

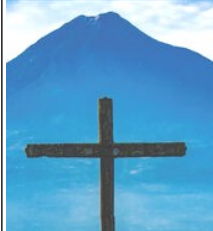
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Christ in Our Home
October, November, December
2020



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December 2020 are available
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church office.

We have regular print and
large print copies for you to
choose from.

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October Birthdays and Anniversaries

**God's continued blessings to the following
members of our congregation...**

75th+ Birthday



Oct. 1 Eldon Hoelzer
Oct. 4 J. Leonard Schaller
Oct. 5 Gene Schinzer
Oct. 14 Richard Gansemer
Linda Truckenbrod
Oct. 31 Jan Schuster



Happy Anniversary Wishes!

Dennis & Deb Bieser
October 4th — 40 years

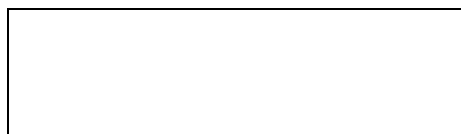
Tom & Laura Glazebrook
October 7th — 25 years

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Farewell & Thank You, Pastor Steve!



A farewell reception for Pastor Steve & Kelley Mindrup
was held following worship on Sunday, September
27th to thank them for their ministry with us these past
14+ months. If you would like to send them a card,
please address it to:

Steve & Kelley Mindrup
310 E. Kendall Drive, #101
Yorkville, IL 60560

We wish them safe travel on their upcoming vacation
and hope that they will stop in and visit with us when-
ever they get the chance.

St. John's Lutheran Church



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Special items of interest:

• If you want Pastor Ken Gibson to know when you are hospitalized, please contact the church office. Because of privacy laws, the hospital will not contact us.

• St. John's offers **Electronic Giving**. If you are interested please contact Susan in the office.

• The **Quilting Ladies** have replenished the walker bag in the Narthex with lots of fall themed bags. If you know of someone who would enjoy a bag, or if you would like one, please feel free to take one.

• **Worship in our Sanctuary** continues each Sunday morning at 9am. If you are unable to attend, we hope you will join us for virtual worship online via Zoom, Facebook Live, or on the St. John's website. (www.stjohnsmendota.org).



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St. John's welcomes new pastor, Rev. Ken Gibson

Pastor Ken, Yvonne, and their dog, Bob, come to us from Grace Lutheran Church in Woodstock, IL. They are moving into the parsonage this week. Pastor Ken's first Sunday in the pulpit will be October 4th, and we are planning to hold a welcome reception for them following worship. We look forward to our ministry together!

Packing and Exploring by Pastor Ken Gibson



As I write this, Yvonne, Bob and I have been busy packing. Well, ok, Yvonne and I have been packing. Bob has been supervising, and as far as he is concerned, I've probably spent a bit too much time packing things into boxes. I wish you could have seen him stare up at me with his big eyes, as if to say "are you done yet?" It took longer than it should have because I am an explorer and a sentimentalist at heart, and some written treasures I found grabbed my attention. I enjoy re-reading articles and papers that I have written in the past and actually found it comforting to reminisce about the life I have lived over the years in different parts of the country.

Interestingly enough, I ran across my very first newsletter article that I wrote for Holy Trinity in Chassell, Michigan. It was fun to re-read and it reminded me that I needed to write this message for all of you. Unexpectedly, I found in that article much of what I want to share with all of you. Here is a little snippet of what I wrote:

What does one say when one has so much to say? I must begin by telling all of you how excited we are about being called to serve with you. The opportunity to get to know all of you and to share in your lives is a privilege. I/we are truly looking forward being with you as we do ministry together for the work of Christ's church on earth. And here, let me add "and in Mendota, IL and beyond."

These words are just as true today as they were 25 years ago. Let me further share that I am honored and touched by the warm welcome and true affirmation in your calling me to serve with you at St. John's. Achieving unanimous approval all the way through the call process is truly humbling, and the experience was and continues to be so very affirming. Maybe waiting for this to all come together as it did is a reminder of how we are all on God's time.

I look forward to serving with you at church very soon and for many years to come! In the meantime... it's back to packing. Let's go, Bob.

Church Council Highlights

The following are some highlights from the September 17, 2020 Church Council meeting.

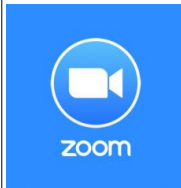
- Maria Bonine gave the Council a report on some of the details of her upcoming Ordination service that will be held here on Monday, October 12th.
- Sunday School classes remain on hold at this time.
- Gourmet mini cupcakes, scotcheroos, and cookies were enjoyed by everyone in recognition of and thanksgiving for Pastor Steve's ministry at St. John's.

Finance Report Year To Date thru August 2020:

Budgeted Income \$235,110 Actual Income \$202,555
Budgeted Expense \$243,561 Actual Expense \$200,645

We are grateful for your continued financial support, through your offerings in person, through the mail, and through automatic giving. We are blessed to have such a faithful St. John's family.

"Virtual Worship" Information for October



The **Zoom log-in information** for our October worship services have been set so that the Meeting ID and Passcode are the same for each week during October. **This is not an error.** We hope that it will make it easier for those logging in to Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8191024353?pwd=YIA5TU1MNbVJ5bDFzMXZ2b0VnNkpUQT09>

Dial up: 1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 819 102 4353

Passcode: 316316

The log-in information will also be emailed to you each Saturday at noon.

You are also able to **watch the worship services via Facebook Live** even if you don't have a Facebook account yourself. Using your web browser, search for St. John's Lutheran Church Facebook page. Once you find us, simply scroll past any invitations to create a Facebook page and you'll see the Facebook Live video.

Worship will also continue to be **shared on our website** (www.stjohnsmendota.org).



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to God for our St. John's family, and the way that everyone has pulled together to give of their Time and Talents these past couple of years. We would like to call special attention to the following people for their service:

Call Committee: Richard Althaus, Carol Dilbeck, Sheila Duttlinger, Aimee Holland, Ken Ladenburger, Page Leonard, Shirley Pierson, Myrna Simon, Roberta Wendel, and Kevin Wohrley. A special thank you to Richard and Ken for their leadership with the Call Committee and for a successful search in calling Pastor Ken. We also thank Don Goy for his expertise with the financial details in the call process.

Church Council: Ed Bock, Dorothy Brandner, Gary Duttlinger, Steve Florschuetz, Melvette Jones, Dawn Kendall, Ken Ladenburger, Melissa Nosalik, Roberta Wendel, Carol Wheeler, and Todd Zimmerlein. We thank each Council member for their leadership during this time we were without a called pastor.

Property Team: Ed Bock, Gary Duttlinger, Rob Guardiola, Aimee Holland, Ron Rose. A special thanks to our volunteer painters — Dennis Bieser, Ed & Karyn Bock, Karen Goy, Rob Guardiola, Dawn Kendall, Ken & Laurie Ladenburger, and James Younger — for all their work sprucing-up the parsonage.

COVID-19 made things extra challenging, forcing us to think creatively about providing meaningful worship for our members. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have been involved with providing worship, whether in person or virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live: Pastor Steve Mindrup, Steve Florschuetz, Ken Ladenburger, Delle Vercimak, Rich Wujek, Vicki Wujek, Kevin Wohrley, our Altar Guild ladies, and all who volunteered to participate as readers or greeters. We are especially thankful for James Younger for his expertise in setting everything up behind the scenes and for his talents in leading worship in front of the camera.

We appreciate each and every one of you for the gifts you bring to our St. John's family!



St. John's Youth News

"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"



~ Sunday School & Confirmation Information ~



Sunday School and Confirmation classes for 2020-2021 continue to be on hold. As soon as plans are finalized, we will send information and registration forms to our Sunday School families.

We are very eager to set a Confirmation date for our 2019-2020 Confirmands: Connor Bailey, Paul Bailey, Jace Baird, Cindy Bumgarner, and Haden Shakespeare. We will share this information with everyone just as soon as the date is set.

Thank you so much for your continued patience.

By the grace of God
and the call of the church

Maria Ann Bonine

will be ordained to the Ministry of
Word and Sacrament in Christ's one, holy,
catholic, and apostolic church

October 12, 2020 | 7:00pm

at St. John's Lutheran Church
Mendota, IL

the Reverend S. John Roth,
Bishop of Central-Southern Illinois Synod,
presiding and preaching

Your prayers and virtual presence are requested.
Facebook Live and Zoom links will be shared
closer to the date

Zoom information for Maria Bonine's Ordination

Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7pm (log-in begins at 6:45pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8191024353>

Dial up: 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 819 102 4353 Passcode: Wartburg