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Special Merger Edition

August 2019

St. John's Lutheran Church

Juneau Salem-Lowell Horicon

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
Church # 920.386.3313 School # 920.386.4644 www.stjohnsdodgecounty.com Pastor Brandt 608-343-2206 Pastor Schupmann 920-344-9839			<div>No Sunday Bible Class in August</div>	1 Worship 6:30 PM	2	3 SB Tour. 9AM Waterloo Canvassing Horicon 10AM Worship in Horicon 5PM
4 Pentecost 8 Trustees 7:30 AM Juneau Worship 8:30 AM Juneau Worship 10:00 AM Salem-Lowell Salem's Altar Guild 11:00 AM Elders 11:15 AM Juneau Organ Meeting 12:00 PM Juneau	5	6 Luke Bible Study 10:00 AM @ Clearview Jesus Cares 1:30PM	7 School Registration Day 9:00 AM - Noon 2:00 - 4:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM Praise & Proclaim 12:30 PM	8 Worship with Communion 6:30 PM	9	10 Work Day 8 – 2:00 PM Communion Worship in Horicon 5:00 PM
	Church/School Work Week			Dinner served at 6:30 PM		
			5:00-9:00 PM			
11 Pentecost 9 Trustees 7:30 AM Juneau Communion Worship 8:30 AM Juneau Communion Worship 10:00 AM Salem-Lowell Salem's 150 th Anniversary Mtg 11:00 AM <i>Vicar Walsfi's last service before he moves to Virginia!</i>	12 Board of Education 7:00 PM	13 Luke Bible Study 10:00 AM @ Clearview Old Testament Bible Study 7:00 PM	14	15 Worship 6:30 PM w/ musician Chris Driesbach	16	17 Worship in Horicon 5:00 PM w/ musician Chris Driesbach
18 Pentecost 10 w/ musician Chris Driesbach Worship 8:30 AM Juneau Worship 10:00 AM Salem-Lowell Blood Pressure Screening 9:30 AM	19 LLHS Op. Ser. 10AM Church Council 6:30 PM	20 Luke Bible Study 10:00 AM @ Clearview Jesus Cares 1:30 PM	21 First Day of School! Opening Service 8:00 AM Matthew's Place 9:00 AM Clearview 10:00 AM Mid-Week Comm 11:00 AM	22 Worship with Communion 6:30 PM	23 LPS Opening Ser. 1:30 PM	24 Communion Worship in Horicon 5:00 PM
25 Pentecost 11 Communion Worship 8:30 AM Juneau Communion Worship 10:00 AM Salem-Lowell	26	27 Luke Bible Study 10:00 AM @ Clearview Old Testament Bible Study 7:00 PM	28	29 Worship 6:30 PM	30	31 Worship in Horicon 5:00 PM

WELCOME

Pastors

David Brandt

Paul Schupmann

Vicar Timothy Walsh (until 8/11)

Worship Services

(same service at all locations)

Thursday

6:30pm Juneau Campus

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon Campus

Sunday

8:30am Juneau Campus

10:00am Salem-Lowell

Television Broadcast Times

St John's Service @ Cable 97
Mondays 11 AM

St John's Service @ Cable 97
Tuesdays 6:30 PM

St John's Service @ Cable 991
Mondays 11 AM

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Our Locations

St. John's Juneau Campus

920-386-3313
400 S. Main St.
Juneau, Wisconsin

St. John's Horicon Campus

920-386-3313
716 Clinton St.
Horicon, Wisconsin

St. John's Salem-Lowell

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105 Juneau Rd.
Lowell, Wisconsin

St. John's School Office

920-386-4644
402 S. Main St.
Juneau, Wisconsin

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St. John's and Salem Merge

By Teresa Stowell

Think back 150 years ago when a group of Germans excited to grow in God's word formed Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. True to the culture of our area, those first services were spoken in only German. Over time the church changed as the culture did, but the message stayed the same. While those German services are long gone, new changes are helping Salem to keep its doors open through a merger with St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Juneau.

The merger was made official Sunday, July 28th, when the voters of St. John's overwhelmingly approved the proposal. Voters at Salem also overwhelmingly approved the merger at an earlier meeting held on July 10th.

"I think this is a giant step for Salem, but also as for St. John's who made an effort to keep our local congregation alive," Ken Leistico, president of the Salem church council, said. "I believe a lot of other rural congregations are having similar challenges that Salem is facing, and we will have a lot of other congregations looking at us to see how this merger works out."

The merging of the two churches also includes a mission church in Horicon that is part of St. John's and was started in 2018. With the merger, three churches will become one, and will be known as St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church with a Juneau campus, Horicon campus and the Salem-Lowell campus.

Beginning in September services will include a 6:30 p.m. service on Thursdays in Juneau and a 5 p.m. service on Saturdays in Horicon. Sunday services will be held in Juneau at 8 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m., while the Salem campus will have a service at 9:30 a.m.

At the Salem-Lowell campus Sunday school and Bible study class will be held from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. on Sundays, while the Juneau campus will hold Sunday school and Bible study from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

"People like to have options," Schupmann, said. "We'll be doing more ministry while giving people more options of places and times to worship close to their home. We have 39 families that drive by Salem to come to Juneau. Now they can hear the same worship service in Lowell as they would in Juneau."

Joining the St. John's church and campuses is a quarter-time pastor, Joel Luetke, of Watertown, who has been called to serve as the face of the Salem-Lowell campus. Luetke, a retired pastor, has experience with multi-site churches and will be visiting the members of Salem as well as preaching in the rotation at all three campuses.

A senior vicar, Matt Hatzung, was also called to St. John's. Hatzung is still in training as a pastor and will assist with



Photo by Teresa Stowell
Leaders from both St. John's Lutheran Church in Juneau and Salem Lutheran Church in Lowell have been working together for months brainstorming plans for a merger that was recently passed by both congregations. Pictured from left are Nate Zank and Tim Weisensel, representing church leaders from St. John's; Rick Cody, principal of St. John's Lutheran School; Rev. Paul Schupmann and Rev. David Brandt, of St. John's; and Jerry Yerges and Harold Lenz, representing church leaders from Salem Lutheran Church in Lowell.

worship services, help with youth group and teach catechism. While he is still in school at the seminary in Mequon he will travel to the church campuses on the weekends.

Luetke and Hatzung will join Schupmann and Rev. David Brandt who will rotate preaching in services at each campus.

Leadership at Salem and at St. John's will join together as well as many of the church's ministries such as the Ladies Aid, adult choir and youth group.

Families from Salem-Lowell will also have access to St. John's Lutheran School. Salem families will have the same financial commitment to the school as members of St. John's families do, rather than having to pay an additional tuition as in the past.

"It's sad in a way that it came down to this, that our church is losing its independence," Leistico said. "But the big picture here is that Salem members will get to continue to study and be taught the word of God in our own community and in our own church. We see this merger as the beginning of another 150 years to come and without the merger that likely wouldn't have happened. It's a blessing."

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Both Installations are planned for Sunday, September 1st. May God bless our ministry through these men!

In Christ's Service,

My name is Matt Hatzung, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve my brothers and sisters in Christ in Juneau, Lowell, and Horicon as a senior assistant /vicar in the coming year. I'm from Maplewood, MN, an eastern suburb of St. Paul, and had the opportunity to go to St. Croix Lutheran High School before beginning my pastoral training at Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

For the past year, I've been serving as a vicar at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Salt Lake City, UT, as well as Good News Lutheran in Lehi, UT, a brand-new mission that just started services this past September. It's been fantastic getting to meet so many of God's people out here, getting to see so much of God's creation, and getting involved in the mission field in the Salt Lake Valley. I enjoy sports and music and play several instruments, including trumpet, guitar, and banjo. I'm excited to meet you all in a few weeks and look forward to growing together in the grace and knowledge of our Savior. My installation date is scheduled to be on September 1 at St. John's at both the Juneau and Salem-Lowell campuses.



In Christ,

Matt Hatzung
vicar@stjohnsjuneau.org
612-386-6131

Please Note: I will still live in the dormitory during my senior at WLS. I will be driving in to serve St. John's based on the schedule that I work out with St. John's leadership.

Dear Members and friends of Salem,

I have received your call to serve as a pastor among you as well as in area WELS congregations. After prayerful reflection I am pleased to confidently accept this call as from the Lord himself, through you, his dear people. I thank you for the work which you have entrusted to me. May the Lord of the Church graciously give strength and safety as we endeavor to confess his saving name within your area congregations and communities. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

I am looking forward to accomplishing the various ministry tasks outlined in the call you have sent to me. May the Lord Jesus richly bless the time we have to serve together in his kingdom of grace.

Pastor Joel T. Luetke



**This year the
Preschool garden
is doing a bean
vegetable trial
for the
UW Extension and
Dodge Co. Master
Gardeners**

We are rating Tendergreen and Velour (a purple bean) both bush beans and Blue Lake (a pole bean) on germination yield and taste. We also are noting problems with diseases and insects and if we would purchase these beans next year.

We also are preparing for the Juneau Veggie Growing Contest on August 10th starting at 10am at the Wild Goose Park Shelter. The preschoolers will talk to the judge about their kale, beets and peppers. Parents and interested parties are invited to attend. Last year the 4 yr. old preschoolers won the contest and received a nice rolling cooler as top prize!

Marianne Zastrow

James 1:17 *Every good and perfect gift comes from above.*

We are so happy to share the news that the baby bottle bank project for New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers – collected \$927.85 and with an additional donation of \$72.15, we were able to present a check in the amount of \$1,000.00, along with several baby blankets, hats, socks and bottles to New Beginnings. Thank you so much to all who helped make this mission project a success. The Ministry of Christian Life Resources also sends their thanks and appreciation.

St. John's Ladies Aid



Attention all Juneau, Salem-Lowell, and Horicon members. With the merger having taken place, it would be a really good time to get some K-groups going which could give us some opportunities to get to know each other. A K-group is a smaller group of people (6-16 people??) that get together around an activity (whatever activity somebody wants to plan and organize - examples: bowling, bean bags, food, campfire, watching the Cardinals, etc., etc.). If you

could plan a group that meets two to three times, that would be great. If you have an idea for one, run it by Pastor Brandt and we can get some announcements/sign-up sheets out for it.

St. John's Members receive their calls

- Sydney Cody received a call this past May to Our Savior's Lutheran School in Peridot, AZ. She will be teaching Grade 2. Her call is a one-year assignment.
- Spencer Jensen also received his first call to Christ Lutheran School in Big Bend, WI. He will be teaching Grades 5-6 and coaching. Spencer's new wife, Karis, will be teaching in the neighboring community at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Franklin teaching grade 1.
- Victoria Lober's one-year assignment was made permanent at Trinity Lutheran School in Kaukauna. She is teaching kindergarten.

High School Graduate

Zack Yuenger graduated from Dodgeland this past June. He is a member at our Salem-Lowell campus. Congratulations Zack!

If you are worshipping at any of the three campuses, please be sure your attendance is being recorded!

- At **Juneau**, we use the Friendship Registers. They are located on the center aisle of each pew. Please fill them out and pass them down the aisle.
- At **Salem-Lowell**, we use the Attendance Roster. These sheets are located in the narthex. Please check next to your name or add your name if it is not printed there.
- At **Horicon**, we use the Connect Cards. These are visitor-friendly cards placed on the chairs.

What is the purpose of record keeping? The office staff uses this information to encourage worship. Now that we are caring for well over 1,000 souls, we want to make sure the flock is safe and the sheep are not lost. Please also be sure to include whether you are taking the Lord's Supper on the forms. Your little bit of effort goes a long way to help our congregation run smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation!

ST. JOHN'S & SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

Worship With a Christian Songwriter and Former Atheist

(August 15, 17, and 18)



Chris Driesbach

Original Christian Music on guitar and keyboards

Chris will be performing original Christian songs during our regularly scheduled worship services the weekend of August 18th. He loves to tell the story of his journey to faith and sing about Jesus! CDs will be available.



Volunteers



Char Lober accepted the position to be our new St. John's Volunteer Coordinator. Some of her tasks will be organizing our volunteers and helping oversee many of our events. We are very thankful for Char's expertise in this new position. Below is a list of our volunteers for August. If you have any questions regarding this list or would like to volunteer yourself, please call/text Char at 920.219.0122(cell) or 920.386.4785(home) or volunteer@stjohnsjuneau.org. *** Just a reminder that serving counts towards your high schooler's volunteer hours!

Greeters @ Juneau Campus

- 8.4 Matt & Char Lober
- 8.11 Betty Schultz, Bob & Karen Bischoff
- 8.18 Tony & Suzi Colantonio
- 8.25 Mel Saeger

Ushers @ Juneau Campus

- 8.1 Neil Foch
- 8.4 Rick Bassette Team
- 8.8 Lee Weis
- 8.11 Tom Selchert Team
- 8.15 Joel Bischoff
- 8.18 Bob Koch Team
- 8.22 Bob Gerbitz / Brad Main
- 8.25 Jerry Stolzman Team
- 8.29 Neil Foch

Communion Assistants – Juneau Campus

- 8.11 Randy Mohr, Rick Cody, Harold Zastrow, Mike Krebs
- 8.25 Matt Lober, Dave Gerbitz, Chuck Wolfram, Nick Tolkinen, Art Mittlestadt

Mailing Welcomes

- 8.5 Shirley Luedke, Joan Klug, Sue Contreras

Ushers @ Salem-Lowell for August

James Lauersdorf, Andrew Kolbow, and Lavern Priebush Jr.

Altar Guild

Juneau Campus: Sharon Selchert and Lois Voigt
Salem Lowell: Phyllis Westphal

Nursery Help during Communion (8:30 AM Service)

- 8.11 Miranda Mohr & Abigail Tolkinen
- 8.25 Olivia Passig & Abigail Tolkinen

*Happy Anniversary to those celebrating
August Anniversaries!*

8/03/2013	Joseph & Jennifer Coombs
8/05/1977	John & Deb Wolter
8/07/1982	Robert & Dorinda Affeld
8/07/1982	Curt & Cynthia Ninmann
8/07/1965	David & Sharon Yuenger
8/08/2015	Steve & Shelly Coron
8/09/2003	Lee & Kay Weiss
8/10/1963	Eugene & Lois Voigt
8/12/1978	David & Connie Meister
8/12/1967	Harold & Marianne Zastrow
8/14/1992	Patrick & Diane Buhr
8/14/1993	Dan & Barb Zank
8/16/1958	Wallace & Marlene Christian
8/18/1979	Tim & Gwen Gassner
8/18/2018	Dean & Gail Will
8/19/2006	Justin & Mary Krueger
8/23/1986	Ted & Jillene Fehrman
8/24/2013	Kevin & Brittany Maas
8/26/1967	Duane & Rachael Brandenburg
8/26/1978	Dale & Barb Matuszeski
8/26/1961	Bob & Lila Wegener
8/27/1993	David & Jane Fude
8/28/1976	Dean & Connie Born
8/28/1971	William & Lauranna Kohlstedt
8/28/1982	Dale & Debbie Neuberger
8/28/2004	Nicholas & Jessica Rennhack
8/29/1998	Brian & Julie Passig
8/29/2015	Lance & Shayna Vick
8/31/1968	Russell & Barb Ridge
8/31/2013	Steven & Miranda Weinheimer

Happy birthday to those celebrating August Birthdays!

8/01	Travis Golemgeski Ron Lauersdorf Regan Schupmann	8/12	Ruth Schwartz Jane Fude Marty Stanton	8/22	Ash Weaver Maggie Cody Patricia Nickles
8/02	Jeff Schwoch	8/13	Troy Engebretson Daniel Jahnke		Leo Panetti Marshall Wolter
8/03	Harold Drake Jen Main		Rachel Weinheimer	8/23	Kayla Sahr Harold Schoeffel Beth Schwoch
8/04	Martin De Briones Brenda Dobbratz Kayla Pitzlin Kyle Pitzlin	8/14	Angela Christenson Dawn Franke Cynthia Ninmann	8/24	Ann Mittelstadt Lola Nehls Ashley Rabehl
8/05	Sue Deglow Steven Pegelow	8/15	James Lauersdorf Val Pitterle		Joshua Schmitt Patricia Soldner Randy Voigt
8/06	Laura Maertz Randy Mohr Jennifer Schultz Gwenn Soldner	8/16	Joshua Kjornes Elizabeth Kohlstedt Chase Seljie	8/25	Janet Flint Daniel Kern Colin Kohlstedt
8/07	Kellie Kjornes	8/17	James Hundt Christopher Landsee Delaney Rennhack		Reid Nehls Kevin Schultz
8/08	Corey Hammann Rick Schaalma Miranda Weinheimer John Wolter	8/18	Rob Kluz Arie Schaalma	8/26	Lailynn White
8/09	Jennifer Schultz	8/19	Pat Eberly- Stadtmueller Norah Gentz	8/27	Connie Heuer Kasper Rupprecht Sandi Suess
8/10	Jane Jahnke Calvin Korth Michel Krebs Joel Schaalma Jerald Schaalma Sally Shoemaker Jean Wagner	8/20	Mason Braun Shirley Hodgson Allison Manthey Collin Smith Carol Stieglitz Randy Stutz Parker Weinheimer	8/28	Wallace Christian Kara Firari Haily Niemuth Connor Soldner Deb Voigt
8/11	Eileen Borth Pat Buhr Margaret Chapman Landri Neuburger Austin Schultz	8/21	Remington Arino Jada Kohn Kaleb Kohn Sarah Luedke Brad Main	8/29	Lauranna Kohlstedt
				8/30	Bob Last
				8/31	Ann Hammann Steve Kjornes Kevin Last Ethyn Montgomery Katie Schall

Memorials

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Alton Maas	\$248.00	General
Jim Wendorf	\$ 25.00	General

Gifts

- *The preschool and Sunday school programs at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam collected and sent their mission offerings to the Horicon Fund.*
- *A gift to Missions was given in loving memory of Ken Foch's birthday (July 2nd) from his family.*
- *Salem Lutheran Church gave a gift to the General Fund to help with administrative costs.*
- *Gifts were given to the Hymnal Project, MLC students from our congregation, the VBS Fund and the Youth Group by the families who designated their proceeds from using the Scrip Program.*

Sacred Acts - Funerals

<i>Alton Maas</i>	<i>July 6, 2019</i>
<i>Clarence Chase</i>	<i>July 12, 2019</i>
<i>Michael Lemke</i>	<i>July 19, 2019</i>
<i>Orville Nehls</i>	<i>July 26, 2019</i>

Welcomed into Membership

- *Jerry Kjornes transferred here from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City, OK*
- *Tracy Fude and daughter, Scarlett come to us from Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, WI*

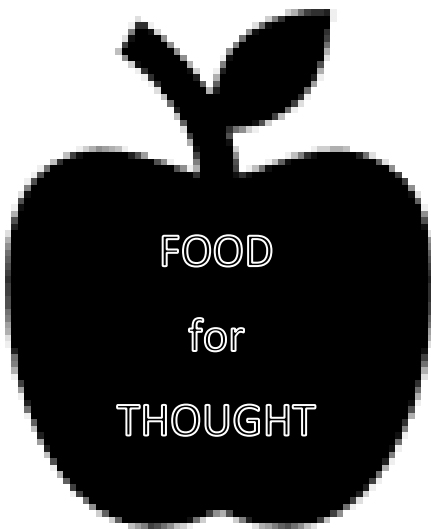
2019 Confirmands

Grace Cody, Danielle Dorman, Rebecca Eggebrecht, Christian Feller, Laura Giroux, Elizabeth Gunst, Justin Jacobs, Kayley McLain, Peyton Milfred, Anabella Okerlander, Braden Paplham, Matthew Passig, Sawyer Pitterle, Logan Preskar, Tara Schaalma, Austin Schultz, and Emma Schultz.

In the Christian life, our training looks something like this:

- . Having a daily time for prayer, Bible study, & Scripture memory
- . Eating healthy foods to keep our bodies strong
- . Exercising on a regular basis to build our strength
- . Getting adequate rest each night
- . Managing stress on a daily basis
- . Actively working on loving relationships with those we love and with those we don't
- . Receiving healing from God of emotional pain

from Give God a Year, Change your Life Forever! by Carole Lewis



It's Strange

- It's strange how twenty dollars seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping.
- It's strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie.
- It's strange that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend.
- It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.
- It's strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at Church.
- It's strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?
- It's strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it's easy to repeat gossip.
- It's strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?



LLHS FEDERATION CONNECTION

Time to Shine

Jim Grasby is principal of Lakeside Lutheran.
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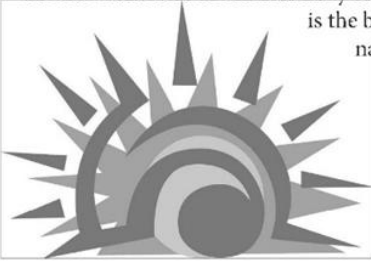
"Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens" [Daniel 12:2-3].

Among the final words in the book of Daniel is his statement of faith in the resurrection. His words are a comfort to all who believe in the One who gave his life to give life to all.

Daniel lived in a pagan society. The Babylonians and Persians believed the physical world was inferior. The concept of a physical resurrection was foreign to them.

Among the world's religions, there is notable disagreement on what happens after death. Christians know and believe that Christ will literally raise us from the dead. We will be physical beings, not clouds or spirits. This makes Christianity distinct.

Our world fights against Christ's teaching of a physical resurrection. Many non-Christians believe that resurrection from the dead is either ridiculous or unneeded. Recently, one state passed a law allowing "human composition" as a means for disposing of human remains. This method considers the lifeless body to be "soil" that is placed back into the ground. On the surface, this appears harmless. However, behind it is the belief that we are "accidents," the product of evolution. As such, many see death as nothing more than a natural end. By dying, the human body eternally returns to nature.



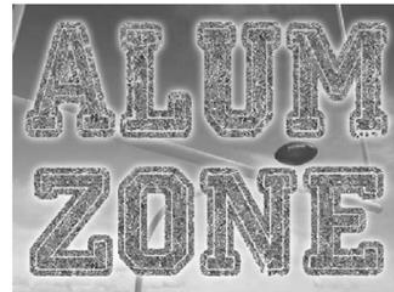
Genesis 3 tells us that death is the *unnatural* consequence of sin, but Christians know and believe that Christ destroyed sin and death. Some day, he will raise our bodies without sin and its effects.

There is nothing wrong with traditional ways of handling human remains after death. What matters is what we believe. Even in death, we glorify God. The ground may temporarily hold our remains. But Jesus will return to call us to again take on flesh and rise to eternal life.

God preserve us in the one true faith that one day we will "shine like the brightness of the heavens."

EVENTS TO NOTE

- July 31 & Aug 6..... '19-20 Registration Nights | 5-7:30 pm
- August 5..... 1st Day for HS & Youth Football practices
- August 10..... FEDTech Day | 8:30 AM-3 PM
- August 12..... 1st Day of Girls Golf
- August 16..... Freshmen Orientation | 8 AM
- August 19..... 1st Day of classes 8 AM
- All Welcome to Opening Service, Installation of new Faculty | 10 AM
- 1st Day for Cross Country, Boys Soccer, Volleyball
- Board of Regents | 6:30 PM
- August 23..... Development Office Appreciation Tent | 5-7 PM
- First Home Football Game v. Adams/Friendship | 7 PM
- August 26..... General Board | 7p
- August 28..... Music Parents biannual mtg (Fall fundraiser begins!) | 6:30p
- September 3..... Labor Day | No classes



**ALUM
FAMILIES!**
Lakeside Homecoming 2019

Join us Friday, Sept. 27 5:30-7 PM

Check out llhs.org/alum for details
or call Jess at 920-648-2321 x2230



The summer edition of the Lakeside Advantage magazine mailed recently. Does your household have children in K-8 but didn't receive a copy in the mail? We'd like to hear from you! Send an e-mail to info@llhs.org

In this issue, grade school students are invited to join a contest by designing a trendy LLHS sticker. Prizes include LLHS tuition credit for the winners! See the mag for details, or go to llhs.org/advantagecontest

Lakeside Lutheran Alum — what have you been up to?
Marriage? Baby? Degree? Promotion? Other news?
~Your LL Link magazine hopes you'll tell us about it~
Share your news at llhs.org/update-us
or e-mail announcement/update to updateus@llhs.org

JULY SCHOOL NEWS *and* NOTES:

- ★ Our A Cappella choir again sang the National Anthem at a Brewers game v. the Cubs at Miller Park June 26 with 300+ Warrior groupies!
- ★ Sophomore Will Popp (*Our Redeemer, Madison*) attended the FBI Academy Youth Leadership Program in Quantico, Virginia. Will won a challenge among the 60 participants by planking for 7 min, 8 sec. and also successfully finished the "Yellow Brick Road," a 3-4 mile physical challenge, a slightly shortened version of the run Marines and FBI cadets go through during training at Quantico.
- ★ Warrior Marching Band traveled to Michigan July 3-6 and scored 93/100—the most of any band participating—to earn first place in class at the Cherry Royale Parade during the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City. Next summer they'll be headed to the Calgary Stampede in Alberta, Canada!
- ★ Staff updates: Todd Jahns started his work as Activities Director on July 1 and Eric Dorn was assigned to LLHS for one year to teach sophomore Religion and coach boys soccer. Mr. Dorn is a 2018 MLC grad and has been teaching at St. John in Antigua the past year.
- ★ The WELS Education Technology Leadership Summit saw LL teachers Dan Kuehl, Ruth Hirschfeld, and Andrew Willems among 400+ attendees offered pre-conference workshops, 80+ sectionals, 2 keynote speakers, 3 worship opportunities and tons of fun. Mr. Willems also presented two sectionals; "Google Slides: the Swiss Army Knife" and "The Reality of Virtual Reality." Keepin' it sharp!
- ★ The Warrior Cadet Marching Band put on a great show at Town & Country Days Parade in Lake Mills as well as the Watertown 4th of July Celebration. This band is made up of 4-7th grade musicians from throughout the Lakeside Federation.
- ★ Congratulations to Kirk DeNoyer! He will be inducted into the 2020 Hall of Fame from the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association for his God-blessed success at Wisconsin Lutheran High School.
- ★ Warriors filled Jefferson County Fair July 10-14 to show their animals, crafts, and woodworking skills. Ian ('21) & Cade ('18) Olszewski (*Immanuel, Farmington*) paid special tribute to Lakeside's executive director by respectively naming their cows "Kirk" and "DeNoyer."
- ★ Our A Cappella Choir had a recording session for its 2018-19 song list and the CDs are available now! Interested? You may purchase the full color CD for \$10 in the school office or order from Mr. Buege at jbuege@llhs.org. The playlist includes *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*, *Baba Yetu*, *Coming Home* and 12 more.
- ★ Six of the seven Operation GO mission teams are done by the end of July, including spring break canvassing in Phoenix. This summer saw another soccer camp in Boise, stem and soccer in Anchorage, VBS in New Orleans, and for the first time, witnessing to Mormons in Salt Lake City. Each one has been a great experience for our teens as they partner with our sister WELS churches to share the gospel! Visit the OpGo Facebook page for photos (goo.gl/K1aeCc) and stay tuned for pics from the VBS in New Jersey.



5 QUESTIONS *with the* FACULTY

This final edition features Nate Sievert, who joined the faculty in 2018. He teaches Freshman PhyEd and Geometry, and he coaches JV girls basketball in winter and track in spring. Some other things you may not know about Mr. Sievert...

He is married to Amy and they are members at St. John, Watertown, where Amy teaches. They have three children: Samuel and Olivia, graduates of Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph, Michigan, and Makenzie, an incoming freshman at Lakeside this coming school year.

What is your favorite thing to do on a Saturday? Watching college football (Go Spartans!)

When you're at your fave restaurant, where are you & what do you order? Crawfish Junction for Grilled Walleye and Gator Bites.

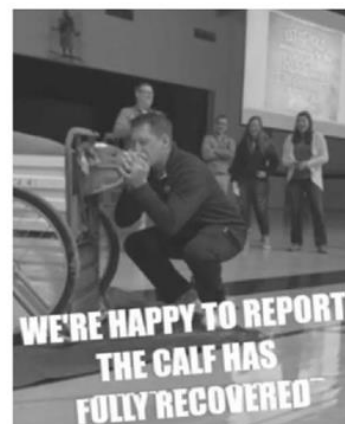
What is your favorite movie & book of all time? Star Wars

What's one of the most humorous moments of your time at LLHS?

Saying I would be happy to be auctioned off at the Grand Event and finding out I get to spend a long day with the Buxa family. [Ed. note: some believe one of Nate's most humorous moments came when he "won the opportunity" to kiss a calf during FFA Week by collecting the most mission money from the student body. >>>]

What's warmed your heart during your first year here?

The friendliness of the students each day in the halls. Also, observing from across the track our girls and boys track teams receive their regional championships and then bonding for their photo opp after. Pride swelled in my heart at what they accomplished!



WELS Wind Ensemble

Summer

Concerts in the Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

SWAN PARK BAND SHELL

BEAVER DAM

4:00PM

(Bad Weather: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church)

WITH THE TRADITIONAL

HOT DOG SUPPER, DOOR PRIZES, & FUN!

This year -

***Anything
Goes!!***

Sacred

TV & Movie
Tunes

Broadway Show
Tunes

Marches

Oldies

Pops

ANYTHING &

EVERYTHING!!

St. John's Lutheran School in Watertown is seeking an assistant cook to work in our school cafeteria for the new school year. The assistant cook works from 9am-1pm five days per week when school is in session. The duties involve preparing and serving snacks and hot lunch under the supervision of the head cook. Previous experience in a commercial kitchen is desired but not necessary. ServSafe certification is also desired but can be attained while working. The assistant cook would begin working as early as August 27th. For more information or to apply for the position, please contact the school office at (920) 261-3756 or email principal@stjohnswatertown.org.

Mission Journeys offers support and inspiration

2019/04/02/in Together

In February 2019, Ascension, Escondido, Calif., welcomed a group of 11 volunteers from Resurrection and Life, Rochester, Minn. Together, they went door-to-door in the neighborhoods of Escondido and San Marcos as an outreach effort for Ascension. This collaboration was made possible through WELS Mission Journeys, the official synod program for short-term mission trips.

Rev. Jeffrey Duquaine, Ascension's pastor, calls it "a wonderful event of God's providence."

As a small congregation near San Diego, Calif., Ascension was struggling. Its previous pastor had resigned, and its school had closed. Due to the dwindling number of active members, the congregation had considered shutting the church's doors completely.

Upon beginning his ministry at Ascension in January 2018, Duquaine knew he and the congregation needed to plant the seed of God's Word in the surrounding communities. Duquaine looked for support from Praise and Proclaim Ministries, a WELS parasynodical ministry that trains Christians in sharing their faith confidently and effectively.

Through Praise and Proclaim, Duquaine and the congregation learned about Mission Journeys. Mission Journeys connected Ascension with the volunteers from Resurrection and Life, and the groups joined together in Escondido for a weekend of canvassing.

"The timing worked out for the team from Rochester to join us for our event," Duquaine explains. "It didn't take long at all for us to make a connection as brothers and sisters in Christ."

After training together, the Ascension and Resurrection and Life groups visited nearly 1,000 homes, encouraging people to attend a Neighborhood Safety Night at Ascension. They took every opportunity they could to share the gospel.

Duquaine was overjoyed to see his members find strength and encouragement as they spoke to others about their Savior.

"Presenting the gospel to people while we trained and while we canvassed gave the Holy Spirit plenty of opportunity to work," Duquaine says. "The fruit of faith growth that I felt was observable was the confidence people showed in sharing their faith with strangers. There were people who were incredibly nervous and afraid to participate, and it was amazing to see them succeed."

Ascension saw several people members met during their canvassing efforts attend the Neighborhood Safety Night. Duquaine continues to see results in unexpected ways. "Since that weekend of canvassing, I have had three more people in contact about various aspects of our ministry," he explains. "It seems like when we trust God and go to work reaching out, he brings people in through the side door as well."

Outreach efforts have just begun for Ascension. "It wasn't a one-and-done event, but it was a time for us to pivot toward becoming a true mission group who keeps inviting people to learn about Jesus," Duquaine explains. "That has been our view for the future."

Ascension is currently planning more events, special mailings, and digital tactics. Mission Journeys helped the congregation take that first step.

Duquaine urges other congregations seeking support for their outreach efforts to consider partnering with Mission Journeys. "Do it! Definitely! It is great for the Mission Journeys group and the host congregation," he says. "Even if you are afraid or tentative to actually go to a place and canvass, take the leap and trust that the Holy Spirit will provide you with the confidence and strength—he will give you what you need!"

Mission Journeys has 14 trips planned for the next four months. The ministry aims to facilitate 60 trips during its second year of operation beginning on July 1. To learn more about Mission Journeys—including how you and your church can get involved—visit wels.net/missionjourneys. Watch the [March WELS Connection](#) for more on WELS Mission Journeys.