

THE WELCOME

The Monthly Newsletter

June 2019

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau, Wisconsin

Horicon, Wisconsin

Salem Ev. Lutheran Church

Lowell, Wisconsin

Please join us!
Children are invited too!

PRAISE & PROCLAIM MINISTRIES

LEARN HOW TO

Comfortably share
the gospel

DISCOVER

The joy of being
God's messenger

CONQUER

The fear of evangelism

Friday, June 7th

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Training

(light supper at 5 p.m.)

Saturday, June 8th

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Proclaiming the gospel

(Celebration dinner at 4:30 p.m.)

Led by Dave Malnes, President, Praise and Proclaim Ministries

praiseandproclaim.com

St. John's & Salem — June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Altar Guild: <i>Marlene Cigelske (Salem-Lowell)</i> <i>Darris & Jill Wasmund (Juneau)</i>	Pastor Brandt 608-343-2206 Pastor Schupmann 920-344-9839 St. John's Church 386-3313 St. John's School 386-4644	4 Bible Information Class – Clearview 10:00am Jesus Cares 1:30pm Trustees 6:30pm	Ushers @ Salem-Lowell Roy Schmitt, Brandon Soldner, Lucas Kern			1 Worship in Horicon Campus 5pm
2 Vicar Walsh Installation Worship Services 8:30am Juneau Campus NO Worship @ Salem-Lowell Fellowship with Vicar Walsh 9:30am	3 Intro to the Bible @ Salem-Lowell 6:30pm	4 Bible Information Class – Clearview 10:00am Jesus Cares 1:30pm Trustees 6:30pm	5 Joint Church Council at Salem-Lowell 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm	6 Worship Juneau Campus w/ Communion 6:30pm	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Praise & Proclaim Friday 6-8:30pm Saturday 10:00am </div>	8 Worship w/ Communion Horicon Campus 5pm
9 Pentecost Worship Services with Communion 8:30am Juneau Campus 10:00am Salem-Lowell Bible Class 9:00am Salem-Lowell Bible Class 9:45am Juneau Campus Elders 10:30am	10 Intro to the Bible @ Salem-Lowell 6:30pm Board of Education 7pm	11 Bible Information Class – Clearview 10:00am Nehemiah Bible Class 7pm	12 St. John's Church Council at Juneau Campus 6:30pm Salem's Church Council at Salem-Lowell 6:30pm	13 Special VBS Worship Juneau Campus 6:30pm	14	15 Worship Horicon Campus 5pm
16 Holy Trinity Worship Services 8:30am Juneau Campus 10:00am Salem-Lowell Bible Class 9:00am Salem-Lowell Bible Class 9:45am Juneau Campus Call Meeting 11:00am Salem-Lowell	17 Opioids in our Community Presentation at Am. Legion in Horicon 6pm Intro to the Bible @ Salem-Lowell 6:30pm	18 Bible Information Class – Clearview 10:00am Jesus Cares 1:30pm	19 Matthew's Place 9am Clearview 10am Mid-Week Communion 11am	20 Worship Juneau Campus w/ Communion 6:30pm	21	22 Worship w/ Communion Horicon Campus 5pm
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WELCOME

Pastors

David Brandt

Mark Rieke

Paul Schupmann

Vicar Timothy Walsh (coming June 2)

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

St John's Service @ Cable 991
Tuesdays 6:30 PM

Bible Class

Families of the Bible ~ Sundays 9:00am @ Salem-Lowell

Families of the Bible ~ Sundays 9:45am @ Juneau Campus

Bible Information Class ~ Mondays 6:30pm @ Salem-Lowell (beginning June 3rd)

Old Testament ~ Tuesdays 7:00pm @ Juneau Campus (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

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

Salem Lutheran Church

920-927-5353

105 Juneau Rd.

Lowell, Wisconsin

St. John's School Office

920-386-4644

402 S. Main St.

Juneau, Wisconsin

www.stjohnsjuneau.org



(This is a sample logo of what could be voted on in July 2019)

St. John's in Juneau & Horicon and Salem in Lowell have been in merger discussions since December of 2018. In April 2019 both church councils began meeting together in order to better understand each other. Our goal is to do kingdom work and to love our brothers and sister in the faith by working together to proclaim Christ and Him Crucified.

Here is the proposed timeline for June:

June 2 – Joint Worship Service at 8:30 AM at St. John's – Juneau Campus. Salem will not have a worship service that Sunday so that everyone can be in attendance for Vicar Timothy Walsh's installation service.

June 5 – Joint Council Meeting at Salem (The purpose of this meeting is to present a complete picture of what a merger will look like for all three campuses.)

June 12 – Salem and St. John's will each have separate council meetings at their own churches. The purpose of these meetings will be to vote on whether or not to continue with the merger and bring it before the members of each congregation for further discussion in open forums.

June 16 – Salem is going to have a call meeting to call another ¼ time retired pastor. If we go through with the merger, we will need pastoral help. Since adding another full-time pastor is not an option at this time. St. John's encouragement to Salem was to call another ¼ time retired pastor. Salem agreed and that is why this call meeting is scheduled. (Pastor Mark Rieke was only called for 3 months. His time with Salem is scheduled to conclude on July 28. Salem may be able to call him again but currently we don't know if that is so.)

There will be open forums scheduled at each congregation in July and God-willing the historic vote will take place at each congregations July Voter's meetings.

Why not start the summer in the real **Son**?

Join us for any of these amazing Bible Study opportunities!



Summer Bible Study

Introduction to the Bible and Its Teachings

Pastor Rieke will begin a 9-week "Introduction to the Bible and Its Teachings" class on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM at Salem-Lowell. Each session will be 90-120 minutes long.

Families of the Bible

Sundays 9:00am @ Salem-Lowell

Sundays 9:45am @ Juneau Campus

This Bible study explores familiar Biblical family relationships - from Adam and Eve to Mary and her son Jesus - and the challenges those families faced.

Each lesson examines Scriptural truths from a biblical family circumstance and applies them to modern family life. The topics covered in the Families of the Bible study are applicable to every family at some point in time. *Children are invited to attend this class with their parents/grandparents!*

Old Testament Bible Class

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Juneau Campus at 7:00pm

Our Tuesday evening Bible class has been working its way through the Old Testament. We are currently in the book of Nehemiah. Please feel free to jump in at any time as we meditate on God's Word and rejoice in his faithfulness as he continually points us to Jesus our Savior.

St. John's Information

Memorials

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Tony Soblenski	\$20.00	Improvement

Gifts

A couple of our St. John's members have given gifts in support of the Summer Vicar/Assistant!

One of our St. John's members gave a gift to the Horicon Fund in support of our mission outreach efforts there!

The LWMS Beaver Dam Circuit and the LWMS ladies from St. Paul's, Lake Mills also gave gifts to the Horicon Fund!

Elmer & Leona Schoppe gave a gift to the General Fund in celebration of their 70th Anniversary!

Sacred Acts

Baptism:

Zoey Yvonne Fude 4/27/19

Wedding:

Mark Stadtmueller & Patricia Eberly-Wills 5/18/2019

Funerals:

Donald Muenchow 5/3/2019

New Member!

Mike Winkelman recently transferred to us from Bethany, Fort Atkinson!
Welcome to our St. John's family, Mike!



Come and join us for some fun and fellowship this summer! Members from our church have formed a team and will be playing softball against other WELS congregations. Below is the schedule.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 29	6:30pm	Juneau at Eastside	Eastside Lutheran School Field
June 5	NA	Juneau has a Bye	NA
June 12	6:30pm	Juneau at Jefferson	Riverfront Park – Jefferson
June 19	6:30pm	Watertown at Juneau	Juneau City Park
June 26	6:30pm	Juneau at Columbus	Waterloo Firemen’s Park Lower
July 10	6:30pm	Helenville at Juneau	Juneau City Park
July 17	6:30pm	Eastside at Juneau	Juneau City Park
July 24	6:30pm	Juneau at Beaver Dam	Lowell Firemen’s Park
July 31	6:30pm	Jefferson at Juneau	Juneau City Park

What is New Beginnings?

New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, provides a loving and supportive place for single mothers to start a new life. This Christian-based home for mothers allows a resident to become a responsible parent – by raising her new baby in a caring environment.

New Beginnings enables a single mother to live away from cultural influences and nurture her baby in a positive environment. We provide a unique opportunity for generationally poor mothers to break the cycle of dependency.

Currently, our program provides opportunities to advance education, learn fundamental parenting and financial skills, participate in counseling sessions, and acquire an objective baseline for responsible living through a structured faith-based program. Ultimately, our vision is to equip each mother with the skills and education needed to earn self-sustaining wages, without an indeterminate need for government assistance.



How do I return the Baby Bottles?

Beginning June 2nd, you may return the Baby Bottles to the church narthex. Please cross your name off the signup sheet so that we know your bottle has been returned.

Thank you!

Congratulations to the Confirmands of 2019!



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

Preschool Spring Program & Muffins for Mom



Salem Ev. Lutheran Church

Salem celebrated the first of its two 150th Anniversary Services on May 19th. Many members and friends praised our Lord together in a full church. The Sunday Schools of both St. John's and Salem sang a song written by Salem member, Lauranna Kohlstedt. Pastor Anthony Straseske, a son of the congregation, gave the sermon while Pastors Paul Schupmann and Mark Rieke presided. There were many other musicians and a wonderful reception after the service. Salem looks forward to celebrating the second 150th anniversary service on October 13th with guest pastor, Bruce Wietzke.

To God be the Glory for 150 Years of spreading His Word in Lowell!

186 in
Attendance!



Living Waters

June 10-13
Noon-3:30

- ✓ Free event
- ✓ Free bussing from Dodgeland Summer School
- ✓ Lunch included
- ✓ Ages 3-Year-Old through 6th Grade

Join us for
Vacation Bible School
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 400 S. Main St., Juneau
Registration is now open at www.stjohnsjuneau.org

St. John's Spring Concert and Grace Cody soloing with the Jr. Choir (below)

5-6th Grade World's Fair with Hayden Schultz showing her display (right)



Kitchen items at the Juneau Campus

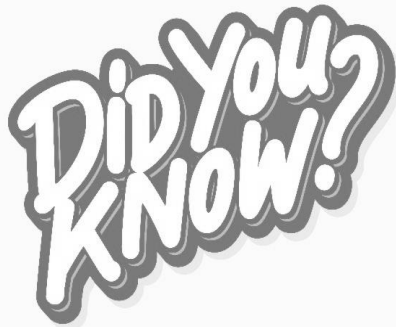
If you leave any food or beverage after any event, please mark it with

1. Date
2. What is it? What event it is for? Who brought it?
3. Can be used by whom?

If you have any questions, please contact the Church office at 386-3313, Delores Gentz at 386-2115, or Geraldine Bischoff at 386-3356.

There is a red strawberry basket on the center counter. It contains paper, pens, tape and markers to label your leftover items. Church has 3 freezers and 2 refrigerators for your use. Also, please check for any leftover dishes and miscellaneous items that may be yours in our church basement.

Thank you to everyone who serves in the kitchen! Your help to keep our kitchen organized is greatly appreciated!



Finding current information for St. John's church & school, weekly bulletins, newsletters, calendars, etc. is available with a click of a button on our website.
www.stjohnsjuneau.org

This month's series of "Did you Know?" will focus on our St. John's office staff. Do you every wonder who to talk to about different items? For example, where do I go to...?

- Have an announcement published, request a hymn or prayer, etc?
church@stjohnsjuneau.org
Rachel @ 920-386-3313
- Learn more about St. John's School?
school@stjohnsjuneau.org
Carol or Rick @ 920-386-4644
- Update my membership information, check on records, etc?
office@stjohnsjuneau.org
Becky @ 920-386-3313

Happy birthday to those celebrating June Birthdays!

6/01 Paislee Arndt

Bonnie Gibson

Fox Weaver

6/02 *Marjorie Lauersdorf*

6/03 Elijah Wohling

6/04 Eric Bruni

Neil Foch

Rick Kluge

Amy Maas

Nora Raube

6/05 Lillie Brandt

Kaitlin Main

Jean Nehls

Jacob Nehls

Diane Pamperin

6/06 Kevin Voigt

6/07 Bob Henken

Matthew Passig

6/08 Donna Brown

Ethan Giroux

Dale Marks

Brent Saugstad

Brayden Schwandt

6/09 Kaitlyn Fausett

Connie Goldberg

Sidney Minnema

Christine Schmitt

6/10 Mason Niemuth

Harvey Pribnow

Ayden Vande Streek

Kay Weiss

6/11 John Hartman

Fran Mohr

Bruce Soldner

6/13 Amanda Eggebrecht

Sally Lisko

Naomi Griepentrog

6/14 Jim Bublitz

6/15 Jim Aellig

Chris Gerbitz

Harper Pieper

Hunter Saeger

Whitney Weinheimer

6/16 Dennis Affeld

6/16 Janice Smith

6/17 June Born

Jody Paplham

Jayden Rabehl

Gerald Beal

6/18 Elisha Guenther

6/19 David Gerbitz

Ashley Neis

6/20 Jeff Poch

Elliot Redecker

Robin Schilling

Hope Smithson

Emily Kern

6/21 Gene Gentz

Michaela Guenther

Chaunsy Weisensel

6/22 Deena Ebert

Isaac Hirschfeld

Taylor Beal

Patricia Mackey

6/23 Karen Greenwald

Joann Miller

Jay Panetti

6/24 Kari Justmann

Pearl Korth

Oscar Stowell

6/25 Logan Ockerlander

Logan Preskar

6/26 Josh Day

6/27 Bob Neis

Michelle Preskar

Victor Pocius

6/28 Gary Braun

Jim Koepsell

Leo Lackas

6/29 Bill Panetti

6/30 Abel Brandt

Dorie Bubolz

Conrad Schaalma

Dylan Stegner

Jesse Lynch

Names in regular font are
St. John's members.
*Names in italic font are
Salem-Lowell members.*

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating June Anniversaries!

6/01/1991	Bob & Leah Neis	6/12/1993	Tim & Jill Weisensel
6/01/1985	Lyle & Shirley Poch	6/12/1982	Chuck & Jolene Wolfram
6/01/1968	<i>Gerald & Carol Yerges</i>	6/13/1987	Ken & Deb Wolfram
6/02/1990	Kevin & Lori Hill	6/14/2008	Jason & Kayla Behring
6/02/1989	Dennis & Sally Lisko	6/14/1952	Marvin & Geraldine Fierke
6/03/1995	Chris & Stephanie Jacobs	6/14/1985	Jeff & Karen Greenwald
6/03/1977	Mike & Carol Lemke	6/14/2014	<i>Gregory & Laura Weaver</i>
6/03/1978	<i>Gary & Beverly Gullickson</i>	6/16/1990	Rick & Lisa Kluge
6/06/1988	Rob & Shelly Minnema	6/17/2006	Myles & Michele Vande Streek
6/06/1992	Dennis & Ruth Affeld	6/18/1988	Kevin & Amy Voigt
6/06/1992	John & Barb Berndt	6/19/1965	John & Judy Kaul
6/06/1970	Bob & Bonnie Sell	6/19/1971	<i>Denny & Susie Kohn</i>
6/07/1980	Darrell & Mary Maas	6/20/1992	Jonathan & Jeanette Jensen
6/08/1996	Rick & Lisa Cody	6/24/2000	Pastor & Heide Brandt
6/09/1979	Michael & Laura Maertz	6/24/1978	Dennis & Jan Fude
6/09/1974	<i>Roy & Christine Schmitt</i>	6/25/2011	Shaun & Samantha Panetti
6/11/1966	Bob & Mary Rist	6/25/1983	Pat & Crystal Przekurat
6/11/2005	Bob & Jennifer Schultz	6/26/1982	Mike & Robin Schilling
6/12/1971	Merlin & Shirley Luedke	6/29/1968	Dave & Linda Schaalma
6/12/1976	Mike & Chris Schall		

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Names in italic font are Salem-Lowell members.

June 2019 News from Twice is Nice

Did you know? Twice Is Nice has a reputation for low-cost, high-quality formalwear! Planning a wedding, or planning to attend a wedding? Check out our dresses varying in size and style, \$50.00 or less. Several customers have reported how thrilled they were to find a special dress they never could have afforded elsewhere. Check TiN first whenever there's a special occasion coming up!

Donate: Looking to clean out this summer? Twice is Nice is pleased to accept your donations of resalable items. The recently updated list of items we cannot accept are old microwaves, bunk beds, large metal desks, paint, printers-computers, encyclopedias, mattresses, box springs, organs, pianos, TVs, console stereos, car seats, treadmills, gas stoves, large refrigerators, washers, dishwashers, non-working appliances, broken or significantly soiled items. Drive to the rear of the building from 9-4:30 PM, look for the door and ring the bell! Donation receipts are available.

Shop: Did you know that in addition to fabulous everyday prices, TiN runs 50% off sales at the end of every month? For example, all green-tagged items are 50% off from May 25-31. What color will the 50% off tags be in June? Shop and find out! We're easy-to-find: just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine St., next to the Piggly Wiggly. Call 920-674-6868 with questions

Volunteer: Catch the fever of a Twice is Nice volunteer—whether it once a month or once a week, whether it's taking care of a department, fixing items or clerking, we have a fun, productive opportunity for you to make a real difference. No expertise needed; you'll get all the training you need. Pray about it with a friend!

News from Malawi

The heavy rains that have hit Malawi over the past weeks including Cyclone Idai have largely affected the southern part of Malawi. About two weeks ago a storm system which later became the cyclone caused three days of heavy rains in Malawi. Those rains caused widespread flooding mainly in the Southern Region which has the bulk of our LCCA congregations. Hundreds of thousands have been affected, many have lost their homes and their maize crops. Emergency



aid organizations were mobilized to rescue survivors and provide shelter, food and water. Last week the WELS Committee for Aid and Relief provided food and supplies to LCCA members in the affected area. Kingdom Workers Facebook page have a good summary of relief efforts.

When Cyclone Idai returned the outer bands of rain and winds affected the the lower Shire valley of Malawi but did not cause significantly more damage. However there is still heavy rain which if it continues, will cause more flooding. Hardest hit were the Mozambique coastal city of Beira, with destruction extending into Zimbabwe.

Here in the Lilongwe, about 2 weeks ago we had 3 days of heavy rain . For the Lutheran Mobile Clinic, we have not missed any days of clinic, but there were some adventures when our vehicle slid off the dirt roads and got stuck in heavy wet mud. In Malawi there are always people willing to help out and we were able to get moving again in about an hour. There was a power cut for two to three days because debris from the rains blocked the intakes to the Hydro-Electric power stations. Otherwise we have been largely unaffected.



Please pray for the people of Southern Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. These people have little and their countries do not have the resources for a quick recovery from this devastation. Many crops have been lost and hunger is a real possibility.

Gary Evans, Clinic Administrator, Lutheran Mobile Clinic, Malawi

Please keep all involved and affected in your prayers as they deal with a very damaging and difficult situation. May God who sent His Son to save the sins of the world be shared with these people in Africa so that they have the sure and certain hope of eternal life after this earthly life is over.

In Christ,

Cheryl Valus
CAMM Contact Woman Coordinator
cwc.camm@gmail.com
810-287-8139

**Email UPDATE FROM CURRENT BEFRIENDED MISSIONARIES
PAUL & SUSAN NITZ
MALAWI**



April is almost here and the sun is out today. It has been a long rainy season here in Malawi. The heavy rains have caused extensive flood damage this year in parts of Malawi, so prayers are requested for the affected families and churches. Some have lost their homes and many have lost their crops on which they rely for food and money for the coming year. WELS Christian Aid and Relief will be doing work in Malawi to help some of the affected families.

Our family in Malawi at the moment consists of Paul, myself, son Joel (17) and daughter Frances (14). We also have a married son(Henry) in Madison WI, a daughter in Milwaukee (Erin) who has recently graduated from WLC, and two sons (Reuben and James) at MLC in the pastor track. Reuben will graduate this May.

Joel and Frances keep busy with the demanding school schedule of their IB International School here in Lilongwe. Both of them also enjoy sports, they recently played in a tri-school tournament where Frances's girls team came first in both basketball and rugby, and Joel's boys team also came first in the rugby. We enjoyed traveling to the city of Blantyre (a 5 hour drive to the South) to watch the weekend tournament.

I, Susan, teach literacy and English to the wives of the students here at the Lutheran Bible Institute several mornings a week. In addition, I also teach private music lessons - teaching clarinet and piano as well as working with some students on ensemble work. We will have our recital coming up on April 7 to allow all my students to perform. Frances studies piano and will accompany several ensemble pieces with accompanying flute, clarinet, violin and cello.

There are not many opportunities for doing Western style music in Malawi (it's mostly among the expat community) so we do enjoy finding time to make music together. I also usually play keyboard for the English church services on Sunday mornings at our local church here at the Bible school.

We are looking forward to our upcoming furlough in June. Paul and I will both be at the LWMS convention. Paul is the mission speaker and I will be on the missionary wife panel answering questions about life in Malawi. If you attend, please come say hello and introduce yourselves to us. We are thankful for your prayers and support of us and all of world missions. May God bless your work.

In Christ's service,
Susan Nitz



**Email UPDATE FROM CURRENT BEFRIENDED MISSIONARY
PASTOR LINCOLN ALBRECHT
Goodyear, Arizona**

From: Pastor Lincoln Albrecht
[mailto:pastor.lincoln.albrecht@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 3:02 PM
To: Paul & Lois Zellmer <lpzellmer@frontier.com>
Subject: Re: Updates for Beaver Dam Circuit members

Lois,

Thank you for reaching out to me. The Lord continues to bless us according to his plans as a church and a family. As a whole, this year has been a blessing due to its relative simplicity. We have had steady growth as a church and not run into any major roadblocks. We have been healthy and happy as a family and continue to grow closer together and to our Lord.

As a church, we've faced the challenge of replacing leaders on our council in both financial positions (treasurer and financial secretary). It is amazing to see how the Lord directs people to be in the right place at the right time. In addition to that, we have continued to see consistent worship attendance numbers, despite those kinds of losses. More than 120 first time worship visitors have joined us in the past calendar year. We have always been challenged to connect with the younger families in our community (many prefer the local churches that offer children's church during the worship service), but the Lord is blessing those efforts too. We've grown to the point where we have added Sunday School classes, which has been a work in progress and has only helped our Sunday morning Bible class attendance grow too. Just this past week, we hosted a team from MLC and distributed just shy of 4,000 flyers in our community, including in some neighborhoods that we've never canvassed before. Goodyear continues to grow and more and more companies (Microsoft, Chewy, UPS, and Ball Canning) are investing in our community.

As far as weather, we actually had snow in the valley for the first time since we moved here. It was nice to see white caps on the surrounding mountain tops, but it's nothing like you've been dealing with this long cold winter.

As a family, we continue to be blessed by our Lord. Our oldest, Fiona, attends one of our local WELS schools and really loves her teacher. The drive for our family is substantial, but we are humbled by the ways we've seen her faith grow. She always comes home excited to tell me about her Bible story for the day. At the end of each story, she asks: "Did you know that, Dad?" It



**RIVER OF
LIFE**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

always brings a smile to my face.

I'm sure there is plenty I am missing, but this should at least provide a glimpse of God's work among and through us.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you all.

Pastor Lincoln Albrecht
(623) 312.8650
River of Life Lutheran Church
725 S. Estrella Pkwy. (Suite #120) Goodyear, AZ 85338



CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION – MALAWI/ZAMBIA

May 2019 Newsletter

Since the beginning of 2019, I have been making monthly trips to our clinic at Mwembezhi, Zambia. That's a bit unusual for the Malawi administrator, but so are the circumstances. Following a field trip to Zambia in the summer of 2018, and in consultation with the Zambia Mission, CAMMC made the decision to hire a Zambian National as Clinic Administrator. In late December 2018, Pastor Dan Sargent who had somehow managed to include Clinic Administrator among all his other duties left Zambia to take a Call back in the United States. With Dan's departure, so went a lot of institutional memory, and the person who would likely train and mentor our new administrator. Hence my trips to Zambia.

The change in administration has not affected patient care. The medical side of clinic operations has been managed very successfully for years by Mr. Jackson Kalekwa. Jackson is a Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA) member who is something of a local icon and as Clinical Officer-in-Charge has led the effort to provide high quality Christian based health care to the villages served by the clinic. The clinic was given a certificate of excellence for its quality assurance program in health care delivery by the Zambian Ministry of Health.

In January 2019, Mr. Alisad Banda was appointed to be our Clinic Administrator. Alisad is a mature Christian and longtime LCCA member who is married with two children. Until joining CAMM, Alisad worked for the LCCA Board of Charities, managing their home-based health care programs. He is very familiar with the operations at Mwembezhi as he has been involved in various issues related to the clinic. He is currently in the process of completing his degree in Public Health.

Alisad's background, experience and qualifications make him a natural fit for the position. Add in a Christian heart and mind, a character that believes in hard work, someone who is respectful of the past but looks for improvement, a desire to learn, a belief in team building and inclusiveness, plus a great sense of humor and you can see that hiring Alisad Banda as our Administrator was an easy decision. Alisad clearly understands that his role as administrator in Zambia is to provide Christian leadership and to ensure that the medical staff at Mwembezhi have the resources and support they need.

As Alisad goes through the orientation process, he is gradually learning the job duties such as reporting, accounting, ordering and delivering supplies, petty cash management, payroll, vehicle and property maintenance, insurance, staff discipline and human resources, licensing, government and institutional relations etc. Alisad is a quick learner and is doing well in his new role. We are blessed and thankful to have him as part of our team.

We have also created a Zambian Lutheran Medical Council. The purpose of the council is to provide guidance and support to the clinic – but not to run it, and to serve as an information conduit to the LCCA and the Zambia Mission. As an example, budgets, changes in pay and clinic conditions are presented to the medical council for their input and advice but are ultimately approved by CAMMC. The Council is comprised of 5 five members: Our Mission Liaison (chair), The Chairman of the LCCA – Zambia, The Chairman of the LCCA-Zambia Board of Charities, The Director of African Mission Operations, and The Malawi Lutheran Mobile Clinic Administrator. Having our African brothers on the team provides a unique perspective when dealing with African issues. The group has only met once, but we are already seeing positive results as we are making progress in dealing with longstanding clinic land and housing issues.

One of CAMM's long term goals is to turn more of the responsibility for running the clinics over to Zambian and Malawi nationals. This is a big step in that direction. We ask that you please pray for God's blessings for the future of the medical mission in Africa, for Alisad and his family and for the Zambian Lutheran Medical Council.

Gary Evans - Malawi Lutheran Mobile Clinic Administrator

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

Spring Rally Summary

Another spring rally is in the books...and yes, it snowed for the second year in a row! The weather outside may have been a bit frightful, but inside at St John, Pardeeville, it was warm and friendly with a lot of activities to keep attendees busy! A few highlights:

*Our service project's White Elephant Sale to benefit: GRACE: Hmong Outreach in Vietnam raised an unofficial total of \$798.00!

*There were mission displays to view, Befriend A Missionary news to catch up on, and door prizes to sign up for!

*\$5,380.25 was the total spring mission offering collected from all of our circuit congregations. We, at St. John, Juneau, contributed \$200.25 toward that total. THANK YOU! These offerings supported: Campus Ministry New Starts and the Haiti Project!

*The Ladies of St John, Pardeeville and Cross of Christ, Portage had breakfast snacks/beverages available in the morning and served a wonderful luncheon at noon.

*Our own Pastor Schupmann was the rally speaker! He shared the challenges and the joys of the mission work we, as a congregation are carrying out in Horicon. Being a mission congregation within our circuit is unique but perhaps not for long as the attendees learned that everyone can share their love for Jesus!

BEFRIEND A MISSION UPDATES and CAMM too!! At the rally, updates were provided from all but one of our BAMs as well as from CAMM. That information is included in this newsletter. Please keep these missions and missionaries in your prayers! Some of our Befriend A Missionary family members are celebrating birthdays in June. If you would like to send them cards that would be very much appreciated! Thank you!

Celebrating Birthdays

James Nitz (6/1/1999)

Joel Nitz (6/13/2001)

Rev. Paul Nitz (6/15/1966)

Rev. Lincoln Albrecht (6/30/1985)

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Paul Nitz

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It's going to get worse before it gets better.

John authored Revelation while exiled on Patmos. It was a dangerous time for Christians. Most faced persecution. Many were imprisoned. Some were being tortured and killed.

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John's Spirit-inspired book accurately depicted his world. The Christian Church was under attack. It appeared that evil would soon gain the upper hand. Repeatedly, John urged the saints to be faithful to God during this tribulation.

But, it would get worse before it got better. He cautioned, **"Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution"** [Revelation 2:10a]. But, immediately, he exhorted, **"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown"** [v.10b]. There was hope. Even if death was imminent, the Lord promised the **"victor's crown"** to all who persevered.

The Lord of the Church would not desert the faithful. Eventually, the institutions seeking to destroy Christianity would themselves end. No longer would the saints be persecuted, and the Church would actually become society's foundation.

Today, Christianity is again under attack. But, unlike John's time, the attack is not necessarily *physical*. Today's attack seeks to undermine the Church through *fear* and *apathy*. We feel alone and isolated because Scripture's views are no longer valued by society. At times, we are lulled into complacency thinking that attacks on Christians are distant, sporadic, and without effect.

In reality, those attacks are drawing closer and intensifying. Christians are identified in politics, the media, and entertainment as intolerant hatemongers. Some view us as the troublers of society for defending Scripture's truths on life, marriage, and sexuality.

We would all do well to read John's words and remind ourselves that we, too, live in a perilous age. At the same time, we can find comfort in God's Word. Even if persecution and death threaten us, God promises, **"I will give you life as your victor's crown."**

May God give us a strong faith to cling to him for he promises us "the victor's crown."

EVENTS TO NOTE

- May 28.....General Board | 7 PM
- May 30.....Ascension Day
- June 4-7.....Warrior Band Camp
- June 7.....Parade season starts w/ Brillion Electric Parade | 9 PM
- June 7.....Warrior Band in Electric Parade | Brillion | 9 pm
- June 8.....Flag Day Parade | Appleton | 2 pm
- June 9.....Mt. Horeb Summer Frolic parade | noon
- June 10-13.....Grade school Girls Basketball Camp
-State FFA Convention
- June 16.....Mukwonago Dads Day Parade | noon
- June 17.....Board of Regents | 6:30 PM
- June 17-20.....Grade school Boys Basketball Camp
- June 23.....SummerFest Parade | Oregon | 12:30 pm
- June 24-27.....Co-ed Grade School Soccer Camp
- June 26.....A Cappella sings National Anthem at Brewers game
- June 29.....Town & Country Days Parade | Lake Mills | 10:30 am
-Sun Prairie Flags of Freedom Parade | 2 pm
- July 3-6.....Warrior Band Trip to Michigan Cherry Fest
- July 8-11.....Grade School Distance Running Camp | 8-10:30 AM
- July 15-18.....Grade School Volleyball & Football Camps
- July 19.....Warrior Booster Golf Outing (11 AM) & Dinner (5 PM)
- July 22-25.....Grade School STEM (Science/Tech/Eng/Math) Camp
- July 31 & Aug 6.....'19-20 Registration Nights | 5-7:30 pm
- August 16.....Freshman Orientation Day
- August 19.....First Day for all students

25TH ANNUAL LAKESIDE LUTHERAN WARRIOR GOLF OUTING & DINNER

Friday July 19, 2019 • 11 AM shotgun start
Watertown Country Club

for more info, contact Lakeside Lutheran Boosters at boosters@llhs.org

\$135.00
per person

Golf, Dinner & Raffle

includes 16 holes, 18 holes with cart, two beverage tickets, dinner, raffle and prizes

\$27.00
per person

Dinner & Raffle

9:00-10:45 AM Registration (Lunch served 10:10-45)
5:00 PM Dinner & Raffle

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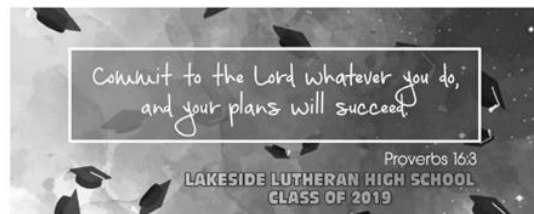
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MAY SCHOOL NEWS *and* NOTES:

- ✚ For the 10th year in a row, our forensics team was awarded the *Excellence in Speech Award* for scoring in the top 5% among 340 participating high schools at the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association (WHSEFA) State Festival at UW-Madison April 12.
- ✚ We hosted 269 young mathletes from 14 federation schools in April for our annual LES Math Meet. See full story/pics at llhs-warriorstories.wordpress.com/2019/04/25/les-math-meet-held
- ✚ Congrats to Warrior musicians who made a strong showing at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival in Whitewater. Of 14 entries, 8 scored a first! Congrats to the Warrior Percussion Ensemble, Swing Choir, vocal soloists Emma Berg (*Eastside, Madison*), Ashley Valerio (*St. Matthew, Oconomowoc*) and vocal soloist & musical theater Olivia Fregien (*Our Redeemer, Madison*), and piano soloists Madelyn Plitzuweit (*St. Matthew, Oconomowoc*), and Ella Collins (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*).
- ✚ Teens for Christ served ice cream sundaes to celebrate a successful year of service with 143 active members. See the year's highlights at llhs.org/apps/pages/tfc
- ✚ The Percussion Ensemble headed to Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for the annual Night of Percussion.
- ✚ We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with breakfast, lunches, and snacks for our fabulous faculty—who we appreciate all year!
- ✚ Your LLHS 2019 Badger Boys State representatives are Alex Ryan (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*) and Carter Schneider (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*). The reps for Badger Girls State are Annika Bilitz (*Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel*) and Lauren Thiele (*Holy Cross, Madison*).
- ✚ William Popp (*Our Redeemer, Madison*) Fitchburg, has been chosen to attend the 2019 FBI National Academy Youth Leadership Program, held in Quantico, Virginia. The program is limited to 60 students ages 14-16 from the United States and around the world.
- ✚ Benjamin Huebner (*Resurrection, Verona*) has been selected to perform for the fourth time in the State FFA Choir at the State FFA Convention and State Fair this summer.
- ✚ The LLHS National Honor Society sponsored a spring volleyball tournament on May 11. Two winning teams agreed to a tie and split the proceeds between 8 Miles for Water and Hats on for Auden as the charity recipients of the funds raised.
- ✚ Four Warriors headed to St. Paul, Lake Mills, with Officer (and Forever Warrior '88) Troy Oestreich as part of the DARE program. Will Jorgensen, Annika Bilitz, Ryann Burger (*St. John, Newville*), and Brendan McKenna (*St. John Newville*) talked to students about making decisions for safe and healthy living.
- ✚ Seniors traveled to Madison for the annual religion field trip to the UW campus, Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel and State Street. They conducted interviews and enjoyed some beautiful spring weather, and witnessed about Jesus to people they met.
- ✚ For May Banquet on May 4, twelve seniors were voted 2019 court royalty: Katie Guld (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*) and Cam Paske (*Zion, Arlington*), Queen Olivia Andress (*St. Matthew, Oconomowoc*) and King Lukas Heckmann (*St. Andrew, Middleton*), Alyssa Fischer (*St. John, Watertown*) and Carter Buchta (*St. Paul, Ixonia*), Alyssa Fehrman (*St. John, Juneau*) and Casey Ponyicsanyi (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*), Kaitlyn Shadoski (*St. Matthew, Janesville*) and Brevin Jegerlehner (*Holy Cross, Madison*), Teryn Hamilton (*Peace, Sun Prairie*) and Caleb Bilitz (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*).
- ✚ On May 26, your LLHS graduates 110 seniors, sending 103 to further education at a 4-year or tech college, 3 to the military and 4 into the workforce. Five are headed to MLC!



5 QUESTIONS *with the* FACULTY

This edition features Hannah Uher, who joined the faculty in 2018. She teaches Physical Science to freshmen, as well as Human Anatomy and Physiology. She is assistant Cross Country coach in fall and Head Coach of Girls Soccer in the spring.

Some other things you may not know about Mrs. Uher...

She is married to Eric and they are members at Peace, Sun Prairie, where he teaches sixth grade.

What is your favorite thing to do on a Saturday?
I love to drink coffee, spend some time outside, and relax!

When you're at your fave restaurant, where are you & what do you order?

I LOVE Riviera Maya in Milwaukee; they have the BEST tortilla soup!

What is your favorite movie & book of all time?

I love all of the Harry Potter books and movies, and pretty much every musical, too!

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

One day in A&P we played charades as we learned about different types of body movements (rotation, attempts at acting out hula hooping without a hula hoop actually brought me to tears!

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

Near the end of cross country season, the team used my room to cook breakfast after morning practice before school. I had to leave for a meeting, but when I got back to my room, they had put together a whole plate of food for me! It was so thoughtful! I just loved getting to know all of the kids on my teams this year, and I can't wait for what we do on both teams next season!



Starting a new church: Why we do it

2019/04/01/in Home Missions, Missions Blog, WELS Blogs

Rev. Keith Free, Administrator for WELS Home Missions, serves full-time out of the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha, Wis. The Home Missions Administrator is an advisory, non-voting member of the Board for Home Missions (BHM) and is responsible for executing the decisions of the BHM.

Perhaps you know a family that drives many miles to worship at the nearest WELS church. Growing up, there was a family who drove over 75 miles one way to worship at the church where my father was pastor. Think about an unchurched family or an unbeliever. . . To my knowledge, when growing up or during the many years serving as a parish pastor, I can't recall any unchurched person making a specific effort to travel any great distance to worship with us.

Why do we plant mission churches? We do so in order to have another outreach center; another location from which God's Word can go out to people who need the message of sin and grace and law and gospel. We do so in order that folks blessed with faith in Christ Jesus can invite their neighbors, co-workers, or friends to join them in worship at a convenient spot.

If you're skeptical of church planting or believe the widespread myth that new church plants just "steal sheep" from other flocks, that simply is not the case. Yes, there are going to be people who start attending a new church who were part of a different church. There is no denying that it does happen. Generally speaking though, when a new church plant is engaging its community, is persistent in inviting the folks in their vicinity to worship, and encourages its members to invite their unchurched friends, typically there are going to be people reached who either have no church background or haven't been in a Christian church in years. They're lost in their sins! They need to hear about Jesus Christ; his perfect life, his Good Friday death, and that incredible resurrection on Easter Sunday that was done to save all those lost in their sins.

Yes, established WELS churches engage the unchurched and lost just like mission churches do. Yet, by their very nature, established churches do a lot to serve the already reached—which is vital! There are more hospital visits, more counseling sessions, more meetings. There can be more worship services and Bible classes. A lot of time is spent feeding God's people with the Means of Grace, just like it should be.

By its very nature, a mission church focuses most of its time and energy to reach the unchurched. A mission church looks to share God's truths in Holy Scripture with the lost. The reality is that planting new churches is most often the single greatest way to reach any culture far from God: that is the intent and purpose of the mission church.

When someone tells you, "We already have a lot of churches. . . we don't need to plant another", remind them that we need thriving bodies of gospel-motivated people hearing Jesus' directive who gather and then scatter to very intentionally and assertively fulfill the Great Commission. You can never go wrong supporting and praying for the people who are a part of a church plant. You can never go wrong in giving to WELS Home Missions so that church planting can continue in WELS. New churches make a difference—an everlasting difference. God bless our synod as we keep on planting mission churches.

This is the fourth article in a four-part series about WELS Home Missions and how new missions are explored and started throughout the United States, Canada, and English-speaking West Indies.

Moving forward with the Vietnam opportunity

2019/05/07/in Together

WELS members have responded overwhelmingly to the opportunity that God has given our synod in Vietnam. Gifts have been received from hundreds of congregations and individuals, totaling half of what is needed to support the building project and ministry training costs for a two-year period.

The Hmong Fellowship Church in Vietnam (HFC), a church body with approximately 100,000 members, has asked WELS to provide theological training for its pastors. Their leaders and several dozen pastors have been receiving instruction from WELS pastors for about three years. They have concluded that we are teaching biblical truth and have embraced the teachings of the Lutheran church. They want to be a Lutheran church body. With the permission—and even encouragement—of the Vietnamese government, the HFC has invited WELS to establish a theological training school where eventually all their pastors will receive thorough instruction and pastoral training.

Due to the generous outpouring of support, the first concrete step in making this plan a reality was taken two weeks ago. I, along with Board for World Missions Administrator Rev. Larry Schlomer and Director of Missions Operations Mr. Sean Young (pictured, center), traveled to Vietnam to sign a memorandum of understanding with Vietnamese religious officials and with the leaders of the Hmong Fellowship Church. This agreement enables our synod to secure the use of a four-acre parcel of land on the outskirts of Hanoi and to begin construction of the planned theological training school. Details are now being worked out, and we hope that construction will begin in the near future. Gifts received so far have enabled us to secure the land and will make it possible to build the school. We pray that additional gifts will provide the means to operate the school with WELS instructors.

We do not know where this effort will eventually lead. What we do know is that we have been given an amazing opportunity that would have been unthinkable only a few years ago. As we begin down this road, we do so realizing the risks, but also with our eyes of faith focused on the grace and promises of God and the opportunity he is giving us to proclaim the saving gospel in a place where it has been rarely heard. To God be the glory!

Serving in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder

To learn more about this special opportunity in Vietnam, visit wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

Pastor Zongchin

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Pastor Zongchin is one of 60 Hmong Fellowship Church (HFC) leaders who are receiving theological training in Hanoi, Vietnam, from Rev. Bounkeo Lor, Hmong Asia ministry coordinator, and members of the Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI). In March 2019, the leaders gathered again for two weeks of training. The first week was a study of the first 400 years of church history in the New Testament era. The second week was a study of the Bible's teachings about Church & Ministry. The intensive courses included 6 hours of class activities during the day and assigned readings in the evenings.

Pastor Zongchin shared his story with PSI Professor Rev. Brad Wordell, with Bounkeo Lor serving as translator:

On coming to faith: I was a businessman, and my business took me to Laos in the 1990's. There I met Pastor Lor's grandfather, who shared the gospel with me. He read to me from Matthew 24, where Jesus is talking with his disciples about the end of the world. Those words stuck with me. After I returned to Vietnam, I realized that I believed in Jesus. I gathered with the few other Christians in my village. I told everyone openly, "I am a Christian."

On ministry: But then the persecution came. I was followed by people and persecuted for 3 years. As I told people about Jesus, 15 families were converted. Because the persecution grew stronger, many of those families fled. I also had to move to the province of Song La. I remember thinking to myself that I was like Abraham, traveling to a new place which was not my home, because of the Lord. While I was there, a pastor from Laos came and taught me more about the Bible and about being a pastor. We studied the parables of Jesus and the meaning of baptism. He gave me practical advice about how to lead a congregation. Because of persecution by local government leaders, all the other Christians left; only I and my family remained. I sent a letter to the government in Hanoi. They sent a representative out to investigate. Then the persecution ceased for the most part. During the next 11 years I told people in my village and other villages about Jesus. In some areas I had to talk to people in the jungle, secretly, at night. Now I oversee 1580 members from 310 families in 14 congregations. Many of those congregations are led by elders, whom I am trying to train. I am a full-time pastor and I oversee many congregations, but I do not get paid as a pastor. In many cases congregations do not even pay for my travel to go serve them. I support myself as a rice farmer. I also grow a kind of grass that is dried and used for making brooms.

On learning: My ministry involves preaching and teaching and the training of elders. I need training so that I can do these things well. I have been learning Lutheran doctrine for almost seven years now. The training I am receiving from WELS is much better than the training I received earlier. Now I know how to interpret and explain the Scriptures. Now I am confident that I am preaching and teaching God's Word correctly.

What WELS members can pray for: I would appreciate it if the members of WELS would pray about my use of time. I want to have a proper balance in my use of time and money. Pray that I continue to gain more knowledge for teaching God's Word to others. Pray that the WELS can continue to train me and the next generation of leaders in our church. In my congregations there are four men who want to be pastors. Two of them are my sons. They keep asking me, "How soon can we begin our training?"

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