

Messenger

St. John's Lutheran Church, Gillett, WI

April 2022



April 6	6:00p	Lent Supper
April 6	7:00p	Lent Service
Apr 14	12:00p	Maundy Thursday Service
Apr 14	7:00p	Maundy Thursday Service
April 15	Noon	Good Friday Crosswalk (starts in Gillett High School parking lot)
Apr 15	7:00p	Good Friday Service
Apr 17	6:30a	Sunrise Easter Sunday Service
Apr 17	7:30a	Easter Breakfast
Apr 17	9:30a	Easter Sunday Service

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Serving God,
His Church,
His People...
Around the Clock!



Prayer List

Be sure to call the church office if you would like a pastoral visit.

Dick Block	Lorraine Giese	Jean Farley
Reuben Mikle	Bob & Dorothy	Debbie Kroening
Sharon Raatz	McDowell	Powley
Jon Simpson	Jean J. Ruege	Sarah Nelson
Gary Friedman	Lorraine Gentz	Bonnie Juza
Jean E. Ruege	Gerri Hansen	Shane Bridges
Bill Pecha	Cynthia Bourgeois	Lori Skarban
Bill Rusch	Sharon Meisner	Sobiesczyk
Carolyn Block	Rick Wollin	Lori Schultz
Dale Coopman	Connie Dahlstrom	Luke Beard
Bob Schindel	Linda McGraw	

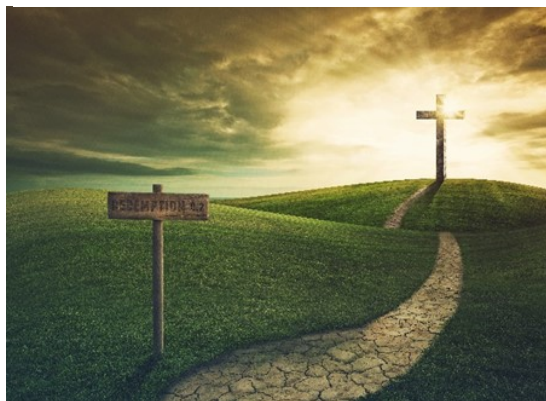
To be put on the prayer list in the bulletin or newsletter, or to start the prayer chain, we need the consent of the person in need of prayer. If you know someone who could use prayer, a call, or a visit, please get their consent before letting the office know. Their name will not be put into our publications unless they agree to it. This is the same policy for pastoral calls & visits. **If someone on the list has had prayers answered, please let us know so we can take their name off of the list and give a praise report of the answered prayer!** Thank you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Redeemed

By the end of this month, we will have journeyed with our Lord to the Cross and heard the witness of the Resurrection. The voices of the early disciples and the message carried out by the Apostles that call us out in apostleship to share the Good News into the world.

The message of the world is often centered on the fact that we are not good enough, but the message of Christ is different. Our Lord knows that we are not good enough and has provided a path in order to offer us Redemption.



"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."

Ephesians 1:7–10, ESV

there that we lay down our sins daily and die.

The greatest struggle that we face is that such an act continues to be necessary. Yet, that is the Truth in which we live. The glory road is not so glorious as we walk it today.

This is not a work that we are meant to do, nor are we able to do it on our own. It has been done for us on the Cross. The path to Redemption does not lead us to an empty tomb but to that Cross on which our sins were lain. Until we are called to our eternal home, we always see that Cross before us, and it is

It is full of pitfalls and difficulty because there is one who wishes that we give up and quit. That voice that continually says, "You are not good enough. Why would God love you? Did God really say....? Work harder and earn your way!"

Don't trust the lie, but cling to the promise. We are never left to our own devices, and our Lord is always near to us in times of struggle. To Him, we give all the praise and honor and our lives are lived to His glory. Together we can say, "He is Risen!"

Pastor Chris Byars

COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Chris, Tracy Ondik, Wayne Wenzel, Miles Winkler, Marilyn Reichwald, Kurt Hicks, Clara Luther, Penny Gerhartz, and Bill Block

1. Call to order by Miles
2. Devotions: Miles
3. Approve the Agenda Tracy/Clara/MSC
4. Communications from attendees and correspondence - none
5. Secretaries report - motion to approve with correction that treasurers report was approved
6. Treasurer's report - Wayne/Tracy M/S/C
7. President's report - don't have
8. Pastor's report - reviewed attached report
9. Team organization items for council action - None
10. Unfinished business
 - a. Safety plan - Kurt will make door stop, Kurt and Tracy will pick a date for evacuation event, to be approved by the council
 - b. Worship service at the fair - was discussed with no action taken at this time
11. New Business
 - a. Upcoming events - we entered into a discussion about the Easter breakfast, council will serve at the sunrise service, confirmation class will work at serving at the tables

b. Discuss children's youth and family ministry position. Tracy felt we should talk to Vern Dahlstrom and Nancy Stark to ask how the program worked in prior years.

c. Would hope that the position of director would be self-containing at some point.

12. Miscellaneous

a. Discussed war in Ukraine and how we could help

13 Communication from the Council: is there anything discussed at this meeting (dates, decisions, information, etc), that needs to be told to someone outside of the council.

a. Card to be sent to Lloyd for years of service

b. See if Jane can coordinate Easter Breakfast

14. Next meeting date is April 20, 2022

15. Devotions - Tracy

16. Motion to adjourn by Clara/Wayne M/S/C

Submitted by Kurt Hicks, Secretary

CEMETERY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE CEMETERY AND TAKEN HOME BY MAY 1

Please watch Facebook & WLUK Fox 11 for any cancellations due to weather.

To keep up-to-date with our calendar, you can view it online by visiting our website: clockchurch.org and clicking on the "calendar" tab on the top of the site.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH TEAM

March 1 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Lisa Anderson, Jessica Arndt, Dawn Byars, Jane Frederick, Penny Gerhartz, Laura Koenig, Helen Lisowe, Nancy Stark and Sheri Wenzel.

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Stark with a prayer.
Secretary's Report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Correspondence: Numerous thank yous from Christmas gifts were read.

Old Business:

1.Christmas flowers instead of plants were well received.

New Business:

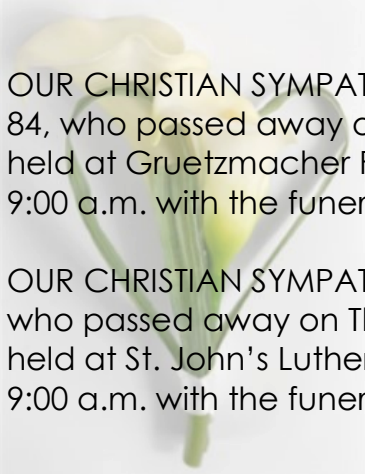
1.We will serve lunch for Soup & Scripture on March 9th. Plan to serve 40-50.

2.Discussed Spring Retreat at Forest Springs in April.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

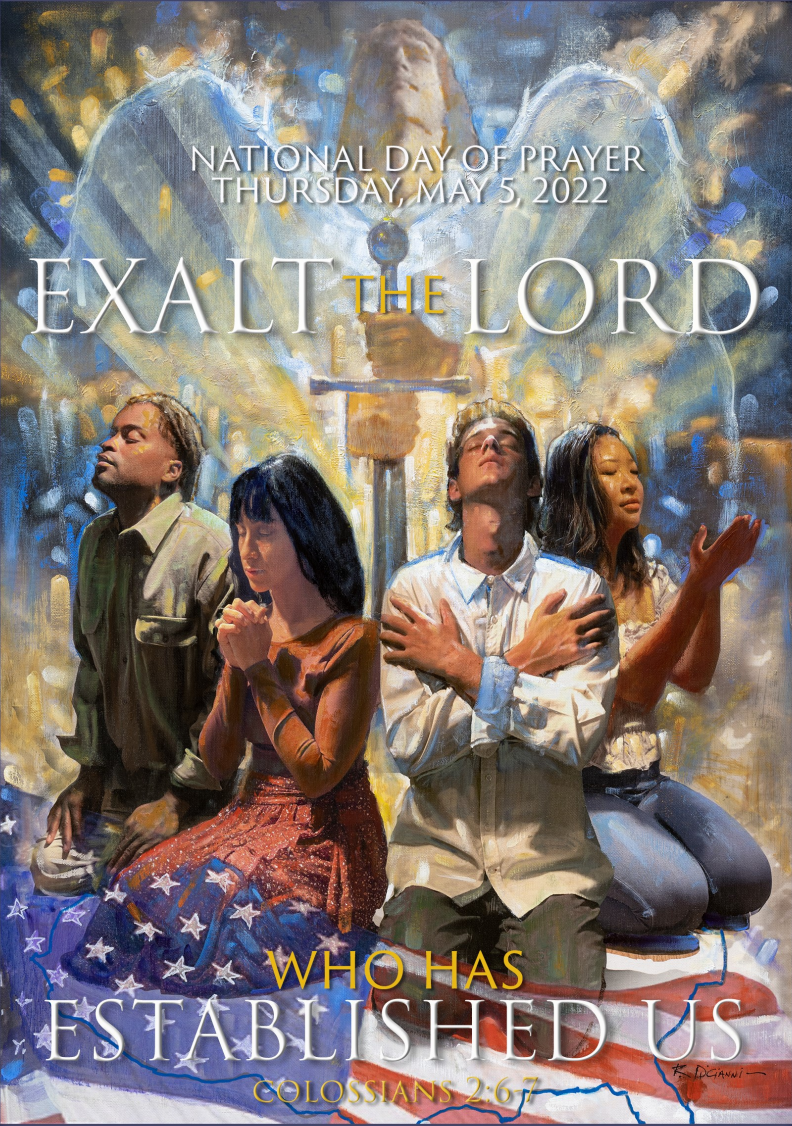
Next Meeting: April 5 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Helen Lisowe, sec.



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Caroline Lisowe, 84, who passed away on Sunday, March 6. Visitation will be held at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home on Friday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m. with the funeral service at 11:00 a.m.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Lillian Lintner, 91, who passed away on Thursday, March 17. Visitation will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m. with the funeral service at 11:00 a.m.



National Day of Prayer
May 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Zippel Park, Gillett, WI

MISSION TEAM

March 9 | Time: 9:30 a.m.

Present: Mel Reichwald, Ken Butzin, Pastor Chris, Bob Schindel, Penny Gerhartz, Jerry Luther, Wayne Wenzel, Sheri Wenzel

Old Business: Penny Gerhartz Mission Trip: \$915

Tartu House of Hope: \$535

We collected \$1,073 for the CP Telethon!!! We surpassed our goal of \$1,000! Jerry called it in during a Bellin match time, so that doubled our giving to \$2,146!!

Thank you all who made this possible!! May God bless you all.

New Business: Bob talked to us about a mission that he supports in Uganda. It is called the Ark of Destiny. We asked him to give us more information before we could consider this mission.

We also talked about Ukraine. We decided the problems there are not going to go away so we'll wait until later in the year to do a collection for them.

April Mission of the month is the Care Share Food Pantry. On Sunday, April 10, we will be collecting for Ukraine.

Next Meeting: April 13 | Time: 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Sheri Wenzel

April's Items of the Month for the Care Share Food Pantry:

cereal (hot or cold), powdered milk



WORSHIP TEAM

March 7 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Sharon Simpson, Lisa Anderson, Jan Ruege, Laura Koenig

Pastor Chris

Lisa opened with prayer.

Items discussed:

April worship assistant schedule is mostly filled, we need help for Maundy Thursday @ noon

Easter lilies will be set up the day before Easter.

We will soon be offering Altar Guild Training - we need helpers! More info coming soon.

Confirmation students will be leading the Good Friday Service

5th Sundays: youth led service

New banners: to keep up year round, looking at different types

Talked about possibly resizing the connection cards

VBS meeting: March 16, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Monday, April 4 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Laura Koenig

PROPERTY & CEMETERY TEAM

March 9 | Time: 8:30 a.m.

Present: Claire Hertwig, Gary Lisowe, Darrell Ruege

- The carpet in the Fellowship Hall will be cleaned on Tuesday, April 12 by Asher's Janitorial
- The Caloma American Legion has asked to install an American flag and pole at our cemetery. It is to be shared with the Catholic cemetery and installed on property line between the cemeteries. Cost is \$200 each church.

Next Meeting: April 13 | Time: 8:30 a.m.

Submitted by Darrell Ruege

STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM TEAM

March 7 | Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present: Keri Hicks, Kurt Hicks, Jerry Luther, Ruth Milhans,
Pastor Chris

OLD BUSINESS:

We proof read through the church directory

Discussed that at the All-Team Gathering, there didn't seem to be much interest in starting up a Men's Fellowship or Study Group. We decided to have Kurt do research for resources and talk it up with the hope of starting one up in fall. The March 20th Benefit for Penny's Missionary Trip was decided to set up in the church basement March 19th at 9:00 am, sell tickets for bucket raffles and 50/50 from 9:00 am-noon on Sunday, March 20th. Announce in church on March 13th that they can still bring bucket for the raffle in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Start sending thank you cards for visitors and outsiders who give monetary gifts. Jerry asked Judy Winkler to write and send these cards. Rachel will need to call Judy to let her know who she needs to send them to.

Visitation teams was talked about, wanting every shut in to have more than one person who goes to visit them.

Pastor will ask Mark Mortell about getting access to the digital copies and that we will order an extra eleven copies at \$16.99. Those copies will be available for members who did not have their pictures taken to purchase for \$17 and the other overruns will be for prospective new members.

Next Meeting: April 4 | Time: 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Keri Hicks

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

April 3

9:30 a.m.

Usher/Greet
Read
Communion
Acolyte

Victor Loberger, Clara Luther, Laura Koenig
Laurie Penkivich
Laurie Penkivich, Jim Wicker, Laura Koenig
Bailey Peterson

April 6

7:00 p.m. (Lent Service)

Usher/Greet
Acolyte

Nancy Stark, Jane Frederick

April 10

9:30 a.m.

Usher/Greet
Read
Acolyte

Al & Pearl Czechan & family
Jessica Peterson
Dakota Friedman

April 14

12:00 p.m. (Maundy Thursday Service)

Usher/Greet
Read
Communion
Acolyte

Rachel Knueppel
Rachel Knueppel
Rachel Knueppel, Jim Wicker, Ramona Genke
Rachel Knueppel

April 14

7:00 p.m. (Maundy Thursday Service)

Usher/Greet
Read
Communion
Acolyte

Erik & Rachel Knueppel
Heidi Schindel
Heidi Schindel, Erik & Rachel Knueppel
Rachel Knueppel

April 15

7:00 p.m. (Good Friday Service)

Usher/Greet
Acolyte

Dan Brown, Confirmation students
Nathaniel Byars

April 17

6:30 a.m.

Usher/Greet
Read
Communion
Acolyte

Wayne & Sheri Wenzel
Sheri Wenzel
Sheri Wenzel, Laura Koenig

April 17

9:30 a.m.

Usher/Greet
Read
Communion
Acolyte

Miles & Donna Winkler, Mel Reichwald
Mel Reichwald
Miles Winkler, Mel Reichwald, Jim Wicker
Trystan Kirchner

April 24

9:30 a.m.

Usher/Greet
Read
Acolyte

Kurt & Keri Hicks
Doug Yahnke

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

May 1	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet	Jon & Sharon Simpson, Laura Koenig
Read	Laurie Penkivich
Communion	Jon Simpson, Jim Wicker, Laurie Penkivich, Isabella Ondik
Acolyte	Isabella Ondik
May 8	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet	Bill & Laurel Block, Darrell & Jan Ruege
Read	Doug Yahnke
Acolyte	
May 15	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet	Wayne & Sher Wenzel, Linda Bublitz
Read	Elaine Hertwig
Communion	Sheri Wenzel, Jim Wicker
Acolyte	
May 22	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet	Kurt & Keri Hicks
Read	Mel Reichwald
Acolyte	
May 29	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet	Worship Team
Read	Sydney Anderson
Acolyte	

SPECIAL DATES

Holy Week, April 10-17
 Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10
 Maundy Thursday, April 14
 Good Friday, April 15
 Easter Sunday, April 17

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Checking

Beginning Balance (2/14/2022)	\$29,456.86
Deposits	\$11,494.10
Expenses	- \$7,515.69
Ending Balance (2/28/2022)	\$33,435.27

LOOKING AHEAD

May 3	7:00p	Women's Bible Study: Galatians starts
May 5	8:00a	National Day of Prayer
May 11	3:30;	Last Day of Confirmation Class: Pizza Party
May 15		Stepping Stones Sunday
May 24	6:30p	All-Team Meeting
Jun 10	9:30a	Special Speaker from Food for the Poor
Jul 18-22	5:30p	VBS!
Jul 24	9:30a	Church Picnic
Aug 14-16		Confirmation Camp at Camp Luther

VBS has been scheduled for July 18-22 and all ages are invited to attend! You can sign up your child online by clicking the Zoomerang logo on our website: www.clockchurch.org We are also looking for a few volunteers. You

can sign up to volunteer on our website as well!



EASTER DONATIONS 2022

Order deadline is **Sunday, April 3**

Flower:	Color Option:	Price:	
Mums	Yellow	\$22.00	
Kalanchoes	Pink, Yellow, Red	\$22.00	
Tulips	Pink, Yellow, Red	\$22.00	
Lilies		\$22.00	
Palm Branches		\$.50 each	

(need approximately 125)

Do you plan on:

___ Taking plant(s) home
 ___ Leaving for display

Plant Type	Color	Number	Price	In Memory/Honor of:
Total \$:				
Given by:				

When writing checks, please make them out to **St. John's Lutheran Church** and write either **bulletins** or **flowers** in the memo line.

About twenty years ago, when Wayne Strei started playing here at St. John's, the congregation purchased an electric piano as a companion instrument to the church's pipe organ. As with almost everything, many changes have been made through the years and it is time to replace this instrument with a new model. We can still use the electric piano we have but would be so much better served with a new instrument.

We have chosen a Clavinova Model CVP-805 which will meet our needs for many years to come. Heid Music offers amazing discounts to churches and schools so we can purchase it for \$6,500.

CVP-805

Featuring the Genos Sound Engine for outstanding playing response, the Grand Touch keyboard with escapement and with synthetic ebony and ivory keytops for classic piano touch, the CVP-805 offers extremely high-quality piano performance.



WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

A Musical Celebration
for Easter

St. John's Lutheran Church
"The Clock Church"
101 W. Main St. Gillett, WI

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

There is no charge for admission but
a free-will offering will be accepted.

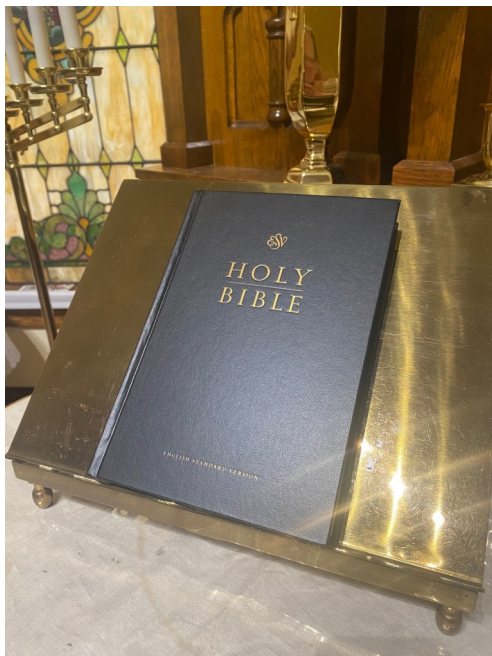
A dessert reception will
follow each performance.
St. John's Lutheran Church is
handicapped-accessible to all.



THANK YOU

- ◆ Thank you to the members of St. John's Lutheran Church that helped at our father's funeral on February 11, 2022. Also a big thank you to all who donated food. Everything was delicious. - Jan Tietyen & Jill Tietyen Tranetzke
- ◆ Friends of Tartu Academy, We are thankful for you and your commitments to Tartu Academy of Theology in 2021. Please know that your gifts and prayers continue to make it possible to TAT to continue in effective ministry in raising up new servants for the Lutheran Church and in providing services for the community. In Christ, Bob & Patti Nordvall and Simon Haamar
- ◆ Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Simply put, Spiritual Orphans Network (SON) could not do the work set before us without partners in the Gospel like you. - Pastor David R. Breidenbach

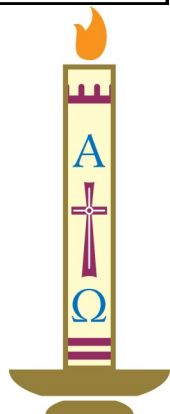
Thank you to the family and friends of Jeff Winkler who donated memorial pew Bibles in his memory. The Bibles were dedicated on Sunday, March 6 and have already been in use during Sunday and Wednesday Lent services.



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

PASCHAL CANDLE

This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.



MEMORIAL LIST

Replace Electronic Piano: approx. \$6,500

Replace altar cloths

Reblack parking lot: approx. \$85,000

Banners for church, approx. \$100/each

Safety & Security upgrades to facilities (doors, glass security film, etc.)

L.A.C.E. Endowment Fund

Carillon (new unit): \$6,500-15,000

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)

Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE																									
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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“As a looks after his
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H X Z G G V I V W U O L X P S V

 them, so will I after my .
D R G S O L L P H S V V K

I will them and them.
I V H X F V K Z H G F I V

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H V Z I X S O L H G

the . I will up the .
H G I Z B H Y R M W R M Q F I V W

and the . You are my
H G I V M T G S V M D V Z P

 ... and I am your .”
H S V V K T L W



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God

- 1 Gary Pemrich
 3 Marilyn Reichwald
 4 Annette Dahlstrom,
 Shawn Luther,
 Zach Runge
 5 Robert McDowell,
 Michele Sherman,
 Laura Luther
 6 Dick Block, Brandon Peterson
 7 Julie Richert
 8 Roy Rhode, Thomas Carlson
 9 Katie Jackson, Wayne Strei
 10 Jim Schmidt, Mel Kneuppel
 14 Allissa Stanek
 15 Angel LaCrosse, Tara Wollin, Martin Patzer
 16 Brett Zahn
 17 Judy Wagner
 18 Lorraine Giese, Todd Carlson
 19 Clifton Peterson
 20 Nancy Stark
 21 Beverly Blom, Sharon Simpson, Wanda Nienstedt,
 Landon Friedman
 23 Kurt Hicks, Treyson Jenkins
 24 Judi Freitag, Bill Rusch, Diana Rueckert
 26 Jane Frederick, Troy Sherman, Austin Wright
 28 Dan Schmidt
 29 Ruth Milhans, Sarah Loberger



Date	Years
14 Ryan & Jenny Friedman	15
18 Al & Elizabeth Beilfuss	52
28 Eric & Lisa Anderson	15
28 Edward & Sydnie Patzer	4

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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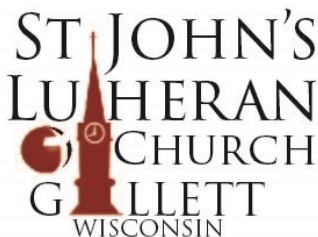
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* Also, if you click Subscribe on YouTube or Like on Facebook you will get notifications of all live streams or videos posted. If you need help finding anything, please stop in or call the office.



If you'd like to donate to St. John's online, please scan the QR code and it will bring you to our online giving site! Thank you!



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