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June/July Newsletter

St. John—St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Church/School Office Hours

Monday-Friday—8:00am—12:00pm

Summer Worship Times

Thursday—6:30 pm

Sunday Outdoor Worship—9:00am

God Bless America



From the Pastor's Desk ~



Dear Brother or Sister in Christ,

Quite a few years ago, Ray Boltz wrote the words and music for a song entitled, “Thank You.” (Please excuse a pop culture reference that is literally older than my adult children—I think the lyrics still help to make the point.) In the song, he describes what he envisions as several scenes in heaven where individuals express their appreciation for the Christian efforts and offerings which greatly affected their lives. The refrain goes like this:

*Thank you for giving to the Lord; I am a life that was changed.
Thank you for giving to the Lord; I am so glad you gave.*

At the time it may have been a small gesture to the one acting or an insignificant moment, but the song points out that such small and insignificant actions in the hand of our Almighty God can produce incredible results. Think about it—all that we do for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ and for His glory has an impact. Being involved through the use of our gifts and abilities in the ministry of St. John-St. James sometimes may seem common-place or ordinary. On the surface, giving of our time may appear routine in nature. And giving to support the work and outreach of our church may not seem very important. After all, we might reason, just about anyone could do what we are doing or give what we are giving.

But because of your faithfulness day in and day out, week after week, month after month, the lives of boys and girls, teenagers, and men and women are being changed. And although the transforming power of the Gospel is exciting to behold as it impacts people, someday it will bring an even greater joy when others describe how your service to the Lord and your financial support made a difference in their lives. This time of year we get to see the practical evidence of such impact as young adults are confirmed or graduate from Lutheran grade schools, high schools, colleges, and our seminary. Our Congregational Mission Offerings are used to support all of these and the future impact on God’s good purposes are almost impossible to grasp.

2 Corinthians 9:12 reminds us: **“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”** I thank God for your giving to the Lord, especially during this last year, and for being a part of this ministry! It truly matters! May the Lord continue to bless us as we trust him by offering our time, talents, and treasures for use in His Kingdom.

Blessings,
Pastor Aden





Church President's Message



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Spring has finally arrived. The weather is nice, people are planting flowers and their gardens. The farmers are able to get their crops planted. Our Gracious God has richly blessed us.

Our MLC/MLHS Scholarship fund is doing very well. As of this writing, we have \$ 4,812.50 in the MLC Fund and \$ 1,987.50 in the MLHS Fund. Still needed \$1,200.00. Just a reminder, this special offering will end on June 6th. We thank everyone who has contributed in helping our MLC and MLHS students with their tuition costs.

We also have some other good news. Our new Hymnals, the Bibles and the other things associated with the Hymnals are taken care of. Also, the Basketball uniforms are taken care of. We thank everyone who contributed to these funds. If you would like to order a personal Hymnal or Bible for yourself, we have order forms in the west office and an order form in this newsletter. We will take orders until June 30th.

On June 6th we will start our outdoor services at 9:00 on Sunday mornings. Our Thursday evening services will be held at 6:30 in the church. The outdoor services were very well received last year.

On Sunday May 16th our congregation called Kristen Hillmann to be our part-time teacher for Principal Administrative time. Please keep Kristen in your prayers as she deliberates our Divine Call.

Our Budget Committee is busy putting together the new budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal year. The month of June is a very busy time for the Budget Committee. We have to wait to hear how many School Choice Vouchers we will receive. We usually find out about June 1st. After that we can finish the budget. We then have a Church Council Budget meeting to approve the budget. And finally we have our Voters' Budget meeting. We plan on having this voters meeting on Sunday, June 20th at 10:00 after the 9:00 Outdoor Worship Service.

Please read the Strategic Planning Committee report in this newsletter. This is a new committee that will be putting together a long range plan for St. John-St. James. We are now interviewing all the committees and organizations in our congregation. We want their input as we plan for the future. Two things have been mentioned by just about every committee. We need more volunteers and the need for a second Pastor. As was announced at the May 16th Voters' meeting, the Strategic Planning committee is now doing preliminary work on a second Pastor. The Stewardship Committee is looking at how to finance this. We will keep you informed as we go along. When we have a plan, we will have informational and question and answer meetings with the congregation to get their input. We plan on having some more information for you at the June Voters' meeting.

On Friday May 21, Audrey and I attended our school's Spring Spotlight. What amazing talents our St. John-St. James students have. They put on a wonderful show. Thank you to all the Students, Teachers, Teacher Aides and all the volunteers who helped put this performance together.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help out at our church and school. It is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,
Daniel Duchow



New Hymnals for St. John-St. James

There are exciting to say that we have met our goals for the Church Hymnals, Bibles, Service Builder and Playlist that were approved by our Voters' Meeting in February. If you are still interested in purchasing a hymnal or bible or for your own personal home use, there are donation forms on the following page and in the West Office. Place your donation and the form in the Church Box next to the forms in the west office or mail it to SJSJ at 219 Manitowoc St., Reedsville WI 54230. Purchase deadline is June 30th. Thank you!

~Gary Bernhardt

Hymnal & Bible Donations Form

If you would like to order hymnals or Bibles for personal/home use please fill out the form below and drop it in the Church shaped box in the West Office.

Name _____

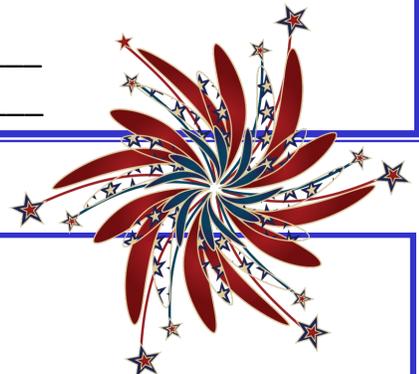
Would like to purchase:

Please check all that apply.

_____ Hymnal(s) @ \$24 each = \$ _____

_____ Bible(s) @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____

Total \$ _____



Church Wish List

“Wish List” Items with an estimate of cost:

Gifts so far:

Altar Paraments Our white set of altar paraments has been feeling its age for a while. It has been stained and cleaned multiple times. Those who care for it, realize it is time to consider replacing them. [estimated cost:\$3000]

Gifts so far: \$1400.00

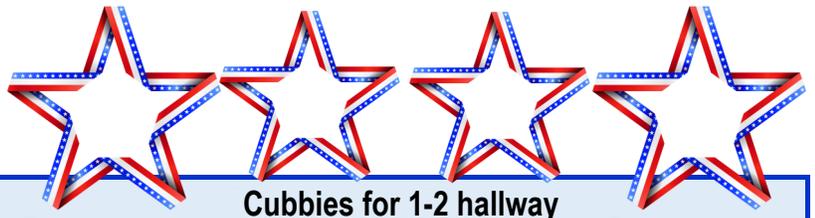
New Folding Chairs We currently have a three year plan to upgrade our folding chairs which we use for overflow seating in the Sanctuary and for occasional large services that are hosted in the Gymnasium (e.g. Children’s Christmas Eve Service, All Church Sunday). Our plan is to eventually purchase 150 (50 chairs each year—we have purchased the first 48.) [estimated cost: \$85 per 4 pack]

Communion: Fellowship Cups We have been using the new communion cups that have both the wafer and wine in one individual container. Those have been supplied by private gifts [It costs about \$250 for two months.]

Mailboxes We would like to install wooden mail slots for each household. We regularly disseminate information to the entire congregation. This would allow us to cut down on direct mailing information. We could make offering envelopes, annual reports, etc. available to each family when they are on campus. [The estimate and evaluation of this item is on hold until we better understand our needs “Post-COVID.”]

~Pastor Darin Aden

School Wish List



Early Childhood Items		Cubbies for 1-2 hallway	
Picasso Tiles (magna tiles) Amazon	\$50-100	Athletics	
Toy trucks--construction, fire, and tractors	\$5-20	Scooters	\$350 per 6
Spark, magnetic puzzles	\$6	Basketball Uniforms	\$1800/half of total cost
Furnishings		Classroom	
Student Desks	\$80 each	Novel Sets	\$150 per set
Student Chairs	\$25 each	Science 3Doodle (3D pen)	\$57 each
File Cabinets	\$250 each	Chalk Pastels	\$10 each
Trophy Case for Commons		Oil Pastels	\$8 each
Cabinets for grades 3-8 classrooms	\$5-7K	Qleeno QS101 Standard Low Profile Automatic Floor Scrubber	\$725.99
Replace sink, counter and cabinets in 1-2 and Play and d0 review			



Worship Committee News

Update of 2021 Ministry Plan

- Summer service schedule - Outdoor services will be scheduled again this year starting June 6th. Thursday night 6:30pm services will be blended mask services and be held indoors. Sunday we will have one service at 9:00am in the church parking lot BYO chairs. Rain backup plans TBD

New Hymnal Transition Update

- All hymnals and bibles have been donated by members of the congregation, including organist keyboard books, alter books and the service builder software.
- We will have a signup sheet for people to buy hymnals for home/personal use and ask that they be filled out by the end of June.
- We will find ways to re-purpose the old hymnals including letting congregation members have the ones they donated if they want them.
- We will be keeping a few for the church.
- The organ will be 25 years old this year and we will be scheduling a special service with a guest organist and pastor. Details TBD
- Discussions have begun about a Service coordinator – It has been decided there is a need to create a position and fill it to help coordinate coverage of the AV booth for all services.

Gary Bernhardt, Worship Committee Chair

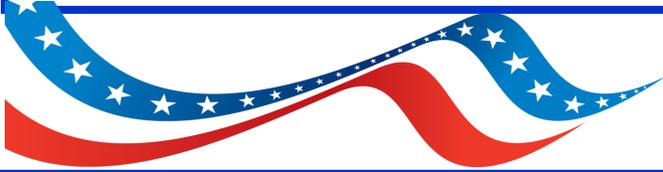
MLC-MLHS Tuition Assistance



This fall Maya Aden, Josh Aden, Lynsey Marohn, and Michaela Bubolz will be attending MLC. They plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. Next school year the cost of attending MLC will be \$28,690.00 We have established a Scholarship Fund to help fund their education. If the student's home congregation gives each student \$1000.00, MLC will match it.

All of our eighth graders will be attending MLHS this fall. The majority of these students do not have a School Choice Voucher. Tuition at MLHS is \$6000.00. We'd like to help these students with their tuition costs. We have set a goal of \$8,000.00 to provide our MLC and MLHS students with tuition assistance. **This special offering will end on June 6th**. If you wish to contribute, mark your envelope **MLC/ MLHS Scholarship Fund**. Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We can't cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS. If you have any questions, please call Dan Duchow at 754-4751 or email Dan at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com. Presently, we have \$4,812.50 in the MLC Fund and \$1,987.50 in the MLHS Fund. Still needed \$1,200.00.

~Dan Duchow



Basket Ball Uniforms

The PTO would like to announce that the amount needed to purchase the basketball uniforms has been met! Thank you to Dave Robley for organizing this and all who have donated. We greatly appreciate all efforts to defer the cost of our new basketball uniforms.

~Dan Duchow

Worship Schedule Up-Date

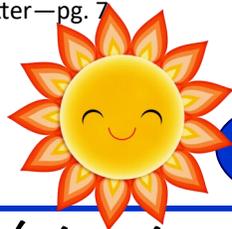


Summer Services will be held on Thursday night at 6:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

The Thursday, 6:30 pm Service will be held in the church. It will be a blended service in which the Pulpit side of the church will be reserved for masked members and the Non-Pulpit side of the church will be reserved for members who wish to not wear masks.

The Sunday, 9:00 am services will be held outside in our parking lot. This service will be mask optional and only if weather permits. If the weather does not permit us to hold this service outside we will go into our school gym where there is plenty of space to spread out and will also be mask optional. Please remember to bring a comfortable lawn chair and dress accordingly.

~Gary Bernhard, Worship Committee Chair



June 2021



Wednesday, June 2, 2021

- 6:30 pm Planned Giving Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 3, 2021

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship

Sunday, June 6, 2021

- 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service
 - Deadline to donate for MLC/MLHS Scholarships

Monday, June 7, 2021

- 4:00pm Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 9

- 6:30pm Church Council Budget Meeting (in-person)

Thursday, June 10, 2021

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship w/Communion

Sunday, June 13, 2021

- 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service w/Communion

Monday, June 14, 2021

- 6:30pm Church Council Meeting (in-person)

Thursday, June 17, 2021

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Happy Father's Day!

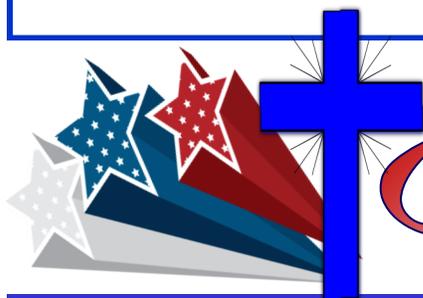
- 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service
- 10:00am Voters' Budget Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2021

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship w/Communion

Sunday, June 27, 2021

- 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service w/Communion



July 2021



Thursday, Jul 1, 2021

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Independence Day

- 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service

Thursday, Jul 8, 2021

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship w/Communion

Sunday, Jul 11, 2021

- 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service w/Communion

Thursday, Jul 15, 2021

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship

Sunday, Jul 18, 2021

- 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service

Thursday, Jul 22, 2021

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship w/Communion

Sunday, Jul 25, 2021

- 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service w/Communion



Serving You in June

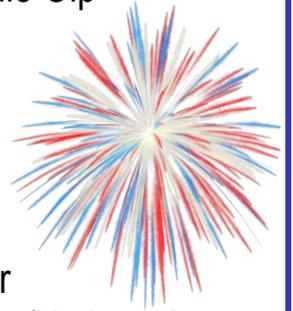
Thursday, June 3 & Sunday, June 6

Thursday, 6:30 pm Ushers— Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp

Sunday, 9:00 am Ushers— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog

Church Cleaners—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer

Flower Committee—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke



Thursday, June 10 & Sunday, June 13

Thursday, 6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner

Sunday, 9:00 am Ushers—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton/Nathan Kasten

Church Cleaners—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer

Flower Committee—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke

Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

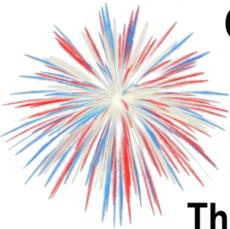
Thursday, June 17 & Sunday, June 20

Thursday, 6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

Sunday, 9:00 am Ushers— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt

Church Cleaners—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida

Flower Committee—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke



Thursday, June 24 & Sunday, June 27

Thursday, 6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp

Sunday, 9:00 am Ushers— Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann,

Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe

Church Cleaners—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida

Flower Committee—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke

Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

New Church Doors

The new church doors have been ordered. Right now it looks like the doors will be here in either the 2nd or 3rd week in June.

Mortgage Loan Refinanced

We have refinanced our mortgage loan with Denmark State Bank. In 2017 we took out a 25 year loan. The interest rate was guaranteed for 10 years at 4.81%. At that time interest rates were rising and it was projected that rates would stay high. With the refinancing we will pay 4.1% for the remaining 6 years. We will save about \$40,000.00 in interest over the next 6 years. We had to pay \$2,214.00 for costs. We took this out of the Building Fund. We'd like to ask our members to remember the Building Fund.

Serving You in July

Thursday, July 1 & Sunday, July 4

Thursday, 6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner

Sunday, 9:00 am Ushers—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack

Church Cleaners—Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor

Flower Committee—Kathie Kiekhaefer, Krizty Sebo

Thursday, July 8 & Sunday, July 11

Thursday, 6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

Sunday, 9:00 am Ushers—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack,

Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann

Church Cleaners—Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor

Flower Committee—Kathie Kiekhaefer, Krizty Sebo

Communion Set-Up/Take-Down— Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz

Thursday, July 15 & Sunday, July 18

Thursday, 6:30 pm Ushers— Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp

Sunday, 9:00 am Ushers—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau

Church Cleaners—Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn

Flower Committee—Kathie Kiekhaefer, Krizty Sebo

Thursday, July 22 & Sunday, July 25

Thursday, 6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner

Sunday, 9:00 am Ushers— Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline

Church Cleaners—Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn

Flower Committee—Kathie Kiekhaefer, Krizty Sebo

Communion Set-Up/Take-Down— Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz

Thursday, July 29 & Sunday, August 1

Thursday, 6:30 pm Ushers— Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

Sunday, 9:00 am Ushers— Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel

Church Cleaners—Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau

Flower Committee— Kathie Kiekhaefer, Krizty Sebo (**July**) Kay Pantzlaff (**August**)

Reedsville Fireman's Parade Float

In the past, St. John-St. James has always had a float in the Reedsville Firemen's Parade. This is taken care of by the Evangelism Committee. We still can't find an Evangelism Chairman yet. We'd like a few volunteers to help the Evangelism Committee plan and put together a float for the parade. This parade float is a good way to get our name out in the community. Please contact Norman Pantzlaff at 920-754-4628 if interested in helping.

Strategic Planning Committee

Strategic Planning Committee - June 2021

The strategic Planning Committee (SPC) was created to develop a 5–10-year plan to focus the direction of the ministries of St John-St. James Church and School and to suggest the timeline and resources needed to implement and measure these goals.

The committee was created last year but did not officially start until this past January. As you know, Covid put the brakes on a lot of activities this past year.

One of the many duties of the committee is to familiarize ourselves with our current ministries and plans. After much discussion we wanted an organized place to start. How do we do this? The committee decided to interview all the committees, organizations, and staff members of St. John-St. James to understand their purpose, duties and goals. Along with this understanding, we want feedback on opportunities and needs of our congregation. We have just started the interviews and are already seeing common needs being brought forward. Two of the main recommendations being brought forward from the interviews are the need for a second Pastor, and volunteers required to assist in all areas of our ministry.

Our next step is to organize and prioritize the needs being brought forward. With the two common needs for a second Pastor and increased volunteers from our congregation being brought forward, we will start to investigate and analyze these areas. The committee may need to facilitate a short-term plan to help with the requests being brought forward. We are also discussing presenting a questionnaire for our congregational members and possibly a survey for our community. Subcommittees may be needed in the future to assist in evaluation and development of future plans.

We have a lot of work in front of us. We will always welcome feedback from our members. Please contact any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

In Christ,
Arlie Olp

Our Strategic Planning Committee Board:

Gary Bernhardt (920-629-5221)

Dave Hoida (920-851-0569)

Sheri Lau (920-323-9197)

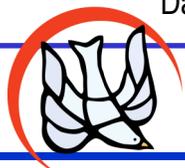
Dan Duchow (920-860-9379)

Arlie Olp (920-629-0709)

Karin Hokkanen (608-515-9114)

Corey Marohn (920-809-9621)

Pastor Aden (920-277-0101)



Confirmation-Graduation Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2021 Confirmation class: Katie Behnke, Kayla Bubolz, Kodie Bubolz, Isabella Flores, Maya Keil, Abby Marohn, Megan Robley, Gabriel Stuebs and Erick Zimmerman. A Confirmation Service was held on May 1, 2021 to confirm their faith in God and St. John-St. James Lutheran Church.

8TH Grade Graduation was held for our 8th grade graduates Wednesday, May 26 at 6:00 pm. Congratulations to the 2021 graduating class of St. John—St. James: Bella Flores, Maya Keil, Abby Marohn, Megan Robley, Gabriel Stuebs & Erick Zimmerman!



Voters' Budget Meeting



The Voters' Budget meeting will be held on Sunday, June 20 at 10:00 am after the 9:00 am Outdoor Service. The only Agenda item is the 2021-2022 Fiscal year budget.



Pipe Organ



This fall our pipe organ will be 25 years old. It doesn't seem that long already. The organ was voted through on Reformation Sunday in 1995. It was dedicated on Reformation Sunday in 1996. We are planning to have a 25th Anniversary celebration on Reformation Sunday, October 31st. Charles Bonow, who has been here many times will present an organ concert for our Anniversary. More details will follow.



Divine Call



Our voters placed a call to Mrs. Kristen Hillmann to teach Grades 6-8 Language Arts, Grades 3-5 Grammar & Music here at St. John—St. James. Mrs. Hillmann currently teaches only Music here at SJSJ. This arrangement will allow Mr. Zimmerman to have more Principal Administrative time each day. Please keep Mrs. Hillmann in your prayers as she deliberates how the Lord can best use her talents and abilities.



Scrip Program Information



The scrip program has generated \$7,563.68 profit so far in fiscal year 2021. This profit helps to fund different areas of ministry here at St. John St. James.

The church council has approved payouts of \$446.82 for a new scrip computer.

The scrip program has switched to the school Gmail account for its email. The new email address is scrip@stjohnstjames.com.

Make an offer! The scrip program is offering a special deal on the \$10 Claire cards. Talk to a member of the scrip team and purchase the cards for whatever amount you're willing to pay.

The scrip program has added Covered Wagon in Manitowoc to our inventory. They will be available to purchase in \$10 certificates. A revised scrip sheet will be coming out shortly.

The current scrip order sheet has the option to email the form (excel document) to Rodney Bubolz at scrip@stjohnstjames.com a half hour before the service. The member will bring the payment for the scrip order and we will have the order ready when you come in.

Scrip is sold by our school secretary through the week from 8:00am-3:00pm Monday through Friday from the secretary's office in the new entranceway. Scrip is also sold before church services from the secretary's office.

~Rodney Bubolz , Scrip Coordinator

BUILDING OUR FUTURE ON CHRIST



“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.” Philippians 2:13

Our entire Manitowoc Lutheran Federation is invited to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the MLHS capital campaign that wants to finance:

New gymnasium • New chapel • Secure main entrance • Renovations

An MLHS representative came to our church recently to share further details about the plans at MLHS, including showing an informative video. You can access that information at www.mlhslancers.org/campaign.

Sometimes the Lord gives us opportunities to put what He calls the “grace of giving” into action. Here is such an opportunity. As you consider this exciting and important campaign, how could you participate? Here are some possibilities:

Pledge a gift from the Lord’s blessing of regular income. This campaign invites regular giving for up to 5 years. A regular amount set aside over and above your regular offerings to the Lord can go a long way.

Pledge a portion of the latest stimulus checks to get you started.

The Lord also blesses some of us with other sources of income, such as IRAs, Investment Portfolios, Annuities, Real Estate, etc. Such assets may be able to be donated directly to MLHS to maximize tax deductions.

Where there is a will, there is a way. Let’s prayerfully consider this opportunity to put our Easter peace, joy and hope into action. Case Booklets and Pledge/Donation Forms are available at a display in church. You can also view these materials and make a pledge by going to the MLHS Campaign website listed above.



For the sake of planning, MLHS leadership respectfully asks that if possible, we bring our pledges and donations by the end of July.