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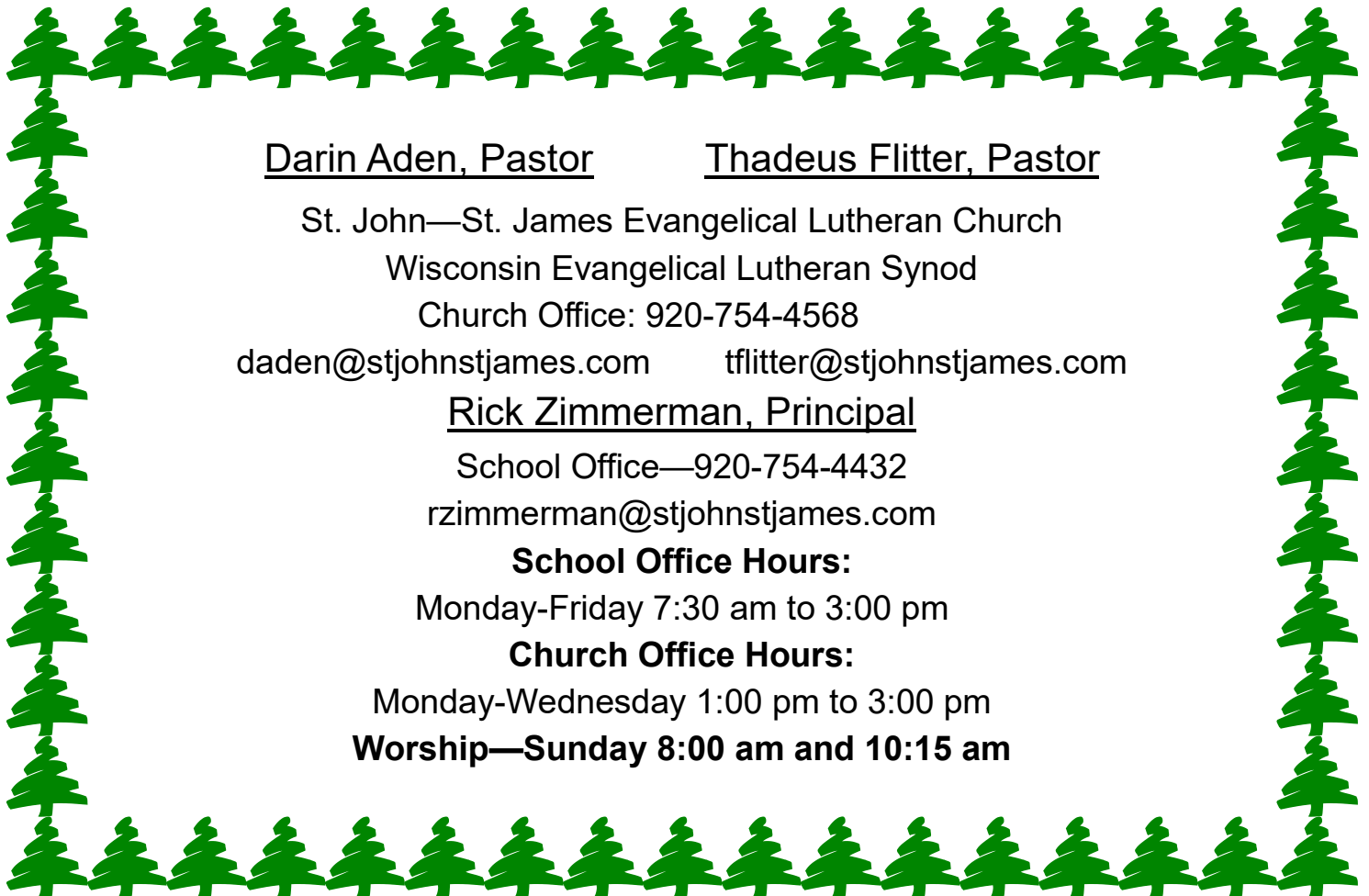
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## November-December Newsletter



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**School Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday-Wednesday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**Worship—Sunday 8:00 am and 10:15 am**

## Serving You In December

**Communion Set-Up/Take Down:** Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, and Joan Sheahan

**Flower Committee:** Joan Sheahan, Val Jean Link

**Church Cleaners:** *Nov. 27-Dec. 10:* Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida

*Dec. 11-Dec. 24:* Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor

*Dec. 25-Jan. 8:* Rick/Sarah Zimmerman, Carissa Hillmann/Vicky Rolf

**Usher Schedule:** *Sunday, Dec. 3 at 8:00 am*— Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel

*Sunday, Dec. 3 at 10:15am*— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

*Sunday, Dec. 10 at 8:00am*— Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel

*Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10:15am*— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

*Sunday, Dec. 17 at 8:00am*— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad/Jade Busse, Marshall Kirkpatrick

*Sunday, Dec. 17 at 10:15am*— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten

*Friday, Dec. 22 at 8:30am (Children's Christmas Eve Service)*— Volunteers-Please sign up in the West Office of Church

*Sunday, Dec. 24 at 9:00am*—Andy & Rebekah Bubolz, Zac Bubolz, Joe Bubolz, Jon Winkel

*Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5:30pm (Children's Christmas Eve Service)*— Volunteers-Please sign up in the West Office of Church

*Sunday, Dec. 24 at 7:00pm (Christmas Candlelight Service)*— Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner, Randy Denor

*Monday, December 25 at 9:00am*—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

*Sunday, Dec. 31 at 8:00am*— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad/Jade Busse, Marshall Kirkpatrick

*Sunday, Dec. 31 at 10:15am*— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten

## Serving You in November

**Communion Set-Up/Take Down:** Pat Olp, Arlie Olp, Mary Fenlon

**Flower Committee:** Karen Prochnow, Barb Herzog

**Church Cleaners:** Oct. 30-Nov. 12—Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

Nov. 13-Nov. 26—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer

Nov. 27-Dec. 10—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida

**Usher Schedule:** *Sunday, Nov. 5 at 8:00am*— Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack

*Sunday, Nov. 5 at 10:15am*— Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Randy/Sandy Waack, Todd Hickmann

*Sunday, Nov. 12 at 9:00am*— Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack, Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Randy/Sandy Waack, Todd Hickmann

*Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6:30pm (Deer Hunter's Worship)*— Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner, Randy Denor

*Sunday, Nov. 19 at 8:00am*— Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau

*Sunday, Nov. 19 at 10:15am*— Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline, Erick Zimmerman

*Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 6:30pm (Thanksgiving Eve)*— Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

*Thursday, Nov. 23 at 9:00am (Thanksgiving Day)*—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Pat/Arlie Olp

*Sunday, Nov. 26 at 8:00am*—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau

*Sunday Nov. 26 at 10:15am*—Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline, Erick Zimmerman



# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					B-Ball: A-Team Girls (Maribel) @ St. Paul's Luxemburg 7:00pm	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○8:00 am Worship Service</li> <li>○9:05 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study</li> <li>○10:15 am Worship Service with 3K-Gr3 Singing</li> </ul>	Christmas EC Event @ 6:00-7:30 pm		Bible Information Class at 6:30 pm		B-Ball: B-Team Girls, B-Team Boys, A-Team Boys @ St. John's Maribel 5:00pm 	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○8:00 am Communion Sunday Service and 4-8 Grades Sing</li> <li>○9:05 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study</li> <li>○10:15 am Communion Sunday Service</li> </ul>	<b>Parent Transport</b>  Stewardship Meeting 5:30 Church Council Meeting 6:30		Bible Information Class at 6:30 pm	 B-Ball: A-Team Girls (Maribel) @ Maribel @ 7:00pm	B-Ball: B-Team Girls, B-Team Boys, A-Team Boys, @ Home vs Trinity Brillion 5:00pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○8:00 am Worship Service</li> <li>○9:05 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study</li> <li>○10:15 am Worship Service</li> </ul>			Bible Information Class at 6:30 pm		Children's Christmas Eve Service @ 8:30 am 11:50 Dismissal	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○9:00 am Worship Service</li> <li>○5:30 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service</li> <li>○7:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Service </li> </ul>	<b>Christmas Day Communion Service @ 9:00 am</b>  School/Church Office Closed	School/Church Office Closing at Noon	School/Church Office Closing at Noon	School/Church Office Closing at Noon	School/Church Office Closing at Noon	
31						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○8:00 am Communion Service</li> <li>○10:15 am Communion Service</li> </ul> <b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>					

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**2024!**

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			 Bible Information Class @ 6:30pm	Senior Bible Study @ 9:30am		SJSJ Craft Show & Book Fair 9am-2pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
○8:00 am Worship Sunday Service ○9:15 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study ○10:15 am Worship Sunday Service	CEC Meeting	 <b>Election Day</b>	Parent Teacher Conferences  Bible Information Class @ 6:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences  Senior Bible Study @ 9:30am	B-Ball: B-Team Girls, B-Team Boys, A-Team Boys vs. Trinity Kiel 5:00pm A-Team Girls (Maribel) @ Maribel vs Zion, Wayside 7:00pm	 <b>Veteran's Day</b> 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
○9:00 am Communion Service with Grades 3K-8 singing <b>All Church Sunday</b>	Parent Transport  Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:30pm Church Council Meeting 6:30pm		Bible Information Class @ 6:30pm	Senior Bible Study @ 9:30am  Evening Worship Service 6:30 pm	B-Ball: B-Team Girls, B-Team Boys, A-Team Boys @ St. Peter's, Sturgeon Bay 5:00pm A-Team Girls (Maribel) @ Trinity Brillion 7:00pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
○8:00 am Worship Sunday Service ○9:15 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study ○10:15 am Worship Sunday Service			Worship Service @ 6:30pm  *No School *School/Church Office Closing @ Noon *No Confirmation Class	Thanksgiving Day Service 9:00 am  No School  School/Church Office Closed	No School  School/Church Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		
○8:00 am Communion Service ○9:15 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study ○10:15 am Communion Service	B-Ball: B-Team Girls, B-Team Boys, A-Team Boys @ St. John's, Two Rivers 5:00pm  Ladies Aid Meeting @ 6pm		Bible Information Class @ 6:30pm  			

### Praise Choir

The Praise choir will start the last week in November at 6 pm. The day of the week will depend on what works best for the people interested. Practices will run through Christmas. Students in 9th grade-Adult may join, no prior choir experience needed. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Kristen Hillmann or Gary Bernhardt and let us know which days of the week work best for you.

### All Church Sunday

Please join us as we worship in the sanctuary as one big church family for a combined service at 9:00 am on Sunday, November 12th. We will be blessed with the voices of the 3k-8th grade St. John-St. James School kids singing during the service. Feel free to bring a friend or family member who doesn't normally attend so we can show them our beautiful church family here at St. John-St. James.



### Veteran's Day

VETERANS and family members of veterans, it's not too late to be honored on Veteran's Day Weekend. Please submit a picture, name, branch of service, dates served and where, and relationship to the veteran. All items brought in will be returned. Please place in the West Office of Church. If you have any questions, call Char Wagner at **(920) 754-4149** or Kristy Sebo at **(920)754-4816**. Thank you for your service. Please have everything in by Sunday, November 5th, to allow us time to set-up.



### Veteran's Day Form

Name of Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Served & Where \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

\*Don't forget to attach a picture!

## SUPPORT FOR GENERAL FUND

We have learned of an increase in the school choice dollars we will receive this year. The school choice dollars went up from \$8,594 per voucher to \$9,893 per voucher. An increase of \$1,299 per voucher multiplied by 22 vouchers = \$28,578 additional income. Comparing actual offerings from last year, we need to see an increase of \$90,678 this year or \$1,743 more each week. With an average of 100 envelopes a week we would need to see each offering increase by \$17.40 a week. If we received 125 envelopes per week, we would need \$13.95 per envelope per week. Regular giving helps us to maintain our ability to support our ministry even when attendance may fluctuate (for example during the summer months). Please consider giving regularly and direct deposit giving.



## Worship Committee News



Brad Busse has joined our worship committee team. Welcome Brad!

The 2024 usher schedule is currently being created. We are still in need of a few individuals for our Thursday/ special services teams. Anyone interested in serving this way please contact Randy Denor at [rdenor@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:rdenor@stjohnstjames.com) or contact the church office at (920) 754-4568.

Moving forward our Church services for Easter and Christmas will be celebrated with the Lord's Supper, regardless of where it falls in the calendar week.

Upcoming special service schedule:

SJSJ United service – Nov. 12, 2023 @ 9:00 am (Sanctuary)

Deer hunters service -Nov. 16, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Thanksgiving services- Wed. Nov. 22, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Thurs. Nov. 23 @ 9:00 am

Please Note Christmas Eve and New Year's schedules :

Children's Christmas Eve rehearsal – Dec. 22, 2023 @ 8:30 am ( Gym)

Fourth Sunday of Advent- Dec. 24, 2023 @ 9:00 am

Children's Christmas Eve service – Dec. 24, 2023 @ 5:30 pm ( Gym)

Nativity of our Lord (Candle-light) – Dec. 24, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Day) – Dec. 25, 2023 @ 9:00am

First Sunday after Christmas Dec. 31, 2023 (New Years Eve) @ 8:00 & 10:15

Randy Denor

Worship Committee Chairman

## Ladies Aid Meeting

Join us for a Ladies Aid Meeting on Monday, November 27th at 6:00 pm in the commons. We will have a meeting and devotion followed by a Christmas craft led by Nikki Kiesow. We may ask for a small good will donation towards supplies.

Please let us know if you can join us by signing up in the West office or emailing Angie at [akenneke@UnitedOne.org](mailto:akenneke@UnitedOne.org).

We also want to thank the 27 ladies who came out to join us on September 25th. We hope to see you all again in November.

### Office Hours

The school office will be open 7:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday during the school year.

The church office will be open 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Monday through Wednesday. Katie will be out of office to help with Early Childhood on Thursdays and Fridays during the school year.

### TIME AND TALENT SHEETS

If you haven't already returned your Time and Talent sheet, please fill them out and drop them off in the west office of church. There are more available in the West Office of church as well, if you haven't received one yet.

### Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to start thinking about Christmas again with Poinsettias! This year we are hoping to get at least 8 white and 8 blue Poinsettias for School. Red Poinsettias for church are unlimited-we are hoping to have at least 35 so we can fill the tree this year.. We will let you know in the bulletin announcements when we reach this amount. Please print clearly, put your order in an envelope provided for you, then place the envelope in the box on the table in the West Church Office. You are welcome to take your poinsettias with you after the Christmas Day service. This year red and white poinsettias are \$11.00 each and the blue poinsettias are \$16.00 each. You can find an order form below or in the west office of church. Please have your order to us by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Make checks payable to St. John-St. James.



### Poinsettia Order Form



<i>Color</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Cash &amp; Amount</i>	<i>Check # &amp; Amount</i>
<i>Cost:</i>	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00	\$16.00		
<i>How Many</i>					



Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



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# CRAFT SHOW

FOOD  
& DRINKS  
AVAILABLE**November 4, 2023****9:00am-2:00pm**STAIN  
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CARVINGSMAPLE  
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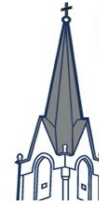
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## SJSJ Craft Show



The 2nd Annual St. John- St. James Craft show will be held on Saturday November 4th from 9:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Food and beverages will be available. All of the craft items are handmade. Items include: Stained Glass, Crocheting, Acrylic Paintings, Jewelry, Canned Goods, Cards, Home Decor, Wood Items, Maple Syrup, Bakery, Wood Carvings, Religious Books and much more. Everyone is invited to attend, so bring some friends and start your Christmas shopping.



## Bake Sale



We will also be having a bake sale in conjunction with the Craft Show on Saturday, November 4th.. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards the Building Fund. If you wish to participate, please have baked goods at the school on Friday, November 3rd or the morning of the November 4th between the hours of 7am-9am. Any questions, please contact Karen Prochnow at (920)754-4688.

## \*Help Needed\*

Anyone interested in helping out with the craft show/bake sale, we will need help setting up tables in the gym on Friday, November 3rd, starting at 5:00 pm. All help is greatly appreciated.

## **Book Fair**

The Spiritual Growth Committee is hosting a Book Fair through Northwestern Publishing Company starting with the craft show on November 4th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be around 60 books on display with subject to interest people of all ages. The Book Fair will run through November 20th. If you miss us at the craft show, we will have a display by the mothers room in the North entrance of church on the following Sundays.

With this Book Fair, there will also be a Virtual Book Fair Event where you can look at all the books listed in the Book Fair online. Go to the website [nbh.net/virtualbookfair](http://nbh.net/virtualbookfair) and use promo code v132c350210. You'll be able to look at all the books associated with the Book Fair and their descriptions, put into your cart and have those books shipped to your address. All books, both displayed and virtual, will be offered at a 20% discount. The virtual Book Fair dates are also November 2nd-November 20th. With Thanksgiving and Christmas fast approaching, these books would be a great way to pick up some wonderful gifts for all.

## **Seminary Food Pantry**

For anyone unfamiliar with the Food Pantry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, it is used by a large number of married students who attend the Seminary. Recently, there was an article about the pantry and its vital role assisting the students. In an effort to help them out, we are asking all the congregations of the Manitowoc Conference to consider hosting a food drive during the month of November with all proceeds going to the Seminary food pantry.

Following you'll find a list of the items most desired: toilet paper, snack items, paper towels, baby wet wipes, laundry detergent, gift cards (e.g. Walmart, Amazon, Kwik-Trip, etc), diapers, hand soap, cereal (e.g. Cheerios, Corn Flakes, Chex, Rice Krispies, Oatmeal), shampoo and conditioner, powdered drinks (e.g. hot cocoa, water flavor enhancers, breakfast shakes), vinegar, cleaning products, canned meats (e.g. tuna, hash, corn beef), and coffee grounds.

If anyone would like to make a monetary donation to the Seminary, we will have boxes in the west office of church and on a table in the commons set up and labeled "Seminary Food Drive Donations". There will also be boxes in the west office of church and in the commons of the school for any donations off the list. Gift cards can also be placed in the "Seminary Food Drive Donations" monetary box.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dan Duchow at (920)754-4751.

# From the Church President

## Presidents Report November 2023

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. What are you Thankful for in your lives?

*Psalm 95:2 - Let us come before his presence with a thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms*

It isn't hard to find things to be thankful for, God provides for all our needs. Our physical needs with food, clothing and shelter. Look in your closet and refrigerator or look at you home. Blessings abound!

He provides for our Spiritual needs with his holy word and undeserved Grace. Look at our Church and School, our worship opportunities, our shepherds Pastor Aden and Pastor Flitter. Look at out staff and church council leaders and the time and effort they put into growing our ministry.

We all pray in times of need when life challenges us with tragedy, pain, sorrow and difficult situations. We should go to God at these times and lean on him for the strength he gives us. I ask that we also take time to remember to thank God for all the blessing he bestows on us. Look around, see what he gives you and Praise Him for all of it!

### 1. Call meeting October 22, 023

a. Calling of Principal: Voted to call Zachary Biebert currently serving at St Mark Lutheran School, LES (Green Bay, WI) since 7/1/2018

b. Calling of Part Time Teacher: Voted to call Bridget Biebert currently serving at St Mark Lutheran School, LES (Green Bay, WI) since 8/1/2019

**2. Food Drive** - Trinity in Brillion is organizing a food drive for the Seminary food pantry. Many of our seminary students are married and only work part time. So, they have this food pantry to help them out. We plan on contacting all the churches in the Manitowoc Conference. We plan on starting sometime in November.

**3. Church Web Site:** Jesse Christensen will lead a committee to update and develop the content for our Church/School Website. We plan to use Church 360 to host and manage the site and have targeted the new physical year (July 2024) to launch it.

**4. Pastor Appreciation Month:** We took time to show our appreciation for our pastors with cards and gifts through the month of October. We will present the cards and gifts to them at the all-church Sunday service on November 12th . Thank you, Pastor Aden and Pastor Flitter, for everything you do to use our ministry to grow God's Kingdom!

**5. Camp Philip Door Offering:** A door offering has been approved for November 12 to support Camp Phillip.

**6. School opening/church Picnic:** Our first School opening/Church Picnic was a great success! God gave us a beautiful day; Pastor Flitter gave us a great message and everyone else gave us great food, fun and games. Thanks to everyone who helped plan and work the event!

**6. Church Basement Entrance** - The church basement entrance now has stairs and a full-size door. A cover is being custom built and will be done soon. Thank You to the Stewardship committee for heading up this project and the quick resolution.

**Gary Bernhardt, Church President**

## From Pastor's Desk

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)*

That's right. Good times, bad times, terrible, exciting and everything else in between, no matter what we face, how many changes we endure, tough times we continue to struggle to "get over," the fact remains true: the Lord is good. The Lord. The one who is slow to anger and rich in love, who does not let the guilty go unpunished but carries out justice, he is good. He does not punish us as our guilty sins deserve. How could he? He did not spare his own Son but already punished him in my place. For my thankless heart, for my grumbling lips, for my doubting, self-serving person, the Son is pierced, wounded, crushed. And what does he give me? His love that I do not deserve. His forgiveness, full and free. The reassurance and sure hope that the Lord who is good will give me every good thing! We know he will. We trust he will. We rely on the promise he will because this same Jesus who lived and died for me, lives again ruling and reigning over all things for your good and mine.

Give thanks to the Lord who is our God. He is good! He who thought of me from eternity, created me in my mother's womb, continues to give me everything I need for body and life. He who chose me from eternity to be his own gives me all that I need for eternal life with him. This goes for you too! Think about that. The eternal mighty Lord thought of you, personally, and created you, personally, because he wants you to be with him, personally, forever. We know he does because he sent his Son to save you. We know he does, he baptized you into His name to claim you as his child promising His kingdom to you!

Give thanks to the Lord, His love endures forever. He does not punish as our sins deserve; he's already punished Jesus. He does not treat me as he should on account of all I have done or left undone. Jesus forgives me. He remembers my sins no more. The Lord will not one day change his mind about me. No, nothing can separate me from his love. No matter what you face and hardships you endure, disappointments that come your way and frustrations that pester and annoy, God's love for you does not change and endures forever. We know it does; your God does not lie.

There's nothing left for us but to thank, praise, serve and obey him! Give thanks to the Lord with how you love your spouse as Jesus loves you. Give thanks to the Lord with your patient love for your children with the patience your heavenly Father has for you. Give thanks to the Lord and serve him by how you serve and love your coworker, your classmate, that stranger in the store, your neighbor across the street. Especially that individual who has not loved and served you, serve him. Especially her who has made your life difficult and, humanly speaking, given you every reason to treat her otherwise, especially her, love as the Lord loved you first. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever. Amen.

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Flitter