



THE WELCOME

The Newsletter of St. John's
May 2019

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Juneau, Wisconsin Horicon, Wisconsin

SPRING DATES TO REMEMBER

Examination: Thursday, May 2, 6:30 PM

Confirmation: Sunday, May 5, 10:30 AM

Piano Recital: Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 PM – church basement

Spring Music Concert: Monday, May 13 - gym

Preschool Spring Program: Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 PM – gym

Soup for Souls: Thursday, May 16, 5:30 PM – church basement

Awards Banquet: Monday, May 20 – church basement

Graduation Service: Thursday, May 23, 6:30 PM

School Picnic: Friday, May 24

Summer Service Hours: May 26-September 1

Ascension Service & Reception Here: Thursday, May 30, 6:30 PM

Vicar Walsh Installation & Fellowship: Sunday, June 2, 8:30 AM

Praise & Proclaim: June 7-8, 2019

Vacation Bible School: June 10-13, Noon-3:30 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church-- May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Altar Guild: <i>Ellen Bassette</i> <i>Betty Schultz</i>	St. John's Church 386-3313 St. John's School 386-4644 Pastor Brandt 608-343-2206 Pastor Schupmann 920-344-9839 www.sjohnsjuneau.org		1 Confirmation 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	2 Examination Worship 6:30 PM Confirmation Pictures and Root Beer Floats 7:30 PM	3	4 Potluck Moai 10:30 AM Worship in Horicon 5 PM
5 Confirmation Worship Services 8:00 AM Confirmation Worship 10:30 AM No Bible Class Confirmation, Sunday School 9:15 AM	6 Discipleship - PS	7 Jesus Cares 1:30 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Piano Recital 6:30 PM	8 Praise & Proclaim 12:30 PM Confirmation 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	9 Worship w/ Communion 6:30 PM	10	11 Worship w/ Communion in Horicon 5 PM Euchre Night 6:30 PM
12 Mother's Day Worship with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class, Sunday School, Confirmation 9:15 AM Elders 11:30 PM	13 St. John's Spring Concert 7:00 PM	14 Bible Information Class 10:00 AM Nehemiah Bible Study 7:00 PM Board of Education 7:00 PM	15 Matthew's Place 9:00 AM Clearview 10:00 AM Mid-Week Comm. 11:00 AM Confirmation 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM Church Council Salem-Lowell 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	16 Soup for Souls 5:30 PM Worship 6:30 PM	17	18 Worship in Horicon 5 PM MLC Graduation
19 Easter 5 Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class, Sunday School, Confirmation 9:15 AM Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 AM	20 Award Banquet 6:30 PM	21 Bible Information Class 10:00 AM Jesus Cares 1:30 PM	22 Confirmation 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	23 WLS Call Day 10:00 AM Graduation 6:30 PM	24 WLS Grad. 10:00 AM	25 LPS Graduation 10:00 AM Worship w/ Communion in Horicon 5 PM
26 Easter 6 - Summer Schedule! Worship with Communion 8:30 AM - Juneau Worship with Communion 10:00 AM - Salem-Lowell No Bible Class Lakeside Graduation 2:00 PM	27 Memorial Day	28 Bible Information Class 10:00 AM Nehemiah Bible Study 7:00 PM	29 Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	30 Ascension Worship w/Zion & Salem 6:30 PM Ascension Reception 7:30 PM	31	St. John's Campout

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May, 2019
Juneau & Horicon, Wisconsin

St. John's Lutheran Church & School

400 S. Main St. -- Juneau, Wisconsin

St. John's Church 920.386.3313

St. John's School 920.386.4644

Regular Worship Schedule

Thursday Worship 6:30 PM

Saturday Worship 5:00 PM (Koopsell-Murry Funeral Home, Horicon)

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 AM

Sunday Summer Worship (May 26th- September 1st)

Juneau - 8:30 AM

Salem Lowell - 10:00 AM (Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, 105 Juneau St., Lowell)

Pastors at St. John's Church

David Brandt

Paul Schupmann

Faculty of St. John's School

Richard Cody – Principal

Crystal Schultz

Matthew Lober

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Television Broadcast of our Services

St John's Service @ Cable 97

Mondays 11 AM

St John's Service @ Cable 97

Tuesdays 6:30 PM

St John's Service @ Cable 991

Mondays 11 AM

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Tuesdays 6:30 PM



Praise the Lord for His Amazing Victory

The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea.

Exodus 15:2-4

There are many times in life when someone might believe that they will never see or feel anything good ever again—someone who has lost a loved one; someone who struggles with an addiction; someone who has lost a job, a friend, or a fortune. A person can begin to believe that there is no hope.

In Exodus 14, the nation of Israel wasn't far from the land God had promised them. But coming after them was a well-trained Egyptian army very eager to destroy them, and right in front of them was a large body of water blocking the way to their freedom. But they learned that just because you can't see how anything good can happen doesn't mean it can't.

In Exodus 15, Moses and the Israelites sing a song of praise to God for opening a way to freedom that they never saw coming. God showed Israel that he was with them, and that he was fighting for them, when he divided the waters of the sea, allowing Israel to walk to safety before bringing the waters together again to destroy the enemy that was pursuing them.

You may never be caught between an Egyptian army and a body of water as large as the Red Sea. But the same God who delivered the Israelites has provided a way for you to enter an even greater Promised Land. Through the perfect life, sacrificial death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has guaranteed that your enemies of sin and death will not keep you from the one place where there is no more pain and where every tear is wiped away.

Maybe you have days when it doesn't feel like you're on your way there. But that doesn't mean you aren't. Because of Jesus, you are.

Prayer:

Father in heaven, we praise you for making a way to heaven that we could never find on our own. May our hearts and lips forever praise you for the gift of salvation. Amen.

Lots of St. John's News

Church & School Family Campout

The church and school family campout has been set! Details are as follows: Sites and cabins have been held at Lake Arrowhead Campground in Montello, Wisconsin for May 31st to June 2nd. They are held under "Ron Preskar". The campground's phone number is 920-295-3000. You may also visit their website at www.lakearrowheadcampground.com.

Join us for a great weekend of fun! If you have any questions, call Ron at 920-382-2356.

See ya there!

THANK YOU so very much for the gift of \$500 that St. John Lutheran Church recently made in support of the mission and ministry of Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Your gift will help us to continue to make a difference in the physical and spiritual lives of people with disabilities across the country and will assist us as we carry out our 115-year old mission: "To enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ."

For more information about Bethesda and the people we serve, visit us at www.BethesdaLC.org.

Thanks again, and please contact us via email or at 800-383-8743 with any questions.

Serving together always in His Name,

**Reuben Schmitz, M.Div.
Mission Support Counselor**



WELS Night At Miller Park

On July 12, we have the opportunity to gather with fellow WELS members from all over for WELS Night At Miller Park. The Brewers will take on the San Francisco Giants with a 7:10 PM start. We will be putting in a group order. You will receive your tickets the day of the game (unless prior arrangements have been made). Here is the pricing:

Field Outfield -- \$21/ticket

Loge Outfield-- \$17/ticket

Terrace Reserved-- \$9/ticket

Once again a bus has been reserved for transportation. Those riding the bus will enjoy a tailgate picnic before the game. We will supply the subs and water. We are asking that each family bring chips, desserts, or snacks. You can feel free to bring your own beverages as well. . The bus will leave St. Stephen's at 3:00 PM, and St. John's at 3:20 PM. We will return after the game is over.

Cost of Bus: \$24/person in addition to the ticket cost.

Even if you don't ride the bus, you can still order tickets through us to avoid the service charge.

Please sign up and pay by June 2!



Happy birthday to those celebrating May Birthdays!

5/01 Caleb Ockerlander
Braden Paplham
5/02 Roberta Okon
5/03 Joel Bischoff
Lucas Gentz
Ben Kollath
Darren Schuster
Carol Soldner
5/05 James Affeld
Linda Behring
Caleb Roy
Dave Schaalma
Barb Schaalma
5/06 Monica Bischoff
Rick Herbst
Jean Jordan
Lydia Paplham
5/07 Merlin Luedke
Pennae Schultz
April Tolkinen
Lindy Weisensel
5/09 Bette Grosenick
Jenny Harmuth
Pete Kohrt
Ken Wolfram
Marianne Zastrow
5/10 Mary Maas
Steve Nehls
Scarlett Redecker
5/11 Erin Schmidt
5/12 Michelle Bruni
5/13 Jamee Wohling
5/14 Shirley Schuster
5/15 Matt Jordan
Dave Schultz
Orville Sette
Hazel Werblow
5/16 Jay Schaalma
5/16 Jessica Vinz
5/17 Wayne Braunschweig
Betsy Dobbratz
Zabrina Ebert
Luke Hirschfeld
Carol Leissring
5/18 Emily Day
5/19 Paige Schultz

Lance Vick
5/20 Elizabeth Gunst
5/21 Gwen Gassner
Spencer Jensen
Wade Winter
5/22 Kaitlin Feller
Kevin Fude
Jenny White
5/23 Ronin Hill
5/25 Alex Nehls
Abby Tolkinen
5/26 Brantley Binder
Elyse Braun
Lynn Recheck
Jen Schmidt
5/27 Stephen Etter
Joel Kluz
Natasha Kutz
Larry Lemke
Dennis Schmidt
5/28 Rob Feller
Avery Panetti
Sawyer Panetti
Karen Schmitt
Stefanie Schwandt
5/29 Dawson DeVries
Stephanie Jacobs
Jake Winter
5/30 Paul Schmidt
5/31 Matthew Gunst
Zachary Passig

World's Fair!

The St. John's fifth & sixth graders invite you to our special World's Fair. Each of us will be representing a different country. We are planning on sharing information about the country's geography, government, religion, major crops, sports, and different foods. You are welcome to visit us on Wednesday, May 1 at St. John's Lutheran School in the gym starting at 6:00 P.M. We will all be in the gym, and we will tell about our country. There will be music and foods from most of the countries. Everyone is invited to attend to see our HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY come alive! We hope you can join us!



Join Us for a Ascension

- When?** Thursday, May 30th at 6:30 PM
- Where?** St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in Juneau
- Who?** The congregations of St. John's in Juneau, Salem in Lowell, and Zion in Columbus with special music by our combined choirs
- Why?** To celebrate our Lord's Ascension into heaven!



On Sunday, June 2nd there will be a special joint worship service for the installation of Mr. Timothy Walsh with a reception to follow. He will serve all 3 locations (Horicon, Juneau, and Salem-Lowell), from May 27-August 11. (There will be no worship in Lowell on June 2nd). Tim Walsh is a second-year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and lives in Watertown, Wisconsin. He, his wife Ruth, and their daughter Eliana were most recently members at Trinity Waukesha, where Tim worked as a part-time evangelist and English teacher in their Hispanic outreach ministry. Ruth and Tim are both graduates of Martin Luther College. Tim grew up in Clearwater, Florida, and Ruth in Malawi, Africa, where her father was a WELS missionary.

Meet our Summer Vicar!!!
Vicar Timothy Walsh



Salem Lutheran Church in Lowell called a ¼ time pastor to help cover their needs during this time. This call is for 3 months. Pastor Mark Rieke is a missionary pastor. Below is a little more about him. Pastor Rieke will also be part of the service rotation this summer with St. John's, Juneau.

Pastor Mark Rieke

Pastor Rieke was born and raised in Tomah, Wisconsin. He attended Lutheran elementary school in Tomah and high school at Luther High School in Onalaska. After graduating from Northwestern College in Watertown, he attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

During his seminary years, he was united in marriage with Sue, a music teacher. They have been blessed with five children: Colin, a pastor in Palos Heights, IL; Erin Pigeon, a nurse in Tucson, AZ; Cara Lukasek, an academic counselor for the Marine Corps in Iwakuni, Japan; Sara, a teacher in Shanghai, China; and Laura, who is completing a masters degree and will teach in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam during the next school year. They have also been blessed with six grandchildren.

After his seminary training, Pastor and Sue were assigned to serve in the WELS mission in Central Africa. After more than twenty years in Zambia and Malawi, they returned to the USA and served Immanuel Lutheran Church in La Crosse, WI for nearly 10 years.

For the last seven years, Pastor and Sue served the WELS sister church in India. Pastor was the field coordinator and head of the worker training program while Sue taught English and administered children's homes and a Lutheran elementary school. Since it is now impossible for them to continue to work in India, they are patiently waiting for a call to serve the Lord in some other location.

Pastor Rieke's cell phone: 608-881-4041

Church News & Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule from May 26th to September 1st will be:

Thursday, 6:30 P.M.—Juneau Location (400 South Main Street, Juneau, WI)

Saturday, 5:00 P.M.—Horicon Location (716 Clinton Street, Horicon, WI)

Sunday, 8:30 A.M.—Juneau Location (400 South Main Street, Juneau, WI)

Sunday, 10:00 A.M.—Salem-Lowell Location (105 Juneau Rd., Lowell, WI)

Summer Bible Classes (Same Bible class material covered at both locations)

9-9:45 A.M. in Salem-Lowell 9:45-10:30 A.M. in Juneau

Communion will be held the 2nd, 4th, and 5th (if it occurs) Sundays.

You may worship at any of these locations.

Pastors Brandt, Schupmann, Rieke, and Vicar Walsh will be rotating at all of these sights all summer long. The worship will be the same at all three locations. Please use your church offering envelopes or make sure your check is written to either Salem or St. John's as offerings will be given to your "home" church no matter what location you worship at.

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating May Anniversaries!

<i>5/04/1991</i>	<i>Dennis & Jean Wagner</i>
<i>5/06/2000</i>	<i>Mark & Ruth Ockerlander</i>
<i>5/08/1965</i>	<i>Gene & Delores Gentz</i>
<i>5/09/1964</i>	<i>Royce & Elaine Cox</i>
<i>5/10/2014</i>	<i>Steve & Jodee Pegelow</i>
<i>5/11/1985</i>	<i>Rick & Carol Leissring</i>
<i>5/11/2002</i>	<i>Jon & Chelsea Nehls</i>
<i>5/15/1993</i>	<i>Greg & Pam Antholt</i>
<i>5/20/2000</i>	<i>Lorne & Jenni Druecke</i>
<i>5/20/1978</i>	<i>Ralph & Debbie Kaul</i>
<i>5/20/1972</i>	<i>Marty & Bev Weinheimer</i>
<i>5/21/1983</i>	<i>Lee & Mari Bruni</i>
<i>5/21/2011</i>	<i>Chris & Vicki Redecker</i>
<i>5/23/2015</i>	<i>Jon & Ashley DeVries</i>
<i>5/29/1993</i>	<i>Mark & Beth Justmann</i>
<i>5/30/2015</i>	<i>Bill & Marilyn Bremer</i>
<i>5/31/1980</i>	<i>Tim & Debbie Sharkey</i>



Scrip Update

Scrip Selling Times:

Thursdays—After the evening service in the church basement.

Fridays—Before School in the school lobby.

Sundays—Between church services in the church basement.

The end of the Scrip fiscal year will be the end of May. The last selling day for the fiscal year will be Sunday, May 26th. Purchase your Scrip before then to get credit for your book bill for the 2019-2020 school year.

Thank you for using Scrip for your everyday shopping needs.

The Scrip Committee

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 School, 402 S. Main St., Juneau
Registration begins May 1st at www.stjohnsjuneau.org

PRAISE & PROCLAIM MINISTRIES

Thank you to all who voted for their favorite postcard theme over Easter weekend. The winning design is "A New Season. A New Start." This postcard will be sent out to the Horicon community in May inviting them to our church. This initiative is led by Dave Malnes of Praise & Proclaim Ministries, a professional WELS Evangelism training group. **Our goal is to have over 150 of our members and friends in Salem in Lowell to participate with us in this major outreach initiative.** Families are invited and encouraged to attend this event together.



*Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
(Psalm 96:2)*

What We Do

We help enhance gospel ministries by training church members how to comfortably and confidently proclaim the gospel.

Conquering Fears

Many Christians feel ill-equipped and intimidated to witness the gospel. Some are simply terrified. We take the mirror away in our training and instead, direct people to look at the cross and trust his promises.

Gain Experience

An important component of our training is to immediately provide a well-organized and meaningful opportunity for Christians to put their training into action. We do that by going door-to-door to proclaim the gospel.

Simplified Approach

Many Christians tend to be reluctant witnesses because they don't know what to say or how to begin. We provide a comfortable approach that allows Christians to lovingly engage people and share a short, powerful message.

God's Word Works

Evangelism is far more about trusting God's promises than about ourselves. One of the biggest promises God gives us is that God's Word works. Our training emphasizes the power of God's Word instead of our ability to proclaim it.

When?

Friday, June 7 (in Juneau)

Light Dinner 5:00 PM

Training @ 6:00-8:30 PM

Saturday, June 8 (in Horicon)

Meet in Horicon 9:15 AM

Session 1 @ 10:00 AM

Lunch @ Noon

Session 2 @ 1:30 PM

Debriefing and Snack 3:30 PM

Worship @ 5:00 PM

Celebration Dinner @ 6:30 PM





Our New Confirmation Students

Grace Cody

Danielle Dorman

Rebecca Eggebrecht

Christian Feller

Laura Giroux

Elizabeth Gunst

Justin Jacobs

Kayley McLain

Peyton Milfred

Bella Ockerlander

Braden Paplham

Matthew Passig

Sawyer Pitterle

Logan Preskar

Tara Schaalma

Austin Schultz

Emma Schultz



Our St. John's Eighth Graders are taking in some historical sites and cherry blossoms while on their trip to Washington D.C.



Sports are in full "Swing" this spring! Track and Softball are pictured.





Our first Easter for Kids was a huge success! We had over 50 children join us with their parents. It was a fun and very busy hour with gorgeous weather!!! Our children participated in an Egg Hunt, Coloring Contest, and Jelly Bean Contest. Also, special thanks to all our volunteers!



As the school year comes to a close, we want to say "Thank You" to all our faculty for another great year. Also, special thanks to Mrs. Edna Noldan for teaching our children about Jesus these past years!

Math Team





Do you like to smile? Would you be willing to say “hi” to our members and visitors as they walk into church? If so, then consider serving as a summer greeter. We are looking for smiley faces during the summer months to greet before our Sunday 8:30 AM worship service. Please sign-up in the narthex.

St John’s Greeters List for May

Greeters for Early Service

1st Sunday May 5th

1. Bob & Mary Rist
2. Alicia, Monica and Vanessa Bischoff

2nd Sunday May 12th

1. Betty Schultz
2. Bob & Karen Bischoff

3rd Sunday May 19th

1. Paul & Sharon Schmidt
2. Carol Soldner

4th Sunday May 26th

8:30 Service

1. Bonnie Sell
2. Dave & Connie Meister

Greeters for Late Service

1st Sunday May 5th

1. Mel Saeger
2. Gary & Jen Thiel

2nd Sunday May 12th

1. Pennae Schultz
2. Lance & Shayna Vick

3rd Sunday May 19th

1. Geraldine Bischoff & Elaine Cox
2. Marty & Bev Weinheimer

Soup for Souls Helpers Needed

Calling all soup makers... our next soup making night will be Thursday, May 16th at 5:30pm. Help will be needed with chopping up vegetables and fruit and packing the soup and salad. (New this time we are doing a fruit salad that can be frozen!) We've again been funded by Thrivent Action Team for this project (thanks Thrivent). Anyone is welcome to come help – we'll meet in the church kitchen. Questions, call Karen Greenwald 920-386-2419.



**Next date for Blood Pressure checks
is
Sunday, May 19th between services.**

MEASLES – TO VACCINATE OR NOT?

Measles is a very contagious disease caused by a virus. It spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Measles starts with a cough, runny nose, red eyes, and fever. Then a rash of tiny, red spots breaks out. It starts at the head and spreads to the rest of the body.

Measles can be prevented with MMR vaccine. The vaccine protects against three diseases: measles, mumps, and rubella. CDC recommends children get two doses of MMR vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12 through 15 months of age, and the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age. Teens and adults should also be up to date on their MMR vaccination.

The MMR vaccine is very safe and effective. Two doses of MMR vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles; one dose is about 93% effective.

Before the measles vaccination program started in 1963, an estimated 3 to 4 million people got measles each year in the United States. Of these, approximately 500,000 cases were reported each year to CDC; of these, 400 to 500 died, 48,000 were hospitalized, and 1,000 developed encephalitis (brain swelling) from measles. Since then, widespread use of measles virus-containing vaccine has led to a greater than 99% reduction in measles cases compared with the pre-vaccine era. However, measles is still common in other countries. Unvaccinated people continue to get measles while abroad and bring the disease into the United States and spread it to others.

(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/measles)

**CHECK OUT OUR
PARISH NURSE
COMMUNICATION
BOARD
(in the narthex)
for FREE Healthy
Recipes from the
Blue Zones**

FAITH AND FITNESS

Now is the time to get in shape for summer!

Join our fun group on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. We meet in church lower level and if weather is nice we may do some outside exercising. All fitness levels welcome. FREE water bottle for all new joiners. Spring session now through end of May – join anytime!

St. John's Lutheran School

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May, 2019



"By Scripture Alone"

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." Romans 1:16a

Board of Education News

- We currently have 101 students in grades PK-3 through 8th Grade for the 2018-19 school year.
- Sunday School - We are very thankful for the faithful work of our Sunday School teachers and helpers! Enrollment remains steady in the mid-twenties.
- Vision – Traction – Organization document was shared in the April meeting. We will be reviewing and fine tuning the document in the May meeting.
- The BOE was informed that Mr. Cody after prayerful deliberations returned the Divine Call extended to him by St. John's Lutheran Church and School of Baraboo, WI.
- The school calendar for 2019-2020 was approved.
- The expenses for Mrs. Gunst and Mr. Cody to attend the Department of Justice Conference in Lake Geneva, WI will be covered by school funds.
- President Tim Wiesensel shared some information pertaining to the efforts to work with Salem, Lowell, number and times of worship services, and the need to study the parking for church. He also inquired to the progress of the Early Childhood Committee and any plans that may be being discussed.
- Next Meeting will be Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 P.M.

Some more pieces of information from St. John's Lutheran School –

- School Musical was ***The Wizard of Oz***. Performances were on March 29 and March 30. Two of the three performances were sold out! Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted in this year's production. Thank you to all who attended the performances!
- Our students participated in the Fine Arts Fair at Lakeside on April 6 and 7. The kids did very well! There were twenty-eight performances and they all did very well! The School Band and Junior Choir received first place awards for their performances also!
- Eighth Grade parents and students did have their field trip to Washington D.C. on April 8-12. We had thirty people go this year. For our entire group, we had four coach buses with 187 people this year. The trip had very nice weather, no major breakdowns or delays, and we were able to see the cherry blossoms on the trees this year.
- Thank you to Mrs. Sara Fehrman and Mrs. Lisa Cody for organizing our Easter Breakfast this year. Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted in the many phases of the breakfast and for all the donations for the meal. Happy Easter to everyone! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!
- We have four teams participating in LLHS Math Meet that is being held on Wednesday, April 24.
- A Breakfast Brunch is being held on Sunday, April 28 to say THANK-YOU to Mr. and Mrs. Noldan for their service here at St. John's Lutheran Church and School. A brunch and short program will be held beginning at 9:15 A.M. Please come and help us give our thanks and appreciation for their faithful service in God's earthly kingdom.

- Our next PTS meeting is Tuesday, April 30. The St. John’s Parish Nurses have assisted in getting a speaker that will talk about Anxiety and Depression in children. The event is open to all to attend and it will be held in the church basement beginning at 6:30 P.M.
- The grade school has fifteen eighth grade students that are making preparations to be confirmed on Sunday, May 5. There are a couple additional students who are from the congregation that are making the same preparations. Our confirmands will be examined on Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 P.M. and Lord willing, confirmed in their Christian faith on Sunday, May 5 in the 10:30 A.M. service.
- The students of St. John’s will have a Piano Recital in the church basement on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 P.M. The Piano Recital is open to all to attend!
- The Spring Music Concert is scheduled for Monday, May 13. The Junior Choir and School Band will perform in the school gymnasium at 1:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Help us spread the word and invite as many as we are able.
- The Preschool Spring Program will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 P.M. This program is pretty cute and you don’t want to miss this one!
- The Awards Banquet will be on Monday, May 20 at 6:30 P.M. This is a night to reflect on the activities and accomplishments of our school groups and teams and student athletes.
- The Spring Roller Skating Party will be Wednesday, May 22 at Skate Express in Watertown, WI. The event will be from 6 to 8:00 P.M.
- Our school year will conclude with a Graduation Service on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 P.M. and the School Ending School Picnic will be held on Friday, May 24. The School Picnic is at 10:30 A.M. and the students will be dismissed at 11:30 A.M.
- We are so blessed to have so many people that support our church and school with its mission to share the Word of God and to help instruct our families and children in the Word of God.

Memorials

Amount

Fund

Jim Drake

\$20.00

Improvement

Gifts

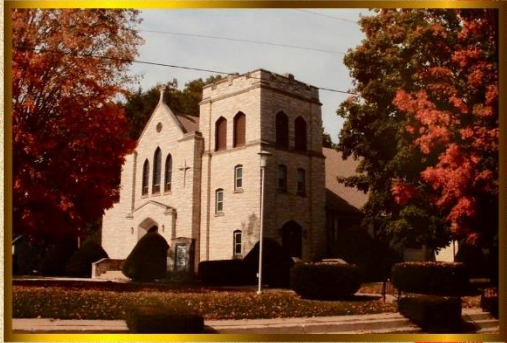
Gifts to the General Fund were given by a couple of our St. John's members.

Sacred Acts

Baptism:

Olivia Lee Gratton 3/17/2019

150th Anniversary Celebration



Salem Lutheran Church

May 19th, 2019

Join us for worship at 10:00am

Salem Lutheran Church, Lowell, WI

Luncheon to follow service (Free will offering for meal)

RSVP for meal by May 5, 2019 to 920-927-5450



*The Lord has done great things for us, and
we are filled with joy. - Psalm 126:3*

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

In today's world of texts, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, sending cards or hand-writing a personal note has gone by the wayside. However, our missions and missionaries tell us how much they love receiving encouragement through those "old – fashioned" forms of communication! Drop our **Befriend A Mission** assignments a quick note of encouragement, or remember those special dates in their lives and those of their family members with a card. Just knowing they are in someone's thoughts and prayers means so much to them! With that in mind, following are some important family members and dates to remember:

- May 1 (1995)** **Erin Nitz – birthday (24yrs)**
Wisconsin Lutheran College
8800 W Bluemound Rd
Milwaukee WI 53226
- May 6 (2004)** **Frances Nitz – birthday (15yrs)**
PO Box 30067
Lilongwe
Malawi
- May 26 (2015)** **Ezekiel Albrecht – birthday (4 yrs)**
17040 W Cocopah St
Goodyear AZ 85338

Rally News

At the time of this writing, the LWMS Spring Rally has yet to take place so watch for a brief summary in the next edition of our church's Welcome!

Central Africa Medical Mission - Malawi

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ! You have heard by now about the severe rains, cyclone and flooding in southern Malawi. Please continue to pray for recovery efforts here, as well as in Mozambique and Zimbabwe. One of our staff has family in Nsanje, who were blessed not to lose their home but have nothing to eat as their entire maize and rice crop was destroyed. He says that maize is available in the next district, but the price has increased, and it is difficult to obtain. Our mission here is supporting congregations in the south with the help of Christian Aid and Relief and other local organizations. We are also concerned for those in the midwestern US where farmers are so hard hit by the floods there, and continue to pray for those families.

Here in Lilongwe we have finally had some dry, sunny days, and had no problems getting to our remote clinics this week. We were not as affected by the storms here in the Central Region, other than the initial power outages and nonstop rain. Our patients somehow still make it to clinic, even when muddy roads are so slippery one can barely walk or ride a bike on them! The main effect of the rainy season is an upsurge of malaria cases. With all the rain, there is standing water where the female Anopheles mosquito larvae develop into the insects that transmit the malaria parasite through their bite to a human. The parasite spends part of its life cycle in the liver, then enters red blood cells for another growth phase where the red cell ruptures, releasing the mature parasites to the bloodstream where a mosquito will ingest it with a blood meal. The parasite reproduces within the mosquito, and the tiny immature parasites end up getting injected into another human when they are bitten. The more mosquitos, the more malaria.

How does this affect our patients? Fever, headache, lethargy, body pain, vomiting and diarrhea, and cough can all be present. It's the children who seem to suffer the most. We see them lying on the concrete when we arrive, covered with a chitenje cloth, barely able to stand, often with high fevers. Their mothers carry even older children on their backs to get them to us and arrive exhausted and sweating. Our staff does the rapid test (MRDT) for malaria. Unlike many rural clinics, the Lutheran Mobile Clinic has the oral medication to treat malaria in infants through adults. Malaria can be life-threatening when not treated early as it can cause severe anemia, seizures, and very low blood sugar. We are able to check patients' hemoglobin and blood sugar levels. They are assessed for secondary infections such as pneumonia. We give injectable medication for these severe cases and refer them to the government hospital. In March, our four clinics treated over 800 patients with malaria.

Our nurse-midwives give insecticide treated mosquito nets to pregnant women as well as antimalarial medicines. Our patients are taught about how to prevent malaria and how to recognize symptoms. We are grateful to be able to relieve some of the suffering, and save lives through your prayers and donations. I'm reminded this Lenten season of the eternal life that is theirs through faith in Christ and the urgency of continuing to spread the gospel throughout the world. Have a blessed Easter!

Beth Evans,
Nurse in Charge

Dear CAMM Supporters,

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1) The present time here in the U.S. has brought us a change of seasons that are happening at various intervals across the country. The beautiful cherry blossoms in our nation's capital to birds returning to the northern states and the unfortunate flooding occurring in the Midwest, for which our prayers ascend to God above for His divine protection and care. The time for rains is slowing coming to end in Africa, specifically Malawi and Zambia, but now CAMM clinics are continuing to deal with large numbers of malaria cases throughout the populations we serve. A most important time is upcoming as we look to focus on our Savior's suffering and death in our place and as the glorious Easter morning dawns three days later announcing, "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" That is a joy that all believers will share in no matter where on this earth God has us!

Please continue to keep the people in the areas of Africa affected by the devastating cyclone, rains and resulting flooding in your prayers as they deal with the challenges that follow--lack of food, housing, illness, etc. We are so thankful to be there to be able to offer help in many of these challenges. WELS Christian Aid and Relief offers help as well.

One idea I would like to share was done thru a congregation using the Thrivent Action Team program, T-shirts are given to participants as they carry out their work and the congregation sent the t-shirts onto Malawi along with the boxes of pill bottles. Our national staff was able to be recipients of the shirts and Beth shared photos of how thrilled they were to receive them. A great idea and one that involved little cost and brought smiles to the recipients. If you are interested in ongoing project ideas, please feel free to contact me.

The season is upon us to once again rejoice in the Savior who won our eternal salvation and victory over death for all believers. On behalf of CAMM, thank you for your love, support and prayers that allow us to share this saving message thru the Christ centered healthcare our clinics are able to carry out because of our gracious God and all of you.

In our Risen Savior,

Cheryl Valus
CAMM Contact Woman Coordinator

Bethany Lutheran School in Hustisford, Wis. will be offering a Summer Care Program (June 3rd -August 16th). We are offering this program to our neighboring congregations as well. If you would like more information, want to enroll your child(ren) or know someone who would, please contact our school office: 920-349-3244 / office@bethanyhustisford.com or Renee Jensen rjensen@bethanyhustisford.com.

Bethany Lutheran School in Hustisford, WI is looking to provide summer care. We are seeking staff who are fun, caring, and able to work in a team environment. A degree in Early Childhood, or experience in a childcare is not required. Full time and part time positions are available. If you or someone you know is interested, please speak with Renee Jensen. Blessings!
email: rjensen@bethanyhustisford.com
phone: 414-305-1467

Merging for mission

Three congregations become a multi-site as they work to spread the gospel in South Florida.

Julie K. Wietzke

It started with three congregations—all with their own unique situation—having the same goal: to find a way to spread the gospel further in South Florida.

Pompano, Pompano Beach, Florida, was struggling to get new members, its church was in disrepair, and its location left much to be desired. Yet it wasn't ready to close, to give up on sharing the gospel message.

Hope, W. Palm Beach, Florida, was pulling in members from all over South Florida and dreamed of daughtering a congregation to extend the gospel's reach, but it didn't have quite enough resources to take the leap.

Divine Savior, Doral, Florida, had just finished adding on to its campus and was blessed financially with an enrollment of more than nine hundred students from PreK-3 to 12th grade. With an outreach focus, they thought they might eventually start another site in the Miami area.

As the only three congregations left in South Florida, they all came to the same conclusion. "We realized we could do more ministry together than we could by ourselves," says John Boggs, pastor in W. Palm Beach.

This led to the formation of a new multi-site ministry under the name of Divine Savior and a new church and school in Delray Beach, Florida. "Satan is trying everything he can to make ministry work as difficult as possible in south Florida, but God is bigger than Satan," says Boggs. "Us joining together is giving us more of an opportunity not only to survive in this ministry down here but to thrive in it and to exponentially grow the ministry of grace God has entrusted to us."

Facing struggles

Started in the 1960s, Ocean Drive Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach worked hard to reach out into its community, even starting an early childhood ministry in the late 1970s. But the school closed in 1993, and membership numbers began declining.

With a name change in the 2000s and a goal to become "Your neighborhood church," Pompano continued to try to make inroads into its community. But with a location offset from the main thoroughway and in a neighborhood filled with transient residents, outreach was difficult. "No matter what we tried, it was just not yielding the results we were hoping for in terms of bringing in new souls," says Patrick Lockwitz, a member at Pompano.

With membership declining and a church in need of repairs, the congregation began facing financial problems. With the help of a WELS mission counselor, it began conducting demographic studies and collecting data to determine what it should do next. In 2014, it was looking at three options: rent the building out to another ministry, have its pastor become part time, or sell its building and relocate. "It was the reality. Nothing was bringing in people. Work was wearing [members] down. The facility was falling apart. It was a cycle happening over and over again. Something had to change—it was going to take something drastic," says Lockwitz.

Forging partnerships

In its studies, Pompano learned that many areas on South Florida were in need of good education options. The congregation began talking to Divine Savior in Doral, located an hour south, about the process of opening a school—buying land, constructing a building, financing. “We said, ‘You have already done this in Doral. Can you help us navigate this in Coral Springs?’ ” says Lockwitz, referring to a nearby city.

At the same time, Pompano’s pastor decided to take a call, and Divine Savior’s pastors took on the vacancy. “When you’re at the end of the map, you just hang tighter together,” says Carlos Leyrer, president of Divine Savior Ministries. “If we didn’t do something, we knew how the story ended. We needed a new ministry plan.”

That “something” was the start of Divine Savior and Pompano working together—an event that would eventually lead the Pompano congregation to join Divine Savior Ministries. Pompano put its church on the market and started meeting in a hotel room in nearby Coral Springs, a more stable, family-oriented neighborhood primed for Christian education.

Land search for a permanent location began, and when the search turned up options in nearby Palm Beach County, Hope, W. Palm Beach, also joined the discussion, because it had already been looking to start a church in that area.

The three congregations settled on a great location in Delray Beach, Florida, about 20 miles south of W. Palm Beach. With grants and loans from WELS Church Extension Fund, land was purchased, and building began. Pompano members closed their church and along with several families from W. Palm Beach became the core group of this new mission. The South Atlantic District Mission Board called Joel Schulz to plant this new church. On Oct. 29, 2017, the congregations celebrated an official merger under the name of Divine Savior.

Boggs says this was a group effort with each congregation having a role: Pompano provided starting cash from the sale of its old church property; Doral brought in the systems and financial backing; and Hope added a growing, stable, experienced ministry to help the mission church. “We had three different sites, offering three different things,” says Boggs. “None of us was going to be able to do this by ourselves but together we were able to start a congregation in an area of South Florida that desperately needed the gospel to be proclaimed.”

Moving forward

A little less than a year after the merger, Divine Savior–Delray Beach dedicated its new school building. Although zoning issues and construction delays pushed back its original timeline for the opening of its academy, the congregation is excited to settle into its new home and move forward with its mission. For former Pompano members it had been almost three years of meeting in hotel rooms in Coral Springs and hotels and a movie theater in Delray. “It might take me a couple of years to get used to this being our permanent home,” says Lockwitz.

Pompano’s cross, altar, and baptismal font adorn the front of the worship space. “It means a lot for them to have that,” says Schulz, who spent months after he arrived visiting all the former Pompano members.

But the new congregation isn’t focusing on the past. “We’re always forging forward,” says Lockwitz. He says being part of a multi-site ministry provides the support—both financially and spiritually—to get the work done. “It’s not like we’re living in our own Delray Beach campus. It’s a regional thing. . . . Now we’re able to do the mission planning as we think it needs to be done. We

have enough resources and expertise across all the different facets of ministry. It feels like the burden has been lifted off our backs.”

With 75 people in worship on Sunday, an excited outreach team, an academy poised for growth, and collaboration with other Divine Savior Ministries sites, the congregation at Delray Beach is ready to put Divine Savior’s mission statement into action: “Changing lives with Jesus as we worship, connect, and serve.”

Julie Wietzke is the managing editor for Forward in Christ magazine.

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Brewers Outing June 26!

Our Lakeside Lutheran A Cappella Choir has just been selected to sing the National Anthem for the Brewer game at Miller Park vs. the Mariners on Wednesday night, June 26. Terrace Reserved tickets are \$10 each and you are welcome to join us for a great night of fellowship and fun with hundreds of others from the LLHS family. **Ticket orders and money (payable to LLHS) due by Tuesday, April 30.** Contact Mr. Jim Buege with questions at jbuege@llhs.org or 920-648-2321 x1216.

The **Gardens of Hartford Assisted Living** has several open apartments for seniors. These beautiful units fill up quickly, so please call 262.345.5590 today for a free tour. The Gardens of Hartford features a number of services and amenities that not only provide a family-centered atmosphere, but also peace of mind should health issues arise. Learn more at TheGardensofHartford.com.

Save Lives One Step at a Time:

Save lives one step at a time with the Life-A-Thon! Hosted by WELS Lutherans for Life, this walk/run event will be held on May 11th at the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary! Participants can choose between a 5K run or a two-mile walk, and there will be a ¼ mile run for kids! Proceeds from this event will directly benefit the pregnancy clinic operated by WELS Lutherans for Life and help provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and material support for clients. To register for this event, please visit life-a-thon.org. Questions can be directed to Megan Landvatter at meganl@alife2.com. See you there!



The blessing of Christian parents

Mother's Day May 12

Father's Day June 16

More than 100 years ago, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first Mother's Day

proclamation, instituting the second Sunday in May "as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers in similar fashion.

Whether it be disregard for the unborn or contempt for the aged, how far our country seems to have strayed from this "love and reverence"! How much more, then, do we treasure our Christian moms and dads, grandparents and other parental figures who gave us life and a love for the LORD and his ways. **God bless this Christian family heritage, and keep us faithful, hopeful and strong until the day he returns.**

A special way to celebrate

One way to make Mother's and Father's Days extra special—along with eating out, chocolate and fishing lures—can be giving beyond ourselves. Won't you join in giving a gift to Alpha Center in tribute to or in memory of memorable mother and father figures in your life? The gospel-centered Alpha family ministry honors the Christian family ideals we look to preserve and protect.

We would be pleased to send a special card to your special honoree the week leading up to each holiday, and your gift(s) will be also be listed in our seasonal newsletter(s), if you'd like. Any donation amount is appreciated!

Mother's Day requests should be made by Friday, May 3 & Father's Day requests by June 7 to allow for card mailing.

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

My gift in honor or memory on Mother's/Father's Day

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Name(s) _____

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