



DISTRICT NEWS

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teaching and example of Christ and the Apostles to the mind and heart of the Germans in life-like reproduction."

While Luther was in the Wartburg Castle (1521-22), he translated the New Testament from Greek to German. He wanted to give the common people something that would help them to believe what the Bible said. Unfortunately, there were few Bibles at that time and most of them were in printed in Latin, which only the learned people could read.

Luther wanted the common people to be able to understand it — so it is told — that he would go into the towns and listen to the people talk. He wanted to be sure that his translation was in contemporary German so the housewife, butcher and baker could understand. It was published in September 1522. (His translation of the entire Bible was published in 1534.) His translation influenced the German language. His translation is how many of our ancestors memorized the Bible.

The people in the pews of Germany could finally read for themselves the stories about Jesus in the Gospels or the letters of St. Paul. They were able to gain knowledge through a translation they could read, and their faith grew because of this translation.

Pretty soon it will be 2020. Now is the time for church leadership to prepare a plan for reading the Bible in the new year. We need to be challenged to grow in our knowledge of the Scrip-

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In mid-July, a couple of storms went through Wisconsin. Many trees went down. Many people throughout central Wisconsin were without power for days.



Rev. Dwayne Lueck
North Wisconsin District President

There were trees that went down on our property that needed attention. So I got out my relatively new chainsaw. I do not claim to be an expert woodsman or operator of a chainsaw. When I finally got it ready, it ran well and did a good job of cutting the branches and trees. It is a great machine.

Using a chainsaw in north Wisconsin is something many people love to do.

When the call went out in various areas for chainsaw help (including my own neighborhood), I heard there were many people that showed up ready to use their chainsaws. Many people in the Northwoods know how to use a chainsaw.

We are coming up on Oct. 31 and we will once again stop and remember Martin Luther and the posting of the 95 Thesis. But there is something else that Luther did that some say was his most important work.

In his book *History of the Christian Church*, church historian Philip Schaff wrote:

"The richest fruit of Luther's leisure in the Wartburg, and the most important and useful work of his whole life, is the translation of the New Testament, by which he brought the



All School Summit held

The beginning of the school year is a busy time for teachers and principals. It involves preparing bulletin boards, scheduling field trips, revising curriculum, meeting with staff, holding open houses, making home visits with families and more. Nearly all of the North Wisconsin District school staffs set aside time to grow as professionals by attending the All School Summit on Aug. 15 at St. Paul, Bonduel. Teachers were split into grade-level groups to collaborate on best practices for classroom instruction. God bless our Lutheran school teachers and all those who love and support them!

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tures. There are plenty of translations out there with footnotes and helpful insight to help understand what Scripture says. What is needed is a specific plan so that one can consistently be in the Word, whether it is to read the New Testament or the entire Bible in a year.

There is the Daily Lectionary of *Lutheran Service Book*. A congregation can publish a reading guide in the bulletin or newsletter. The goal is to help God's people to know their Bible better.

God, speaking through the prophet, Jeremiah stated:

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." — **Jer. 3:15**

Your pastor attended seminary to gain knowledge and understanding of Scripture. However, that does not prevent you from reading Scripture on your own. Luther translated the Bible in the language of the people so they



could read it and appreciate what it had to say. You can too!

Slowly and carefully I am learning how to use a chainsaw and learning just how powerful and helpful it can be. Pick up your Bible and read it. You will be able to ponder on your own what Jesus said. You will learn and read things you did not notice by only hearing it at worship.

As Jesus said:

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me." — **John 5:39**

Thank you

"This will be my third year at Concordia University, St. Paul, studying Christian Ministry. I want to personally thank you for the generous grant through the North Wisconsin District. I have learned so much about who God is, about my vocation and about how to serve those around me.

"My favorite class so far has been Speaking the Gospel. We looked at media in the world and saw how Law and Gospel apply. I made a book for my final project about how Law and Gospel appear in the mess of life. It is because of your grant that I am able to take classes like Speaking the Gospel that help me grow intellectually, creatively and spiritually. I am beyond grateful. Thank you for supporting me."

— Kaylynn, who received a district Professional Church Workers Grant



Save the date for the **2020 district golf outing: July 27** at Trapp River Golf Course, Wausau.

The tiny mustard seed

And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" — Luke 17:6



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LWML District President

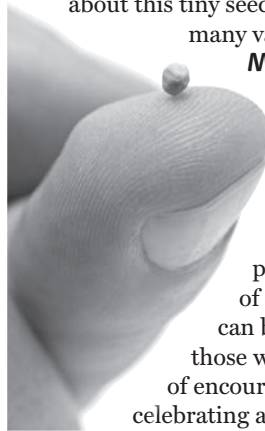
THE MUSTARD SEED — a tiny seed that comes in different colors. There are brown seeds that are often called Chinese, Indian or oriental mustard. They were used in ancient times by the Romans and thought to be the type of mustard seeds we read about in the Bible. Today these mustard seeds are used to produce Dijon mustard.

There are white seeds that originated in the Mediterranean area. These seeds can grow in warm and cold climates

and are ground to make mustard our familiar condiment. The yellow mustard seeds are commonly used in pickling spice blends. Mustard seeds are packed with minerals and are rich in calcium, potassium, magnesium and phosphorous. Some medications have used mustard seeds to relieve cold symptoms, help digestion and reduce aches and pains.

So why did I give you this information about this tiny seed? LWML has many varieties of

Mustard Seed Devotions



to be shared with others. These are little, quick devotions on paper the size of a dollar that can be shared with those who are in need of encouragement or celebrating an event, or



those who just need to be reassured that Jesus is always with them. They are packed with inspiration from Jesus and have helped relieve loneliness, anxiety and fears. What a powerful impact something so small could have on others.

"Faith Like a Mustard Seed" is the theme for this year's **LWML Sunday**. It is typically celebrated the first Sunday in October, but can be celebrated on any Sunday. Perhaps



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your congregation has already celebrated LWML Sunday or is still looking forward to this celebration. This year's materials were written by Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, who has served as a parish pastor, seminary professor, LWML counselor and Minnesota South District president.

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The Counseling CONNECTION

The peace formula

It is the desire of every pastor and Christian. It is the goal of Christ for His church.

We are talking about peace in the pews and throughout the Church. Unity and peace are attainable goals within Christ's church.

The apostle Paul offers a formula for such success in his letter to the Colossian church:

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones,



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District Counselor

holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body." — Col. 3:12-15

One body united in peace. This is a Christ-centered peace that transcended human design. It is forged and sustained in holy love.

Such love places a priority on

Christ-centered forgiveness. This is unconditional forgiveness tied to the same form of love. One could define "forgive" as "For" you I "give" full love, as Christ also gives to me and you.

A human analogy can be applied here. Doctors estimate that 70 percent of illness is tied to stress. In the church, 70 percent of conflict and division is tied to a lack of love. Forgiveness is sidelined. Personal agendas dominate over Christ's. Stress is present instead of peace. Stress is the great "disease" within the church.

So we reflect again on Paul's inspired formula for peace. Let it be a strategy for success - for the vibrancy of the church community.

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Q & A

Mitchell Beilke graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point and was an active participant at Peace



Lutheran Campus Center. He answered questions about his years at Peace.

How were you involved at Peace over the years?

I worked on Peace's Facebook page and sent the weekly emails, served as the janitor for the center and was on the Leadership Team.

Describe your first time at Peace. What was it like? What do you remember

thinking and feeling as a new student in a new worshipping community?

I didn't start coming to Peace until after the third Sunday of my freshmen year due to moving in during the middle of the week and my parents wanted to make sure that I was settled in. I felt homesick since this was the first that I was way from home for an extended amount of time.

The first Sunday that I went to Peace I felt very nervous. But after worship, I was talking with some upperclassmen and I felt like I was at home.

As you reflect back over your years of being involved at Peace, how have you been blessed by this ministry?

I have been blessed by the people that I meet and the many mission trips.

What is one (or two) of your favorite Peace memories?

Some of my favorite Peace memories are from mission trips and different fellowship events like First Friday Fellowship.

In what areas would you say that you have grown the most while at Peace?

The area where I grew the most while being at Peace was public speaking because I was super shy when I first started coming.

What are your greatest words of advice for other students?

I would tell them to get out of your comfort zone because if you stay in your comfort zone, you will miss out on some valuable memories and experiences.

Would you say that Peace has helped you grow in your faith while at UWSP? How so?

Peace has help me grow in my faith from the different mission trips that I have been on and through the various Bible studies.

What will you miss the most about Peace?

The part that I am going to miss most about Peace is the community and attending the events and mission trips.

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Faith according to the dictionary: "A complete trust in someone or something; a strong belief in God." Jesus said that faith as small as the tiny mustard seed is able to move a mulberry tree. LWML has always lived with faith like a mustard seed. We place our pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and bills into our **Mite Boxes**. We know that these mite offerings will help someone else in need, but have no idea what impact they will have on others around the world. When I'm out walking, I often look down. Once in a while I'll find a coin on the ground. I stand over it and say a little prayer that this coin will go a long way to help someone know the love that Jesus has for them. Then I pick it up and place it into my Mite Box to fund mission grants.

LWML funds many mission grants thanks to men, women and children placing their offerings into their Mite Boxes and trusting that their small coin will make a difference in someone's life. When we put our trust and faith in Jesus, we know He will be there to help us move that mulberry tree (Luke 17:6). LWML has moved many mulberry trees since 1942! I pray your faith is increased as you walk with Jesus every day. Blessed to serve!

Coming up on the seminary campuses

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Green & Gold Days – Nov. 15

A free, one-day event for men and women, college-age and older, who are thinking about becoming pastors or deaconesses.

Visit csl.edu/green-gold-days.

TO FIND OUT MORE about events at CSL, visit csl.edu/calendar.

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Prayerfully Consider Visit – Oct. 10–12

Free event for men and women college-age or older who are interested in learning more about becoming a pastor or deaconess.

Christ Academy: College – Oct. 25–27

Free event for prospective students still in college who are interested in learning more about the vocations of pastor or deaconess.

TO FIND OUT MORE about visit days or other events at CTSFW, visit ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events.