

THE BRISTOL BANNER

Newsletter of Bristol Lutheran Church



October 2016

“Inspired by the Gospel, we love and serve creation through our Christ-centered community.”



Sunday WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday WORSHIP– 6:30 p.m.

Attended NURSERY and BRISTOL BUTTERFLIES for Sunday Worship (3 – kindergarten age program)
Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.

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Bristol Lutheran Church. Membership is voluntary. We are located at 6835 HWY N, Sun Prairie, WI 53590-9431.

Norwegian Specialties Food Sale...

We have done A LOT of baking over the last few weeks! THANK YOU to all who have helped so far. The Norwegian Specialties Food Sale is Saturday, October 1st starting at 9 a.m. until noon. Anything that is left will be available for sale on Sunday during fellowship. Please help advertise by spreading the word and posting yard signs starting on Sunday, September 25th. The signs will be in the fellowship hall.

Help is also needed for Friday to set up and then Saturday morning for the sale.

Please see the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall.



O Taste and See...the cookbooks are available at \$12 each. Contact Sandy Barr-Hundt, Kathy Thorstad, Lindsay Reiten or Janice Vollmert if you would like to purchase one (or more!) The cookbooks are also available for sale at the Colonial Club gift shop.

Opportunities...

“How we live with and manage money, is a matter of faith.” – Pastor Chick Lane

Greetings:

As a member of our church council one of our duties is to create a fiscally responsible annual budget and then make sure that we are staying within that said budget and funding it. The past two years we have fallen short in funding the congregationally approved budget. We are now in the middle of creating the budget for 2017. We have to prepare for a budget that will have a substantial increase from the previous few years. We as council members do not feel that taking on debt is an option as our savings have depleted. We need your help in coming up with ideas on how to meet next year's budget and future budgets. We will have five small group meetings during the month of October.

Sunday, October 9 – 3:00-4:00p

Wednesday, October 12 – 3:00-4:00p

Monday, October 17 – 6:30-7:30p

Tuesday, October 25 – 6:30-7:30p

Thursday, October 27 – 6:30-7:30p

It is required that at least one member of each family that worships at Bristol sign up for one of these meetings.

The signup sheets can be found in the front entrance to the church or you can call the office/reply to this email to sign up. We look forward in sharing with you what our options are and hearing what ideas you have for Bristol Lutheran Church to continue operating as we have been. In the mean time I welcome questions. I can be reached weeknights or weekends at 608-228-2522.

Bob Hundt

Church Council President

Holiday Arts and Craft Show

The Holiday Arts and Craft Show will be held on **Saturday November 12, 2016** at Bristol Lutheran Church.

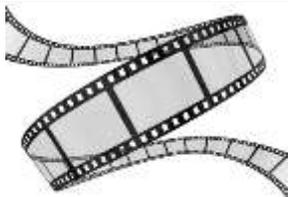
The doors will be open from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**.

The Arts and Craft Show is an annual tradition, showcasing talented folks in the area, offering gift ideas for the Holidays.

There also will be concessions and baked goods available throughout the day.

Bristol is happy to offer the space for this community event.

If you are interested in being a vendor or helping at the craft show please contact Tammy Weiss at 837-4898.



Faith Formation – Church and State? Where is the division?

October 5, 19, 26 @ 7:15

Jesus is a religious figure, thrust into the middle of a political culture. How do politics and faith intersect, and what is our role as citizens and church members?

Purchase White Carnations for All Saints Sunday, Nov 6th, 2016



The Memorial Committee is offering an opportunity for BLC members to purchase white carnations in memory of our nonmember friends and relatives that have died since last All Saints day. Whether or not a carnation is purchased, the names will be printed with the weekly sheet. White is the color of choice and can be ordered for **\$1.00 each** from Prairie Flowers and Gifts. The carnations can be taken home after the service. Place either cash or check, made payable to **“Bristol Lutheran Church,”** along with the order form in the envelopes that are in the lower entrance by the bulletin boards. **Deadline is Sunday, October 30th.**

Thank you.
Arlene Skrenes, Chairperson

Germany -June 19-28, 2017 - Martin Luther Heritage Tour

We have 8 people from Bristol committed to Germany for next year! We need 30 people to make this trip feasible, and will look to include others outside of Bristol. If you are interested or have questions, contact Pastor Rick.

The all-inclusive cost per person is \$3995 (or less if we get better flight deals).

You are invited to sign up and we will work through details for our group!

Even if you cannot go, we need your help. If you have friends or family that may be interested, please share this message.



From the Pastor's Study

Reformation Worship – October 30th @ 9 AM – God Sightings!

Come to worship and hear God in the story of the widow of Zarephath, who provides for Elijah.
Come to worship and see God in the lives of our confirmation youth.
Come to worship and feel God’s renewal in the gift of baptism.

Reformation is a time to recognize how God transforms us, changes us, where the old is gone and the new has come. We celebrate with youth who will affirm their baptism and new life in Christ. We will give thanks to God for the sacrament of baptism, the old font that has served many years as a vessel for this sacrament, and dedicate the new baptismal font as a sacred vessel for many years to come.

We are people who are always reformed, in the hands of our potter creator. Thanks be to God!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

"WHO ARE WE 'NOW'?" Stewardship wants everyone to think about this question as we come to the month of October and will be meeting to talk about our ministries and the continuing budget needs to support the work God gives to the Bristol Lutheran Church family. Information will be given to everyone about the ministries and missions that encourage our praising God, our growing faith, and our serving our community and world.

Please enjoy reading this and let it inspire you in your giving of your time, abilities, and your

finances. We give knowing that God loves us and we are all steward's of God's love. Pray about what you can give to support the mission of our church remembering the blessings that

God gives to us.

The stewardship committee is Cathy Pierce, Peg Hanson, Pastor Rick Reiten, and Janice Vollmert.



BRISTOL LUTHERAN YOUTH

Youth Group – October 12 @ 7:15 PM

Bonfire and S'mores!

Meet at the church and we will have a fire outback.

Bring a lawn chair and warm clothes!



High School Mission Weekend- Urban Plunge!

When? **November 11-12**

What? 24 hours of service projects in Milwaukee

Tasks include: preparing food, loading the food pantry, sharing with clients, caring for children,

working registration, etc.

Who? You (current 9-12 graders) and friends from Norway Grove Lutheran.

How Much? \$25 (But Bristol will cover your cost if you share your experience!)

We will leave at 4:30pm on Friday, November 11 and return at 7pm on Saturday, November 12

Registration Deadline is **October 15, 2016**. Please contact Pr. Rick for more details and a registration form.

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

The library wants to spotlight 2 books that are biographies of Martin Luther. The first book is written by William Dallman and is titled "Martin Luther His Life and His Labor". This book has been in the library since the day it opened and it is written giving many details of Martin Luther's life and what happens to him with his choices for work done to live and decisions made to live out his faith, his understanding of God's presence in his life and in the life of his family and community. The second book is written by Frederick Nohl and it is titled "Luther Biography of a Reformer". This book is filled with pictures from the movie that was made about Luther's life and it tells the story telling the reader "Martin Luther had one goal: peace with God. He didn't find it in the holy relics and indulgences of the church or in life as an obedient monk. Luther discovered God's treasure of truth buried under human laws and regulations. He discovered the Gospel in the Word of God. Luther took his stand on that Word, defying the highest authorities in the church and state. In so doing, he started the oldest continuing evangelical movement in history. This is Luther's dramatic story." Come to your library and check out one of these books to learn more about Martin Luther and his life that brought God's word and presence to the entire community of the world.

Prayers of healing, comfort and support for members: *Kassi & Charlie Brown and family, Jeff Hoffmann, and Bob Sherman.*

For family & friends: *Donna Hanke (family of Bob & Barb Fett's daughter), Carol Fowler and Mary Jane Smith (Friends of Gloria Bartlett), Linda Parker (friend of Janice Vollmert), Carrie Jacobs (cousin of Dan Thorstad), Bernadine Cook (Jim Bauer's sister), Norman Salt (friend of Candy Skibba), Mary Ann Jacobi (sister of Roger Nolden), Chris Briggs (Jim Bauer's sister), Russ Lorenz, Jamie Falk (friend of Ken Forney), Al Young (Family of Jeff & Wendy Hoffmann), Christopher Flynn (Diane Coudray grandson), Mary Lynn Piezker (friend of Jim & Jean Bauer), Bev Gehrke (Gene & Bev Gehrke's family).*

For our homebound: *Bev & Gene Gehrke, Lorie Nolden, Clara Higgins, Bernice Sherman, Betty Skrenes, Milt & Ilene Austin, Mary Wagner, David Grulke, Ruth Wipperfurth, and Phyllis Reinen.*

Prayers of celebration: *On the baptism of Easton Michael Herro on 9/18. His parents are Zach Herro and Brooke Neuberger.*

Prayers of comfort for the family of: *Kevin Skrenes (grandson of Betty Skrenes) who passed away on 9/23/16. Arlene Hogenson (Sister of Lorie Nolden) who passed away on 9/6/2016. Martha Allen (mother of Marsha Schwanke) who passed away on 9/7/16. Richard Pettibone (husband of Lynell) who passed away on 8/28/16.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries!!

It's a brand new month!! - October 2016.

Along with this new month comes some new birthdays and anniversaries.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our members who celebrate the occasion in October!



Thank you

Dear Pastor Rick and the folks of Bristol,

Thanks so much for your gracious hospitality in hosting the Fall Gathering. Such a Spirit of welcome and enthusiasm! I am grateful for our partnership in this good gospel work!

God's Peace, Bishop Mary

Simply Giving? Or Simply Giving!

Can you start giving simply? What this means is that your duty and joy to give as a disciple in God's mission can be assured. Our duty is to support the ongoing daily ministry of God's church, and the joy is to see God changes lives through that ministry! Where we put our treasures is where our hearts follow. When we are excited and invested in the mission we are part of we want to give more. Simply Giving helps.

What it is...

1. Consistent Faithful Giving
2. First Fruits Giving – giving from the top of our income instead of what is left over
3. Green – No Envelopes!
4. Growth in Stewardship – You can still put offering in the plate for fun mission opportunities



What it is not...

1. Auto Giving to God
2. A Bill
3. A cheap way for the church to "get" money

It is okay if you do not want to join in Simply Giving too! God provides many ways for us to support mission. Let us continue to pray for how God may be leading our lives of faith through these gifts. If you are interested in signing up please contact Michelle in the church office.



Dear Pastor Rick and Members of Bristol Lutheran –

You all visited us on 9/11 to drop off cards and treats for our officers. Your thoughtfulness and support mean a lot and keep us going. We appreciate you and thank you for making our community better.

I am glad to call you all partners.

Sincerely, Chief Pat Anhalt

Postage Stamp Drive



In an effort to cut back on our mailing costs we are hosting a postage stamp drive!! We will be accepting rolls and books of forever stamps from anyone who wishes to participate. You may place the stamps (with a receipt including your name) in Michelle Meier's door slot. Make sure to include your name so that this can be applied to your giving statement. If you have any question's please contact Michelle at 837-6093.