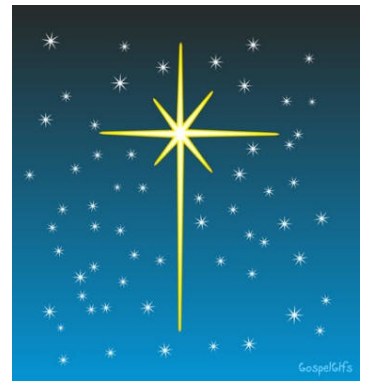


The Dual-Parish Review

JANUARY

2022



Wise Men
Still Seek Him



Bethlehem

Lutheran Church

233500 County Road E
Milan, Wisconsin 54411
Phone: 715-654-5436

Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m.

Office Secretary Email:
secretary@stjbeth.org

St. John "High Steeple"

Lutheran Church

119415 Huckleberry Road
Edgar, Wisconsin 54426
Phone: 715-352-2888

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sec. Office Hours: M, T, W, F
1pm to 4pm

Dual Parish Office:
715-352-2888

Office Secretary Email:
secretary@stjbethstj.org

Dual Parish Website:
www.stjbeth.org

St. John Church Council Minutes

12.7.2021 Council minutes

Present were Mel Niemann Kay Christiansen, Rhonda Durkee, Stephan Schneider, Cathy Schneider, Sharon Niemann, Doug Brown, & Jeff Werner

Elders report reviewed how information about cancellations would be passed along to the congregation. Facebook and the web site would be updated and more options will be explored. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Outreach reported that progress is coming along on the sign project. The goal is to have a drawing available at the voter's meeting in January for approval.

Education committee reported that the children's program will be Dec. 19'th at 1:30 and then 2 weekends will be off from Sunday School.

Treasurers' report showed giving still slightly ahead of budget. The new carpeting is paid except for the installation. The bill for that has not come in yet.

Finance committee reported that all is going well.

Motion was made to accept all reports. Seconded and passed.

Old business:

Doug will call the district office to check on a new pastor candidate list.

He also will check on snow plowing for the Advent service snow plowing since Mike is teaching again during the day.

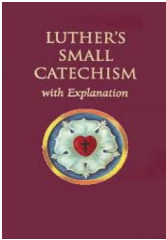
New business:

Installation of officers will be the first Sunday in January. Elders will coordinate this.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sharon Niemann

Recording Secretary



The Apostles' Creed – The Second Article (Redemption):

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the _____, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come again with _____ to judge both the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

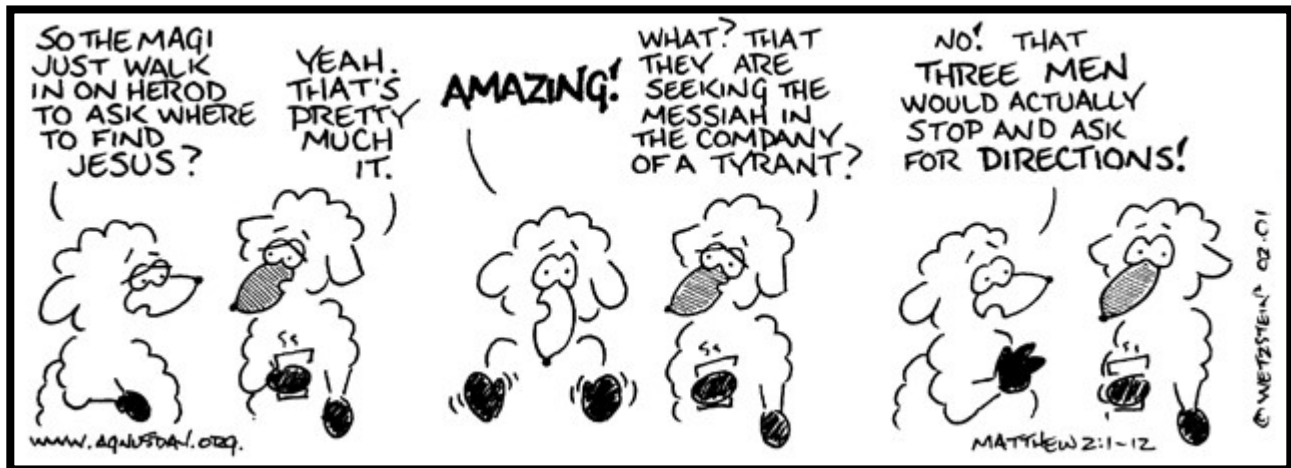
I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true _____, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the _____; not with gold or silver, but with His holy innocent suffering and death,

That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness,

Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all _____.

Agnus Day by James Wetzstein



BIBLE PASSAGE – In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



**Happy Birthday
And
Happy Anniversary
To everyone Celebrating
in January!**

Bethlehem

Yessa, Raymond	1/5
Hammel, Patricia	1/7
Anderson, Keagen	1/8
Molthen, Arlette	1/10
Underwood, Virgil	1/11
Carlson, Luke	1/14
Graun, Thomas	1/14
Kilty, Braxton	1/19
Carlson, Philip	1/21
Reynolds, Randy	1/22
Denzin, Bryan	1/23
Kosik, Isaac	1/24
Freimund, Dorean	1/25
Schmidt, Luke	1/28
Ebben, Leta	1/29
Venzke, Thomas	1/29
Hammel, Olivia	1/30
Kilty, Troy	1/31
Venzke, Brandon	1/31

St. John

Schultz, Mary	1/07
Krebsbach, June	1/13
Marshall, Elizabeth	1/16
Yessa, Kelly	1/17
Brown, Douglas	1/22
Yessa, John	1/22
Koch, Cole	1/24
VanDerLeest, Sam	1/25
Heise, Paul	1/29
Mortvedt, Bud	1/30

Happy Anniversary

Bethlehem

Bruce, Jolene Gumz	1/12
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St. John

None

Dale Hamann has a new mailing address:

Dale Hamann #345306
Stanley Correctional Institution
P.O. Box189
Phoenix, MD 21131

A Thank you was received from the Edgar Circle of Joy for our congregations gift of \$300; it was much appreciated. The Thank you is posted on the church bulletin board near the kitchen.

Bethesda is looking for more volunteers to work at the Thrift Store. If you would like to help out contact Miriam Wolff at 715-680-1622 for more information

The following dates are available for 2022 for the sponsorship of The Lutheran Hour over WDLB-1450AM/98.7FM at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings. What better way to help spread the Word of God! A full sponsorship is \$94.00 per Sunday. Please contact Bonnie Beyreis of Trinity Lutheran Church, Spencer, at 715-659-4006 to request a date.

Jan. 16	Apr. 3	July 10	Oct. 2
30	10	24	9
Feb. 6	May 1	31	23
20	8	Aug. 21	Nov. 6
Mar. 13	15	28	13
20	22	Sep. 4	20
27	29	11	Dec. 11
	June 12		18

Sincerely In Christ, Bonnie Beyreis Lutheran Hour Coordinator

Attention:

Bethlehem Church President
 St. John Church President
 Chair of the Board of Elders– Bethlehem
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 Chair of the Board for Evangelism– Bethlehem
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 Chair of the Board of Education– Bethlehem
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 Chair of the Board of Trustees– Bethlehem
 Chair of the Board of Trustees– St. John
 Bethlehem Sunday School superintendent
 St. John Sunday School superintendent
 Bethlehem Ladies' Aid
 St. John Ladies' Aid
 Christian Women In Action
 Mission Guild
 Bethlehem Financial Secretary
 St. John Financial Secretary
 VBS Planning Director

Co-workers in the ministry of Christ Jesus,

It's time to gather reports for the Annual Reports for 2021

The purpose of the Annual Report is to keep all the Church membership fully aware of what's going on and what's being planned. It's an opportunity always to recognize individuals and organizations and to encourage one another in the faith. The more people are "in the know," the better.

Reports can be submitted on paper to me at the office, or you may e-mail them to me at

secretary@stjbeth.org Please make sure you have the correct address for the church office in your contacts.

Thank You
 Sharon Ballerstein, Church Secretary.



Thank you to all who donated Christmas Poinsettias .

ST. John Ladies Aid	
Kelly Yessa	
Ronda Durkee	Grand Parents
Ryan VanDerLeest Family	Grand Parents
Pastor, Sue Giebel	Memory of Parents
Jeff Werner	Family
Mel & Sharon Niemann	In Celebration
Roger & Sharon Ballerstein	In Memory of Loved ones

St. John Sunday School for the month of January will be making cards for our shut-ins. We will continue to study the Lords Prayer from Luther's Small Catechism. We have done the introduction and the first petition. We will continue on this plan. We are planning to sing during worship services, hopefully once a month.

Thanks to everyone who was a part of our Children's Service and the luncheon

St. John Christ-Giving Tree: The love of Jesus was shared by all the gifts under the Christ-giving tree! Thank you

St. John "Pennies for Life" collection will be in Jan. There will be Jar by the collection plate. Put a penny in for each year of your life! Door collection for Lutherans for Life will be on Life Sunday Jan 23, 2022.

Lutheran Laymens League will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Athens on Sunday, January 9th at 1pm with a pot-blessed meal, a little bird told us Pres. Mike is bringing chicken. Our topic will be a short review of Cindy's work with the Czech region. We would also like to lay out the plans for the new year.



Dorean Freimund	In memory of Danny
Loretta Schafer	In Memory of Reuben
Verlyn, Judy Wittlinger	Loved Ones
Russ, Shirley Buss	Loved Ones
Joshua, Jill Penk	Loved Ones
Galen, Marlene Schreiber	Loved Ones
Dick, Lois Niemi	Loved Ones
Joanne Luther	Loved Ones'
Darlene Wittlinger	Loved Ones'
Shane, Patti Hammel, & family	Loved Ones
Del, Michelle Schwarting & family	
Alan , Lori Schmitt	
Ladies Aid	Celebration
C.W.I.A.	Celebration

Thank you to everyone who donated Poinsettias this year.

The church is "Beautiful".

Merry Christmas & A Happy Healthy New Year.

May God's Blessings Be With You All in 2022!

Sincerely Marlene



Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

January 2

"Gospel Power for Personal Patience"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

No one likes to wait! Hear God's promises for impatient people.
(Luke 2:40-52)

January 9

"Facing Rejection"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

How does one deal with rejection? Push through it? Rise above it? Or start over?
(Luke 3:1-22)

January 16

"Hazed and Confused"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God is against our pride because He wants to give Himself to us.
(Luke 4:1-37)

January 23

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

January 30

"TBD"

Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts

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Station City, State Freq. Day Time

WDLB	Marshfield, WI	1450 AM	Sun	8:00am
WRVM	Marshfield, WI	91.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Medford, WI	98.7 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Wausau, WI	101.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	550 AM	Sun	8:30am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	99.9 FM	Sun	8:30am
WAXX	Altoona, WI	104.5 FM	Sun	6:30am

You can also go on line at www...lhm.org or download the free App @ LHM.ORG/APPS

Internet Resources:

Worship Anew is an online ministry put out by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne available to view on the Internet. The current week's program can be found on their homepage at Worshipanew.org/program.

Moments of Comfort is an online video ministry of Worship Anew which speaks to the sufferings we face in this life with the comforting message of God's Word.

They have a list of archived programs listed on the site.



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