



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

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The Chatter

AUGUST 2023

Happy August St. Bart's family! Lately I have been drawn to the verse "Come to me all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." We often hear this verse after the confession and absolution during service. These are the words of our Savior Jesus Christ recorded for us in Matthew 11:28. This is the first part of the larger invitation of the Lord which shows us the goodness of God, that He wants what is best for us. He wants to restore us and refresh us and does not want us to be wearied by the burdens the world places on us or by those that we place on ourselves.

Much of what we place on ourselves is caused by our sin. That's why this verse is included as one of the four "comfortable words" verses after the confession and absolution in the Holy Eucharist Liturgy. We look at our sin and start to kick ourselves for it. We start to wonder how we can live up to what we see as enormous expectations.

The answer is in the complete invitation. We cannot stop with verse 28. We need the other two verses. Verses 29-30, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." To stop with verse 28 is to try to live righteously in our own strength. That is what the Pharisees were about. It doesn't work well, if at all. We will become weary trying to do that. We need to rely on the Lord's strength.

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To do that requires us to submit to the lordship of Jesus as He says for us to do. He says for us to take His yoke upon us. A yoke is a uniquely shaped type of pole. It is used to bind two oxen together so that neither ox does all the work, but rather the two do the work together. The yoke of Jesus binds us with Him, keeps us with Him, and enables the work to be done together with Him in His strength. And notice that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. The yoke of Jesus is the New Covenant. The yoke of Jesus is righteousness by grace through faith in Christ rather than righteousness based on the Law. We submit everything to Him. We live as His disciples, living in obedience to Him.

And we learn from Him because a disciple learns from his master. We learn how to rely on Christ. We learn how to live in covenant with God as He intended. We learn that Jesus is with us and for us. We learn to trust in Him rather than in ourselves.

The result is not just lives lived the way God intended, but rest. Rest from the enormous burden of “work’s righteousness”, and ultimately rest for our souls in His kingdom. So may we be people that not only go to Jesus, but also take His yoke upon us and learn from Him. And may we influence others to do the same. Amen!

In Christ,

Fr. Bush

VESTRY

*Vestry does not meet in July or August,
so here is something to think about.*



Obituary:

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, **Someone Else**.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. **Else** has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, **Someone** did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let **Someone Else** do it!" Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "**Someone Else** can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that **Someone Else** was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed **Someone Else** would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of **Someone Else**. Now **Someone Else** is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else has left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things **Someone Else** did?

When you are asked this year to help, remember– we can't depend on Someone Else anymore. We need you!!



MEMBER ADDRESS INFORMATION

FOR UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY (BLUE BOOK)

Please complete the following: Please PRINT NEATLY.

Head of Household:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

First name of ALL other Family members in household. Indicate relationship.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Winter Address if different from above. Include the months you are away.

Phone Number: Home _____

Cell #1 _____ Cell #2 _____

Email #1 _____ Email #2 _____

*Any information that you do not want in the directory please **circle**.*

Return by September 15th to vicki.martino@lmhf.net OR the
INFORMATION DESK in the Fr. Amend Hall or return by mail to the church.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in the Military in your prayers. Please let the church office know if there is anyone that should be added to or removed from this prayer list.

Virginia Boy– Navy

Andrew Rebl– Army

James Kerins– Army

Matthew Prohaska– Air Force



FOOD PANTRY: Remember that we collect for the Food Pantry the **first weekend of every month.** NIACAP is so appreciative, as we are the ONLY large-scale givers they have. Please remember that they also can use personal care items, paper products and soap, etc..

Let's continue to show them St. Bart's generosity.



Prayer Night
Thursday, August 17
at 7pm

Let's Pray!

The TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY

will resume **September 12 and 26** at 6:30pm. We will be finishing our study of Matthew followed by a study of the Book of John. It is never too late to join us. We go verse by verse and have learned so much using study bibles as a reference. We have weekly trivia– fun and informative– and a memory bible verse. Please contact Louise Jones if you would like to join us. She will have a notebook and supplies ready for you!



October meetings will be the 10th and 24th.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The People that run the **Sunday Coffee Hour**

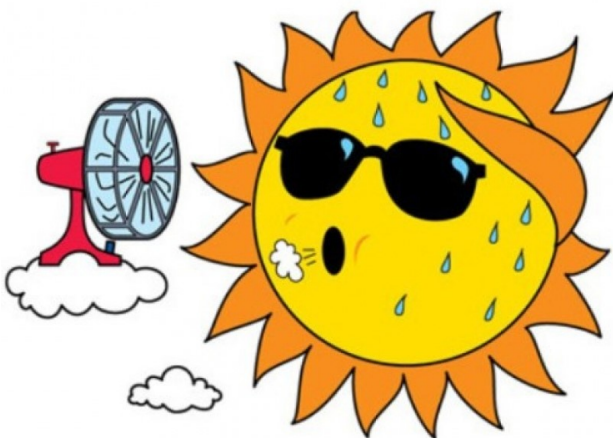
are asking for some help. Please consider donating a bag/box of cookies, crackers, pretzels, etc., once in a while.

And remember to thank them for serving you each week.



Hello St. Bart's **Free Exchange**

users. This is just a reminder to keep the bulletin board neat and useful, and to remove your postings where you have already given the item away. If you have a posting that has been up for a long time, and you still have the item, please consider taking down the posting, to make room for new items. Thanks for your help and for using the **Free Exchange** board.



Enjoy the heat. It will be cold before you know it!

**DEADLINE FOR THE
SEPTEMBER CHATTER is
Tuesday, August 15.
Thank you.**

Music Notes from Margaret Bukkosy August 2023

Hello Everyone! Our fall schedule is around the corner, and we will be reconvening our choirs in September.

The Contemporary Choir is first on the agenda, and if you are interested in singing or playing an instrument with them, please let Dn. Jim Kibby or me know, and we will arrange a music folder for you. Contemporary singers will be singing the third and fourth Sunday services in September.

Adult Choir will have its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 27 at 7 p.m. They will sing starting with the October 1 service.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

The Cherub and Children's Choirs will begin their rehearsals on Sunday, October 1 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service.

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Knecht will direct the Cherub Choir. The Cherub Choir will include Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade students. They will meet in the choir room.

The Children's Choir, grade 2 and up, will rehearse in the sanctuary with me.

We are looking forward to another great year of singing praise to God.



KINGDOM BOUND 2023





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Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

August 2023

God is bigger than our doubts



You may have heard the term "catalyst" in science class. It's a word describing a substance that creates changes and reactions without itself experiencing any permanent change. We rely on catalysts every day to start our cars, heat our homes, and make our bread, and in the same way that these microscopic engines of change shape the material world around us, Scripture shows us that there are spiritual catalysts that help shape our life and the life of others. In this four-week series from Hebrews, we'll discover that faith is a catalyst for action, the faith of others can be a catalyst on our journey, Jesus is the catalyst for a new relationship with God, and we can be a catalyst for change.

Next Happenings

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for our regular meetings filled with engaging lessons and activities
Dinner provided

Friday, September 8th

6:00 pm Jesus Revolution movie

Wednesday, September 13th

6:00 pm Open House and Miniature Golf

Sunday, September 24th

11:30 am Fall Fest Volunteer meeting

Wednesday, September 27th

6:30 pm Fall Fest Volunteer meeting

Save the Date: Nov. 18th

7:00 pm Mercy Me, Toby Mac, Zach Williams concert

"Follow Me, and I will make you become Fishers of men."

Mark 1:17 NASB

A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett

Hi everybody, I hope you all had a fun summer break! I definitely enjoyed our time at Kingdom Bound. For those of you who weren't there you missed out on a ton of fun. We were able to go on some awesome rides at Darien Lake, listen to some hilarious and eye opening speakers, and experience some amazing Christian artists. There were rock, pop, R&B, and rap groups for us to enjoy. But don't take my word for it ask any of our youth that went about their experience. I am sure they would love to tell you about the trip. My favorite part was singing praises at the worship tent and hearing at the campfires each night how people's lives were being changed by the power of God's words of grace and love being spoken.

In Christ,
Liz



September 8th at 6pm. Let's kick this year off with a revolution. The Jesus Revolution, A film based on a true story of one young hippie's quest in the 1970s for belonging and liberation that leads not only to peace, love, and rock and roll, but that sets into motion a new counterculture crusade--a Jesus Movement--changing the course of history. Please feel free to bring your family and friends to watch this great film. To watch the trailer for the film, go to <https://jesusrevolution.movie>. We will be having Pizza and Popcorn while we watch the film in Fr. Amend Hall.

To hear about all the awesome events coming up this year please join us for our Open House on September 13th at 6:00pm. This meeting is for youth and their parents to attend so any questions, comments or concerns can be addressed. We will be discussing this year's youth events, the format for Wednesday night, and the parent handbook for the 2023-2024 year. After the meeting we will head over to Adventure Landing for some miniature golf!



On October 27th (6-7:30pm) you're invited to be a part of this year's Fall Fest called Treasure Hunt, where families will have fun as they go to interactive stations to uncover mystery messages, witness volcanic eruptions, and collect treasures along the way! At each station, they'll dig deep into a valuable experience that helps them get to know Jesus in a fresh, new way. We will need people to help with set up and take down, be station leaders and helpers, welcome table greeters, and so on. Details on the event and sign-up sheets will be available at the volunteer meeting on September 27th at 6:30pm in the large fellowship hall or September 24th at 11:30am. Pick the meeting that works best for you

I am so excited to share that TobyMac, MercyMe, and Zach Williams - are teaming up for an unforgettable concert experience at The Key Bank Center on Saturday, November 18th at 7:00pm. For those of you who missed out on Kingdom Bound this summer, this concert is the perfect example of the kind of music we experienced there. Feel free to invite your whole family and friends to this incredible event. Cost is \$25 per person. If you are joining us please let me know ASAP so I can order tickets before they sell out. For more information about these artists go to www.tobymac.com



August Birthdays

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| 1 Nicholas Weber, Mike Wisz | 27 Larry Bainbridge, Laura Klenk,
Rhoda Mason |
| 4 David Merrick, Drusilla Waterman | |
| 5 Elaine Wisniewski | 28 Laura Zuefle |
| 6 Carie-Jo Cleary, Tochukwu Ezeagwuna | 29 Robert Johnson, Cianna Morgante,
Katherine Oliveri |
| 8 Cynthia Carter, Carrie Hillery | |
| 9 David Prohaska | 30 Kathleen Schwab, Abby Wojnowski |
| 10 James Arnold, Kathleen Craig,
Leslie Percival, Michelle Rocker | 31 Nicholas S. Sluyter |
| 11 Florence Purchase, James Spence | |
| 13 Karon Cavalleri, Justine Derrett,
Susan Ochiltree, Emilia Sluyter,
Lucy Sluyter, Sarah Sluyter | |
| 14 John Cadena, John Okiec | |
| 15 Dee Jackman, Suzanne Slayton,
Fr. Arthur Ward Jr. | |
| 16 Thomas Carter | |
| 17 Micah Begovich,
Laurie-Anne Hammond,
Daniel Tobin | |
| 20 Edith Koerner, Albert Matuch | |
| 22 Jim Thompson, Adam Wilkowski | |
| 25 Will Crosby, Daniel Lavin | |
| 26 Brandon Ganci, Hannah LaDuca | |



SEPTEMBER

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| 1 Angelo Morgante |
| 6 Emily Begovich |
| 8 Debora Geis, Dn. Gary Wisniewski |

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (716) 831-1777 or email the secretaries: secretaries@stbartston.org

AUGUST CALENDAR

AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:30 am HE	3	4	5 4:30 pm HE
6 8 & 10 am HE Children's Orff Orchestra Practice after 10am service	7	8	9 9:30 am HE	10	11	12 4:30 pm HE
13 8 & 10 am HE	14	15	16 9:30 am HE	17 7pm Prayer Night	18	19 4:30 pm HE
20 8 & 10am HE	21	22	23 9:30 am HE	24	25	26 4:30 pm HE
27 8 & 10 am HE	28	29	30 9:30 am HE	31		

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

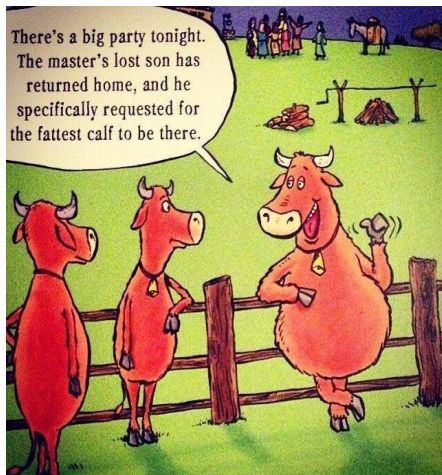
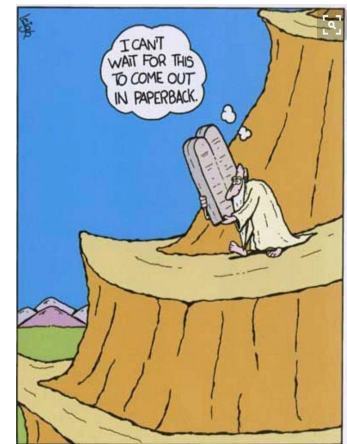
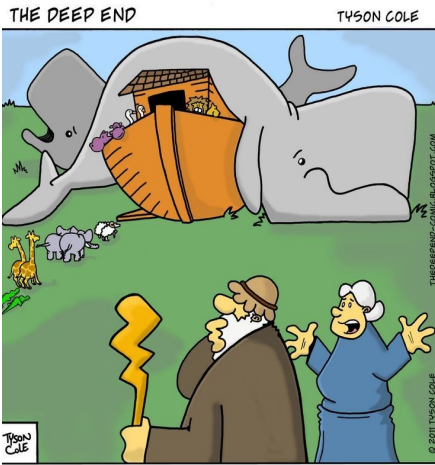
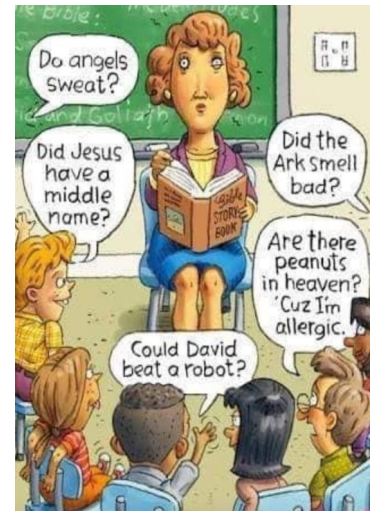
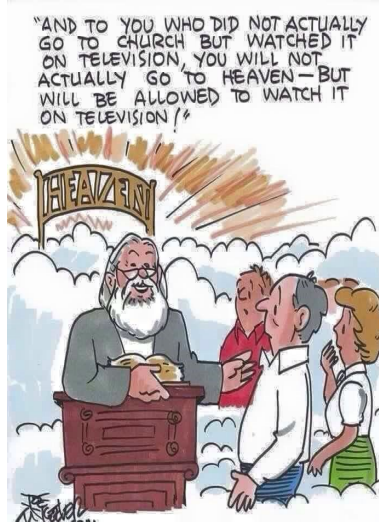
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

NOTES:

August

6 IRAQ Pray that Christians will remain faithful and withstand threats under daily oppression.	7 CHINA Pray for the successful distribution of Bibles in every part of China.	8 AZERBAIJAN Pray that church leaders will build up believers to be bold in faith.	9 ERITREA Pray that Christian radio broadcasts will encourage believers and draw others to Christ.	10 NORTH KOREA Pray that government workers who receive Bibles will come to faith in Christ.	11 QATAR Pray that the expatriate community will find creative ways to share Christ's love.	12 TURKMENISTAN Pray that the government will legally recognize the Turkmen-language Bible
13 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that Christians who feel isolated will be encouraged in their walk with Christ.	14 NIGER Pray for the protection of believers living in areas where Islamists often attack Christians.	15 TUNISIA Pray for local evangelists who are following up on social media contacts.	16 LIBYA Pray that the gospel will advance despite an unstable political situation.	17 YEMEN Pray that discipleship training courses will effectively develop new leaders.	18 TAJIKISTAN Pray that Christians meeting for worship will be undetected by potential persecutors.	19 EGYPT Pray for emerging leaders attending a summer apologetics school.
20 MAURITANIA Pray that believers will boldly gather for worship, fellowship and discipleship.	21 MALDIVES Pray for creative approaches to ministry in this hard-to-reach country.	22 INDONESIA Pray for the courage of Christians who have seen other believers killed.	23 PAKISTAN Pray for the bold witness of Shakeel, who came to faith in Christ after reading the Bible.	24 CUBA Pray that pastors who are detained for questioning will convey boldness, love and truth.	25 UGANDA Pray for Christians confronted with encroaching Islamization.	26 ISRAEL Pray that residents of Jerusalem will seek the Prince of Peace.
27 AFGHANISTAN Pray for creative means of providing Christian resources to Afghan believers.	28 ETHIOPIA Pray that the 20,000 kids who will receive their first children's Bible this year will encounter Christ.	29 KYRGYZSTAN Pray for more Bible distributions to those who have no access to God's Word.	30 IRAN Pray for Abid, an Afghan refugee in Iran who is curious about God's Word.	31 MEXICO Pray for the protection of new believers when they gather for fellowship and worship.		

A LITTLE BIBLICAL HUMOR



Some of Solomon's courtiers had to question the wisdom of a man with 700 mother-in-laws