



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

IN THE CENTER RING

August, 2016

Let God Grow You!

“What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe-- as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.” (1 Corinthians 3:22-23)

It is good to remember pastors and teachers. It was good for the Christians at Corinth to remember that Apollos and St. Paul preached the truth. It is good to remember how God used Luther to preach the Gospel during the Reformation. In every age, it is good when we remember the pastors and teachers whom God used to share Jesus' love with us. You all have been so kind to bless us on our way. And we will not forget you in the way that God used you to help our faith grow.

We have a tendency to focus on individuals—on the pastors or teachers the Lord has given us to share the gospel with us. It's a good thing that we think highly of those who have served us with the word. Still, we must always keep in mind one very important fact: It's not about us! No. It's about God and his powerful Word. If we lose sight of that fact, Satan can cause all kinds of mischief in the church.

So in my last article for this newsletter, I ask you to remember us by faithfully supporting this church and school – with godly teamwork. I really enjoy the harmony that is growing in our church and school. I will always speak well of the way my co-workers proclaimed Jesus Christ day after day as they partnered with Stacey and I in teaching our children. May God bless St. John's 90th school year as the planting, watering and cultivating continues!

Thank you all for everything you have done for us! As the branch is to the vine so we are to Christ. So keep these connections going that keep us alive in him. What can we be certain about in about the future? God loves his garden and gives you everything you need to grow. Pastors come and pastors go, but Jesus is the same yesterday, today, forever. The message is his. The power is from him. To him be the glory! AMEN.

*Almighty Father, bless the word
Which through your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit.*



In the name of our Lord Jesus
whom together we serve,
Pastor Carl Schroeder and Stacey,
Noah, Hannah, Reba, and Isaiah

Official Acts

Baptisms

Clayton James Heiser
 Ava Jeannine Heiser
 Children of Adam and Suzanne Heiser
 Born May 31, 2016
 Baptized July 10, 2016

Suzanne Heiser
 July 10, 2016

Drake Martin Greenwood
 Son of Rosemary and Jonathan Greenwood
 Born March 20, 2016
 Baptized July 11, 2016

Braxton Henry Kurz
 Son of Ryan and Melissa Kurz
 Born May 19, 2016
 Baptized July 19, 2016

Funerals

Clarence Harmel
 Born March 19, 1925
 Died June 27, 2016
 Burial July 11, 2016

William "Bill" Shanks
 Born February 3, 1927
 Died July 6, 2016
 Burial July 12, 2016

Statistics as of July 25, 2016

Confirmed members	943
Baptized members	<u>212</u>
Total members	1,155

August Special Envelopes

Tuition Assistance



St. John's Media Ministry



Balance June 16, 2016	\$ 6,731.26
Contributions	\$ 1,365.00
Disbursements	
Checks	\$ 42.94
WRPQ	\$ 840.00
Radio Phone Line	\$ <u>15.00</u>
Balance July 19, 2016	\$ 7,198.32

VBS: The second full week in August (Mon-Friday, August 8-12) is our week for **VBS**. Camp Phillip staffers are coming to partner with us this year. They and our VBS kids will participate in the Thursday night worship service on August 11th; an ice cream social will follow. If you are able to help any or all days, please contact the church office, 355 3870 or churchoffice@stjohnsbaraboo.org.



"Rock On!"

Your Help Is Needed!

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**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Council Meeting
July 12, 2016**

Present: President-Jeff Thieding, Outreach-Tim Kiefer, Fellowship-Tom Tiedt, Worship-Dave Grant, Board of Education-Martin Strobel, Stewardship-Brent Bailey, Spiritual-Will Underwood, Pastor-Maglietto, Education-Eric Durkee, Principal-Craig Breitzkreutz

Opening Prayer and Devotion: – Pastor Maglietto had a brief devotion based on Psalm 23:2.

Financial Items: Thieding gave an overview of June Financial Statement. Motion to approve financial carried.

Old Business:

Pastor Schroeder Call Acceptance to St. Peter's Sturgeon Bay: Our arrangements have been made for Pastor Schroeder's transition to St Peter's. His installation is on August 14th at St. Peter's. Please keep the Schroeder family in your prayers.

School Board: The School Board will hire Cindy Allen as Early Childhood Director for one year. School Board and sister congregation representatives will meet Sunday July 17 at church.

Sauk County Fair Booth: The setup is covered and we have plenty of volunteers.

New Business:

Membership Changes: Acceptance of New Members: Jeremy and Patricia Lindloff (Payton and Lane), Profession of faith. Motion carried.

Pastoral/Congregation Needs Discussion: Discussion of we want vs. what we need. Where are we going to call? Start working on what do we see as the congregation needs? All committee members meeting Sunday August 14th at 10:30 a.m. This meeting will be a 2 hour meeting, Elders are responsible to contact their committees and to fill out the pre-call sheet.

Elder Reports:

Worship Times: We have evaluated our winter / vacancy options. We also met with the radio station to discuss our options. At this time, we will extend our Sundays 9 am and Thursday 6:30 pm services until further notice. Bible Study / Sunday school is

still to be determined. This will be reevaluated at a later date.

Adjournment: Pastor Maglietto closed with blessing.

Baraboo Food Pantry

August

Jell-O and Puddings

September

Toiletries

VBS with CAMP PHILLIP

WHEN: August 8 – 12th

TIME: 9 TO NOON

WHERE: ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL



Registration forms can be found on the narthex desk, website - www.stjohnsbaraboo.org, and Facebook link from our website. We need some volunteers to help the Camp Phillip staffers with story, music, and craft activities and snacks. If you can help any or all of these mornings, or help set-up on Sunday August 7, please contact the church office (355-3870 or use signup sheet in narthex. Your help is needed and appreciated. Camp Phillip staffers and our VBS kids will participate in the Thursday night worship service on August 11th.



READ THROUGH YOUR BIBLE
IN THREE YEARS

August 2016

August 1	Nehemiah 12
August 2	Nehemiah 13
August 3	Psalm 90
August 4	Psalm 91
August 5	Psalm 92, 93
August 6	Psalm 94
August 7	Psalm 95, 96
August 8	Psalm 97, 98
August 9	Psalm 99, 100
August 10	Psalm 101
August 11	Psalm 102
August 12	Psalm 103
August 13	Psalm 104
August 14	Psalm 105
August 15	Psalm 106:1-33
August 16	Psalm 106:34-48
August 17	Haggai 1
August 18	Haggai 2
August 19	Zechariah 1, 2
August 20	Zechariah 3, 4
August 21	Zechariah 5, 6
August 22	Zechariah 7
August 23	Zechariah 8
August 24	Zechariah 9, 10
August 25	Zechariah 11
August 26	Zechariah 12, 13
August 27	Zechariah 14
August 28	Malachi 1:1-2:9
August 29	Malachi 2:10-3:6
August 30	Malachi 3:7-4:6
August 31	James 1:1-18



Worship in the Park

Change of Plans!! Worship in the Park is canceled this year on September 11. **Worship services will be held at church at 9 am as usual on Sept. 11.**



Sunday, September 11th at 11 am
at Ochsner Park main shelter.

Pork sandwiches, hot dogs, beverages and place settings will be provided.

Please bring a dish to pass according to your family's last name:

- A - D: Appetizers**
- E - H: Fruits or Vegetables**
- I - P: Salad**
- Q - Z: Desserts**

To aid in planning, we are asking that you let us know if you are planning to join us at the picnic. Please RSVP at the table in the narthex by ***Sunday, Sept. 4th.***

By NO means will we deny you the opportunity to join us if you do not RSVP or if you are unable to bring a dish to pass.

The recent "Cross in My Pocket" gifts and cards were donated by Don and Jean Rogers. Please help yourself to the crosses and "Cross in My Pocket" cards located in a basket in the Narthex.



No Ladies Aid in August

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!



St. John's Lutheran School News

Orientation Sessions: Orientation sessions will be held to explain some of the school programs and changes. There will also be times when parents will be able to meet their children's teachers. During these times, teachers will be in their rooms, explaining their classes to parents as a group. These sessions are presented multiple times to accommodate parents with more than one student. A session for religious orientation as explained to parents previously will also be added. **Remember: Attendance at all three orientation sessions is MANDATORY for enrollment: Whole Group & Religious in gym AND Teacher(s) session(s) in classrooms.** Technology fees (\$25 per student) should be paid before or at orientation. Families paying tuition in full should also be paid before or at orientation.

Mon. - Aug. 22	Tues. - Aug. 23
11:30-12 Classroom	6-6:30pm Classroom
12-1:15 Gym	6:30-7:45pm Gym
1:15-1:45pm Classroom	7:45-8:15pm Classroom
1:45-2:15pm Classroom	5:15-8:45pm Classroom

St. John's Tuition Assistance Fund: As of July 25, we have a balance of \$3,329 in our Tuition Assistance Fund. **Members**, you can donate to this fund and it will be included on your annual contribution report. This is a great way to work on our mission of "bringing the little children to Jesus." To donate to the Tuition Assistance Fund, please stop in at church or include a donation with your offering. Thank you for your support.

Scrip: Don't forget to order your Scrip cards! Scrip sales will continue throughout the summer Sunday mornings after service. Orders placed one Sunday will be available for pick up on the following Sunday at church.

St. John's Celebrates 90 years of Christian Education

As a special event in connection with our School's 90th Year Anniversary, we are pleased to invite back WELS recording artist and songwriter Chris Driesbach. He will play and sing his music as part of our Thursday and Sunday services (August 25 & 28th) and play a concert after the Sunday service. We will gather a door offering to support Chris in his traveling ministry throughout our synod.



In addition, Chris will play for our opening school service on Monday, August 29th which is held at church at 8:30am.

One of Chris Driesbach's songs is called: "I Love My Church" which is, of course, the theme we have been enjoying this summer in our services!

Chris was last here in 2012, and since then has reduced his touring schedule significantly, so it truly is a joy to welcome him back as we begin YEAR 90 of teaching God's precious lambs at St. John's.

Ladies Aid Scholarship Applications

Ladies Aid has awarded \$25,500 to 79 students in scholarships since 2001!

Students who apply for these scholarships to attend Lutheran high schools have to answer one of the following essay questions: Why do you want to attend a Lutheran high school? How will the Christian training you've received so far help you serve the Lord as you get older? How have you benefitted from going to a Lutheran high school?

I want to attend a Lutheran high school because I want to grow more in the faith. The training I have received has taught me that wherever the Lord sends me, I can spread the good news of the gospel. It has also taught me that I should not worry in life because God has a plan for me. Going to a Lutheran high school has blessed me with the opportunity to hear God's Word every day and to grow in fellowship with Christian friends.

Nolan Brown

I would like to attend a Lutheran high school for two main purposes. One, to grow in my faith and second, to further my education. Going into LPS is like entering a giant family with all Christian brothers and sisters. Knowing this will make me feel much more comfortable away from home. I am so excited for school this fall so I can meet new friends and grow even more in my faith.

Josey Frazier

I believe that the Christian training that I have received has strengthened my faith so that I am able to serve God with my life and I can share his Word. Going to Luther Prep has helped me grow in knowledge and the Word, and is preparing me to go out into the world. I greatly appreciate the blessing of attending Luther Prep.

Grace Underwood

I want to attend my Lutheran high school because it is much more than an education to me. At Luther Prep, I gain more than knowledge in the basic Math, Science, and English courses. I gain knowledge about my Savior in religion classes not found in a public school. With this knowledge and our beliefs, it can better help me bring others to faith around me and live a life of Christ. Luther Prep is also not just a school to me. There, I have a second family that has accumulated over the past 4 years and it is a huge blessing!

Jodi Halvorson

I want to attend LPS for many reasons. First and foremost, I wish to serve the Lord as a WELS elementary teacher. I also believe that LPS will help me grow in my faith. I loved the campus when I first visited it in 4th grade with my Dad and older brother and felt at home. Going to LPS basketball camps has given me opportunities to make new and lasting friendships. I'm so excited to have this possibility to strengthen my faith at LPS!

Hannah Schroeder

I want to attend Luther Preparatory School because I have learned and met so many new Christian friends and taken so many new classes and have even more to experience. It feels great to be back for one more year, the last of my experience. There are many opportunities to serve God, and the dorms are fun to live in. It's fun, safe, full of education and a school I love very much.

Noah Schroeder

I want to attend a Lutheran high school because I want to continue my instruction in my faith every day. I also want a good education to go along with instruction in my faith. The instruction I've received will help me to know God is guiding my life. He has my life planned out and will keep me safe, which brings great comfort to me.

Bryce Underwood

Thrivent Advocacy Committee

The **Thrivent Advocacy Committee (TAC)** meets every month from September to May. We discuss possible projects and designate funds for selected service areas using Thrivent Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars are available funds for St. John's Lutheran Church or School, as designated by Thrivent members. Projects completed since September, 2015 include:

- Painting of the school halls, \$3,000
- Religious books for the St. John's students, \$2,034
- "Eagle" T-shirts for all students and faculty, \$1034
- Carpet for 2nd grade reading area, \$479
- 12 large print *Portals of Prayer* subscriptions, \$144
- 50 *Forward in Christ* magazine subscriptions, \$550
- 400 DVD's, *My Son, My Savior*, \$741
- Registration for couple's retreat, \$150
- 10 Trunk or Treat signs, \$160
- Trunk or Treat supplies, \$78
- A 3rd microphone for the church, \$504
- iPad for the sound system in church, \$479
- 10 registrations for "Iron Men of God", \$300
- Crosses and medallions for Confirmation and Baptism, \$66
- New faucets for the church kitchen, \$200
- A new safe for the church \$633
- Dishwasher heater booster, \$500
- Farewell for Pastor Schroeder, \$500

These completed projects show what an impact Thrivent Choice projects have at St. John's. Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars that could be designated for St. John's Church or School? The Thrivent Financial headquarters will quarterly notify you of available funds by email or USPS mail. Is it confusing or difficult to use the computer

or telephone to complete the Choice process? Our committee members can help you-just give them a call. For every dollar and every Thrivent member that chooses St. John's to receive Thrivent Choice money, we are very thankful.

We will soon begin our fall meetings. Support our church and school with Thrivent Choice dollars. Should you have a request for a project, please contact any committee member. Our committee includes:

John and Barb Earl 356-9238
Shirley Steinhorst 356-3531 or 381-2406
Eugene Phelps 522-4458
Marty Brey 355-7544 or 434-1572 (co-chairman)
Marilyn Forbush 356-7530 (co-chairman)
Kathy Voss (advisor) 356-3200 or 963-9914



Lifest 2016

What a blast! This year over a dozen St. John students (or former students) and our chaperones enjoyed Lifest. Friends and families from other WELS Congregations met up with us too and the whole body of believers had a great time. Some objectives were: to connect Youth (and Families) with each other and our Savior; Enjoy Great Music, Camping, & Family Fun; Hear speakers and talk about faith challenges; Praise God together; Spend meaningful time in a Christian setting making new friends and Learn about ways to volunteer and grow!

Thank you to our generous sponsors, the Thrivent Advocacy Committee here at St. John's That gave an \$800 grant to enable our youth to attend at no cost to them and tickets for those high school and up were greatly subsidized!

What's the meaning of the Pastor's Stoles anyway?

By now, you have heard that our church has given Pastor Schroeder a special parting gift. Five of them in fact for the five colors in the church Year. These are embroidered stoles (some say they are like a scarf that isn't worn just at winter time- but then again, it is a bit colder in Sturgeon Bay than Baraboo.)

Dozens of our members contributed to this gift.

The stole symbolizes a "yoke" around the neck - like a yoke on the oxen who work together to plow a field. At a pastor's ordination, a stole is placed around his neck. It is not just so the pastor looks look pretty; it is a reminder to the pastor and people where his joy and confidence comes from. It is to be a reminder that a minister is yoked to Christ.

These are the words that are read when a pastor starts his work: "Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and walk in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (From Christian Worship: Occasional Services) Yoked to Christ, there will indeed be struggles. But yoked to Christ, God is always right next to you. Yoked to Christ, forgiveness and mercy prevail. Christ's yoke is easy - and his burden is light.



(Pastor Schroeder receives his new stole)

**The time has come, O Lord,
for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and
lead us in your grace.
Wherever life may take us as we
go our homeward way.
Help us share with others the
things we've shared today.**

**May the peace of God the Father,
and the love of Christ, His Son
Guide us in the years ahead
and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit
fill us from within;
God bless us and go with us
'till we meet in heaven once again**

Thank You

FOR ALL THOSE HUGS!

Dear St. John's family,

Thank you for the memorable farewell potluck on July 31st and all the other farewell meals and gifts we were "hugged out the door with." You have overwhelmed us with your love and support. So many of you contributed to make this month special: the visits, the planning for our transition, the food, the singing. Thank you all for coming and for all the cards and gifts. Whenever we watch TV, or go on the internet or get the two children to and from Luther Prep, we will be thinking of you, thanks to your amazing generosity!

The very beautiful stoles you purchased for me will always mean so much to me as I begin the work ahead in Door County and be an ongoing reminder of how much your love has "hugged" me around the neck when I wear them for church services.

To try and put into words what you mean to us is impossible but you certainly have shown the love of Christ to us and we could never repay all your kindness. But I know someone who can: Our dear Jesus!

May he bless you with a full measure of the love you have given us. His everlasting arms are powerful enough to hold you and "hug" you, strengthen and sustaining you. Stay close to him always and know that we are praying for his continual blessing upon you. We will always love you.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Carl Schroeder

Our new home address is:

Carl and Stacey Schroeder
239 N. 18th Place
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235



Please write or even better; stop in for a visit if you are ever vacationing in the Door County area! The church and school looks like this:



St. Peters Lutheran Church and School

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(920) 743-4431

Rev. Carl Schroeder
cshroeder@stpeterssb.net

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the different arrangements for the Schroeder Farewell Potluck – from the Choir members who sang, the people who spoke, to Dave and Wendy Grant who made arrangements, to everyone who brought a dish to share – It was very appreciated!



Do we
have your
current
phone
number?



St. John's Lutheran Church

Operating Statements

For the twelve months ending June 30, 2016 and 2015

Month of June			Fiscal Year to Date		
2016	2015	Difference	2016	2015	Difference
Operating Revenues					
Church Revenues					
\$45,337	\$40,594	\$4,743	\$577,242	\$572,227	\$5,015
0	0	\$0	170	11,255	-11,085
20	49	-29	57,157	80,120	-22,964
<u>\$45,356</u>	<u>\$40,642</u>	<u>\$4,714</u>	<u>\$634,569</u>	<u>\$663,603</u>	<u>-\$29,033</u>
\$2,563	\$2,714	-\$151	\$186,181	\$142,664	\$43,516
<u>\$4,832</u>	<u>\$5,802</u>	<u>-\$970</u>	<u>\$61,454</u>	<u>\$46,100</u>	<u>\$15,355</u>
<u>\$52,752</u>	<u>\$49,158</u>	<u>\$3,593</u>	<u>\$882,204</u>	<u>\$852,366</u>	<u>\$29,838</u>
Operating Expenses					
Church Expenses					
\$13,085	\$11,645	\$1,440	\$155,842	\$153,494	\$2,347
3,698	1,305	\$2,393	35,062	36,206	-1,144
3,750	3,333	\$417	45,000	39,999	5,001
4,727	4,631	96	45,721	55,741	-10,020
<u>\$25,260</u>	<u>\$20,914</u>	<u>\$4,346</u>	<u>\$281,625</u>	<u>\$285,440</u>	<u>-\$3,816</u>
School Expenses					
\$36,493	\$35,465	\$1,028	\$513,499	\$480,879	\$32,621
4,606	3,212	1,394	51,308	65,928	-14,621
2,925	4,520	-1,595	32,149	22,208	9,941
<u>\$44,023</u>	<u>\$43,197</u>	<u>\$826</u>	<u>\$596,956</u>	<u>\$569,015</u>	<u>\$27,941</u>
\$5,796	\$4,666	\$1,130	\$57,333	\$45,067	\$12,266
<u>\$75,080</u>	<u>\$68,778</u>	<u>\$6,302</u>	<u>\$935,914</u>	<u>\$899,522</u>	<u>\$36,392</u>
<u>-\$22,328</u>	<u>-\$19,620</u>	<u>-\$2,708</u>	<u>-\$53,710</u>	<u>-\$47,156</u>	<u>-\$6,554</u>
<u>\$21,200</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>-\$8,800</u>	<u>\$43,292</u>	<u>\$44,809</u>	<u>-\$1,517</u>
Assets					
			Balance		
Checking Account @ BNB			\$21,171	\$33,991	
MM1 @ BNB					
GTF Undesignated			\$0	\$1,640	
Captial Improvement Fund			\$30	\$6,253	
Called Worker Fund			\$12,376	\$7,634	
Total MM1 @ BNB			<u>\$12,406</u>	<u>\$15,527</u>	
MM2 @ BNB					
Gift Trust Balance			\$0	\$2,679	
Church Projects			\$9,081	\$38,089	
School Projects			\$1,906	\$38,304	
Scholarship Projects			\$3,283	\$1,816	
Total MM2 @ BNB			<u>\$14,270</u>	<u>\$80,887</u>	
Endowment @ ICF			\$253,247	\$278,898	
Eschenbach Fund @ ICF			\$192,505	\$223,038	
Investments-Bequests			\$1,206	\$17,014	