

Messenger

St. John's Lutheran Church, Gillett, WI

August 2023



The month of August typically does not have many events, but it is a month of preparation! We're getting ready for Rally Day, the start of Sunday School, the start of Confirmation classes, and other Autumn events. Please join us in praying for God to bless our efforts in the months ahead!

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.

Paula Young	Lorraine Gentz	Briella Peiper
Brenda Kadlec	Merlin Lintner	Jim Dobberphul
Bill Pecha	Lenea Carlson	Joe Doering
Carolyn Block	Cynthy	Jamie Bratz
Dale Coopman	Bourgeois	Amber Williams
Bob Schindel	Dick Block	Rick Wollin
Nancy Jaeger	Jean J. Ruege	Lori Skarban
Lorraine Giese	Dale Winkler	Sobiesczyk
Bob & Dorothy McDowell	Travis Rubright	Lori Schultz

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

When I entered into seminary, one of my passions was youth and family ministry. That was one of my focuses, but God had a greater calling for my life. A passion I hold is to develop a more intentional ministry that focuses on the family, which is the glorious Church of Jesus Christ. My passion is centered on how we can continue to build on developing the relationship of

parents with children as well as to continue to bridge the generational divide that has seemed to have grown so wide within the walls of our churches.

In my time in ministry, I have not been a great supporter of the Children's Church model that grew in popularity over the late eighties and nineties. Families are meant to worship together.



But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Mark 10:14–16, ESV

Cry rooms are beneficial to help parents comfort a child that is upset, but I don't believe that they should remain there throughout a service. The greatest challenge that we find in the Church is that people don't necessarily feel safe. Children will learn how to worship as they worship. A regular church service is weird to a child, especially when we

compare it to the shows and things that a child would normally watch and participate in within their normal day-to-day. As we sit with our children, we can open up the wonder of our faith and what it means for Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior.

As a father, I have navigated this and continue to navigate it imperfectly.

Some things we did for a season, and some have become patterns for our regular daily life.

My wife and I continually to try things to add in from time-to-time also. My great joy is watching my children take charge of our regular times for prayer and wanting to have opportunities to lead. It is something that they look forward to, and that is where I find it to be most vital that we establish patterns in our children's lives with the hope that they will carry them on in their lives for generations.

I envision creating an atmosphere in our congregation that will foster this interaction within all our families and bring together the generations that worship with one another—returning to what was once the norm in all Christian congregations. Currently, we see gaps in our church where we can see generations very lowly represented, but there is still hope as we faithfully speak the Word of God. We reach out to the community and highlight the benefit of faith in the home. We are returning to our children the wonder within Scripture as they come to know the love of their Father in Heaven and the gift of Christ given to us all upon the Cross.

Pastor Chris

WORSHIP TEAM

July 11 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Nancy Stark, Sharon Simpson, Jan Ruege, Lisa Anderson,
Pastor Chris Byars

Offering Blessings have been well received

Discussed Altar Guild

Upcoming Events: Church Picnic/Red Cross Presentation/
Christian Education Scholarship Fundraiser (July 23), All-Team
Meeting (Aug 15), Rally Day (Sep 10), Pastor and family will be at
LCMC Annual Gathering (Oct 1-4)
Research Special Music opportunities

Next Meeting: August 8 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Nancy Stark

MISSION TEAM

July 12 | Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Kenny Butzin, Mel Reichwald, Jerry Luther, Pastor Chris, Wayne Wenzel, Sheri Wenzel

Old Business:

Giving for Food for the Poor was: \$580

Giving for Tartu Home of Hope year to date is \$2060

Thank you all for your generous gifts!!

New Business: August Mission of the Month is Orphan Grain Train. The giving we receive will help defray the cost of shipping the items we collect and send to them.

Also THANK YOU so much Carl for grilling the hot dogs and hamburgers for our meal on July 2. Also thank you for all the extras you brought.

Next Meeting: September 9 | Time: 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Sheri Wenzel

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

canned, dried, etc.) and soap
(hand, body, anything with a pump or cap)



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY TEAM

July 2 | Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chris & Dawn, Erik & Rachel, Sydney

OLD BUSINESS

Donuts for Dads was so much fun!

We will focus our Team paragraph after VBS

NEW BUSINESS

Church picnic: can't forget to put out the white basket and announce it during the announcements

Other things to focus on after VBS: Oconto County Fair, Summer Splash, Rally Day, First day of school prayer/cheer station

Oconto County Fair: find a great raffle item, Kids' Experience can focus on what our first lesson would be (creation of Adam & Eve)

Gillett Schools Summer Splash: find out when it is and sign up, start thinking of ideas

Next Meeting: August 9 | Time: 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Rachel Knueppel

July 2023 | CYF MINISTRY DIRECTOR REPORT

Past events:

- ◆ The 4th of July float was a success! Participants had a lot of fun even though it was warm and we handed out 720 miniature frisbees.
- ◆ VBS was such an incredibly fun week! We had 18 students and 22 helpers. A good number of our helpers were youth group kids and they did a great job! We raised \$500 for our Mission of the Week, which was Honor Flight. That amount is enough to pay for one veteran's ticket to Washington D.C.! Thank you **so much** to everyone who contributed or helped with this year's VBS!

Events in the planning stage:

- ◆ We are planning to do a Kids' Experience at the Oconto County Fair this year again, with a focus on our first Sunday School lesson of the year: The Creation of Adam & Eve
- ◆ We plan on having a booth at the Gillett Schools Summer Splash at the end of August. We are looking to do a raffle/giveaway at this event.
- ◆ We're having a VBS Recap/Rally Day Planning meeting on Sunday, August 6. We want to get VBS feedback while it's still fresh in everyone's mind but we also have Rally Day on September 10, so we need to start planning that!
- ◆ We are looking to support the Clergy Association at the Youth Alive event on September 13.

Ideas for the future

- ◆ Once Sunday School and Confirmation starts and we'll get into a rhythm, we'll most likely start discussing plans for Christmas!



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (*Psalm 147:4*)

○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God's what? (*Psalm 8:3*)

_ _ _ ○ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (*Isaiah 40:26*)

_ ○ _ _ _

God made two great lights to do this. (*Genesis 1:16*)

○ _ _ _ ○ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (*Genesis 15:5*)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The sun, moon and stars have this. (*1 Corinthians 15:41*)

_ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ○

The lights in the sky serve as what? (*Genesis 1:14*)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _

The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

August 6	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read Communion	Jerry & Sharon Luther, Clara Luther, Amy Myrick Jerry Luther, Amy Myrick, Jim Wicker
August 13	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read	Al & Peral Czechan & family Doug Yahnke
August 20	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read Communion	Wayne & Sheri Wenzel Elaine Hertwig Sheri Wenzel, Jim Wicker, Claire Hertwig
August 27	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read	Bill & Laurel Block Clara Luther
ALTAR GUILD LEADERS	Miles & Donna Winkler Laura Koenig

LOOKING AHEAD

Sep 4		Labor Day: Office is closed
Sep 9	6:00p	Family S'mores Night
Sep 10	8:30a	Rally Day w/Ministry Fair
Sep 13		Youth Alive Event
Sep 17	8:30a	Sunday School starts!
Sep 20	4:00p	Confirmation Class starts!
Sep 21	12:00p	Clergy Association Soup & Scripture Prayer Luncheon at Hillside Assembly of God
Sep 23		Gillett Homecoming & Harvest Days: CYF will have a booth
Oct 1-4		LCMC National Gathering

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

September 3	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read Communion	Jon & Sharon Simpson, Laura Koenig Laurie Penkivich Jim Wicker, Laurie Penkivich, Jon Simpson
September 10	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read	Darrell & Jan Ruege, Bill & Laurel Block Amy Myrick
September 17	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read Communion	Jerry & Karen Winkler, Vern & Annette Dahlstrom Elaine Hertwig Jim Wicker, Claire Hertwig, Jerry Winkler
September 24	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read	Kurt & Keri Hicks Mel Reichwald
ALTAR GUILD LEADERS	Miles & Donna Winkler Laura Koenig

Altar Flowers for the month of August are being provided by Betty Jane Baranczyk.

Next month, flowers will be provided by Ilene Block.


You can still sign up to provide altar flowers on our Flower Chart—stop in the office to sign up!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Checking

Beginning Balance (4/30/2023)	\$11,481.22
Deposits	\$17,563.60
Expenses	- \$18,848.52
Ending Balance (5/31/2023)	\$10,196.30



Clock Church
Summer Supper & Sing

Wednesday, August 9
at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a potluck
and hymn sing!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the 27th Annual Victory Olympics. It is with support from compassionate people and companies like yours that we are able to make this day happen and have it be so successful!

With sincere thanks, Victory Olympics Planning Committee

2023

Thank you SO SO MUCH to everyone who helped make this year's VBS a wonderful success!



VBS

We are so grateful to those who donated, taught, decorated, and brought their kids/grandkids!



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN



St. John's Lutheran (The Clock Church) will once again be collecting items for Orphan Grain Train. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 69 different countries including the USA.

If your church or organization wishes to donate any items, they can be dropped off at the church anytime the church is open, either on Sunday morning or during office hours (Monday-Thursday from 9a-4p). **We will be accepting items until Packing Day, which is Saturday, August 19.** If your church or organization donates a large amount of items, it would be very helpful if you could pack your items by category and label the boxes. Would you also please consider sending some volunteers to help us on packing day? Lunch will be served if packing goes past Noon.

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.)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

HARP — This multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many Psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 (“And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps”).



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.

Technology Updates: \$8,650

Replace altar cloths

Reblack parking lot: approx. \$8,500

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



The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea



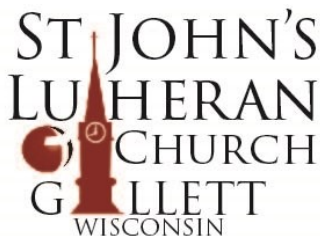
Answer: B (See Revelation 2-3.)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Brady Parsons,
Hunter Ondik
- 3 Bailey Peterson
- 4 Jan Ruege
- 5 Keri Hicks, Barb Magee,
Brian Zahn
- 6 Linda Halla, Donna Winkler
- 7 Mark Wendt, Christine Reinke,
Michaela Lisowe
- 8 Laura Krueger, Corbin Rank
- 11 Wayne Kruschke, Dan Dittman, Amanda Loberger
- 12 Doug Yahnke
- 13 Mel Reichwald, Brandon Raatz
- 18 Vicky Pemrich, Gary Jaeger
- 21 Linda Bublitz, Al Czechan, Betty Jane Baranczyk
- 22 Ron Klatt, Steve Jackson
- 23 Timm Dinse, Laikyn Wendt
- 24 Dana Wollin
- 26 Dakota Friedman
- 27 Connie Richert
- 28 Amy Myrick
- 29 Bob Schindel, Jane Schmidt, Shae Stage
- 30 Dan Brown
- 31 Tanner Kadlec

Date		Years
2	David & Billie Jo DuQuaine	15
4	Dale & Marilyn Reichwald	50
5	Dale & Linda Halla	51
18	Todd & Micki Carlson	44
18	Mike & Sue Collins	33
20	Taylor & Erik Jenkins	7
21	Al & Pearl Czechan	19
26	Norman & Jessica Peterson	23



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If you can't make it to church but still want to feel like you're there, you can watch the service LIVE each week. We broadcast live on YouTube at 9:30 a.m. and upload the video to Facebook (@clockchurch) to premier later Sunday afternoon. You may also click the "MEDIA" tab at the top of the Church website, www.clockchurch.org and there are links to follow.

* 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.



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Have mercy
on me, *God,*
according to your
steadfast *love.*

Psalm 51:1, NRSV

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