
 THE PULSE BEAT 

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A Word from the Pastor

After having some computer issues this time around with the traditional "pastor's page" for our newsletter, this reflection will be brief! Mid-winter can & probably should be a time for reflection and perhaps contemplation as well, since the 2 are closely related.

In re-reading a good book from a decade ago, Diana Butler Bass the faith historian's book "*Christianity For the Rest of Us*," with the subtitle: "How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith," at this time of congregational meetings and preparations for the coming year, she writes that, churches don't change just for marketing purposes, to get new people in the doors with gimmicks.

The best of churches change at a much deeper level, and for different reasons. Each congregation she studied for her book asked two powerful questions that sparked deep change: "**Who are we?**" And "**What is God calling us to do?**"

Continuing, she writes great food for thought for ALL churches: (These congregations) "discovered a renewed sense of identity and a clear purpose in serving the world. They experienced a change of heart that transformed their communal understanding of WHO GOD HAD MADE THEM TO BE."

Let me say that, in the things we are trying to accomplish in this first year of the new decade of 2020, this is what we who are the "body of Christ," known as St. John Lutheran Church Grafton, hope to be and do!

Such things include, establishing a renewed adult day center serving senior citizens in the area, which will be named something like: "*Prime Adult Wellness Center*." Which will return us to our desire (as we understand God's will) to serving our community with the building God has graciously given us for one!

Related to this would be a new church sign, and a wheelchair lift, again, all in service to the folks in our area, and county, who are in need of what we can offer. These things are yet to be worked out in detail over the coming year. But they remind us at the same time, as was said by theologian Walter Wink, "we should not do more than God is calling us to do. And yet we must also not do less."

Let us call on God's Holy Spirit, to guide us into the future of the new decade, and the future of the "Body of Christ," here on the corner of Lakefield and Port Washington roads through 2020 and beyond.

God's peace and blessings be yours, in the mid-winter days of February!

Pastor Jim

GENERAL INTEREST NEWS

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GENERAL INTEREST NEWS

We keep in our prayers:

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), 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, 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



Betty Elda Louise
David
April 19, 1942 -
January 11, 2020

Happy Birthday



- 2/1 Sharlene Sandquist
- 2/4 Hunter Pritzlaff
- 2/7 Jim Litvinoff
- 2/7 Jeanine Burhop
- 2/7 Delaney Allen
- 2/12 Donna Dowe
- 2/15 Mari Schmidt
- 2/15 Judy McMullin
- 2/19 Josh Huyck
- 2/20 Ashley Crowell
- 2/21 Bob Eichmann
- 2/27 Jesse Schauer
- 2/28 BreAnna Porth

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

Happy Anniversary



- 2/12 Dennis & Nerissa Heusdens
- 2/20 Kenn & Kayla Matthews

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"Blessings come to those who set their minds on God's love."

:I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me."

-Proverbs 8:17

MISSION TEAM



"Be a piece of the peace puzzle."

- ◆ The collection basket for the **Homeless Veterans Initiative** is always looking for donations. A list of accepted items is printed on the reverse side.
- ◆ Needs at the **Advocates Safehouse** for February include: cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, bleach, dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, liquid hand soap and sanitizers, and toilet bowl cleaner. Donation barrel is located outside of the church office.



Gratitude Baskets will be delivered to the police departments in Grafton and Cedarburg, and the Ozaukee County Sheriff Department on the evening of February 13th.

Your donations of snacks, fruit, candy, baked goods, and cards are encouraged to help thank our "overnight heros".



- ◆ Guests will be at St. John February 23 - March 1. Your help will be needed with dinners, fellowship and overnight hosts. Please watch for the sign-up sheet and help where you can.



February 26

1:00 pm - Mid-day service
Pancake supper hosted by the youth - 5:45 pm
Worship service 7:00 pm

**Needed items by the Homeless Veterans Initiative -
Donation barrel under the Church Council mailboxes**

NEW ITEMS:

- Bed pillows
- Sheets
- Pillow cases
- Queen + Full comforters
- Bath towels
- Kitchen towels
- Shower curtains
- Shower liners
- Shower rings

NEW/GENTLY USED:

- Dishes
- Silverware
- Silverware drawer holders
- General kitchen utensils
- Cups/mugs
- Dish racks for sink
- Can openers

- Pots and pans
- Coffee maker
- Microwaves
- Toasters

CLEANING SUPPLIES:

- All purpose cleaners
- Bleach
- Wipes
- Window/glass cleaner
- Ajax/Comet
- Floor cleaners
- Dish soap
- Cans of Lysol
- Brooms/dust pans
- Sponges
- Buckets
- Mops
- Laundry Baskets

- Laundry detergent (small load sizes)
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Toilet bowl brush
- Furniture polish (ex. Pledge)

FURNITURE:

- Bed frames: Twin/Full/Queen
- Twin/Full/Queen Mattress and Box springs
- Dressers
- End tables
- Coffee Tables
- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Couches (72 inches or smaller)



Mary Martha Circle: Wednesday, February 5, 9:30 AM at Pat Lampe home
Sarah Circle: Monday, February 10, 1:00 PM at church
Grace Circle: Friday, February 14, 10:00 am at Audrey Anderson home



QUILTING DATES

Monday
February 10 & 24
9:00 - noon



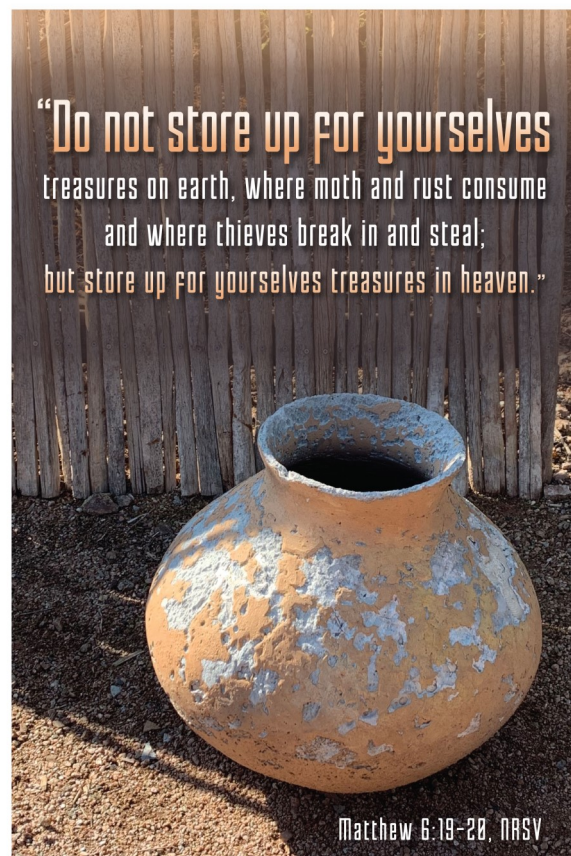
Saturday, February 15
"Fruit & Muffins"
 Gathering
 9:30 am – 11:00 am
 Fellowship Hall

We will be meeting to learn news of events of the Women of the ELCA and to disburse our mission funds for 2019. Please plan to join us and look for the sign-up sheet.

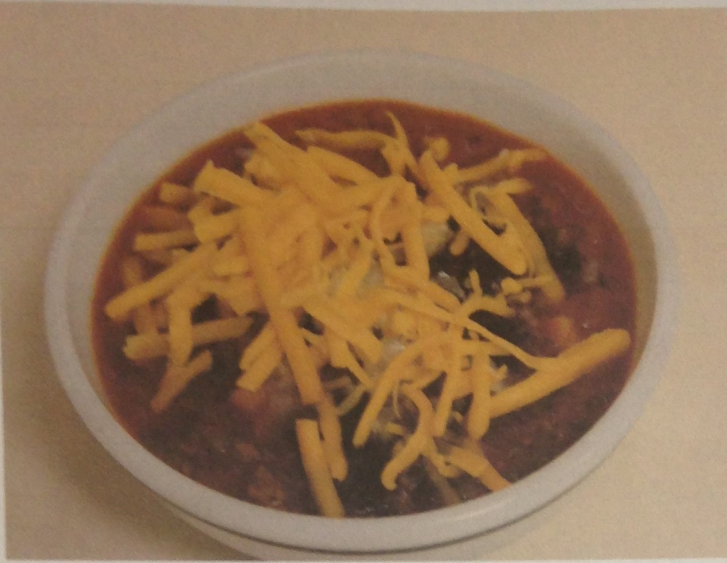
9 "verses" that aren't in the Bible

Several popular sayings can put biblical literacy to the test. For example, the phrases below aren't in Scripture — although some come pretty close:

- "Money is the root of all evil." (According to 1 Timothy 6:10, "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.")
- "Cleanliness is next to godliness." (The closest teaching to this might be in James 4:8.)
- "God helps those who help themselves." (This proverb originated in ancient Greece, not in Scripture.)
- "God moves in mysterious ways." (A verse kind of like this is Isaiah 55:8.)
- "Spare the rod, spoil the child." (British poet Samuel Butler coined this phrase, which could be a paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24.)
- "This, too, shall pass." (This occurs nowhere in the Bible but has been linked, incorrectly, to King Solomon.)
- "Love the sinner, hate the sin." (St. Augustine originally came up with a version of this phrase.)
- "Charity begins at home." (British theologian John Wycliffe is credited with this saying.)
- "God will never give you more than you can bear." (This seems to be a misinterpretation of 1 Corinthians 10:13.)



Matthew 6:19-20, NASV



**ALL
YOU
CAN
EAT**

CHILI DINNER

FEB. 23, 2020

11:00am-3:00pm.

St. John Lutheran Church

1193 Lakefield Road Grafton

An ELCA Congregation.

Adults: \$8 Youth 6-12 \$6 5 & under free!

Advance tickets only \$7!

Includes: cheese, crackers, relishes, beverage and dessert.

Live music, bake sale, and take out available.

**Delivery service available to senior housing, nursing/assisted living homes
In Grafton, Cedarburg, Saukville, Port Washington and Mequon. 5 order
minimum and ordered in advance by Saturday Feb. 22nd.

Partial proceeds to benefit the Saukville Food Pantry.

Call the church office for more info: 262-377-0410.

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Altar preparations
2 9:30 am - Holy Communion - New Church Council installed 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Sunday School	3	4 Noon - Bible study at Flipside Café 6:30 pm - Glory Ringers 7:30 pm - St. John Choir	5 9:30 am - Mary Martha Circle \\ Noon - Pastor's lunch study group 5:00 pm - Confirmation class	6 10:00 am - Bible study in library	7 Pastor's day off	8 Altar preparations
9 9:30 am - Holy Communion - 10:45 am - Fellowship	10 9:00 am - Quilting 1:00 pm - Sarah Circle	11 6:30 pm - Glory Ringers 7:30 pm - St. John Choir	12 9:00 am - Hospitality Team Noon - Pastor's lunch study group 5:00 pm - Confirmation class	13 10:00 am - Bible study in library Delivery of Gratitude Baskets	14 Pastor's day off 10:00 am - Grace Circle 	15 Altar preparations 9:30 am - Women's brunch and meeting
16 9:30 am - Holy Communion - 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - church Council	17	18 Noon - Bible study at Flipside Café 6:30 pm - Glory Ringers 7:30 pm - St. John Choir	19 Noon - Pastor's lunch study group 5:00 pm - Confirmation class	20 10:00 am - Bible study in library 6:30 pm - Worship Committee	21 Pastor's day off	22 Altar preparations 9:00 am - Chili Dinner set-up
23 9:30 am - Holy Communion 11:00 am - Chili Dinner  Family Promise Host week	24 9:00 am - Quilting	25 6:30 pm - Glory Ringers 7:30 pm - St. John Choir	26 <u>1:00 pm</u> - Mid-day Ash Wed. service <u>5:45 pm</u> - Ash Wednesday pancake supper <u>7:00 pm</u> - Worship  <i>Remember that you are dust and into dust you shall return.</i>	27 10:00 am - Bible study in library	28 Pastor's day off	29 Altar preparations

Worship Assistants for February

Acolytes:

- 2 **Usher Team #3**
- 9 Liz Drescher & Addy Heusdens
- 16 Connor Dowe & Josh Pritzlaff
- 23 Josh Pritzlaff & Liz Drescher
- 26 **Ash Wednesday - Usher Team #2**

Cantors:

- 2 Robin Fatla
- 9 Borgne McClelland
- 16 Robert McClelland
- 23 Sharlene Sandquist

Assisting Ministers:

- 2 Dennis Jaeger
- 9 Gary Haas
- 16 Dale Allen
- 23 Sandy Allen
- 26 **Ash Wednesday - Dennis Jaeger**

Communion Assistant:

- 2 Monica Faretra
- 9 Audrey Crowell
- 16 Judy McMullin
- 23 Bob Butt
- 26 **Ash Wednesday - Monica Faretra**

Communion Gifts:

- 2 Audrey Crowell
- 9 Judy McMullin
- 16 Sue Ellen Nelsen & Liz Drescher
- 23 Florence Van Cleave

Lectors:

- 2 Florence Van Cleave
- 9 Sandy Allen
- 16 Bob Butt
- 23 Carol Butt
- 26 **Ash Wednesday - Sue Dowe**

Ushers:

- 2 Team #3 (Wendorf)
- 9 Team #3 (Wendorf)
- 16 Team #1 (Tetzlaff)
- 23 Team #1 (Tetzlaff)
- 26 **Ash Wednesday - Team #2 (Salger)**

Counting Teams:

- 2 Team #2
- 9 Team #3
- 16 Team #4
- 23 Team #5

Flowers:

- 2 Robin Fatla
- 2 **OPEN**
- 9 Jeanine Burhop
- 9 **OPEN**
- 16 **OPEN**
- 16 **OPEN**
- 23 **OPEN**
- 23 **OPEN**

Sunday Hosts:

- 2 Robin Fatla
- 9 Evie Tetzlaff
- 16 Marion Meyer
- 23 Chili Dinner

Sunday Greeters:

- 2 Sue & Fritz Dowe; Donna Dowe
- 9 Wendy Tomter; Robin Fatla
- 16 Jan Gonzalez
- 23 Sue Ellen Nelsen; Kay Freyer

Altar Guild:

- 2 Cindy Porth & Donna Dowe
- 9 Sue & Rebecca Dowe
- 16 Sue & Rebecca Dowe
- 23 Carol Butt & Audrey Anderson
- 26 **Ash Wednesday - Carol Butt & Audrey Anderson**



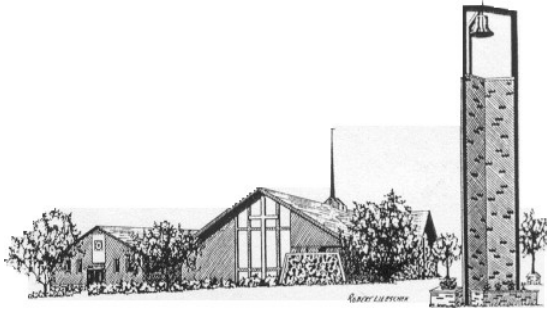
Your help will be needed to host this year's Chili Dinner on February 23rd. Watch for the volunteer sign-up poster next week and be generous with your time.

February 2020 Pulse Beat

St. John Lutheran Church

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

1193 Lakefield Road
Grafton, WI 53024
Address Service Requested



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.



Puzzle

God's Love

We can't measure God's love for us. It starts before we're born and continues for eternity.

Directions: Down the left-hand column, spell out the name of each number. Then write the circled letters on the blank lines in the right-hand column. Read the words on the right, from top to bottom, to see what Psalm 33:22 (NIV) says about God's love.

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PSALM 33:22, NIV

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Four your
Ninety-nine unfailing
Seven love
One be
Twenty-eight with

Sixty us,
Forty Lord,
Seventy even
Six as
Twelve we
Sixty-four put

Fourteen our
Eighty-one hope
Nine in
Twenty-four you."