

THE WELCOME

**The Newsletter of St. John's
January 2019**

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

**Juneau, Wisconsin
Horicon, Wisconsin**





January 2019 - St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
Church 920-386-3313 School 920-386-4644 www.stjohnsjuneau.org Pastor Brandt 608-343-2206 Pastor Schnuppman 920-344-9839		1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 Confirmation 5:00 PM	3 Worship 6:30pm	4	5 Leadership Conference Arino Baptism Horicon Worship 5:00 PM
6 <i>Ephiphany</i> Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Confirmation 9:15 AM Elders 11:30 AM Ladies Aid Christmas Party 3:00 PM	7	8 BIC @ Clearview 10:00 AM Jesus Cares 1:30 PM Trustees 6:30pm	9 Confirmation 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM	10 Worship with communion 6:30pm	11	12 Undecorate the Church 9:00 AM Horicon Worship 5:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 PM
13 <i>Baptism of our Lord</i> Worship with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Confirmation 9:15 AM Church Council 10:30 AM	14 Pastor's Conference at LPS Multi-Site Committee 6:30 PM	15 BIC @ Clearview 10:00 AM OWLS @ St. John's 1:30 PM Nehemiah Bible Study 7:00 PM	16 Matthew's Place 9:00 AM Clearview 10:00 AM Shut-In Meeting 10:45 AM Mid-Week Communion 11:00 AM Confirmation 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM	17 Worship 6:30 PM	18	19 Clean Church Basement Day 9:00 - Noon Horicon Worship 5:00 PM
20 <i>Ephiphany 2</i> Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 AM Open Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 AM	21 Board of Education 7:00 PM	22 BIC @ Clearview 10:00 AM Jesus Cares 1:30 PM	23 Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM	24 Worship with communion 6:30 PM Mission Board - PS	25	26 Horicon Worship 5:00 PM
Pastor Brandt on Vacation						
27 <i>Ephiphany 3</i> Worship with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Confirmation 9:15 AM Voter's Meeting 7:00 PM	28 Budget Committee 6:30 PM	29 BIC @ Clearview 10:00 AM Worship Committee 3:30 PM Nehemiah Bible Study 7:00 PM	30 Confirmation 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM	31 Worship 6:30 PM	Altar Guild: Lisa Cody Kathy Pauly	

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St. John's Lutheran Church & School

400 S. Main St. -- Juneau, Wisconsin

St. John's Church 920.386.3313

St. John's School 920.386.4644

Regular Worship Schedule

Thursday Worship 6:30 PM

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

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 AM

Pastors at St. John's Church

David Brandt

Paul Schupmann

Faculty of St. John's School

Richard Cody – Principal

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Television Broadcast of our Services

St John's Service @ Cable 97

Mondays 11 AM

St John's Service @ Cable 97

Tuesdays 6:30 PM

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God's Encouraging Word ...

when I am fearful about the future

2018 is here. For some, it's scary how quickly 2017 disappeared. For others, they can't wait to turn the page because this is the year they plan to graduate or perhaps get married. In either case, however, who of us knows what 2018 will bring? In all seriousness, who of us knows what tomorrow will bring?

If you've ever worried or fretted about the future, our gracious God has given us a very powerful verse, nestled right in the middle of the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. The prophet Jeremiah was one who had very good cause to be worried about the future. Day after day he took a beating because he stood up for God's truth and proclaimed God's Word. But God lifted Jeremiah's eyes up to see the future and to know the truth about what was in store for him. God said to Jeremiah and he says to you: **"I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

Talk about comforting and encouraging words! This is God's ultimate plan for all believers—a plan that meets its fulfillment in heaven, and yet believers find fulfillment of these promises even now. Let's be clear, God is not promising you an extraordinary amount of money in a sweepstakes. He's not saying that you won't ever get cancer or some other disease. He's telling you and me that HE KNOWS. He knows the plan—the ultimate plan—which centers upon Jesus.

Because of Jesus we have the sure hope of heaven. Because of Jesus we have a future that is free from all sin, shame, sorrow and sadness. Because of Jesus our Savior who lived and died and rose in our place, we don't have to worry or fret about what 2018 will bring. No matter what happens, through faith in Jesus our future is set. God knows it and he wants you to know it too.

As we journey into 2018, we can make plans, we can set goals. Above all, we can have confidence because our LORD God knows the ultimate plans he has for us—and he's already shared them with us! Live in this confidence and share these promises, for there are many around us who are deeply concerned what the future holds. Tell them about Jesus who knows!

Thank you, thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, cookie bakers, packers, container decorators, drivers, St. John's children who made Christmas cards, and office ladies making sure we had extra Welcomes, Advent booklets, and calendars.

We delivered approximately 45 containers; the extra cookies and candy will be used at school and Midweek communion. What a joy, what a blessing to do this for our shut-ins! It brought many smiles and some hugs too. Volunteering is a blessing. Amen.

Again, thank you!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Geraldine Bischoff

Ladies Aid - Sunshine

Ladies Aid Christmas Party:
Reminder that the Ladies Aid Christmas Party will be held in the church basement on Sunday, January 6 at 3:00pm. Please bring a dessert to pass.

Merry Christmas to you all.

The Ladies Aid Christmas Party is being planned for Jan 6th. Please remember to RSVP to Jill. Jill, Char and Fran are working on this.

There will be no other January Ladies Aid meeting. The next meeting will be February 7th, the first Thursday as usual. Pastor Reuben Schmitz and Dan N the new director of Alpha Life Resource Center in Watertown will be coming to this meeting.

At the February meeting, in addition to other things, a new president needs to be elected. My four year term is over. Fran's Treasurer's job is also over, Jill has volunteered to take the Treasurer's job. Our Secretary, Lois V and our VP Pennae are not up for election yet.

Thank you to the ladies who took care of the funerals recently.

Thank you to Delores and those who helped for managing the Mission festival potluck Nov 18th between services. Thank you to Cindy for all the sewing plans. 12 fantastic adult clothing protectors were made Sunday Nov 18 by Cindy, Karen, Sue, Marianne, Bonnie Bischoff and me. Bethesda has expressed thanks so much for these. Some date in the future, we plan to make 12 more.

Thank you to Geraldine and her helpers for the cookies to Shut-ins project. Please remember our shut-ins with a card or a visit. See the December welcome for the list of shut-ins.

Thank you to those who contributed the many items collected for our Adopt a Seminary student. Thank you to Karen for her work planning this and to Heide for the delivery.

And thank you to all of you for being supportive in my recent 4 years at the Ladies Aid President. Please encourage someone you know to take on this job in 2019. Ladies Aid is a great organization. Sometimes it seems like it is a secret, but we do have lots of wonderful ladies in the Ladies Aid.

Sincerely,

Linda Schaalma

Help a Member in Need

St. John's has members in need of help around their home.

They are looking for help with some small projects

- fixing a towel rack
- help set doors to close properly
- fix light
- empty burn barrel
- straighten posts
- fix door knob
- fix bathroom fan
- fix kitchen sink
- help with mowing lawn, trimming, etc. (seasonal)
- etc.

If you are willing to help with any of these projects, please contact the church office for more information. Thank you for your willingness to serve our fellow Christians!



St. John's was bursting with many activities this past month. Here are some of the highlights.

1. Choirs caroling at Matthew's Place
2. St. John's Jr. Choir
3. St. John's Band
4. Third Grade Recorders
5. Eighth Grade girls singing at Advent by Candlelight
6. Young Adult Advent Service



CHRISTMAS for Kids



1. Toy Donations
2. Food Donations
3. Grandparents' Day for Preschoolers



Christmas Worship at St. John's

Thank you to all who worshipped with us and assisted with the services!



Happy Birthday!

Birth Month and Day	First Name	Last Name
01/01	Carol	Lemke
01/01	Katherine	Neuberger
01/02	Geraldine	Fierke
01/03	Victoria	Peterman
01/03	Landon	Coombs
01/04	Charlotte	Schmidt
01/04	Allen	Weiss
01/05	Kyle	Wolter
01/06	Gilliana	Schaalma
01/06	Martin	Weinheimer
01/06	Lester	Griepentrog
01/07	Shayna	Vick
01/07	Jeremy	Nehls
01/08	Eileen	Giroux
01/08	Jodee	Pegelow
01/09	Callie	Selje
01/09	Miranda	Mohr
01/09	John	Schuster
01/09	Keith	Weinheimer
01/09	Jonathan	Goodenough
01/10	Nancy	Condon
01/10	John	Rediske
01/11	Lisa	Kluge
01/12	Benjamin	Schepp
01/12	Jacob	Klug
01/13	Chad	Guenther
01/13	Carol	Muenchow
01/13	Leah	Neis
01/13	Janice	Wolfram
01/13	James	Leetch
01/14	Linda	Schaalma
01/16	Robert	Rist
01/16	Brooklyn	Wegener
01/16	Carol	Tillema
01/17	Paul	Condon
01/17	Carol	Krause
01/17	David	Peterman
01/17	Reid	Schmidt
01/17	Mary	Weinheimer
01/17	Judy	Lackas
01/17	Quinn	Pieper
01/17	Nora	Arndt
01/17	Shelly	Coron
01/18	Scott	Wohling
01/19	David	Fude

01/19	Debra	Kaul
01/19	Debra	Sharkey
01/19	Dennis	Stensaas
01/19	Pamela	Hess
01/19	Brieanna	Kast
01/19	Emma	Passig
01/20	Chad	Haase
01/21	Lisa	Cody
01/21	Lorne	Druecke
01/21	Lois	Voigt
01/21	Cody	Kutz
01/21	Lisa	Drost
01/21	Mariah	Rabehl
01/23	David	Bischoff
01/23	Stanley	Smith
01/23	Ava	Lepple
01/24	Travis	Justmann
01/24	William	Luebke
01/24	Caitlyn	Schmidt
01/24	Matthew	Weinheimer
01/24	Kody	Hill
01/26	Anthony	Wolter
01/26	Vanessa	Bischoff
01/27	Gabriel	Vick
01/28	Rosanne	Kjornes
01/28	Nancy	Pitzlin
01/28	Taylor	Justmann
01/28	Keileigh	Pitts
01/28	Chelsea	Knippel
01/29	Dale	Matuszeski
01/29	Earl	Pamperin
01/29	Rachael	Brandenburg
01/30	Ava	Pluim
01/31	Darris	Wasmund
01/31	Heather	Pitts

Happy Anniversary!

January 5, 1981 Lee & Sara Fehrman

January 7, 1984 Richard & Holly Herbst

Memorials

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Loretta Kuerschner	\$25.00	Debt
Dennis Druecke	\$50.00	Undesignated/Hymnals
Ken Foch	\$200.00	Undesignated/Hymnals
Beatrice Richardson	\$50.00	School
Jeanine Pamperin	\$10.00	General
Don Elmer	\$10.00	General
Marion Luebke	\$20.00	Debt
	\$10.00	General
	\$50.00	Missions
	\$130.00	Undesignated
	\$65.00	Video Recording

Gifts

Ed and Lorraine Hammann have given a gift to the Debt Fund in celebration of their 71st wedding anniversary!

A gift has been given by Sheryl Buddé for printing over the Christmas season and also to the Youth Group and Assimilation/Fellowship events in loving memory of her husband, Denis' December 16th birthday.

Betty Schultz has given a gift to the Debt Fund in memory of her husband, Robert, who passed away December 17, 2013.

Sacred Acts

Funerals:

Elroy Friede - December 6, 2018

Lynn Baumann - December 7, 2018

Marion Luebke - December 10, 2018

Baptism:

Nolan Matthew Gentz - December 23, 2018

St John's Greeters List for January

Early Service

1st Sunday Jan 6th

1. Bob & Mary Rist
2. Aaron & Teresa Zuelke

2nd Sunday Jan 13th

1. Betty Schultz
2. Bob & Karen Bischoff

3rd Sunday Jan 20th

1. Paul & Sharon Schmidt
2. Carol Soldner

4th Sunday Jan 27th

1. Bonnie Sell
2. John & Samantha Hoffman & family

Late Service

1st Sunday Jan 6th

1. Mel Saeger
2. Gary & Jen Thiel

2nd Sunday Jan 13th

1. Pennae Schultz
2. Lance & Shayna Vick

3rd Sunday Jan 20th

1. Chad & Lori Minnema
2. Marty & Bev Weinheimer

4th Sunday Jan 27th

1. Delores Gentz
2. Russ & Barb Ridge

Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS)

The Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS) offers an active alternative to inactivity for people retired and/or 50 years old. To hundreds of members throughout the United States, this organization provides a sense of active purpose. Through involvement, fellowship, mutual support, life enrichment activities and service to others, OWLS members are encouraged and helped to be all that they can be. Interested in joining? Contact the OWLS National Office at 507-354-4403.

Why become a member?

Being a part of OWLS will provide opportunities for Christ-centered involvement that will enrich your life.

Nursing home ministry

The nursing home ministry is an outreach program to the un-churched in nursing homes. This is an opportunity to share the Word with the promise of a Savior who died for all sinners and ensures a heavenly home for all believers. Instructions and devotions will be provided to chapters and members-at-large who would like to participate.

Gospel outreach

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). This is reason enough to be involved in evangelistic outreach. In word and deed, members of this organization share the gospel through individual and group efforts and by supporting the evangelism work of the congregation and synod.

Crossing generations

Christians with lots of life experience have much to offer young people and can also find great blessings in working with them. You can request a booklet, “Crossing Generations” which is full of suggestions for young people and older members to benefit from each other and be a blessing across generations.

Prison ministry

OWLS chapters and individual members support WELS Prison Ministry financially and through volunteer participation. Activities include distributing materials, serving as pen pals, correcting tests, and making greeting cards and bookmarks for prisoners. The organization’s spiritual advisor writes a special letter every few months to prisoners who have no pen pal. Some congregations collect used copies of *Meditation* devotions and forward them to the WELS Prison Ministry office. There volunteers prepare them to be distributed them to thousands of waiting prisoners.

European chaplaincy

OWLS is justly proud to be the major supporter of the WELS Civilian Chaplaincy to military and civilians living in Europe. Every year OWLS members and OWLS chapters raise enough money to fund the salary of the Civilian Chaplain who visits our service people and civilians who are in Europe.

Endowment

When a person has used and enhanced his or her gifts and abilities over the course of many years, it is not only good stewardship but an extension of godly love to share such skill and knowledge with others. Wills and estate planning and charitable gifting are part of Christian stewardship and God-given opportunities to put love and faith into action for one’s family as well as for the Lord.

Spiritual growth

This organization is keenly aware of the need for continual spiritual growth. Hostel, retreats, and workshops all provide a rich source of encouragement, fellowship, and information that is part of that growth. The

Our Dodge County Rock River Chapter of OWLS will have their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, January 15 from 1:30pm-5:00pm. It will be hosted by our congregation. You are invited to attend!

organization's spiritual advisor writes a message for each issue of the newsletter, New Horizons, mailed to members four times each year.

Cultural growth

An active and fulfilling life involves the whole person. The mind as well as the body and should must be fed. Tours like the "arm-chair" tours at convention or vacation tours planned with a Christian agency provide members with God-pleasing activities that contribute to the nourishment of the mind.

Personal growth

The OWLS know how to have fun and appreciate the lighter side of life as much as anyone. Recreational activities are a regular part of its activities. Hobbies, collectibles, and items from the past are shared at conventions, and new ideas for personal growth are presented at workshops and hostels and in the newsletter where a good joke can always bring a laugh.

Sharing

When a person has used and enhanced his or her gifts and abilities over the course of many years, it is not only good stewardship but an extension of godly love to share such skills and knowledge with others. This organization makes a practice of counseling and coaching especially in the area of finance.

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce members
invite you to join them for Dinner and Networking in this New Year!
Guest speaker Pam Carper - Executive Director of Big Brothers & Big Sisters

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Juneau American Legion Post 15 — 162 E. Oak Street, Juneau
Cocktails & Networking at 5:30pm — Dinner at 6:30pm

*Beef tips & gravy, noodles & mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, glazed carrots,
vinegar cucumber salad, dinner rolls & butter, beverage & dessert*

\$15 per person

Donate non-perishable food items to receive a dollar off your meal for every donated item (up to five items)

RSVP by JANUARY 18th

We encourage everyone to bring a door prize and there will be a raffle of those items.

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The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest

When you work with people of another culture and another language, those people handle your linguistic shortcomings in a few different ways. First, you have "the Simplifier," who slows the conversation with you way down and only uses simple words, immediately rephrasing sentences that may be too complex. Next, you have the "the Louder." This is the person who speaks extra slow to make sure you understand, making big gestures as sign language to help you along. And, for some reason, they think it will help if they speak louder and louder until they are nearly shouting at you . . . but in a very eager and friendly way. Finally, you have the "the Firehoser." That's the person who forgets almost immediately that they are speaking with someone who is just learning their language. They are so excited to speak with a foreigner who understands their language that you are soon swimming in complex vocabulary and grammar you've never studied, at speeds faster than a 747.

My friend YuTong is definitely a "Firehoser." I invited him to a local restaurant to eat lunch with me. Since his father is a chef, Yutong knows a lot about food preparation. He began to explain to me in his language why many local restaurants fail to make foreign food correctly. Within seconds, he was using all sorts of jargon I didn't understand. I smiled and nodded in agreement. I really wish I had understood what he was talking about. It sounded so interesting, and he was so excited about it.

Most of our conversations go that way: him excitedly telling me things, me straining my little brain to understand while looking up words in the dictionary as fast as I can. Thankfully, Yutong is also a "Simplifier" when he remembers to be, so he slows down and makes sure that he doesn't lose me.

It was during one of these "Simplifier" moments that he told me about his imminent divorce. He and his wife have not been communicating. In fact, it got so bad that she became pregnant twice and had an abortion both times without even informing him of the situation. Since he wants to have children, he was devastated when he found out. Tears require little language to communicate volumes. So, when his eyes watered up in a way that is very rare for men in that culture, I knew he was hurting badly.

When I told him that I would pray for him, he asked how God could help him. What an opening for the gospel!

Whenever I have these sorts of opportunities, I am immediately reminded how my grasp of the local language falls short. How can I communicate law and gospel effectively in another, very difficult language? Even if I am a "Simplifier" in my communication and use exaggerated gestures like the "Louder," how do I express the wonders of our God in a way that the local people will really understand? It is difficult enough for people to believe in Christ when the gospel presentation is clearly spoken. How will they believe when I am stumbling over every other word? But I am also reminded of this passage from the Scriptures:

Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3

I am reminded that, even when I am using my own heart language to share the gospel, my ability to argue eloquently, turn a phrase, or expound on the Greek of a certain Bible passage will never, *ever* bring someone to faith in Jesus aside from the powerful work of the Holy Spirit.

Our job is to expose them regularly to the marvelous grace of Jesus. He will take care of the rest.

Maybe you are frightened to share your faith with that neighbor or coworker—not because they have no interest, but because you are afraid of messing up the message. Hey, at least you are not trying to share in another language (At least, not usually)! But the real comfort is that the Holy Spirit puts his power and authority behind those simple, stumbling words to change hearts—forever! Praise God!

Written by: A missionary in East Asia

Every member a missionary

At Spirit of Life, our mission statement is "Every member a missionary reaching out across generations with Jesus." It's a statement designed to say that all of our members will reach out with Jesus to everyone. God has blessed Spirit of Life over the last few months to live that mission statement to the full.



When we hear the word "missionary," we often think of a pastor in some far distant land. We might even think of a pastor inviting people to worship right here in the United States. But for Spirit of Life, God used a pastor AND a ladies group to bring about two amazing adult baptisms.

It was a normal office day for me. I spent my day preparing for my sermon that week as well as confirmation class. And then I heard the phone ring. On the phone was a grandmother named Pat. Pat was

calling Spirit of Life hoping to find a church that might serve her grandson who has learning disabilities.

It was a large burden for Pat to carry . . . taking care of her husband who has Parkinson's, her middle-aged daughter, and her 15-year-old grandson Kenny while she herself is in her 70's. I agreed to meet the young man and speak to him once a week. He had never set foot in a church before, and for Pat it had been many years.

Through my many conversations with Kenny, I had the opportunity to teach him about Jesus through the new stained glass windows in the church. I talked about sin and grace and saw some amazing changes in Kenny. Kenny and I talked about baptism, and I had the awesome opportunity to baptize this young man at worship.

But the blessings didn't stop there. I would regularly talk with Pat and say, "Pat, you carry so many people, but who is going to carry Pat?" And that is where our church's ladies group went to work.

At Spirit of Life, we have a small group called *Wise Women's Coffee group*. It's a group of about eight ladies that get together once a month for prayer and fellowship. It's different than our *Sisters in Service* group. It's a group where ladies rely on each other and talk about things they share in common. Pat attended those coffee sessions for months.

During my visits with Kenny, I discovered that Grandma Pat wasn't baptized. Though I spoke to Pat about baptism, she was hesitant to join the church. She would worship. She would come to groups – but baptism and membership was still seemingly far off. Until I approached the leader of this small group, Judy Clifton. I asked her, "Would you talk to Pat about baptism for me?" That connection the ladies developed, by God's grace, accomplished something that I was struggling to find.

Pat agreed to be baptized and join the church – so long as her baptism could happen during the small group coffee hour. A group of these wise women assembled the next month ready to celebrate this special day for Pat. It's not every day that I get to baptize a 76-year-old woman. What an experience! Tears were shed along with many smiles. God worked through a very difficult situation to bring about two adult baptisms and two of Spirit of Life's most excited new members.

Spirit of Life is a growing home mission congregation that could write a bunch of blog posts about God's exciting work in Michigan. We do Easter for Kids. We have young professionals. We do awesome community work, all by God's hand actively working through us. However, the most amazing things in our home mission church is when our members carry out the Great Commission all by themselves. A pastor and one of his small groups of ladies receiving this privilege together: this might not be the first thing someone thinks of when we think of "missions." But taking an unchurched

family through the means of grace is the reason we are all here – no matter which group does it, or for what age. Every member a missionary reaching out across generations with Jesus. Now Spirit of Life has a new member of its youth group and a new wise woman that share Jesus everywhere they go.

Written by: Pastor Allen Kirschbaum, Spirit of Life Lutheran Church - Caledonia, MI

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Ashley's persistent witness

This story begins with Ashley. Ashley will be the first to tell you that she did not have an easy childhood. So when she heard about Jesus for the first time, about his love for sinners like her, she was all in. She went to church, witnessed in the streets, and memorized Scripture. She would scrap and scrounge to get to church — even in the cold Detroit winters!

However, Ashley eventually lost that spark

and entered what she calls her “slip and slide” period with God. She started dating, eventually had a child, and when her second was about to be born, she decided it was time to get them baptized.

That's when she came to Palabra de Vida. She got married, and by God's grace, her husband, son, and daughter were all baptized. Then, Ashley started her mission.

In January of 2017, she got me access to her sister's house where her nephew and two nieces were living. I got to teach them all about how baptism is God's way of adopting us into his family. Jeremy (pictured above)— whose parents are both dead and who has bounced around from home to home — perked up, and asked with tears in his eyes, “So, I get to be in God's family?” The three were baptized that month.

Then in December of 2017, Ashley and her husband Andrew's friend, Jeffry (upon insistence from Ashley), approached me about getting baptized. After pouring over the Catechism, Jeffry couldn't believe how good God was, and finally blurted out in excitement, “Wait, so God saves me through baptism? Wow! I gotta get baptized!” He was baptized in January of 2018.

Jeffry and Ashley both started encouraging their friend and cousin Hollie to baptize her little daughter, Kaelie. Kaelie was baptized in April of 2018.

The lesson? Don't underestimate the power of your gospel persistence! God worked through Ashley to bring eight people into his family, with more to come! Many people have heard the gospel in worship or Bible study or their own homes because of Ashley's witness. Just look at this group of people (pictured in the cover photo) so affected by her gospel witness — nearly half of them have come to faith through her persistent gospel witness!

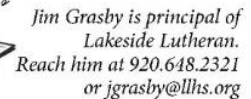
"To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life."

Romans 2:7

Written by: Pastor Ryan Kolander, Palabra De Vida Lutheran Church - Detroit, MI



Dear Problem...



SCHOOL NEWS *and* NOTES:

- * This semester, Vocational English hosted guest speakers who helped them explore careers, from technical school to military reps, from customer service to manufacturing fields. Three speakers were alumni, including John Luedtke ('72), Luedtke Plumbing; Mike Ehlers ('04), mkCellular; and Joel Hirschfeld ('99), Generac Power Systems. Afterwards, 16 seniors applied for "jobs" and participated in mock interviews to gain practical experience.
- * A total of 645 students in grades 5-8 from 16 area Lutheran elementary schools participated in our biennial spelling bee, beginning with a written exam in their own schools. Then, 52 students in grades 5-6 and 44 in grades 7-8 advanced to the competition at LLHS on Saturday, Nov. 10. Read about the winners at llhswarriorstories.wordpress.com
- * The Warrior Swing Choir traveled to Huron Valley Lutheran High School to participate in the WELS Choral Festival Nov. 9-11. See archives of both pops and sacred concerts at welsfinearts.org
- * Our LLHS band pumped up a pep rally at Zion, Columbus, to celebrate the outstanding effort fundraising for a local boy's wish through Make-a-Wish.
- * In August, Lakeside received a \$21,000 grant to use on additional safety measures. The upgrades were installed in November, including shatterproof door film, deadbolts, and self-locking mechanisms for classroom doors.
- * A Cappella Choir members celebrated Agnes Froemming's 100th birthday with a few songs! Agnes was instrumental in the birth of Lakeside, and served as librarian for over 20 years. See the video of this special visit at bit.ly/2UJiDtD
- * Generosity in action...LL Teens for Christ and student teacher Elijah Kroll spent a Saturday at Second Harvest Food Bank in Madison. . . . Thirteen sophomores served at Abiding Shepherd, Cottage Grove, helping them reach out to the community with their "The Christmas Journey." . . . Other students helped Resurrection, Verona, canvass a community in Monroe, inviting them to worship at the new mission church there. . . . Our National Honor Society partnered with Kingdom Workers in a toy drive to support KW's new Foster Support Program. . . . Teens for Christ held a bake sale for the ROC Youth Center ministry.
- * Speaking of generosity...THANK YOU alum, board, faculty/staff, families, friends, and students! For our Giving Tuesday #beth60 request, YOU donated \$17,000 to student assistance. Thanks for being a blessing to Christian education.
- * Our hallways were filled this fall as hundreds of 3-4th graders from 17 of our area Lutheran grade schools visited to learn about Art and U.S. History! See galleries of happy faces sorted by school at llhs.smugmug.com/LES-at-Lakeside/4th-Grade-Field-Trips-to-LLHS
- * Our metals class had a successful semester. Students completed a cart for athletic water jugs, locker room benches, six chair carts, and a custom go-cart snowplow!
- * "Called to Serve" is the 1940s patriotic theme for our April 13 Grand Event. Early bird tickets will be available January 1—save the date!



5 QUESTIONS *with the* FACULTY

"Five Questions with the Faculty" is a light-hearted look at the teaching staff at Lakeside Lutheran. This edition features Mr. Kirk DeNoyer, who joined the faculty in 2015. He is the Activities Director, phy-ed teacher, and varsity boys basketball coach. Here are some other things you may or may not—know about Mr. DeNoyer:

Kirk and his wife, Karen, have four children: Emily, a PT in Fort; Andrew, an actuary in Milwaukee; Elise, Accounts Manager at Cloute, Inc. in Fort Atkinson; and Austin ('16), attending Martin Luther College. They are members at St. Paul, Lake Mills.

What is your favorite thing to do on a Saturday? Hunt, fish, or work on a project around the house.

When you're at your fave restaurant, where are you & what do you order?

Most often I will order a fish fry. I like trying different restaurants, but my favorite is at Crawfish Junction.

What is your favorite movie or book of all time?

Rocky II is the movie that inspired me as a kid to want to train like a champion.

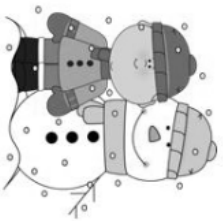
What's one of the most heartwarming moments of your time at LLHS?

In my first year at Lakeside, I had the pleasure of coaching my son and two nephews on the same basketball team.

Humorous moment or two at LLHS? Cameos in the annual "What's New at LLHS" videos put out each fall by fellow teachers PC and Todd Hackbarth. Ed.: check out this fall's vid at bit.ly/2LiZnyF or smile at Kirk's first video at bit.ly/2rC0SPx

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<p>Church: 920-386-3313 School: 920-386-4644 E-mail: school@stjohnslumcaneau.org</p> <p>Pastor David Brandt: 608-343-2206 Pastor Paul Schupmann: 920-344-9839 Principal Richard Cody: 920-386-9676</p>		1 New Year's Day	2 AGB/BGB	3 School Resumes ABB/BBB/CHEER	4 CEF Stamps BB @ St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam 5:00 P.M. B Girls 6:00 P.M. B Boys 7:00 P.M. A Girls 8:00 P.M. A Boys	5
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6 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. Hot Lunch Wendy's AGB/BGB 3:15 P.M. Faculty Mtg.	7 8 CHEER BB @ St. Stephen's, Horicon 5:00 P.M. B Boys 6:00 P.M. A Boys	8 9 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg., CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING Hot Lunch: St. John's BB BB Here vs. Dodgeland 4:00 P.M. B Girls 5:00 P.M. A Girls	9 10 ABB/BBB/CHEER	11 18 CEF Stamps End of Second Quarter BB Here vs. St. John, Waterloo 5:00 P.M. B Girls 6:00 P.M. B Boys 7:00 P.M. A Girls 8:00 P.M. A Boys	12 19 9:00 A.M. School Cleaning B Girls Tournament @ SJ Pardeeville 9:00 A.M. Future Fresh- man Scheduling @ LLHS	
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27 8:00 A.M. Gr. 5&6 Sing LLHS Visual Arts Fair	28 Hot Lunch Village Garden AGB/BGB 3:15 P.M. Faculty Mtg. 6:30 P.M. Parent Teacher Society Gr. 5&6 Serve	29 ABB/BBB/CHEER BB Here vs. St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge 5:00 P.M. B Boys 6:00 P.M. A Girls	30 BGB Hot Lunch: SubWay BB @ TSL, Clark St. Watertown 5:00 P.M. A Girls 6:00 P.M. A Boys	31 ABB/BBB/CHEER 5:30 P.M. B Girls BB Here vs. Central Wisconsin Christian	ABB—A Boys Basketball 3:30-5:30 P.M. BBB—B Boys Basketball 3-4:30 P.M. AGB—A Girls Basketball 3:30-5:30 P.M. BGB—B Girls Basketball 3-4:30 P.M. CHEER—Cheerleading 3-4:30 P.M.	