

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. *Galatians 5:25*

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.



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From The Pastor's Desk

In my backyard stands a concrete bird bath. It used to belong to my grandmother. From her it was passed down to my dad. Now, it has become part of the eclectic landscape at the Wetmore household in Kronenwetter.

I remember painting the outside of that birdbath white for Grandma so that it would match her house. It looked really sharp when I was finished.

But the thing that I remember even more than painting it is cleaning out the basin. I would have to take a big scrub brush to it and use dish soap and bleach to get the part where the birds bathe clean. As hard as I worked at it, within a week or less the whole scrubbing process would have to be repeated all over again.

After fifty-some years, the process still goes on. Granted, I love watching the birds splashing around in the water, but trying to remove the filth is a never-ending job.

That bird bath reminds me how, no matter what we do and no matter how hard we try, we just can't get rid of the filth of our sin. We might look all freshly painted and holy on the outside, but inside there is always uncleanness.

That birdbath, however, also reminds me of Baptism – how God, using plain, old water combined with His perfect and powerful Word washes away the guilt of our sin.

Luther's Small Catechism says:

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Thanks be to God that He washes us daily in Baptism and covers us with something much better than white paint – He covers us with the blood of His Son.

Pastor Wetmore

Celebrate Summer – Celebrate Your Faith!

With summer here some of your routines have likely changed. Summer brings opportunities for more physical activity, time together with family and friends, and fresh fruit and vegetables. The days are longer. Children, and perhaps grandchildren, are home from school. The garden, lawn and flowers need tending. Perhaps you are planning a vacation, or at least plan to get away. There is so much to do.

Change and room to flex can be great, yet some daily routines should be protected throughout the year. It is always good to eat well and include fruits and vegetables in your diet. It's good to stay hydrated and to stay active. Physical activity goes along way toward maintaining good health. I have also learned that protecting your skin is important. I recently had a bit of skin cancer removed.

With all this good advice it is not enough to simply eat well and stay active. Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" Matthew 4:4. It is also important to nourish one's faith daily. Routines like worship, daily devotions, prayer and Bible study are vital. Yet we all know how easy it is to become lax with God's Word of life!

As you think of all that summer has to offer, including the wonderful seasonal foods we get to enjoy, remember the amazing fare God provides you. Challenge yourself by setting aside times to stay spiritually active and fed and connected to your Lord and Savior as part of your summer activities. "Taste and see that the Lord is good" Psalm 34:8. Connected to Jesus the True Vine, you too, not just nature, will bear good fruit to the glory of God!

By God's grace, connected and growing in Christ,
Pastor Rick

Announcements

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

The Marathon County Transportation Program was created in 2002 to take elderly, veterans and developmentally disabled people to their medical appointments and grocery shopping. They are now in a critical situation with a shortage of volunteer drivers. If you have free time and would like to help out, the Program can be tailored to your schedule. People in need of transportation will be matched with drivers from their area. In turn, drivers will be reimbursed at 57.5 cents per mile. If you have any questions about the Program or are interested in an application, please call Jenny McKenzie at 715-841-5101. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Just wanted to "Thank You" for all the congratulations, well wishes, thoughts, gifts, cards, and prayers given to me on my Confirmation Day. I'm truly blessed and humbled by the whole experience. I plan on continuing my walk in Faith and growing stronger in my personal connection with God. Again, "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart.

Rachel Sauer

CLC Family Fun Day

Saturday, July 25 from 1-4pm

Games, popcorn, cotton candy, Bible fun and prizes

Help us welcome the community at this free, outdoor event!

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild has decided to work on a couple projects for Lutheran World Relief. The need is great as with all the disasters that have occurred worldwide and also right here in the United States their supplies have dwindled. CLC QUILTERS have taken on the project of making drawstring backpacks. Now we need help filling them. A list of supplies needed follows. Just pick up what you can and we'll get the help of our Sunday School kids, youth group, or Bible class groups to put them together. We plan to send them with our shipment of quilts in October. We will have a box across from the drinking fountains, to collect any supplies you can donate. We will also put together some personal care kits to send along. If you cannot buy supplies, they can always use funds to help with shipping. We will have a container for that, too. Thank you for your help!

School kits:

- Four 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled)
- Ruler with centimeters on one side
- Pencil sharpener
- Scissors (blunt end or safety)
- Five #2 pencils (unsharpened with erasers)
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" eraser

Personal care kits:

- Light-weight bath towel (dark color)
- 2 bars of soap (4 or 5 oz.)
- Adult-size toothbrush
- Comb (sturdy-no picks or fine-toothed)
- Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

North Wisconsin District Convention

North Wisconsin District Convention Election Results

June 7-8, 2015

District President – Rev. Dwayne M. Lueck, Wausau, WI

1st Vice President – Rev. Dr. Timothy W. Roser, Junction City, WI

2nd VP – Rev. Steven G. Hulke, Marquette, MI

3rd VP – Rev. William C. Plautz, Chippewa Falls, WI

Secretary – Rev. Alan “Hal” Toenjes, Green Bay, WI

2016 Synod Committee for Convention Nominations

David Piehler, Wausau, WI

Circuit Visitor

Wausau Circuit # 11 – Rev. Raymond Connor, Weston

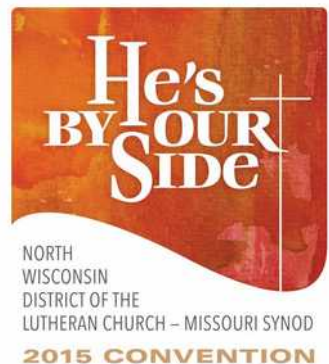
For further election results, visit the North Wisconsin District website at www.nwdlcms.org

2015 NWD Convention Report

The 51 st North Wisconsin District convention began June 7th , 2015 with opening worship at Mt. Olive

Lutheran Church. A sermon of hope was shared by Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison. He used the convention theme HE’S BY OUR SIDE, stating that God has been and will continue to be with us and His church.

Later at the conference center, President Lueck gave his



report to the convention, stating the district vision and priority of healthy workers in healthy congregations doing missions. Pres. Lueck emphasized the critical basics that must continue – preach the word, administer the sacraments, teach the catechism and confessions, and get the members of our congregation into God’s word. He emphasized our need to encourage each other, from the district office, the congregation level, and the circuit level. Lueck reminded the assembly that the District Resources team is here to encourage, network and equip our congregations for ministry. It takes all of us – both the church worker and lay person working together, congregation and district working together. In conclusion, Lueck stated: “He’s by our side ...with His good gifts and Spirit. God has given us the gifts to vigorously make known the love of Jesus Christ within our churches, communities, and the world. ... What an exciting time to be the people of God. “

A point of emphasis begins in 2016. The North Wisconsin District will be 100 years old. Lueck plans to put a task force together to celebrate the District’s centennial.

LCMS President Matthew Harrison also shared with those assembled at the Convention Center about things going on in the synod. He especially talked about the international mission field and how well the LCMS is getting more missionaries to these foreign places, an instruction from the last Synod convention. He also took the time to address questions from delegates.

Ohio District President Terry Cripe was the essayist also focusing in on the convention theme. After a humorous top ten list of Things We Didn’t Know About President Lueck, President Cripe outlined examples of historical struggle and hardship, from the old testament to today, and our reliance on Almighty God and the love of Jesus to equip and

encourage us for our calling.

Camp Luther shared about ministry at camp, as well as their new campaign “Filled with the Spirit” to raise \$5.5 million to address some major needs, with a new dining hall at the top of the list. More details will be shared in the near future.

A video of Peruvian culture and mission work in Peru was shared. President Lueck described ministry taking place in four communities around Lima, and the district support the past two years, as encouraged in the 2012 NWD Convention. He also announced that a mission trip will be taking place early this next year, filled by interested people from the district.

Finally, the District delegates passed the following resolutions:

- To support the pro-life position at both the beginning and end of life, not supporting euthanasia.
- Congregations of the district be encouraged to establish a Disability Ministry Task Force as many church facilities have physical and attitudinal barriers faced by the disabled.
- Circuits 15 & 20 were combined to form one circuit – Circuit 15 and the new circuit will select a new Circuit Visitor in the next couple of months.
- The convention requested that the Council of Presidents review the pastors’ PIF form and possibly change wording in it about “liturgical” and “theological” positions of pastors as well as how pastors can review their PIFs.
- Support for President Harrison in his role as Synod President.
- Additional funding was approved for congregations

that request financial assistance from the district to support their pastor's participation in PALS.

One resolution was tabled concerning the LCMS CCM opinion that was given earlier in the year about LMCS Bylaw 3.8.3. The resolution wished to memorialize the Synod at the next convention to amend Synod Bylaw 3.8.3 and allow congregations, RSOs, etc., to be able to call and send missionaries to the international mission field.

The convention concluded early evening on Monday June 8, 2015 with a video of ministry in the North Wisconsin District. Churches are encouraged to share the video with their congregations, located on the District Resources website, with other convention items.

Confirmation Pictures



Zachary Erickson



James Hess



Rachel Sauer





CLC Quilters

The time flies but we keep trying to get more quilts done for LWR . There is another way to help LWR out.

An intelligent mind acquires knowledge. and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. (*Proverbs :18:15*)

They are asking for more school kits to fill the need. So the quilters said we would provide the bags for them BUT we ask for your help to fill them. Each one needs to have the following items;

- (4) 70-sheet notebooks (280-300) sheets in total of wide or collage ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2" (NO LOOSE-LEAF PAPER)
- (1) 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- (1) pencil sharpener
- (1) pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- (5) unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (secured together with a rubber band)
- (5) black or blue ballpoint pen (no gel) (secured together with a rubber band)
- (1) box of 16 or 24 crayons
- (1) 2 1/2" eraser

Please consider getting these items when you see the BACK TO SCHOOL SALES . These can be shipped in Oct. when the quilts are shipped out. We will continue to make as many quilts as we are able to do. The faithful always hope for more to show up for at least part of the day. That 3rd Wed of the month 9:30 to 3:00 or so.

Please keep us in prayer and thought

Thank You

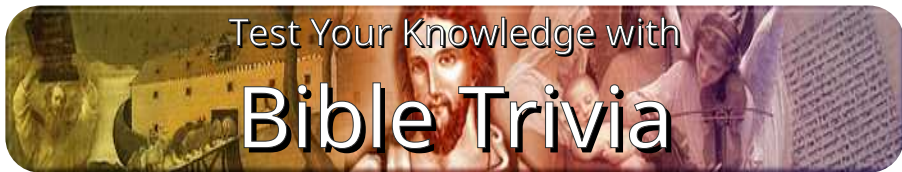
Jean Richards

MAY/JUNE MYSTERY MEMBER



Michelle Bahr

Michelle won her high school's arm wrestling competition as a freshman. She served 3 years as a volunteer firefighter. Michelle was also confirmed the same day Mount St. Helen erupted.



The answers will be printed in the following Crosswalk Newsletter. There will be references printed on the last page of the newsletter in case you get stuck.

Trivia Questions

1. *What miraculous food resembles coriander seed?*
2. *What prophet, who was a herdsman and fruit picker by trade, had a vision of a basket of ripe fruit?*
3. *Who served cheese, milk, and veal to the Lord when he made his appearance in the form of three men?*
4. *What prophet ate a book and found it sweet?*

January / February Answers

1. *What Roman official did Peter baptize?*
Cornelius (*Acts 10:23-48*)
2. *How many angles will be at the gates of the New Jerusalem?*
12 (*Revelation 21:12*)
3. *What furnishings in the temple were made of olive wood?*
The cherubim (*1 Kings 6:23*)
4. *What judge had 70 sons?*
Gideon (*Judges 8:30*)

To avoid scheduling conflicts, please check with the church office when planning any type of gathering or event at Christ Lutheran Church

Email all Crosswalk articles to news@clc-wausau.org

Bible Trivia References:

1. (Exodus 16:31) 2. (Amos 8:1) 3. (Genesis 18:1-8) 4. (Ezekiel 2:9 - 3:3)



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