

# November 2022 Newsletter

## Pastor's Message:

Dear Friends in Christ,

I had the privilege of traveling to Scotland with daughter Sarah last week just for the pleasure of it. I hadn't taken a trip of this size in some years. It gave me a chance to marvel over the number of people it takes to make a flight like that possible. Actually, I have only a limited idea: pilots, stewardesses, mechanics, baggage handlers, air traffic controllers, security screeners, customs agents, airline clerks, are the more obvious ones. But as I pondered a bit more, I realized there were custodians, business thinkers, supervisors, electricians, fuel truck drivers, weather forecasters, plane cleaning crews, airline meal makers, water system operators...more people actually involved than I could imagine! Just so I could hop on a plane and go on a great adventure!

I was also struck by how, in a few moments in an airport like O'hare, it's possible to rub shoulders with people from dozens of different countries and cultures. In a large international airport, it's easy to see the varieties and similarities of the whole human family.

One other thing I noticed was how so many of the workers were folks who were obviously immigrants to this nation. I'd guess that most of the airplane and airport cleaning crews were immigrants. It occurred to me my trip wasn't possible without them showing up for work! Actually, my adventure trip depended on every one of those folks showing up and doing their job. And then it dawned on me: the kingdom of God is like that too!

For in the world that belongs to God, all kinds of folks are needed: not just preachers and Sunday School teachers, and musicians, but parents who bring their kids to worship; and people who care for their neighbors; and those who visit the sick; and cooks who share a meal; and workers who clean toilets, and advocates who challenge the status quo, and justice seekers who remind us of what is right and fair, and...the list goes on!

2,000 years ago, St. Paul wrote: "The gifts of God are present in each person, in some way, for the good of all." My big vacation trip reminded me of that large truth-which is also a wonderful promise! The gifts that are needed to make the world go 'round, or to make a society healthy, or to make the church 'work' are present. We just have to offer what we can, and welcome whatever others around us have to offer. Since, no matter our age or status, we are all called to be fellow workers in the kingdom of God, pray that we all can show up, and do the work that Christ needs us to do!

-Pastor Paul

**Service of Remembrance** is Saturday, Nov. 5 at 5pm, especially for those who have experienced the death of a loved one in the past year. Feel welcome to bring a picture of your loved one! And feel welcome to invite friends!

## September 2022 - Year to Date

### +YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 159,029

Expenses: \$ 146,638

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

### +YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 57,780 Expenses: \$ 50,164

### +YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 8,185 Goal for 2022: \$6,000

### +YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 12,172 Goal for 2022: \$15,000

**Building Loan Balance:** \$ 0 (Thanks to God & to All of You) (Gifts are still appreciated for ongoing upkeep & repairs)



### Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits

Thank you to everyone who donated in some way to provide 63 quilts and 55 personal care kits to adults and children in need. We deliver our kits and quilts to First United Lutheran Churches semi-trailer in Sheboygan. They are shipping a total of 2071 quilts, 969 personal care kits, 1401 school kits, 281 baby care kits, and 17 fabric kits.

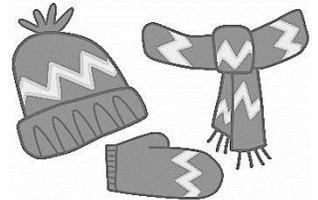
Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts and personal care kits is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. LWR Quilts & Kits convey a priceless message of love and commitment to people in desperate need. Many will remember your kindness.

### Italian Dinner – November 12<sup>th</sup>

Come and enjoy a taste of Italy! Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm our gathering space will be turned into an Italian ristorante with fine wine, cheese and an atmosphere that will make you forget you're in Wisconsin! We'll have one of our couples in the Gathering Space to take your reservations. Thank you to our couples' bible study group for providing such a wonderful gathering!

### Winter Warmth Tree

Ruth Circle put up the Winter Warmth tree. Donations of new or gently used hats, gloves, mittens & scarves – all sizes – appreciated. These will be distributed to All Peoples' Church and Giving Tree Families. Items can be placed in the basket under the tree until Dec. 4.



### You're Invited to All People's Thanksgiving Worship & Pie Social

A few of us are attending the Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Social at All People's Church on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:45. We have room to carpool if you're interested in attending!

### "Bob's Under the Bridge" Winter Needs

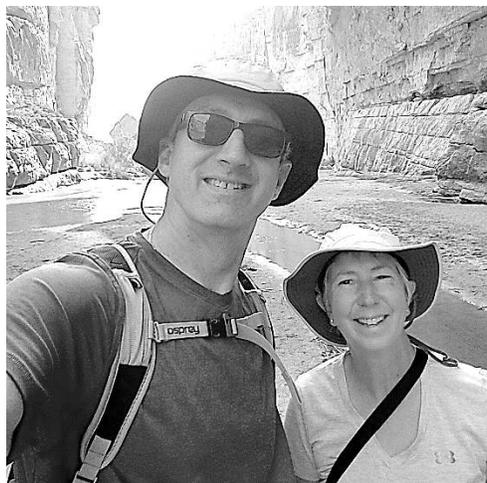
Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge is in need of winter supplies: adult coats, hoodies, sweatshirts, sweaters, adult long underwear, sleeping bags. Their biggest need right now is men's jeans. Waist 42 or smaller. See <https://mrbobsunderthebridge.org/donation-list/> for complete list. You can place items by the old altar in the Gathering Space. Items can be donated all winter.

## 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: **Pete and Robin Kutzora**

Catch them if you can! Be it via their camper, bikes, kayaks, or hiking boots, Pete and Robin Kutzora stay on the move – yet are still grounded in Wisconsin no matter where they roam.



Robin and Pete met at Cornell University, where they were friends for four years/housemates for two before starting to date during finals week senior year. After graduation, Pete went on to Washington, D.C.; Orlando, Saratoga Springs, NY; and New London, CT, to complete his navy training, while Robin returned to her home state of New Jersey and spent a couple years working for Flying Tigers air cargo line. When Pete found out he'd be spending three years on a submarine based near Seattle, Robin decided to join him. In 1988, they were married at Robin's home church in New Jersey.

The next stop on Pete's naval journey was two years in Saratoga Springs as a trainer, which allowed him time to job hunt. They weren't sure where they wanted to go, but they were quite certain they would move to one of the coasts. After a very nice offer from We Energies, they landed on the Midcoast and became Wisconsinites, where they thought they'd be for a couple years tops, but 30 years later here they still are: diehard Packers fans, with no plans to leave any time soon.

Pete has since retired from We Energies, where he was the plant manager for the Port Washington power plant. Robin is retired from FIS, where she managed a tech support team for their business internet banking product. And that's why they're on the move, spending a lot of time camping and traveling. They were tent campers since before they were married, but have stepped up their game and are now proud Airstream owners. They enjoy trips to the Wisconsin Northwoods and Door County, as well as longer journeys. Last winter, Robin and Pete spent three months exploring the Gulf Coast from Texas to Florida. Their cats Emerald and Jack enjoy coming along, which is great because Pete and Robin are planning to spend most of this winter in Southern California.

Robin and Pete have two children: Ryan, 29, is a project engineer for Great Lakes Dredge and Dock and is currently working on a project in Galveston, TX, and Paige, 25, is a senior analyst for Nestlé Foods and is living in Alexandria, VA. It's not a problem having them so far away from home base, though – just more places to visit!

#### Fun Facts:

- That's a 10! To support Paige – and learn a new skill! – Pete became a synchronized swimming judge and was the only male judge in Wisconsin.
- Pete spoke German as a child, and Robin speaks a fair amount of Spanish; both languages have been useful in their travels. How handy!
- Robin attended a Lutheran elementary school and graduated with a class of eight.
- During their time with the navy, Pete spent 400+ days under water on a sub, while Robin had a variety of jobs, including working at a dog groomer, the naval shipyard, and Radio Shack.

## Poinsettia Orders

It's time to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. You can order a red or white poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, then you can take them home to decorate. Sign up in the Gathering Space. **December 11<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to order.**

## St. John's Veteran's Group

Our next St. John's Vet's Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at St. John's Church. We encourage both St. John's members and friends to attend!

## Called to Serve

### Readers

#### **(8:00 Service)**

11/6 Ariana Reinemann  
11/13 Lee Anne Runnells  
11/20 Eileen Mack  
11/27 Dave Williams

#### **(9:45 Service)**

11/6 Reuben Heidtke  
11/13 Scott DeChant  
11/20 Susan Heidtke  
11/27 Jackie Gauger

### Ushers

#### **(8:00 Service)**

11/6 Brennan Family  
11/13 Joel Heidtke  
11/20 Skip Bartelt  
11/27 Dave Williams

#### **(9:45 Service)**

11/6 Keith Heidtke  
11/13 Judy Henrichs  
11/20 Jim Kurtz  
11/27 Duane Plath

## November Anniversaries!

Nov. 4 Peter & Tracey Jackson – 33 years  
Nov. 9 Todd & Nicole Seatz – 21 years  
Nov. 10 Randy & Sharon Adametz – 32 years  
Nov. 12 Pete & Robin Kutzora – 34 years  
Nov. 15 Chuck & Sandy Turbin – 36 years  
Nov. 28 David & Linda McFadden – 63 years

## **November Birthdays!**

Nov. 1 Meghan Dechant  
Lucas Lemberger  
Gale Loehrl  
Nov. 2 Kelsey Lisko  
Nov. 3 Linda Grosser  
Nov. 4 Mackenzie Owens



## November Birthdays Continued

Nov. 5 Natalie Frank  
Logan Lemberger  
Bob Pietenpol  
Nov. 7 Dave Robel  
Ava Warren  
Nov. 8 Chuck Campbell  
Cindy Uhlig  
Nov. 9 Cindi Hanks  
Nov. 10 Alan Christianson  
Nov. 12 Ava Rauen  
Nov. 13 Tim Brice  
Scott Kinter  
Nov. 15 Bob Luce  
Nolan Mickie  
Bryan Scheunemann  
Nov. 17 Chad Dhein  
Wendy Heidtke  
Jenny Ziemer  
Nov. 18 Marion Holcomb  
Don Roth  
Carrie Warren  
Nov. 19 Kaden Kasubaski  
Cheryl Roth  
Nov. 20 Perry Benz  
Kandee Heidtke  
Paige Kutzora  
Nov. 21 Eric Hollister  
Josie Trick  
Nov. 23 Dan Johnson  
Rick Tomaz  
Nov. 24 Ken Hansen  
Greg Siegert  
Carol Heider  
Jack Apel  
Nov. 25 Roger Lamberg  
Nov. 27 Gordon Kraemer  
Brittany Rathke  
Nov. 28 Sommer Strnad  
Nov. 30 Ron Dhein

If we missed your special day please let us know.

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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

