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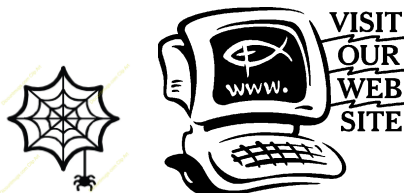
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Bulletin items should be turned into Pastor by Wednesday of each week. Pastor's email address is lseafert@gmail.com. **News & Views articles** are due on the 20th of each month. Please put them in the tray labeled "Secretary" located on the information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

Thank you,

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www.saintbartskawkawlin.com/school.

DEVOTION

What We Need

The time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

I know I should exercise, but it makes me sore and tired. I know I should eat a balanced diet, but donuts and cake taste better to me. I know that surgery will help me get back to full strength, but I'm scared to go under the knife and face painful rehab.

In daily life, our needs—things that are necessary and beneficial for a healthy and happy life—are often at odds with our wants—things that are optional and, sometimes, only superficially satisfying. But in the end, the truly wise and healthy person learns to seek, do, and even appreciate and long for the needed things.

The same holds true for our spiritual life. Our hearts are naturally tuned in to messages that are unhealthy and ultimately only superficially satisfying. So, our ears will naturally seek out messages that agree with our distorted heart's desire. I want to hear that I am worthwhile and good. I want to hear that I can do things by my own determination and grit. I want to hear that I'm okay with God because I am a good (or at least pretty good) person. I want to hear that God is satisfied with good intentions, blessing me now and granting me a place in heaven as a result of my best efforts.

But that is not what I need to hear. I need to hear that I was born in sin and show it with thoughts that are impure, words that are unloving, and actions that are incomplete at best. I need to hear that my sinfulness separates me from a holy God. I need to hear that sinners like me deserve nothing from God but his punishment. I need to hear that, but I don't want to...at first.

Human beings can only begin to hear and accept that difficult message when we come to know that it is not the end, or even the most important part, of what God knows our ears and hearts need to hear. I need to hear of God's undeserved love—his amazing grace—towards sinners. I need to hear of a Savior who was sent to pay for and do away with human sin, even mine. I need to hear of a God who loves me and values me because of what his Son has done for me and the price he's paid for me. I need to hear of a heavenly Father who promises to be with me in this life and take me to heaven when I die, because he has adopted me as his own dear child in Jesus Christ.

Tune your ears to that message. Find a church that faithfully teaches it. And you will be truly healthy and happy in your spiritual life!

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, there are so many attractive and appealing messages in my world. Help me to tune my ears to your Word of Truth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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We will not be having school from Wednesday, October 10 through Friday, October 12. The faculty will be attending the annual teachers' conference. The Bay County Library Bookmobile will be visiting our school on Wednesday, October 10th and Wednesday, October 31st. It will be parked in the school parking lot from 1:00pm – 2:00 pm. Everyone in the community is welcome to visit the bookmobile at those times. Grades 5 and 6 will be attending Camp Timbers from October 17th-19th. We will celebrate Harvest Fest on Friday, October 26th. A hayride and other fun activities are planned for that day. Picture Day for 3 year old preschoolers is set to take place on Tuesday, October 30th. Picture retakes from September 19th will also take place on the 30th.

Extended Care Update

We are happy to announce that our Extended Care Program will be offered throughout the end of this school year. In order to continue to be financially responsible, our Church Council decided that it be necessary to raise our fees. It was also necessary to raise fees due to low student participation in the program. Starting on Monday, October 1st, the cost will be \$5.00 per hour for the first child and \$4.00 per hour for siblings. These fees are still reasonable compared with other facilities in our area. This increase will help

reduce the operating deficit we presently find ourselves in. The Church Council and School Board will do whatever they can to make our program successful. We will continue to do our best to offer services that benefit and assist our families and students. We ask for your continued prayers to make our program the best that it can be. If you are interested in having your child make use of our Extended Care Program or have any questions, please contact School Board Chairman Mike Burke at 928-2660 or Principal Mark Boileau at 684-6751.

In Service to Our Lord,
Mr. Boileau

School's Extended Care Fees and Times

Cost = \$5.00 per hour for the first child.
\$4.00 per hour for additional siblings

Times = 7:00am – 8:00am Mon – Fri
11:30am – 6:00pm Tues & Thursday
3:00pm – 6:00pm Mon, Wed, Fri

PIONEERS

If you have a child in grades 1-8 who enjoys doing projects, going to Halloween and Christmas parties, getting together with other kids from our church, and learning new fun things, then he/she should join Pioneers! Pioneers meet the first and third Thursdays of each month in the church basement from 6:30-8:00pm beginning the first Thursday in October. There is a fee of \$25.00 per child to cover the cost of materials. Currently, we do not have a leader for boys in grades 1-3. If you are interested in leading this group, please contact Cathy Schwab at 684-6198.



Little Caesars' Pizza Fundraiser

The school children will be selling Little Caesars' Pizza Kits to help with the cost of Camp Timbers and Camp Leelanau. An order form has been placed on the information center or you may order downstairs during coffee hour. The sale will end October 17th and the pizza kits will be delivered October 23rd. Please make checks payable to St. Bartholomew PTO.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

We're thrilled to announce that **Walmart is now available for ReloadNow!** Walmart gift cards ordered through **ShopWithScrip** can now be reloaded for \$10 - \$500, with a maximum card balance of \$500 and the same 2.5% rebate.

SCRIP ORDERS

We will be placing an order for SCRIP gift cards on Monday, October 1st. Delivery will be Friday, October 5th. Gift cards make great presents for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, etc. and come in denominations from \$5 - \$1,000 depending on the retailer. 50% of the rebate offered goes towards school tuition! It's an easy way to save on school fees!

Church Apparel

Church apparel is available to order online through Sandlot Sports from September 10th through October 2nd with a delivery date of October 17th. The link for online orders is <https://stbartholomew2018.itemorder.com/>. An order form is on the information desk if you'd rather order that way. Please contact Heather O'Brien at 600-5212 with any questions.

MLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLS FALL OPEN HOUSE: MLS invites all 5-8 grade students and their families to the Fall Open House, October 5, from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Families are invited to come spend some time on campus, learn about MLS, and watch the Cardinals take on Hemlock in football, if time permits.

If families are interested in attending, MLS asks for advance notice to help accommodate visitors. Families can register online by visiting www.mlsem.org/openhouse.

MLS FALL PLAY: The MLS Drama group, Court Street Players, is proudly presenting Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" on Thursday, November 15, and Saturday, November 17, at 7:00 PM. There will also be a 2:30 matinee on Sunday, November 18.

The cast is busy learning and memorizing songs, lines and choreography. The crews are building and painting sets to make the world of Belle and the Beast come to life.

Every production is unique and full of surprises as you enter the world of princes and enchantresses. Plan ahead to attend the MLS production of "Beauty and the Beast" this November! Tickets will go on sale October 15 at 10:00 a.m. Visit www.mlsem.org/fall-play.

LADIES AID

Attention Ladies of St. B's: Thursday, October 13th is the Ladies Aid meeting. We will begin at 6:30 pm. Hostesses for the evening are Betty Davies and Marlene Krueger. All are welcome to join us.

CONVENTION FOR SENIORS

A 2018 Convention for Lutheran Seniors is being hosted by OWLS at The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. on October 10-12. It's

open to all WELS & ELS retired seniors. You need not be an OWLS member. Details and other promotional materials are now available on the OWLS new website: **csm.welsrc.net/owls-convention-2018**.

RvEm Daniel Westendorf
Director - OWLS National Board



APPLE PIE SALE TIME

It's hard to believe it's that time of the year again! The Ladies Aid is happy to be offering once again our delicious (so we're told) pies for your holiday gatherings or just to enjoy! This year the donations will be benefiting the Parsonage Repair Project. We thank you in advance for your help in making this a record year for sales!



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| Oct. 7 | 9am | Dave Roseberry - Lyle McNally |
| Oct. 14 | 9am | Mike Ott - Matt Hardy |
| Oct. 21 | 9am | Tim Lisius - Mel Kruse |
| Oct. 27 | 9am | Jim Eckinger - Al Lisius |
| Nov 4 | 9am | Larry Badgero - Don Krueger |
| Nov 11 | 9am | Dave Roseberry - Lyle McNally |
| Nov 18 | 9am | Mike Ott - Matt Hardy |
| Nov 22 | 9am | Tim Lisius - Mel Kruse |
| Nov 25 | 9am | Jim Eckinger - Al Lisius |

Mommy and Me Class

In mid October we will be starting a Mommy and Me class for children ages 1 ½-3 and their parent or caregiver. More information will be coming soon!



MEMORIALS

*In loving memory of **Carol Hacker**, a gift was given to the General Fund by Dave & Thelma Luczak and to the Martin Luther College Student Assistance Fund by Pam Behrmann.*

*In loving memory of **Alan Ruegsegger**, a gift was given to the Stained Glass Fund by Mary Jane & Gary Newman.*

*In loving memory of **Valerie Schmidt and Margaret Kramer**, a gift was given to the Stained Glass Fund by Helen Steih.*



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 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. Presently our shut-in members are: *Please see your hard copy of your News & Views for our current shut in members.*