


THE PULSE BEAT



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A Word from the Pastor

During the month of March, winter starts winding down (we hope) and spring begins ever so gradually. Too early for flower buds to emerge, since in our northern climate, there's still too much cold weather to deal with. Though this year, by comparison our winter has been rather mild here!

The church season of the year is "Lent," which rightly means "Spring." It tells us there's some kind of hope waiting in the wings, to emerge at the right time.

The worship resource "Sundays and Seasons" informs us, "Lent is a season of repentance, turning to God and asking for God's goodness to wipe away our sins and show us how to live anew." A time of repentance, or turning around, to walk in a new way. Lent calls us closer to God.

We walk with Christ, during the 40 days of Lent, in his journey to Holy Week and the cross, as well as beyond the cross to resurrection and the new life of the "new creation," that arrives with Easter.

This year through our cooperative ministry with several of the Cedarburg congregations, we are focusing, in our Midweek worship services on the "Promises of Baptism."

We are actually using the renewal of those promises, in the Affirmation of Baptism service, or what we are familiar with as Confirmation. The question asked is: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: The promises are these: *"to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?"*

The response of us who follow Jesus, is to say: "I do and I ask God to help and guide me. Then all the gathered people of God at worship are asked to support those making the promises and to say, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us." You might say the fulfilling of these promises takes the rest of our lives, to carry out!

But you are invited to join us on the Wednesdays of Lent for 6:30 p.m. worship to hear a message on these promises, from each of the pastors of our cooperating churches. The dates are Ash Wednesday, March 2, followed by March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6. You are also welcome to be a part of our worshipping community on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for Holy Communion. May God bless you, so you can be a blessing!

Peace!

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), Nik Buntrock (friend of Robin Fatla), Troy Burmesch (Dale & Sandy Allen's nephew), 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), Jeanne Hass, Michael Horton (brother of Tara & Jeff Kapke), George Lawver (great-grandson of Anita Misun), Marilyn & Sandy (Florence Van Cleave's sisters), Anna Marchand (niece of Dennis & Mary Jaeger), Scott Maronde (nephew of Gary & Sue Haas), Ken Matthews (Kayla Matthews' father-in-law), Ed (Anita Misun's family member), Chuck & Cary Mueller (friends of Glenn Sievers), Alice Murphy (family of MerryLou Green), Sandy Nyenhuis (friend of Audrey Crowell), Paul Ohm (friend of St. John), 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), Joe Schauer, 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



OUTREACH TEAM

40 DAYS OF LENT "Food for Friends"



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and this year our Lenten Outreach will be a collection for the Saukville Food Pantry.

Paper grocery bags are available to take home and fill during the 40 days of Lent. **If you do not attend service on Sundays, please fill your own bag at home.**

We will then ask you to bring the bags back to church on Easter Sunday to be blessed before they are delivered to the food pantry.

Below is a list of some of the items the pantry is requesting, but **ANY** items that you donate will be greatly appreciated.

Ketchup Corned beef hash Canned beef stew
Mandarin oranges Rice a Roni Instant potatoes
Minute Rice Jelly Shampoo and Conditioner
Kleenex

The following is a reprint from the December PulseBeat: Things we don't think about when donating

- ◆ Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care
- ◆ Sugar and flour are treats
- ◆ They rarely get fresh meat
- ◆ Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef
- ◆ They get lots of peanut butter and jelly, but usually not sandwich bread
- ◆ Tuna and crackers make a good lunch
- ◆ Butter or margarine are always nice
- ◆ Eggs are a real commodity
- ◆ Dishwashing detergent is expensive and always appreciated
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over them
- ◆ Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing
- ◆ Mac and Cheese in the box is great, but needs milk and butter which you can rarely get

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- ◆ Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of
- ◆ Cake mix and frosting help to make it possible to make a child's birthday cake
- ◆ They can't always eat the canned veggies and soup unless a can opener is provided or the cans have pop-tops
- ◆ Spices or salt and pepper would be a good addition
- ◆ Oil is a luxury, but needed to make Rice-a-Roni which they also get lots of

Gratitude Baskets were delivered on Valentine's Day to:



Julie Dzwinel &
Bill Janeshek
Ozaukee
County
Highway
Department



Joe Publitz
Cedarburg
Public Works
Department



Amber Thomas
& Linda Dean
Grafton Public
Works
Department

Thanks to all who donated. The folks were very surprised and thankful. "People don't usually thank us, They usually call to complain."



Sarah Circle: Monday, March 14, 1:00 PM at church



QUILTING DATES

Monday
March 14 & 28
9:00 - noon

**Report of Organizational Meeting -
Future of St. John
February 16, 2022 - 1:00pm**

Committee Members: Barb Eichmann, Bob Eichmann, Diane Wendorf, Roger Wendorf, Shar Sandquist, Sandy Allen, Judy McMullin

Committee Name: Spiritual Renewal Task Force

Committee Purpose: To determine where the Spirit is leading St. John Congregation into the future

Committee Goals:

- ◆ Increase attendance & participation of current members
- ◆ Attract new members
- ◆ More meaningful worship services
- ◆ Pastoral evaluation on a regular basis
- ◆ Small group adult education
- ◆ Seek Synod resources



There are currently 8 folks in the program, residing at the Chalet Motel.

St. John will be providing meals the nights of the week of March 21st. The format for the meals has changed a bit and if you are interested in helping, please contact Robin Fatla in the



40 days to deepen our spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. The belief is that our consistent participation in these practices - like exercise we do for our physical health - improves our spiritual well-being by stripping away all that is unnecessary and becoming more mindful of how God is working in our lives.

What to “give up” for Lent:

Gossip Negativity Judgement Self-absorption
Lust Gluttony Greed Sloth Wrath Envy
Pride

What to “take up” for Lent:

Love Joy Peace Patience Kindness
Goodness Gentleness Faithfulness
Self-Control

- * Try a new spiritual practice - spend at least 1 hour in silent meditation each weekend.
- * Spend 1 weekend or evening volunteering during Lent
- * Get to know your neighbors

Wednesday Lent schedule:
“The Promises of Baptism”

Supper at 5:00 pm Worship at 6:30 pm

The 5 pastors of our mutual ministry will rotate between the churches for Wednesday night services, each speaking on a different aspect of baptism. The schedule for St. John:

- March 2** - Ash Wednesday - Pastor Jim
- March 9** - Pastor Jim - “To Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth”
- March 16** - Pastor Alexis Twito, Advent - “To Live Among God’s Faithful People”
- March 23** - Pastor John Norquist, Faith - “To Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord’s Supper”
- March 30** - Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen - Interim at Trinity - “To Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Through Word and Deed”
- April 6** - Pastor Vicki Simon, Immanuel - “To Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus”



- 3/5 Cindy Porth
- 3/5 Nick Christensen
- 3/7 Kristin Schauer
- 3/8 Audrey Anderson
- 3/10 Renee Schauer
- 3/11 Roger Wendorf
- 3/13 Tom Rogahn
- 3/16 Anita Lucht
- 3/21 Liz Allen
- 3/22 Lindsey Drescher
- 3/24 Monica Faretra
- 3/29 Erik Boelkow
- 3/30 Florence Van Cleave
- 3/31 Joanne Levenick

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

*Baptized
in the name
of the Lord*



On Sunday,
February 20,
we welcomed into the
family of God at St.
John through
Holy Baptism -
Miller Brian and

Hudson Raymond Granrath, twin sons
of Cole Granrath and Danielle White and
brothers of Hadley and Dane.

Sponsors are Christoher Heinichen,
Cassandra Duesing, Michael Pruether,
Jr., and Melanie Granrath.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister :

- March 2 (Ash Wednesday) - Gary Haas
 - 6 - Robin Fatla
 - 13 - Bob Butt
 - 20 - Dennis Jaeger
 - 27 - Gary Haas

Lector :

- March 2 (Ash Wednesday) - Dennis Jaeger
 - 6 - Gary Haas
 - 9 (Wed.) - Robin Fatla
 - 13 - Borgne McClelland
 - 16 (Wed.) - Robert McClelland
 - 20 - Judy McMullin
 - 23 (Wed.) - Suzette Travis
 - 27 - Florence Van Cleave

Usher:

- March 2 (Ash Wednesday) - Peter Viesselmann
 - 6 - Dennis Jaeger
 - 13 - Bob Eichmann
 - 20 - Monica Faretra
 - 27 - Roger Wendorf

Altar bouquets:

- March 6 - **OPEN/OPEN**
 - 13 - **OPEN/OPEN**
 - 20 - **OPEN/OPEN**
 - 27 - Jeanine Burhop/**OPEN**

Counting Team:

- March 6 - Dennis Jaeger Team
 - 13 - Jim Litvinoff Substitute Team
 - 20 - Borgne McClelland Team
 - 27 - Sheila Kapke Team

Fellowship:

- March 6 - **OPEN**
 - 13 - Tom & Jackie Rogahn
 - 20 - **OPEN**
 - 27 - Evie Tetzlaff/ Marion Meyer



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--|-----|---|-----|
| | | 1 | 2 Ash Wednesday Noon - Pastor's lunch group 6:30 pm - Lenten worship | 3 | 4 Pastor's day off | 5 |
| 6 9:30 am - Holy Communion/ Healing Service | 7 | 8 Noon - Bible study at Flipside Café | 9 Noon - Pastor's lunch group 5:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Lenten worship | 10 | 11 Pastor's day off | 12 |
| 13 9:30 am - Holy Communion 10:30 am - fellowship | 14 9:00 am - Quilting 1:00 pm - Sarah Circle Bible study | 15 | 16 Noon - Pastor's lunch group 5:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Lenten worship | 17 | 18 Pastor's day off | 19 |
| 20 9:30 am - Holy Communion 10:45 am - church Council | 21 | 22 Noon - Bible study at Flipside Café | 23 Noon - Pastor's lunch group 5:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Lenten worship | 24 | 25 Pastor's day off | 26 |
| 27 9:30 am - Holy Communion 10:30 am - fellowship | 28 9:00 am - Quilting | 29 | 30 Noon - Pastor's lunch group 5:00 pm - Supper 6:30 pm - Lenten worship | 31 |  <p>March 13 Set clocks ahead 1 hour</p> | |

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Summary For January 2022

| | January 2022 | | | Year To Date 2022 | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual Over (under) Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual Over (under) Budget |
| Unified Income | \$ 8,947 | \$ 14,630 | \$ (5,683) | \$ 8,947 | \$ 14,630 | \$ (5,683) |
| Expense Summary: | | | | | | |
| Education | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Outreach | \$ - | \$ 20 | \$ (20) | \$ - | \$ 20 | \$ (20) |
| Worship | \$ 765 | \$ 548 | \$ 217 | \$ 765 | \$ 548 | \$ 217 |
| Youth | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Stewardship | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Public Relations | \$ 159 | \$ 95 | \$ 64 | \$ 159 | \$ 95 | \$ 64 |
| Property | \$ 2,105 | \$ 2,403 | \$ (298) | \$ 2,105 | \$ 2,403 | \$ (298) |
| Finance (incl.Mission Support) | \$ 8,200 | \$ 8,165 | \$ 35 | \$ 8,200 | \$ 8,165 | \$ 35 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 11,229 | \$ 11,231 | \$ (2) | \$ 11,229 | \$ 11,231 | \$ (2) |
| Net Income (Deficit) | \$ (2,282) | \$ 3,399 | \$ (5,681) | \$ (2,282) | \$ 3,399 | \$ (5,681) |

Comparative 2021 Figures:

| | @ 1/31/2021 |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Unified Income | \$ 9,044 |
| Total Expenses | \$ (12,535) |
| Net Income (Deficit) | \$ (3,491) |

Major Differences 2022 vs. 2021: Income year-to-date 2022 \$100 less than last year.
Expenses year-to-date 2022 \$1,300 less than last year.

Memorial Gifts Received 2022: Mel Trapp Memorial (\$20)

| | @ 1/31/2022 | @ 1/31/2021 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Assets At End Of Month | \$ 205,303 | \$ 200,955 |

Assets Are Needed to Support The Following Funds:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Audio Fund (formerly Cassette) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Contingency Fund | \$ 29,539 | \$ 23,741 |
| Family Promise Fund | \$ 421 | \$ 236 |
| Fully Funded | \$ 563 | \$ 263 |
| Library Fund | \$ 505 | \$ 505 |
| Memorial Fund | \$ 144,469 <(incl. \$6,761 restricted) | \$ 143,644 <(incl. \$6,761 restricted) |
| Mercy Fund | \$ 2,260 | \$ 660 |
| Music Fund | \$ 162 | \$ 162 |
| Organ Repair Fund | \$ - | \$ - |
| Outreach Fund | \$ 2,422 | \$ 2,337 |
| Pastoral Education Fund | \$ 2,276 | \$ 2,472 |
| Property Fund | \$ 8,749 | \$ 12,071 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$ 2,189 | \$ 4,365 |
| Sign Fund (started 2017) | \$ 7,643 | \$ 7,643 |
| Youth Fund | \$ 6,388 | \$ 6,349 |
| | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Fund Requirements | \$ 207,585 | \$ 204,446 |
| = Asset Excess (Shortage) | \$ (2,282) | \$ (3,491) |

(Excess = budget surplus; Shortage = budget deficit)

March 2022 Pulse Beat



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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"

COMMUNITY NEWS



St. Mark Lutheran Church, Belgium - 34th annual 9-Pin Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 12th at Globe Lanes in Random Lake. Available bowling times are 12:30, 3:00 and 6:00 pm and Entry Fee is \$22 per team. Lots of fun raffle prizes with small raffle prizes being awarded at various times during the day and big raffle prizes awarded following the conclusion of bowlers after the 6:00 pm session. For more information or to sign up to bowl, call Holly, 262-227-4670 or Barb, 262-377-3069. See you there!