

THE WELCOME

The Newsletter of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

February 2019

Juneau, Wisconsin

Horicon, Wisconsin

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Organ Dedication

THANKING GOD FOR THE GIFT OF OUR
NEW ROGER'S ORGAN

IN OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES
ON

JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 3

THE SERVICES WILL BE LED BY
PASTOR CHARLES BONOW
(GUEST PASTOR & ORGANIST)

*A free-will donation will be taken for the
ministry of Charles Bonow*

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February, 2019
Juneau & Horicon, Wisconsin

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

Crystal Schultz

Matthew Lober

Edna Noldan

Nichole Gunst

Michel Krebs

Suzanne Colantonio

Rebecca Zellmer

Television Broadcast of our Services

St John's Service @ Cable 97
Mondays 11 AM

St John's Service @ Cable 97
Tuesdays 6:30 PM

St John's Service @ Cable 991
Mondays 11 AM

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A Most Important Question

wels.net/dev-daily/dd20190115/

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family. Acts 16:25-34

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" This is the most important question in the world. It cuts to the heart of the most important issue of life—the matter of eternal life.

At the critical moment of life and death, there was only one correct answer: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..." Human philosophies could not answer the jailer's question, so Paul and Silas "spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house."

At the heart of the "word of the Lord" is the message that through faith in Jesus who lived a perfect life and died a sacrificial death on our behalf, we are saved from sin—from the effects of sin (guilt and shame) and from the final result of sin (punishment in hell). Paul and Silas do not tell the jailer to "do" anything. He is to believe what Jesus has already done for him. There is no other way to be saved.

The jailer is in one moment a desperate, guilty, enemy of Christ and in the next a forgiven, loving servant to Christ. This is the power of Christ and his salvation. If you know it, share it. If you do not, keep coming back to hear "the word of the Lord." It is for you and your household.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for your Word which is the Word of salvation. Thank you for giving us life in a world of death. Amen.



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Fun at St. John's

New Game!

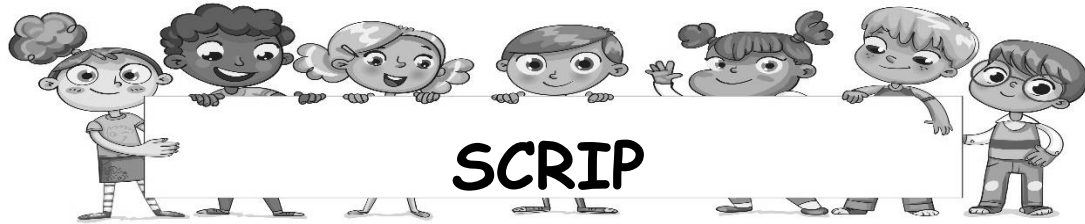
St. John's School has a new recess game. Our new game is a Ga Ga Ball Pit. It was built by Horicon High School's Manufacturing Class.



Euchre Night

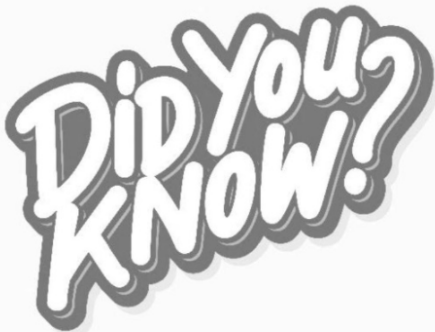
Has cabin fever set in? Need some socialization? We can help!! Euchre Night is held the second Saturday of the month beginning at 6:30pm in the church fellowship hall. All ages are welcome as well as first-timers to seasoned players. Join in the fun!





What is SCRIP? SCRIP is simply gift cards from local and national retailers. They're gift cards for many of the retailers that you shop at everyday including: Amazon, Piggly Wiggly, Kwik Trip, Subway, Fleet Farm, Walmart, Shopko, McDonalds, Recheks, Culvers, BP Gas and so many more! In fact, you can pay your Kohls bill with SCRIP cards if you pay at the store. Go to www.glscrip.com to see even more retailers. Profits from SCRIP go directly to support non-budgeted items for our St. John's Lutheran School. You may also designate where some of your profits are distributed (a student's personal account, school general assistance, Youth Group, VBS, or to our new hymnals (coming 2020!))

SCRIP is sold in the church basement between services on Sunday mornings, after church on Thursday evenings, and before school on Friday mornings. Please pay with check or cash (exact change please). If you have any questions, please call Char Lober at 386-4785. Thank you for supporting our church and school!



Welcome to a new series entitled, "Did you Know?". Each month, the Welcome will feature a different area of ministry at St. John's in our Newsletter.

Did You Know that St. John's Worship Services are able to be viewed on cable TV?

services are

Cable 97 & 991 - Mondays @ 11:00 AM

Cable 97 & 991 - Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM

Also, *Did You Know* that our worshippers may follow along with a bulletin for the service? Our weekend bulletin is available for download at

<http://www.stjohnsjuneau.org/calendars-newsletters-1.html>

St John's Greeters List for February

Early Service

1st Sunday Feb 3rd

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

2nd Sunday Feb 10th

1. Betty Schultz
2. Alicia, Monica, and Vanessa Bischoff

3rd Sunday Feb 17th

1. Paul & Sharon Schmidt
2. Carol Soldner

4th Sunday Feb 24th

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

Late Service

1st Sunday Feb 3rd

1. Mel Saeger
2. Gary & Jen Thiel

2nd Sunday Feb 10th

1. Pennae Schultz
2. Lance & Shayna Vick

3rd Sunday Feb 17th

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

4th Sunday Feb 24th

1. Delores Gentz
2. Russ & Barb Ridge

February Birthday Wishes!

2/02 Carol Buelter
Jacob Zimmerman
2/03 Dominic Borchardt
Jillian Krueger
Helen Wolter
Nelda Wyss
2/05 Christian Schall
2/06 Brad Peil
Jeff Pitzlin
2/08 Gina Gentz
Willow Hill
John Pitzlin Jr.
2/09 Lois Livens
Lacetyn White
2/10 Zachary Ebert
Bob Jordan
Nick Kintopp
Shirley Krause
2/11 Joan Klug
2/12 Kayla Behring
Ralph Kaul
Chris Kjornes
Erin Shramek
Tyler Stensaas
Everleigh Stensaas
2/14 Cameron Feller
Jodi Foch
2/15 Derek Antholt
Haley Osantoski
Paul Lepple
Hunter Payton
2/16 Dorothy Klug
Koda Stanton
Anna Tolkinen
Barb Zank
2/17 John Berndt
2/18 Jeff Greenwald
Maddy Weisensel
2/18 Ross Winter
2/19 Brandon Behring

Kristi Bruni
Kaitlin Etter
2/20 Evelyn Leetch
Shirley Nehls
Jamie Niemuth
2/21 Danielle Dorman
Kerry De Briones
2/22 Matt Lober
Chris Redecker
2/23 Brady Jensen
Daxtyn White
2/24 Sheryl Budde
Christopher Lienke
Tim Sharkey
Nick Tolkinen
2/25 Elaine Bening
Taylor Feller
Janae Jensen
2/26 Dawn Saeger
2/27 Jason Roy
Erin Schaalma
Arletta Selchert
Aaron Zuehlke
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
2/21/2015 Aaron & Teresa Zuehlke

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"By Scripture Alone"

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." Romans 1:16a

Board of Education News

- We currently have 101 students in grades PK-3 through 8th Grade for the 2018-19 school year.
- Sunday School - We are very thankful for the faithful work of our Sunday School teachers and helpers!
- Pioneers Program – the need for some leaders is still an urgent need.
- BOE members continue to complete projects on the school project list.
- A wooden cross will be placed on the south wall of the gymnasium. We thank Mr. Art Mittelstadt for sharing a cross that he had made.
- The restructuring of the Forensics regions was discussed. The BOE is content with either one of the two proposals – five-school region or a four-school region
- Vision – Traction – Organization meetings were held in the Wisconsin Dells on January 4 and 5. The BOE will have some sessions to review the materials that were presented at the conference.
- BOE reviewed and approved the teaching responsibilities for 2019-20 school year. Information to be shared at the Voters' Meeting.
- Gaga Ball (Bulla Ball) Pit from Horicon High School's Tech Ed. Department was installed on December 17. The students have been enjoying the new activity during school recesses.
- Next Meeting will be Monday, February 11 at 6:30 P.M.

Some more pieces of information –

- The annual National Geographic - School Geography Bee was held Monday, January 21. The students representing their grade levels were Kari Schmidt (4th), Autumn Schultz (4th), Lilly Giroux (5th), Abigail Tolkinen (5th), Michel Krebs (6th), Abel Brandt (6th), John Shramek (7th), Erin Schmidt (7th), Rebecca Eggebrecht (8th), and Kayley McLain (8th). Abigail and Rebecca were not able to participate due to illness and appointments and Haily Niemuth and Christian Feller participated in their place. Michel Krebs placed first, Kari Schmidt placed second, and Kayley McLain finished in third place. Congratulations to all of our students, classroom representatives, and top finishers. Keep learning!

- NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) has selected our fourth graders to participate in a test that will represent private schools and students. They will be tested in early March.
- We did participate in the Parade of Trees at the Juneau Library this year – Mr. Lober and seventh graders decorated a tree and Eighth Grade did undecorate it.
- Issues with the school's front door were addressed by Mark Saeger and some concerns about the school's heating system are being addressed as well.
- St. John's B-Team Basketball Tournaments will take place on January 26 and February 2. Come on down and see some exciting B-team basketball! Come and cheer the Eagles on to victory!
- Teachers will be attending the Western Wisconsin Teachers' Conference at Eastside Lutheran Church and School in Madison, WI on February 14 and 15.
- Please continue to save General Mills Box Tops (Memorials and Gifts), Kwik Trip milk caps / tops (Memorials and Gifts), and aluminum cans (High School Tuition Assistance Fund) for school.
- At St. John's, Pardeeville B-team basketball tournaments on January 12 and 19, the Boys B-team won the Consolation Championship and the Girls B-team won Third Place.
- For basketball, Parents' Night will be Friday, Jan. 25 and Eighth Grade Night will be Feb. 1.
- Our PK and K Open House will be Sunday, March 3. Please help us get the news out and invite as many as you can to the Open House and to Christian Education Sunday on March 10.
- School Musical will be ***Wizard of Oz***. Performances will be on March 29 and 30.

Memorials

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Elroy Friede	\$100.00	Undesignated
Frank Hayden	\$ 25.00	Improvement

Gifts

A gift was given to the Debt Fund by Ed & Lorraine Hammann in celebration of Ed's 91st birthday!

In memory of Lyle Hilker's birthday, a gift was given to the Debt Fund by Clara Hilker.

Sacred Acts


Baptisms:

Anna Beth Knippel *12-30-2018*
Remington John Arino *1-5-2019*

Every Member Visit

Our goals for the 1-hour visit include:

- *Personal visits with your pastors outside of the church setting.*
 - a. *This is a time for us to listen to any thoughts, comments, concerns or encouragements that you have for us / our congregation in keeping with God's Word.*
 - b. *This will also help your pastors get to know you better.*
- *Clear overview of the ministry of St. John's.*
- *Better understanding of the gifts God has given you and how to use them to His glory.*
- *Time in God's Word and Prayer*



**This opportunity
is for families who
were unable to
attend last year.**

Every Member Visits – February 4, 12, and 20 @ 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8 PM.

1. **Sign up for an Appointment** (We are encouraging entire families to attend together. We do understand that that is not always possible or necessary, so we will leave that up for families to decide.)
 - a. Calling the Church Office
 - b. Sign up in Narthex
2. **Meet with Pastor David Brandt (30 Minutes)**
 - a. Get to know your pastor & your pastor gets to know you
 - b. Assessment of Time and Talents
 - c. Devotion and Prayer with your pastor
3. **Meet with Pastor Paul Schupmann (30 Minutes)**
 - a. Get to know your pastor & your pastor gets to know you
 - b. Overview of the Mission of the Congregation
 - i. What we are doing.
 - ii. How we are doing.
 - iii. Where we are going.
 - c. Your thoughts, comments on the overview of our mission.
 - d. Devotion and Prayer with your pastor

Thank you!

Pastor Brandt and Pastor Schupmann

News From Outside of St. John's

Pregnancy Center

Are you thankful because God saved you and you have 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 Resource Center. There are a number of areas to help and share the love of Jesus. You can make a real difference in someone's life. Learn more at www.alife2.com/volunteer.html, then email Contact@ALife2.com or call Rachel at 414-727-8176 for more information.

Twice is Nice Retail Store News, February 2019

We finished 2018 strong! Our December 2018 sales were up 7%, due in no small part to the approximately 1,100 boxes of Christmas items that were placed on floor for sale throughout the season. Total sales for the year were \$670,000!

Volunteers: Thank you to Lakeside student helpers last month—see these young people in your congregations and ask what's it's like to volunteer: Oliver Butler and Luke Marti (St. Matthew, Oconomowoc), Kayla Laures and Emily Meske (St. John, Jefferson), Rachel Mayer (St. Paul, Fort Atkinson), Jackson Stake (Eastside, Madison), Espen Storlie (St. Paul, Lake Mills). We also need a Shoe department volunteer, as well as back door donation unloaders. Could that be you?

Shop: We have "color" sales every month – February is YELLOW! Find outstanding bargains anytime – even our regular prices beat other stores' clearance prices! **We're easy-to-find and open Mondays-Saturdays from 9-5 PM: just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine St., next to the Jefferson Piggly Wiggly.**

Please Donate! Donations can be brought to the door at the back side of store from 9-4:30 any day we are open. Questions? Call 920-674-6868, ask for the day manager.

Job Opening

St. John's Lutheran in Watertown is blessed to have a year-round childcare center that serves families with children ranging from six weeks old through 8th grade. Our goal is to provide high quality, Christ-centered care and education in a loving, learning, and nurturing environment.

As the childcare center continues to grow we are looking to add more individuals to fill needed staff positions. There are various opportunities to help with this program including teachers or teaching assistants to work part time or up to 40 hours per week. St. John's offers competitive wages for all staff, and vacation benefits for full time workers.

If you or someone you know is interested and would like more information on the responsibilities or hours, please contact Kelsey Hensler at 920-261-3756 or email childcare@stjohnswatertown.org

Retired WELS pastor, James Humann, invites you to join him in 2020 as he hosts his sixth tour to the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The Oberammergau Passion Play depicts the life of Christ from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This afternoon and evening long performance is presented only once every ten years, in keeping with a promise the people of Oberammergau made in 1634 AD during the Black Plague.

Two different opportunities to see the Oberammergau Passion Play will be offered. The first tour is an eleven day tour, June 12 - 22, 2020. It includes the Rhine Valley, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Oberammergau and Munich in Germany, plus Lucerne in Switzerland and Paris in France.

The second tour is an eleven day tour, September 23 - October 3, 2020. It includes Athens and Corinth in Greece, a three day Greek Isles cruise visiting Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Sontorini, plus Oberammergau and Munich in Germany and Salzburg in Austria.

The Passion Play in Oberammergau is very popular and sells out quickly. For the price and daily itinerary, e-mail Pastor Humann at Jhumann383@aol.com. If you would prefer a hard copy, be sure to include your name and mailing address.



*As iron sharpens iron, so
one man sharpens another.*
PROVERBS 27:17

**6TH ANNUAL
MEN'S CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE
MARCH 23, 2019
9am-2pm**

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
W1986 Gopher Hill Rd, Ixonia, WI

Please join us for the 6th annual Ironmen of God Conference to hear God's word aimed straight at men, enjoy a delicious catered lunch, and worship with your brothers in Christ!

REGISTER TODAY AT: ironmenofgodwi.org



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LLHS FEDERATION CONNECTION

ONE FOR ALL



FOR NO PROPHECY WAS EVER
PRODUCED BY THE WILL OF MAN,
BUT MEN SPOKE FROM GOD AS
THEY WERE CARRIED ALONG BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT.
2 Peter 1:21, ESV

"Occasionally, people "prophesy." Whether commenting on an event or a person, sometimes their words come true.

Scripture contains many prophecies. Perhaps none has more irony than Caiaphas' prophecy. After Jesus raised Lazarus, John writes, "Many of the Jews who ... had seen what Jesus did, believed in him" (John 11:45). News of Christ's miracle spread quickly. To those who saw it, seeing was believing.

But some reported what they saw to the Pharisees who, with the chief priests, gathered the Sanhedrin. The topic was what to do about Jesus.

Caiaphas, the High Priest, spoke. Although he may well have intended his words only for that situation, they were prophetic. He said, "You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish" (John 11:50). Caiaphas and others feared that if the people believed in Jesus, the

Romans might invade and take away their status, power, and freedom. So, he proposed that one be sacrificed for many.

Think carefully about those words. Within them is the prophecy of Jesus' crucifixion. Our Savior—the "one man"—would "die for the people." Jesus' death is the fulfillment of prophecies by Moses, David, Isaiah, Zechariah, and even Caiaphas.

We don't know if Caiaphas ever reflected on his words. But they clearly point to Jesus' cross. It was for our sin that God's Son died to restore our relationship with him. Yet, Jesus' death was not just for a *nation* of people. It was for a *world* of sinners.

Caiaphas' prophecy reaches even further. After three days, Christ rose giving assurance that his death fully redeemed us. By it, God gives us the sure hope of our own salvation and a desire to live thankfully to him.

Occasionally, human prophecies do come true. Thank God that we have the sure prophecy of his Word. By it, we see *our* Savior—the *world's* Savior—from sin.



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EVENTS TO NOTE

- Feb. 1 LL Alum "5th Quarter" fun at 'The Grist' (downtown LM) | after home game
- Feb. 3 A Cappella @ St. Matthew, Janesville | 8/10:30 AM
- Feb. 4-8 Winter Carnival Week on campus
- Feb. 5 Senior Appreciation Night for Girls Basketball v. Lodi | 7:30 PM
- Feb. 6 Pre-WSMA Piano recital in choir room | 6:30 PM
- Feb. 7 Last night to help a music student fundraise (see llhs.org/apps/pages/MPO)
- Feb. 9 GBB at Jefferson, come early for "Hoops for Hope" activities | 5:40 PM
- Feb. 10 A Cappella @ St. John, Watertown | 7:45/10:30 AM
- K-8 Dance Clinic "Tangled" | 1-3:30 PM
- Feb. 12 Senior Appreciation & Youth Dance at Boys Basketball | 6/7:30 PM
- Feb. 15-17 LES A-team Basketball Tournament at LLHS
- Feb. 17 A Cappella @ Holy Trinity, Okauchee | 7:45/10:15 AM
- Feb. 17-23 National FFA Week
- Feb. 18 No classes | Kinderfest 9-11 AM
- Forensics Sub-Districts Meet @ Deerfield | 4:30-8:30 PM
- Board of Regents | 6:30 PM
- Feb. 20 ACT administered at LLHS to class of 2020
- Feb. 23 WSMA Conference Music Festival at Poynette
- Feb. 24 A Cappella @ Bethany, Fort Atkinson | 7:45/9:30 AM
- Feb. 25 General Board | 7 PM
- Feb. 28 Pastors Day at LLHS | 9:30 AM
- Mar. 1 Financial Aid forms due at LLHS for 2019-20 tuition assistance



Our 8th annual **Grand Event**
— social, dinner & auctions—
Saturday, April 13 on our campus.

Get info & tickets—
early bird pricing ends March 13
llhs.org/grandevent
or ask for Bari/Jess at 920-648-2321

Attend? Donate? Volunteer?
How will you answer the "call to serve"?

Hoops for Hope
is a fundraiser for
Tomorrow's Hope
at Jefferson HS on
February 9, featuring
Warrior girls' basketball
tipping off at 5:40 pm,
but also all day 30+
vendor Craft Fair, kids'



activities, free open swim, a basket raffle, photo opportunities
with local mascots, and half-time activities.

See more at
www.tomorrowshope.org/events/hoops/

SCHOOL NEWS *and* NOTES:

- Q Our Warrior Robotics Club, in its second year, continued to sharpen its skills at two VEX tournaments in January. See STEM news at tinyurl.com/LLHSSTEM
- Q To prep students for life after Lakeside, PC brought in Forever Warriors to speak to his religion classes. They heard presentations from alum on what to expect at a public college (Kaitlyn Gehler '18, Memphis University) or a Lutheran college (Josh Schoenfeld '16 and Josiah Eaker '16, MLC).
- Q Congrats, Coach! After leading the team to the the Division 4 semifinals for the first time in football history, coach Paul Bauer was named the Wisconsin State Journal/WisconsinPrepZone.com All-Area football coach of the year.
- Q A record number—117 Warriors!— participated in the Fall Capitol Conference Math Meet. Varsity Team #1 took first overall. Individually, juniors Gil Haw (St. Paul, Lake Mills) took 1st and Trevor Geerdts (Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel, Madison) placed 5th. JV Team #1 took first & JV Team #2 took third. Individually on JV, Lydia Buxa (Immanuel, Farmington) placed 3rd and Ashley Grundman (St. John, Newville) & Ella Butzine (St. Paul, Ixonia) tied for 4th.
- Q 2018 WIAA D2 State Champ Lukas Heckmann (St. Andrew, Middleton) signed a letter of intent to play NCAA Division 1 college golf for the University of New Orleans. Senior Maddison Fenner (St. Paul, Fort Atkinson) signed her letter of intent to play under scholarship for NAIA D1 William Woods College in Missouri.
- Q Over Christmas, Tim Legge and Cloute Painting overhauled our stage and created a black box theater. Gone are the lime green side walls and multiple colors of black on the back wall. Save the date for this year's audience-interactive mystery, "Murder in the House of Horrors" on April 26-27.
- Q Teens for Christ juniors Micah Missall (Zion, Arlington) and Elise Meier (St. Mark, Watertown), along with advisor Mrs. Ruth Hirschfeld, visited London Lodge, an assisted living facility in Cambridge, to spend time with residents. These visits will be a regular occurrence.
- Q Former coach and current German teacher Mr. Gerry Walta (St. Paul, Lake Mills) was inducted into the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame in January. His more than 35-year (boys and girls) coaching career highlights include three state championship teams (1992, 1999 & 2007), state runner-up in 1993, seven sectional wins, 29 conference championships and 10 individual conference champions. Congrats to Coach Walta and all glory to God!
- Q Warrior freshman and horsewoman Nicole Czaplewski (Peace, Sun Prairie) was recently recognized by Equine Trail Sports (ETS) Midwest in its 2018 Warrior Tournament for her region-wide 4th place in advanced riding—and this after participating in only 3 ETS competitions last summer. Congrats!
- Q Our winter sports are in full swing. From dance or wrestling to basketball, there's always opportunity for you to cheer Warriors on! See calendar at goo.gl/vZVbWA



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 Mrs. Jennifer Krauklis, who first joined the staff in 2012 as the varsity volleyball coach, serving in various functions until her full-time call in 2017. Here are some other things you may—or may not—know about Jenny:

Mrs. Krauklis taught math part-time in 2016 and then accepted a full-time call in 2017. She teaches Freshman PE, Fit for Life, and Algebra 1A. She also continues to serve as varsity volleyball coach and oversees the after-school weight room. Married to Brandon, they and their children Abel ('20), Luke, Benjamin, and Selah, are members at St. Paul, Lake Mills.

What is your favorite thing to do on a Saturday?

Anything sports—coaching a tournament, watching my boys play football or basketball or golf, catching a LL game, playing a game in the backyard, or watching the Bucks, Brewers, or Badgers. If there aren't any sports happening, then it's going on a date with my husband.

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

Noodles and Company for mac n cheese with grilled chicken.

What is your favorite movie & book of all time? Movie: *The Guardian* | Book: *Mindset* by Carol Dweck

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

We were playing kickball in the gym for class, and a student kicked the ball right into a pipe valve, causing water to spray out everywhere. We thought we completely busted a pipe. Luckily, we just opened the valve. Everyone was soaked. It wasn't very funny for our awesome janitors and staff who cleaned it all up, but we definitely laugh now that it is over.

What's warmed your heart during your time here so far?

A student told me, "I actually kind of like math now." Another time was watching my volleyball players being interviewed after the State Volleyball Championship, thanking and glorifying their Savior. It was an incredible moment to see them share their faith with others.





Please join us!

**SATURDAY
APRIL 13
2019**

Our 2019 USO theme is inspired by Paul's encouragement to the Galatian Christians,
"After all, brothers, you were called to freedom."

Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh.

Rather, serve one another through love." (5:13)

We are grateful for your freely-offered prayers and support for Lakeside, a ministry with its mission to assist parents in educating, encouraging and equipping teens for life—not just for their earthly lives, but life eternal, when our freedom will be complete.

AUCTIONS & DINNER AT LAKESIDE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Gave support benefit Christian Education

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 3/13 - RESERVE TODAY!

EARLY BIRD: \$50/EACH | \$100/COUPLE | \$500/SPONSORS A TABLE OF 8

FOR DETAILS & TO PURCHASE TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS

LLHS.ORG/GRANDEVENT

OR CALL BARI AT 920-648-2321 X2223

Attend: **FELLOWSHIP & SILENT AUCTION 4:30 | CATERED DINNER 7 | LIVE AUCTION 8**

Called to Serve

... serve one another through love (Galatians 5:13)

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CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION
LUTHERAN MOBILE CLINIC - MALAWI
January 2019

In our newsletters we often discuss LMC – the Lutheran Mobile Clinic. As Lutherans we have had conversations about how we show Gods love by providing primary health care to people in the rural areas of Malawi. We have also talked about the Clinics and how our primary focus is on mothers and young children while also providing outpatient services and HIV Counselling. But what is seldom discussed and what makes LMC unique is the fact that we are mobile.

Unlike our sister clinic at Mwembezhi in Zambia which is static, at LMC all services and supplies are brought to the people. On an average day, 10-12 medical staff make their journey to clinic sites by using the ambulance for transport. The current villages are Suzi, Thunga, Msambo, and Mwalaulomwe all of which are within an hour's drive from Lilongwe. Early each clinic day, all supplies, equipment, medications, and in the case of Thunga Village - additional water, are loaded onto the Ambulance for the day's journey. At the end of the day everything is offloaded, and supplies are restocked ready for tomorrow's clinic.

The vehicles not only perform the mundane tasks of taking staff and equipment to the clinics but are also equipped with markings, lights and sirens for emergency transportation of patients to the general Hospital in Lilongwe. Recently a very pregnant woman came to clinic and was found to be in labor, she was immediately put in the ambulance and was transported (with lights and sirens) to the Chiwamba health center. The baby was delivered in the back of the ambulance three minutes after we arrived.

Our vehicle of choice is the Toyota Land Cruiser. The version we use here in Malawi bears no resemblance to the Land Cruiser that is seen on the roads in the United States. Ours are tough, ruggedized, 4 wheel drive vehicles that can reliably carry up to 13 people plus a roof rack loaded with equipment and supplies over poorly maintained dirt roads. In Malawi, the Toyota Land Cruiser Ambulance is everywhere, and is the choice of both government and private health care providers.

Currently we have two ambulances, both are Land Cruisers, the older one is 8 years old and is getting to the stage where repairs become more numerous and costly. The newer vehicle is 5 years old. Every week over 900 patients depend on LMC to show up. Cancelling clinic due to vehicle repairs is not acceptable. The reliability of these vehicles is paramount as we simply cannot have them in the workshop for any extended period of time. For that reason, we replace them on a five year cycle - before maintenance becomes a problem. This year we will replace the older vehicle. A new Land Cruiser is not cheap, a vehicle delivered to Malawi costs a little under \$40,000, but when we consider the road conditions, the number of people and supplies we transport, reliability, and the availability of parts, the Land Cruiser is the only option that makes sense.

It is hard to overstate the importance of these vehicles to the medical mission here in Malawi. Simply put, they put the "mobile" in Lutheran Mobile Clinic and are as vital to our operations as blood pressure cuffs and malaria medications. As our Central African Medical Mission team continues the effort to raise the funds for the new ambulance we ask for your prayers to bless this work and your support to allow us to continue to show Gods love to the people of Malawi.

Gary M Evans,
Clinic Administrator

Merging for Mission

Two case studies reveal the blessings and challenges of mergers and multi-site ministries.

Julie K. Wietzke

If you talk to Nathan Strutz, pastor at Resurrection, Verona/Monroe, Wisconsin, about the recent merger between Resurrection, Verona, and Mount Olive, Monroe, he will be quick to point out it wasn't about keeping the doors open on the beautiful church building in Monroe. "It is all about keeping the doors of heaven open to lost souls," he says.

It was about finding a way to continue to share the gospel

Case study: Wisconsin

Things didn't look that way at first. Mount Olive, Monroe, started in 1945.

Membership grew, and members secured land and bought a former schoolhouse in 1949. After renovation, it became its first church building. Then in 1981, the congregation bought an existing church building in town. The beautiful church seemed to promise a bright future.

But then the congregation began to struggle, and over several decades it slowly lost members—some due to deaths in an aging congregation and some due to families leaving because they wanted a more active children's ministry. By 2016, membership had dwindled to 80, with about 20 people worshipping each Sunday.

When their pastor announced his upcoming retirement, members knew something had to be done. Calling a new pastor would be extremely challenging. They had to face the reality that it would be difficult to afford their own pastor. Talks with another small parish about

forming a dual parish didn't work out. They even tried putting their church up for sale so they could downsize.

Members weren't sure what to do next. "We were on an island. We didn't know what direction to turn to without disbanding," says Richard Meske, long-time member and church president. "We didn't have many options. As president, I tried to assure members that we were not going to close our doors; one way or another we would attempt to keep it open."

Some members from Mount Olive began attending Resurrection, Verona. Together with Resurrection members who had ties to the Monroe community, they started talking to Strutz about Mount Olive's situation. Resurrection had been discussing its long-range plan, which included looking into starting a new site. The congregation had already daughtered a church, Good News in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, in 2013, and was ready for its next opportunity.

The conversation brought about a meeting in November 2016 for both congregations to discuss possibilities. One option was Resurrection offering Mount Olive some financial assistance so the congregation could afford to call a pastor and keep its doors open.

But that option wasn't appealing to the members at Resurrection. They saw the outreach potential. "We were not going to continue talking just for the survival of a church in Monroe—just to do hospice care before a church died," says Strutz.

“This was going to be about expanding the kingdom of God—reaching the lost in Monroe and, God-willing, establishing a growing, thriving congregation.” Monroe was a community of 10,000, and their vision included the opportunity to bring back former members of the congregation who still lived in the neighborhood.

Strutz continues, “We wanted to convey to both locations that we are all-in on this. This is a long-term thing. This is not going into a temporary survival mode until things get better.” It was about keeping the door of heaven open in Monroe as well as in Verona.

Merging for mission

Merging for mission is key when congregations begin discussing working together either to create a multi-site ministry by merging into one congregation. “For a multi-site to work well, there has to be a servant mentality,” says Jon Hein, director of the Commission on Congregational Counseling. “It has to be about Christ and his gospel and his mission.”

Maintaining that mission mind-set can be difficult, especially when you’re talking about “closing” a struggling congregation as a new multi-site emerges. But the outcomes can be inspiring.

“It doesn’t have to be a loss. It’s totally a win for the kingdom of God,” says Strutz. “God be praised for that.”

Another case study: Arizona

Financial burdens also played a role for two more struggling churches—this time outside of Tucson, Arizona.

Both Peace, Sahuarita, and Bethlehem, Benson, with memberships of 39 and 10 respectively, had their own land and

church buildings, but neither congregation could afford a pastor. They became a dual parish in 2012. When the congregations became vacant in 2013, ministry was difficult at both churches. “While we were under the vacancy as Peace, there was literally no opportunity to do outreach,” says Bob Breiler, church president at Peace at the time. “It was just a struggle to keep the doors open.” The congregations began working together to call a pastor so both congregations could remain open.

Six months and several calls later, Breiler approached Ron Koehler, pastor at Grace, Tucson, to ask him for help in getting weekly preachers. Bethlehem made a similar request. Koehler suggested to both congregations that instead of just helping them out occasionally with preaching, that perhaps they should consider a longer-term option: becoming new sites of Grace.

Grace already was a multi-site congregation; in 2011, it opened its second site in Vail, 20 miles southeast, to celebrate the congregation’s 100th anniversary. It already was seeing the benefits that one site with multiple locations could offer.

“These were brothers and sisters in Christ who needed help, and we felt we had the ability to offer that help,” says Koehler. “We also felt that they deserved more than just a Sunday preacher.”

In addition, Grace saw the outreach opportunities this merger could provide. Sahuarita is a growing community of young families and professionals who commute daily to Tucson. The adjacent town, Green Valley, is a retirement community that explodes in numbers during the winter. “We felt that this was a

viable mission field,” says Koehler. “So not only would we be helping our brothers and sisters in Christ, but we also would be poised to reach this growing community with the gospel.”

As for the rural community of Benson, “if that [congregation] goes away, the district mission board probably won’t go back. But if we can save that location, we can do ministry there and be poised for any future growth in that area, if that would happen,” says Koehler. Since the merger Koehler has begun reading stories about future growth in the Benson area.

Gains and losses

As both Resurrection and Mount Olive in Wisconsin and the three congregations in Arizona began seriously discussing merging and becoming multi-site congregations, mind-sets and views of identity had to be adjusted, especially for the struggling congregations.

“The spiritual preparation to engage in a multi-site or a merger is infinitely more important than the logistical preparation,” says Hein. “It’s getting people to that point of selflessness and self-sacrifice. It’s getting people to have a mission mind-set—what serves Christ first.”

Feeling like you are “losing” your church can be quite emotional. “Our children went through Sunday school [at Mount Olive] and got confirmed there,” says Meske. “It means a great deal because we didn’t want our local church to leave.”

While a merger could preserve the church location, Meske says the initial discussions about the merger were met by apprehension at Mount Olive. “The word *merger* means ‘absorption from another,’ the way I interpret it.”

That can mean a new identity, new ministry goals, and different ministry plans.

“We wanted to instill positive DNA,” says Strutz. “People wouldn’t go back if it was the same old Mount Olive.”

He continues, “You have to be up front and say it’s the start of something better. For the good of the kingdom, this has to mean the end of Mount Olive as you know it.”

Koehler agrees about the importance of having a new ministry outlook. “The benefit of the merger is that difficult issues the congregation had to deal with before won’t cloud the ministry anymore,” he says. “Merging with another congregation means a new identity, a new start, a new philosophy of ministry, and a broader base of support.”

It takes a lot of trust for both congregations involved. Members from the healthy congregation may worry that they are losing too much of their pastor’s time as he works in another location or that their resources may be stretched too thin. For the struggling congregation, concern focuses on the things it will have to give up: its identity, its “say” in what happens, and probably even its name.

“We have to trust each other enough to say we’re going to do what’s good for the entire congregation and, more important, what’s good for God’s kingdom,” says Strutz.

Besides trusting each other, the congregations had to trust God. “It was a combination of doing our homework and trusting that God would make it successful or would use it for his purposes. That was how we approached

it,” says Bryan Guenther, then president at Grace, Tucson.

Arizona merger

The congregations held numerous discussions and member feedback meetings as they worked on a plan of how the multi-site merger would work. After those meetings, Grace presented a proposal for the congregations at Benson and Sahuarita to review.

“I was worried to ask our congregation for an official vote,” says Breiler, Peace, Sahuarita’s, church president. “When the time came and everyone was behind it, it was a big huge weight lifted off my shoulders. I didn’t want to see the church have to fold up and close its doors.”

The Benson congregation followed suit. After more legal work, both congregations merged with Grace in late 2014, making it a four-site congregation with the name: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Arizona.

And now the real work could begin.

With one congregation and four sites, communication and coordination are key. “It’s hard to overcommunicate when you have four sites in four cities over two counties, with a half hour between each site,” says Koehler. Grace’s plan is to have a site pastor for each location but to have one council to make decisions, with representation from each site. Logistics can be tricky for seemingly simple things like how and where to hold all-site meetings. Leaders and site representatives need to be trusted. Calendars and events have to be coordinated.

Members of all the sites also had to get used to the idea of being one congregation and analyzing important

ministry plan decisions through that lens. Breiler says that at the beginning, people were asking, “What about *our* congregation?” when decisions were being made. “It was about getting into the habit of remembering we’re one congregation—we just have four sites,” he says. “We’re all the same; we’re all just in different places.”

As time went on, that togetherness became more obvious—as well as the blessings. “Instead of struggling to get by, the congregations have this energy and this hope to expand God’s kingdom. This opens the door for them to do the things that they want to do,” says Koehler. He stresses the blessings of a new extended church family, ministry planning, people power to help with ministry, and financial resources to support God’s work. “For outreach, it is also a great blessing,” he continues. “You’re more accessible to people. With two locations—and now four locations—no matter where you’re living, our church is available to you.”

Currently Grace is building a new church and child learning center in Sahuarita to serve the growing community. All sites had to be on board with this direction, even the Vail site, which currently rents space for worship. “You’re committing all four sites to the one project, so you really have to think it through,” says Guenther. “Does this mean we can’t do other things at other sites? Perhaps. But this is the commitment. This is the biggest opportunity right now.”

Merger in Wisconsin

The conversations in Wisconsin resulted in a merger too. Resurrection and Mount Olive voted to merge as a multi-site,

officially becoming Resurrection, Verona/Monroe, in September 2017.

The name change proved difficult for some, including one long-time member at Mount Olive. “He said [to me], ‘I lost my church,’ ” says Meske. “I said, ‘No, you didn’t lose your church. We changed the name, but the Word and sacraments are still the same as they’ve always been.’ ”

David Plenge, then a member at Resurrection, Verona, Wis., but now church liaison for the Monroe site, highlights the larger significance of the change: “It’s not Mount Olive’s church; it’s God’s church. Don’t think of the name change that you lost something—you’re gaining something.” Those gains include more people and more financial support to conduct ministry in the Monroe community.

The new name also can signify a new start. “From an evangelism standpoint, it almost made it easier,” says Plenge. “We could go out and promote that there’s a new direction, a new life.”

And that’s just what the members did. People from both sites began visiting former members of Mount Olive who had left the church for some reason. They canvassed door-to-door, using new move-in lists to discover people who may

be looking for a church home. They also started participating in local events to make connections in the community.

And people started coming. Some former members returned to church, and new people visited for the first time. Sunday worship attendance more than doubled, including some families with small children. The Sunday school restarted. Seeing the excitement and the new faces, people began inviting their friends to worship as well.

“God just had a lot of things lined up for us,” says Strutz. “We haven’t done anything. God has done everything.”

With a new seminary graduate assigned to the congregation in May 2018, Resurrection, Verona and Monroe, is still navigating the challenges of being a multi-site, whether in communication, coordination, or joint decision making. “It’s not always rainbow and unicorns and cotton candy,” says Strutz. “But any of the issues so far pale in comparison to the growth.”

And the congregation is already looking ahead. Its ten-year plan calls for it to be in four sites. Says Strutz, “Being part of this merger has raised the sights of our members to say, ‘God can do this again.’”

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This is the first article in a three-part series about church closing, mergers, and multi-sites.

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