net

COMMUNITY NEWS

January needs for Advocates, Ozaukee County
 New: full and/or twin sheet sets, pillowcases, bath towels and washcloths, bed pillows
and a continuing need for:

Any and all non-perishable pantry items, paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags of all sizes, disposable diapers of larger sizes and baby wipes

The donation barrel is located outside of the church office.



His dreams should be OUR dreams too

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

January 20



Circle Meetings in January:

Mary Martha Circle: Monday, January 13, 9:30 AM at Pat Lampe home

Sarah Circle: Monday, January 13, 1:00 PM at church

Grace Circle: Friday, January 10, 10:00 am at Audrey Anderson home



QUILTING DATES

**Monday
January
13 & 27
9:00 - noon**



A New Year poem

Another fresh new year is here ...
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest ...
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!

—William Arthur Ward

EDUCATION NEWS



Congratulations to **Joe Schauer** who graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh on December 14th with a Bachelors Degree of Science in Radio, Television and Film and a minor in journalism.



CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, January 25, 2020
5 - 8 pm

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
8633 W Becher St., West Allis

Join Pastor Jessica Short and students from Marquette University and Pastor Rachel Young Binder and students from UWM Corner House to celebrate and support the Greater Milwaukee Synod Lutheran Campus Ministry!

Tickets are \$25 - online or at the door milwaukeeesyndod.org/event/lcm-chili-cook-off
Children under 12 are free, but need to be registered and accompanied by an adult.

Tickets include: chili samples, toppings bar, desserts, coffee, live music; wine and beer will be available for purchase.

NEW this year - Kid's Corner with hot dog supper and activities.

Worship Assistants for January:

Acolytes:

- 5 Addie Heusdens & Liz Drescher
- 12 Joshua Pritzlaff & Addie Heusdens
- 19 Connor Dowe & Liz Drescher
- 26 **Usher Team # 2**

Cantors:

- 5 Robert McClelland
- 12 Sharlene Sandquist
- 19 Jim Brophy
- 26 Carol Butt

Assisting Ministers:

- 5 Robin Fatla
- 12 Sandy Allen
- 19 Dennis Jaeger
- 26 Gary Haas

Communion Assistant:

- 5 Judy McMullin
- 12 Bob Butt
- 19 Monica Faretra
- 26 Audrey Crowell

Communion Gifts:

- 5 Florence Van Cleave
- 12 Gary & Sue Haas
- 19 Suzette Travis
- 26 Heusdens Family

Lectors:

- 5 Robert McClelland
- 12 Judy McMullin
- 19 Sharlene Sandquist
- 26 Suzette Travis

Ushers:

- 5 Team #3 (Wendorf)
- 12 Team #1 (Tetzlaff)
- 19 Team #1 (Tetzlaff)
- 26 Team #2 (Salger)

Altar Guild:

- 5 Carol Butt & Audrey Anderson
- 12 Robin Fatla & Sandy Allen
- 19 Robin Fatla & Sandy Allen
- 26 Cindy Porth & Donna Dowe

Counting Teams:

- 5 Team #2
- 12 Team #3
- 19 Team #4
- 26 Team #5

Flowers:

- 5 **OPEN**
- 5 **OPEN**
- 12 Pat Lampe (2)
- 19 **OPEN**
- 19 **OPEN**
- 26 Tom & Jackie Rogahn (2)

Sunday Hosts:

- 5 **OPEN**
- 12 Pat Lampe
- 19 Evie Tetzlaff
- 26 Tom & Jackie Rogahn

Sunday Greeters:

- 5 Dennis & Mary Jaeger & Robin Fatla
- 12 Judy McMullin & Marian Witte
- 19 Bob & Barb Eichmann
- 26 Marion Meyer & Kay Freyer

Stewardship

A big thank you to everyone for your generosity in 2019 and for sharing your time and talent in the many missions we participated in at St. John. God has blessed us all.

Audrey Crowell

Stewardship Chairperson



January 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 <i>New Year's Day - office is closed</i>	2	3 Pastor's day off	4 Altar preparations
5 9:30 am - Holy Communion - 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Sunday School	6 Epiphany	7 Noon - Bible study at Flipside Café 6:30 pm - Glory Ringers 7:30 pm - St. John Choir	8 Noon - Pastor's lunch study group 5:00 pm - Confirmation class at Trinity	9 10:00 am - Bible study in library	10 Pastor's day off 10:00am - Grace Circle at Audrey Anderson home	11 Altar preparations
12 9:30 am - Holy Communion - 10:45 am - Fellowship Temple Talk and discussion about adult day care center with Prime Horizon reps	13 9:00 am - Quilting 9:30 am - Mary Martha circle at Pat Lampe home 1:00 pm - Sarah Circle at church	14 6:30 pm - Glory Ringers 7:30 pm - St. John Choir	15 Noon - Pastor's lunch study group 5:00 pm - Confirmation class at Trinity	16 10:00 am - Bible study in library	17 Pastor's day off	18 Altar preparations
19 9:30 am - Holy Communion - 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Church Council	20	21 9:00 am - Cluster clergy meet at St. John 6:30 pm - Glory Ringers 7:30 pm - St. John Choir	22 Noon - Pastor's lunch study group 5:00 pm - Confirmation class at Trinity	23 10:00 am - Bible study in library	24 Pastor's day off	25 Altar preparations
26 9:30 am - Holy Communion - 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Annual congregational meeting	27 9:00 am - Quilting	28 6:30 pm - Glory Ringers 7:30 pm - St. John Choir	29 Noon - Pastor's lunch study group 5:00 pm - Confirmation class at Trinity	30 10:00 am - Bible study in library	31 Pastor's day off	

A thank you card received from the recipients of quilts, blankets and other miscellaneous items at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.



Thank You So Much for helping our People. It is very much appreciated! 😊

Wopila for your generous donation to help keep our family warm! Your gifts are so helpful and appreciated!

Thank You!
Your help is very much appreciated.
Candy

Thanks 40y
Abe Moyn

Thank you for assisting me, this is very much needed, you are appreciated.
Andrew Bear Shield

Beauty
Beauty lifts our spirits;
calls us to reality;
and gives us vision
of softness,
of centeredness,
and of calm.
JoAnn Klink

This lily and poem were created by JoAnn Klink while facing the challenge of chronic pain. The original of this poster was displayed in the 1992 Expression of Healing Arts Exhibit in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Ten percent of the profits will be donated to Healing Arts Projects.



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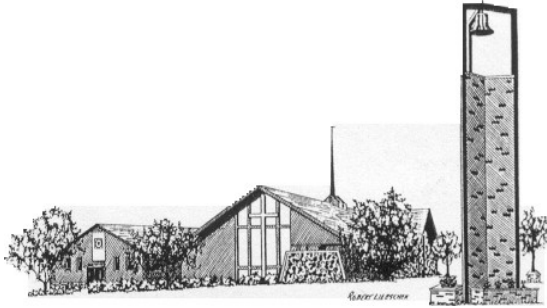
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"In God's Word, Serving You and the World"

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IT IS OUR MISSION as people called by God into the Congregation of St. John Lutheran Church to:


- Proclaim the Gospel in worship and daily life.
- Study and teach God's Word.
- Fellowship among people of this congregation.
- Serve people in our surrounding community.

This is the **MISSION** and **MINISTRY** that we accept as fellow Christians at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lakefield.

"Faithfully Serving Christ Since 1866"

Worship Schedule

- Sunday Morning - 9:30 a.m.
- Education hour - 11:00 a.m.



PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Want to start the new year off right?
Remember to always ask God for guidance.

Directions: Write each word (or word part) in the correct numbered box to complete Proverbs 16:3, NIV.

JANUARY 2013	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

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21 - :3 16 - your 9 - do 1 - Com 20 - 16 11 - he 10 - and 22 - NIV
3 - to 12 - will 19 - verus 13 - es 2 - mit 17 - plans 5 - LORD

Answer: "Commit to the LORD whatever you do and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3, NIV