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Saturday

5:00pm Horicon Campus

Sunday

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February Devotion

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." John 1:29-32

A student hunches over the scattered mess of numbers on her math homework, running into a wall into trying to solve a problem. But then, there's that sudden realization, the one step that makes everything else start to fall into place. Problem solved!

We sometimes have these epiphanies in our lives, these sudden realizations that change our perspective. Sometimes it solves a simple math problem. Sometimes it changes our whole outlook on life.

Right now, we're celebrating the church season of Epiphany. We're not simply celebrating a life-changing revelation. We're celebrating a life-giving revelation! Our Savior Jesus is revealed to us. We see him revealed as king to the Magi. We see him revealed as God's Son as the Spirit descends on him as a dove and the Father speaks from heaven. And here, we see him revealed by John as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Left on our own, pleasing God would remain an impossible problem. We would remain helplessly trapped in our sins. But in the Word, we find an epiphany. We don't simply discover the way to solve our problem. We find the One who has already solved it for us. Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Jesus lived as our perfect lamb in our place and suffered the death that we deserved. Each and every one of our sins is taken away and replaced by the righteousness of the holy Lamb of God.

We don't see Jesus in front of us in the same way as John's disciples that day 2000 years ago. But we still see Jesus. We see Jesus in the Word. And this revelation changes everything. Our sins are forgiven! May we always live in the incredible joy of this forgiveness!

Prayer: Dear Lord, direct my eyes toward Jesus, the Lamb of God, so that I may always trust in the forgiveness and righteousness he has won for me. Amen.

St. John's has century long member

By Teresa Stowell

In today's world there are few people that can say they've been a life-long member of one church, but even fewer can say they've been a member for over a century. In a cozy little house on the outskirts of Juneau, Virginia Hilgendorf Rediske, is enjoying her life of 101 years and all the while a faithful member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In 1918 Woodrow Wilson was president of our country, The Boston Red Sox defeated the Chicago Cubs in the World Series and on Nov. 11, 1918,

World War I was officially declared over. It was a big year in our country's history, and it was also the year Virginia Hilgendorf was born. Virginia came into this world on April 9, 1918, to the parents of John and Gertrude Hilgendorf. She was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Juneau shortly after her birth and has remained a member of the congregation since that day all



Virginia is pictured holding a photo of herself from her confirmation in 1931 at St. John's.

the while helping to encourage a long line of her family to grow in their faith as well.

"I've belonged to this church since the day I was born," Virginia said on a snowy winter day sharing a few stories of her long life. "All my life my faith has been important to me."

Virginia's connection to St. John's is even more remarkable as she shared more information about her family's history.

The church's old directory has a section on the history of the church including a picture of an old document dated Jan. 15, 1877, declaring the official organization of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Two of the founders on that historic document who signed their names are Carl Schrap and Wilhelm Hilgendorf, both of whom are Virginia's relatives.

"Both of my grandparents came over from Germany and shortly after helped start the church," she said.



John and Gertrude Hilgendorf (Virginia's parents)

Viriginia was confirmed at St. John's in the old church building in 1931 by Rev. M. J. Nommensen. The old black and white photograph is one of many on display of confirmation classes from over the years at St. John's in Juneau.

While being 101-years-old, there are few things Virginia has forgotten over the years, but she can clearly remember the days when the old St. John's church was torn down and when the new and current church building was built in 1969.

"Most of the people were happy about the new church," she said.

She also remembers many of the changes to the church and school over the years including when the new school was built in 1927. The school was later remodeled and expanded in 1956 and again in 1966.

"I attended the St. John's Lutheran School growing up and then graduated from Juneau High School in 1935," she recalled while looking at a beautiful black and white photo of her graduation picture that included her classmates. "Unfortunately, many of these boys here in the pictures went off to the war and never came home. Quite a few were killed in the war."



Virginia graduated from Juneau High School in 1935 (Virginia pictured upper right corner)

During her youth, Virginia enjoyed going to dances and at one dance she met Franklin Rediske, a young man from Mayville. The two quickly fell in love. While Franklin was serving in the Army he was stationed in Baltimore and with a little spontaneity, Virginia took the train out to visit him.

"It was 1946 and I decided to go out and visit him. I didn't intend on getting married," she said smiling, but that's exactly what happened.

Virginia returned home to Juneau, Wis., surprising her family with news that she married Franklin. Franklin became a member of St. John's church and over the years the two of them had four children, Carla Rahn, Gail Hartman, Sharon Dent and John Rediske. Franklin took over the Hilgendorf Hardware store that was located in downtown Juneau that was started by Virginia's grandparents. They lived above their store for a few years, but in 1949 they built the home she currently lives in. While Franklin managed the store, Virginia worked for many years as a legal secretary for various attorneys and eventually for the district attorney.

"It was an interesting job," she said.

While working and raising a family kept her busy over the years, one of Virginia's favorite past times was getting together once a week with her friends to play Bridge, an activity she continues to do to this day. What's even more remarkable

about her consistent Bridge playing days is that two of those close friends were also blessed with longevity.

Marge Mountin turned 101-years-old in October and is also a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She currently resides at Clearview in Juneau.

Another of Virginia's card playing friends was Clara Schaefer, who passed away a few years ago at the age of 101.

"I can't figure out why I've lived this long," Virginia said. "I think I inherited some good genes.

One of Virginia's grandparents lived into his mid-90s while the others also lived into their late 80s and early 90s. None of them broke the 100-year-old mark as Virginia has. The family celebrated her 100th birthday with a celebration at the Juneau Community Center just about two years ago, where a large gathering was held. She's watched many pastors serve St. John's over her lifetime and was delighted that Pastor Schupmann attended her birthday party.

"I am very blessed to have had a really good life," she said. "I had a really good husband for 43 years. He was wonderful."

Although Virginia has a difficult time hearing and needs some assistance moving around, she continues to make the trip from home with her daughter to worship in church during the special midweek service held for the elderly in the congregation, which also gives her the opportunity to take communion. She enjoys hearing the music and being in the sanctuary.

"My religion has always been important to me," she said.

Virginia was blessed with nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS



Some members enjoying a cooking demonstration with Blue Zones at our Salem-Lowell campus.

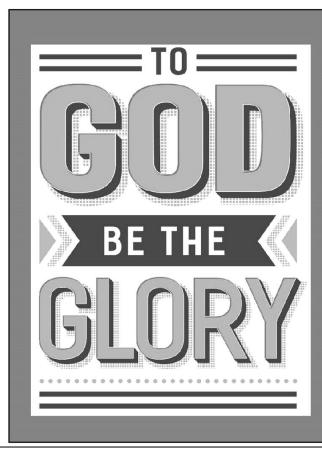
To the Members of my church, Thank you for all the wonderful cards that I have received for my 100th birthday. Your warm and caring thoughts were greatly appreciated. God Bless You All.

Charlotte Schmidt Hillside Manor Beaver Dam, WI

To My Pastors and Elders, Thank you for coming to visit me and for your prayers and communion. It was greatly appreciated. God Bless You All. Charlotte Schmidt

Charlotte Schmidt Hillside Manor Beaver Dam, WI

Did you know that 6 members of the Sunday morning Bible Class wrapped Christmas gifts for the patients of Clearview in early December? Clearview fundraises so that they can purchase gifts with a value of \$25.00 for each of their 236 patients. After these gifts were purchased, they asked the community to help wrap them. They had wonderful supplies of paper, bows, bags, tags etc. Volunteers gave their name and phone numbers. The staff of Clearview contacted them as to the shift of morning, afternoon or evening they wanted to work. They enjoyed snacks of cookies and drinks as they wrapped for 3 or 4 hours. At the end of the shifts the staff boxed up the beautifully decorated gifts and hid them till Christmas morning. Imagine the joy when the patients got to open them. St. John's, Clearview and Jesus thanks them for this wonderful act of kindness. P. S. - all of these people want to do it again next year!



Did you know St. John's has a Line of Credit with our bank to help cover normal operating expenses throughout the year? This past summer, the Line of Credit peaked at \$156,000 with \$6100 paid in interest in 2019. Since that time, the Lord blessed our congregation with gifts from our new Salem-Lowell campus and also from you, our members, to pay down the Line of Credit. As of January 24th, our principal balance is now \$45,548.51. We are truly thankful for the gifts our congregation has received! Let's continue to work together to pay off the remaining balance so we have more resources to do God's work! To God be the Glory!

New Bible Class beginning at our Salem-Lowell Campus on Mondays at 6:30 PM with Pastor Luetke

"Jesus' 'I AM' Statements"

During the Season of Epiphany Jesus reveals to us that he truly God's Son. This fact is the greatest theme of John's Gospel. We marvel at this truth whenever we sing: "*These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God*". [See John 20:31.] The "I AM" statements of our Lord Jesus occur several times in this Gospel (see below). During Lent these statements help us again by letting us see why Jesus' holy life and innocent death have saving value for us.

Begins: February 3; ends March 30

- "I Am" (John 8:58)
- "I Am the Bread of Life" (John 6)
- "I Am the Light of the World" (John 8:12)
- "I Am the Gate" (John 10)
- "I Am the Good Shepherd" (John 10)
- "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11)
- "I Am Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6)
- "I Am the Vine" (John 15)



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Through the generosity of people such as yourself, food finds its way to hungry mouths. School supplies, backpacks, and take home meals reach our area's neediest children. Health and hope continues to spread farther and wider than ever before.

The Gathering Source will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2020! SAVE THE DATE for Friday, April 17, 2020 for our Celebration event. The event will be held again at the Juneau Community Center.

Please keep in touch by signing up for our newsletter at <u>www.thegatheringsource.org</u> and like and share our Facebook page.

Have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Laurel M. Lunde

Laurel M. Lunde Executive Director

Gift: 230 pounds of food

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Doing God's Work

In November of last year, some of the members of our St. John's congregation got together for a "Fleece Tie Blanket Event". The purpose of this event was to make blankets for a mission congregation in South Carolina that they were going to distribute to the homeless. After plans to deliver them in person had to be changed, we were left with the challenge of finding the money for shipping costs. We put that challenge on the back burner and felt that the important thing was to get these blankets to their destination as soon as possible. While working with a clerk at Staples (they ship UPS), the clerk asked what was in the boxes.] shared what was being shipped and how many people had helped, making this possible. He then said that he would like to help and applied a store "discount" for shipping and also used authorized "reward money" from a church member's account. Finally, the cost was reduced from almost \$100 to \$50 and | was very happy. As | opened my purse to pay, a gentleman that was standing behind me shared that he had just returned from Austin, TX where he had been working with the homeless. He told me that he was touched by my story and asked more about our church and location. After giving him the information, he took my hand and placed a \$50.00 bill in it and said, "Please continue to do what you are doing and may God bless you and your congregation." I told him, "thank you" as tears filled my eyes and the blankets were placed in the UPS pick up bin. I have told this story many times to friends, relatives, co-workers and now | have shared it with you. Please let's continue to do God's work - you can help!! By: Gretchen Last

Soul Sisters No Sew and Soup



Linda Schaalma teaching April Tolkinen how to make a No Sew Blanket.

Join us on Sunday, February 2nd at the Salem-Lowell Campus for a No Sew Fleece Blanket and Pillowmaking Event. All materials will be provided but if you have a sharp pair of scissors please bring along. These blankets and pillows will be donated to our local PAVE shelter in Beaver Dam. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am and start with a soup lunch followed by the blanket and pillow making. Soup and beverage will be provided, but you are welcome to bring along a side dish or dessert to share. Any questions, call Karen 920-386-2419. We hope to see you there!

<u>February Birthday</u> <u>Wishes!</u>

- 2/02 Carol Buelter Jacob Zimmerman
 2/03 Dominic Borchardt Noah Kohn Jillian Krueger Helen Wolter Nelda Wyss
 2/04 Handle Sack
- 2/04 Harold Sack Cheryl Soldner
- 2/05 Christian Schall 2/06 Linda Lynch
- Jeff Pitzlin Rhonda Soldner
- 2/08 Gina Gentz Willow Hill John Pitzlin Jr.

2/09 Lois Livens Lacetyn White

- 2/10 Zachary Ebert Bob Jordan Shirley Krause
- 2/11 Joan Klug Caitlyn Yohn
- 2/12 Kayla Behring Ava Golemgeski Ralph Kaul Chris Kjornes Erin Shramek Tyler Stensaas Everleigh Stensaas

2/14 Cameron Feller Jodi Foch Ralph Guderian

- Roy Schmitt 2/15 Derek Antholt Paul Lepple Bonnie Niemuth Hunter Payton
- 2/16 Dorothy Klug Sandra Schmitt Koda Stanton Anna Tolkinen Barb Zank
- 2/17 John Berndt
- 2/18 Jeff Greenwald Stephanie Thompson Maddy Weisensel
- 2/18 Ross Winter
- 2/19 Brandon Behring Kristi Bruni Kaitlin Etter
- 2/20 Lindsey Daffeh Shirley Nehls Jamie Niemuth
- 2/21 William Borth Danielle Dorman

Kerry De Briones Garrett Soldner

- 2/22 Matt Lober Chris Redecker
- 2/23 Kevin Borth Michael Kolbow Daxtyn White Matthew Yuenger
- 2/24 Sheryl Budde Christopher Lienke Tim Sharkey Nick Tolkinen
- 2/25 Elaine Bening Taylor Feller Janae Jensen
- 2/26 Bev Gullickson Dawn Saeger
- 2/27 Jason Roy Erin Schaalma
- 2/28 Rosie Brieman Ray Buss Art Mittelstadt Joy Schliewe
- 2/29 Pam Panetti

Happy Anniversary!

2/02/1980	Dan & Phyllis Wegener
2/12/2011	Jorge & Kerry De Briones
2/14/1959	Bob & Jan Henken
2/14/1991	Ben & Patti Kollath
2/14/1998	Ron & Michelle Preskar
2/27/1965	Dave & Phyliss Westphal
2/28/1976	John & Sandra Schmitt

St. John's School News

Right: Participants in the Geography Bee are back row left to right: Emily Krueger—third place, Wade Winter, Erin Schmidt—first place, Ryan Fehrman, Abel Brandt—second place. Front row: Abigail Tolkinen, Hope Krebs, Annaliese Tolkinen, Kari Schmidt—fourth place, & Alex Nehls. Congratulations!





Left: St. John's School students (Ember Stanton and Markus Rabehl) making smoothies with the Smoothie Bike during a Blue Zones health presentation.

Below: Mrs. Schultz and the Preschoolers enjoying the parachute



St. John's "Reading is Fun Day": a day to celebrate reading

Right: Our faculty wearing their "Reading is My Favorite Sport" shirts

Bottom left: Brayden Schmitt and Zachary Passig

Bottom middle: Dayton Konrath-Whitrock, Mariah Rabehl and Kaitlin Schmidt

Bottom right: Cameron Feller and Ben Kluz









St. John's Lutheran School

402 S. Main St. Juneau, WI 53039 Richard E. Cody, Principal rcody@stjohnsjuneau.org School Phone 386-4644 February, 2020



"Walk by Faith" "We walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

Board of Education News

- Our school enrollment is at 109 students in Grades PK-8. We had three preschool and one First Grade student join our school in early January.
- Food and Toy drives were completed in November and early December.
- A "Christmas for Kids" event was held on December 21. It went very well. We had nearly fifty kids at the event. We are very thankful for the many helpers and volunteers!
- The Christmas Eve Service, "The Wonder of It All!", was shared on December 23 and 24.
- The recommendation to have two separate classes for Preschool has been studied. The
 recommendation is that we have a separate teacher and room for PK-3 and to have a separate teacher
 and room for PK-4. They would be in different rooms for the instruction time from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00
 A.M. Then PK students would be brought together for Eagle Care at the conclusion of the PK school
 day. We may have the opportunity to follow through with this recommendation with our current staff.
- The Second Quarter of the school year for grades K-8 concluded on Friday, January 10. Report cards went home on Friday, January 17. Parent – Teacher Consultations were offered on January 21 and 23. Preschool's marking period concludes on February 18 and 19. Parent – Teacher Conferences will be on February 24 and 27.
- We had a "Reading is Fun Day" on Tuesday, January 14. We had older students reading to younger students, classes swapping classrooms, and enjoying reading for a part of the school day. It was fun to see the students interacting with each other and sharing a good story!
- Mr. Jim Sievert visited our school on Wednesday, January 15 to begin the process of reviewing the work of the Early Childhood Committee. He visited with the church and school leadership and gathered some answers to some initial questions and did some fact gathering. He was very pleased with what he heard about our church and school and feels very optimistic about our plans in moving forward in the Early Childhood Ministry Program. The church did vote to support the study that Mr. Sievert will be leading in studying our work in Horicon, Lowell, and Juneau and possibility of an Early Childhood Ministry (Building).
- Pastor Brandt was kind enough to be a chaperone for the Seventh Grade Warrior for a Day at LLHS on Wednesday, January 22.
- The PTS meeting for Tuesday, January 28 was cancelled.
- A New Labor Laws poster was purchased and placed in our school's work area.
- The Board of Education began the process in reviewing and studying the school calendar for next school year.

- Board of Education agreed to recommend to the Church Council and Voters of the Congregation to raise the members of the BOE from five to six members. The new position would be added to help and oversee the Early Childhood Ministry here at St. John's.
- The use of church and school buildings and grounds was discussed at the January meeting.
- Information was shared with the BOE pertaining to the financial support of Lakeside from the congregation. The information is to be shared and studied by the congregation.

Some school Information -

- Our National Geographic's Geography Bee Champion is Erin Schmidt (8th Grade)! Our school competition was held on Monday, January 20 with Mr. Lober doing his best impersonation of Alex Trebek. Joining Erin as our top school finishers are Abel Brandt (7th Gr.), Emily Krueger (7th Gr.), and Kari Schmidt (Gr. 5). Congratulations Erin!
- For the Eagle B-Boys Basketball Tournament, the top schools were Crown of Life, Fort Atkinson; St. Paul's, Ixonia; St. John's, Pardeeville; and St. John's, Juneau. Thank you to the many volunteers and helpers that made the tournament run so smoothly!
- Teachers will be attending the Western Wisconsin District Teachers' Conference on February 20 and 21. The conference is held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Onalaska, WI.
- Pastor Brandt is encouraging families with students in eighth grade and in high school to consider having their child attend the WELS International Youth Rally at the University of Tennessee Knoxville on June 23-26, 2020. Please contact him for additional information.
- Please continue to keep our Sunday School Teacher Erica Thiel in your prayers. She is facing some difficult health challenges. May God give her comfort and strength.
- Our school musical has been announced! "Haphazardly Ever After" is this year's production. Performances as scheduled for April 3 and 4.
- Please continue to save General Mills Box Tops and aluminum cans for school. Did you know that General Mills points can be accumulated by having your grocery receipts scanned and uploaded?
- Please see the school calendar for all the activities and programs that are planned for the month.

	<u>Memorials</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Clarence Gildemeister	\$100.00	Missions
Della Griepentrog	\$40.00	Altar Guild
	\$340.00	General Fund
	\$25.00	Missions
	Gifts	

A gift has been given to the Debt Fund by Clarence & SuZanne Arndt in memory of their daughter, Gretchen Arndt Pouchert.

Sacred Acts

Baptisms: Kenzley Evelyn Beal 12/04/2019

Funerals: Della Griepentrog 01/11/2020 & Carol Firari 01/18/2020

Quarterly Voter's Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2020

Opening Prayer by Pastor Brandt based on Leviticus 20.

Amend agenda to add item (f). Painting church at Lowell to new Business. Carried unanimously.

Approved October Voter's Meeting minutes. Carried unanimously.

Membership changes: Saeger/Cox. Carried unanimously.

Old Business:

a. Endowment fund: upcoming meeting with WELS advisors

b. Merger update: Upcoming March 1st 6:30pm Juneau Meeting to vote on Constitution/Bylaws. Ridge: inquires regarding earmarked envelope donations.

New Business:

a. Approved nominating committee. Carried unanimously.

b. Approved Scott Wohling to join Lakeside General Board. Carried unanimously.

c. Video Display options will be discussed at the March 1st meeting

d. Approved parsonage allowances. Brandt \$7000; Schupman \$12500; Cody \$7000; Lober \$25000; Krebs \$24000. Approved unanimously.

e. WELS Commission: \$2800 approved previously. That amount may be insufficient. Another \$4000 is suggested. Discussion as to cost and necessity. Lowell supports study. Voted to spend \$6000 of undesignated fund to support Commission/study (\$2800 + \$3200). Carried unanimously.

f. Paint Lowell church interior. Voted to spend up to \$3000 on church painting project. Carried unanimously.

Pastor's Report presented by Pastor Brandt. Lenten services at 3:30 & 6:30 with meal in between. Lenten services will be in Juneau. Ash Wednesday is February 26th.

Elder's Report presented by Bob Bischoff. Regarding Horicon campus: Weisensel notes Multi-Site committee plans to consider expansion possibilities in Horicon.

Trustee's Report presented by Tim Weisensel in the absence of trustees. Amount budgeted was sufficient to cover insurance with Church Mutual insurance.

Principal's Report presented by Rick Cody. Notes Mrs. Schultz's report on Early Childhood. Cody reports growth in our pre-school and efforts have been made to make contact with families of preschoolers.

Board of Education Report presented by Ron Preskar.

Treasurer's Report presented by Tim Weisensel.

All Reports are accepted. Carried unanimously.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

February is American Heart Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the

United States. One in four people dies of it each year. But there's a lot you can do to live a heart healthy lifeand connecting with others can make your efforts more successful. Studies show that if you join forces with people at home, at work, in your community, or

online, you have a better chance of staying motivated. Gather your friends and family and make a commitment to your heart health, together.

Here's How to Start:

Move more: Get at least 2 ½ hours of physical activity each week – that's just 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Can't carve out a lot of time in your day? Try 5, 10 or 15 minutes a few times a day. Get creative. Grab your kids and do some jumping jacks, shoot some hoops or dance after you get home.

Next date for Blood Pressure checks is Sunday, February 16th between services at the Juneau Campus.

Nurse Parish

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Invite a colleague or friend to join you for regular walks or an exercise class and put it on your calendar – then text or carpool to make sure you both show up.

Eat healthy foods: A healthy diet that is low in sodium and saturated fat is key to heart disease prevention. Increase vegetables, fruits and whole grains in your diet. Try eating fish, poultry, beans, nuts, vegetables oils, and fat-free or low-fat dairy products. Limit foods that are high in saturated fat and sodium. Limit sugar and sweeteners. When you go out to eat with friends, nix the all-you-can-eat restaurant, where people tend to overeat. Bring a salad or veggie side dish to your next potluck, so you'll have something healthy to fill up on. Find heart healthy recipes at: <u>healthyeating.nhlbi.nih.gov/</u>

Aim for a healthy weight: Being overweight is hard on your heart. It increases risk of having heart disease, a stroke, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. Choosing heart healthy foods and getting regular exercise will help you achieve and maintain a healthy weight.

Reduce stress and improve sleep: Stress can contribute to high blood pressure and other heart risks. Not getting enough sleep or regularly getting poor quality sleep increases the risk of having high blood pressure, heart disease and other medical conditions. Practicing meditation, being more physically active, doing relaxation therapy, and talking with someone you trust can help you cope with stress and sleep better.

For more information go to: nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/education-and-awareness/heart-month

Peanut Butter and Cranberry Protein Bars

- 3/4 cup walnut pieces (or other type of nut)
- 1 ¼ cup old-fashioned rolled oats
- (not quick-cooking or instant)
- ½ cup pure maple syrup
 3 tbsp. peanut butter
 1 tbsp. vegan butter, melted
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup dried cranberries or other dried fruit
- **1.** Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Grease an 8-inch-square baking pan.

2. Place the walnuts in a dry skillet and toast over medium heat until light brown and fragrant, 3 to 4 minutes, shaking often. Transfer them to a food processor.

3. Add the oats, dried fruit, chocolate chips, maple syrup, peanut butter, vegan butter and vanilla to the food processor, and pulse until crumbly. Continue to process until the mixture is well combined. Add a little water, a tablespoon at a time, if the mixture is too crumbly to stick together. Press the mixture evenly into the prepared pan.

4. Bake until lightly browned, about 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool, then refrigerate until completely cold. Cut into 2- by 4-inch bars. Wrap each bar individually in plastic wrap for easy transport.

Volunteers





A BIG thank you to all of our volunteers at all three campuses! St. John's wouldn't function if it wasn't for all of the people who serve in both large and small roles! Below is a list of our volunteers for this month. If you have any questions regarding this list or would like to volunteer yourself, please call/text Char at 920.219.0122(cell) or 920.386.4785(home) or

volunteer@stjohnsjuneau.org.

*** Just a reminder that serving counts towards your high schooler's volunteer hours!

Greeters @ Juneau Campus

2/2	8:00 AM	Bob & Mary Rist and Paplham Family
	10:30 AM	Gary & Jen Thiel and Dan & Phyllis Wegener
2/9	8:00 AM	Bob & Karen Bischoff, Betty Schultz
	10:30 AM	Rebecca Rennhack and family
2/16	8:00 AM	Carol Soldner, Charlene Lober
	10:30 AM	Geraldine Bischoff, Elaine Cox, Brenda Saugstad
2/23	8:00 AM	Bonnie Sell, Barb Zank
	10:30 AM	Mel Saeger, Delores Gentz, Russ & Barb Ridge

<u> Communion Assistants – Juneau Campus</u>

2/9	8:00 AM	Rick Cody, Harold Zastrow, Mike Krebs, Dave Meister
2/9	10:30 AM	Earl Pamperin, Royce Cox, Ryan Kummerow, Steve Schultz
2/23	8:00 AM	Dave Gerbitz, Art Mittlestadt, Chuck Wolfram, Gary Braun
2/23	10:30 AM	Randy Mohr, Russ Ridge, Marty Weinheimer, Mel Saeger
2/26	3:30 PM	Rick Cody, Mike Krebs, Luke Hirschfeld, Harold Zastrow
2/26	6:30 PM	Tim Weisensel,Gary Braun, Ben Gentz, TBD

Nursery Helpers for Communicants

2/9	8:00 AM	7th and 8th grade helpers
	10:30 AM	7th and 8th grade helpers
2/23	8:00 AM	7th and 8th grade helpers
	10:30 AM	7th and 8th grade helpers

<u>Altar Guild</u>

Juneau Campus: Lisa Cody and Kathy Pauly Salem-Lowell Campus: Pam Leistico

Welcome Mailers

Bev Weinheimer, Deb Wolter Feb 4 @ 10am

Ushers @ Juneau & Salem-Lowell Campus

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2/2	8:00 AM	Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul
	9:30 AM	Kyle Gibson, Donald Gibson, Wally Christian, Matt Yuenger
	10:30 AM	Tom Selchert, Wayne Braunschweig, Connor Recklau
2/6	6:30 PM	Neil Foch and Bob Gerbitz
2/9	8:00 AM	Joel Pitzlin, Bob Sette, Bob Koch, Shaun Panetti, Jay Panetti
	9:30 AM	Kyle Gibson, Donald Gibson, Wally Christian,
	10:30 AM	Jerry Stolzman, Bob Henken, Dennis Lisko, Mike Schall, Kevin Schall
2/13	6:30 PM	Lee Weis and Dylan Stegner
2/16	8:00 AM	Chuck Wolfram, Kevin Voigt, Bruce Soldner, Josh Soldner, Nick Voigt
	9:30 AM	Kyle Gibson, Donald Gibson, Wally Christian, Harold Lenz
	10:30 AM	Royce Cox, Pete Bischoff, Rick Leissring, Dave Schultz
2/20	6:30 PM	Joel Bischoff
2/23	8:00 AM	Bob Rist, Bob Sell, Steve Weinheimer,
	9:30 AM	Kyle Gibson, Donald Gibson, Wally Christian, Kevin Schoeffel
	10:30 AM	Keith Weinheimer, Andy Gentz, Eugene Gentz
2/26	3:30 PM	8th grade young men and Dave Gerbitz
2/26	6:30 PM	Bob Rist, Bob Sell, Steve Weinheimer, Keith Weinheimer, Andy Gentz
		and Eugene Gentz

Snow Shoveling

1st Week of the Month (2/2, 3/1, 4/5) Nate Zank, Dave Meister and Tim Weisensel

2nd Week of the Month (2/9, 3/8, 4/12) Darris and Jill Wasmund, Tim Weisensel

3rd Week of the Month (2/16, 3/15, 4/19) John Hoffman, Tim Weisensel, Mason Ockerlander

4th Week of the Month (2/23, 3/22, 4/26) Mike Winkelman, Tim Weisensel, Paul Schupmann

5th Week of the Month (3/29) Tim Weisensel, Paul Schupmann

Happy to Serve – cannot be on a regular shoveling schedule Luke Hirschfeld, Jeff Greenwald, Dan Zank, Randy Mohr, Lee Weiss

Pastoral Division of Duties

Pastor Brandt

Education Pastor

Confirmation Classes

Board of Elders Board of Education Assimilation Discipleship Fellowship

Worship Schedule

Pastor Luetke

Part-time Pastor (40 hours/month) Preach at our Services Monday Bible Class Every Member Visits Sunday School Mid-Week Communion

Pastor Schupmann

Administrative/Outreach Pastor

Jesus Cares

Board of Trustees

Evangelism

Administrator for all Campuses

Full-Time Pastors

Preach at our Services Bible Information Classes Mid-Week Communion

> Funerals Weddings

Counseling

Hospital Visits

Shut-in Visits

Ryan Kummerow

Staff Minister (20 hours/month) Sunday Morning Bible

Class

Ladies Aid Prospect Follow-Up

<u>Matt Hatzung</u>

Senior Assistant (20 hours/month)

Preach at our Services

Youth Group

Devotions on App

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

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Staff Minister: Ryan Kummerow	608-345-1900
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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
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Inction Gala

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Early Bird single seat is \$50 (until Feb 24) Seats are \$120 per pair or \$65 single (after Feb 24) Final RSVP due March 20 online: events.readysetauction.com/ lutherpreparatoryschool/galaxv

Iutherpreparatoryschool/galaxv Or by mail: Luther Prep Gala 1300 Western Ave Watertown, WI 53094.

Donations of **new items** are being accepted in the Mission Advancement office during school hours until **Feb 24**. Ideas would include: gift Cards, board games, tickets to sporting events. You are welcome to get items together with other congregation members. **Contact Sue at 920-262-8104 with questions.** Your support benefits future pastors, teachers, and lay leaders.

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE OF ST. JOHN'S



We're Hiring! WELS Lutherans for Life is seeking an RN to be our part-time Clinic Coordinator to work in West Allis, WI. The successful applicant must be a responsible, self-starter with good communication skills, able to work with a variety of people to work with a team of dedicated pro-life staff and volunteers helping moms and dads in unwanted pregnancy situations. If you would be a good fit for this position, we invite you to submit your resume to Contact@ALife2.com or call 414-727-8176. If you know someone who may be interested in working with us, please tell them. Applicants must be a WELS or ELS member. Complete position descriptions available upon request.

New Year resolutions? As you consider your future and what you may resolve to change in your life, think about what you can do to help save a life. You can make a difference by volunteering at WELS Lutherans for Life's pregnancy medical clinic in Milwaukee for the next year. There are a number of areas to help. You can make a real difference in someone's life. Call Rachel at 414-727-8176 or e-mail Contact@ALife2.com for more information.

Twice is Nice Retail Store News, February 2020:

Thank you for another wonderful year! It is only through the combined and faithful efforts and dedication of volunteers and shoppers who made it possible to finish another year amazingly strong. Twice is Nice is pleased to report hat through January 2020, it has been able to gift Lakeside Lutheran High School over \$5.4 million! Keep visiting us and finding those fantastic bargains. We're open 9-5 Monday through Saturday, and close only for major Christian holidays and when Lakeside closes because of severe weather. We're just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the Hwy 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine St in Jefferson. Thank you for shopping local and small for the big deals!

Volunteer: We are so grateful for more new volunteers, including new board members Bob Kuykendall (St. John, Jefferson), Rachel Steindorf (St. Mark, Watertown) and Kimara Winters (St. Luke, Watertown) as well as Lakeside students Alex Ryan (St. Paul, Lake Mills), Micah Missall (Zion, Leeds), Carlee Zimmermann (St. John, Jefferson) and Isaac Winters (St. Luke, Watertown) with dad Jim Winters, plus Connor Neumann (St. John, Watertown), Raine Thoma and Judy Ulm (St. Paul, Ixonia). Won't you join the excitement? We continue to have many spots for new faces. The scrapbooking area needs additional help. Whether it's working in non-clothing areas, keeping up the department inventory, or cashiering, we have the training and time slot you need to be a part of our team. Could you gather a couple friends from your congregation and volunteer for a day or evening each month? Call 920-674-6868, ask for the day manager.

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Break my heart



February is sometimes labeled the "month of love."

Human love is imperfect. Often, its affections are unilateral. Even if two people are in love, it may not

last. February could also be called the "month of broken hearts."

A broken heart "hurts"—not physically, but emotionally. It sometimes takes months or years for people to recover from one. Yet, as devastating as it may humanly be, God tells us that we should come to him regularly with a broken heart.

2 Samuel 11 and 12 is the lurid account of David's affair with Bathsheba, his death decree for Uriah, and his cover-up attempt. Although he thought that he had gotten away with it, the Lord was not fooled. Through Nathan, the Lord told David, "You are the man" (2 Samuel 12:7). Although sin blinded David, God's Word worked and eventually David sought forgiveness.

Near this time, the Holy Spirit moved David to write Psalm 51 with its words of penitence and humility. It begins, "Have mercy on me, O God" (v. 1). A bit further are words of trust and joy for forgiveness. "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me" (v. 12). Further yet David writes, "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; <u>a broken and contrite heart</u> you, God, will not despise" (v. 17).

When we seek God's forgiveness, he wants us to have a broken heart. This is not a broken heart from imperfect human love. It is a broken heart knowing that we have offended a holy God. We deserve only his wrath and punishment.

Psalm 51 illustrates confession's two parts: *penitence*, knowing that all sin transgresses God's holy will, and *confidence*, trusting that we are forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection. Phrases like "create in me a pure heart" (v. 10) and "restore to me the joy of your salvation" (v. 12) are David's expression of that trust and confidence. All who repent in faith may believe that God "heals" their broken hearts and removes their guilt forever.

God, give us a broken heart every day to humbly seek your forgiveness knowing that— for Jesus' sake—we are forgiven.

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



Donkey Basketball comes to Lakeside! ~LLHS FFA Alumni invite you to pick a team, cheer & laugh~ Sunday, March 8, 2020 • 4 pm

Attention Lakeside Federated pastors/staff ministers/teachers—join the fun on a donkey-riding basketball team! Families, sponsor a rider to see your favorite called worker "celebrity" play the game and ride the donkey—funds raised from this portion go to offset expenses of our FFA chapter. Other teams will include FFA members, alumni and LL staff. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. More details are available by contacting Kevin or Amy Voigt at kevin.voigt@att.net or 920-210-1646. Let's pack the gym and have some hee-haw fun!

FEBRUARY EVENTS

See full and up-to-the-minute schedule at Calendar under Quicklinks at Ilhs.org

Sun. Feb.	2Giving Society Chili Luncheon 12-1:30 PM
	Pops Concert/LES Visual Arts 1:30 PM &
	MPO Semi-Annual Meeting after concert
Feb. 5	Pre-WSMA Piano recital in choir room 6:30 PM
Feb. 9	A Cappella @ St. John, Waterloo 8/10:30 AM
Feb. 13	
Last nigh	nt to help a music student fundraise (see llhs.org/apps/pages/MPO)
Feb. 14	Senior Appreciation Night for Girls Basketball v. LPS 7:30 PM
Feb. 14-	16LES A-team Basketball Tournament at LLHS
Feb. 16	A Cappella @ St. John, Jefferson 8/10:30 AM
Feb. 17	No classes Kinderfest 9-11 AM
	Board of Regents 6:30 PM
Feb. 17-2	22National FFA Week
Feb. 18	
Feb. 20	Pastors Day at LLHS 9:30 AM
Feb. 23	A Cappella @ Eastside, Madison 8/10:30 AM
Feb. 24	
Feb. 26	
Feb. 29	WSMA Conference Music Festival at Lodi
Mar. 1	Prom Dress Re-sale at LLHS 1–3 PM (jschomme@llhs.org for info)
	Financial Aid forms due at LLHS for 2020-21 tuition assistance

LAKESIDE GOOD NEWS and NOTES

The Warrior Dance Team rocked the Watertown Spirit Invite by capturing captured another first place in D3 jazz and then a second place in D4 pom.



- This Christmas, Teens for Christ partnered with Kingdom Workers to support foster families. TfC held a bake sale that raised \$562.47, which was rounded up to \$675 with Teens for Christ funds. That amount was then matched by an anonymous donor for a total of \$1,350! The money raised provided nine foster families within the federation each with \$150 in Scrip gift cards for Christmas.
- Juniors Evelyn Schauer (St. John, Watertown) and Mia Murray (St. Andrew, Middleton) were each awarded a Certificate of Merit from Michigan Technological University's section of the Society of Women Engineers. The



Certificate of Merit Program recognizes young women in

their sophomore or junior year of high school based on academic excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics courses.

- Nate Yaroch (Zion, Columbus) played club baseball for the Renegades. After he played at a JP Sports Iowa tournament last summer, he was selected to the All-Star tournament in fall, which led to his selection to the All-American Team, which led to...ESPN DISNEY! During Christmas, Nate competed at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Disney New Year's Eve Classic with players his age from across the U.S.
- On Jan. 12, your LLHS held a formal/ semi-formal dress resale, which was open to the public. Much of the proceeds goes to support the school's upcoming spring and summer Operation GO mission trips. It was such a success, organizers are



planning another sale for Sunday, March 1, with a whole new batch of dresses and more!

- Warrior fam celebrated with senior Ella Collins (St. Paul, Lake Mills) January 17 as she signed her NCAA National Letter of Intent to play volleyball next year for D1 Eastern Illinois Panthers.
- The Warrior Robotics teams are working hard improving their 'bots for VEX tournament competitions that started at Shoreland Lutheran Jan. 18.



Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, a highlight of our day is gathering in the west gym for chapel. On Jan. 13, teacher Steve Lauber made it even cuter, bringing one of his springer spaniel puppies in as part of his

devotion. As cute as the chill puppy was, the message Steve shared was even better. The students are surrounded with the Word of God



each day. Looking for a devotional boost? Check out all of our chapel services online at livestream.com/llhslive

In memoriam:

Pastor Robert Krueger

Robert "Bob" H. Krueger, of New Ulm, died Sunday, January 5, 2020. Professor Krueger began serving your LLHS in 1965, first



teaching religion and German, coaching football and basketball, then as Principal from 1967-69. He was quoted in our 50th anniversary booklet as recalling that "it was a privilege to be a

small part" of Lakeside's history. We were blessed to have him and rejoice to think that he has been made perfect in heaven!





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WELDING · WOODWORKING · LASER PROJECTS · 3D PRINTING

NEW! Spring break offers a Tech Ed camp for 5-8th grades, open to the first 20 students. With Mr. Meske and Lakeside students, you'll explore 3D printing, laser projects, woodworking & welding/metals. March 16-18 (Mon-Wed) 12:30-4:30 pm | \$25

Register at llhs.org/apps/pages/makercamp

CONTACT INFO: Call 920-648-2321 • Email office@llhs.org Visit 231 Woodland Beach Rd. Lake Mills, WI 53551

LWMS NEWS & NOTES

Plans are underway for the 2020 Spring Rally of the Beaver Dam Circuit to be held at Mt.Zion, Ripon on April 18, 2020! Missionary Wife Beth Flunker – Brazil will be joining us, giving insight to the mission, people and life in Brazil. Our service project for this rally will be Bibles for Brazil. We will be taking monetary donations per Beth Flunker's request. More details will be shared, when they become available. In the meantime, invite your friends and make plans to join us for a few hours of fun Christian fellowship!

BAM Assignments

February is a great month to send our Befriended Missions some love and encouragement via snail mail and keep them in your prayers too!

<u>One Africa Team</u> Paul & Susan Nítz – Joel, Frances PO Box 30067 Lilongwe Malawí, AFRICA

<u>Ríver of Lífe Ev. Lutheran Church</u> Pastor Líncoln & Jenní Albrecht - Fíona, Ezekíel, Genevíeve 17040 W. Cocopah St. Goodyear, AZ 85338

<u>Rísen Savíor Lutheran Church</u> Pastor Bradley & Susan Wríght 1549 Brídgewater Way Mansfíeld, OH 44906

<u>Illumíne Lutheran Church</u> Pastor Kent & Alexandra Reeder - Beck 11051 Phínney Ave N. Seattle, WA 98133-8742 CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION - MALAWI/ZAMBIA



January 2020



"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him.'" Lamentations 3:22-24

At this time each year, I can't help but look forward to the next year and in this case, the next decade. The thoughts of something "new" – new beginnings, new time to use better, new, new, new – and it is exciting. At the same time, I can't help but look back and reflect on the previous year – what was accomplished, what was learned, what created joy. I get to do this in my personal and professional life. As a member of The Central Africa Medical Mission, I also reflect on what 2019 meant for CAMM and what plans we have for 2020.

2019 was another unbelievable year for CAMM. God's blessings for the work that we do shouldn't ever surprise us, but regularly we sit at our meetings in happy surprise and humbled awe on how God does. Here are a few highlights of the year:

- In Mwembezhi, Zambia: Alisad Banda, Administrator, and Jackson Kalekwa, Clinical Officer, continue to handle the day to day operations at the almost 60 year old clinic. Under the guidance of these 2 men, the clinic continues to serve over 10,000 patients a year. We are blessed that both of these men are our brothers in faith and are able to let God's light shine in their interactions with the staff, patients and many others.
- Gary and Beth Evans settled into their second year in Malawi. The Evans continue to be a wonderful blessing that God has given CAMM. Their experience, guidance and dedication to the mission have enabled us to be more collaborative between our Malawi Operations and our Zambia Operations.
- Beth has focused on working with the staff to improve how we triage our patients at each clinic site in Malawi, signing them up for training sessions for their own professional development and empowering them to bring their suggestions forward.
- Gary has focused on the grounds of our clinic sites in both Zambia and Malawi. In Zambia, we are readying the "new" clinic building for move in, so we can create more space in the old clinic building. In Malawi, we have made major improvements at our Mwalaulomwe clinic building, including a new procedure room and are continuing to work on the plan to improve Msambo and Thunga.
- We were blessed with many donations from our supporters monetary and otherwise, including pill bottles, baby hats and blankets, sunscreen and more. (Please make sure to reach out to Cheryl Valus, Contact Woman Coordinator, for a list of special projects that are available.)
- There are so many more blessings that CAMM has received in 2019 most of which been highlighted in the monthly letters and on our Facebook and web pages.

As I sit in awe of what God has allowed us to do in 2019, I can't help but look forward and be excited about 2020. Here are some of the things that we are looking forward to:

- Continuing to repair our clinic sites and boreholes in Malawi
- Repairing the old clinic building in Zambia
- Continued collaboration with our teams in Malawi and Zambia and possibly other organizations
- Hiring a few new staff members
- Helping others go to college with the Althea Sauer Scholarship and more much more!

Plus, as we approach 2021, we will be celebrating God's Grace for the 60 years of operations in Zambia for the Central Africa Medical Mission. We will focus on all that God has guided us to do in our first 60 years and prepare for the next 60 years. Please keep your eyes open for all of the different projects that we will be highlighting in 2020 - 2021!

With 2019 wrapping up, our prayer for you is that God continues to bless you as He has blessed CAMM.

Shelly Sievert - Chairperson - CAMM Committee Stateside

EQUIPPING CHRISTIAN WITNESSES

A SILVER ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

With support from the WELS Conference of Presidents, this two-year capital campaign will celebrare the 2020 silver anniversary of MLC. The title, "Equipping Christian Witnesses," reflects not only the mission of our institution to train a corps of Christian witnesses to meet WELS ministry needs—but also the pillars of this campaign.

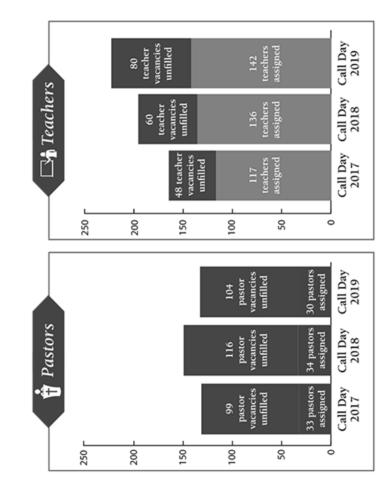


Pray holdly that we use this celebration to recruit with rigor countless Christian witnesses ... to increase our financial support of our students ... and to provide the necessary facilities to equip our students for their future ministries.

For more information, visit mlc-wels.edu/mlc-campaign



Please pray for the Ministry at Martin Luther College and pray that more young people will go into the ministry.



Christmas Presence





Many people in our world think of Christmas as a time for presents. In fact, not only has "Black Friday" become an accepted holiday in the vocabulary of most Americans, but this year it also graduated from a singular to a plural. It seemed like every Friday from October until December became "Black Friday" so we could buy even more presents at a discount.

Here in Native America in our missions to the Apache people in Arizona, we used Christmas as an opportunity to focus on presence instead of presents. After all, Immanuel arrived–God himself came into our world to live like one of us! And we had no shortage of excited volunteers eager to announce his presence to our communities!

In the month of December, more than 325 children in Apacheland put on their fanciest Christmas dresses and best clip-on ties and were proud to announce loudly and clearly that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. The students at East Fork Lutheran School were able to tell the Christmas story to several hundred people in the school gymnasium under the theme, "Did you Know?" Meanwhile, the students of Peridot-Our Savior's Lutheran School rented a community hall to fit everyone in to hear their program focused on sharing the story of Christmas, using the theme of "Savior of the Nations."

It was a memorable night on both the Fort Apache and San Carlos reservations, as each school was able to use its ever-growing presence in the community to share the glorious presence of Jesus. These Christmas programs are well attended by our local communities, including many who would not normally walk into one of our churches. And our students were ready! All of the students had been practicing for more than a month under the direction of dedicated teachers, and it showed. They certainly made their parents and teachers proud as they spoke clearly and sang loudly about this miraculous and glorious event.

With approximately half of the population on both of these Apache reservations under the age of 18, our schools continue to have real opportunities to share Jesus. Our pastors and teachers have the chance each day to continue training hundreds of eager evangelists who share Jesus with the youthful exuberance and blunt simplicity of childhood. Pray that they will continue witnessing as they grow up and that they will become leaders in service to their newborn King!

Written by Rev. Dan Rautenberg, Native American mission field coordinator



<u>Church in Panama City</u> <u>rededicated after hurricane</u> 2020/01/20/in <u>Together</u>

What a difference a year makes. On Oct. 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael blew through Panama City, Fla., as a category five hurricane, severely damaging the church and parsonage of Amazing Grace as well as the homes of

many of its members. On Oct. 20, 2019, Amazing Grace moved back into its rebuilt worship facility. During that year, more than 200 WELS volunteers poured into Panama City to help Amazing Grace with the necessary cleanup and rebuilding. In addition, people from around the world joined together in praying for their Christian brothers and sisters and donating funds and materials to help.

In the immediate aftermath of the storm, Amazing Grace's members banded together to check on one another and to help each other. As soon as the roads were cleared, members from neighboring congregations also pitched in. Then, volunteers from WELS Christian Aid and Relief and Kingdom Workers' Builders For Christ began arriving, including more than 40 Martin Luther College students who volunteered at various times.

"It was an eye-opening experience," says Hailey Stade, one of the Martin Luther College students who helped with cleanup soon after the hurricane. "I had no idea what to expect until we crossed the bridge to Panama City. Buildings were flattened. Every tree you saw was on the ground or bent in half. Power lines lay all over the sides of streets and sidewalks. A building was considered lucky if it even had some of its roof intact."

The roof of Amazing Grace's church was ripped open during the storm and the parsonage's roof was peeled up,

causing flooding throughout the home. With such extensive water damage, most items needed to be replaced and much needed to be rebuilt. Yet Amazing Grace was blessed with donations and volunteers every step along the way to lighten the load.

On Jan. 12, 2020, members of Amazing Grace rededicated their worship space and invited volunteers back to celebrate with them. About 25 volunteers who helped with the rebuilding process attended this grand reopening celebration.

"The grand reopening was more like a grand reunion," says Rev. David Kehl, current pastor at Amazing Grace.



Pictured in the middle: St. John's member, Jim Bublitz

Although the past year posed many challenges for them, members agree that this experience brought them closer together—with each other, with their

fellow WELS members, and with their community. As they move forward, they're excited to take the next step with their ministry plans.

As Mr. Torger Reppen, president of Amazing Grace, notes, "It's so nice to be back in our own building, our own home. Now we can focus on outreach. We've been focusing on rebuilding, and now we can focus on daily church stuff."



Lessons from Volunteering with Kingdom Workers

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My name is Elizabeth Zank. I'm a 2016 graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I have been a practicing Registered Nurse for the past three years in the hospital setting—in both medical surgical and intensive care. I have had multiple opportunities to volunteer with Kingdom Workers since starting my nursing career. I traveled to Malawi for an immersion experience, Panama City Beach, Fla., to help rebuild a church with Builders for Christ, and I have recently gotten involved with the foster family support program. I also traveled to Thailand with Christians Forward Southeast Asia to run a medical clinic for a local village this past April. Volunteering with Kingdom Workers has helped me to broaden my perspective, gain valuable experiences, learn new skills, and meet many different people from different backgrounds.

Simply by becoming a nurse I have learned so much about the human experience and have had the opportunity to help patients and families at some of the most vulnerable moments in their life. Going into these various different volunteer opportunities, my nursing experience has been extremely helpful. As a nurse, you have to be ready for the unexpected and roll with it. It is important to pay attention to the small details, but also keep the bigger picture in mind with constant multi-tasking, prioritization, and time-management.

In March of 2018, I traveled to Malawi with Kingdom Workers. We were mainly led by local Kingdom Workers employees (Allena, Davie, and Tendai) and assisted by the Tyrrell family. As a group we visited local villages where trained volunteers assisted disabled children with physical therapy. This was my second time experiencing a third world country. In nursing school I had the opportunity to travel to Zambia with my nursing class. In that environment, you always have to be ready for the unexpected. You gain that awareness from the moment you arrive in the country. Driving down the road to the guest house, we saw many people walking along the road—children in uniforms walking back from school, mothers carrying a child on their back and carrying a basket on their head, small makeshift roadside markets, packed minibuses, and various types of buildings and housing that you don't see every day in America. The roads were also very different. There were a few that were paved, but most of the other side roads were unpaved and very rough. Houses like the one we stayed in are protected by a wall and have hired security. Unless they are very wealthy, many people in Malawi don't have running water or electricity. Often power outages happened during the day or night.

Visiting local children benefiting from Kingdom Workers volunteers was very eye opening and heart wrenching. Disabled children often are outcast by society in Malawi. It was amazing to hear stories on the progress children made through the program and see the work the volunteers do. We had the opportunity to visit families at their houses and see how they live day to day. We learned our presence and encouragement is very uplifting for the people and volunteers in the program.

Going into the trip the group prepared by reading a book called "When Helping Hurts." We focused on the purpose for a short-term mission trip and what our perspective of poverty is. Our main goal was to learn and bring fellowship, empowerment, and encouragement to the people. Big changes in developing countries don't happen in a few days, but they are built over a long time. One of my big takeaways from the trip was the incredible faith, resilience, and positivity of the Malawian people despite the daily struggles and hardships they face. Also, despite the barriers and obstacles that exist, they continue forward doing the best they can with what they have.

The change in perspective I gained also was extremely helpful on returning to my role as a registered nurse here in the U.S. In medicine we are obsessed with getting the latest technology and the latest new treatments, and sometimes that technology is the very thing that is hindering us from caring for and knowing our patients. We can only anticipate further advancements in technology in the years to come, but it was really helpful for me to see and consider first-hand how sometimes more is not always better. This trip also really helped me to take a step back and acknowledge my bias when it came to understanding poverty. Material poverty is just one aspect of poverty. This trip helped me to gain the perspective that we are all living in some form of poverty or brokenness. In my role as a nurse, acknowledging this bias has helped me realize the importance of taking more time with my patients and families to ask questions, listen, and connect with them. Everyone is dealt their own challenges and struggles in life. I can do my best to understand their situation and show them that no matter what they are going through they are not alone.

My experience volunteering with Kingdom Workers has impacted my personal life and career in a very positive way. From Malawi to right here in Wisconsin, I have learned how to keep striving to be an ambassador for Christ whatever the environment or circumstance. This is something that I want to prioritize in my life and career wherever I may be for years to come.

By Elizabeth Zank, BSN, RN

6TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING NIGHT OUT

An evening of wine and craft beer paired with gourmet appetizers & desserts, a wine pull, raffles, and a silent auction.

DATE Thursday, February 6, 2020 | 6:00-8:00PM VENUE Chandelier Ballroom | Fireside Room 150 Jefferson Avenue Hartford, WI 53027 TICKETS \$40 ticket donation | Space is limited! Go to www.christianliferesources.com to purchase tickets. Mail a check with 'Wine Event' in the memo to: Christian Life Resources, Box 56, Richfield, WI 53076

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