

THE WELCOME

The Monthly Newsletter

July 2019

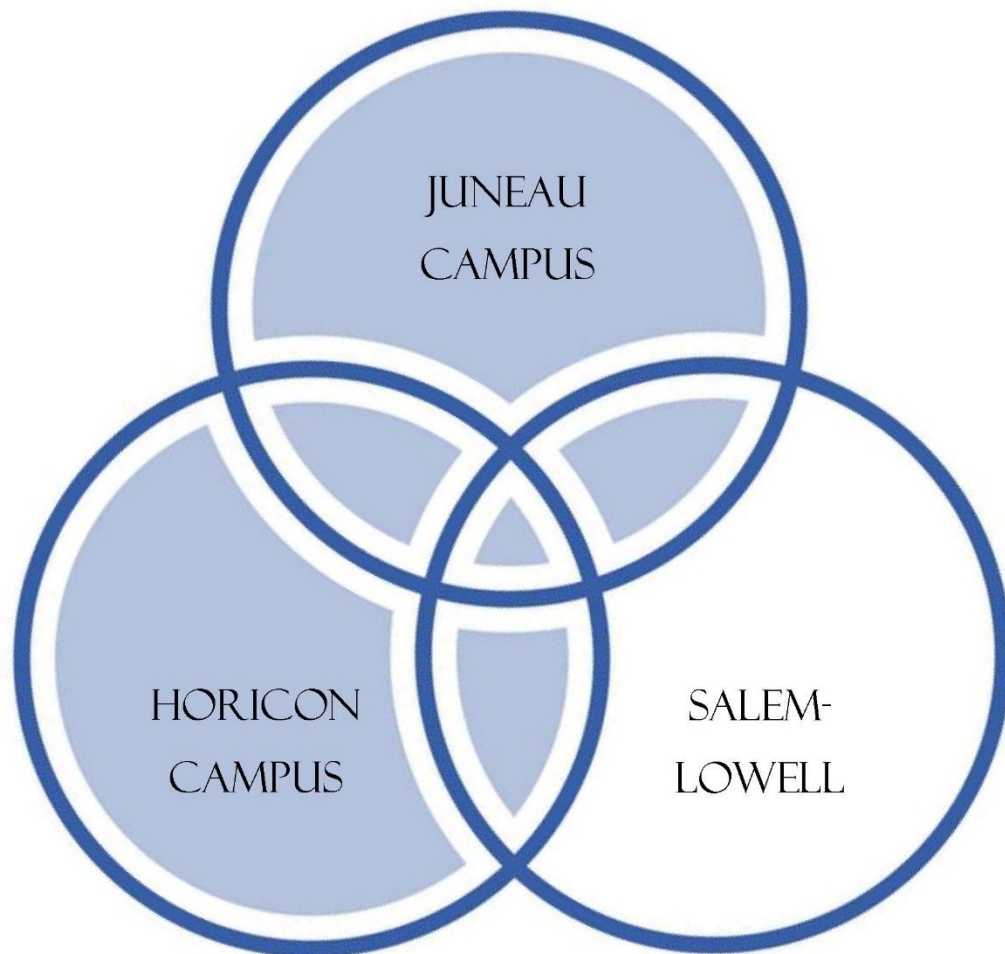
St. John's Lutheran Church

and

Salem Lutheran Church

will be voting this July on whether to merge our congregations.

Over the past many months, numerous members of both congregations have been exploring whether this is the path God wants our congregations to make. Please attend an informational meeting at your home congregation to learn more.





July 2019 – St. John's & Salem

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Altar Guild: Paul & Sharon Schmidt Gina Oemig & Lauranna Kohlstedt | 1 | 2 Luke Bible Class 10:00am @ Clearview Jesus Cares 1:30pm Trustees 6:30pm | 3 | 4 <i>Independence Day!</i> NO 6:30pm Worship | 5 | 6 Horicon Canvassing Horicon Worship 5:00pm |
| 7 Pentecost 4 Worship Services 8:30am Juneau Campus - <i>Q&A to follow</i> 10:00am Salem-Lowell Bible Class 9:00am @ Salem-Lowell Bible Class 9:45am @ Juneau Campus Elders 10:30am @ Juneau Campus Information Mtg 11:00am @ Salem-Lowell | 8 | 9 Luke Bible Class 10:00am @ Clearview Old Testament Bible Study 7:00pm | 10 Salem's Church Council 6:00pm Church Softball 6:30pm @ Juneau City Park Salem's Semi-Annual Mtg 7:00pm | 11 Worship with Communion 6:30pm - <i>Q&A to follow</i> | 12 | 13 Horicon Canvassing Horicon Worship with Communion 5:00pm |
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| 21 Pentecost 6 Worship Services 8:30am Juneau Campus 10:00am Salem-Lowell Bible Class 9:00am Salem-Lowell Blood Pressure Checks 9:30am Juneau Campus Open Forum 9:45am Juneau Campus | 22 | 23 Luke Bible Class 10:00am @ Clearview Old Testament Bible Study 7:00pm | 24 Church Softball 6:30pm @ Lowell Firemen's Park | 25 Worship with Communion 6:30pm | 26 | 27 Horicon Canvassing Horicon Worship with Communion 5:00pm |
| 28 Pentecost 7 Worship Services with Communion 8:30am Juneau Campus 10:00am Salem-Lowell Bible Class 9:00am Salem-Lowell Bible Class 9:45am Juneau Campus Voter's Meeting 6:30pm Juneau Campus | 29 | 30 Luke Bible Class 10:00am @ Clearview | 31 Church Softball 6:30pm @ Juneau City Park | Pastors David Brandt Mark Rieke Paul Schupmann Vicar Timothy Walsh Ushers @ Salem-Lowell Nicholas Neitzel, Robert Neitzel, Larry Westenberg | | 608-343-2206 608-881-4041 920-344-9839 608-615-8464 |

St. John's School home visits begin

WELCOME

Pastors

David Brandt
Mark Rieke
Paul Schupmann
Vicar Timothy Walsh

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

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.stjohnsdodgecounty.com

Carry

[Jesus said] “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.”

John 16:12

Christian writer Corrie ten Boom tells a story about her father. As a child, Corrie was a very curious little girl. Once, however, she asked her father to explain a subject she was still far too young to handle. But rather than ignore her, Corrie’s father did something in that moment to teach her a profound truth.

He was a watchmaker by trade, and at that time a travel case full of his watches and spare parts happened to be sitting next to him. He pointed to his travel case and asked, “Corrie, could you please carry this for me?” Corrie walked over to the case and tried. But the travel case was far too much for her to lift.

“It’s too heavy,” she said.

“Yes,” her father replied, “and it would be a pretty poor father who would ask his little girl to carry such a load. It’s the same way, Corrie, with knowledge. When you are older and stronger, you can bear it. For now, you must trust me to carry it for you.”

Our Lord has the same loving attitude toward you and me. It goes without saying that there are many twists and turns in our lives. As you and I experience those twists and turns, ups and downs, it can be very easy to ask the question, “Why?” “Why is this happening to me now? Why is this happening to a member of my family? Why are things not going as I planned? Why is the Lord allowing this into my life?”

There are many possible answers to our questions, of course. But when the answers are not immediately apparent, remember the Lord’s heart. His heart pulsates with a love for you and me we will never fully grasp. It’s the same love that drove him to march to the cross and carry our sins away. All this he has done to make us his own.

Remember his heart when you are carrying a burden that seems too heavy to bear and you wonder “Why?” He may not reveal the answer immediately. But know that he loves you. And, he can carry what you can’t.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, when I am perplexed by what is happening and burdened with a load too heavy to bear, remind me of your love and carry what I can’t. Amen.

Daily Devotions are brought to you by WELS and www.WhatAboutJesus.com.

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WELS Booth – Dodge County Fair *signup in the narthex!!!*

Volunteer Expectations and “Tips”

Think you couldn't serve as a booth volunteer? Betcha can!!!

- #1 Be a friendly, welcoming face and voice. A quick “hi” to passersby gets them to at least look at our booth.**
- #2 Ask those who slow down or stop for a look if they'd like to sign up for our drawing. (This is how we gather names and info about people without a church home.)**
- #3 Maybe ask a couple hopefully non-threatening questions of those who stop:**
 - Where do you live?**
 - Are you involved in some fair activities?**
 - Do you have a church where you worship?**
- #4 If the opportunity presents itself, very briefly share with a person with whom you've struck up a conversation the hope of life in heaven you have through Jesus your Savior. You don't need to get into a deep, Bible passage filled presentation of the way of salvation.**
- #5 Offer some helpful literature if they seem interested.**
- #6 Send them off with a wish of God's blessing: “God bless your day!”**

Canvassing Opportunity!

Whether you feel comfortable sharing your faith or you'd rather watch someone else do it, join us for Canvassing in Horicon! Throughout the month of July, we will continue to knock on doors in Horicon and invite people to our upcoming worship services. Vicar Walsh will be leading this adventure. If you'd like to participate or would like more information, please contact Vicar Walsh or the St. John's church office.

Salem Lutheran Church extended a call to

Pastor Joel Luetke of Watertown

Please keep Pastor Luetke in your prayers as he deliberates the call. This is a ¼ time one-year call beginning in the end of the summer.

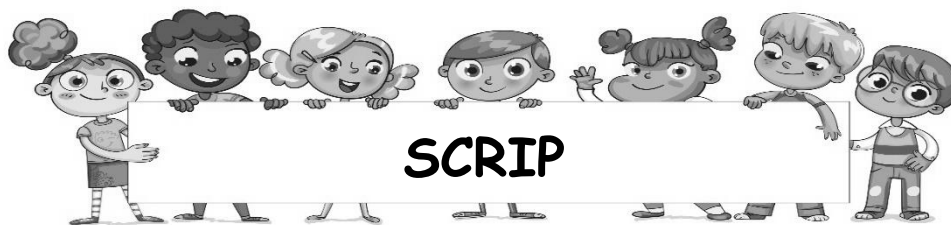
The following is a little information on Pastor Luetke.

Julie and I (Pastor Joel Luetke) were married in 1976 in June at her home church of Salem, Owosso, Michigan. I was a vicar at St. Paul in Ottawa, Canada. There our first children – twins – were born. The Lord has blessed us with 5 children and 16 grandchildren.

I am a 1978 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. I served full time in two locations: Resurrection in Virginia Beach, Virginia, for nearly 20 years. While there I watched and worked as Resurrection daughtered 3 congregations. In 1998 I began ministry at Zion in Olivia, Minnesota. There the area pastors were in a cooperative ministry working to serve four congregations. In 2014 these congregations opened Little Lambs Learning Center, in Danube. I retired one year ago. The Lord enabled us to purchase a home here in Watertown about ½ mile south of LPS.

In retirement I have continued to serve 316NOW (formerly China Partners) by teaching various courses for Asian Christians [online] and by preparing some of the courses we offer through Grace Bible Institute. I have done some supply preaching in the area during the last year and serve about 6 times a year bringing God's Word to men and women at the Jefferson County jail. Julie works as a job coach for Bethesda here in Watertown and various places in Dodge and Jefferson counties. She enjoys this work very much.

Pastor Joel T. Luetke



During these summer months, don't forget to keep purchasing your SCRIP!

Scrip Selling Times:

Thursdays—After the 6:30pm evening service in the Juneau church basement.

Sundays—After the 8:30am service in the Juneau church basement.

Thank you for using Scrip for your everyday shopping needs.

The Scrip Committee

VBS



99 children joined us for an action-packed week! Thanks again to all who participated! Clockwise: Norah Gentz shows us her dove. Brayden Bunkoske slimed, children singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow", 5-6th Grade pose with teacher Erica Thiel, Lailynn White peeks through her picture frame.

Center: Vicar Walsh enjoying recess.





Sheriff Schmidt gives a presentation on Opioids in Horicon as part of our **Praise & Proclaim outreach event**. Approximately 40 people attended the event which also provided babysitting.

Matt Lober checks out our non-alcoholic wine at the Wine and Cheese Reception following our joint **Ascension service** with Lowell and Columbus. We enjoyed celebrating our Lord's Ascension and served a full basement!

Paige Schultz is having fun at the **St. John's Campout** in Montello. Bean bag toss with Colten Schultz is also a "hit!"



Proclaiming the gospel in Dodge County, WI



The Praise & Proclaim training took place in Juneau this past June. About seventy people showed up for the training that included several guests from nearby congregations. They learned how to use tools to engage people in their community, invite them to a specific event hosted by the congregation, and eagerly give reasons for the hope they have in Christ.

In conjunction with the training, Praise and Proclaim organizes an opportunity for members to immediately put their training into action. The leadership team chose Horicon as a place to go door-to-door and help bolster their efforts in that community.

The city of Horicon is unique. With a population of around 3,500, there is a definitive small-town feel. Yet, a John Deere plant that employs a thousand people dominates the city landscape. The company is planning on expanding in Horicon and purchased hundreds of acres of farmland just outside the city limits to build a new plant. The timing is perfect for St. John's to launch another ministry site in Dodge County.

Members from St. John's Lutheran gather together before heading out to plant seeds of the gospel in Horicon, WI.



In conjunction with the outreach initiative, Praise and Proclaim encouraged St. John's to organize a community event to invite people to attend. When canvassing a community, we have found it to be very helpful to invite people to attend a community event organized by the congregation. The event gives instant credibility to the church and expresses that the congregation is not just interested in themselves, but cares about the entire community. This enables a member at the door a smoother transition to sharing a short gospel message. The citizens from Horicon were invited to hear a presentation from Dale Schmidt, the Dodge County Sheriff, about the growing opioid crisis that is affecting the community.

Less than a third of the people we met in Horicon told us that they were already members of a local church. There is a nearby Catholic church and a Lutheran Church (LCMS) in the city. The remaining number of people we met at the door did not express that they had a church home.

This was another great opportunity for congregations in Wisconsin to learn that most of the people living in their community are unchurched and need to hear about Jesus. They never heard a clear gospel message of what Jesus has already done for us. Though many people may have grown up in a church or even attended a parochial school, they have stopped going to church. One young lady we met at the door was a perfect example. She happened to drive home when two "Praise and Proclaimers" were at her door. After learning about the new church in Horicon, she was interested to learn more. She had attended a Lutheran school in the area but had stopped attending church. She welcomed and appreciated our visit. There is a growing number of young adults in the upper Midwest who are like this young lady. They are just waiting to receive a personal invitation from a member. Even though church is still part of the Wisconsin culture, the message of Jesus has become lost. This is true even in rural areas.

The Lord blessed our efforts in two ways. First, he provided fabulous sunny days and temperatures in the 70s. Second, the city leaders of Horicon had organized a city-wide rummage sale that same day. Cars were pouring into the city on Saturday morning and there seemed to be a rummage sale on every block. It became a wonderful opportunity to greet and talk to several people at once.





At the end of the day, members from St. John's Lutheran knocked on the doors of 780 homes in Horicon and talked to almost 200 hundred people. As farmers were sowing their seeds in the fields that day, faithful WELS members from Dodge County were sowing seeds of the gospel. Members from St. John's were provided an opportunity to discover the power of providing the face of the congregation when going door-to-door. Granted, many people will not express interest to hear more about the gospel, but they are willing to meet a member from a local congregation in their community.

In conjunction with the outreach initiative, half of the participating members received an opportunity to employ a similar methodology and approach to making a follow-up visit with visitors and prospects. The visits were very positive. One young mother of four children had moved back into the area in the past year. She expressed gratitude for the visit and wanted the members to know that she is interested in having her young children be baptized. The members who made the follow-up visits expressed gratitude for the experience. May the Lord continue to bless the ongoing gospel ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church that is being led by Rev. David Brandt and Rev. Paul Schupmann. It is a blessing for them to have a summer vicar, Timothy Walsh, to help provide members an opportunity to further their training by visiting people in Dodge County and planting seeds of the gospel.

*Written by Dave Malnes of
Praise & Proclaim Ministries*

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Telephone Numbers for St. John's Faculty and Church Council

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Church | 920-386-3313 |
| School | 920-386-4644 |
| Pastor: Paul Schupmann | 920-344-9839 |
| Pastor: David Brandt | 608-343-2206 |
| Pastor: Mark Rieke (through July) | 608-881-4041 |
| Vicar: Timothy Walsh (through mid-August) | 608-615-8464 |
| President: Tim Weisensel | 920-382-4782 |
| Vice President: Paul Marose | 920-386-9331 |
| Church Council Secretary: Kevin Schultz | 920-344-6024 |
| Treasurer: Ryan Justmann | 920-988-5818 |
| Financial Secretary: Mel Saeger | 920-386-2063 |
| Elders: | |
| Bob Bischoff | 920-344-1935 |
| Paul Lepple | 920-485-3264 |
| Randy Mohr | 920-386-2739 |
| Darris Wasmund | 920-485-2086 |
| Paul Schmidt | 920-261-5897 |
| Trustees: | |
| Mark Justmann | 920-344-0230 |
| Dave Fude | 920-386-2806 |
| Jonathan Luck | 920-382-6021 |
| Nate Zank | 920-210-0594 |
| Board of Education: | |
| Ted Fehrman | 920-210-7596 |
| Steve Schultz | 920-210-9201 |
| Luke Hirschfeld | 563-451-6392 |
| Ron Preskar | 920-386-5623 |
| Nick Tolkienen (Chairman) | 414-534-7682 |
| Teachers: | |
| Rick Cody (Principal) | 920-386-9676 |
| Suzi Colantonio | 920-261-7632 |
| Nichole Gunst | 262-673-2924 |
| Michel Krebs | 920-927-6029 |
| Matt Lober | 920-386-4785 |
| Crystal Schultz | 920-386-9021 |
| Rebecca Zellmer | 608-354-5963 |

Congratulations Graduates!

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Lindsey Affeld
Angela Becker
Joshua Day
Julia Holtz
Kelli Kjornes
Brianna Manthey
Amber Passig
Ashlyn Peterman
Madalayne Weisensel

Hartford

Ethan Giroux

Horicon

Sidney Minnema

Luther Preparatory School

David (Max) Brandt

Lakeside Lutheran

Vanessa Bischoff
Margaret Cody
Caitlyn Condon
Alyssa Fehrman
Jennica Jensen
Ryan Preskar

Martin Luther College

Sydney Cody
Spencer Jensen

Only our Father in heaven is omniscient! St. John's and Salem are in need of updated records for our young adults. We would love it if you would send us your high school, college, military, or job/career choices! Why? Well, we like to keep up to date, offer encouragement and celebrate with the members of our Salem - Lowell and St. John's families. It's easy! Send an email to: office@stjohnsjuneau.org or call the church office Monday-Thursday, 9am-Noon. The information we are requesting is: college or military service branch, degree and/or job position, projected graduation date, along with your current address, email and phone number. (Military members are always on the move so a secondary family contact would be great!) Thanks for keeping us in the loop! Blessings as you continue on the path the Lord has laid out for you!

Save Lives While You Ride:

WELS Lutherans for Life invites you to the SOUL Ride motorcycle event on Saturday, July 27! Enjoy a scenic ride through Southeastern Wisconsin while supporting the life-saving mission! The day will include morning refreshments and lunch, along with spiritual encouragement and fellowship with other supporters of the ministry. Participants will meet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls between 9:00 and 10:00 AM and ride to lunch at Fat Joe's in Fond du Lac. Funds raised will support saving lives while providing real help and real hope to moms, dads, and babies. For more information, please visit www.SOULRide.org or call (414) 727-8176.

LWMS

At the time of this writing, the LWMS 56th Annual Convention is set to begin June 27th through June 30th in Des Moines, Iowa. You can access convention highlights at www.lwms.org.

The month of July has special events for a few of our Befriend A Missionary families. Send a card, a quick note or both and let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them and the work they have been called to carry out.

Jenni Albrecht – Birthday 7/20/1985

Lincoln & Jenni Albrecht – Anniversary 7/24/2009

Address: 17040 W. Cocopah St
Goodyear AZ 85338

Paul & Susan Nitz – Anniversary 7/27/1991

Address: PO Box 30067
Lilongwe
Malawi

Taste of Missions 2019

Join WELS Missions on July 13, 2019, from 12-5 p.m. at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., for the first annual Taste of Missions event!

Sample featured fares from Latin American, Vietnamese, and Hmong cultures, interact with home and world missionaries, and celebrate the commissioning of new African missionary Rev. Daniel Witte during a special worship service.

Registration is \$5 per person, with children under the age of five attending for free. **Registration closes June 30!** For additional details, the full event menu, and to register, visit wels.net/tasteofmissions2019. We hope you can join us!

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.

Happy birthday to those celebrating June and July Birthdays!

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| 7/01 | Milan Rennhack Tom Selchert <i>Ashley Yuenger</i> | 7/10 | Ruth Affeld Jane Peil Jordan Thomsen | | Brock Roy Jean Schaalma Gwen Schultz |
| 7/02 | Geraldine Bischoff Emily Giroux Bentley Weinheimer | 7/11 | Chris Herbst Sheila Margelofsky Payton Smithson | 7/21 | Jolene Wolfram Morgan Justmann Brooke Nehls <i>Mildred Schlafer</i> |
| 7/03 | Sue Colantonio <i>Silas Kern</i> Nicole Lewis <i>Braxton Soldner</i> | 7/12 | <i>Dan Becker</i> Emily Krueger Earl Reichow | 7/22 | Brayden Bunkoske |
| 7/04 | Jaime Buelter Evan Hirschfeld Cheryl Koepsell | 7/13 | Sandy Kluge <i>Doris Leistico</i> Pacey Panetti Jess Schuster Bev (Bob) Weinheimer | 7/23 | Morgan Lepple Donna Skolaski Irene Buschkopf Carol Koch Jessy Schuster |
| 7/05 | Ian Fehrman | 7/14 | Ashley DeVries Steve Lepple Connie Meister Cindy Roberts | 7/24 | <i>Crystal Soldner</i> Easton Wolter Jon Nehls Erica Tisdale |
| 7/06 | Christian Feller Branden Kluge Shirley Luedke Emma Schultz Riley Schupmann Dan Zank | 7/15 | Andy Gentz Bonnie Krause Dorothy Ninmann | 7/25 | Mae Bleifuss 7/28 Kathy Eggebrecht Lucille Kuerth Christian Payton |
| 7/07 | Don Behring Richard Jahnke Jean McDowell Kevin Schall Bob Schwandt Jr. Sharon Selchert | 7/15 | Dan Wegener | 7/26 | Markus Rabehl Elaine Zank |
| 7/08 | Jamie Addison Sam Marks Tim Marks Ashley McLain | 7/17 | <i>Jarrett Beal</i> James Payton | 7/27 | Shirley Poch |
| | | 7/18 | Jenni Druecke <i>Lillian Guderian</i> Rob Minnema | 7/28 | Butch Chase Royce Cox Daniel Fude Mark Schmitt Betty Schultz Eugene Voigt |
| | | 7/19 | Chelsea Nehls Sawyer Pitterle <i>Teresa Stowell</i> | 7/29 | |
| | | 7/20 | Ayden Amend Teri Borchardt Colleen Christians Kayley McLain | 7/30 | |
| | | | | 7/31 | |

Names in regular font are St. John's members. Names in italics are Salem's members.

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating June & July Anniversaries!

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|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|
| 7/04/2008 | <i>Pastor & Regan Schupmann</i> | 7/19/1986 | <i>John & Vonda Nehls</i> |
| 7/08/2005 | <i>Nick & Rachel Tolkinen</i> | 7/22/2000 | <i>Ryan & Kari Justmann</i> |
| 7/09/1988 | <i>Tim & Lynn Rechek</i> | 7/22/2000 | <i>Tim & Erin Shramek</i> |
| 7/09/1966 | <i>Bob & Bev Weinheimer</i> | 7/23/2005 | <i>Jerry & Kari Kjornes</i> |
| 7/10/1971 | <i>Bob & Bev Lepple</i> | 7/23/2016 | <i>Paul & Sharon Schmidt</i> |
| 7/10/1999 | <i>Bob & Jody Paplham</i> | 7/24/1971 | <i>DuWayne & Sandy Margelofsky</i> |
| 7/11/2008 | <i>Ben & Julie Gentz</i> | 7/24/1999 | <i>Bob & Deanna McLain</i> |
| 7/11/1998 | <i>Dave & Vicki Peterman</i> | 7/25/1998 | <i>Brad & Jen Main</i> |
| 7/11/1964 | <i>Armin & Audrey Reichow</i> | 7/25/1998 | <i>Scott & Dawn Wohling</i> |
| 7/12/1975 | <i>Bill & Pam Panetti</i> | 7/26/1986 | <i>Dan & Jane Jahnke</i> |
| 7/14/2018 | <i>Kevin & Becky Schultz</i> | 7/26/1969 | <i>Pete & Judy Kohrt</i> |
| 7/14/2001 | <i>Steve & Crystal Schultz</i> | 7/27/1985 | <i>Kevin & Robyne Freber</i> |
| 7/16/1977 | <i>Reid & Shirley Nehls</i> | 7/29/1995 | <i>Dan & Dawn Becker (Salem-Lowell)</i> |
| 7/16/2011 | <i>Dale & Cassandra Schmidt</i> | 7/29/2006 | <i>Mike & Erin Krebs</i> |

Memorials

| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Fund</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Diane Braunschweig | \$ 20.00 | School |
| Jim Franke | \$ 10.00 | Improvement |
| Don Muenchow | \$ 80.00 | Debt |
| | \$ 80.00 | General |
| | \$ 10.00 | Improvement |
| | \$ 25.00 | School |
| | \$165.00 | Undesignated |
| Mary Panetti | \$100.00 | General |

Gifts

Gifts to the General Fund have been received from a couple of our St John's members! Salem Lutheran Church has given gifts to the General Fund to help with administrative costs.

Sacred Acts

Baptisms:

Elliana Lee Ferguson 5/26/2019
Linkin Mark Ferguson 5/26/2019

Funerals:

Diane Braunschweig 6/22/2019
Evelyn Leetch 6/22/2019

Dear St. John's Congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service - Christian Family Solutions. These funds often go to help some hurting people, so it is very encouraging for us to have your support.

May our Lord continue to bless you all!

Yours in Christ,

Dan Barnas
Mission Advancement Officer - Special Projects

Volunteers Needed

Dodge County Human Services and Health Aging and Disability Resource Center

Most of us dream of doing great things. Great things often start with small things in a great way. Do you want to do something small to help others? The Dodge County Human Services and Health Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is in need of people willing to help others.

Many of the ADRC programs rely on volunteers to successfully bring services to those in need. When we have a shortage of volunteers, not everyone who requests help receives it. We presently are in need of volunteers in the transportation and nutrition programs. All volunteers receive mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate. You can choose to drive as little as one day or up to five days a week.

The transportation program offers rides Monday through Friday to those who otherwise would be unable to get to a needed appointment such as a visit to the doctor or to get groceries. The appointments are both within and outside of Dodge County. The nutrition drivers help deliver the meals on wheels to our homebound clients in the Dodge County area. Currently, meals are delivered in and around Beaver Dam, Horicon, Hustisford, Juneau, Lomira, Reeseville, Mayville, Randolph, and Watertown.

If you are interested in helping, please phone 386-3580 or 1-800-924-6407 and we will be happy to discuss volunteer opportunities with you. Don't let your friend or family go without a needed service; give your time today by volunteering for a worthwhile cause.

Alpha Resource Center

The Alpha Resource Center has an immediate need for a volunteer or two to assume the task of maintaining our website and Facebook Page.

Please prayerfully consider if your God given skills could help fill this need.

If you have questions or would like to chat about the need please contact Alpha's director, Dan Neumann at his direct number 414-750-7063,
or send an e-mail to office@alphalifecenter.org.

Twice is Nice Retail Store News - Volunteers

Twice is Nice has an immediate need for male volunteers to man the back door on Monday, Wednesday and/or Saturday mornings (8:30-12:30) to receive and process donations. Please consider volunteering once a month; doing so with a friend or family member makes it fun! Thank you for considering serving this way. Call 920-674-6868 during store hours and ask for the day manager.

Did you know? Our Facebook page shares great finds at the store! A recent post shows some of an amazing estate donation of a massive clown collection -- if clowns are your thing, stop in soon! You don't even need a Facebook account to find us on the web at [facebook.com/TiNresale](https://www.facebook.com/TiNresale). Check us out, and then also find us in Jefferson: just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine St., next to the Piggly Wiggly.

Donate: Having a rummage sale? Keep us in mind when you're finished – our donation drop off hours include every day the store is open, from 9 AM - 4:30 PM.



LLHS FEDERATION CONNECTION



DON'T DESERVE THIS!

Someone—feeling that life is unfair—may say or think these words. Christians could also utter them. However, by faith, they convey a completely different meaning.

Jim Grasby is principal of Lakeside Lutheran. Reach him at 920.648.2321 or jgrasby@llhs.org

Jesus and his disciples left Judea for Galilee. Unlike their countrymen, they traveled through Samaria. Eventually, they arrived at Sychar, the location of Jacob's well. Jesus sent his disciples to town to buy food while he waited at the well.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus asked her for a drink. Immediately, her defenses went up. **"You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"** (John 4:9). She knew that Jews did not associate with Samaritans or even share their cups. However, Jesus would not be dissuaded. He said, **"If you know the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water"** (v. 10).

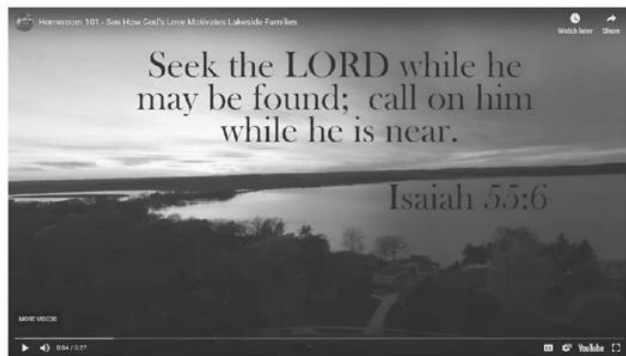
This woman did not realize that the long-awaited Messiah sat before her. After further conversation, Jesus revealed, **"I am he"** (v. 26). This woman did not deserve this. Jesus could have avoided Samaria. He could have said nothing when she approached the well. He could have ended the conversation after her rebuttal. Yet, by grace, he revealed himself to her as well as to **"many of the Samaritans from that town [who] believed in him because of the woman's testimony"** (v. 39).

Those in Sychar did not deserve *this*. Neither do we.

We are **"enemies of God"** (Hebrews 10:27) through unbelief. We have **"turned from following him and [have] no regard for any of his ways"** (Job 34:27). This alone is grounds for God's rejection.

Yet, by grace, he reveals Christ to us through his Word. Scripture provides the gospel's **"living water"** (John 4:10) to identify Jesus as **"that Messiah called Christ ... [who] will explain everything"** (v. 25).

"I don't deserve this!" No. It should be, **"I don't deserve *this*"**—**"the incomparable riches of [God's] grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus"** (Ephesians 2:7).



Each of our Warrior families is likely privileged to sacrifice something for Christian education, but we invite you to sit back and praise God in amazement for the commitment shown by the family featured in this video. LLHS videography instructor and homeroom teacher Mr. Todd Hackbarth has put to video the story of one of his homeroom grads that allows all of us to join in praising God for allowing our LL ministry to be here for families near and far. It's the first video in a series called

Homeroom 101: See How God's Love Motivates Lakeside Families
View at bit.ly/homeroom101

EVENTS TO NOTE

July 3-6 Warrior Band Trip to Michigan Cherry Fest
 July 8-11 Grade School Distance Running Camp | 8-10:30 AM
 Grade School Co-Ed Golf Camp | 8:30-11 AM
 July 15..... FFA Alumni Planning Meeting | 7 PM
 July 15-18 Grade School Volleyball & Football Camps
 July 19..... Warrior Booster Golf Outing (11 AM) & Dinner (5 PM)
 July 22-25Grade School STEM (Science/Tech/Eng/Math) Camp
 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

JUNE SCHOOL NEWS *and* NOTES:

- ⇒ The Lakeside family says goodbye to Pastor Clark Schultz after 14 years of service to Lakeside; he will join the ministry of Shepherd of the Hills in West Bend, Wis., to be Youth and Outreach Pastor.
- ⇒ Boys track & field team took conference again this spring, and both girls and boys won Regional titles. Nine Warriors—3 relays & 3 individual events—went to the State meet. Defending state high jump champ junior Collin Schulz (*Bethany, Fort*) took 2nd place this year (6'6). Senior Casey Ponyicsanyi (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*) took 4th in the 200M (:22.27) and 5th in 400M (:50.08) at state and broke the school record at sectionals in the 400M (:49.45). Our boys' 4x100 took 5th Place and set a new school record at :43.59 (Caleb Bilitz (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*), Brevin Jegerlehner (*Holy Cross, Madison*), Tersony Vater (*St. Luke, Watertown*), Ponyicsanyi, Brendan McKenna (*St. John, Newville*) & Chris Schwantes (*Eastside, Madison*), alt.) The girls 4x100 took 13th (:50.85) and 11th (1:47.68) in the 4x200, with team PRs in both (Annika Bilitz (*Wis Lutheran Chapel, Madison*), Kaitlyn Shadoski (*St. Matthew, Janesville*), Lauren Thiele (*Holy Cross, Madison*), Janae Jensen (*St. John, Juneau*).
- ⇒ Senior Lukas Heckmann (*St. Andrew, Middleton*), our defending D2 champ at this year's state golf meet, tied for 7th place. and was again named Capitol Conference Golf Player of the Year along with 2019 Honors Academic-All State honors. He will golf at the University of New Orleans this fall.
- ⇒ Warrior softball finished 12-9. Olivia Krieser (*Eastside, Madison*) and Kylee Gnabasik (*St. John, Jefferson*) received all-conference 1st team honors. Ryann Burger (*St. John, Newville*) and Grace Thomas (*Watertown*) are on 2nd team.
- ⇒ Warrior Baseball went even further this year by winning the regional championship! 1st team All-Conference: Alex Ryan (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*). 2nd team: Gabe Uttech (*Zion, Columbus*) and Carter Schneider (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*). Honorable Mention: Carter Buchta (*St. Paul, Ixonia*), Nathan Chesterman (*Peace, Sun Prairie*), Michael Freson (*St. Paul, Lake Mills*), Ian Olszewski (*Immanuel, Farmington*) and Logan Pampel (*St. John, Jefferson*). Ryan also received honorable mention for the All-State team by the coaches' association.
- ⇒ Warrior girls soccer saw Mia Murray (*St. Andrew, Middleton*) and Kendra Wilson (*Eastside, Madison*) receive all-conference honorable mention after a hard-fought spring season.
- ⇒ Band Camp for our 84-member Warrior band and color guard was June 4-7, followed by their first weekend parades in Brillion, Appleton and Mt. Horeb. Their choreography and songs, *Emperata Overture* and *Shaker Dance*, has crowds cheering. After parades in Mukwonago, Oregon, Lake Mills and Sun Prairie they will celebrate our nation's independence with 3 parades in 3 days in Michigan's National Cherry Festival territory July 3-6.
- ⇒ Team Salt Lake was the first of the six Operation Go mission trips slated for the summer. Nine Warriors and two chaperones experienced classroom training in June with Truth in Love Ministry and then spent days witnessing to Mormons in SLC neighborhoods. Tune into facebook.com/OperationLakesideGO to see video interviews of these emboldened teens as well pics from the other trips to Anchorage (2 teams), New Orleans, Boise and Long Valley, New Jersey!
- ⇒ Seven of our Warrior FFA members along with Mr. Meske and close to 3,000 others attended the 90th annual FFA State Convention June 10-13 in Madison. Warrior Caitlin Condon (*St. John, Juneau*) was awarded her State FFA degree and Breanna Preskar (*St. John, Juneau*) won a Washington Leadership Conference scholarship from the Wis. FFA Alumni Association. Senior Benjamin Huebner (*Resurrection, Verona*) was a soloist as a 4-time State Choir singer and will also perform at State Fair.
- ⇒ Hundreds of young athletes filled both gyms and the outdoor fields as June held both boys and girls youth basketball camps as well as co-ed youth soccer camps. How wonderful to be reminded that it's all to God's glory, even in sports!
- ⇒ Our A Cappella choir again sang the National Anthem at a Brewers game v. the Cubs at Miller Park June 26. More than 300 Warrior groupies joined them!



5 QUESTIONS *with the* FACULTY

This edition features Justin Vanderhoof, who joined the faculty in 2018. He teaches English 10, College Prep English, Eastern and Western Geography, Responses to Literature, Financial Literacy, and he coaches JV and varsity football in fall and track in spring.

Some other things you may not know about Mr. Vanderhoof..

He is married to Emily and they are members at Trinity, Watertown. They have three daughters: Madelyn, incoming Warrior freshman, and Noelle, 7th & Hannah, 4th at TSL, where Emily is the PK teacher.

What is your favorite thing to do on a Saturday? I enjoy spending time with my family. Depending on the time of year, I am likely at a volleyball or basketball tournament or a track meet.

When you're at your fave restaurant, where are you & what do you order? Being new to the area, I'm not settled on my favorite restaurant yet, but either Sprecher or The Grist is my go-to so far, ordering either a BBQ Chicken Pizza or a Bacon Cheeseburger.

What is your favorite movie & book of all time? I have always been a big fan of the *Star Wars* movies. Choosing my favorite book of all time is too difficult; two favorites are *Lone Survivor* by Marcus Luttrell and *Ghost Soldiers* by Hampton Sides. I also really enjoy reading books by Vince Flynn and Brad Taylor.

What's one of the most humorous moments of your time at LLHS? In Western Geography, right as I placed a paper on a student's desk, she responded by saying, "Thanks, bud." The student quickly explained that it was part of a conversation with the student next to her and it was just unfortunate timing on my part. Naturally, this has evolved into a running joke in the classroom.

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

My first would have to be experiencing my first mudroom celebration as the head JV football coach after a great come-from-behind win!

My Mission Journey: Forest

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Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel on the University of Wisconsin – Madison campus sent out a Mission Journeys team during their spring break to assist Fount of Life Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, Colo., with canvassing and handing out invitations for worship and the pre-school program. Forest Wu, a senior at UW-Madison, was a member of the team and shares his experience:

Another semester, another spring break, and a mission trip – all in my final year at UW-Madison. It has been an ongoing tradition at Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel to invite college students to go on mission trips during spring break. Instead of becoming a “couch Cheeto” and binge-watching “The Office”, students are provided an opportunity to do something memorable for themselves, interact in a community, and most importantly, to serve the Lord.

Forest and Pastor Bilitz assemble packets to hang on doors

With the help of the WELS Mission Journey program, and through the support and prayers from our homes and the local congregation, I joined Pastor Bilitz and five other students. We were invited to serve Fount of Life in Colorado Springs, Colo. For two days, we canvassed through neighborhoods in teams; we walked a total of 25 miles! In total, we handed out 2,700 invitations for people to come to worship or to check out the church’s pre-school program. In fact, by God’s blessing, some people had already expressed an interest after our first day.



During our canvassing, we were also fortunate enough to talk to some residents and personally invite them to church. Contrary to the expected rejections, most were happy to take the invitations while some even identified themselves as Christians. This experience reminded me of the time Elijah felt he was the only believer, but God said to him “Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.” (2 Kings 19:18) To me, as a college student in a secular college such as UW-Madison, this is the comfort I needed to spread his gospel. Coming back from the mission trip, I have been more comfortable sharing my beliefs, especially in my Philosophy class and Theatre class, and I am comforted to find that it is true – I am not the only believer left, even in my secular community.

If you want to do something more to serve the Lord in your downtime, I recommend (12 out of 10!) participating in mission trips. Not only will you see the wonders that he has made, but God might also use and inspire you in an unexpected yet wonderful way.

True Community

One of the challenges of serving in an eastern Canadian context is the strong influence of the Roman Catholic Church. Ontario is full of folks who have a “Catholic background,” but have not gone to church in years. This is a challenge for us because many people believe that they know “The Church” already and know that they don’t like it because of their experience with a Roman Catholic Church.

However, we have found that one thing that breaks that barrier is true community. That’s what happened with Ambyr. Ambyr grew up Catholic but was not attending church when she was invited to come to Cross of Life by her boyfriend, Nicholas (a life-long member of Cross of Life). And though she would say that not everything made sense to her right away and that she was nervous to be in a Lutheran church when she grew up Catholic, she kept coming back because she found a community. She found people who actually cared about her and wanted to see her at church.

She requested to take Faith Builders (our Bible Information Class) with me every week at a Tim Horton’s. Sometimes we just drank coffee and chatted about life, sometimes we studied Scripture, but all the time I got to be part of her life and show her that church is more than a big scary institution. It’s people who love Jesus and love people. During the class, she learned how free the grace of God actually is, and she was hooked. “Cross of Life has changed my life,” she has said to me multiple times.

But that’s not all. We confirmed Ambyr into our fellowship in January, and since then, she has joined a Bible study group, volunteered to help with A/V at worship, has brought a couple friends to Cross of Life, and all of this without even owning a car. She has to bus or taxi everywhere she goes. In fact, she has been so committed, that one time she even paid for a \$40 taxi ride to get to church because she was volunteering for worship. Would you still come to church if it cost you \$40 just to get there?

Oh, and one other thing: Ambyr is 19. She’s part of the generation that the church is struggling to reach. If Ambyr is any indication, maybe the best strategy for reaching young people is to just take time to love them enough to buy them coffee, listen to their story, and share Jesus with them for a couple weeks. No one is saying it’s efficient, but it’s certainly what builds true community.

God has truly worked a good thing in Ambyr’s heart, and our congregation is blessed to have her. And it all happened because someone invited someone they cared about, a congregation shared the love of Christian community, and a pastor shared the gospel.

I am reminded of Philip’s sharing of the gospel with the Ethiopian in Acts 8. Philip didn’t have to do any “pre-evangelism” or make a special program to get the man in the door. No, God set him up for success. All he had to do was share Jesus. Of course not all mission work is like that, and in a country like Canada that is even more post-Christian than the United States, frankly, it rarely is. But it’s stories like Ambyr’s that remind you that God knows his sheep, and his sheep know his voice. We just simply open our mouths to let his voice be heard.

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