


THE PULSE BEAT



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A Word from the Pastor

Here we are already in the 22nd year of the 21st century ---Wow! How did it get here? Except for the understanding that time seems to move faster the older we get!

Right before Christmas, the newspaper reported that, in Waukesha area churches, where the community was recovering from the destructive car attack during the Christmas parade, where 6 persons were killed, and some 60 injured, the message for Christmas, was one of hope and healing.

Yes indeed! God's coming into the world, brings new light & life! Just what we need to start a new year! We move from Christmas into the days of Epiphany, which means "manifestation." God manifests God's own self in various ways. The wise men (Magi) arrive to greet the young Jesus with gifts, after following the star in the night sky that reveals God's presence to them!

The new year will still have Covid-19 with us. And yet there are more tools available to fight the pandemic! Mostly in the form of vaccines. Churches, including ours, will learn to live differently, perhaps even becoming different forms of church as the "body of Christ" in the world.

We will be figuring out these new ways of being in the world, long into 2022 and beyond. Yet we also remember the shorter Christmas story in Matthew's Gospel which tells us: **"Behold, the virgin will become pregnant and she will give birth to a son, and they will give him the name Immanuel," which means, "Our God is with us."** May it be so, long into and beyond the new year, that "Our God is with us," and we are with God! This is the promise and the hope of the Godly presence that sees us through, and sustains us in the journey of life! Have a blessed new year!

Peace be with you! *Pastor Jim.*

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GENERAL INTEREST NEWS



We keep in our prayers:

Mary Barker (friend of Audrey Crowell), Barb Beckner (friend of Judy McMullin), Clarice Buchholz (Mary Jaeger’s mother), Anna Bullio (great-granddaughter of Florence Van Cleave), Adrian Buntrock (friend of Robin

Fatla), Troy Burmesch (Dale & Sandy Allen’s nephew), Carol Butt, Chris Capelle (friend of Kay Freyer), Emily Carney (friend of Kylene Wright), Marian Carraway, Jenny Zarling Caesar (goddaughter of Marian Witte), Cathy Collins (Florence Van Cleave’s daughter), Amanda Combs (friend of Laura Christenson), Francis & Kathy Darga (Carole Litvinoff’s sister & brother-in-law), Frank DeGaetano (Borgne McClelland’s brother-in-law), Don & Nan Donner (friends of Diane & Roger Wendorf), Roger Faretra (Doug’s brother), Heather & Adam Fiedler, Shamir Garcia, Jeanne Hass, Michael Horton (brother of Tara & Jeff Kapke), George Lawver (great-grandson of Anita Misun), Marilyn & Sandy (Florence Van Cleave’s sisters), Scott Maronde (nephew of Gary & Sue Haas), Ken Matthews (Kayla Matthews’ father-in-law), Ed (Anita Misun’s family member), Anita Misun, Chuck & Cary Mueller (friends of Glenn Sievers), Sandy Nyenhuis (friend of Audrey Crowell), Nellie Padilla (Sugeily Garcia’s mother), Sugeily Pineiro-Garcia, Eric & Karen Rautenberg (Sue Dowe’s mother and step-father), Tom Rogahn, Kathy (sister of Jackie Rogahn), Ginnie Scarborough (sister of Jackie Rogahn), Wendy Tomter, Suzette Travis, Wendy Werner (Sandy Allen’s sister-in-law), **Military personnel:** Kyle Christenson, Andy David, Cooper Hunt, **“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



Sunday
January 30, 2022
10:45 am
Fellowship Hall



- 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
- 1/22 Maren Foti
- 1/22 Carol Butt
- 1/23 Stacy Leedy
- 1/28 Kylene Wright
- 1/29 Cole Granrath

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



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



Family Promise Christmas

Thanks to Bob & Barb Eichmann, the “elves” who helped purchase the gifts not donated.



Thanks to Kay Freyer, Jim & Carole Litvinoff, and Judy McMullin, the “elves” who helped wrap the gifts



Thanks to Dale & Sandy Allen and Steve Christensen, the “elves” who helped deliver the gifts.





Bible study in January:

Sarah Circle: Monday, January 10, 1:00 PM
at church



**QUILTING
DATES**

**Monday
January 10 &
24
9:00 - noon**



January 6
*Wise men still
seek him.*



Anniversary Sunday

(previously called Heritage Sunday)

January 30, 2022
9:30 am worship service

Join us as we celebrate the founding of St. John,
156 years ago.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Ministers:

- 2 Gary Haas
- 9 Dennis Jaeger
- 16 Robin Fatla
- 23 Bob Butt
- 30 Dennis Jaeger

Lectors:

- 2 Robert McClelland
- 9 Judy McMullin
- 16 Sharlene Sandquist
- 23 Suzette Travis
- 30 Florence Van Cleave

Counting Teams:

- 2 Sheila Kapke Team
- 9 Dennis Jaeger Team
- 16 Jim Litvinoff Team
- 23 Borgne McClelland Team
- 30 Sheila Kapke Team

Ushers:

- 2 Roger Wendorf
- 9 Bob Eichmann
- 16 Peter Viesselmann
- 23 Dennis Jaeger
- 30 Roger wendorf

Altar bouquets:

- 2 **OPEN**
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- 9 **OPEN**
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- 16 Sharlene Sandquist (2)
- 23 Tom & Jackie Rogahn
- 23 Robin Fatla
- 30 **OPEN**
- 30 **OPEN**

Fellowship:

- 2 **OPEN**
- 9 **OPEN**
- 16 Marion Meyer & Evie Tetzlaff
- 23 Tom & Jackie Rogahn
- 30 Evie Tetzlaff



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
2 9:30 am - Holy Communion/	3	4	5 Noon - Pastor's lunch group at St. John 5:00 pm - Confirmation class at Advent	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 10:00 am - Bible study at church	7 Pastor's day off	8
9 9:30 am - Holy Communion/ 10:45 am - Adult class	10 9:00 am - Quilting 1:00 pm - Sarah Circle Bible study	11 Noon - Bible study at Flipside Café	12 Noon - Pastor's lunch group at St. John 5:00 pm - Confirmation class at Advent	13 10:00 am - Bible study at church	14 Pastor's day off	15
16 9:30 am - Holy Communion/ 10:45 am - Church Council	17	18	19 Noon - Pastor's lunch group at St. John 5:00 pm - Confirmation class at Advent	20 10:00 am - Bible study at church	21 Pastor's day off	22
23 9:30 am - Holy Communion/ 10:45 am -	24 9:00 am - Quilting	25 Noon - Bible study at Flipside Café	26 Noon - Pastor's lunch group at St. John 5:00 pm - Confirmation class at Advent	27 10:00 am - Bible study at church	28 Pastor's day off	29
30 <i>Anniversary Sunday</i> 9:30 am - Holy Communion/ 10:45 am - 	31					

Treasurer's Update As Of November 30, 2021

The St John Lutheran Church Council would like to thank you for your generosity. Without your financial support the mission and ministry of St John would not be possible. The Council would also like to keep you updated on the financial situation at St John.

The **Unified Budget** supports the work of the church through education, evangelism, worship, youth programs, stewardship, public relations, utilities & property upkeep, mission support, salaries, office expenses, and insurance. These items are all included in our line-item budget.

Year-To-Date income	\$119,000
Year-To-Date expenses	\$152,100 (including \$12,300 for Mission Support)

The result is that St John currently has a deficit in our Unified Budget of \$33,100. (Compared to a deficit of \$44,800 at this point last year.) We have received \$26,040 as a forgivable loan through the Small Business Administration as part of the 2nd round of the Paycheck Protection Program. This amount has been placed into the Contingency Fund and will be used to partially offset any deficit at the end of the year.

Mission Support is an important part of our Unified Budget. St John has distributed \$12,300 to the budgeted mission agencies for 2021. The total budgeted for Mission Support is \$12,650.

The **Contingency Fund** is outside of the Unified Budget, and is used as needed for unforeseen expenses and to offset any year-end differences between income and expenses in the Unified Budget. Any balance remaining at the end of the year will carryover to next year. Income to this fund comes from direct gifts (such as Thrivent member directed gifts), interest on savings accounts or CDs, and fund raising activities such as the chili and spaghetti dinners.

Current amount in the fund \$53,700 (including \$26,040 from SBA grant)

The **Property Fund** supports any maintenance of the building and property that is not covered under Unified Budget expenses.

Current amount in the fund \$8,700

The **Memorial Fund** receives gifts for memorials and honoraria. Families of the deceased can make a request to the Council to use the memorials for specific purposes, or the funds can be used for other projects as voted upon by the St John Congregation.

Current amount in the fund \$144,400

At the Congregation's 2020 annual meeting, it was recommended to use a significant portion of this fund for the upgrade of the sound system, for a new outdoor sign, and for a vertical lift in the education wing. At this time, quoting is in process for the sound system upgrade, but the remaining projects have been put on hold due to our financial situation.

This update does not include all funds at St John. A detailed listing of all budget expense line items and funds is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway, or you can contact the treasurer Peter Viesselmann, or any Council member.

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

Worship Schedule

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

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"

Puzzle!

Match each clue with the correct biblical dreamer.
Use the Scripture hints if needed.

- ___ 1. This person's brothers were irritated to hear of certain dreams.
- ___ 2. Angels went up and down a ladder in this person's dreams.
- ___ 3. This person dreamed about skinny cows eating fat cows.
- ___ 4. After an unpleasant dream, this person warned a loved one to avoid Jesus.
- ___ 5. This person saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.
- ___ 6. A dream warned this person (plus family) to flee to Egypt.
- ___ 7. This person saw a vine produce grapes, with juice squeezed into a cup.
- ___ 8. A dream warned about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh
(Genesis 41:17-21)
- B. The Magi
(Matthew 2:12)
- C. Jacob
(Genesis 28:12)
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer
(Genesis 40:9-11)
- E. NT Joseph
(Matthew 2:13)
- F. OT Joseph
(Genesis 37:9, 11)
- G. Pilate's wife
(Matthew 27:19)
- H. Daniel (Daniel 2:31-35)

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B

