



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

## The Messenger

(Monthly publication)

NOVEMBER 2020

### ECCLESIASTES 3

- 1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:
- 2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;
- 3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;
- 4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;
- 5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones;
- A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;
- 6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away;
- 7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;
- 8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.



Dear friends in Christ,

Chapter three is arguably the most recognized passage from the book of Ecclesiastes. I must admit though that my first exposure to it was not from reading the Bible but rather, listening to "Turn! Turn! Turn!" by the Byrds in December 1965. Their version was actually a remake of the same song by Pete Seeger in 1954. To this day, 55 years later, whenever I hear that song, my memory takes me back to a cold December afternoon on our annual family excursion to the local Christmas tree lot on a quest to find the perfect tree for our living room. It was, and still is, a great song with captivating melody and harmony.

Over time I began to listen more closely to the words and contemplate their meaning. The author of the book of Ecclesiastes is not revealed in the book nor anywhere in the Bible. The book is presented as the musings of the King of Jerusalem as he relates his experiences in life and the lessons that he has drawn from them. The book's premise is that all of those actions of human beings are insubstantial, vain, or futile because the lives of all, whether wise or foolish, end in death. In light of this senselessness, he suggests that humans should enjoy and revel in the simple pleasures of daily life such as eating, dancing and taking enjoyment in one's work, which are, after all, gifts from God. The book concludes with the injunction to "Fear God and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone".

These are wise lessons to live by. Enjoy the colors of fall for the starkness of winter will follow. Laugh often for surely there will be sorrow. Revel in the warmth of the sunshine on your face for there will be darkness and cold. I know that at times it may be difficult, but we should always try to live our lives the fullest. Take pleasure in the gifts that God has bestowed upon us and praise God for all that we have. In an earlier letter I quoted a line from Psalm 118:24, "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it". That is a fitting verse here as well. After all, we live our entire lives with knowledge that one day it will be over.

God's Peace to All,  
Gary Staab  
Congregation President



## We Remember

As we begin November, we observe All Saints Sunday. This Feast of the Church is an opportunity to give thanks to God for all the people of faith who live with us now and have died before us. It connects us to the story of God's action in the world and reminds us that our struggles and sorrows as well as our joy and laughter, are connected over time with family and friends, and congregation members.

This year, St. John's has been engaged in a year of Baptismal celebration. At our All Saints Worship on November 1st, we will continue that focus as we invite back all of the people who have been baptized in the past twelve months. At our 9 am worship service, we will read their names, light a candle, and announce the connection to the community of faith to which they belong. We will glimpse the future by naming those who are growing in their faith, even though many are still infants and toddlers.

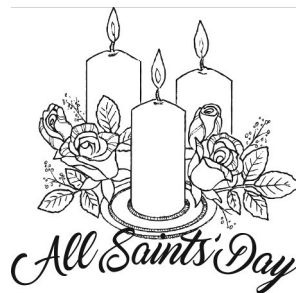
Our commemoration and recognition of those who have died in the past year will also be observed on All Saints Sunday. At our 10:45 am worship service, we will read the names of our loved ones who have died. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones, and we will remember the faithfulness of God to every generation.

Part of the prayer of the day on All Saints proclaims to God that, "[You have] knit your people together in one communion...". We are connected to God's saving actions revealed to us in the stories of the Bible through people like Sara and Abraham, Ruth and Naomi, David, John, Peter, and Mary. We are connected to Fred, Rhonda, LaVerne, and Anita. We are connected to Charleigh, Ella, Westin, and Lily. All God's people, living and dead, testify to the goodness and mercy of the God who washes us and claims us in baptism.

Pastors and community leaders continue to look for ways that ritual and remembrance can support us at this time of great uncertainty. We are tired. We sometimes lack the words to name our grief and suffering. Minnesota flies flags at half staff on the 19th of each month as a reminder of those who have died from COVID-19. Pastors in North Dakota are looking for ways to hold vigils outside hospitals with lighted candles that shine in the darkness so that patients know that they are not alone.

God invites us to pour out our wants and needs, our hopes and fears in prayer. As we are washed in the waters of baptism and see the light of candles shine in the darkness, we are connected to the community of saints, living and dead, that show God's faithfulness in the world yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Pr. Erik





## “Grateful in a time of Uncertainty”

The month of November marks the calendar with the message of “thanks.” In previous years, it has been easy to see the things in which we are thankful for and even overlooking things in our life that we take for granted. This year, however, we might be thinking differently. The year 2020 has brought the fears of COVID, a new election year, political turmoil, fires, hurricanes, and killer bees. To add to it, we have had virtual meetings, in person school postponed, adjustment of work schedules and/or the news of no longer having work.

Needless to say, things this year have been unpredictable, fearful, and a constant message of uncertainty. Where are we to find the truth and guidance in our world that is overrun by fear? In times of chaos, where there seems like there is no hope, God is there amongst our hurt, pain, and frustration. I turn to Psalm 26:2-7 for guidance, “We will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” The one truth and constant we can rely on is God. He will never leave us nor forsake us, and calls us to be forebearers of His love even in the midst of a changing and fearful world. We can do this by wearing our masks, serving our neighbors through our Tuesday “Come to the Table” meals, and through the power of kindness and generosity.

Evil tends to try to sneak in on our lives and tell us everything is out of control, that our friends are turning against us, and that if you are from the opposing political party that you must not be a child of God. Instead, we need to turn to the mindset of Christ and make His joy complete by honoring our neighbors.

In Philippians 2:1-4 , “Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.”

When there is fear, anxiety, and an unpredictable future it is easy to lose sight of what is important. God has given us faith and discipleship to be stewards of His love. To know that we should be thankful for the gift of life and that we can shape our world to become a better, healthier, and safer place together. We fix our eyes on Christ, who guides us in hope, healing, and gratefulness in what is to come. Not only may you find yourself leaning on God’s love to guide you through the rest of the year, but to help embrace others in that love of Christ.

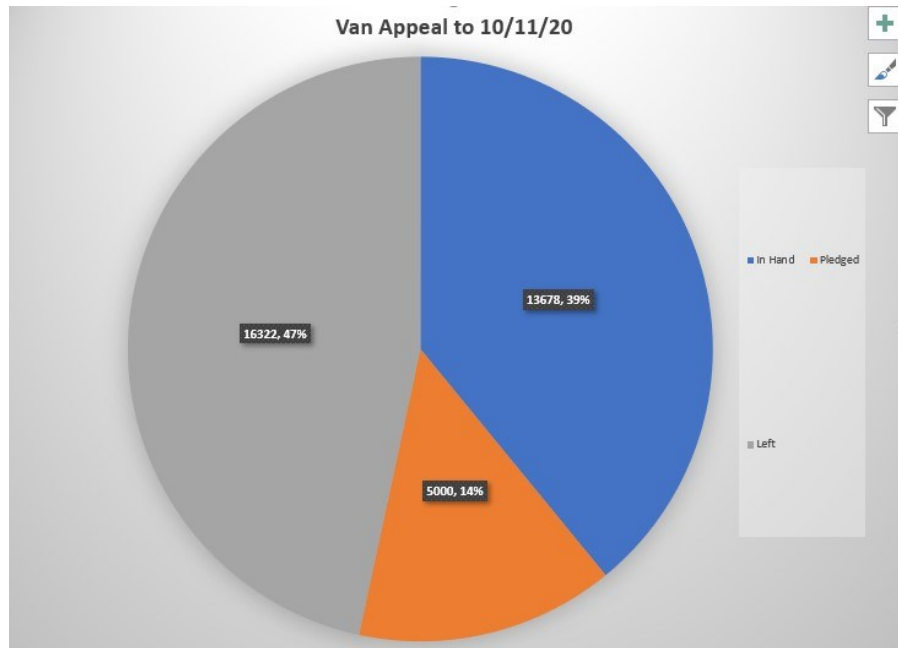
In Christ,

Pr. Lucas Holsten  
Associate Pastor



# Van Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to the van appeal. We are over half way toward our goal.



It is time for our 1998 church van to retire. The Church Council invites you to pitch in and help with a quick and targeted appeal to raise the \$35,000 (estimated) needed to secure a gently used replacement. Gifts of all sizes are appreciated, but this is the specific challenge—

## Can you match your monthly payment on the last vehicle you purchased/leased and make that as a special offering?

If making one “extra” vehicle payment is possible (or an estimated payment if you made an all cash purchase) we will make quick work of this appeal.

Once we reach a threshold of \$25,000, the Church Council will authorize the purchase as soon as a suitable s identified. (It may take a bit of time to find the right combination of price, mileage, and model year.)

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## Yes, I can help

with the enclosed special offering of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Just for fun— My dream car is : \_\_\_\_\_

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### November 2020

For current and update calendar  
<http://www.st-johnslutheran.org/#/calendar>

#### Monday

9:30 am and 1:30 am-Pre-School Chapel

#### Tuesday

9:30 am Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm Come to the Table Meal

#### Wednesday

4:00 pm Worship - All are Welcome

#### Thursday

9:30 am Pre-School Chapel

#### Sunday

9:00 am Worship -Sunday School

#### November 2020

11/1 9:00 am All Saints/Celebration of Baptism  
Worship  
10:45 am All Saints Traditional Worship  
11/5 5:30 pm Executive Meeting  
11/8 10:00 am Open Forum 2021 Budget  
11/10 6:00 pm Mini German Supper open for  
congregation members  
6:30 pm Council Meeting  
11/11 9:30 am Staff Meeting  
11/15 10:30 am Sunday School Fall Festival  
11/25 4:00 pm Worship S. John's Youth Group  
11/26 1:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Day Meal -  
Pickup or delivery ONLY  
11/26-11/27 Church Offices Closed—Happy Thanks  
Giving

**Call the church office for  
more updates 252-1198**



## Council Recap

Summary of the October 13th Council meeting  
The council reviewed and approved the minutes of the September meetings. The council reviewed and approved the September 2020 Financial report. It was highlighted that General giving was \$28,939 and expenses were \$26,967.33 for a net positive of \$1,971.67.

This is the first positive month in calendar year 2020. Began the process of reviewing proposal for the 2021 budget.

Discussed staffing needs.

Discussed cost savings measures.

The new stove and dishwasher have been delivered. There is some plumbing and electrical work required. The island in the kitchen will need to be moved to facilitate installation.

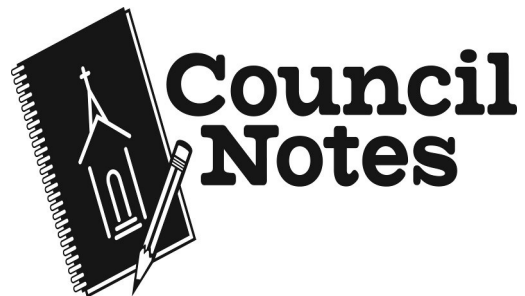
Our goal is to have them installed and operational by November 10th.

Discussed Covid-19 safety procedures.

Discussed the formation of a nominating committee to establish a slate of candidates for the 2021 council.

A number of names were presented and will be contacted to see if they would like to serve.

Gary L. Staab  
701-269-7235  
[glstaab@yahoo.com](mailto:glstaab@yahoo.com)





# STATE HOSPITAL PATIENTS



Volunteers at the State Hospital wish to give you all an Opportunity to be "Family" to Patients on Christmas!

Here are a few suggestions, which may be of interest to those individuals who wish to respond to this appeal.

Please select gifts you yourself would enjoy. To help you choose, we suggest:

For Men & Women:

Hair brushes and combs, hair accessories, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and chap-stick.

For Women:

Pajama sets, nightgowns, lounge pants, panties, slippers, blouses or tops, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, make-up (eye shadow, mascara, foundation, lipstick), lotions, nail polish, gloves, winter hats, Christian devotionals, journals, book markers, notebooks (no spirals), planners and fleece throws.

For Men:

Sweatshirts, sweatpants, hooded sweatshirts, colored t-shirts, socks, briefs/boxers, flannel shirts, lounge pants, winter caps and gloves, billfolds, hand lotion, slippers, pajama sets, notebooks (no spirals), planners, playing cards, book markers, Christian devotionals, journals and fleece throws. (We often run short of items for men.)

For Wards:

Games, supplies for arts and crafts (examples: yarn, fuzzy posters and etc.), adult coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, colored markers, puzzles, new boxes of all occasion greeting cards, stationery, Bibles, Christmas candy, calendars, blankets and quilts.

FINANCIAL AID is welcome and we will send a post-card receipt for all monetary and material donations.

**NEWS and ACTIVITIES**  
**Women of the Church**



## CERTIFICATE OF GRATITUDE

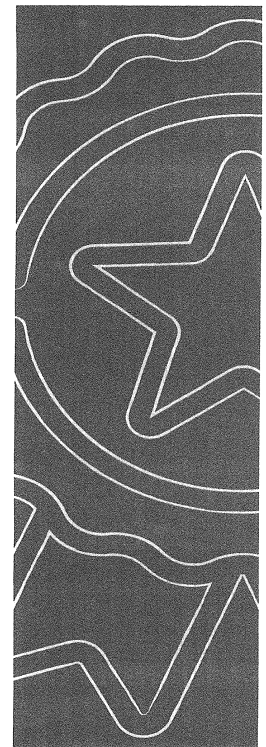
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*St. John's Lutheran  
Church Quilters*

for selfless, outstanding service to others!  
Thank you from YWCA Cass Clay.

Given on this 17th day of July, 2020

  
ERIN PROCHNOW, CEO  
YWCA CASS CLAY





**Pianist:** Rachel Williams, and Connie Wells

**Readers:** Jim Ritter, Sandy Franke, Joan Enderle, Terri Bostan, Tonya Perkins,

**Ushers:** Tom Enderle, Walter Klundt, and Bill Ebele

**Projector and Streaming:** Lynn Krueger, Char Perleberg, John and Cindy Kleven

**Messenger:** Tom Enderle and Walter Klundt

Special thanks to those who decorate the church, insure the children bags have books and activities, individuals that are always available to lend a hand to shovel the snow, keep the front of the church clean, help with mailing. There are many that quietly go about doing what needs to be done and get it done when no one is watching. Thank you so much to all.



**CHURCH MINISTRY**

**Deaths**

Ted Weisser - Died 9/21  
 Keven Babcock –Died 9/23  
 Bryan Klose -Died 10/7  
 Esther Radtke– Died 10/12

**Baptism**

None

**Wedding**

None

**Sponsorships**

**Radio November**

November 1 LaDona Tarno  
 November 8 Walter Perleberg Family  
 November 15 St. John’s Media Legacy Fund  
 November 22 Gerald and Marjorie Lippert  
 November 29 St. John’s Media Legacy Fund



**If you would like to sponsor a Radio Broadcast or Altar Flowers please contact the church 252-1198**

**Flowers November**

November 1 LaDona Tarno  
 November 8 Walter Perleberg Family  
 November 15 Charles and Connie Wells  
 November 22 Kathy Burkle  
 November 29 John and Cindy Kleven



**August –September 2020**

September	20	61
	27	60
October	4	64
	11	25
	18	63
	25	

August Giving: \$ 29,939  
 August expenses: \$ 26,967

**BAPTISM CLASS**  
 please contact one of the pastors





Greetings and God Bless to All!

It has been a very busy start to our school year already. It seems as if fall has already come and gone as we just received our first snowfall and temperatures that have dipped down to 20 degrees. It's funny as I was just reflecting how at this time last year, I was just digging the center out from a snowstorm that had dropped 17 inches of snow on us. It's a reminder to be thankful for the little things like the health of our staff, and families. The ability to have such a wonderful center to gather in, and help the families in our community by providing them with good child care. To have such dedicated staff that show up day after day even in the heat of a global pandemic. Today I am thankful for everyone who has walked through the doors of this center and helped make it the best center it could possibly be. Now, for an update on our rooms!

Our infant room once again has gone from immobile babies to babies who run from one side of the room to other. They steal their friend's food, and have taken on baby wrestling again. I applaud our infant room teachers with their patience as I know this is a small room for seven babies who have hit toddler stage a little too fast!

Our Toddler and Child Care rooms are busier than ever with projects and getting ready for all of the holiday seasons that are heading our way. We are doing lots of singing and dancing to help Ms. Ford prep for our wonderful Christmas program. We figure the more they sing and dance the less likely they are to be nervous on the big stage... hopefully.

Preschool has not gotten to enjoy field trips this year due to COVID we are hoping when it warms back up, we will be able to find a few more outdoor field trips they can enjoy. We were lucky enough to have gotten to go see the buffalo with the kids, and they absolutely loved it! For now, we will be staying in the classroom helping prep these kids for kindergarten.

As we head into one of our busiest seasons with these kiddos, we remain forever grateful for all these opportunities that we get to have with all of our little ones and thankful for the friendships we form here at Child in Our Hands.

Sincerely,

Torrey Herrington, Director



**PRE SCHOOL and INFANT CARE**



Greetings to all friends and family of Red Willow Bible Camp!

I wanted to take a moment in the midst of this crazy time to **introduce myself** and to offer an **invitation** for you to connect with camp!

First, my name is Frank Johnson and I will be your Executive Director of Red Willow Ministries beginning in October. I come to you from serving as a parish pastor in Hallock, Minnesota for the previous nine years. As you receive this letter, I am in the process of moving to camp with my wife, Kate, and our two kids, Natalie (6) and Elias (2). We are thrilled to make Red Willow our home and to tend and steward this place that means so much to so many of you!

Now, the invitation: We are going to be putting on an event that does not require you to go very far at all. Red Willow will be one of nearly 20 Lutheran camps across the country who will be partnering with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries for the **Run4 Camp 5K virtual run/walk on November 1!**

To participate, go to our website ([www.redwillowbiblecamp.com](http://www.redwillowbiblecamp.com)), scroll down to the “5K donate button.” There, you will pledge to complete a 5K on November 1, whether by running, walking, biking, or skiing. Shoot, you can jump in a car and drive 3.1 miles if you want (nobody is judging). All we ask is that you donate \$25 to Red Willow, find five folks to sponsor your 5K for any amount (whether \$5 or \$500), and send us a picture of yourself participating so we can share that on Facebook.

Now, here’s what I’m really looking forward to: We are going to use this as an opportunity for you to get to know me through this event! All you have to do is hop on to Facebook and “Like” Red Willow Ministries at [www.facebook.com/RedWillowMinistries](http://www.facebook.com/RedWillowMinistries) While you are running or walking, we will be posting your pictures, and I will be posting regular updates as I complete a one-mile-an-hour marathon at Red Willow—24 hours, 26.2 miles! I will introduce my family and me, share stories, and raise money for Red Willow. We look forward to connecting with you from afar with the hope that soon enough we will be able to meet at camp face-to-face!

If you have any questions or would like to be involved in this event in any other capacity, please reach out to our Office Manager, Beth Varty at 701-676-2681 and [beth@redwillowbiblecamp.org](mailto:beth@redwillowbiblecamp.org).

I am looking forward to get to know you! May God bless you and your family in this crazy time and may we soon be back together at Red Willow!

Frank Johnson

Executive Director



*Elias, Frank, Natalie, and Kate*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> All Saints Sunday Presentation of Baptism Medallion - baptized this year 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's and Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship and traditional All Saints Sunday	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Pre-school chapel 1:30 PM Pre-school chapel	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	<b>4</b> 4:00 PM Worship 4:01 PM Confirmation	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Pre-school chapel 5:30 PM Executive Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's and Sunday School 10:30 AM Fall Festival - Sunday School activity only	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Pre-school chapel 1:30 PM Pre-school chapel	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	<b>18</b> 4:00 PM Worship 4:01 PM Confirmation - St. John's Lutheran Church	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Pre-school chapel	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:30 AM Jamestown Community Prayer - Basilica of St. James
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's and Sunday School	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM Pre-school chapel 1:30 PM Pre-school chapel	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving - Church Offices Closed 1:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Meal - Concordia Lutheran - Take Out Only	<b>27</b> Church offices closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> First Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's and Sunday School	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Pre-school chapel 1:30 PM Pre-school chapel	<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	<b>2</b> 2:00 PM Ave Maria Worship 4:00 PM Worship	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Pre-school chapel 5:30 PM Executive Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>



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**Worship Services**

Sundays  
 9:00 am

**Holy Communion**  
**All Worship Services**

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 Torrey Herrington

**Choir Accompanist/Pianist**  
 Rachel Williams  
 Connie Wells



**All Saint Sunday**  
**November 1**  
**9:00 am celebration of Saints**  
**through baptism**

**10:45 am Traditional all Saints Service**