

The **Chi Rho** is published monthly by St. John

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PASTOR

I want to use this newsletter to talk about the Army Reserve unit I was assigned to as a chaplain, and what my ministry there will be. I was assigned to the 120th Infantry Brigade of the First Army. It is stationed on North Fort Hood, and its mission is to prepare units from around the nation to deploy. I recently attended my first Battle Assembly. I will be utilized mostly on Fridays and Saturdays, once a month, in support of other chaplains also assigned to the unit. I have been asked to lead chapel services, bible studies, and provide pastoral care for these soldiers preparing to deploy.

As we consider how the Army Reserve will fit into my calling as your pastor, it is helpful to consider the mission we have already done at Bartlett State Jail. On average, I would spend five to nine days a month ministering to prisoners at the jail, with the Faith Based Dorm program, and the Kairos weekends. You also participated in this Christian outreach to prisoners with cookies, and volunteering at the church at the start of these Kairos weekends. It was a mission which proclaimed the gospel to men incarcerated here in Bartlett.

The Army Reserve chaplaincy is also a Christian outreach, but to soldiers training to deploy. They too are separated from their families, and in need of pastoral care, and of hearing the gospel proclaimed in words and actions. The Army Reserve chaplaincy will require some of my time. Yet, with the prison closing, I have the available time for this new mission, and like Bartlett State Jail, it can be balanced with my ministry as your pastor. I thank you for your support of this new outreach and ministry.

See you in church,

Pastor Joe Woodward

July 17, 2017

Chairman, Duane Kurtin, called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM, followed by a brief devotional, given by Bill Wooley. Members present: Duane Kurtin, Ronnie Persky, Pat Bruggman, Darrell Marek, Justin Young, Alan Shepherd, Pat Stroud, Cedalia Kurtz, Kristi Dague, Pastor Joe Woodward, Bill Wooley and Donna Campbell. Absent Frank Horak.

The Secretary Report The minutes for the June 19, 2017 meeting, stating that due to high absenteeism of board members, the meeting had to be canceled.

The minutes for the May 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion from Bill Wooley, seconded by Donna Campbell, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer Report was given by Darrell Marek. Council members were given copies of all the DDA statements for May and June 2017. A brief discussion was held. A motion was made by Ronnie Persky, seconded by Kristi Dague to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

The Pastor's Report: The report was reviewed by council and accepted as presented on a motion from Pat Stroud, seconded by Darrell Marek. (Report filed in C.C. secretary notebook.)

Property Committee: Bill Wooley reported for property. The only repairs this past month were to the pastor's mailbox; a bolt was replaced and a few others tighten and the mailbox is now good as new.

Youth Committee: Kristi Dague reported that the youth have agreed to be in charge of the dessert sale at the Polka Worship; all members of the church will still be donating baked goods. Confirmation Class had just returned from summer camp at Camp Ebert and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Stewardship & Public Relations: Pat Stroud reported to the council that donations for Family Promise were down in the last month; need to spread the word about donating.

Membership & Fellowship: Cedalia Kurtz reported that the committee working on the membership list/book have met to finalize the list. Meals have been taken to the home bound.

Worship Report: Donna Campbell reported to the board that she and Dotty Kneten had met on May 22nd at 1:00PM to prepare the schedules for July, August and September, 2017. Donna stated that there would be one additional 2017 schedule to plan, for Oct./Now./Dec.

Parish Ed.: Frank Horak was absent, no report presented.

correspondence over the last 3 months, in reference to this new insurance policy, please refer to the church council secretary's hardcopy notebook on file in the office. After a brief discussion and the fact that St. John would be saving over \$5,000.00 per year with this policy change (with comparable coverage) the board was ready to act. A motion was made by Cedralia Kurtz, seconded by Pat Stroud to accept the insurance policy change. Motion carried.

The board was updated on the North Tower roof repairs. All work has been completed and bills are all paid.

In reference to a new church membership book and membership list, Cedralia Kurtz reported that it is, for the most part, complete; there are a few corrections still being made.

New Business:

Pastor Joe Woodward told council that Jody, Glen and Jadynd Randig were seeking membership at St. John Lutheran. A motion was made by Ronnie Pesky, seconded by Alan Sheppard to accept them into membership. The motion carried.

A brief discussion in reference to new members' classes came up and Pastor Joe said he'd be looking into hold such classes in the very near future.

The Polka Worship meal will not be being prepared by the youth group, instead the youth will be handling the dessert sales.

President Kurtin asked for a motion of adjournment. Kristi Dague made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Donna Campbell. The motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:25P.M.

Council closed with *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Bruggman

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OFFERINGS FOR MONTH OF MARCH

Date	Attendance	Offering
July 30	63	\$2,028
Aug 6	71	\$3,396
Aug 13	78	\$1,830
Aug 20	77	\$3,674
Aug 27	44	\$1,358

*Give
 Unto
 the
 Lord*



Monthly W-ELCA Morning Bible Study

Monthly Bible Study is held in the TRC starting at 9:15 am on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be September 19th. The leader will be Dotty Kneten. Dates and leaders for the year are listed in the WELCA Yearbook.

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Quarterly W-ELCA Activity Directors

Summer Directors (July-September) Pam Fleming, Donna Dawson & Megan Spinn

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FAMILY PROMISE

Thanks to everyone for their donation. The list below are things that we are still needing.

Detergent

Fabric Sheets

Bath Soap

Toilet paper

Paper Towels

Gently used old towels and twin sheets

Thanks again for your help. This will help many families make the adjustments to changes that are occurring in their lives.

Pat Stroud

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“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not
reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

ADVENT FAIR

We will be contacting members soon to help serve on various committees for the Advent Fair, so make sure that your calendar is marked for Nov. 11th. Thank you in advance for answering this call to serve in such a meaningful way to assist WELCA’s benevolent giving. The following are the CHAIRPERSONS for the ADVENT FAIR :

Coordinators..... Rachel Burklow & Debra Caldwell
Advertising..... Nel Persky
Flier Distribution..... Mag Thaler (Bartlett), Pat Stroud (Holland)
Sandra Jones (Buckholts, Cameron & Rogers)
Janice Atchison, Shirley Fischer, Linda Ferguson
Decorations.....Shelby Pagel and Sandra Jones
Casserole Ministry.....Sharon Kurtin & Judy Gersbach
Cheese Braids..... Pat Stroud
Crafts and Country Store.....Pat Bruggman
Drive-Thru/Pick – Up.....Duane Kurtin & Scott Janke
Turkey Meal.....Jill Marwitz

September 2017 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Sunday Pool 9:30 am Worship Service 10 am	4 Office Closed LABOR DAY	5	6 Men's Bible Class 7:30 am	7	8	9
Sunday Pool 9:30 am Worship Service 10 am	11	12	13 Men's Bible Class 7:30 am	14	15	16
Polka Worship 10 am (following Sunday pool)	18 Will O'Bell Bible Study 3:00 Council Meeting 6:00 pm	19 Ladies Bible Study 9:15 am in TRC	20 Men's Bible Class 7:30 am	21	22	23
Sunday Pool 9:30 am Worship Service 10 am	25 Will O'Bell Bible Study 3:00	26	27 Men's Bible Class 7:30 am	28	28	30

September, 2017

Assistant Schedule

	POLKA WORSHIP				
	Sept 3rd	Sept 10th	Sept 17th	Sept 24th	Oct 1st
Lector	Ronnie Persky	Celeste Gamrod	Clara Steglich	Erin Steglich	Shelby Horak
Assistant	Wayne Zieschang		Weldon Kurtz		Dotty Kneten
Communion Assistant	Glen Janke		Harold Kurtz		Ronnie Persky
Acolyte	Zoe Crum	Zoe Crum	Huston Martin	Huston Martin	Emily Dague
Usher Captain	Weldon Kurtz	Weldon Kurtz	Alan Shepherd	Alan Shepherd	Michael Kurtz
Ushers	Cedalia Kurtz, Brandon & Debi Janke, Kris, Kody & Courtney Janke	Cedalia Kurtz, Brandon & Debi Janke, Kris, Kody & Courtney Janke	Retha Shepherd, Rick & Pam Fleming, Leland & Gloria Steglich	Retha Shepherd, Rick & Pam Fleming, Leland & Gloria Steglich	Melinda, Jordan & Garrett Kurtz, Ricky Ramthun
Greeters	Jill & Jason Marwitz	Jill & Jason Marwitz	Robert & Evelyn Steglich	Robert & Evelyn Steglich	Darryl & Paula Weir
Altar Care	Lonnie & Marilyn Shepherd	Lonnie & Marilyn Shepherd	Betty Truelove & Joey Saverse	Betty Truelove & Joey Saverse	Catherine Speigelhauer & Pansy Lange
Teller Captain	Janice Atchison	Janice Atchison	Gayle Bielss	Gayle Bielss	Judy Gersbach
Tellers	Ray & Ruth Janke	Ray & Ruth Janke	Pam Fleming & Mela Wegner	Pam Fleming & Mela Wegner	Marilyn & Lonnie Shepherd

If you cannot serve an assigned Sunday, please look ahead and try to find someone to switch with. It is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Please notify the church office of any switches so the information in Bulletins will be correct.

Everyone is invited.

No tickets are necessary for the service. The Liturgy and hymns will be accompanied by “The Praha Bros” Polka Band.

A home cooked German meal will be served after the service.

Tickets for the meal are \$10.00. Advance tickets are available. Just look for someone carrying a brown envelope or simply ask a member and you will be directed to a ticket seller.

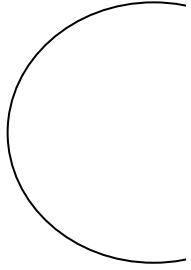
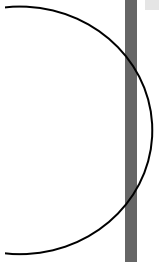
PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

Volunteers for committees are needed to make this Worship and meal a pleasure to all who attend. Be a part of the planning, cooking, serving, and cleanup. You will miss a whole lot of fun if you don't participate. Please sign the volunteer list at church or call Shirley Fischer 254-527-3906 or Janice Atchison 254-527-3142.

Remember it takes a “village” to make this happen. Now, that used to be the case. However, now it takes an “army.” You are part of that army—trust us!! Your support is especially needed as a participant on **September 17th at the service and meal. We want our congregation there to greet our guests. You will be surprised how inspirational and motivational the service is. And, guess what!! There are people who come for miles to share this experience! When you aren't there they are very disappointed...and so are we!!**

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**You're Always
Welcome at St.
John Lutheran
Church...**



Sunday Mornings

Sunday School 9:15am

Worship 10:30am

Join Us and Bring a Friend!

- To Gather as God's People**
- To Grow Spiritually**
- To Go Empowered by the Holy Spirit**
- To Share the Gospel as We Serve**

