Messenger

St. John's Lutheran Church, Gillett, WI

July 2022

July 18-22, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Kids of **ALL** ages are invited!
VBS is a great place to make friends, make crafts, play games, eat great snacks, and best of all: learn about Jesus!!

You can sign up online by visiting our website: clockchurch.org or by scanning the QR code. Paper forms are also available on request.

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
Reuben Mikle
Sharon Raatz
Gary Friedman
Jean E. Ruege
Bill Pecha
Carolyn Block
Dale Coopman
Bob Schindel
Lorraine Giese
Bob & Dorothy McDowell
Jean J. Ruege
Lorraine Gentz
Merlin Lintner
Gerri Hansen
Cynthy Bourgeois
Ben Britenfeldt
Terry Umentum
Jamie Bratz
Amber Williams
Sharon Meisner
Rick Wollin
Connie Dahlstrom
Linda McGraw
Jean Farley
Sarah Nelson
Bonnie Juza
Shane Bridges
Lori Skarban Sobiesczyk
Lori Schultz
Luke Beard

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

Midsommer has passed, and we are moving into the Autumn, yet there is still so much to enjoy as we look forward to VBS and the Church Picnic. We celebrate the birth of our nation, and the cry for freedom rings out! So, it is with us in the faith. We cry out and know that our cries are heard. Not because we deserve to be heard, but because our Lord promises to hear us! Prayer is the common call on the hearts of all nations. It is not unique to Christians, but our prayers are meant to be unique. As we pray to God, we pray not because we need to appease God, but we pray as those in a personal relationship, like a child to their father.

As we come up on the celebration of our nation's independence, let us take a moment to pray for the brokenness that we see each night on our news. The violence and division seem to be increasing. Let us pray for the calming of anger that is simmering below the surface. We see the absurdity of many of the movements that are moving not only away from biblical principles but seem to move away from basic principles of Biology and Science in lieu of a popular movement of licentiousness.

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD! May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

Psalm 134, ESV

As we pray, we are not to pray against anyone, but we pray for hearts to turn to Christ and move away from all that is contrary to God. In this season of celebration, let us not be stirred to division, but realize the great gift we have been given in our nation. Let us celebrate the freedom we have to worship and honor God and do so openly in the public.

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Let our prayers be open and verbal. Our nation is definitely sick and the sickness is much more visible as the cancer of godlessness is showing through the cracks. Our children need to know the love of our Lord and we are the ones who bring it out into the world. We are the soldiers of God marching on our knees with our hands folded and heads bowed as we pray for God's light to shine in. Let us pray for our leaders and seek to raise up godly men and women to become future leaders in our communities and our nation. Until our Lord comes again, let us be a beacon in the darkness and shine out His light. Let us pray for the restoration of our nation and our world and to Christ be all the glory.

Pastor Chris Byars

COUNCIL MINUTES

The council will not meet until June 29 so their minutes will printed in next month's newsletter.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Jul 4	2:00p	OFFICE IS CLOSED: Independence Day Come see our float in the parade!
Jul 10	9:30a	Special Speaker from Food for the Poor
Jul 13	6:00p	Summer, Supper & Sing
Jul 18-22	5:30p	VBS!
Jul 24	9:30a	Church Picnic
Jul 31	9:30a	Youth Led Sunday
Jul 31	10:30a	Confirmation Parent Mtg
Aug 4		Lifeline Screening
Aug 7	10:30a	Sunday School Teacher Mtg
Aug 9	6:30p	All Team Mtg
Aug 10	6:00p	Summer, Supper & Sing
Aug 14-16		Confirmation Camp at Camp Luther
Aug 27		Packing for Orphan Grain Train
Sep 5		LABOR DAY: OFFICE IS CLOSED
Sep 11		Rally Day
Sep 18	8:30a	Sunday School starts
Sep 25		Harvest Focus Workshop with Bill Moberly

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY TEAM

June 14 | Time: 6:00 p.m.
Present: Chris Byars, Dawn Byars, Rachel Knueppel, Erik Knueppel, Sydnie Patzer, Heidi Wage

- Pastor showed a logo he had created for our Team
- Scheduled Rally Day for Sunday, September 11
- Scheduled Confirmation Parents' Meeting for July 31 after church service
- Scheduled Sunday School Teachers' Meeting for August 7 after church service
- Sunday, July 31 is another Youth-Led Sunday. Rachel will look into getting some special music together.
- Discussed upcoming Informational Meeting on June 26 for CYF Ministry Director position.
- Upcoming possible events:
  Kids' Event at our fair booth: possibly use an experiment from VBS, make a handout explaining the experiment on one side and church info/invite on the other, advertise on Thursday & Friday at the fair, event on Saturday at 1:00p Gillett will be holding a Fall Fest on Saturday, October 1 and we were asked to possibly have a table there, we were thinking of selling popcorn & hot cider, maybe sell out t-shirts with our new logo on them. Sydnie will look into making/buying shirts.
- Decided to use our church texting to remind people of dates for meetings

Next Meeting: July 6 | Time: 6:00 p.m.
Submitted by Rachel Knueppel

MISSION TEAM

June 8 | Time: 9:00 a.m.
Present: Ken Dalhe, Pastor Chris, Ken Butzin, Jerry Luther, Wayne Wenzel, Sheri Wenzel

Old business:
Abuse shelters of Shawano and Oconto Counties: $385
Tartu House of Hope: $1,330
Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Ken Dalhe gave us a much broader view of the work at City of Refuge in Honduras. We also brained stormed with him as how he could raise more funds to reach the goal of getting this welding school up and running. This welding school is just one of the things the City of Hope offer for education for the children in that area of Honduras. We hope we can get him back next year to keep us updated in this work.

New Business: July's mission of the month is: Food for the Poor. This organization serves the Caribbean countries. On Sunday July 10th, Pastor George Black will be here to tell us about this ministry.

Dates to remember: July 24th is the church picnic
Sunday July 3rd The mission team will have a short meeting following the service to plan for Pastor Black's visit.

Next Meeting: July 13 | Time: 9:00 a.m.
Submitted by Sheri Wenzel

<u>July's Items of the Month for the Care Share Food Pantry</u>:
dried pasta, pasta sauces, and cooking oils

WORSHIP TEAM

June 6 | Time: 6:00 p.m.
Present: Nancy Stark, Sharon Simpson, Jan Ruege, Pr. Chris Byars, Lisa Anderson

Old Business:

- Banners from Jeff Winkler Memorial will be up for June 19 dedication. Set up on Monday, June 13 at 10:00a
- Food for the Poor: July 10 , speaker Pr. George Black

New Business:

- Sign up for July 31 youth led service
- Alternative music options for 2nd Sundays during summer
- Church picnic potluck style on July 24 (same as last year)
- possible pavilion ideas

Item for council action: Possible pavilion ideas for events/ picnics in back

Next Meeting: Monday, July 11 | Time: 6:00 p.m.
Submitted by Nancy Stark

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If you have a Thrivent Action Team and don't know what to do with it, contact the office or Pastor Chris! There is so much going on at church these days, we always have a use for an Action Team.

STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM TEAM

June 6 | Time: 3:00 p.m.
Present: Pastor Chris Byars, Kurt Hicks, Jerry Luther, Ruth Milhans, Keri Hicks, Dawn Byars, Rachel Knueppel

Old Business

- Jerry will check with Shirley or Jon to see if one can pull the trailer for the parade
- Who will drive and pull the float?
- Float will display VBS theme and be of a coral reef
- Pastor Chris will look into Pocket Testaments with our church sticker on the back with VBS information to hand out. Kurt/Keri/MSC
- Ask Mel or Lloyd if we can assemble the float at his place on June 26 at 1:30p
- Advertise for walkers during the parade to hand out pocket testaments.

New Business

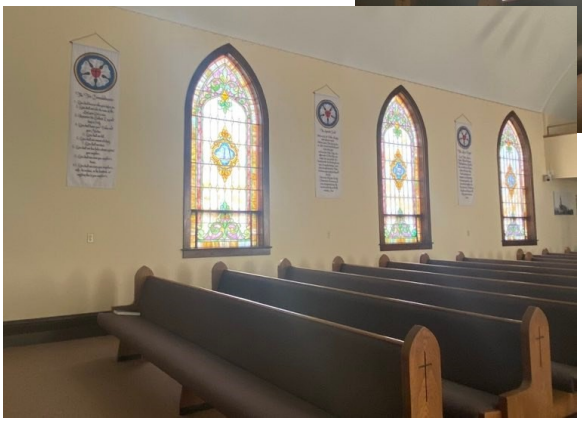
- Church picnic will be potluck. Kurt will ask Jordan Rank for donations of milk cartons and/or ice cream to the church picnic
- Next month we will write up an explanation of what the Stewardship & Evangelism Team does.

Next Meeting: Junly 11 | Time: 5:00 p.m.
Submitted by Keri Hicks

MEMORIALS REPORT

Thank you to the family of Jeff Winkler for donating money to the Christian Education Scholarship fund. They also donated ten banners to be used in decorating our church and celebrating special events. The banners were dedicated on Sunday, June 19. Thank you, Winkler Family, for your donation.

Pulpit side:
Baptism
Confession
Lord's Prayer



Lectern side:
Ten Commandments
Apostles Creed
Lord's Prayer

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

July 3	**9:30 a.m.**
Usher/Greet	Jon & Sharon Simpson, Laura Koenig
Read	Elaine Hertwig
Communion	Claire Hertwig, Jim Wicker, Jon Simpson
July 10	**9:30 a.m.**
Usher/Greet	Bill & Laurel Block, Darrell & Jan Ruege
Read	Nancy Stark
July 17	**9:30 a.m.**
Usher/Greet	Wayne & Sheri Wenzel, Linda Bublitz
Read	Elaine Hertwig
Communion	Jim Wicker, Sheri Wenzel, Claire Hertwig
July 24	**9:30 a.m.**
Usher/Greet	Kurt & Keri Hicks
Read	Mel Reichwald
July 31	**9:30 a.m.**
Usher/Greet	YOUTH LED SUNDAY
Read	

SPECIAL DATES

Canada Day, July 1
U.S. Independence Day, July 4

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Al Wilke, 96, who passed away on Saturday, June 18.
The funeral service was held at 1:00p.m. on Saturday, June 25 at St. John's.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

August 7	**9:30 a.m.**
Usher/Greet	Jr. & Sydnie Patzer, Jerry Luther, Clara Luther
Read	Amy Myrick
Communion	Jerry Luther, Jim Wicker, Amy Myrick
August 14	**9:30 a.m.**
Usher/Greet	Al & Pearl Czechan and family
Read	Jessica Peterson
August 21	**9:30 a.m.**
Usher/Greet	Jerry & Karen Winkler, Jerry & Val Wendt, Vern Dahlstrom
Read	Heidi Schindel
Communion	Jerry Winkler, Heidi Schindel, Jim Wicker
August 28	**9:30 a.m.**
Usher/Greet	Miles & Donna Winkler, Penny Gerhartz
Read	Doug Yahnke

Bible Quiz

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep
B. The Parable of the Lost Son
C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl
D. The Parable of the Lost Coin

Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)

SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT:

We had a brief update on the progress of the Safety Planning after church on June 12th. If you missed it we announced that we are planning a walk-through of the ingress/egress areas for folks attending events in church. A formal date has not yet been decided but you'll know it when you see it. We will do this walk-through on a Sunday during a service or thereabouts. Thank you all for your support and participation in this forward thinking.

Kurt & Tracy

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

It's that time of year to bring in your new or gently used items for the Orphan Grain Train.

Items needed:

Infant: clothes, cloth and disposable diapers, stuffed toys, baby wipes, sleepers, onesie, receiving blankets, blankets, new pacifiers & bottles.

Medical Equipment and Supplies: bandages & tapes, bed & bath linens, sheets (adult and crib sizes), disposable gowns and gloves, hospital beds (hand-crank with vinyl mattresses, prosthetic limbs, walkers, wheelchairs, crutches & canes, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, & otoscopes,

Drug store items: bath towel, wash cloths, bath size soap, toothbrushes, comb, deodorant, band-aids, shampoo, sanitary products for women, diapers for adults.

School Supplies: backpacks, new coloring books, crayons, new pens and pencils, spiral notebooks, construction paper, ruler, glue sticks, blunt scissors, washable markers, protractor, loose leaf paper & notebooks, sports equipment such as soccer balls.

Kitchen supplies: pots & pans, plates, glasses, etc., knives, forks & spoons.

Clothing (gently used or new): adult, children's clothing, children's shoes, clean and wearable, new underwear (we do not accept used undergarments as customs officials will levy fines if used underwear is sent in our shipment.)

You can bring your items to the church and put them in Sunday School Room #3 (labeled with a sign on the door). We will be accepting donations into August.
Packing Day will be August 27.

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.

Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram puzzle, using the clues R=I and M=T, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

M Y L C L O Q Z C M Y L

P Z Q N R V M Y L

H L D R F F R F D Z C G R V N Z U ;

O P P G Y Z C Z P P Z G

Y R V B Q L T L B M V

Y O K L D Z Z N

J F N L Q V M O F N R F D .

M Z Y R U H L P Z F D V

L M L Q F O P B Q O R V L .

PSALM 111:10, NIV

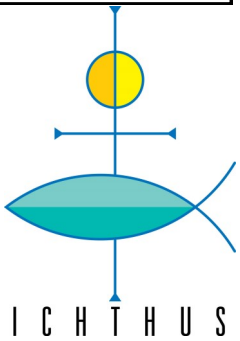
Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV

THANK YOU

- Thank you to those who helped with the funeral lunch for Herb Reichwald. Thank you to the cooks: Deanna Smith and Ruth Milhans. Thank you to the servers and clean up crew: Shirley Dittman, Lori Cornelius, Linda Bublitz, Jennie Dirks, and Ruth Milhans. Thank you to people who brough extra food: Jerry Luther, Joyce Fifield, Trisha Ondik, Barb Wicker, Lois Reichwald, Karen Winkler, Lois Hansen, and Marlene Novitski. The family also wishes to thank everyone who helped with the funeral and funeral lunch.
  - Deanna, Ruth, and Jane

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

FISH—The first letters in the Greek phrase "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior" spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be "caught" for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.



MEMORIAL LIST

We are thankful for any Memorial Gifts given to us in honor of loved ones who have passed on. At. St. John's we don't expect any of these things but are thankful for them as they better our worship life together. Thank you for remembering us in your giving as you help perpetuate the ministry here in honor of your loved ones.

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

NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN:
If your team needs tea, lemonade, kool-aid, or hot chocolate, there is extra of everything in the upper cupboard to the left of the stove. Please use that up before you buy new stuff. Please also use up butter in the refrigerator before buying more. Thank you!

PUZZLE

Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: *Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.*

sum = 13	outnumber = 15	awake = 17	thoughts = 18	vast = 19	count = 21	sand = 22	precious = 23

How _____ to me are your _____, God!
13+10 12+6

How _____ is the _____ of them!
8+11 10+3

Were I to _____ them,
15+6

they would _____ the grains of _____ —
3+12 4+18

when I _____, I am still with you.
13 + 4

PSALM 139:17-18, NIV

Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Ellen Stark, Emelia Patzer
2	Emily Norton
3	James Wicker
4	Connor Hanson
5	Marlene Novitski, Glen Bscherer, Brady Ondik
6	Denise Hicks, Jameson Byars
7	Trisha Stage, Jessica Delzer
8	Nathaniel Byars
9	Alyza DeBauch
11	Elizabeth Koeller
12	Jacob Parsons
13	Justin Gandt
15	AubrieAnn Korth
16	Dayton Stanek
17	Leonard Block
18	Gary Friedman, Jodi Peters, Alexis Parsons
19	Carly Kadlec
20	Amy Schmidt
22	Wyatt Ondik
23	Heidi Young, Nash Stage
27	Heidi Schindel
29	Janet Gandt
30	Ashlie Patzer
31	Emma Schultz, Jenny Friedman

Date		Years
1	Rich & Linda Rademann	50
10	Ben & Laurie Penkivich	51
13	John & Denise Hicks	37
15	Chuck & Diane Rueckert	50
18	Leonard & Carolyn Block	32
18	Steve & Katie Jackson	24
22	Kurt & Keri Hicks	12
27	Wayne & Sheri Wenzel	54

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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Office closed 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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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.

SCAN TO DONATE

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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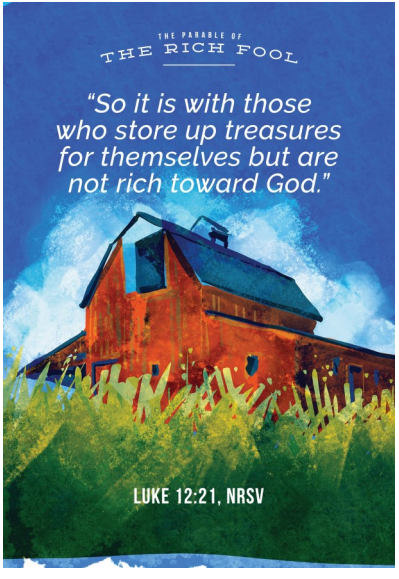

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