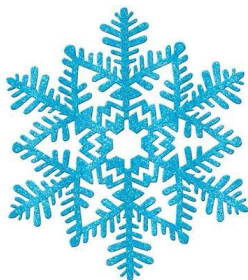

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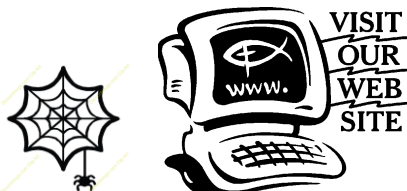
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Bulletin items should be turned into Pastor by Wednesday of each week. Pastor's email address is lseafert@gmail.com. **News & Views articles** are due on the 20th of each month. Please put them in the tray labeled "Secretary" located on the information desk in the foyer of the church or send your News & Views articles to Brenda Rivet by email at bsrivet@yahoo.com.

Thank you,

Brenda Rivet
Church Secretary
671-1182



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School website:
www.saintbartskawkawlin.com/school.

DEVOTION

IMPARTIAL

Are you a "Christian-By-Association"? In other words, do you consider yourself a Christian because you can point to your familiarity with the trappings of Christianity? Perhaps you can rattle off happy memories of going to Sunday School or a Christian Day School. Perhaps you can recall what it was like to be in a children's Christmas program on Christmas Eve. Perhaps your parents and grandparents were active in church life and you've inherited some family connections with various pastors and teachers.

If that's all you've gotten out of your exposure to Christianity, however, you've got nothing.

God is impartial. It does not matter to God how active your parents or grandparents were at church. It does not matter to God how many songs you sang in Christmas Eve services of your childhood. It does not matter to God how many Christian pastors and

teachers you know by name. If you or I think God will accept us because we're familiar with some trappings of Christianity, then we are not hearing him. And a moment is coming when we'll be in for a real shock.

What matters to God is our relationship with Jesus. What matters to God is our trust in Christ as our Savior from sin. What matters to God is the forgiveness we possess through faith in Jesus' perfect life and death in our place. What matters to God is that my personal eyes of faith are fixed upon his Son.

No more pretending. Only Jesus. He alone makes all the difference in the world. Your world too.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, forgive me for all the times I have not focused on your Son. Wash me in his blood. Renew my zeal for the good news of salvation through Jesus. Amen.

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ANNUAL Report

It's that time of year again! Please have all year-end reports and financials to me by February 1, 2018. I would like to complete the Annual Report by the second week of February. Following are the committees from which I usually receive reports:

1. President

2. PTO
3. Ladies Aid
4. Board of Elders
5. Board of Education
6. Board of Trustees
7. Sunday School
8. Youth Group
9. Day School
10. Marty Rase Endowment Fund
11. Ushers Report
12. Outreach Program
13. Worker Training Fund
14. Finance Committee

Thank you!
Brenda Rivet

SCHOOL NEWS

School will return from Christmas break on Monday, January, 8th. The Second Quarter ends on Friday, January 19th. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 26th. The Bay County Bookmobile will be visiting our school on Wednesday, January 31st from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Bookmobile is open to the public. Everyone is welcome. Our next chapel service is set for Friday, January 19th. It will take place at church at approximately 8:45 am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Grades 3-8 will be singing in church at the 9:00 am service on Sunday, January 28th.

Preschool Notice

We are beginning to take Preschool applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Our Preschool is open to all members of St. Bartholomew and to nonmembers of our community from the ages between 3-5 years old. If you have any questions or need information, please contact Mr. Boileau or Mrs. Wakefield at 684-6751.

Tunes & Twirls

If you know of any children from 1 ½ to 3 years of age, please invite them to come to our class which is offered to everyone in the community, member or nonmember for free. The classes run on Tuesdays in the Preschool room from 11:30 am – 12:00 pm. The classes will start again after the new year on Tuesday, January 9th.

LADIES AID NEWS

Thank you to all who joined in or donated items to the fabulous Christmas Party and Missions Auction Night. We had a fun group of about 70 people who enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Tom Wood followed by laughter and banter as Pastor Lindke auctioned off a menagerie of items. Who would know that 21/2 dozen Springerle cookies would sell for over \$100.00!... Save the second Thursday night of December for next year's fun!

And Save the Date February 25th, 2018 after church/bible study for the **THIRD EVER CHILI COOK- OFF!**

Reminder also that the January Ladies Aid meeting will be held at 6:30p.m on Thursday, January 11th in the church fellowship hall. All confirmed ladies of the congregation are invited and welcome to come. Please note that in case of inclement weather our meetings are not held if school has been cancelled for the day.

LCC- THANK YOU!

The Living Christmas Card committee would like to thank the congregation for their support this year for the Living Christmas Card. We would also like to thank all the awesome volunteers and people who brought food and desserts. We could not have done without your help. There were 386 cars that drove through compared to 360 last year.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ

HYMNSOFT SCHEDULE

January 7 th & 8 th	9am- Hofmeister 7pm- O'Brien
January 14 th & 15 th	9am- Irving 7pm- O'Brien
January 21 st & 22 nd	9am- Rivet 7pm- Schwab
January 28 th & 29 th	Organ- O'Brien
February 4 th & 5 th	9am- Peil 7pm- O'Brien
February 11 th & 12 th	9am- Hofmeister 7pm- Schwab
February 14 th	6:30pm-
February 18 th & 19 th	9am- Irving 7pm- O'Brien
February 21 st	6:30pm-
February 25 th & 26 th	Organ- O'Brien
February 28 th	6:30pm-
March 4 th & 5 th	9am- Peil 7pm- O'Brien
March 7 th	6:30pm-
March 11 th & 12 th	9am- Rivet 7pm- Schwab
March 14 th	6:30pm-
March 18 th & 19	Organ- O'Brien
March 21 st	6:30pm-
March 25 th & 26 th	9am- Hofmeister 7pm- O'Brien

March 29th 6:30pm- Organ- O'Brien
March 30th 6:30pm- Organ- O'Brien

Note: If you know you can't make it, please make arrangements to switch with another person.

Note: For the mid-week worship services, I won't assign someone to any of them, if you wish to sign up for one, please do.

especially be sure to remember all our shut-ins with your prayers and correspondence – and even better yet, with a personal visit now and then. *Please see your hard copy of the News & Views for our current shut in members.*

USHERS SCHEDULE

January

1/07 9am Jim Eckinger-Matt Hardy
1/17 9am Mike Ott-Lyle McNally
1/21 9am Larry Badgero-Don Krueger
1/28 9am Mel Kruse-Tim Lisius

MEMORIALS

*In loving memory of **Gary Peil**, LED lighting was placed in Pastor's house and at the day school by Phyllis Peil.*

*In loving memory of **Ken D. Steih**, a gift was given to the General Fund by Helen Steih's bridge club, to the Stained Glass Fund by Barbara Hofmeister and Larry & Bonnie Clark, and to the Mission Fund by Jim & Joan Schwab.*



Our shut-in members are those who are for any length of time – and in most cases, permanently – unable to attend our weekly worship or our celebration of the Lord's Supper. They are served, then, with recordings of our services and with private communion from the pastors. Please be sure to inform the pastors of any of our members who become needful of these services, and