

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2	Betty Bitters Andrew Birr	May 16	Scott Gohr Laurie Bulkowski
May 3	Jason & Pamela Aprill Barb Naparalla Kelly Davies Gregory Stueber	May 17	Dennis Delzer
May 7	Nancy Heykes Helen Schroeder Robert & Barb Wolf Bob & Karen Peer Nikki Coopman	May 18	Heidi Delzer
May 8	Beryl Delzer Justin Busch	May 19	John & Laurie Bulkowski Joel Gohr
May 9	Chloe Arneson	May 20	Rebecca Heykes
May 10	Marsha Morse Dekland Wijas	May 22	Audrey Arneson Dan & Susan Aprill Jay Czarapata
May 12	Diane Steichen	May 23	Emersyn Payette John Busch
May 13	Bob Mahoney	May 24	Linda Rowell Teri Servais
May 14	Gary & Toni Hudson Heather Pautz	May 25	Chantel Birr
May 15	Burt & Mary Jane Dunst Nathan Seitz	May 26	Glenn & Barb Hudson Tonya Bunn
		May 31	Ethan Winkler Lauren Schroeder Savannah Davies

Ministry moments for our 125th year. . .

Sons & Daughters of the Parish

One of the greatest gifts a congregation can give back to the church as a whole is for some of its members to enter the ministerium of the ELCA (or one of its predecessor bodies) and serve as pastors. Another gift is given when members of a congregation are certified as trained lay leaders through our synod's Lay School. At St. John's, we've had a number of members do both. Several former members and sons of former pastors were ordained as pastors, one current member is in the seminary preparing for ordained ministry, and three members are graduates of our synod's Lay School of Ministry.

Three of those who became pastors were local residents who grew up in the Morgan area and attended St. John's. Details of their ministerial careers are sketchy at best, but here is some of what we know about each one.

The late **James Larsen** was ordained into the American Lutheran Church and in the early 1950s he served at Christ Lutheran in Lake Elmo, MN.

At the time of St. John's 70th anniversary the late **Louis Birr** was earning his divinity degree at Capital University & Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1954 the late **Robert Garbrecht** was pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Cobb, WI. Eventually he moved to Evansville, WI where he served St. John's Lutheran Church until his retirement. In retirement he did interim and supply work including a stint at Grace Lutheran in Monroe, WI.

At the current time, **Sherry VanLishout** (nee Van Donsel) is a student at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA. She is beginning her internship year and will serve a congregation in LaCrosse, WI.

Of the five sons of pastors who became pastors, we know for sure that at least two were members of the parish while their fathers served here. **Konrad Koosman** was in high school during his time in Morgan. He went on to serve numerous congregations in California and also served as the Bishop of the California District. **Theodore Ohlrogge** served in northeastern Wisconsin his entire career and eventually was elected Bishop of the Wisconsin District of the ALC. His brother (?), **Fred Ohlrogge, Jr.**, was called to serve St. John's of Morgan 33 years after his father (Fred Ohlrogge, Sr.) resigned his call from St. John's. Fred, Jr. then moved westward where he served a long pastorate at St. John's of Marion, WI. Fred, Jr.'s son **James Ohlrogge** was born and baptized here during his father's tenure. He went on to serve parishes in southern WI. As of 1954, **Martin (Theo.) Proehl** was pastor of St. John's Lutheran in Grove City, OH and eventually he was elected Bishop of the Ohio District of the ALC. All the above pastors are now deceased.

In 1998 the East Central Synod of Wisconsin launched a two year Lay Ministry Program for individuals to pursue education and leadership training. St. John's has three members who graduated from this program: **Sherry Czarapata, Chris Drella** and **Nancy Heykes**.

Next Month: The Bell.

Ministry Moments are compiled by Chris Drella from the congregation's archives, and are edited by Pastor Heykes.

Serving this Month

Communion Helpers. . .

May 3 – **8:00 Kathy Gohr**
10:30 Verna Peterson

May 10 – **8:00 Bill Winkler**
10:30 Heidi Delzer

May 17 – **8:00 Jeremy Czarapata**
10:30 Cathy Runge

May 24 – **9:30 Steve Drella**

May 31 – **9:30 Laurie Bulkowski**

June 3/7– **Sherry Stender**

Lectors. . .

May 3 – **Carolyn Van Donsel**

May 10 – **Bill Winkler**

May 17 – **Beth Busch**

May 24 – **Toni Hudson**

May 31 – **Mike McCabe**

June 3/7– **Nancy Heykes**

Greeters. . .

May 3 – **8:00 The Siechs**
10:30 Eleanor Wirtz

May 10 – **8:00 The Herm's**
10:30 The Stender's

May 17 – **8:00 Ken Pott**
10:30 Velma Aprill

May 24 – **9:30 The Drellas**

May 31 – **9:30 Jim & Becky Baranczyk**

June 3/7– **Sonny & Alvina Sievert**

Confirmation Snack. . .

September – First up **Hank Wawiorka**

Monthly Fellowship. . .

May 3 – **Hudsons**

June 7 – **Aprill Bunch**

July 5 – **Peterson, Steinfeldt, Kasch, K. Gohr, & P. Gohr**

August 2 – **Abrams Area**

St. John's Leadership

President – **Bill Winkler** – 899-3746

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Organist – **Helen Gohr** – 899-3884

Pastor – **Rev. Paul F. Heykes** – 899-8742

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Pastoral Acts and Notes

Ethen Alan Mehlhorn was received into the body of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism at our late service on April 26. Ethen is the first born child of **Amanda Hearley & Adam Mehlhorn**. We rejoice with Ethen on the occasion of his baptism and pray that the Lord would bless him with a faith that grows stronger each and every day.

We express our deepest condolences to the family of the **Rev. Robert Garbrecht**. Pastor Garbrecht died on after a brief but serious illness. Pastor Garbrecht grew up in the Town of Morgan and was a member of St. John's. After seminary he was ordained as a pastor of the American Lutheran Church. He served as pastor at St. John's in Evansville, WI until his retirement a number of years ago. May the same hope in Christ that Pastor Garbrecht preached for so many years be the hope that sustains his family, parishioners, and friends in their grief.

Three young people will affirm their Baptismal promises in the rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 3 at the late service. This year's confirmands are: **Nicole Elsner, Kendra Gohr, and Jessica Wiese**. We congratulate them all upon reaching this milestone day in their lives, and we pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen them in faith, love and service in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please remember the following members and friends of St. John's in your prayers. What ever the situations that they may be facing, we pray that the Lord would be with them and bless them with grace and love and strength and courage. This month we pray for: **Florence Baranczyk, Orlo Hogue, LeMeryl Kozlowski, Carol Rasmussen, Adolph Schindel, Violet Radtke, & Joshua Aprill**.

As many of you know, **Joshua Aprill** was recently deployed with troops from the State of Wisconsin to one of the areas of conflict in the Middle East. Please keep him and the rest of our soldiers in your prayers during their time of service, asking God to watch over them all and bring them safely home.

Easter Thank You's — Thank you to everyone who provided spring flowers for our Easter worship services this year. As always, the church was nicely decorated for the holiday. Thank you to **Greg Schliep** for sharing his musical talent by playing the flugel horn with our choir on Easter Sunday. And thanks to the choir for their anthem. The joyful sound really enhanced our worship. Thank you to the high school group for setting up and managing the Easter Breakfast. It was a time of good food and good fellowship.

At our monthly fellowship in April the Thrivent Group offered thanks to members of the parish who generously give of their time and talent for the ministry of St. John's. This year they prepared a certificate of appreciation for **Burt Dunst** who has donated countless hours of his time to chairing the Building Team. In acknowledging the recognition, Burt emphasized that his work was only a small portion of the whole and that **the entire membership of the Building and Finance Teams are to be commended for their volunteer efforts** that are on the verge of transforming our dreams of an enhanced ministry facility into reality.

Quarterly Meeting Notes The spring quarterly meeting of St. John's was held on Sunday, April 19 at 10:00am. The major item of business was to reapprove our congregation's commitment to take out a loan from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA, this time using the specific legal language that the MIF requires to conform to their policies and the usury laws of the State of Wisconsin. Since the congregation previously voted to authorize borrowing from the MIF, this resolution easily passed with much more than the two thirds majority vote that was required. We thank the congregation for quickly acting on this. Because we did so in a timely fashion the final documents will be ready soon and we can break ground on the second Sunday in May.

Two delegates are still needed to represent St. John's at our annual Synod Assembly. Anyone who is willing and able to attend the two day-long sessions on June 5 & 6 is invited to step forward and fill these positions. If you have served in the past and would like to do so again, please do. If you have never attended a Synod Assembly, don't be intimidated by the sound of it all. It is an enjoyable, educational, worshipful experience. And Pastor will guide you through the processes and discuss the issues and candidates with you prior to any votes, resolutions and elections that come to the floor for action. Contact Pastor as soon as possible if you are interested in helping out with this important event.

Mission Statement - St. John's of Morgan

As baptized members of the body of Christ, called by Jesus to "Let our light shine," it is our mission and purpose to share the Gospel and serve everyone who lives near St. John's of Morgan through worship, witness, hospitality, education, service, fellowship and love.