

May 2023 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Co-Workers in the Gospel,

"Behold, I am making all things new!" is one of those powerful claims in Revelation 21 (where John gives us a glimpse of heaven and of God's reign.) He pairs that with this command *"Write this! For these words are trustworthy and true!"* For us, the command might be: *Pay attention to this and don't forget!*

We as persons and we as church are always being made new! Baptism makes us new everyday, and renews us for living and serving. The Spirit is always renewing us as church, wiping away the 'cobwebs', throwing open the windows to fresh ideas, and pushing us to leave behind the things that aren't 'working' any longer!

We're needing to do some new things in the area of staffing. Wendy Wolf, our dedicated Office Manager for the past 8 years, is going to step down this summer. And our Youth Ministry Interns-Kassidy Bohling and Michael Novotny-are moving on in life to other callings later in the summer! Thanks to all three of you for serving faithfully and well!

So our Church Council and I are imagining what to do next! And we're asking questions like: "Do we keep the Office Manager's work (secretarial and bookkeeping) in one position? Or might that be split between two persons? Do we create a new position for "Communications?" (Devoting more attention to website, social media, etc.) And with our youth ministry, do we try again to find a part-time Youth Minister? Or Youth/Family Minister? (We experimented with such a position a few years ago.) But a deeper question is: how dedicated are we as a congregation, as families, as students to this whole enterprise we call "youth ministry"? What are the needs and interests and possibilities not just within the congregation, but in the community?

This is where we'll welcome your input, much prayer, and new ideas! Plus, if any of you (or if you know of anyone) who might be the right fit (and for whom it might be the right time!) for one of these positions, please speak up! Office managers and youth ministers are in demand, and last time I checked, they did not grow on trees! I am thankful that we have the resources to staff St. John's well. Let's also imagine staffing for the new things God is doing!

-Pastor Paul

Drive-in Worship? Drive-in worship has been very popular the past three summers, and we'll offer that again on Saturdays at 5pm as soon as we get some nice weather! Watch for the weekend email updates or check the church answering machine!

St. John's Weekend at Crossways Village Camp! We're looking for families, singles, couples, grandparents, who will join us June 23-25 for a great weekend at a great place! Camp has comfortable beds and bunks and showers; great food; a lake for swimming and fishing; and space for a refreshing time to be away! *Camp is also seeking to hire more young adults for summer staff! Several of us can testify that it's the best summer job available!*

One of our members has gotten involved with a Waukesha Food Pantry "Friends With Food", who are making a difference in the lives of food-insecure people and families. One of the things they do as a fund raiser is to staff a concession stand at Brewer's games. *If anyone 18+ would want to volunteer, we have available dates you could sign up for. You get a t-shirt or hat, a meal, free parking, and the joy of making a difference! Ask Wendy or Pastor for more info.*

March 2023 - Year to Date

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 57,635

Expenses: \$ 54,198

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

+YTD Building & Grounds Fund:

Receipts: \$ 8,970 Expenses: \$ 8,500

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 1,197 Goal for 2023: \$6,000

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 4,998 Goal for 2023: \$15,000

+YTD Good Samaritan

\$ 2,005 Goal for 2023: \$8000



Youth Plant Certificates

Our youth group will be selling plant certificates to Groth's Country Gardens for a spring fundraiser. Certificates are \$10 and will be sold after services. Start thinking warm planting weather!

St. John's Veteran's Group

Our next St. John's Vet's Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at 9:00am at St. John's Church. We encourage both St. John's members and friends to attend our meetings. This is a great way to get together and share our experiences with other Veterans'.

Confirmation Day is May 21

Ariana Reinemann, Ava Rauen, Kaden Kasubaski, Kierta Siegert, Louis Ayers, Mackenzie Staver, Natalie Frank, and Will Strnad are affirming their faith. On Wednesday May 17th at 7:00 we ask you to come and engage them in conversation about their faith and their role in the life and mission of the church!



Sunday School Families - Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars for a few upcoming dates. Christy Abt, our Sunday School Coordinator is planning some outings! Saturday, May 6th at 10 am (weather permitting) we'll be heading to Hickory Lane Park in Jackson. Come join us for fun at the playground and meet other families. We'll look for an indoor option if it rains. May 21st - Last day of Sunday School and Confirmation, June 10th -10 am meeting at Pike Lake for a hike.

Congratulations to Aaron Reid on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout! His "Honor Court" happens on May 7 at Lutheran Church of the Living Christ (where his Troop is based!) Keep up the good work and the good serving!

Lakeshore Chinooks Baseball Game!

We're planning a Chinooks baseball game outing! Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 30th at 1:00pm. Reserved tickets are \$12. We'll purchase the tickets and you can talk to Wendy Wolf if you'd like to attend. The promotions for that day are a Chopper Mascot Bobblehead, Chinooks Helicopter Jersey Auction, and Military & Veterans Appreciation, (free game ticket for a future game).

Ruth Circle Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who donated items or money for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits during lent. We were able to assemble 30 kits. Ruth Circle collects items all year long. Kits and quilts are shipped in October.

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: Skip & Laura Bartelt

Living up to its name, high fives and ★★★★★ for the Roadside Inn at Lake Five! Its charming ambiance and Skip's charm in general led Laura to agree to a date with him the second time he asked, six months after they first met at the Inn in May 1980 while dancing together there. They got hitched in 1983, bought Laura's grandparents' duplex in Milwaukee in 1984, and built their current house in Hubertus in 1990.



Reading loads of books from the Mill Road Library, ice skating at Noyes Park, and hanging out at Northridge Mall filled Laura's time during her growing-up years on Milwaukee's northwest side. Most summer weekends were with grandparents at Okauchee Lake and Lake 12, leading to her love of the outdoors, lakes, turtles, and swimming. Laura's musical talent began to shine in her youth: playing organ at age 9, violin at age 13, and a member of the Milwaukee Youth Symphony; she has been a member of the Kettle Moraine Symphony for 30 years. A part-time job as a bank teller led to a degree in finance from UWM, and then as a commercial lender for several area banks until becoming a stay-at-home mom to her and Skip's kids Katie and Danny. Treasurer for St. John's for 23 years and director of lay ministries for five, along with substitute teacher, library aide, and bookkeeper for Friess Lake School District fulfilled her love of the church, math, and learning until she retired last December to begin a new career as grandma/babysitter to Isla.

Skip grew up in Brookfield, where he enjoyed working on all things mechanical with his dad and restoring old vehicles with his buddies, calling themselves "The Bondo Brothers." Summer vacations found Skip in the Medford area visiting cousins on the farm where his dad grew up. Spending lots of time with his grandparents who lived next to Aero Park Airport in Menomonee Falls led him to building and flying RC model airplanes. Skip has an associate degree in industrial machine maintenance from WCTC. His career took him from Briggs & Stratton as a pieceworker to Strattec Security Corporation to serve his apprenticeship. After a long career there as a journeyman industrial machine repairman, he ended as maintenance supervisor, retiring in 2022. Skip has also worked part time driving a milk truck for his buddy, and loves to help out with equipment repairs at the Ziemer family farm and misc. projects around church.

Dancing together through work and now lots of play, Skip's and Laura's complementary senses of humor and riffing off each other are good enough for a comedy club. Coming soon to the next St. John's Talent Show! ...

Fun Facts:

- Laura was baptized in her best-friend LuAnn's bedroom! (LuAnn's family bought the building originally used by a church and converted it back into a three-bedroom home.)
- Skip volunteered as the Zamboni mechanic at the Kettle Moraine Ice Center while Katie was taking figure skating lessons there, but he never learned to drive it (the ice skated past that potential disaster! ba-dum-tss).

Communion Cleanup Help Needed!

We are in need of help to cleanup communion after the 9:45 service. It will only take 5-10 minutes of your time and maybe once a month. Please contact Barb Pueringer 262-255-1479.

Culver's Fundraiser?

Culver's does fund raising events and one of our students that works at Culvers thought it would be a great idea for St. John's to think about! Would anyone be willing to organize this event? We could fundraise for our Youth Group, Good Samaritan Fund, or some other fund! Talk to Wendy or Pastor if you might be able to help out!

Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

5/7 Laura Bartelt
5/14 Jake Williams
5/21 Pam Carter
5/28 Kim Guslick

(9:45 Service)

5/7 Reuben Heidtke
5/14 Sarah Murray
5/21 Confirmation Student
5/28 Susan Heidtke

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

5/7 Skip Bartelt/Staci Bohling
5/14 Jake & Dave Williams
5/21 Tim Kiernan/Joel Wolf

5/28 Paul Stahl, LeeAnne Runnells

(9:45 Service)

5/7 Keith Heidtke
5/14 George/Joe Liberatore
5/21 Duane Plath
Dave Williams
5/28 Jim Kurtz

Communion Assistants

5/7 Laura Bartelt/Staci Bohling	5/7 Jim & Laura Hahn
5/14 Brennan Family	5/14 Dianne Liberatore Amanda Reinemann
5/21 Jenny Brandt/Joel Wolf	5/21 Confirmation Students
5/28 Darleen Wanta/Sandy Lippold	5/28 Duane Plath Jamie Reidy

In Memoriam

Arliss Steffen – April 6, 2023

May Anniversaries!

May 6	Roger & Kathy Hansen, 51 years
May 7	Ed & Donna Dahly, 16 years
May 8	Gerald & Darleen Wanta, 24 years
May 20	Kevin & Melanie Gierach, 17 years Jesse & Dawn Seltrecht, 23 years
May 21	Randy & Susan Hollister, 29 years
May 24	Bob & Kelly Luce, 37 years
May 25	Johnathan & Danielle Friess, 10 years
May 27	Gordon & Karen Kraemer, 56 years
May 29	Sean & Lisa Brennan, 24 years
May 31	David & Jessica Frank, 20 years

If we missed your special day please let us know.

May Birthdays!

May 2	Dan Bartelt
May 3	Steve Hanke Lexi Dyson
May 4	Val Heidtke Darleen Wanta
May 6	Lee Anne Runnells
May 7	Ann Glorioso Sharon Ziemer Steve Korneli Christy Abt Delilah Hauser
May 9	Romelle Worth Darrel Counard Laura Scheunemann Kassi Wolf Veda Inchaurregui
May 10	Doug Sharpley Ava Moeller
May 12	Will Strnad
May 13	John Dyson Allegra Groth
May 15	Ellen DeVoe Laura Bartelt Abigail Dalton Kassidy Bohling
May 16	Eduardo Inchaurregui
May 17	Michelle Schneider Noah Abt
May 18	Jenny Brandt Rich Uhlig
May 19	Sue Kerr
May 20	Linda Susnik
May 21	Pam Stahl Josh Kasubaski
May 22	Eric Olafsson
May 23	Scott Adams Jake Brennan
May 25	Cheryl Toll
May 26	Greg Grosser
May 27	Heidi Hellesen Jessica Eisenhauer
May 28	Ray Fischer Sean Brennan
May 31	Greg Canard Scott Trick

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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

