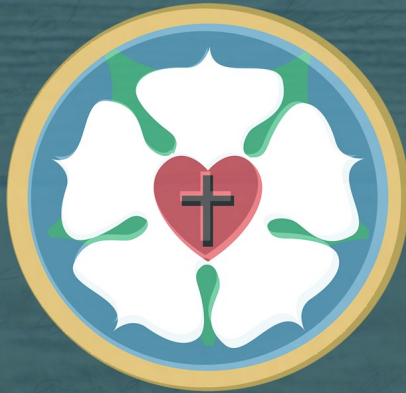


Messenger

St. John's Lutheran Church, Gillett, WI

October 2023



REFORMATION

SUNDAY

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
FOR A YOUTH-LED WORSHIP SERVICE
AND A SPECIAL TREAT!

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	Travis Rubright
Brenda Kadlec	Merlin Lintner	Briella Peiper
Bill Pecha	Lenea Carlson	Jim Dobberphul
Carolyn Block	Cynthy	Joe Doering
Dale Coopman	Bourgeois	Jamie Bratz
Bob Schindel	Jean J. Ruege	Rick Wollin
Nancy Jaeger	Jim Wicker	Lori Skarban
Lorraine Giese	Carrie Williams	Sobiesczyk
Dorothy	Art Percy	Lori Schultz
McDowell		

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 Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg on that fateful day of October 31, 1517, he did not fully understand the can of worms that he was opening up. His desire was to seek debate on what he felt was a vital issue of the day. In order to raise funds for the Church of Rome bishops hired priests to sell indulgences, which were papers that would relieve them of so many years in purgatory. Because the Church held to the truth that Christians can not go to Hell, the thought was that they would live a time in a holding place, a mini-Hell of sorts, before they would be able to join Christ in eternity. Luther had attempted to address this at other times but had not been fully heard, so this was his next step. One of the sales lines that were utilized by a man by the name of Tetzel was, "When a coin in the coffer clings a soul to heaven springs." A catchy sales slogan, but an offense to the ears of Luther and any who know the Gospel.



It is certain that when the penny jingles into the money-box, gain and avarice can be increased, but the result of the intercession of the Church is in the power of God alone

***Rev. Dr. Martin Luther
Thesis 28***

Salvation is a free gift given to us at great cost through Jesus Christ on the cross. No other work or monetary gift is necessary for salvation. It is true that we ask for gifts to be given to support the ministry and that is something called for in the Bible, but it will not bring a person any closer to salvation.

As the Church, our power is in prayer and, ultimately, in

our ability to free burdened souls from the guilt that many feel for their sins. Jesus spoke to Peter after the resurrection after they had eaten together. Jesus asked John three times, "Do you love me." And each time our Lord called Peter to either "feed my sheep" or "tend my sheep." (John 21:15-17) Right after this, Jesus gave Peter the greatest gift of all: forgiveness. Jesus had given to all the disciples prior to this the ability to forgive when He said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." (John 20:23)

But it was not fully realized for Peter as his heart was being broken as he was reminded of the three times he had denied Jesus and it was here that Jesus sets him free, but also gives him a warning of what is to come for him in his life.

The issue of indulgences is that it limited Christ's healing power, particularly the power of forgiveness. The great power of the Church is not meant to withhold the comforting grace of our Lord but to give it out in abundance. This isn't like some of the churches that preach acceptance and inclusion, but what we are to proclaim is the exclusivity of our faith in Jesus Christ and the abundant forgiveness given to those of us who bow our knees to Him. Jesus does not offer a message of radical inclusion, nor does He give us circumstantial forgiveness. We are forgiven either fully or not at all. If we are penitent and want to stop, we will find forgiveness, but if we feel justified in what wrong was done because it was the fault of another. Bondage of sin is the only way. The most powerful lesson to be learned about what Christ has done for us is that He chose us in spite of our sins. He will continue to do so. The issue lies in our rebellion and realizing our need for His forgiveness. It is only through our intercessions to our Lord that we can find the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of the broken.

Pastor Chris

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 20, 2023 | 7:00p

Members present: Clara Luther, Marilyn Reichwald, Jerry Luther, Micki Carlson, Pastor Chris Byars

Absent: Penny Gerhartz, Bill Block, Jon Simpson

- 1) Call to Order: 7:00p
- 2) Devotions: Marilyn Reichwald
- 3) Motion to approve agenda by Marilyn, Penny, MSC
- 4) Communications from attendees and correspondence
 - a. CYF report: Rachel
- 5) Motion to approve secretary's report with corrections by Marilyn, Clara, MSC
 - a. Pastor will get pulpit supply for **October** 1 & 8 while he is at the LCMC convention
- 6) Motion to approve treasurer's report by Marilyn, Penny, MSC
 - a. \$5,000 from savings to cover bills
- 7) President's Report: Attendance is good
- 8) Pastor's Report: busy with funerals, needs to find pulpit supply for October 1 as Pastor Carole cannot preach

9) Team/Organization Items for Council Action

10) Old Business

- a. Mice are still around, keep working on it. Jerry had an idea about getting the “hedge balls” from Pat’s Market

11) New Business

- a. Motion to approve using the church fellowship hall and basement as a backup location for Harvest Days vendor market on Saturday, September 23 by Clara, Penny, MSC

- b. Motion to approve the cantata by Micki, Clara, MSC

- c. Staff Reviews will be on Thursday, November 30 at 4:00p

- d. Conflict Coaching: Jerry read Pastor’s report/info.

Discussion followed.

- e. Motion to pass the offering plates until the Annual Meeting, and vote on it then.

- f. Motion to approve new members by Clara, Marilyn, MSC

- i. Darlene Fleischman

- ii. Clair & LuAnn Erb

- iii. Maequin, Timberlie, Mathias, and Haven Largo

- g. New Member Class: formalize the process, not just Pastor but include team members, etc. Have an official “New Member Sunday” each year. We need a plan.

- h. Motion to put the Ministry Team brochure in the November Newsletter by Clara, Marilyn, MSC

12) Miscellaneous

- a. Looking Ahead: is there anything missing?

- b. Council position open

13) Communications from the council: none

14) Next meeting Date: October 18

15) Devotions: Pastor Chris Byars

16) Adjournment & close with prayer. Marilyn, Clara, MSC

Submitted by Micki Carlson

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

If you’d like to show our pastor and his family appreciation, it doesn’t have to be a grand gesture. Sometimes small acts of service or a few kind words have the biggest impact!

WORSHIP TEAM

September 5 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Laura Koenig, Pastor Chris Byars

Opened with prayer.

We touched on the upcoming rally day/ministry fair Sept 10th after service. Our table is the orange table. We will have cheese (orange cheese of course) sausage & crackers, Laura will provide. We will have a sheet for anyone interested in joining our team or for more information. Thank you Nancy for writing our paragraph for our team :)

Sept 10th is also New member Sunday!

Before confirmation starts we need to be sure the pews all have pens, and sermon notes are available by the bulletins. Also need to make sure the pews have connect cards in them
We also need to remind ushers to check the pews after service.

Confirmation students will be scheduled for acolyte

Next Meeting: October 3 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Laura Koenig

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY TEAM

September 20 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chris & Dawn, Erik & Rachel, Sydnie, Heidi

OLD BUSINESS

Coffee fundraiser: November 19—December 3

Recapped previous events: Summer Splash, First Day of School, S'mores Night, Rally Day/Ministry Fair

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed Confirmation Sunday School

Take down VBS decorations

Homecoming Game: first one there saves seats

Harvest Days booth: make sure we bring everything we need

Reformation Sunday: Youth-Led, special treat

Christmas Plans: Christmas Program, Cookie Decorating

Next Meeting: October 25 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Rachel Knueppel

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH TEAM

September 12 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Dawn Byars, Laura Koenig, Helen Lisowe, Sharon Raatz, Sharon Simpson and Sheri Wenzel.

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Raatz with a prayer.

Secretary's Report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Correspondence was read.

Old Business: 1. Carpeting for Fellowship Hall committee was selected and will meet on September 15th.

2. Orphan Grain Train items were packed on Saturday August 19th and shipped on August 31st. Over 200 boxes were packed of which 35 boxes were quilts(148 quilts). Women of the Church provided lunch for the workers.

3. Kitchen cupboards were cleaned out. Some items went to Grain Train and the rest to the Thrift Store.

New Business: 1. Bazaar Saturday November 4th. Discussed raffle items, pies, workers and bake sale. We will ask for more bakery items for the sale.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: October 10 | Time: 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Helen Lisowe, Sec.

The Women of the Church are currently planning the Annual Bazaar. They will be doing basket raffles again this year, and will be looking for donations. You can bring any donations to the church office.

MISSION TEAM

September 13 | Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Ken Butzin, Mel Reichwald, Jerry Luther, Wayne Wenzel, Sheri Wenzel

Old Business: Giving for Grain Train was: \$505

Giving for the Tartu Home of Hope was \$2450 year to date. Thank you to all who give to the ministries!!

New Business: The October mission is : Friends of Madagascar Mission. This 501(c)(3) non-profit assists the Christians and Churches in Madagascar to strengthen their ministry in reaching out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some of their programs include: evangelism, prison ministry, hospital nutrition programs, Bible schools and drip irrigation systems.

On Sunday October 8th Pastor David Carrillo a musicianary from Latvia will be with us. Please come and see and hear his message. The white basket will be out.

Next Meeting: October 11 | Time: 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Sheri Wenzel

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

beans (canned or dried), nuts



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

October 1	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read Communion	Jerry & Sharon Luther, Clara Luther Tracy Ondik Jerry Luther, Tracy Ondik, Isabella Ondik
October 8	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read	Bill & Laurel Block, Darrell & Jan Ruege Doug Yahnke
October 15	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read Communion	Miles & Donna Winkler, Linda Bublitz Elaine Hertwig Miles & Donna Winkler, Claire Hertwig
October 22	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read	Mike & Nancy Stark Nancy Stark
October 29	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read	Youth-Led
ALTAR GUILD LEADERS	Wayne & Sheri Wenzel

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 4	10a-3p	Annual Bazaar
Nov 5		Daylight Savings Ends
Nov 14	6:30p	All-Team Meeting
Nov 19		CYF Coffee Fundraiser starts
Nov 22	4:00p	Confirmation Service Project: serve at Hillside's Thanksgiving Eve Meal
Nov 22	7:00p	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov 23 & 24		Thanksgiving: Office is Closed
Dec 2		Christmas in the Park
Dec 3	8:30a	Christmas Program Rehearsal

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

November 5	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read Communion	Jerry & Sharon Luther, Clara Luther Nathaniel Byars Jerry Luther, Clara Luther, Nathaniel Byars
November 12	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read	Al & Pearl Czechan Doug Yahnke
November 19	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read Communion	Jerry & Karen Winkler, Vern & Annette Dahlstrom Elaine Hertwig Jerry Winkler, Claire Hertwig
November 22	7:00p (Thanksgiving Eve service)
Usher/Greet	Jim & Laura Koenig
November 26	9:30 a.m.
Usher/Greet Read	Todd & Micki Carlson Todd Carlson
ALTAR GUILD LEADERS	Nancy Stark & Lisa Anderson

Altar Flowers for the month of August are being provided by Ilene Block and Jeff Kroening & Laurie Eckstein.

Next month, flowers will be provided by Jerry & Karen Winkler.

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 (7/31/2023)	\$7,505.54
Deposits	\$18,886.79
Expenses	- \$18,862.07
Ending Balance (8/31/2023)	\$7,530.27

September 2023 | CYF MINISTRY DIRECTOR REPORT

Past events:

- ◆ Summer Splash was a great event! We were able to talk to a lot of families!
- ◆ S'mores Night was a chill event and we met some new people!
- ◆ Rally Day: it was wonderful to have all the teams there to help us kick off Sunday School along with the Ministry Fair
- ◆ The Clergy Association got a lot of great responses from the Youth Alive event

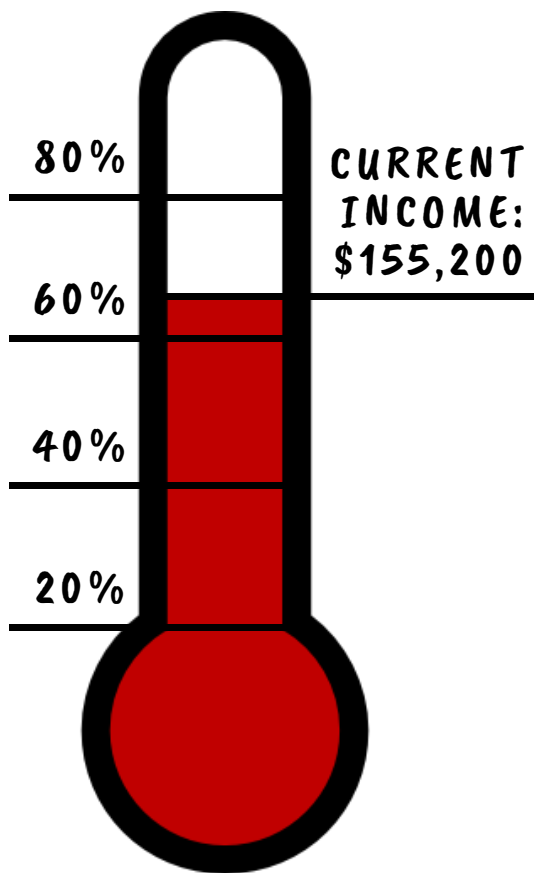
Events in the planning stage:

- ◆ Homecoming & Harvest Days: we'll have a booth and will again sell t-shirts as well as popcorn and a drink.
- ◆ We are purposely keeping October a little less busy as a way to refresh after the Back-to-School burst of events and to prepare ourselves for Christmas and all the events and planning that come with that. We also want to help get everyone back into the flow of Sunday School.
- ◆ Reformation Sunday will be a Youth-led Sunday and we have another great idea for a way to highlight this special Sunday.
- ◆ Our coffee fundraiser will start on Sunday, November 19 and end on Sunday, December 3.

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!

**OUR GOAL:
\$240,600
2023 budget**



**Help us end the
year strong!**

THANK YOU

Thanks to those that helped with the meal for Dick Block's funeral on September 1, 2023. Cook: Sharon Raatz; Set up: Helen Lisowe; Serving & clean up: Keri Hicks, Micki Carlson, Donna Delzer, Linda Bublitz, Ruth Milhans, and Claire Hertwig; Extra food: Lu Arndt, Annette Dahlstrom, Rhonda Kain, Diana Rueckert, Wanda Nienstedt, Lois Reichwald, and Ramona Genke. We are sorry if we missed anyone.

- Deanna, Sharon, and Jane

Dear St. John's Lutheran Church, We thank you for your recent gift of \$335 that allows us to connect spiritual orphans to the global family of Christ.

- Pastor David Breidenbach, Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE:

I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and prayers as we are heading into a busy season of the church! I apologize in advance for anything that might be missing or forgotten in newsletter and bulletins. Please let me know if there is anything missing so I can rectify the situation. Thank you so much!



Rachel Knueppel

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM was celebrated on Sunday, September 24, 2023 for Timberlie, Mathias, and Haven Largo. Mathias and Haven's parents are Maequin & Timberlie Largo. Their sponsors are Lisa Anderson and Rachel Galland. May God bless Timberlie, Mathias, Haven, their parents, and sponsors as we welcome them into the family of God.



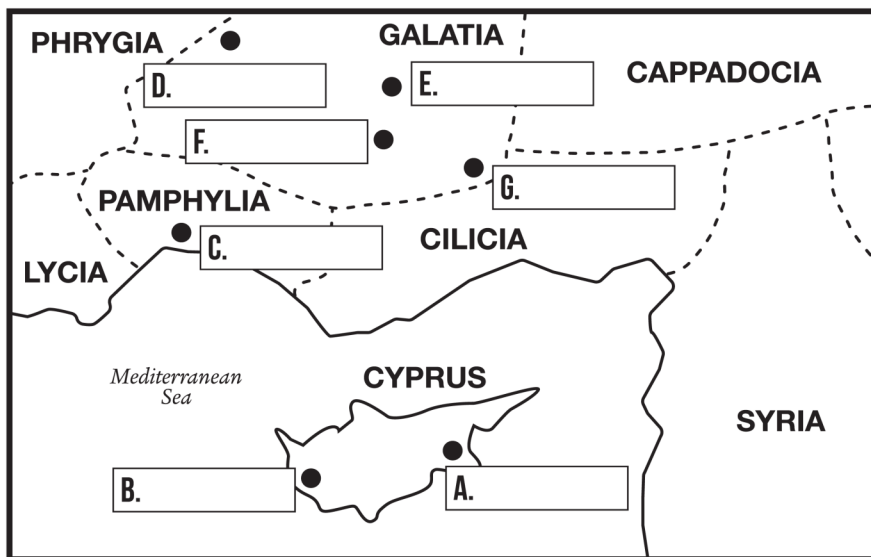
CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.

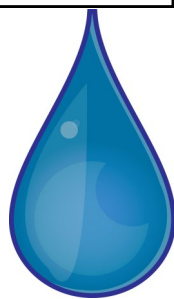


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| A.  (ACTS 13:5) | E.  (ACTS 13:51) |
| B.  (ACTS 13:6) | F.  (ACTS 14:6) |
| C.  (ACTS 13:13) | G.  (ACTS 14:6) |
| D.  (ACTS 13:14) | |



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

WATER — Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman's leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).



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



Not long before Jesus' arrest, he said: "I did not come to ____ the world, but to ____ the world." Fill in the blanks.

- A. judge; save
- B. hate; love
- C. condemn; teach
- D. disrupt; conform to



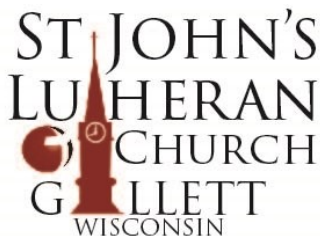
Answer: A (See John 12:47, NIV.)

- 1 Craig Kasiske
 3 Karla Redlin,
 Ed Patzer,
 Brooke Schaal,
 Graham Fisetto
 5 Richard Magee
 6 John Hicks, Randy
 Carlson
 7 Jim Milhans, Brad Krueger
 8 Harrison Byars
 10 Dan Wright, Melody Heleniak
 11 Diane Rusch, Jerome Luther, Robert Runge,
 Greg Braun
 12 Cassandra Magee
 14 Valarie Wendt
 17 Dorothy McDowell, Mike Collins, Alex Baldwin
 19 Andrew Cornelius
 22 Mike Stark
 25 Marie Stark
 26 Ricky Klatt, Donna Prange, Trisha Ondik,
 Corey Ondik, Jenalee D'Amico
 27 Carl Asplund, Adam Kadlec
 28 Debra Zahn, Ryan Friedman



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Date	Years
4 Christopher & Dana Milhans	15
5 Tracy & Trisha Ondik	21
6 Jeff & Brenda Kadlec	44
9 Jason & Trisha Stage	19
10 Brad & Kim Krueger	14
10 Maequin & Timberlie Largo	3
17 Gary & Gerri Friedman	42
17 Erik & Rachel Knueppel	2
20 Brett & Deb Zahn	33
23 Adam & Tina Kadlec	14
25 Bill & Linda Bublitz	54



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