



## OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS



Today

Guest Preacher, Pastor Jason Hacker (President of MLHS)

Music — MLHS Lancer Singers

Fellowship & snacks in the commons with Lancer Singers / Sunday School 9:05am

12/09

Councilmen's Meeting 6:30pm

**150TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS**—There are still a lot of Anniversary mementos available. They would make wonderful Christmas presents. They are a nice memory of our school's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Cost is \$10.00 ea. or 3/\$25.00. They're available in the west office and the school office. Make checks payable to St. John St. James. The quarter war is underway. The totals for the quarter war is, 0-33, \$21.29; 34-66, \$209.14; Over 67, \$381.91. Total so far; \$612.34. / Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> is **MLHS Sunday** as part of our School Anniversary celebration. The Lancer Singers will be singing in both services. After both services MLHS will give a brief presentation. After the 8am presentation, all members are invited to the commons for snacks and fellowship with the Lancer Singers. There will be a door offering after each service for the Lancer Singers to cover their expenses. / We will have a section in our Anniversary Booklet titled "**Memories**" If you or family members have memories of our school, we'd like to hear from you. You can send it to Amanda at [aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com) or Dan at [ddu-chow@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:ddu-chow@stjohnstjames.com). You can bring in a paper copy if you wish. If you can't type, just bring in a written copy and we'll type it for you.

**SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT**—The school roof project has been completed in the amount of \$36,695.86. Total received to date is \$29,205; a balance of \$5,490.86 remains. Thank you for your support of this project.

**SHOP WITH SCRIP**—The SJSJ Scrip Program would love to help you with your Christmas shopping! SCRIP gift cards make excellent gifts. If you are not familiar with our SCRIP Program, please contact the school office for more information or visit [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com). The enrollment code for our organization is: A755918L7794. Please remember that if we do not have what you need in our inventory or you need a large amount, we can certainly order it and have it available for you within a week.

**LIVING NATIVITY**—St. Paul's, 441 Millersville Ave, Howards Grove - 22nd Annual Living Nativity - The presentation is always the first weekend in December and is scheduled for **Friday, December 6th, Saturday, December 7th, Sunday, December 8th** and runs every 20 minutes. Times for **Friday and Saturday are 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm** and the time for **Sunday is 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. In addition, we will feature signed presentations for the hearing impaired on December 7th at 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Admission is free and so are parking and refreshments. All guests are invited to come into our gym, decorated as the town of Bethlehem at night, to warm up and enjoy hot chocolate, warm cider, cookies and listen to musical entertainment. We also feature a special display of interesting Nativity sets owned by members of St. Paul's. You will find the display in the commons. It still is an easy journey to the stable and Bethlehem (gym).

**CHRISTMAS CANDY BAGS** - We will once again be putting together Christmas candy bags for the children of our church & school to be handed out on Christmas Eve. If you would like to make a donation towards the candy, apples, oranges, etc. for the bags, please leave it in the jar in the West Office of Church.

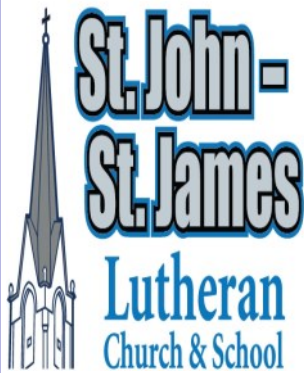
**MEMORIALS RECEIVED**—A gift of money was given to the building fund in memory of John Bubolz {12/08/1904 to 04/17/1969} father of Lorna Bastian and Joann Fischer. John was confirmed in 1919 from St. John St. James. A gift of money was given to the building fund in memory of Lorna's & Joann's great grandfather August Bubolz who attended the first church service on December 8, 1857. A gift of money was given to the building fund in memory of Harold & Rosie Olp by their children. Randy/Sandy Waack, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe gave a gift of money to the building fund in memory of Michele McClanahan. Tim/Joan Sheahan gave a gift of money to the roof repair in memory of Michele McClanahan. Memorials were received in memory of Lee Krueger, who was a member at St. Peter's Collins. Thank you all for your gracious gifts!

**GRIEFSHARE**—GriefShare is a program to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. Each session is about 2 hours long. There is a short video on various topics presented by people who have gone through the grieving process and mental health experts. There is then group discussion time, though sharing is not required. Between each weekly session there is a workbook that has daily exercises that point you to God's Word and help you work through your grief. We will be having the GriefShare program starting Thursday January 9th to April 10th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. We will be meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St, Manitowoc, WI in the church office conference room. The entrance is across the covered area from the church entrance. If you are interested in getting more information or know someone who we should personally invite please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or [verlinden@comcast.net](mailto:verlinden@comcast.net). You also can get more information or register at the GriefShare website [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). Please register by January 2nd so we can make sure we have enough workbooks. We will be charging \$20 per person to cover the cost of workbooks. People are free to join our group at any time during the GriefShare cycle.

**CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED**—We are looking for 1 or 2 cleaners to add to an existing team, or if you would like to form your own team, please contact Pat Olp or Amanda Schrubbe at the church/school office. The current schedule allows a team to clean 3-4 times a year.

**THANK YOU**—Thank you for thinking of our family with sympathy, kind words, and prayers during this difficult time of Michelle's passing. Pat & Arlie Olp

**MISSION BOXES**—The LWMS Mission Boxes can be found at each exit for the monthly monetary gifts toward home missions. \$62 was given in November. Thank you for your donations.



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**Times of Worship:** Sunday 8:00am & 10:15am ~ Adult Bible Study & Teen Bible Study /Sunday School 9:05am

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**Wednesday Deadline**

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**Office Hours:** 8:00am – 3:00pm M-F Scrip available for purchase during office hours.

**MLHS Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**SERVING YOU THIS WEEK** ■ **Sunday, December 8 8:00am Ushers** — Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad Busse, Jade Busse, Marshall Kirkpatrick **10:15am Ushers** — Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton Kasten, Nathan Kasten ■ **Communion Set-up/Take-down** — Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan ■ **Flower Committee** — Pat Olp, Joan Sheahan ■ **Church Cleaners 11/25– 12/08** — Sarah/Rick Zimmermann, Carissa Hillmann, Vicki Rolf

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK** ■ **Sunday, December 15 8:00am Ushers** — Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzloff, Gary Bernhardt **10:15am Ushers** — Nick Schrubbe, Jonathan Schrubbe, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann ■ **Flower Committee** — Pat Olp, Joan Sheahan ■ **Church Cleaners 12/09– 12/22** — Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau

**PRACTICE**—Choir practice will be held on Wednesday, December 11 and 18 and will have a practice on Monday December 23. Practices will begin at 6pm. Church members in 9th grade and older are welcome to join. No choir experience needed. Please contact Kristen Hillmann [khillmann@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:khillmann@stjohnstjames.com) for more information.

**DIVINE CALLS** - At our recent call meeting, our voters extended a permanent call to Mrs. Kelly Loberger to continue serving as a teacher here at St. John—St. James. Please keep Mrs. Loberger in your prayers as she deliberates. Feel free to contact her with words of encouragement at [kloberger@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:kloberger@stjohnstjames.com). Mr. Richard Owen, III has returned his call to serve as our principal & teacher. Please keep Mr. Owen & his family in your prayers as he continues his ministry at Trinity Lutheran School in Waco, NE. Please watch the Bluejay Bulletin & church bulletin for information on our next call meeting.

**MLHS SUNDAY**—the Lancer Singers from Manitowoc Lutheran High School will help lead our worship services at both 8:00 & 10:15am, TODAY. They have asked our students (gr. 3K-8) to join them in singing one song this morning. There will be a short presentation by MLHS after both services in the sanctuary. Following the 8:00am presentation our members and visitors will go to the commons to join the MLHS students for food and fellowship. There will be a door offering after each service for the Lancer Singers to cover their expenses.

**ADOPT A FAMILY** - St. John-St. James is collecting donations to purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need who lives in Manitowoc County. We have been assigned a family with 4 children this year and need your help to make their Christmas a blessed one! If you would like to shop for & donate a specific gift, please pick up a tag from the board in the back of church or the school commons. Cash donations & gift cards (SCRIP) are also welcome. Please drop off your donations (**unwrapped**) in the collection boxes in the back of church or the school commons by **Sunday, December 15th**. (Gift receipts are appreciated!)

**THANK YOU**—Thank you to those who helped beautify our church and school commons for the Advent and Christmas season.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**— Luther Prep Christmas Concert on Sunday, 12/15 at 3:00pm or Thursday, 12/19 at 10:00am in the gym. 1300 Western Ave, Watertown. Or watch on livestream at [lps.wels.net/apps/pages/lpsconcertsstream](https://lps.wels.net/apps/pages/lpsconcertsstream)

**USHERS**—A copy of the Ushers schedule is available in the west office of church, for those that wish to have a paper copy of the schedule. Volunteer ushers are needed for the upcoming Children’s Service in the Gym on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am and the Candlelight Service on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. If you are willing to help usher, sign-up sheets are located in the west office and also on the usher podium.

**Church Attendance**

Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, 11/27 6:30pm — 79 Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, 11/28 9:00am — 67  
 Sunday, 12/01 8:00am — 108 10:15am — 89 TOTAL — 197

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE				
11/27/24 & 11/28/24 (Thanksgiving) & 12/1/24 *Electronic Offerings Included				
FUND	NEEDED WEEKLY	GIVEN THIS WEEK	WEEKLY Over/(Under)	FISCAL YTD Over/(Under)
General Fund	\$ 13,734.00	\$ 9,854.68	\$ (3,879.32)	\$ (97,728.44) *
Synod	\$ 597.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (397.00)	\$ (3,988.50)
MLHS	\$ 452.00	\$ 131.00	\$ (321.00)	\$ (2,470.50)
Building Fund	\$ 2,312.00	\$ 7,465.00	\$ 5,153.00	\$ 31,708.06
			Goal \$3,000 Wkly	
				*Taken in \$32,420

Building Fund Memorials —\$570 / Roof Repairs — \$3,445 / Debt Retirement — \$4,300