

The Covenant Connections

Bethlehem / St. Martin

NOVEMBER 2021



Are you needing a “lift-me-up?” The shorter days and the oncoming winter can be a tough time for people. Covid is still interfering with our lives. Getting frustrated by what you see and hear about?

At bible study last week, we remarked on the biblical texts for Reformation Sunday. They were messages of hope and grace. It was an unabashed reminder of the main message of the bible and of our proclamation of who God is. God wants good for us! And God enacts good for us.

The bible does not shy away from acknowledgement of the bad. There is plenty of bad news articulating human sinfulness and its inevitable results. But the future is clear for those of faith. Keep faith, therefore, and celebrate the goodness of God.

Scripture is powerful in its’ ability to give us hope and peace. Yes, there are times for tears and anger and frustration, but God will not let those times last. Yes, sometimes we might not see any reason for hope. But in God, there is always reason for hope. It is the surety of God’s promises and God’s faithfulness to them. As God says in Jeremiah 31:33: “I will be their God and they will be my people”.

This doesn’t mean we have to be happy all the time. No one functions that way. But our faith can always lift us up into hope, and into the peace of knowing that the final victory against evil is assured.

Live into this knowledge. Keep these promises close to you. Let your soul rest in them so that the song of your heart may never be diminished. Live in the peace that God graciously offers to us.

And then let that inner peace shine! Our world is in a great need of some hope right now, and there is good news for them. We have a message that they are yearning to hear. Speak of the hope and the trust that you have and invite them to see the difference it can make. Show them the difference that faith can have in our lives here and now.

Our lives can be a catalyst for the casting away of the clouds of gloom and shining of God’s glory into our world. May Christ’s Church share this gift in this time of need!

Pastor Korey



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MISSION



CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROJECT

ITEMS STILL IN NEED:

BOY / GIRL	AGES	ITEM	# OF PAIRS NEEDED
Girl Medium	6-8	Gloves/Mittens	61
Girl Large	9-11	Gloves/Mittens	37
Girl Small	6-8	Gloves/Mittens	65
Boy Large	9-11	Gloves/Mittens	58
Boy Small	6-8	Gloves/Mittens	40
Girl Small	6-8	Socks	13
Girl Large	9-11	Socks	43
Boy Medium	6-8	Socks	40
Boy Large	9-11	Socks	70

If you can't get out to purchase items but would like to participate, a monetary donation will help!

Thank you, Cindi



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Placing flowers on the altar for our worship services is a wonderful way to honor someone you love and appreciate or to remember a departed loved one.

The Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board.

1. Place your name on a specific Sunday.
2. Indicate what information you would like printed in the bulletin. (in memory/honor of . . .)
3. Communicate with church secretary about which option you would like:

Option 1- Church will order the flowers, at a cost of \$40 to be paid at the time of signup. The florist delivers flowers to church.

Option 2 - Or you may bring your own flower arrangement to church Sunday morning, at no cost.

If you have any questions, contact Sharon Haffen.



SMLC Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 14

A Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, November 14. The agenda will include approving our 2022 Budget. Please plan to attend.

AN EVENING WITH SANTA UPDATE



After a great deal of careful thought, we are cancelling the Evening with Santa event for this year. Unfortunately, the covid numbers do not seem to be improving as we hoped they would. This event attracts so many people, especially younger children who are not yet able to be vaccinated, that we thought we couldn't make it safe for everyone. Hopefully we will be able to return to Evening with Santa in 2022. We are so very sorry not to be able to invite the community to this event.



Due to the recent increase in COVID infections locally, Church Council *strongly* recommends that masks be worn at St. Martin. This precautionary measure will increase our safety as well as others with increased vulnerability (e.g., unvaccinated children & folks with pre-existing conditions). This requirement is in compliance with the current guidelines of the Monroe County Health Department.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

FELLOWSHIP



Santa's Garage Sale

Christmas will be here before you know it, and this year we are having Santa's Christmas Garage Sale. We are accepting donations of all things Christmas-related, along with new toys and games. Items may be dropped off in the northeast corner of the Fellowship Hall at any time. There will also be a donation drop off day on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please only Christmas related items, or new toys and games. We will also have a table for fall/Halloween/Thanksgiving items.

Sale dates: Nov. 11, 2-6 p.m., Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sign up sheets to help organize and price the items before the sale are posted on the bulletin board.



Pulled Pork Barbecue Success!

St Martin Lutheran Church's Drive Thru Pork BBQ held on **Saturday, October 23rd** was a sell-out success!

We are again so grateful to all who support the pork barbecue in so many ways. While the income is a welcome supplement to our mission goals, what is more important is that we help to create an opportunity for sharing Christ's love by serving our family, friends and neighbors. It is truly a heartwarming experience. All proceeds will support our Christmas Stocking Fund. Thank you for all your many gifts and contributions toward the success of this event!

Ed Currier

Service Opportunity

GREETER CALLER NEEDED



The Greeter is the first person who visitors come in contact with. It makes a wonderful impression on visitors that someone is there to say "Hello" to them and direct them where to go to get to the sanctuary.

This is an easy job because so many people say yes to being a greeter. Please let either Pastor Korey or Nancy Currier know if this is something that you can do.
Thank you!

Donation Drop-off

**St. Martin Church
813 Bay Road in Webster**

Accepting donations of gently used Christmas items, toys and games

**Saturday, November 6th
9am - 4pm**

Cleaning out your old holiday decorations? We will take them! We are hosting a Christmas garage sale and need your gently used items. Drop them off at St. Martin Church on **Saturday, November 6th from 9am - 4pm**



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER



At Bethlehem...

Gary Steinmiller, June Borkhuis,
Ken Francis, Finnegan O'Grady, Carl Bauer, Gary
Ayers, John Heckle, Shirley Bauer,

Emily Briggs, Nancy Gotte, Shirley Jennejohn,
Lin Maier, Kay Heckle, Jean Lund, Daniel Rose
and family, Nancy Smith, Bev Steele, Cecilia An-
derson. We also pray for those in the military and
their families: Morgan Hauer, Sharon Verges,
Brad Verges, Javier Alagarin, Anthony Grimshaw
and Mark Baker.



At St. Martin...

Milford Apetz, Jeannette Lockwood, Jim
Matteson, Dan Bartlett (and his wife,
Debora), Nate Baker (Godson of Jim & Mary Lou
Alexander), Verda Johnson

(Kris Weingartner's Aunt), & Aidan Weingartner
(Kris Weingartner's grandnephew),

Sarah McHugh (friend of the Moore family), Pastor
Ron Willman and his wife, Barbara, Joanne (friend
of Cindy Bouchard), Joyce Fellows (Kim Cawley's
mother), Debbie Roberts, (Anne Mitchell's former
sister-in-law), Harry Hilbert Jr. (son of Harry and
Becky Hilbert),

Caurie (daughter-in-law of Becky Hilbert), Karin
Ewanow, James Simmons, and people serving in
the military,

especially Bryan.

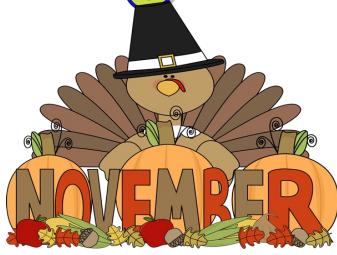
Also, all Law Enforcement Officers, especially
Scott, Eric, Josh, Eric and Eric.



Please contact your respective church office for any
removals and/or additions. Thank you!



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bethlehem November Birthdays

Melanie Geiger	Nov 2
Carl Borkhuis	Nov 3
Evan Germick	Nov 4
Audrey Noel Geiger	Nov 5
Anna Schneeman	Nov 9
Deb Neels	Nov 19
Lenora Hope Miles	Nov 19
Jennifer Zmaczynski	Nov 20
Joe Geiger	Nov 21
Dave Schlenger	Nov 24
Brian Schneeman	Nov 25
Margaret Geiger	Nov 29

SMLC November Birthdays

Eric Podgorski	Nov 2
Scott Ewanow	Nov 3
Paula Haffen	Nov 6
Meghan Taylor	Nov 16
Kelly Mohrman	Nov 18
Debbie Lester	Nov 19
Cory Gomez	Nov 21
Jason Simmons	Nov 23
Shelby Olear	Nov 28



Bethlehem November Anniversaries

Don & Shirley Bauer	Nov 5
Jeff & Jill Francis	Nov 30

SMLC November Anniversaries

N/A



November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Last day to submit names to mention on All Saints Sunday	4 8:00am Men's Fellowship @ The Atlantic	5	6 9:00am-4:pm Donation drop-off For Santa's Garage Sale
7 ALL SAINTS DAY 8:45am BLC Worship 9:15am Bell Choir Practice @SMLC 10:30am SMLC Worship	8	9	10 11:30am Prayer First 6:30pm Joint BLC/SMLC Council Meeting @SMLC	11 VETERANS DAY 8:00am Men's Fellowship @ The Atlantic 2-6:pm SMLC SANTA'S GARAGE SALE	12 9:00am-4:pm SMLC SANTA'S GARAGE SALE	13 9:00am-2:pm SMLC SANTA'S GARAGE SALE
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28 8:45am BLC Worship 9:15am Bell Choir Practice @SMLC 10:30am SMLC Worship	29	30				



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NOVEMBER 2021 Worship Leaders

	SUNDAY NOV 7	SUNDAY NOV 14	SUNDAY NOV 21	SUNDAY NOV 28
LECTOR	Jeff Peters	Karen Kunzer	Dick Detwiler	Anne Mitchell
ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Lou Alexander	Anne Mitchell	Karen Kunzer	TBD
ORGANIST	Mary Ann Peters	Mary Ann Peters	Mary Ann Peters	Mary Ann Peters
COUNTERS	Cindy Gomez & Melinda Spry	Jeff Peters & TBD	Ed Currier & TBD	Jim Lockwood & George Oriel
ALTAR GUILD	Sharon Haffen	Sharon Haffen	Sharon Haffen	Sharon Haffen
SUNDAY SCHOOL	TBD	TBD	FAMILY SUNDAY	THANKS-GIVING HOLIDAY
VIDEO	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



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Council Notes



SMLC/BLC COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

SMLC **10/13/2021**

Pastor Report

- New members:
 - * Dan and Debra Bartlett
 - * Justin, Maggie, Michael and Patrick Wagner
- Motion was made by Marylou and seconded by Ed to accept the new members into the church, all voted in favor of motion, it was passed.
- Will add this to the newsletter to welcome them.
- First communion class was postponed per Pastor's quarantine.
- Working on a proposal for tech upgrade.
- Vacation dates of November 1st through the 7th, Pastor Zajac will be covering .

Treasurer Report

- Still in a positive cash flow
- Giving above budget

Committee Reports

- Outreach: the Webster Museum project has been postponed because of lack of supplies.
- Property: repainting of the cross outside by Paul and Doug.
- Music and Worship: Bell Choir has started.
- Evangelism: lots of repeat visitors in attendance, some from a local church that has closed.

New Business

- Council of Churches hasn't been well attended and is thinking of disbanding, unfortunately this includes all the activities associated with it.
- Building Use: needs a new committee formed to replace members that are not in attendance anymore:
 - Large discussion on how to handle mask requirements
 - Also large number of scout troops wanting to use the building: this will increase heating bill in the colder months
 - Troop #110 grandfathered in as we sponsor this troop
 - Should we limit number that can use the church?
 - Start charging a small fee to cover costs? Invite contribution?
 - Masks worn at all times when a group has children involved?

Next Joint Council Meeting is November 10, 2021
at 6:30 pm @ SMLC.

BLC **10/20/2021**

Pastor Report

- Pastor Korey thanked Pastor Greg and the church's flexibility to help out during his illness.
- Pastor made a motion to accept the Zajacs as members. Sally seconded it and was approved.
- First communion classes have started. A confirmation class is scheduled for Sunday 10/24 at 6:30 pm.
- Pastor presented a proposal to upgrade our video system. We will also look into audio. Possibly all wireless. The Memorial fund can pay for this project.

Property Report

- Al Neels reported the thermostat was replaced for \$50.
- The duct work in the Sunday school building was cleaned out.
- There are no exhaust fans in the bathrooms in the Sunday school building due to the roofers error.
- There is a reverse fan to vent heat from the Sunday school building. The cover must be off in the summer when being used. It is in the furnace room. The cover is replaced in the winter.
- Al bought material to separate the two garage areas. One for church and one for tenants. Both can be locked.
- Sally asked to be able to heat the sewing room. There is an old heater in there that needs replacing and/or possibly can use the wing heating.

New Business

- We reviewed the budget for 2022 and made a few adjustments. It will be given to the congregation 11/07 and voted on 11/14.
- Council election- Sally is stepping down from Faith Formation. Laura is stepping down from Treasurer, Lorrilyn is stepping down from Worship, Nancy is stepping down from Community Life. Laurie Brooks will stay on as Secretary, Laura will continue with the Youth. Therefore we need Faith Formation, Treasurer, Community Life and Worship elections.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SMLC Directory

Pastor.....Korey Finstad
Director of Music Mary Ann Peters

Church Council

President..... Paul Haffen
Secretary..... Debbie Lester
Treasurer / Finance..... Jim Alexander
Outreach..... Carol Geier
Activities..... Kris Weingartner
Christian Education..... Cindi Bouchard
Member-at-Large..... Mary Lou Alexander
Evangelism..... Ed Currier
Worship and Music..... Anne Mitchell

BLC Directory

Pastor..... Korey Finstad
Director of Music Evelyn Lam

Church Council

President..... Sandy Borkhuis
Vice President..... Dick Howard
Secretary..... Laurie Brooks
Property..... Al Neels
Faith Formation..... Sally Steinmiller
Congregational Life..... Nancy Smith
Finance..... Sarah Frick
Treasurer..... Laura Simmons
Worship Ministries..... Lorilyn Schlenger
Outreach Ministry..... Laurie Brigden
Youth Ministry..... Laura Simmons



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You are encouraged to respond to God's gift to us by giving back
to the mission and ministry instituted by Jesus. Financial offerings
are needed to support our congregation's work!



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St. Martin Evangelical Lutheran Church

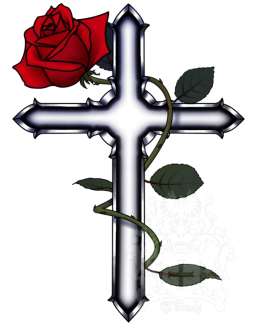
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Pastor Korey's Contact Info

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Ushers	Doug Gomez
Coffee Hr.	Jeff & Mary Ann Peters
Greeters	Nancy Currier
Assisting Ministers	Sharon Haffen



ARTICLES FOR THE **DECEMBER**
COVENANT CONNECTIONS ARE KINDLY
ACCEPTED BY **NOVEMBER 15TH** TO OUR
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