



DISTRICT NEWS

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A TIME TO RESET

Recently I was very frustrated with my cell phone. To send texts or emails, I like to use voice dictation, in which I talk into my phone and it types the words for me. It is much faster. This time, however, it did not work.

I tried looking at Settings. No help. I humbled myself to ask people at the office to help me out again with my phone. No help.

So I went to the phone store. I told the employee my problem. He took my phone and the first thing he did was turn off my phone. I felt so foolish because in all my attempts to find a fix for my phone, I did not turn it off.



Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck
North Wisconsin District President

When my phone came back on, my problem was fixed. The employee looked at me and said, “Remember to always turn off your phone first as it will reset it.”

Reset [ree-set]

1. to set again
2. to set, adjust, or fix in a new or different way

We leave the past behind and imagine how we can do even better. Then we put that vision into action.

We are in the season of reset. It is summer time — a time to get away on vacation for some peace and quiet, to go camping or head to the cottage and have time for yourself, to enjoy a week at Camp Luther.

Vacation is a time you are to recharge your batteries. Rest up. Relax. Do some reflecting. Get ready to hit it again.

Jesus would withdraw to desolate places and pray. **LUKE 5:16**

Jesus had a busy life. Crowds followed Him around, wanting Him to heal the sick and disabled. Thousands followed Him around the lake and He taught and then fed them. We are told He would send the crowd away and urge the disciples to get into a boat to go to the other side of the lake, and then He went off and prayed. He wanted time for Himself and to talk with His heavenly Father.

Prayer is important when we want to hit the reset button in our lives. Prayer is also important when we have vital decisions to make. On the night before choosing His 12 disciples, Jesus “went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God” (**LUKE 6:12**).



Reset by reading **God’s Word**. Pick a New Testament book and read it straight through. Go online and read suggested Psalms. Go for a walk and listen to the Bible or a Bible study podcast.



Attend **worship** with your children and grandchildren. All our church doors are again open for worship. Because of COVID, people developed a new habit of not attending worship. It is time to start a new old habit and attend worship with fellow believers, hear



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Rev. Ritter returns to Immanuel

Rev. Tim Ritter was installed as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Wisconsin Rapids, on April 2. He says: "It is good to be back once again in Wisconsin Rapids. Immanuel was the first congregation I served following graduation from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 2011. Also, I was ordained in this church. It is a tremendous honor and privilege to be called again to serve the faithful members of Immanuel as your pastor."



Pictured are, from left (front row) Revs. Joshua Baumann, Dr. Dwayne Lueck, Tim Ritter, Bob Rickman, Rick Buhrke; (back row) Gary Markworth, Steve Hulke, Corey Shaffer, Bruce Hoffman, David Ficken, Carlton Andersen and Chris Schwanz.



Dual parish welcomes Pastor Conradt

On April 3, Steve Conradt was installed as pastor of St. Paul, Stony Hill, and St. John, Hermansfort. Pastor Conradt is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Pictured are, from left, Revs. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, Steve Conradt, Travis Kleinschmidt and Tim Shoup.

Sign up for golf outing

The annual district golf outing will be held on Monday, July 18, at Pine Valley Golf Course in Marathon. Friends of the district and our workers are invited to attend. The outing is not a fundraiser, but rather a break-even fellowship event. Online registration can be found at nwdlcms.org. Click the "Events and Info" tab.

'Helping hands' in Europe

Thank you for supporting Hearts for Jesus this school year. As of March 21, \$3,684 has been received. Please send your gifts for Helping Hands Eastern European Ministries with checks (with HEF2022 in the memo line) payable and mailed to: NWD-LCMS, 3103 Seymour Lane, Wausau, WI 54401.

Hearts for Jesus 2023

Now is the time to submit an application to be considered for Hearts for Jesus in February 2023. The ministry will be selected in early fall, in time for schools and churches to plan for the annual ingathering. Applications can be found at nwdlcms.org.



Mission in action

Graduations, weddings, conventions, vacations, oh my! We are knee deep in commitments in the early summer months. Hopefully you have committed to attend the LWML North Wisconsin District convention, to be held June 16-18 in Green Bay. We will be nurtured, edified and inspired by the mission speakers. We will also spend time in fellowship and participate in servant events.

Delegates will choose the mission grants to be funded for the 2022-24 biennium. They will also elect new officers and vote on the proposed mission goal. After convention, when things slow down a bit, the newly elected officers will be mentored for their positions as we continue to collect mites and support the LWML mission statement: "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."

As the 2020-22 biennium ended this past spring, the Mission Grants goal of \$110,000 selected in 2020 was exceeded by \$17,500, bringing the total grant support for the biennium to \$127,500.

As LWML celebrates its 80th anniversary, a group of us gathered at Courtside Furniture in Merrill to stage a recliner sit-in (with Courtside's permission and blessing) and created an awareness for our group. We raised over \$1,800 in mites and just had fun doing it! What's your 80? (lwml.org/80).

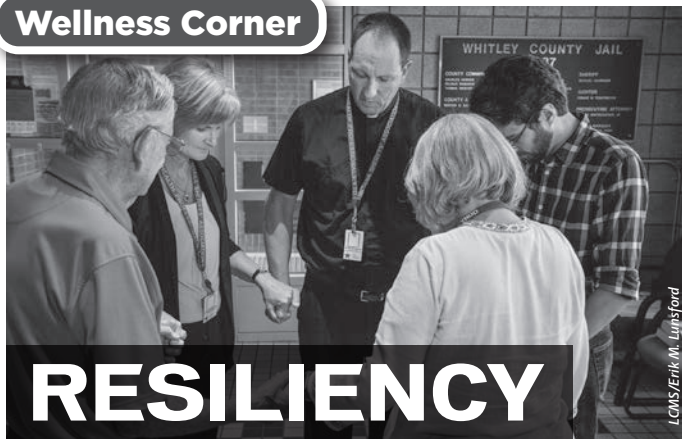
A year from now the Northern Illinois and the North and South Wisconsin districts will host the national LWML convention in Milwaukee. What an amazing opportunity to volunteer and attend a national convention. Please keep the Host Committee in prayer as they continue planning. We look forward to an incredible event in 2023.

Come join in the fun while we share God's amazing grace through our mites and our actions.



Joan Berquist
LWML District
President

Wellness Corner



Ministry is complicated. The daily demands are compounded by the critical new needs that present themselves.

There is always something more that could be done. Yet resources are limited, as are "cheerleaders" to aid in "finishing the race." This summary of ministry can lead to three dark emotions: guilt, anger and fear. When these are unaddressed and the demands increase, we have a recipe for burnout.

What every Christian needs is the "triumphant trio" that Paul summarizes in Rom. 15:13:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Yes, here we find hope, joy and peace. These contribute to resiliency in ministry. Like the "air" in a basketball, these three are essential for continued "bounce" in the work before us.

It is no accident that Paul mentions "hope" twice. Paul was also intentional about tying the "triumphant trio" directly to Christ as the hope for both Jews and Gentiles (v. 8-12).

Paul first applied hope, joy and peace to his ministry, even in the midst of the personal challenges he faced (See 2 Cor. 11:23-28). Or we could point to his "book of joy" — his letter to the Philippians, in which he references rejoicing and joy 16 times. This is one of the letters he wrote from the confines of prison.

Paul sustained his "bounce" even as he looked beyond his circumstances. He envisioned what still lay ahead within God's vision:

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. EPH. 3:20-21

It is the empowering Holy Spirit who gives us "bounce-ability." We never do ministry alone.

It is fascinating to note that Jesus "breathed" on His disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit (John 20:22). Again we make the connection between "air" and "bounce." What was essential for those first disciples is true for us today.

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Rev. Dan Kohn
District Counselor

MESSAGE

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God's Word proclaimed and receive the Lord's Supper. Weekly worship is a time for reset.

At our district convention, we hit the reset button and picked new people to serve on the Board of Directors. Soon the Packers will be back in camp to prepare for a new season with a new chance to win the Super Bowl. The children will go back to school but in a new grade and with a clean slate. Couples celebrate wedding anniversaries and hit the reset button on their relationship.

Now is a good time for you to hit your reset in your walk with your Savior and Lord. He will walk and be with you just as He has been in the past. Put your worries in His lap and your hand in His and walk with him.

Enjoy the walk. Enjoy the summer. Hit that reset button.

Share your news with us!

Please send submissions to Karol Selle at selleks@gmail.com. You may also mail your submissions to Karol at 3177 State Hwy. 66; Rosholt, WI 54473.

Please ensure photos sent electronically are high resolution.



The joy of resurrection, and retirement

On Easter Sunday, April 17, Rev. Tom Hahn retired after 44 years in ministry and as shepherd of Redeemer, Amery, where he has served since 2013.

Pastor Hahn attended Mount Olive Lutheran Grade School, Concordia High School and Concordia Junior College, all in Milwaukee; Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Concordia Seminary in Exile, St. Louis. He earned his Master of Divinity degree and was

ordained in May 1978, and in 1985 completed requirements for colloquy into the LCMS.

Over the next 35 years, he served at Christ the King, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; St. John's, Wembley, Alberta, and Immanuel, Goodfare, Alberta; St. John's, Pittsville and St. Paul's, Town of Sherwood.

In 2006, Hahn married Gretchen Johnson and they are thoroughly enjoying their blended families.

Challenge met

Lois Oestreich and her mother, Mildred Behm, members of St. Paul's, Wausau, knitted infant caps for newborns as part of LWML's "What's Your 80," in celebration of its 80th anniversary. Lois has completed her 80 and Mildred was almost there with 75 completed, as of March 19, which was Mildred's 101st birthday. The hats will be donated to area hospitals to use in their birthing units and NICUs as needed. What a blessing these two talented women are. Visit lwml.org/80.

