

October 2021 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Some Christians will strongly suggest that "the Bible has the answer to everything". Oh, if life and faith were only that simple! Have a dilemma? Look it up. Find the answer. Bingo! Dilemma solved! The Bible doesn't have a solution for everything. But for all of life, it is our guidebook.

So, it won't tell us how many refugees our nation should take in, and how many families we as a congregation could help resettle. But it will guide us to welcome and love the aliens in our midst. The Bible doesn't tell us whether drone-strikes are ever an appropriate tool of modern warfare. But it will give us a vision of a day when people "will not learn war anymore." It won't tell us exactly what forms of expression are covered by the 1st Amendment's "freedom of speech" clause, but it will warn us that the tongue can be "a restless poison, full of deadly evil" and hard to tame! And scripture will show us how to "speak the truth in love!"

There are so many disagreements right now among families and friends; in the state and in the nation; and throughout the world, that seem to be careening out of control. A few carefully selected Bible verses won't end them, but the whole message and truth of scripture will keep us from losing our self-control, or losing our bearings, or losing hope. Let the scriptures be our guidebook!

From God, via Moses: *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor!"* (8th Commandment)

From Joshua: *"Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go!"*

From Jesus: *"In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets."*

From Paul: *"(Love) is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth."*

From James, to those who wish to be wise: *"...the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable; willing to yield; full of mercy and good fruits; without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy."*

These are days to remember who we are, who God is, and what it means to be neighbor to all. And that's why we worship, why we teach and learn, why we pray and act....so that we can be the servants that Christ needs us to be in this crazy, conflicted world, right here and right now!

-Pastor Paul

Worship plans this next month: As the weather allows, we'll offer Drive-in Service Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 8am, with indoor worship at 9:45, and Facebook Live as well! (When the weather doesn't cooperate, we're indoors.) Distancing inside is easy, as we are not a large crowd. Masks are a good idea.

Sunday School/Pet Blessing Sunday Oct. 3 at 9am! We invite all to gather, and your pet! If you have a pet that doesn't travel well or do crowds, you can bring a photo-for a 'distance' blessing! Outdoors-if weather allows; in the basement-if needed.

Service of Remembrance, especially for those who have experienced the death of a loved one in the past year, will take place on Saturday November 6, at 5pm. *Please invite friends who might need this opportunity to grieve, and be supported, and find some comfort!*

August 2021 - Year to Date

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 147,186

Expenses: \$ 131,193

Thank you for your regular offerings and to those who have signed up for electronic giving.

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 81,777 Expenses: \$ 74,486

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 4,055 Goal for 2021: \$6,000

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 13,114 Goal for 2021: \$15,000

Building Loan Balance: \$ 74,966

Church Picnic

We had a beautiful day for our picnic! Thank you to everyone who helped in some way to make the picnic a success! We raised over \$800 with basket donations and silent auction to share with our Missionaries and our Good Samaritan fund. Thank you to Kristin and Charlie Jones for bringing Katy, the calf, to the picnic for the "Kiss the Cow" competition! Staci Bohling's team "won" with Pastor Paul coming in 2nd. I don't think anyone had a problem kissing that adorable calf's face! We raised over \$ 300 to donate to ELCA Hunger.

St. John's Veterans Group

Our next St. John's Veteran's Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12th at 9:00am in Church (either inside or outside depending on the weather). We encourage both St. John's members and non-members to attend our meetings. So bring a friend, neighbor, relative, etc. This is a great way to get together and share our experiences with other Veterans'.



Outreach for Hope 2021 Ride Run Walk

Thank you to our 9 riders and anyone who donated to the Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk! Thank you to Dan Johnson for heading up the St. John's team and to all the riders! *You can still make a gift through St. John's or www.outreachforhope.org*

Family Promise Meals

October 10-16 is St. John's week to provide meals to the Family Promise families of Washington County. Due to COVID, families are staying at the Family Promise center in West Bend instead of churches hosting the families on site. If you would like to provide a meal talk to Wendy Wolf in the church office for more information. It's a very easy way to make a big difference!

Resolve Through Sharing

Staci Bohling works with a program at St. Joseph's Hospital Birth Center call "Resolve Through Sharing". This program assists families who have experienced the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death. St. Joseph's started this program for those who have a loss that is less than 20 weeks, where they can choose a hospital burial. A special memorial service is held twice a year and parents are invited to attend. St. John's has provided a cemetery space for these small cremains and the doctors at St. Joseph's have donated a permanent bench marker. The next memorial service is October 2nd at 9am, in our cemetery.

Getting to Know You!

Each month we'll feature a St. John's member so we can get to know each other better.

Getting to Know You: **Amy Reid**

"Thank God I'm a Country Girl" is Amy's take on the famous John Denver song; she spent a third of her life living in the country and loving it. Her family moved to an 80-acre hobby farm north of Kewaskum, where she and her sister grew fields of sweet corn and potatoes to sell out of the back door, and pickles to sell to the canning factory. To her, the chickens were like pets, which may explain her love for animals. Amy and her siblings still own 72 acres of the land and reminisce about the toboggan hill, twisting their ankles in fox holes, and tapping for maple syrup with their dad.



Growing up, church choir, singing in school musicals, playing French horn, and jammin' to '80s music fulfilled Amy's musical side. 4-H was a big part of her youth, and where she learned sewing, crocheting, and floral design. A love of drawing and painting led to an art degree in graphic design from UW-Stout, and along with a technical writing minor served her well for 27 years at GS Design in Glendale as a print designer, project manager, and proofreader. Eight years ago her "third eye" reputation was the catalyst to launch a freelance proofreading business. While brainstorming business names, a lightbulb came on: ProofREID! Her clients include Concordia University Wisconsin, Harley-Davidson, Snap-on, Andersen Windows, and editing for a variety of self-published books and academic papers.

Amy's "You're my biggest nightmare!" sentiment when introduced to now-husband Scott turned out to be more of a dream. Over the course of 20 married years, his MU chemistry professor sabbaticals have taken them to Taiwan and Australia. Besides Hawaii x2 and U.S. destinations, they traveled to South Korea to bring home baby Aaron, who currently makes Amy mom to a video game playing, drumming, Boy Scouting high school junior. She and Scott also had three other kids, hosting two students from South Korea and one from Japan, who continue to be part of their global family.

"Fun" Facts

- Participating in forensics – speaking, not like "Quincy, M.E." – in high school and college polished her "reading aloud" skills.
- Amy has her fingerprints on file with the Dept. of Homeland Security – ask her why.
- Pet cockatoo Mollie (see pic) has been a companion for 32 years (she'll probably live for another 20!). Amy has had 17 pets throughout her life: 6 dogs, 5 fish, 3 birds, 2 cats, and a frog grown from a tadpole. Goal: a pet bunny! Non-goal: a snake.
- Amy has been a member of STJ for 35-ish years, when mom Val married Reuben Heidtke. While serving on the building committee for the church addition, Amy got to set a stone in the left-hand column flanking the chancel.

A Message from Our Missionaries

Friends and partners,

It didn't take long to settle back into our community and work here in Tanzania. Our six months in Minnesota were refreshing and we relished being near our children. We are relieved that Steve is done with his cancer treatment. Our work permit was granted and we are excited about the year ahead. Thank you for accompanying us from afar. Your prayers and support sustain us.

Bethany and Steve

Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

10/3 Paul Stahl
10/10 Joel Wolf
10/17 Pete Kutzora
10/24 George Liberatore
10/31 Dave Williams

(9:45 Service)

10/3 Reuben Heidtke
10/10 Jackie Gauger
10/17 Susan Heidtke
10/24 Sharon Boldt
10/31 Reuben Heidtke

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

10/3 Paul Stahl
10/10 Joel Wolf
10/17 Jim Kurtz
10/24 Staci Bohling
10/31 Mary Bukovic

(9:45 Service)

10/3 Keith Heidtke
10/10 Dave Williams
10/17 Kelly/Will Strnad
10/24 Duane Plath
10/31 Keith Heidtke



October Anniversaries!

Oct. 3 Matt & Sarah Schaus – 12 years
Oct. 5 Jim & Sharon Ziemer – 36 years
Jason & Angela Pickart – 19 years
Oct. 7 Josh & Melissa Staller – 15 years
Oct. 8 Nick & Amber Singer – 16 years
Oct. 17 Bob & Michelle Jones – 34 years
Oct. 20 Brian & Lisa Kasubaski – 31 years
Oct. 22 Paul & Pam Stahl – 38 years
Oct. 26 Jeffrey & Laurie Matthews – 30 years



October Birthdays!

Oct. 1 Liam Mickie
Alex Miller
Oct. 3 Maryann Stoecker
Oct. 4 Candace Liebner
Anna Reisinger
Oct. 6 Riley Haddorff

If we missed your special day please let us know.

Oct. 8 Steve Devoe
Jon Gust
Megan Olafsson
Bob Zarda
Oct. 10 Jack Frank
Oct. 11 Benjamin Hollister
Oct. 12 Hope Groth
Oct. 13 Erin Anders
Ryan Kutzora
Oct. 14 Jenny Micksch
Christine Miller
Terry Stoecker
Oct. 15 Emily Blank
Melanie Gierach
Tracey Jackson
Renee Liberatore
Oct. 16 Lily Inchaurregui
Colleen Wagner
Oct. 17 Brantley Prost
Arliss Steffen
Oct. 18 Amy Hennings Canard
Jackie Goodman
Kristen Mickie
Jacob Williams
Oct. 19 Karen Bertucci
Tim Kiernan
Oct. 21 Truman Ayers
Aiden Brice
Mike Schneider
Oct. 23 Caleb Dalton
Pam Dhein
Cindy Driebel
Oct. 24 Kayla Brennan
Mary Bukovic
Oct. 25 Kimberly Byrne
Oct. 26 Vince Dueno
Tom Toll
Oct. 27 Georgia Haddorff
Oct. 28 Samantha Dyson
Oct. 29 Randy Adametz
Sharon Kiernan

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 8 & 9:45 am with Holy Communion
Facebook Live at 9:45 am on Sunday

