



# DISTRICT NEWS

## NORTH WISCONSIN

### He's a Great Teacher

School is in full swing.

Students are back in grade school, high school and college and they are learning. We want them to have good teachers who help them in gaining the knowledge and putting it to use in their lives.



**Rev. Dwayne Lueck**  
North Wisconsin District President

We remember the good teachers who were very effective in communicating and pushing us to grow and think on our own.

“He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he (Jesus) was teaching them on the Sabbath.”

—Luke 4:31

Jesus was a teacher. He taught the people on the hillside and He taught His disciples, who were to be the eventual teachers and leaders of the worldwide effort to proclaim Jesus. It must have been something to sit and listen to Jesus or to walk alongside of Him. I have always been envious of the two men going to Emmaus on that first Easter when they walked with Jesus. We are told:

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”

—Luke 24:27

They should have taken notes.

The truth is we too can listen to Jesus and learn what He taught. That is why we have Bible study — to help us grow and realize how we learn new things when we read, mark and inwardly digest what God’s Word has to say. Jesus put it so clearly:

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” —John 15:5

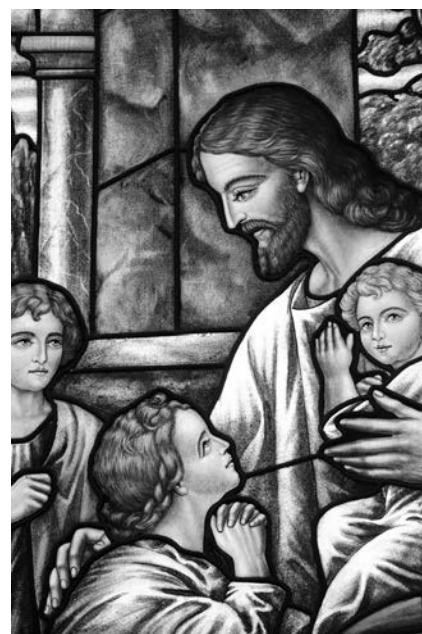
#### Learning opportunities

“The current state of our culture necessitates ongoing growth in our knowledge of God’s saving Word and the faithful articulation and confession of that work in church, school, and world, according to 2 Peter 3:18: ‘But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.’” (From *LCMS Resolution 17-02 - 2016 LCMS Convention*.) There are three events this fall for church professionals and lay people.

The first one was the Pastors Conference held at the end of September. The theme for the three-day conference was “Wonderfully Made: Seeing our Bodies as God Sees Them.”

#### Gathering for lay people

On Oct. 30, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy will be the presenter at the annual Adult Gathering. His theme is “A Blessed



Life: A Fresh Look at the Beatitudes.” Underneath the Beatitudes in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount are virtues meant to characterize the Christian life. The Beatitudes are as much about being as they are about doing. What kind of a person we are matters as much as what we accomplish. This study puts the lens of virtue ethics on these well-known blessings of Christ. Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles. Dr. Nadasdy recently retired as president of the Minnesota South District, and was also a former seminary homiletics professor, parish pastor and LCMS vice-president. This event is for the lay people of our district.

#### Gathering for teachers

The final event is for our commissioned

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**The congregation of Salem Lutheran Church, Barron,** gathered to celebrate its 125th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 19. The Rev. Dwayne Lueck, North Wisconsin District president, preached during the worship service. The Rev. Brent Berkesch, pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Spooner, led the service. Although it was the third of four events this year that marked the church's anniversary, the Aug. 19 celebration was the largest and the entire community was invited.



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¡Amamos a Jesús!

On July 20, we had the opportunity to share Jesus at the Wayside Dairy with children of Hispanic farm workers (pictured above). What a blessing to be able to share the Gospel with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

With your support, \$18,347 was raised for Every Kid to Camp at this year's Golf Challenge. A huge thank you

to all who donated, attended and otherwise supported the ministry of Camp Luther through this fun event. Your support helps us bring more children to Camp Luther and Keweenaw Base Camp to experience the love of Christ.

God is so good! Camp Luther was blessed to share Christ's love with hundreds of campers and guests this summer. Follow Camp Luther on Facebook for all of our updates — [facebook.com/CampLutherWI](https://www.facebook.com/CampLutherWI).

## Thank you

More than \$120,000 was granted this year to 35 students pursuing church-work careers, including eight seminarians. These are non-budget dollars, funded entirely through gifts to North Wisconsin District endowments.

Check out part of a letter of thanks from Bennett Reisler, a student at Concordia University Nebraska:

"I am truly thankful and humbled to have been given such an award, and am fully invested in the pursuit of full-time church work. As the son of two teachers (one being a Lutheran educator) and as a summer staff member working at Camp Luther this past summer, I have truly grown to know the joy of working with youth and telling them about Jesus. I have a sincere appreciation for those involved with ministry and feel that our country needs more leaders for Christ — that is why I want to go into the profession myself. I pray that one day I can lead others closer to Christ, as I experienced and was led in a Lutheran school as a student. I want to deeply thank all who were involved in awarding the money for their care/support for the church work ministry, and for having confidence in me and supporting me in my work towards becoming a full-time church worker. Thank you all so much — I feel truly blessed."

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workers on Nov. 1-2. I love what it says about the event: "Who Dares to Teach Must Never Cease to Learn." Learning is ongoing for teachers and students alike.

I mentioned Resolution 17-02 earlier. It went on to say: "Resolved that the districts of our Synod be concerned with fostering the theological growth of their commissioned ministers, (pastors) and lay workers and providing, when possible, opportunities for continuing education; and be it finally Resolved, that LCMS congregations and schools be urged to support these efforts with necessary time and finances."

Encourage your professional church workers to attend this conference to learn and cultivate positive relationships with other church workers. If there isn't money in the congregation's budget for this — there should be. If not — take a collection. They need to be there.

All Christians, lay people and professional church workers are called to:

"Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." — **1 Peter 3:15**

What can help you in your defense? Read, study and listen to what Jesus said. He's a great teacher!



## Peace Campus plans for projects

Each school year, Peace Lutheran Campus Center is busy serving the students of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP), but each summer the ministry becomes busy serving those same students in a different way.

The project list is long and varied to help maintain and update the nearly 50-year-old facility. Summer 2018 was no different. The ongoing athletic field project continued. Other summer projects included excavating and repairing

the basement wall, installing a commercial flagpole that proudly flies the American and Christian flags, as well as cleaning up after storm damage and many others.

Although many of the students are unaware of the Peace maintenance plan each summer, there is no doubt that the students will continue to be blessed by a fine facility that will always teach UWSP students about the love of Christ.

## Dual parish blessed with new pastor

On July 22, Rev. David Shudy was installed as pastor of Grace, Alma Center, and St. John's, Black River Falls. He recently graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and is working on a masters degree Sacred Theology. He was ordained into the ministry at Trinity, Urbana, Ill.

"I am looking forward to a long and fruitful ministry with the people of God at Black River Falls and Alma Center," he said.

David and his wife, Jenny, are blessed with two young children, Madalyn and Walter.



From left, North Wisconsin District President Rev. Dwayne Lueck and Rev. David and Jenny Shudy.

## Support for office staff

Office personnel are an integral part of ministry. They are often behind the scenes handling the details, making sure things run smoothly and are communicated with the congregation and staff.

The North Wisconsin District is planning a gathering to encourage, equip and network these amazing servants on Tuesday, Oct. 23. This event will be held at St. Mark's, Wausau. For more information, go to [nwdlcms.org](http://nwdlcms.org) and look under "Events and Information."

## Outreach event is in Stevens Point

Ebou Faye, a former Muslim, is director of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, (PO-BLO), Milwaukee, and will be the discussion leader as part of a joint outreach project involving the Lutheran Laymen's League; Peace Lutheran Campus Center, Stevens Point; and A-MEN, a local Christian men's group.



Faye

The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Dreyfus University Center (DUC). The program will begin at 10 a.m. and end with a luncheon. For more information, contact Ed Bieno at 608-206-0339 or [ejb1401@gmail.com](mailto:ejb1401@gmail.com).



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# Got our app?

Many of us in our world today have become “tech savvy.” We carry our cell phones, iPads, tablets, Chromebooks and laptops wherever we go.

We are in constant communication with others. It seems that the demand for instant responses has become the norm. We go to Google when we don't know an answer and sometimes get it within seconds. We communicate with family and friends through text messages and when a person doesn't respond as fast as we would like, we call and hope they are able to talk. Between classes, students check their devices for messages relayed to them.

We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and other platforms. Our devices beep, ring, vibrate or play a song,



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and we immediately check them to see who needs our attention or what information is being transmitted to us. When we see the “low battery” message, we quickly look for a place to plug in our device so that we don't miss any messages.

I wonder if we actually feed our spiritual needs as much as our devices feed our communication needs. There are many apps that we use to obtain important information: maps, weather, health ... and too many more to mention. How about a Bible app? I use Olive Tree and can read my Bible anytime. I'm reading through the Bible right now and use my time on the exercise bike to feed my spiritual needs. I feel both refreshed by being in God's Word and reinvigorated by exercising.

Did you know the LWML has an app? You can get all the latest information on what is happening at the national level. Check out the daily devotions



that are always inspiring, the progress of the mission grants paid for the 2017-19 biennium, the latest Bible studies (especially the new Donna Pyle Bible study titled “Where Love Abides,” based on John 15:1-17) and free Bible studies to download for yourself or your group. There is even a Bible you can access so you can be in God's Word. See how your mites have

impacted others around the world, and take advantage of having so much more information at your fingertips to feed your spiritual needs.

This month, we focus on LWML Sunday and remember our 75 years of serving others through our mites. Why not celebrate LWML by downloading the LWML app if you have not done so already? If you have the app, check out the latest information that is shared daily.

Why not rest in His Word in this changing world of technology and share LWML with those around you? You will be forever blessed!

you rest.” — **Matt. 11:28**

And Christ offered His disciples this encouragement:

“I have told you these things, so that in me your may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” — **John 16:33**

Ministry was never meant to be done alone. Our God offers Himself as “our refuge and strength” (Ps. 46:1a). He is “an ever-present help in time of trouble” (v. 1b). We do well to learn the habit this author prescribes: “Be still and know that I am God” (v. 10a).

For other resources and references, type “Resiliency in the Bible” in the Google search bar, or visit [nwdlms.org](http://nwdlms.org); go to “Congregations” and select “Worker Wholeness” from the drop-down menu.

For support, encouragement and counsel, contact me at 715-610-2400 or [revkohn@gmail.com](mailto:revkohn@gmail.com).

## The Counseling CONNECTION

### Ya gotta have bounce!

Ministry is a stress-filled occupation. In the midst of celebrating can come critical moments that can deflate energy and enthusiasm. What is needed is resiliency. We can call this the “bounce” — the “air in the ball that keeps us in the game.”

The good news is that God inspired the writing of His Word as a “resiliency manual.” David is one author who offered insight into that God-given “bounce” in many of His psalms. Con-



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sider these select verses: “The LORD is my shepherd I shall not want” (23:1). “A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all” (34:19).

And consider the apostle Paul, who certainly faced stress in his mission work (see 2 Cor. 11:23-33). In that letter he wrote these resilient words:

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed” (4:8-9).

And we certainly cannot overlook the One who is our Main Overcomer. We find hope in Christ Jesus' reassuring invitation:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give